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## SHOPPING AT WEEDMART

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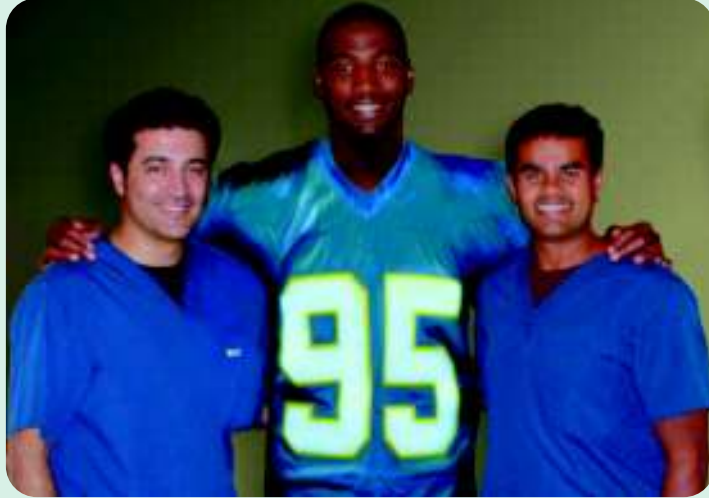
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## BREAKING NEWS

**Political holiday** Big-time Democratic politicians from around the country are heading to San Diego next month for a confab expected to bless whomever President-elect **Barack Obama** chooses to succeed **Howard Dean** as chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Members of the Association of State Democratic Chairs are set to check into their rooms at the posh Hotel del Coronado for a "much anticipated victory meeting," according to a post on the website of Inmex, a nonprofit outfit that plans meetings.



Howard Dean

Backed by Unite Here!, the national hotel workers' union, Washington D.C.-based Inmex seeks to "book all of its clients with socially responsible hotels and destination cities," according to its website. The main criterion is that the hotels be unionized, but the group also assists boycotts of establishments such as downtown's Manchester Grand Hyatt, owned by developer **Doug Manchester**, backer of Prop 8, the anti-gay marriage initiative.

In the case of the Democrats' meeting, "Inmex staff researched several properties in Florida, Arizona, and New Mexico, but ultimately narrowed the search to southern California when an invitation from the California Democratic Party became a key factor in the decision-making process," the website says. It quotes **Ann Fishman**, executive director of the Association of State Democratic Chairs, as saying, "We're excited about visiting San Diego and are thrilled about the hotel we selected." ... In these tough times, junkets by local law-enforcement officials to that convention of police chiefs held at the downtown convention center here last week have been drawing scrutiny from the folks back home. The *Baltimore Sun* reported that Police Commissioner **Frederick H. Bealefeld III**, who runs the country's eighth-largest police department, spent \$2132.24 for his ticket to sunny San Diego.

**Legal eagles** No doubt the most prominent local position to be filled by President-elect **Barack Obama** will be that of United States attorney. The San Diego office has long been a turbulent place. The last permanent holder of the office, **Carol Lam**, was dismissed during the Bush administration's infamous 2006 firing spree, in which Lam along with eight other U.S. attorneys were dumped for being out of line with the White House's political agenda.



Carol Lam

Before Lam, there was **Alan Bersin**, a Los Angeles attorney married to Democrat **Lisa Foster**, wealthy heir to a San Diego real estate fortune, who helped get **Bill Clinton** to appoint her husband to the post. Dubbed the "border czar" by Attorney General **Janet Reno**, Bersin left the office after it became obvious he wouldn't be promoted to the Justice Department in Washington. His subsequent controversy-racked

tenure as San Diego City Schools superintendent virtually doomed any hopes he had to run for office.

And there was **Greg Vega**, the Clinton appointee who succeeded Bersin; Vega declined to prosecute Padres owner and fellow Democrat **John Moores** in connection with his gifts and gratuities — including stock favors — to San Diego city councilwoman **Valerie Stallings**, also a Democrat, who was forced to resign in 2001.

Currently, Republican **Karen Hewitt** is interim U.S. attorney. Tradition calls for the president to name a member of his party, but there have been exceptions. In 1977, **Jimmy Carter** appointed independent **Michael Walsh**, a 35-year-old Yale Law graduate who later went on to become CEO of Union Pacific Railroad and Tenneco before dying in 1994 at age 51 of a brain tumor.



Karen Hewitt

So far there have been no hints about whom the Obama people have in mind, but as the Bersin case shows, donating money to presidential campaign efforts hasn't hurt past potential candidates. With that in mind, an examination of the haul taken in by the Obama campaign may prove predictive. Or not.

Much of the money going to Obama came from trial lawyers, a group seeking to loosen restrictions on stockholder lawsuits pushed by the Bush administration. According to federal campaign-disclosure records, through the middle of October Obama had received a total of \$115,874 from local attorneys who gave their address as San Diego, more than twice the \$41,116 given to GOP candidate **John McCain**.



Lynn Schenk

Heaviest support came from lawyers with the downtown firm of Latham & Watkins, with a grand total of \$9361. (Latham lawyers were also McCain's biggest local-attorney donors, giving a total of \$5800.) Attorneys from the firm of Morrison & Foerster gave a total of \$4000.

Among individual attorneys, big hitters included **David Casey Jr.**, partner of **Fred Schenk**, the brother of former Democratic congresswoman **Lynn Schenk**, whose own candidate, **Hillary Clinton**, flamed out. Casey gave a total of \$4600, the legal maximum. Another lawyer giving to Obama was **Brant Noziska** of Rockwood & Noziska, a trial lawyer who specializes in construction-defect litigation. **Janice Brown** — who was named Lawyer of the Year by the California Association of Black Lawyers in 1995 — and her associates gave a total of \$4300. Brown is on the board of the Centre City Development Corporation, the controversial redevelopment arm of the City of San Diego.

— Matt Potter

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## Ulp!

By Don Bauder

**T**wo elephants entered a special meeting of the City's Budget and Finance Committee on Wednesday, November 12, and

councilmembers donned their blinders to be certain not to see them. The two elephants were very inconvenient truths appearing as a result of studies by Joe Esuchanko, a consulting actuary for the City of San Diego.

The first was a bombshell: Esuchanko, discussing the sad status of the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System, displayed a chart showing that the system's unfunded liability was \$2.2 billion on June 30, up almost a billion dollars from mid-2007. On October 31, that number had grown to \$2.8 billion. That meant that the pension system was only 58 percent funded on October 31. Repeat: 58 percent funded. Actually, that percentage was almost certainly worse on the day of the meeting because stocks had continued plummeting from

October 31 through November 12.

For the fiscal year that began this summer, the City will have to plunk \$245 mil-



**Madaffer:** "Today we are in a very deep valley."

lion into the pension fund, according to Esuchanko. The City would like to put in \$160 million. "There is a relatively stable workforce, but benefits are accelerating at a rate much faster than the creation of assets," said City Attorney Mike Aguirre, who had presented Esuchanko's figures to the council on the previous Monday, then invited Esuchanko to give the awful news in person two days later. Most councilmembers, who

were looking into the City's fiscal fix out to 2014, were clearly upset by the intrusion. They were busy looking for nickels and dimes, not billions — or fleas, not elephants.

Then there was the second Esuchanko elephant. Toward the end of the all-day session, Councilmember Donna Frye prodded chief operating officer Jay Goldstone on the subject of the Deferred Retirement Option



**Aguirre:** "The city should consider Chapter 9 reorganization."

Plan, called DROP, in which employees declare at the average age of 55 that they will retire in five years and then continue to draw their salaries in one pot while piling up 90 percent of that salary at 8 percent annual interest in another pot. This classic double-dipping scheme was adopted by the council on a trial basis in 1997, made permanent in 2000, and later killed for new hires. Frye reminded Gold-

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## Neal Obermeyer





## Double Ulp!

By Don Bauder and Matt Potter

**T**here is a showdown coming. It might turn into a gunfight. Or at least a fistfight. There is a huge City budget deficit.

To close the gap, the current council only wants to talk about cuts in services. It doesn't want to discuss excessive labor costs, which are the major source of the financial affliction. And few are willing to talk tax increases. The incoming council, which will be even more in Big Labor's pockets, will almost certainly be less inclined to address the real

jects, but they are not willing to talk about excessive salaries and benefits that have become the third rail of San Diego politics."

He predicts that taxpayers won't put up with this very long: infrastructure is rotting as services lag. The economy is quite sick, and the general-fund budget deficit, pegged at \$43 million in the current

potholes, library closures, and the like, "at some point won't want more service cuts and won't approve tax increases, so they will have to look into the issue of taking on the labor contract."

It won't be easy. The San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council boasts that in the new city council, "the one vote they don't have is mine," says DeMaio, though Donna Frye, with whom he works closely, has consistently opposed labor excesses.

Libertarian Richard Rider, chairman of San Diego Tax Fighters, has the same gripe about that November 12 session. Councilmembers "only talked about eliminating ser-



Richard Rider



Jerry Sanders



Carl DeMaio

and saved 30 percent." Such savings for San Diego would now be up to 50 percent, he believes.

"We should be putting out for bid vehicle maintenance, print shop, landscaping — any service for which competitors can be found in the Yellow Pages," says Rider.

Like DeMaio, Rider proselytizes for labor reform. "City employees should make no more in pay and benefits than their private-sector counterparts," he says. "The most obvious area for reform is pensions. The City of San Diego has two full pensions: full defined benefit and full defined contribution plans." (A defined benefit plan promises to pay a specified amount to a retiree after a set number of years of service. A defined contribution plan provides a separate account for each person. Future benefits are based on the amount contributed. Private-sector companies are increasingly offering only defined contribution plans.) In San Diego, the combination of both "can give a general City employee a combined pension payout of 140 percent of their highest pay."

Says Rider, "Most public-sector jobs pay 20 to 30 percent higher salaries than comparable private-sector jobs, and pensions are two to five times higher in the public sector." City bureaucrats and municipal labor representatives argue that these outrageous payouts cannot be changed because they are baked into the contracts. Rider says they can be changed when the next contract comes up, "or employees can unilaterally offer to give up these advantages when faced with a loss of a job." And he believes the monstrous deficits may persuade "even union hacks"

that concessions are essential. Outgoing City Attorney Mike Aguirre thinks the City may have to consider tax increases; Rider points to polls showing San Diegans won't approve them.

Aguirre says the City should study filing for Chapter 9 bankruptcy. Rider disagrees: "Bankruptcy is a crapshoot," he says. "A bankruptcy judge has all kinds of options — might negate labor contracts, but might tell the City to sell property to pay obligations and might try to impose higher taxes."

In its new five-year outlook, distributed to councilmembers at the November 12 meeting, the City might be making some optimistic revenue forecasts. For example, it expects property tax receipts to rise 3.2 percent in the current fiscal year, then

rise 1 percent in each of the next three years. The City concedes sales taxes will drop 4 percent this year and be flat in 2010, but then it expects them to begin rising again in 2011, going up 4 percent in each year from 2012 through 2014. Transient occupancy (hotel) tax receipts will fall 1.8 percent this year but then rise between 4 and 6 percent until 2014. In each case, there is a high and low estimate.

Erik Bruvold, president of the San Diego Institute for Policy Research, worries that some of these estimates are Pollyannaish. If many people opt for property-tax reassess-

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City worker repairing traffic signal

cancer.

At a special meeting of the council's Budget and Finance Committee November 12, "We heard nothing about the biggest cost of operating the City: labor," says Councilmember-elect Carl DeMaio. "We heard nothing about what we are going to do to trim labor costs. Instead, they [councilmembers] talked about cutting services. It's mind-boggling. They are discussing library and rec center cuts and delaying water, sewer, and road-repair pro-

fiscal year (2009), could easily grow. Indeed, under an optimistic scenario, the City predicts it will pay \$207 million to the pension fund in 2012 and, under a pessimistic forecast, pay a whopping \$256 million that year. And deficits in years beyond could also balloon as the labor market and retail sales falter and the beleaguered state takes a bigger bite out of San Diego's budget. Councilmembers "must cut services or face the labor unions that put them in office," says DeMaio. Taxpayers, irate at

vices but didn't talk about how to better deliver services," he says. Rider is a champion of managed competition, in which a government entity must prove it can do its job better than a private-sector enterprise could do it. There must be competitive bidding for government services — something DeMaio has long preached. Mayor Sanders wants to close some libraries and recreation centers. "We could put city-library services out to bid," says Rider. "Riverside County did it years ago





## Ulp!

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stone that the municipal code requires that DROP be revenue-neutral. She asked him if any actuary had done a study recently.

Goldstone allowed that Esuchanko had done one about a year ago. Result: DROP was not revenue-neutral. (Much earlier, another actuary had found the same thing.) Frye said that if the program by law should be revenue-neutral, and it is not, "We should do something about it." Goldstone was noncommittal.

There was other friction early in the day, right after Esuchanko gave his presentation on the pension gap.

Frye inquired why David Wescoe, chief executive officer of the pension system, was not there. Asked Frye, "Do we have the ability to issue him a summons, as we do with others?" Aguirre wondered if the council could freeze the system's administrative budget.

It turned out that Wescoe had talked with Goldstone a few days earlier. Frye is often suspicious when a bureaucrat talks with another bureaucrat on some topic but doesn't show up and speak publicly before the council. "For them [pension officials] to not come over to see us is outrageous," Frye told me at the noon recess.

I contacted pension system offices. Wescoe called me. He

said that the Esuchanko numbers would have no impact on the 2009 budget (the current one). "I would want to see [- Esuchanko's estimates] in writing and go over them" with the pension system's actuary, said Wescoe. "I did not know Esuchanko was coming. Nobody called me." I told him that Aguirre had recited the figures at a council meeting on Monday, and while mainstream media had ignored them, they had been on my *Reader* blog on Tuesday. "I don't read your blog. I don't read any blogs," quoth he. He refused to comment on the 58 percent funded figure. He said he would be willing to meet with the council, and he affirmed that in a

hand-delivered letter to the council later in the day. But on Friday, just to be certain, Frye sent him a summons to attend the November 19 meeting.

Councilmember Jim Madaffer put a happy face on Esuchanko's grim numbers. Pension performance is cyclical, he said. "There will be peaks and valleys," and today we are in a very deep valley, he conceded. The world's financial system is "managing" the crisis, Madaffer claimed. Other cities and states are also experiencing low funding levels now, he said, without being specific. This has been the oft-recited line of Councilmember Scott Peters and others who have refused to recognize that the pension system is in trouble as global stock markets crater.

Obviously, Madaffer was unaware of a growing consensus among economists

that 2008 is a watershed year, marked by a collapse of both Wall Street and Main Street. This is why Barack Obama kept saying that this is the greatest economic crisis since the 1930s. In fact, a day before Wednesday's council-committee session, none other than John Thain, chief executive of Wall Street's Merrill Lynch (soon to be part of Bank of America), said that the global economy is seriously stalled and won't bounce back quickly. Thain said we have to look back to 1929 "to see the kind of slowdown we are experiencing now." The day after the budget session, President Bush said, "We are faced with the prospect of a global meltdown" and it "won't be solved quickly."

Aguirre took up the Obama/Bush/Thain deep-crisis theme. This is not merely a cyclical experience, greatly because of the subprime mort-

gage crisis and the derivatives to which they are tied, said the city attorney. More than half of the pension system's portfolio is in domestic and foreign stocks, and that's too high, he said — a point he has been making for some time. Aguirre said he has been working with pensions for 30 years, and when systems go sour, the victims immediately go into denial. He said the City should consider going into Chapter 9 reorganization. It should hire expert consultants that could give advice on the matter — specifically, the firm that counseled Vallejo to go into bankruptcy.

For a long time on November 12, the Esuchanko figures didn't come up, as the councilmembers asked Goldstone and other officials about, often, minuscule matters. Then it was time to punish Aguirre for daring to have Esuchanko

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present disquieting numbers. Councilmembers Kevin Faulconer and Ben Hueso complained that the city attorney's office was spending more than \$1 million above budget. Hueso asked how any City entity could operate over its budget. "What are they getting around? How is this possible? How do we assure that we keep people on budget?" he asked. Then, dripping with piety, he added, "I've been

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making cuts every year. I've been very frugal in my office." Aguirre was not there at the time. He explained to me later that he had been running \$100,000 a month over budget and was going to let some lawyers go to close the gap; now that he has lost the election, he will leave that to his successor, Jan Goldsmith. The bigger question — far, far bigger — is what a small-minded council will do about the gap that Esuchanko exposed. ■

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ments, as is their right under the law, "These reassessments can dramatically reduce [property tax] receipts," says Bruvold. Then there are sales taxes. "Ford's October sales were down 30 percent. Circuit City filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. If durable goods sales keep taking it on the chin, the City may have to reanalyze sales tax estimates." As to the hotel tax, "A quarter of our room nights are business travel. As companies look at a pretty significant

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recession, they won't be sending people to conventions and meetings if they can avoid it." Those transient occupancy tax estimates may be on the high side; indeed, tourism is already slowing sharply. Hotel-tax receipts fell between 2001 and 2004, and the property-tax take trended down from 1994 through 1996.

Bruvold thinks there can be some other savings. For example, Andrea Tevlin, the independent budget analyst, pointed out that if nonunionized City employees take a voluntary 10 percent pay haircut, there could be a savings of \$1.4 million. "That isn't much," says Bruvold, but it might substitute for library and recreation-center slashes that voters hate.

All told, three things are clear: (1) The downturn will be worse than the City has planned for, (2) revenue estimates are too rosy, and (3) one way or another, labor costs must go to the guillotine, but politicians are afraid that if they dare tell the truth, they will get their own heads chopped. ■

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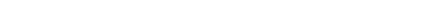
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### We're Talkin' Real Money

Elizabeth Marro's article ("Hi, Connie. We're Ready for You," Cover Story, No-

vember 13) is interesting for me as she earlier worked in pharmaceutical marketing. The article reports the figure of \$55,000,000 spent by the pharmaceutical industry in 2006 on research and development. She suggests that the amount has grown in recent years as the pharmaceutical companies have taken on more R&D. May the reader be informed that \$55,000,000 in the pharms budget is a mere pittance.

Secondly, be aware that PhRMA, the national association of pharmaceutical companies, spends the bulk of their funds on marketing. For the most part they market drugs while aca-

demia and the NIH do the R&D.

Thirdly, in recent years PhRMA and associates provided \$53,000,000,000 worth of free drug samples to physicians! Yes, billions! That figure does not include the \$5,500,000,000 paid a year to the drug salespeople who deliver those samples. Now that is real money. One major result of their marketing practices is the continued excessively high cost of prescription drugs.

R. Larry Schmitt, M.D.  
via email

*Elizabeth Marro responds: The article should have said that the pharmaceutical industry spends a reported \$55 billion per year on research and development.*

### A New F-Word Record

Thank you but no thank you for Mr. Duncan Shep-

herd's review of *Pride and Glory* (November 13). I counted 19 F-words in that review. He's a journalist? Give me a break.

Paul Lang  
San Carlos

### Hello. Hello? Hello?

Can you tell me a little bit more about the 700-7000 telephone number that you mentioned in the article "The Border Wait, and Wait, and Wait," by Dorian Hargrove ("City Lights," November 13). I do research that often involves trying to determine border-wait times and have not heard of this number before. I tried calling it, but I'm thinking it may be a Baja number. The 619 area code doesn't seem to work with it. Any info you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Nice article.

Tracy L. Manzo  
via email

*Dorian Hargrove responds: San Diegans can hear the Customs and Border Protection's advisory on current traffic at the San Ysidro Port of Entry by calling 619-690-8999.*

### The Epoxy Solution

This is regarding the November 13 issue. Ollie

("Remote Control King"), our coffee table is one side of an old cable spool epoxied onto half of a fish barrel that exactly fits into the spool top's groove. After 40 years of the top flipping off, I finally got the bright idea of the epoxy. It never did wobble, and now it doesn't fall apart either.

Second half is to John Brizzolara ("T.G.I.F."). Stuff is just stuff, no matter how dear. We'll all be dust soon enough or glorious beings of energy. I love your writing and hope you continue to write for many years.

Dale Anne Thompson  
Clairemont Mesa

### Ta-Dah!

Just a note of approval for the delightful weekly comic strip from Ben Katchor (*Shoehorn Technique*). My fingers are crossed as I flip through the back pages, and then, lo and behold, there is yet another episode. Bless you for sharing my sense of humor.

Irv Jacobs  
La Mesa

### Comments from Reader Website

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### City Lights, by Dorian Hargrove

Published November 12

*Posted by mikh on November 12, 12:57 p.m.*

If you cross a lot, I have found, you can figure out when the busy times are, which are in the morning when people are going to work or school in the U.S., and mid-afternoon when the morning tourists are coming back. Ditto Sunday and Monday morning. I have been in the two hour lines, and I have crossed with no lines in five minutes. The buses are worth \$5 so you don't have to stand on your feet and in the sun or rain. Some of the shuttles for \$10 will take you to the Otay border, where the line is usually less long, and then the shuttle will pick you up and take you back to San Ysidro — unless the shuttle driver decides he doesn't feel like it, then you're out of luck and have to spend \$15 on a cab.

There are guys you can pay \$10 who will slip you to the front of the line, or you can find someone who will take 5-10 to let you cut in front of them — if the TJ or US uniforms see this, though, they may send you back to the back.

There are also a good amount of bullies who just push their way to the front.

Summers seem to be the worst, la linea is always long by foot or car. People are hot and irritated and there's the occasional fist fight among the overheated and overly macho.

The good citizens of TJ, of course, like it when the lines are long, because there is money to be made — sodas and churros and water are sold, buses and shuttles are packed, the duty free stores along the walkway do more business.

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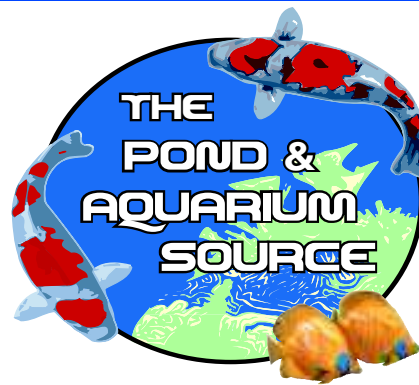


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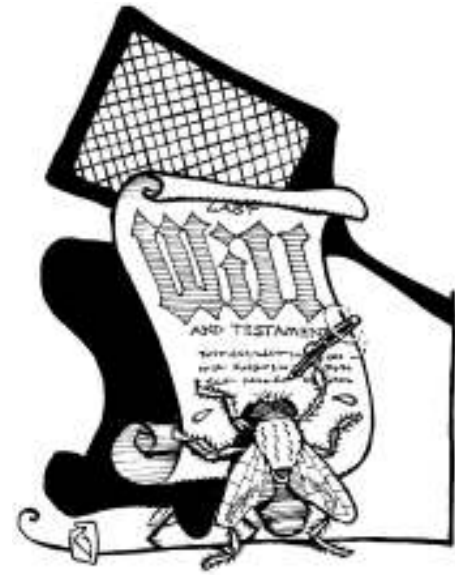
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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Matt:

*I strolled into the kitchen yesterday and noticed that there was a fly perched on the edge of my counter, right next to the sink. I figured as I got closer to it, it would fly away. He looked like he was ready to take off. Anyway, I got closer and closer and nothing happened. I put my hand over him as if I was going to hit him, still nothing. Turns out he was dead. He sure didn't look dead. So what happened? Did he realize he was going to die and figure it would be nice to go on my kitchen counter, near the sink? Was he just flying around, doing his fly thing, then landed on my counter and all of a sudden bit it? Do animals know when they're about to die?*

Whippet, via email

Do animals "know" anything? Chimps obviously "know" some things, but do they think great thoughts? Do they even have a concept of death? Hardly likely, say most scientists, though fists fly when researchers start talking about animal intelligence.

But consider birds. It's common for a dead bird to be found beneath its favorite evening perch. So you can either figure lots of birds die in their sleep, or when a bird is feeling funky, it heads for a known safe space. Does he know that his funkiness is about to send him to the big birdcage in the sky? What do you think? Something as elemental as a fly, which at best is going to live for three weeks, has to cram a lot of stuff into a short time span. "Where's the meat, where's the dog poop, where's any kind of poop, where's something else that's edible, why's that big rolled-up newspaper heading at me, where's a fly of the opposite sex, where's the poop?" A fly hardly has a moment to spare, to sit back with his pipe and slippers and contemplate the end of his little life. According to most scientists, your little fly was just doing his fly thing, landed on your counter, and bit it without giving death a thought.

Heymatt:

*I heard from a friend that there is a combination code that makes the traffic lights turn yellow right away so you can cross the street. It is like Morse code with quick presses and holds. Do you know the truth behind this?*

— Monkey, via email

Gee, Monkey, your friend might not know the secret code, but I do. It's two long pushes, two short pushes, one short two long with your left hand, three long pushes and one short with your right hand, pause for the count of five, then stand on your right foot and give four long pushes and two short, stand on your left foot and give two short pushes and four long, then three quick jabs with your left thumb, two quick jabs with your right thumb. This is the important part. The jabs have to be fast. Then slowly turn around and look off into the distance, ignoring the light-changing device completely. The light will turn yellow right away.

If this question seems vaguely familiar to the rest of you Alicelanders, well, it is. It's Son of Traffic Light Change Code, the belief held by an alarming number of people that there was a secret code involving flicking your high beams up and down or turning your headlights on and off that would make a traffic light turn green for you. The story appeared about the same time as the devices on traffic lights that read a special flashing red light on top of ambulances and fire engines, which turns the light from red to green for them. So anyway, we dismissed that story long ago as ridiculous and stuffed it in the Urban Legends People Wish Were True But Aren't file. Son of Traffic Light I guess is the next logical evolution, and I hope this gives you all some idea of how a trash fact can magically morph when set loose out there in Humanbeanland.

Matt Hew:

*Was there actually a man named Phillips, and was there something special about his head?*

— Anonymous, via email

Oh cryptic Anonymous, are we asking about the Phillips-head screwdriver, by chance? The elves and I puzzled over your question for hours, checking out milk of magnesia kings and drug-addicted child TV stars and every other Phillips we could think of. But we decided the screwdriver guy is the one you're talking about. There really was a Phillips. Henry F. In 1936 automakers were complaining about how automated, standard slot screwdrivers on assembly lines were punk. Workers couldn't center them easily from right to left, and screws ended up stripped or broken. Aha! says Henry. His Phillips-head screwdriver had a point on it that would seat in a small depression in the middle of the special Phillips-head screw, automatically centering the driver and making the auto magnates smile. Through a paperwork tangle, Phillips lost his patent in 1948, proving that his head wasn't screwed on right.

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at Francis Parker 45, Christian 21  
at Horizon 39, Palo Verde 14  
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# SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

## Bail Out SDSU Football

Things are grim in San Diego State football world. Staff is still hungover from Saturday's 63-14 drubbing at the hands of Utah. That drubbing was worse than the 41-12 drubbing at the hands of Brigham Young the week prior but not as bad as the 70-7 bitch-slapping at the hands of New Mexico earlier in the season.

In times like these, one is grateful that the Aztecs are guided by a forward-thinking athletic director, Jeff Schemmel. The AD has already announced that head coach Chuck Long will be back in 2009. A giant sigh of relief came forth for all those fans who bet the under on SDSU season victories. The athletic director said he wanted to see what Long was capable of "when afforded a full deck."

Well, sure, we could see what Long is capable of when afforded a full deck, or what he's capable of in the unemployment line, or coaching women's basketball at Point Loma Nazarene University, or behind the counter at Pep Boys in Santee. Any or all of those possibilities might be interesting to look at. But, most of us out here in Civilian Sports World put Long and football in the same category and we already know what he's capable of there — losing 11 of the 12 games played in 2008 while being outscored 425 to 189.

The Aztecs are winless in league play. There are 119 Division I teams (can't get myself to write "Football Bowl Subdivision," but I'm working on it), and Long's team is fighting for last place in every defensive category Civilian Sports World cares about. (In fairness, I should point out that the Aztecs football program is closer to dead last when you only look at NCAA's Academic Performance Ratings — they are 115th out of 119.)

"[Long] has done everything as well as any football coach I've seen during my 20 years [in College Sports World], with the exception of putting wins on the scoreboard," Schemmel said. Tricky, that "wins on the scoreboard" stuff. Unhappily, this is what Civilian Sports World uses as a measure of success.

Long has never been a head coach before his employment at SDSU. His record here is 8-28. That's everything in one box. Schemmel said he believed Long would get wins. Belief is a wonderful thing, but it is not noted for paying the rent.

Anybody remember Tom Craft? He was Chuck Long's predecessor, coached SDSU for four

years, finished the 2005 season with a 5-7 record. Jeff Schemmel fired him in December of that year.

The following is taken from the new Broadway musical, *Oh, for the Days of a 5-7 Record*.

And here, entering stage left, is Jeff Schemmel dancing his way into your heart, shouting out to the world, "We have decided to make a change with the football head coaching position at San Diego State. This decision was made with great difficulty. Tom Craft has clearly made the program better than when he got here, and the contributions he has made are there. But I just thought it lacks some positive energy, and certainly a positive energy that the community can get excited about."

Chuck Long has a five-year contract. He's three down and two to go at \$716,000 per year. And I hope he demands every last penny of it. This eternal mess isn't his doing. He did a great job at Oklahoma as quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator. You can't blame almost 40 years of crap teams on this coach — it's Schemmel's fault, it's Schemmel boss's fault, it's the university administration, the culture of bureaucratic slugs who run San Diego State and are satisfied with crap teams.

San Diego State has the only Division I football program in San Diego County, a county with a population of 3,150,000. SDSU has an undergraduate student population of 25,000 and change. The following table may be of interest.

November 16, 2008, BCS Standings

Rank	School	Undergrads	County pop.
1.	Alabama	21,081	Tuscaloosa: 177,906
2.	Texas Tech	23,018	Lubbock: 260,901
3.	Texas	37,459	Travis: 974,365
4.	Florida	35,189	Alachua: 104,828
5.	Oklahoma	19,693	Cleveland: 236,452
6.	USC	16,384	L.A.: 9,878,554
7.	Utah	21,421	Salt Lake: 1,009,518
8.	Penn State	36,815	Centre: 135,758
9.	Boise State	17,690	Ada: 300,904
10.	Ohio State	39,209	Franklin: 1,118,107

They can't do it. SDSU cannot field a reputable football team. I don't know why, and I don't care why anymore. A black hole doesn't need a reason. The university should drop football.

## The Vegas Line

NFL - Week 12 (Home Team in CAPS)

Favorite	Spread	Over/Under	Underdog
<b>Thursday</b>			
PITTSBURGH	10	35	Cincinnati
<b>Sunday</b>			
CLEVELAND	3	49	Houston
Buffalo	3	43	KANSAS CITY
TENNESSEE	5 ½	40	N.Y. Jets
MIAMI	2	42	New England
DALLAS	11	48	San Francisco
Tampa Bay	8 ½	41	DETROIT
BALTIMORE	1	38 ½	Philadelphia
Chicago	7 ½	43	ST. LOUIS
JACKSONVILLE	2	40	Minnesota
ATLANTA	1 ½	42 ½	Carolina
DENVER	9 ½	43	Oakland
Washington	3 ½	41 ½	SEATTLE
N.Y. Giants	3	48 ½	ARIZONA
SAN DIEGO	2 ½	50	Indianapolis
<b>Monday</b>			
NEW ORLEANS	2 ½	52 ½	Green Bay

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### Eastlake at Chula Vista

Posted November 15, 2008, 2:02 a.m.

Playing their first home game of the season and celebrating Homecoming before a sold-out crowd on Friday night, it seemed to make sense that Chula Vista would beat Eastlake. Somebody forgot to relay that message to the Titans, who captured their third straight Mesa League title with a 28-11 win.

"It feels great," said Eastlake head coach John McFadden. "We have three goals during the season — we completed one of the goals."

The halftime show concluded with a series of fireworks. Eastlake added some of their own in the third quarter.

After forcing a Chula Vista punt to start the second half, Eastlake drove 75 yards in just more than two minutes. A 15-yard touchdown run from Tony Jefferson capped the drive and put Eastlake ahead 13-11.

When Eastlake got the ball back, it took them exactly 13 seconds to extend their lead. Running back Randall Williams took a handoff and ran 54 yards through the Chula Vista defense to put the Titans ahead by 10. And they weren't done there.

"In the second half, our O-line showed them that they are the best around," McFadden said.

The Titans 17-point lead entering the fourth quarter was more than enough. Eastlake's defense shut out Chula Vista the entire second half and stopped two Spartan drives inside the red zone to ensure a sound victory.

#### Comments

1. So if Cathedral loses tonight to Scripps and both teams have league records of 4-1 what are the tie-breaker rules?  
*By JustWondering 8:37 a.m., Nov 14, 2008*
2. Believe it or not, there actually is no tiebreaker for league championships. So if Scripps Ranch wins tonight, they and Cathedral Catholic would be co-champs of the Eastern League.  
*By anthonygentile 5:22 p.m., Nov 14, 2008*
3. Did anyone really think the possibility of Scripps beating CCHS was viable?  
*By murdledd 9:38 a.m., Nov 15, 2008 > Report it*
4. Scripps Ranch 37 , Cathedral Catholic 70. Cathedral is having a season of perfection as the team takes the San Diego Section Eastern League CIF Championship.  
*By JustWondering 12:24 a.m., Nov 15, 2008*



Chula Vista head coach Judd Rachow sends in a play with wide receiver Darian Phillips



Chula Vista played their first game of the season before a soldout crowd

### La Costa Canyon vs. Torrey Pines — historic rivalry

By ryanmettee26 | Posted November 12, 2008, 7:46 p.m.

The San Dieguito Union High School District's almost 40-year history of being a one high school district came to an end with the 1974-'75 school year. San Dieguito Union High School in Encinitas dropped the "Union," while Torrey Pines High School was born in the boonies (at the time) east of Del Mar. For the first few months, both student bodies used SDHS — Mustangs in the mornings and Falcons in the afternoons. Still, the North vs. South SDUHSD Civil War had begun!

Torrey Pines didn't have a stadium for a few years, so San Dieguito had to share its stadium with the new kid. The first football game between the two schools in 1974 was a 41-20 victory for the Mustangs! The Falcons had the excuse of not having a senior class their first year. 1974-'75 was the last year that SDHS's senior class was from the entire school district.

A lot of SD's junior varsity football coaches had moved to TP when it opened. SD didn't have the best record against their new arch-rivals, except for a little run-in the late 1980s when Ed Burke coached the Mustangs. We did have one player from the '80s make it to the NFL, Keith Kartz, who became a lineman for the Denver Broncos.

Today, the SDUHSD rivalry is kept alive as La Costa Canyon vs. Torrey Pines, with LCC as the new representative of the north beginning in 1996. La Costa Canyon replaced San Dieguito as the main comprehensive school for the northern end to accommodate the growth of the area. San Dieguito shrunk and morphed into the "Academy" that year.

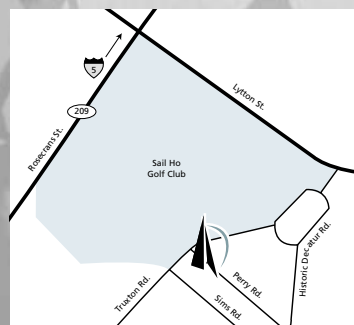
On the football field, the North's fates didn't fare much better when the Mavericks replaced the Mustangs. Torrey Pines dominated both squads in the 1990s, which the Falcons advertised with their "Never in the Nineties" T-shirts. The tide started to turn as new LCC head coach Darrin Brown methodically built a program at La Costa Canyon, resulting in the Mavs becoming more competitive against the Falcons. LCC currently boasts two former Mavs in the NFL, with lineman Joe Toledo (2000) on the San Francisco 49'ers and Kevin O'Connell (2003), a 2008 rookie quarterback with the New England Patriots.



Final score: Eastlake 28, Chula Vista 11

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**Senior pastor:** Dr. Tony Wolfe  
**Congregation size:** about 250  
**Staff size:** 6  
**Sunday school enrollment:** 10–15  
**Annual budget:** around \$200,000  
**Weekly giving:** around \$4500  
**Singles program:** no  
**Dress:** semiformal to formal  
**Diversity:** mostly Caucasian  
**Sunday worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Length of reviewed service:** 1 hour, 5 minutes  
**Website:** [westminstersd.org](http://westminstersd.org)

Sunday's service at Westminster Presbyterian was shot through with music. The folksy opening songs, full of strumming and tambourines and tentative harmonies, matched the '60s decor (A-frame outfitted with stained glass at the base): "If you want to be free, he said, follow me/ Open your eyes if you want to see, and you'll see/ That it takes faith first..." Faith first—the step into the uncertain, dangerous dark—was the theme.

"Before we get started this morning," began guest minister Deb Mitchell (also the church's interim office administrator).

"Before we get started this morning," interrupted congregant JoAnne, "I have a corsage for you." She turned to the congregation: "We are pleased—thrilled—to announce that our lady here has been accepted as an inquirer into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church." Hearty cheers and applause followed, and throughout, the people responded with genuine warmth to Mitchell's stories and jokes: "What do you call it when you talk to God? Prayer. What do you call it when God talks to you? Schizophrenia."

Back to faith, and the back-and-forth of the Call to Worship: "We come this morning seeking answers, so we bring You our questions.... We come seeking success, so we bring You our fear...."

The choir and congregation boomed out an über-traditional rendition of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," accompanied by bracing organ and bright trumpet. "Our helper He amid the flood/ Of mortal ills prevailing..."

Even the gentle Prayer of Confession touched on faith: "Sometimes fear makes us small...sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness...." Still, said Mitchell, "For those that live in Christ it's a whole new world. I declare to you, in His name, that we are forgiven."

Youth director Clark Lampard called three children to the front and told them a story from his Army days. In the story, he fell and hit his head while running through the woods. "I woke up and it was dark and there was no one around.... I was hopelessly lost, and I looked up and thought, 'I might never get found.' I remembered some-

thing I learned in Sunday school—God said He would never leave me or forsake me. So I prayed, and I waited, and all of a sudden I thought, *Go back the way you came*. I did, and I found my way back to where I was supposed to be. I had faith that God would help me and guide me. You know what faith is? The apostle Paul says that 'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen.' Martin Luther said that faith was 'living with reckless confidence in God.' Let's try that...let's put our faith in God."

Mitchell also preached faith, praying, "When we've doubted but forged on anyway, You've turned our fleshly steps into flight. When we've...shed our doubts; You've dressed us in the courage of our biblical ancestors."

Here she referred to the prophetess Deborah from the day's Scripture reading, who commanded the Hebrew general Barak to take up arms against Jabin, king of Canaan. Barak's answer: "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." As a child

hearing the story, Mitchell had thought Barak "kind of a wuss" for his hesitancy. Now, she had more regard for his less-than-reckless faith. "He wasn't sure he was hearing God's voice, so he did what he should have done: he asked for help.... Deborah knew God's voice."

Mitchell brought the story to the present: "I am so hopeful and happy now that the elections have passed. We're finally in a time where we've identified what the problems are, and we're onto 'What are we going to do about them?' This is a time to cry out for help and a time for us to listen for the word of God. If we call out to God in a time of desperation, even if we've placed ourselves there... He will come. But how are we going to hear Him?" She advocated increased prayer—increased listening—and quoted Frederick Meyer: "God's impressions within us and His

words without are always corroborated by His providence around.... When it comes time for action, circumstances, like glowworms, will sparkle along your path.... God will be with us as long as faith is our guide.... Will you let God use you for His purposes?"

As if to illustrate, a young girl performed a jazz/hip-hop dance during the Offertory. Said Mitchell, "She's dancing to a song called, 'Our God is an Awesome God.' She's danced to it in several competitions, and thousands of people have seen her. This is her witness, her way to evangelize. I hope you enjoy it."

What happens when we die?

"We gather at the river with those who have gone before," said Mitchell, "and we go to meet the Lord."

— Matthew Lickona



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Casa Kelly has been getting loosey-goosey with the Thanksgiving menu in recent years — lobster, sirloin cap, even lasagna. Not this year — Patrick's Nana is flying out to visit, and everything's got to be traditional. To stave off boredom in the kitchen, I decided to go after the best spices I could find.

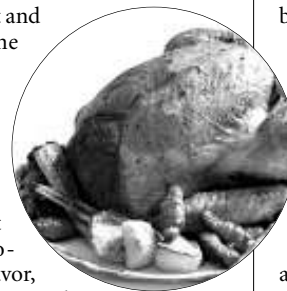
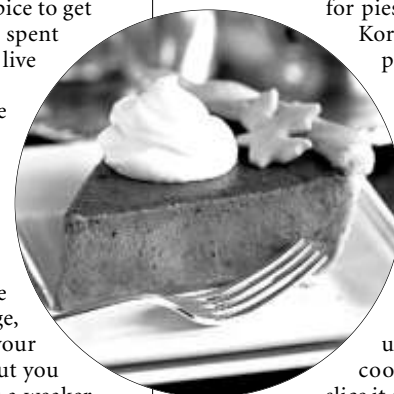
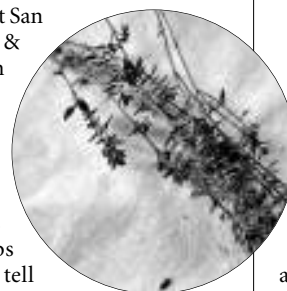
I called Steve at San Diego Coffee, Tea & Spice in Pacific Beach (858-581-1933; [sandiegocoffee.com](http://sandiegocoffee.com)). "We buy our herbs locally — from California," he began. "They're as fresh as dried herbs can be — you can tell by the smell and by the look of them. A lot of times, the basil, oregano, or thyme you buy off the shelf in the grocery store are sort of gray. These are green. There are volatile oils in herbs, and as the herb gets older, those oils diminish and you lose flavor. You end up needing to use more of the spice to get the flavor you want." But if I spent more, I could use less. I could live with that.

Next, I chatted with the shop's chef/culinologist, Don Robinson, who made the case for cooking with dried herbs. "It has to do with consistency — an herb doesn't hold its flavor the same way all year long. As seasons change, the volatile oils in the herbs change, and the color and quality of your herb can go up and down. But you can avoid sometimes getting a weaker flavor if you use a dried product. And the drying process, if done correctly, will allow the herb to keep its color and its volatile oils. It's a very slow process, done at very low temperature in a very low-humidity oven. It takes a couple of days."

Buying local was important, too. "We buy a nice California garlic. With Chinese garlic, a lot of the oil is removed when they process it — they sell it separately. Most domestic producers just blast the skins off with hot air, which helps retain the flavor. We sell it granulated, minced, or powdered. You can use the granulated garlic to make your own garlic salt. Use one-third garlic salt and two-thirds of a fine sea salt."

Salty talk led to pepper. "I've got the best whole black peppercorn on the market — the tellicherry. It has such a pronounced pepper flavor, but it's not too hot. And for soups and sauces, I have a pearl-white peppercorn. It's hotter than the tellicherry. And we carry a mélange — black, white, pink, and green. They mix together nicely."

So much for the basics — what about Thanksgiving? "Sage or sage rub is used in stuffing and gravy. Poultry seasoning is also important. Ours contains ground thyme, ground sage, a little ginger, and a little salt. Nutmeg is used in pies — we carry it whole or ground. We also have mace — there are two spices in our ground nutmeg: nutmeg and mace. Mace is very strong. Some peo-



*If I spent more, I could use less. I could live with that.*

ple use it in place of nutmeg because it has a nice note. If you want the best freshness, use a whole nutmeg and grate it."

Cloves come whole or ground. "I find them overpowering," said Robinson, "so I use them sparingly. Ground in pumpkin pie, whole in pickling spice. Some people like to stick them all over a ham — if you take off the ball at the back of the clove, it won't have such a bitter taste."

Cinnamon? "We have three-inch sticks, made from the bark of the cinnamon plant. People use them for potpourris or for beverages — you can flavor your beverage or use it as a straw. Ground, it's great for pies. We get ours from

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I'm looking at bringing in a cinnamon from Vietnam with 3 percent; it can be hot, but it's got a great aroma." Vanilla comes in from Tahiti. "I think it's the best — you can use it in ice cream or cookies. Some people slice it open and scrape out

the insides, but I dice the whole thing up very small. It gives an even more intense flavor. For vanilla extract, we've got an imitation and what's called a fourfold — it's been reduced and concentrated."

San Diego Coffee, Tea & Spice offers herbs and spices in quantities ranging from a quarter-ounce to 50-gallon tubs. Robinson told me that retail customers could ask him to bring out larger quantities of spices from the back if they wanted to save money. "A 2.25-ounce bag of cinnamon costs \$2.20, but a pound is only \$6.95, and a gallon is \$17.70. That's a great deal, especially if you want to make a bunch of spice baskets as gifts."

George at TASTE Artisan Cheese & Gourmet Shop in Hillcrest (619-683-2306; [tastecheese.com](http://tastecheese.com)) told me that he carried "a spice blend for poultry from Sugar Ranch. The recipe is by chef Bernard Guillas at the Marine Room. It contains fennel pollen, which has a light and aromatic flavor — not like licorice. It's \$12 for a ten-ounce tin, but a little goes a long way. Mix it with a little oil to thin it and then rub it on the bird."

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by Barbarella

# Party Poopers

*The test of good manners is to be patient with bad ones.*  
— Gabirol

**T**here are few things that ruffle my fancy feathers more than acts of inconsideration. A shopping cart left stranded close to my car, being subjected to a shrieking child in a restaurant, or encountering abandoned coffee cups on the sidewalk can sully my mood for hours. That therapist I suffered for three sessions might say my extraordinary irritation with boorish plebes stems from my dysfunctional desire to control everything and everyone around me. She once said I'm

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too attached to the word "should," as in "Someone should have returned that cart; those parents should extract their howling monkey from polite society; that person should have placed that cup in the trash." The Rhinestone Shrink might say I seethe because I can't make people behave the way I think they "should." Perhaps she'd be right. But actively ignoring such behavior does not make it

go away, nor does it make it any less appalling. After all, if we do not voice our discontent, who but we are to blame when indecency prevails?

Social sins are never more evident than at a party. A confined space, liberally dosed with alcohol, provides a nutrient-rich environment for faux pas to thrive. Conscious of the mini-society to which a soiree gives shape, I am discerning in my party planning, anticipating and eliminating foreseeable conflicts. For example, when compiling the invitation list for my "Elation Day '08: Barack to the Future" gala, I was careful to include only those friends whom I knew to be politically active (meaning no one who would object if their con-

versations were shushed so everyone could listen to the candidates' speeches). I also made sure my guests were all voting for the same team, as the only "red" I wanted to see that evening was joined by white and blue on the banners, flags, and lights with which David had festooned our home.

I recognize that it's impossible to be mindful every minute of every day — yesterday, for instance, I became the asshat when, while perusing merchandise in a small, quiet shop, I took a call on my cell phone. But just because we get caught up in the moment every now and then doesn't mean we can't try our best to be aware of how our actions might affect those around us. Like yoga, courtesy is a practice — you don't just throw your legs over your head and balance on one arm in the first class. Whereas yoga is all about making yourself comfortable (and strong, flexible, and "at one with Shiva" or whoever), the essence of courtesy is to make others comfortable.

Etiquette guru Emily Post once wrote, "Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter which fork you use." On the flip side, if you lack commonsense-itivity, no amount of proper utensil usage can help you.

Some guests at a party I recently attended offered several shining examples of party malfesance, the first of which was to break that most sacred social command-

ment: Thou shalt not bring uninvited randoms to the party. The perps, a couple I happen to know and like but in whom I'm currently disappointed, foisted not one, not two, but SEVEN new guests upon the host and hostess, who had originally expected no more than the six friends they'd invited to their cozy studio loft. When a friend invites you to his home, never assume you can invite your own guests. To do so is a major imposition, as your host is most likely providing food and beverages, and that shit doesn't just appear — it is planned for, purchased, and prepared. In this case, one of those uninvited guests invited yet another person. (Special note: inviting a friend to a party hosted by someone you've never met is unconditionally uncool.) Even two of my closest friends, who knew they didn't "have" to ask, sought my consent before bringing dates to my Elation Day shindig, a courteous gesture that was most appreciated.

Inflicting their throng onto the host and hostess was the only snafu made by the couple I know and like — the rest of the transgressions were committed by their tagalongs, four of whom I'd never met before and did not like one bit. At the host's insistence, the couple brought enough wine for their horde, not that any of them were in need of a drink. It was the younger of the two's birthday, and the drinking had begun many hours prior. The crowd seemed to be

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treating the host's pad as if it was just another bar on the birthday-celebration booze crawl and not someone's home, to which only two of them had actually been invited.

In his attempt to reach the cupboard behind the one chick among the crowd of interlopers, the host said, "Excuse me," in a polite tone of voice.

"Did you say, 'Excuse me, ma'am'?" sneered the chick.

Confused, the host said, "No, I said, 'Excuse me.' I'm asking you to move aside." When the woman — whose delayed, awkward movements made apparent her drunken state — simply stared at the host blankly, he added, "This is my home. I live here," to which she huffed off and promptly reported to her posse in a hushed, indignant tone.

A few minutes later, I

overheard the host asking three men not to stand with their feet against a lime green-painted wall. They removed their feet, only to put them right back a moment later. (When I visited the host the following morning, I learned the marks had not disappeared with soap and water and that he must now repaint the wall.) Throughout the offenses, the host, whose chivalry runs deep, remained hospitable.

When the food was gone, the couple lingered for a few minutes as the bulk of the crew set off for the next stop — a club — without so much as a thank you or goodbye to the host. I was amazed — it had been so long since I'd personally dealt with tactless people. I was reminded of a party I hosted at David's apartment six months after we started dating. Many of

my friends were meeting my new boyfriend for the first time, and David, eager to make a good impression, spared no expense or detail in his preparations. Things were going fine until one of my friends (a man no longer worthy of the word for plenty of reasons, this being one of them) extracted from his pocket a glass pipe, loaded it with weed, and sparked it up. I was horrified. As I tromped across the room and told him to cease and

desist lest I became guilty by association, I couldn't help but think, *What kind of moron doesn't realize the impropriety of lighting up in the home of someone he just met?*

I had this in mind when the birthday boy was saying goodbye before stepping out to join his crew at the club. "I'm sorry for my friends," he said to the small circle of three standing around him. The host, polite to the end, said, "Not to worry, all is well"; his wife,

gracious to her core, said, "If they're anything like you, I know they must be wonderful."

I gave him a hug and said, "It was great to see you; have a fabulous rest-of-your-birthday." Then, breaking my own rules of etiquette, I added, "But, wow, those friends of

yours sure are a bunch of bitches." I looked to the stunned host and said, "Sorry. Couldn't help myself." ■

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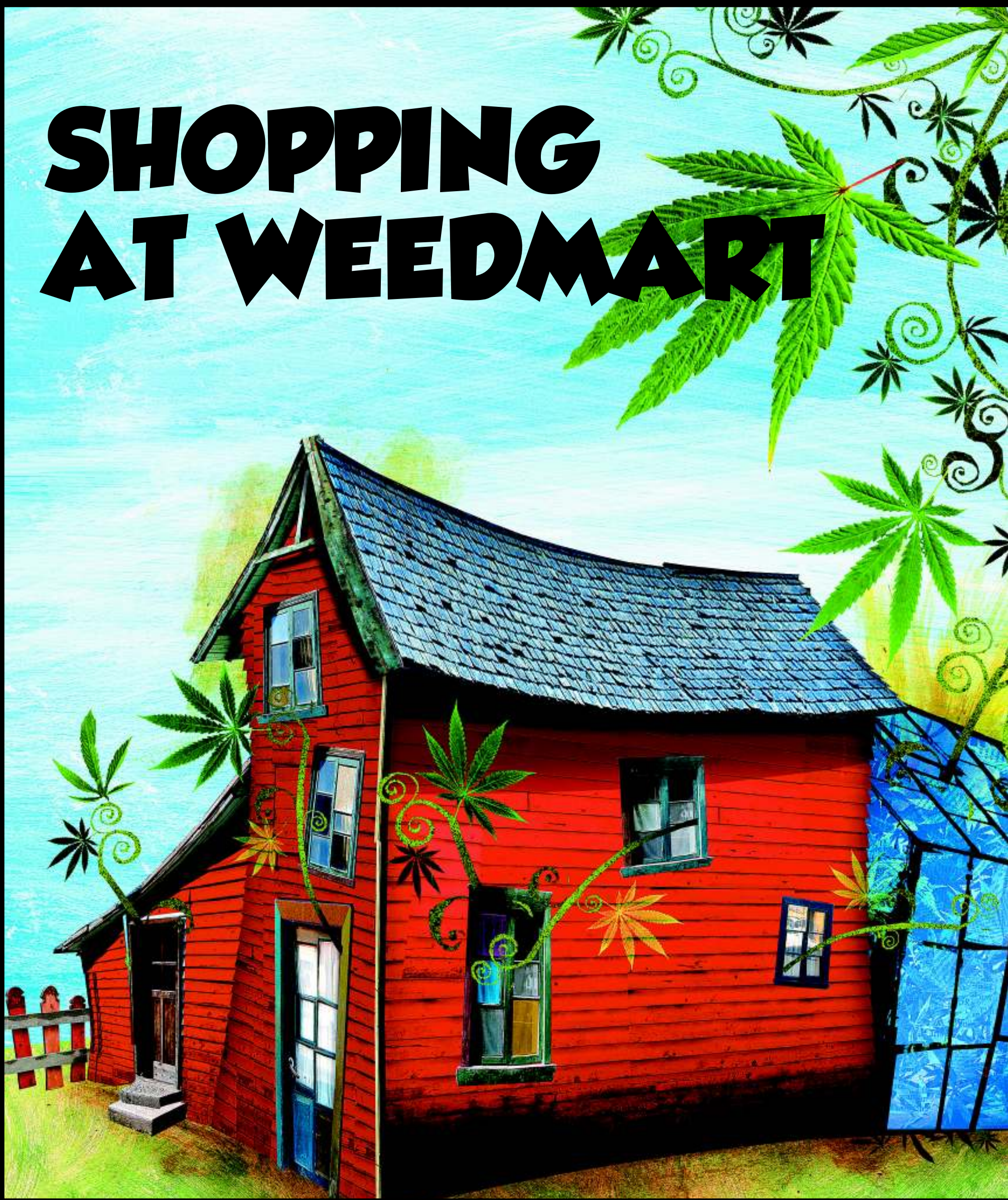


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# SHOPPING AT WEEDMART







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## **“The plants were eight feet tall,”**

she says. “My boyfriend and I were trying to keep things under wraps, but you know, you can only do so much. So it’s like they kind of knew.”

“They,” she suspects, were employees from one of these restaurants who had spotted her marijuana plants sprouting up through the roof of the greenhouse tucked in the far left corner of the yard, a rust bucket of a thing in its final stages of dilapidation. Daley guesses that if some covetous neighbor couldn’t have Daley’s grow, he’d made sure she couldn’t either.

“There were 13 officers in ninja outfits,” she recalls, of the day the police busted her.

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She had 20 plants, putting her grow at 8 plants over the legal limit according to the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (California Proposition 215), which makes the growing, purchasing, and ingestion of marijuana legal for those who can demonstrate a medical need for the drug.

Daley smokes pot because she suffers from multiple sclerosis (MS). Most of the time, she deals with an exhausting but manageable combination of muscle numbness, irritation, and spasms. But she knows it's only a matter of time before her MS kicks into high gear.

She's a big girl, "on the hefty side," as she puts it. Her fleshy face holds expressive brown eyes, and when she smiles they smile right along. "It's a lifetime thing," she says of the disease. "The regression is very slow — like a slow torture."

MS eats away at the

sheathing around the brain and spinal chord — in the same way that mice will nibble away at a house's plastic-coated wires. Depending on its severity, the disease causes excruciating pain. Daley has undergone heart surgery and lives with a pacemaker and a mechanical aortic valve in her heart. The mutiny in Daley's body has also manifested itself in a bizarre condition known as Arnold-Chiari malformation, in which part of the brain pushes down through the base of the skull.

"The first time I went to get diagnosed by a neurologist, he sent me for a neck X-ray," she says. "They found out that — this is so weird — that I had about an inch and a half of brain leaking down my neck — like the stem was coming down into it. Right, like I don't have enough problems. So I had to have brain

surgery too."

Cannabis's active ingredient is THC — tetrahydrocannabinol — a complex molecule that custom fits itself to inhibitors and stimulators in the human body's neurological skein. Medical research is coming around to what everyone from Bob Marley

juana, cannabidiol (CBD), works as both a spigot for THC, controlling the amount released by the plant, while adding its own particular effect to the drug. If THC puts the "high" in marijuana high, then CBD puts the "stone" in marijuana stone. Working as a sedative, it both

that made no distinction between cops and thieves.

With 700 square feet of backyard to run around in and three kiddie pools to wade in, the geese served as guards for Daley's late, great marijuana-growing operation. She put the geese out there, she said, after she began noticing footprints and bent plots of grass where sleeping bodies, presumably transients, had lain the night before.

As a backup to her guard geese, Daley electrified the top of a five-foot-high stone wall, enclosing her backyard with a live-stock fence packing a 7000-volt charge.

"You really have to be trying to get over that wall to hit that charge," she explains. "And one night, someone did."

She figures that one of the restaurants' employees just couldn't resist.

"I have an audio tape [part of a homemade camera surveillance system] of

a pulsating shock and then—" Her face lights up with a mixture of sympathy and mischievous delight — a scream — 'AH... AHHH... AHH... AHHH-HHHH!' And then a couple of minutes later you hear a girl's voice saying, 'Can you stand up?' So someone got zapped and thrown, and I heard the scream — I was up watching TV, say ten o'clock at night — and you can hear me in the audio tape saying, 'Yeah.... That's why I bought [the electric fence]!'"

Perhaps, she acknowledges, the precautions were too effective — not long after, the CVPD came knocking. Daley admits to being guilty as charged of exceeding her 12-plant limit, but she found out the hard way that the letter of the law is all that matters to officers of the law.

"I was way over my legal limit, so I can't say anything about that

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to William F. Buckley has held to be true — by tweaking these various response mechanisms in the body, the naturally occurring THC in marijuana palliates pain and delivers an intricate palette of highs that depend on the cultivation and processing of the cannabis plant.

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because that was my fault. But we were growing outdoors, and bugs were killing everything, and we went through two harvests without production because of the bugs. With this second harvest, the cops showed up and took everything. They left one plant for me, and I told them that they were taking my medicine..."

These days she buys her weed. Compared to growing her own, the monthly visit to a local dispensary (she won't reveal its name or location) leaves a hollowed-out feel to her wallet.

"The difference really was the quality," she says. "Medical marijuana [from the dispensaries] — you're paying out the butt for it. Street prices, you can get half a pound of Mexi on the street for anywhere from \$300–\$350 for half a pound; but you go to a medical-marijuana store, and you pay \$70 for an eighth of an ounce," or \$1200 for a half pound.

Daley smokes both strains of pot, indica to enhance sleep and sativa to

sativa plant has a higher THC-to-CBD ratio. Its ingestion yields a livelier

ishes the body's pain levels to a manageable degree. The converse ratio — higher CBD-to-THC — is found in the indica strain, allowing a smoker to achieve a heavier high — think the languishing, stoned-out look of a veteran pothead. In fact, the stereotype is not altogether unfair: it is this particular property of indica that facilitates a horizontal attitude after ingestion.

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high — think Bill Cosby's take on a pothead laughing his ass off at a hamburger. This sort of high dimin-

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"So far, medical marijuana has handled every MS symptom I've had," Daley attests.

According to Daley, she was never charged with a crime after the raid, receiving only an incident report from the CVPD.

"I think once the cops found out I was small potatoes, they never came back. They never did anything to me. They told me not to grow ever again — and I said, 'Don't worry about that — you scared the you-know-what right out of me.'"

And with a wave of her hand, she dismisses the police and neighbors as two of medical marijuana's more unfortunate — but acceptable — side effects.

## How big? How much? How often?

Despite Daley's insouciance, San Diego's legal community is feeling the side effects of medical marijuana. And no wonder,

given that San Diego has a hate-hate relationship with Prop 215. The anti-medical-marijuana crowd hates it for going too far to indulge the rights of patients, and the pro-medical-marijuana crowd hates it for not going far enough.

Whichever side of the joint Californians see it from, Prop 215 ensures the right to medical marijuana

a voluntary identification-card program and limiting the number of plants — 6 mature and 12 immature — a patient may grow. SB 420 also limits the size of a patient's stash to eight ounces at any one time.

San Diego attorney Patrick Dudley never meant to become involved with medical-marijuana

**"Every time medical marijuana is in the papers, we're busier."**

as recommended by a physician and lists a number of diseases that benefit from its use. It ensures that patients, physicians, and caregivers are protected under the law from persecution or sanction. It even has the benefit of an accompanying bill — California SB 420 was signed into law as Gray Davis's parting shot in 2003 — calling for the creation of

law. But as lawmakers pass a flurry of amendments and clarifications on Prop 215 around the statehouse like doobies on a Saturday night, lawyers such as Dudley are stuck defending a stream of California residents hauled into court on federal charges. Knowing that these cases, which stem from foggy distinctions persisting in the current law, can be easily

## RESEARCH STUDIES

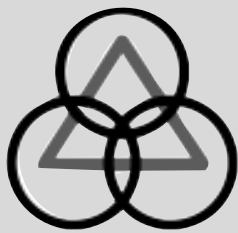


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remedied, Dudley's routine has all the professional satisfaction of getting stuck with an empty roach clip.

In dislodging marijuana patients from between the horns of federal and state statutes, Dudley has become one of a growing battalion of San Diego lawyers who find more of their time taken up by Prop 215.

One aspect of the law vulnerable to abuse — which Dudley knows because he's seen it first-hand — is the issue of quantity. How much cannabis, either in a Baggie or in the ground, is a patient allowed to possess?

He explains: "The courts have come down and said that since Prop 215, broadly speaking, does provide for specific quanti-

ties of processed marijuana, it's very difficult, in fact impossible, to say how many plants is enough or too much." Law-enforcement groups see a pound-per-plant limit, while patients' rights advocates claim that the ratio of production to yield cannot have an absolute value. "These patients' advocates will say it's really about the size of the grow. That's how you can get a better, more precise calibration of how much cannabis these plants produce.

"The law as it stands also reveals the lack of, shall we say, botanical know-how among lawmakers and, for that matter, law-enforcers. Just to play the numbers, it's difficult, especially for someone who is a novice

grower, to get the right quantity out of the right number of plants."

A 12-plant limit, Dudley notes, does not account for variables that invariably come into play when Mother Nature gets involved.

"According to law enforcement, any plant is counted which is rooted. So, even if you have little baby plants that you're getting ready to grow after this grow is done, knowing that a grow takes between three and four months from beginning to end, then those baby plants count too — even though they're not flowering at the time [and therefore void of medicinal value]. Young plants just ratchet up the plant total when really they're just growing 12

## RESEARCH STUDIES



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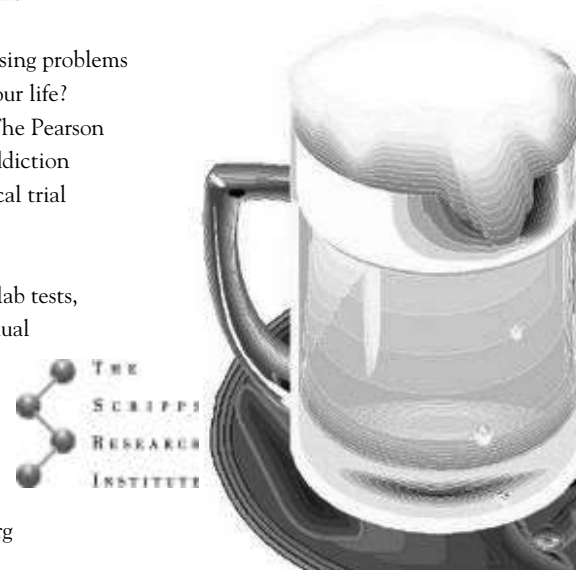
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[medicinally viable plants] at a time. So the language is not carefully crafted. If the law is going to name a specific quantity, then they need to be much more precise."

Dudley doesn't see a solution in the plants themselves but in the places where the plants are grown — what size is the canopy? What size the room? What's the square footage? How high is the grow-room's ceiling?

"From a legal standpoint, that's a better way to go," he says but notes that so far these questions have remained unanswered.

Lawmakers and law enforcers alike have more fertile ground for legal action, Dudley concludes, when they remain rooted to qualifiable issues regarding medical marijuana.

"What illnesses are credible, and what illnesses aren't? I see a lot of gray area in this question — and I understand why law enforcement struggles with it." But the law is straightforward on this issue, Dudley insists. The marijuana doctor can write a recommendation for any condition he deems a serious illness.

"Once the doctor writes that recommendation, I think the burden lies with the doctor," he adds. Because the onus is on the experts, law enforcement should focus their attention on the doctors, not the patients. "I think that if there's an issue there, an abuse going on, then it's really an issue between the doctors and medical board and not between patients and law enforcement."

#### **Dispensing with niceties**

One way to corroborate Dudley's opinions would be to talk to professionals who dealt firsthand with the perils of pot growing — the owners and workers of what are known as either medical-marijuana dispensaries or commissaries.

Or so I thought.

Since Prop 215 was passed, these legal (at least

according to California state law) pot purveyors have been sprouting up around California.

Supposedly, here's how things work at a Weed-Mart: After being admitted to the dispensary,

a patient shows his doctor's recommendation and the required state-issued ID card; the patient is then shown a seat while the Weed-Mart associate checks out his papers; if everything checks out, the

patient is invited to purchase the product that best suits his needs.

That much I learned from Daley and Dudley.

But San Diego is currently in a mild state of panic over medical mari-

juana. Since a notorious June 6, 2006 bust of local medical-marijuana dispensaries by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), in conjunction with the SD County Sheriff's Department, most

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closed Weed-Marts in San Diego was more trouble than it proved to be worth. Finding someone to talk to at one of the open but clandestine operations was impossible.

So I headed north.

The staid and laid-back surfer culture of Dana Point is a far cry from San Diego's busyness, but the Dana Point commissary must have been close enough to memories of

6/6/06 to give its proprietors cold feet at the slightest ripple in circumstances, and sometimes a reporter makes a ripple without even trying.

The Dana Point Commissary set up shop in a dingy grey townhouse. At my first knock, the door buzzes alive with a remote security lock. I open it and make it as far as the waiting room painted in the inevitable moldy-sickly

green of any marijuana-related color scheme. On a TV mounted in a corner of the empty room, one of CNN's talking heads reports at a conversational volume.

Adjacent to the receptionist's window, a door leads, I assume, to the product room. As I walk toward it, it opens and a man's well-coifed head pokes out.

"Yes, can I help you?"

Introducing myself, I tell him I'm there to meet Steve.

After inviting me to sit, he jerks his head back through the door and disappears.

I take a seat in one of the cheap stacking chairs that line the waiting room's mirrored wall. Two minutes later, the man's head sticks out the door again.

He introduces himself as Tony, no last name. A young guy — no more than 25. With a friendly face, and perhaps by habit, he treats my presence as the prelude to a potential sale.

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- Willing to undergo pulmonary testing and echocardiogram

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To qualify for this study, you must be:

- 18-75 years of age,
- diagnosed with type 2 diabetes mellitus,
- taking metformin to treat your diabetes, and
- having difficulty controlling your blood sugar levels.

Study drug as well as study-related medical evaluations and tests are provided at no cost. In addition, reimbursement for time and travel may be provided.



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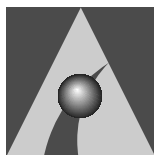
## Is waking up tonight affecting your tomorrow?

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

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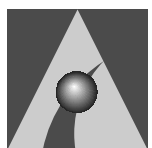


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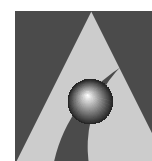
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# Do You Have Trouble Sleeping at Night?

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"Is Steve here?" I ask.  
He takes a step out the door — now his torso and one leg are visible as well — but clings to the doorjamb as if trying to hold up the building.

"Steve's not here today," he says. "He called in sick."

I repeat, with more detail, that Steve and I had made an appointment to meet regarding my story.

Tony takes another

quarter-step into the room, and now everything is visible except his right arm up to his shoulder. He seems to be holding on to something behind the wall — maybe a security alarm.

"He won't be in until...um...later. Today. He'll be in later today."

I tell him I've driven 70 miles with a borrowed car to see Steve. That gas prices are what they are. That I am on a deadline.

That surely he can do better than "later today."

Now he stands altogether in the room — tall and wiry, like a basketball or track star. Fully engaged, he still keeps his distance, perhaps to keep the tactical advantage over this potential threat. However it translates, he knows he's let this reporter into the waiting room on his watch.

"Look, I apologize for that. I...you.... He really is sick, and I know he'll be in later today." Tony stumbles, hoping to regain a surer footing with the truth.

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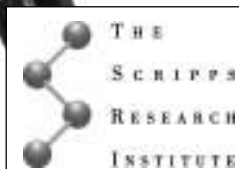
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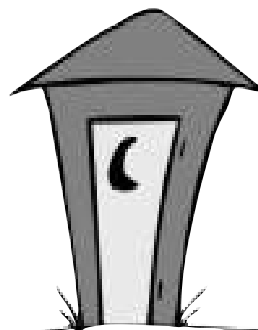
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some lunch and I'll call you when he gets in?"

After giving him my cell phone number and checking the headlines on CNN one last time, I head for the door.

I drive back up the other end of town to visit one of the most popular marijuana doctors in California, Dr. Alfonso Jimenez. After 6/6/06, he too had fled north to Dana Point.

### Dr. J

"...a Cannabis specialist or Qualified Medical Marijuana Examiner has

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—Alfonso Jimenez, *Dr. Jimenez Guide: Medical Marijuana Guide* (pg. 4)

Dr. Alfonso Jimenez is a celebrity in the medical-marijuana community. A Hispanic Jew, he considers himself a serious practitioner in a serious branch of medicine.

He doesn't shy away from the attention he's drawn to himself either. With flash and panache he greets and sizes up a stranger in a single glance. His wavy shock of black hair with dramatic brown streaks matches his intense, anthracitic eyes, close set in a dark complexion.

In conversation, his demeanor changes often, but make no mistake, he's locked into the Mission: to make democracy safe for cannabis — and vice versa.

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Instead of the typical white coat, Dr. Jimenez sees patients in acid-washed jeans and a black Grateful Dead T-shirt — a glittery silver, top-hatted, and grinning skull. The one professional note in his dress is the stethoscope draped in traditional fashion around his neck.

His 12'x12' examination room includes a black Naugahyde examination table — the supine design suggests a psychiatrist's couch. The exam-room walls are decked in the framed parchment of various medical affiliations, licenses, degrees, and awards. A laptop has been plopped down on top of a low three-drawer bedroom side bureau that might have once held the doctor's socks and underwear but now serves as his desk.

He hands me a lighter and a pen, both printed

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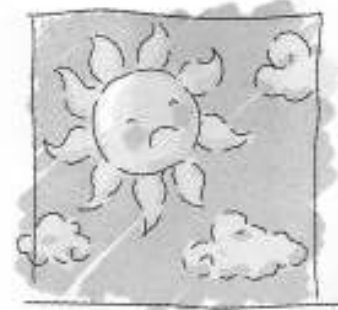
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with his practice's logo — a caduceus sprouting a cannabis leaf and flanked, two to each side, by the letters MMSD — Medical Marijuana of San Diego.

Despite what the logo promises, there is no weed on the premises.

"Patients do not get their medicine from me," he states. "In fact, it's illegal to write a medical-marijuana recommendation on a prescription pad."

He brings out in quick succession the paperwork that legalizes a medical user, including a handy wallet-sized version of the user's recommendation.

"This is for local law enforcement," he says, handing me an unsigned copy of an official doctor's recommendation. "This is what you present with your California driver's license or ID to the dispensary. The patients get pictures and an ID card from me, and this can be verified online with the driver's license."

It's understandable

that Dr. Jimenez remains vigilant about the letter of the law — when the law's spirit is still in question in San Diego County. Like some Orange County pot-shop owners, Dr. Jimenez is an exile from the 6/6/06 shutdown. He says that he'd been fairly busy in San Diego until the big bust — seeing 20 to 30 patients a day, three to four days a week.

"When the dispensaries and co-ops shut down, there were about 50 of them in the county, and they were all pretty active. When they did shut down, I think most people just said, 'Hey, why get a recommendation if these dispensaries are all shut down? I don't want to go all the way to L.A. or Orange County.' So as the months went by, I noticed a big drop in my patient count."

Cutting his losses, Dr. Jimenez split the difference between his San Diego and Orange County patients.

"We moved my office

in Laguna Beach downtown, closer to Dana Point — as close to the San Diego County border as we could — so it wasn't too far away from my Orange County patients." Many patients, about 80 percent, do make the Dana Point trek, but Dr. Jimenez fears others look for their medicine on the streets. If he can discourage anyone from buying off the streets, he considers that a day well spent. "People tell me, 'Look, I'm going to buy it illegally, but I'm using this for insurance,' " he says. "When we had that happen a couple times, I started saying to my patients, 'Well, I'm Jewish-Mexican, you know, and the Torah says you can't break the law of the land.' So when I heard that, I knew it was my responsibility to try to make these people come up here to Dana Point and get their cannabis."

Dr. Jimenez moves to his office door, opens it, and peeks out. The patients

are beginning to pile up in the waiting room, so he excuses himself.

"Call my cell..." he says over a shoulder as he heads out the door.

There were 4 people in the room when I arrived that morning. As I leave, that number approaches 30.

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I'd heard nothing all day from Tony. The day is drawing down on 3:00 p.m. Tired of waiting, I return to the townhouse and knock at the commissary door.

This time, some unseen presence opens the door. The once-empty waiting room is now exploding with activity.

Festivities are in full swing, a regular college-dorm party — complete with a young man chasing a nubile young lady and snatching at her miniskirt. Everyone turns to the door, and as the high-pitched high jinx dies away, I hear a voice from the other side of the room filling with the air of authority.

"Hey...you...You.... YOU!"

Before I can step inside, the man behind the inflating voice makes his small but determined way to the doorway.

"Dude, there's a buzzer on your left," he says, pointing with annoyance at the residential doorbell attached to the jamb.

He has a bad haircut and a worse mood. He wears the clothes of a teenager — black T-shirt and goofy plaid golfing shorts, tennis shoes unlaced and tube socks rolled low. His patent-leather hair seems not so much to grow from his scalp as spread like an oil slick over his skull. Stone-faced, Peter Pan — he does not give his name — looks me up and down suspiciously and mutters, "Can I help you?"

It sounds like an afterthought. Nevertheless, Peter Pan requires an answer.

I tell him in abridged form everything I told Tony earlier in the day.

"Well, Steve's not here

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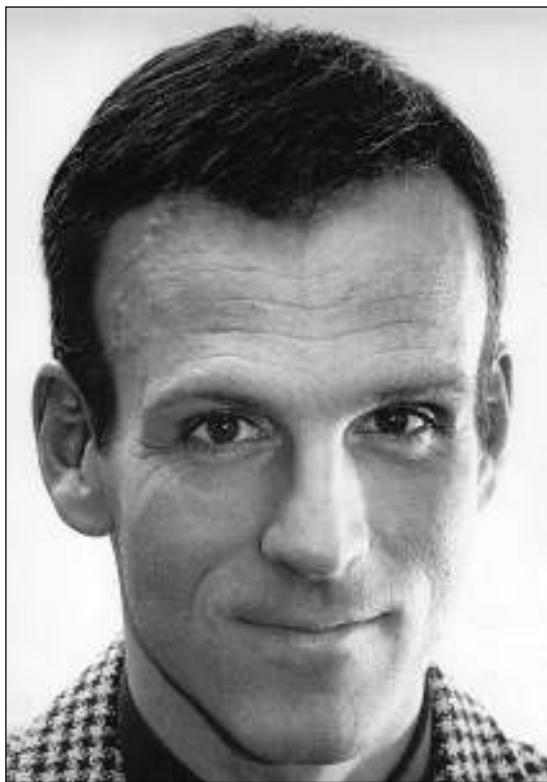
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## By the book

"My compassion forced me to conduct research from [sic] my patients and the following are highlights of my study: 76.65 percent reported that cannabis has been very effective in treating their conditions. 71.50 percent reported that they were able to stop or reduce their prescriptions and/or over-the-counter medicines."

—Dr. Jimenez Guide: *Medical Marijuana Guide* (pg. 2)

The next time Dr. Jimenez and I meet, we sit at the bar at Maryjane's in the San Diego Hard Rock Hotel. Perhaps the meeting place was meant as a joke on his part — I didn't ask.

This time, he's brought a copy of his book, the self-published and redundantly titled *Dr. Jimenez Guide: Medical Marijuana Guide*. Besides being a compendium of legal, medical, and agricultural know-how, the book also serves as a manifesto of sorts.

Mysteriously double-quoting himself, the good doctor writes:

"Dr. Jimenez states, 'During my long journey to becoming a doctor it became clear that "Health is Wealth" and I noticed a pattern that is essential to maintain health for all vital organs.'"

"I'm self-employed," he says while autographing ("Welcome to San Diego. Cheers to your health! Cannabis Doc...") the book. "I don't have to get someone else's approval to do what I do. I don't want to work for HMOs, for instance. They don't want the physicians writing rec-

ommendations...because it's their policy."

Jimenez acknowledges that pot docs have a reputation for being too quick on the draw, especially in writing recommendations for minors.

"Out of my 6000 patients, I think there's been 3 or 4 patients I've had under 18," he says, adding that California has legal safeguards he is careful to follow. "Both parents have to be there, whether they're divorced or not. Their doctor has to have a statement stating that the patient will benefit from a recommendation, and they have to have medical records [to support the claim]."

"For example, I saw a patient who was involved in a car accident. He was taking methadone for chronic pain, and Vicodin. He was taking about eight different medications, as a matter of fact, for his pain. He was depressed, but he

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was also very smart, at the top of his class in school. He was not a stoner, and his family was very professional, well-to-do and educated. They came in and brought in all the paperwork and wanted their son to be on cannabis so he could get off the oxycontin and other meds."

Jimenez takes a few additional precautions when dealing with minors.

"I actually call the physician when someone under 18 comes in," he explains. "I tell the doctor who I am and tell him the situation before we go forward."

Dr. Jimenez claims his record is impeccable. "I'm not doing anything illegal. I've never been sued and never been in trouble with my medical license in any way in my life."

Noting that his workload is no larger than an average HMO doctor, Jimenez reports he's helping 1100 patients at the moment.

"For perspective," he says, "if you work for a Kaiser HMO outfit, most family physicians have 1500 patients or so."

So medical pot is also a business, and business is fine, Jimenez says, despite the challenges of practicing cannabis medicine in the San Diego area.

"This is absolutely a lifetime vocation," he says. "I'll tell you, too, right now, I'm breaking records every single day. That Saturday we [first] visited was a record-breaking day at the office."

Even the bad press that medical marijuana has gotten in recent years has been good business for the marijuana doctors, Jimenez adds.

"Every time medical marijuana is in the papers, where it's bad or negative, you can ask any cannabis doctor in the state — we're busier. People are just angry."

#### Marijuana for the masses

Dion Markgraaf is the president of the San Diego Chapter of Americans for

Safe Access (ASA), a medical-marijuana activist group with headquarters in Oakland.

But really, that's just his day job.

Fresh-faced as a college freshman and conver-

sational in even his most passionate moments, his demeanor belies the heart of a revolutionary.

Markgraaf is a self-proclaimed Communist.

Today, he's dressed in solidarity with hempsters

around the world: earthy brown shorts, a plain navy-blue T-shirt, and a faded navy-blue cap with a tauntingly familiar logo on the crest — CIA. In this case, though, the letters stand for Cannabis Intelli-

gence Amsterdam — a marijuana consortium working out of marijuana-friendly Holland.

"Everything I have on is made out of hemp," he explains.

Perhaps the first offi-

cial political agent of the legal-weed culture, Markgraaf established his pedigree by starting his own reds-for-green movement: the California Cannabis Consumer Party (CCCCP).

He shows me a post-

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card-sized version of the party flag he's designed. At the flag's center, the trademark five-pointed leaf flames with revolutionary red from a field of that same earthen green splashed on the Dana Point Dispensary. The political party, as Markgraaf saw it, was a case of grasping at the last straw — but after 6/6/06, it's a straw he hopes will break stiff-backed attitudes toward medical pot.

"I'm trying to inform the masses about the economic potential of cannabis and the stupidity of our overall policy toward weed," he says. "In a sense, I don't have to even go for the people who are against cannabis, if I could just tune in to the people who are for cannabis."

Like all good Marxists, Markgraaf sees education as the first step toward solidarity. After closing his own dispensary business in the wake of 6/6/06, he decided to start the Inter-

national Cannabis University (ICU) as a way for medical-cannabis users to grow a green thumb. ICU students, Markgraaf said, get down and dirty with the plant as the university seeks to root the medical-marijuana community in the basic units of labor involved in cannabis growth — its seeding, nurturing, and harvesting.

With about 100 growers in its student body, ICU is a work in progress. Located in an office building on the southern edge of Clairemont, the campus consists of about 700 square feet of office space littered with the detritus of administration. A photocopier looking for a permanent home hunkers in the middle of the front office. A couple of bulletin boards papered over with stale memos hang from the walls. Cardboard boxes full of files mingle with open packing crates full of hemp-related material —

clothing, topical creams, and hygiene products.

In the back room — which serves as ICU's main classroom — color photos of the cannabis plant hang in rows. The photos are close-up shots of the weed in its states of growth, bloom, and fruition. From the center of the room, an overhead slide projector juts from the ceiling, dangling at a broken angle, while at the far end of the room, a 2x4-and-plywood dais waits for an instructor to mount.

As ICU's head professor of weedology, Markgraaf begins a course with an introductory lesson in irony. He notes that the same county that has placed such tight restrictions on growers also experiences the best weather and soil conditions for cannabis in all of California, making it a veritable Eden for the saw-toothed weed.

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grow outside and as big as possible,” he explains. “Cannabis will take as much sunlight as it can get. In fact, as far as cannabis and hemp go, in southern parts of the world, where ozone is getting depleted, they’re finding that cannabis is one of the only things that will grow with any consistency.”

According to Markgraaf, the ideal shape and size of a cannabis plant is 10 to 14 feet — tall and wide. The ideal plant has to have volume — not just height like cornstalks, and not just width like your grandmother’s azaleas. The ideal crop, Markgraaf notes, is a row of plump plants radiating at the same size in all directions, resembling a garden topiary of giant green boulders.

But such a monster reefer crop, Markgraaf adds, while producing a maximum yield of quantity and quality bud, also draws attention to itself — and not the kind of attention that wins 4H ribbons at the county fair.

“At that size, it grows over most houses and fences,” he says. “This means that your neighbors can see it. So, there’s a difference between the ideal situation and the reality. The biggest pests are really your neighbors, not the bugs. Neighbors can nip away at your grow just as well as bugs.

“I know this crippled guy who every year gets robbed,” he adds. “He has such beautiful plants too. He’s even had people help him by camping out in his grow at the right time, but it doesn’t seem to matter. Someone still manages to make a haul.”

As a weed, Markgraaf noted, cannabis is in many ways a low-maintenance plant — leave it alone and it will do its best to please. He warns ganja gardeners, though, to resist being overly scrupulous.

“A big myth out there is that it’s good to pare back the plant’s leaves,” he says, striking his best Martha Stewart tone, “but

the leaves are the solar panels. People think, ‘Oh, the light is not getting down to my buds!’ So they’ll prune the leaves — and then they wonder why their harvest is so bad.”

In fact, he added, the hobby-grower needs only Mother Nature’s toolbox to succeed — water, California sunlight, and a few nutrients — like the goodies in garden-variety pot-

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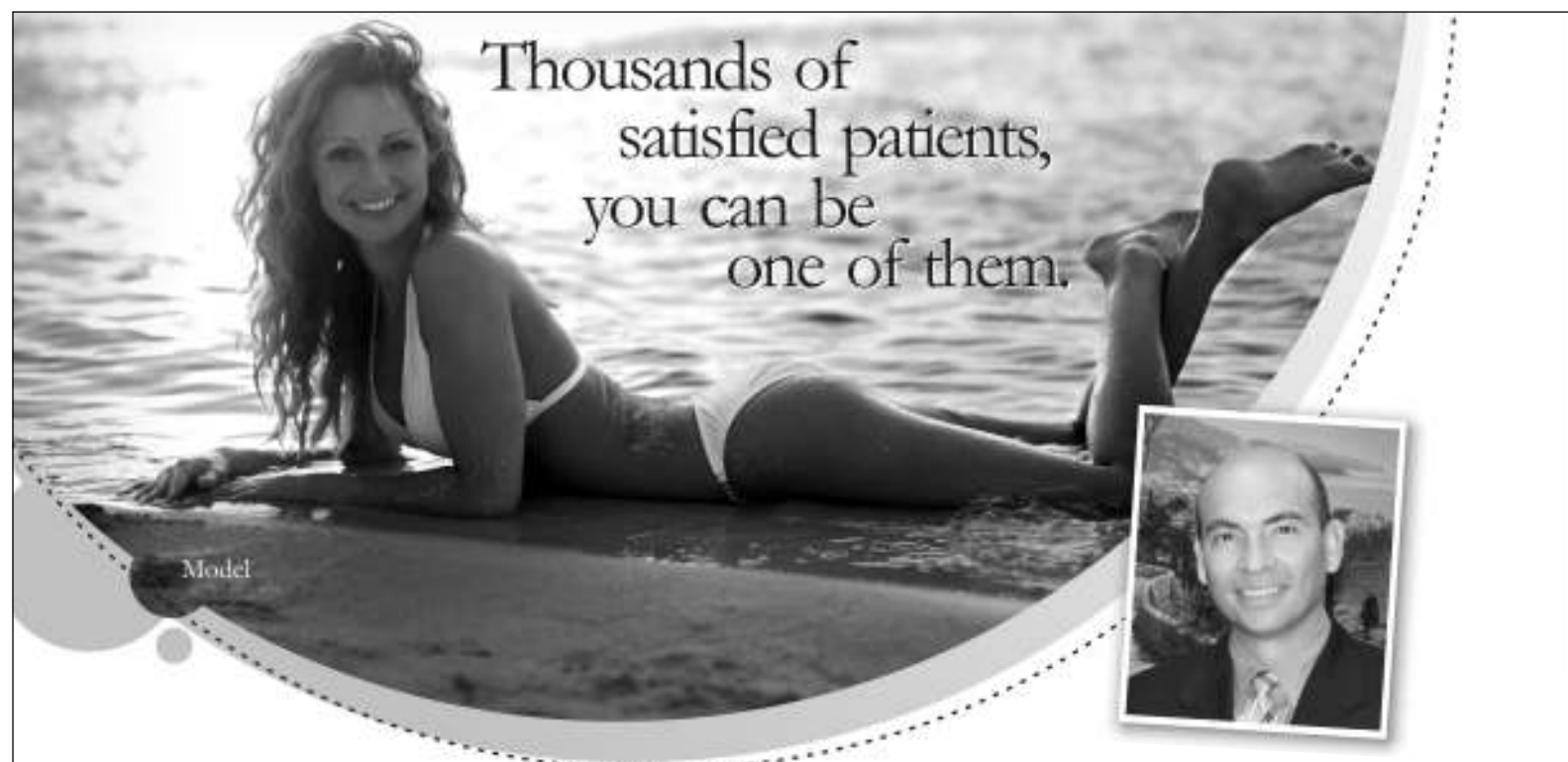
Markgraaf invites me to attend the monthly San Diego Americans for Safe

Access (ASA) chapter meeting. It is held at the top floor of the same multi-tiered office building that houses ICU’s campus. With open balconies ringing each floor of the

building’s exterior, the place looks like a layer cake with stucco frosting.

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“Ed.” He says it is his first meeting.

The evening proceeds less by *Robert's Rules of Order* and more on impulse. The crowd's growing numbers alone seem to push the meeting into a starting position. As the crowd gathers, Markgraaf keeps looking around as he prepares the multimedia props set up at one end of the room — laptop, projector, screen — and when he sees with nervous impatience that enough is enough, he brings the meeting to order.

Members and guests fill the neat arrangement of chairs — seven deep by ten wide — while the overspill takes up positions in the back of the room. The lights, already dim, are muted even further as Markgraaf calls the crowd to attention. Plucking and stabbing at his laptop, Markgraaf punctuates his PowerPoints about ASA's current status, marijuana's

current status, his current status, etc. The procedural manner of his comments and his banter with his audience have the look and feel not of a revolutionary meeting of minds but of Rotary Club quotidian.

Then come the guest speakers — someone making a movie about medical marijuana; someone stumping for a political race; someone else advertising his pot home-delivery business; and a handsome young Asian girl, a student at UCSD, giving her best shot at riling the crowd for an upcoming pro-legalized marijuana talk on campus cosponsored by the conservative Federalist Society and the liberal Students for a Sane Drug Policy.

Then Markgraaf opens the meeting to the peanut gallery. Barely waiting for the starting whistle, Ed from the elevator hurls his first boulder.

“I don't understand

why we speak of safe access, as if marijuana is something harmful... These kinds of groups never seem to challenge the pharmaceutical companies, and I'm wondering why — in terms of harmfulness, whether it's recreational or not, pharm drugs are being used and abused by a huge percentage of the population and ASA should promote marijuana as an alternative to harmful pharm pet rocks, and it never is...”

Almost at once, Markgraaf finds himself in a hobbyhorse rodeo. In vying for control of the discussion, he holds on for dear life:

*Dion:* Yes, I hear what you're saying. You know, I like to say marijuana's a gateway drug, in reverse.

*Ed:* Oh, come on, everything is a gateway drug — because anyone who drinks beer started out on milk, and anyone who started heroin started

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out on milk —

*Dion:* — it helps people off the hard drugs, off those pharmaceuticals —

*Ed:* Gateway is a bad terminology —

*Dion:* Yes, I saw the reaction it got.

*Ed:* Say, “alternative” —

*Dion:* This is one example of many...

Believe me, we're as frustrated as the next person, and we —

*Ed:* But it doesn't seem that those arguments are made as an alternative to what may be harmful, legal prescription drugs. It's not presented that way.... Marijuana should be the alternative to things that hurt your kidneys and livers —

*Dion:* I hear you. Look, I've been in the cannabis movement for 15 years.

*Ed:* So you've been around the bend.

*Dion:* Yes, I've been around the bend —

*Ed:* So, then why aren't the arguments being made?

*Dion:* Can I just finish...? Thanks. Look. Here in California, it's hard to find someone who's against medical marijuana, see? So you don't see us arguing against someone — there aren't really any other people —

*Ed:* It's easy to find these people because in this country I cannot find safe access to medical marijuana.

*Dion:* That's the practicality. Everyone's for medical marijuana, but the practicality is where to get it? How to get it? How does it come here? Those are difficult questions that people don't want to go to. Now, if you want to, you can get involved in the political system and come up with solutions.... I think you would have a hard time finding anyone in San Diego who doesn't believe in medical

marijuana.

*Ed:* So, then, why aren't these arguments being made?

And so on.

### Joint pains

After the meeting, members and guests mingle — the pause of a wave before it washes back out to sea. Among those willing to speak about medical marijuana, “John” — he doesn't want his real name used — comes across as a quirky but genuine article. A retired ad-writer for major U.S. industries, he's been coming to the ASA meetings since December 2007. John is extremely tanned — the look and color of dried apricot — and speaks with a rich timbre turning to gravel from too many cigarettes.

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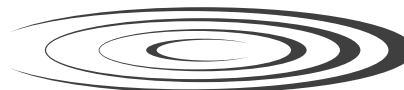
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these eruptions.” He grins, running his hand in a half-clenched demonstration down the length of his buttocks and leg. “That’s how I would describe it. If I smoke marijuana between 10:00 and 12:00 at night, I have the most wonderful sleep. I don’t dream. I don’t even get up to go to the bathroom. And in the morning, that burning sensation is 99 percent gone. My legs feel normal — like they did before 1985.”

But the biggest pain in John’s ass these days isn’t the drugs — it’s the skyrocketing cost of reefer. Heavysset, wearing a base-

ball cap, and looking as if he should be hanging out in a mechanic’s bay at Jiffy Lube, another guest walks up and interjects his comments about how the high cost of gasoline is driving just about everything up. John smiles, but his silence leaves these comments otherwise untethered.

“When I was living in San Francisco,” he continues, “I had a wonderful guy who got me good stuff at a good price. I had him for almost 20 years...and never once did he raise his prices. He died in 2000. He was in his 70s. I remember going to his hospital bed

and saying, ‘Dan! Dan! What am I going to do? You’ve been providing me my medicine — next year is our 20th anniversary. Dan, pull through for me!’ But he died about two hours after I saw him in the hospital. So that was it.”

When he moved to San Diego, John realized he was no longer going to be living the high life — at least not at his old San Francisco rates.

“I came down here not knowing anything,” he admits. “I bought from these guys off the street. What a bunch of rip-off artists down here. I have

never encountered a more rotten group of people than the street dealers down here.”

John said that he thought he had a good “source” — and paid him \$100 a lid — “and that’s another thing, no one down here knows what a lid is — an ounce — 28.3 grams.”

Following our conversation, the otherwise diffident Fuel Injection Guy attempts another breakthrough.

“I’m from St. Louis, and I remember when I was a little kid,” Fuel says. “My mom? Yeah, she used

to sell lids....”

“So anyway,” John says, segueing into nothing, although he does wrinkle his bronzed forehead in a sort of acknowledgement of Fuel’s contribution. “I have a scale and weigh everything out.” He explains that he was short-changed the 0.3 grams after his last transaction.

Now, after what he’s seen and heard at the ASA meetings, John says that he’ll most likely stop going to the streets for his medicine.

“The same delivery services I found online were here tonight. Back

when I called one and told him I have a scale, he told me he’d be delivering an eighth. I weighed it out and it was exactly right. I figure the people here are decent. They’re nice.”

His bloodshot eyes look up to the ceiling, unconvinced of his good fortune.

“But, you figure, I’d been paying for 19 years \$30 for an eighth,” he says, the scorn palpable. “Now I’m paying \$65 for an eighth. But I guess, well — you know. What consumable hasn’t gone up in price?”

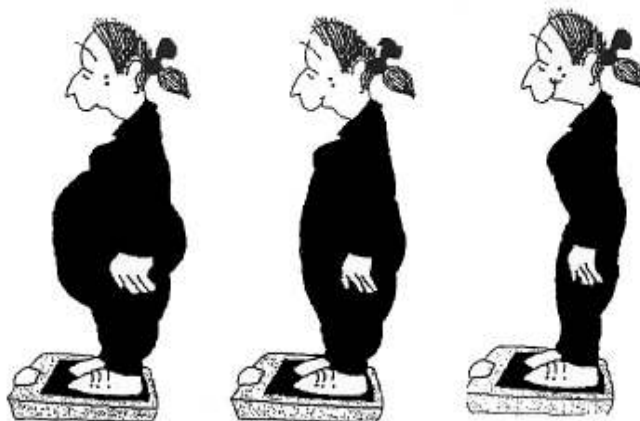
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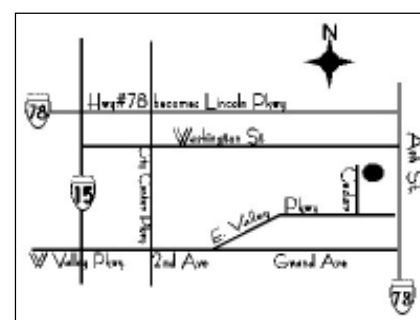
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gas in the nation," Fuel repeats. "Or anywhere else in California..."

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Another first-time ASA meeting member, Bill Malt is a complexity of contradictions. He's an acculturated West Coast transplant nostalgic for his Midwestern roots; a gay man who avoids gay culture; an ex-pot dealer who avoids drug culture; and a memoirist who doesn't want his real name used in this story...

"I haven't taken it yet, but I think I want to try medical marijuana," he says, hushing his voice beneath the jazz playing from the coffee shop hi-fi.

Malt is a stroke victim. Although he's recovered from the paralysis that gripped the right side of his body, he's lost a step or two in the pace he'd maintained in life.

"I have been on morphine and Vicodin for the past 11 years," he explains.

"During my recovery from a stroke — I was diagnosed with reflex sympathetic dystrophy [RSD]."

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After surgery did a number on his larynx, his voice has a mere husk of the command it enjoyed in his younger years — sounding like someone who's just inflated a bal-

loon. In measured tones, carefully distributing his breath within each sentence, he lets me know he's coming close to making a decision.

"I've developed a resistance to Vicodin," he adds. "I also don't like it because it's highly addictive. I don't like feeling that way."

Malt says that for normal pain levels he takes a low dosage of morphine — about 15 ml, three times a day. The problem with morphine, he explains, is that it is as unforgiving as a needy lover — if you miss a date, your body hears about it.

"If I went to bed and fell asleep without taking the nighttime dose, I would go into withdrawal, like I would imagine a heroin addict would go through, only milder."

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form — and found it worse than the other drugs he'd been taking.

"It didn't do anything for me except make me high," he notes. "The other night at the meeting, I'd heard that it was bad for

you, so I'm glad I didn't stick with it."

A friend who was treating arthritis with medical marijuana first suggested that Malt try cannabis.

"So I got a prescrip-

tion [recommendation], which came to 150 bucks," he says, his face freezing in sticker shock. "I wasn't ready for that."

But, money aside, Malt still hasn't tried it out. Before attending the ASA

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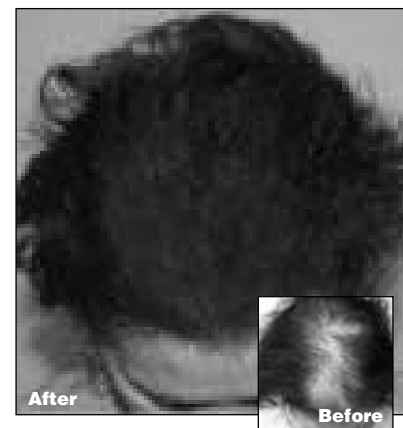
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meeting, he probably would have remained on the fence about the whole thing.

"I found the meeting the other night interesting, more interesting than I had expected. I had only expected to go there and find out how to get the pot because I'm not acquainted with dealers. I didn't want to do anything illegal." He pauses. "I want to try it," he says, convincing himself as much as anyone. "I don't know. I have a condescending attitude — I look down on people who use it. And I know, intellectually, that's kind of stupid. There are worse things, and it's probably better for you than alcohol. But you know, I associate it with lowlife and low class."

Living it up in New York City in the late 1970s, Malt was making the rounds in "the Hip Era," as he called it — when dance halls like Studio 51 were part of hedonism's kingdom and the disco ball its guiding light. Flared slacks and off-the-shoulder blouses were the uniform of the day, porn was chic, and Mary Jane was queen of pleasures.

"I was a dealer of pot," he says, "but you can read about that in my memoir." Malt says that his memoir runs to about 50 chapters, and he isn't done yet.

"I'm gay," he also declares, at the same time acknowledging ambivalence to gay culture. "I had a girlfriend at one time; I was engaged twice to be married. I guess I have my straight life and gay life, and they've often overlapped."

Now, as he contemplates a distinct second chapter with marijuana, he looks back with rue at the first.

"I stopped talking about it," he said, recalling his wild years. "So I wrote about it instead in my memoirs. It's at the heart of the period when I was doing a lot. I'm melancholic about my past and the ability I had to sail through a high life and a social life with tons of

friends. And now... well, now I'm old."

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some people have taken up the ganja rallying cry and what another age might have called religious fervor. But for University Hills resident Paul Smalley, marijuana is not the messiah of the hedonist but the mira-

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A polymath with a host of degrees and a roadmap of career paths on his résumé, Smalley claims expertise in economics, accounting, law, financial management, and life insurance.

These days, however, he's become a high priest of marijuana as founder of Ministry of Hope, a church for pot patients wishing to participate in the liturgy of the joint with the added benefit of community support.

All the more remarkable, in his 39 years Smalley has managed most of his success from a wheelchair. In 1986, he sustained a spinal cord injury that left his lower body semi-paralyzed. He cannot stand upright for any great period of time and spends most of his time fighting a two-front war — chronic back pain and chronic

depression.

We talk on his backyard patio, which doubles as his church's "sacramental chamber." I smoke cigarettes and he smokes weed. He brings out a small medicine-bottle of the stuff — White Dragon — as we speak and rolls a number with a deft ballet of fingers.

He lights up, pulls on his joint like a sump pump, and holds onto his inhale as he prepares to revisit 1986.

"When I was a teenager..."

No, on second thought, with an impetuous shake of his head, still holding his inhale, he decides to back up into history even further.

"Well," he says, a thick rope of pot smoke channeling from his mouth at last, "I've always been clinically depressed. But when I was 18, I finally threw myself off a cliff."

He nods, acknowledging to himself that his own

account of the injury remains incomplete. After waiting to hit the bottom of that cliff once more in his mind, and with eyelids narrowing at the thought, he says, "I wanted to kill myself."

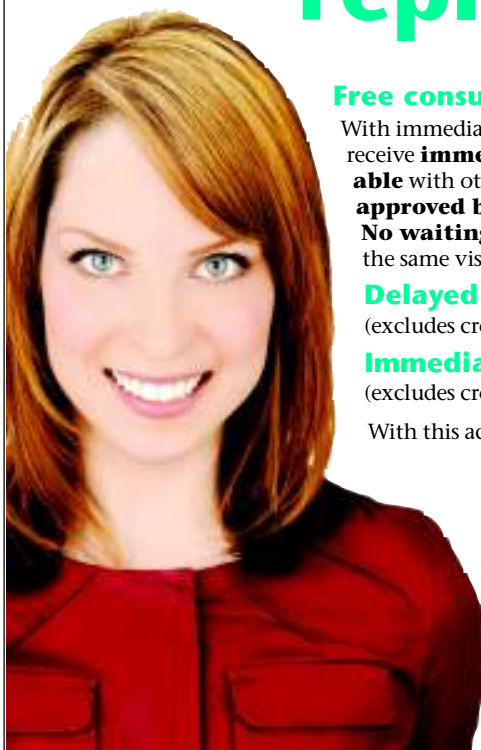
Smalley admits that at the time he was higher than the 100 feet he fell from the cliff. But he insists that what he thought was his last joint on earth proved to be his saving grace.

"I read studies after the fact," he says, looking back at his suicide attempt. "Cannabis is probably the only thing that prevented brain injury. I fell 100 feet straight down off a cliff. I didn't hit anything on the way down. I just hit the boulders at the bottom. The doctors say I probably bounced."

Coupled to his psychological crisis was a growing desire to help people — in the hospital, on the streets; anywhere he

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saw physical suffering, he saw marijuana waiting in the wings, poised to rescue.

"I looked at myself and saw that I was having the time of my life compared to most of these folks," he says. "I mean, I'm getting my shit kicked out of me while I'm lying here in the hospital, and I'm having the time of my life, comparatively speaking.

"So that's sort of part of my thing with the church," he explains. "The people who need cannabis the most are the least able to afford it. I've spent \$2000-\$3000 a month for as long as I can remember — that's a quarter-pound a month of high-quality cannabis. So I know how much it costs people."

Ministry of Hope opened its doors in December 2007. Services, such as they are, are very basic, says Smalley, a lapsed Catholic.

"They include no reference to any specific religion or historic religious figure," he says. "The idea is to be as open as humanly possible and not exclude anyone, regardless of religious affiliation, political view, sexual lifestyle choices, or sexual orientation. I don't care if you have tattoos or you're homeless — you're all human beings and all deserve a place to go."

Ministry of Hope's outreach includes weekly public meetings, a website, and the church's monthly newsletter, "Hope Heals."

"The [state-issued] ID card is the only way that anyone can get patient-support services through the church — for obvious reasons," Smalley says, referring to his church's strict observance of Proposition 215. No marijuana is bought or sold at the church; the operation is strictly BYOW — bring your own weed — but Ministry of Hope offers patients a place to inhale.

A typical weekly church service at Smalley's house — which for the

moment serves as Ministry's church — consists of preaching, reaching out, and toking up.

"After a brief sermon, I invite the card-carrying members to join me for a private sacramental cere-

mony," he says. "I'm doing the main service in the living room, and then we use this outdoor area as the sacramental chamber."

In the end, Smalley admits he still has a ways to go — and his church is

not yet built on the solid financial rock of donations from an overflowing membership. At the moment, the full-time congregation consists of Smalley, his two dogs, his mother-in-law, and his

wife.

"My wife and mother-in-law are especially important to me," he says. "When no one comes for services, they keep me company through it, so I don't feel like a total idiot.

Half the time it happens this way, but like I said, I'm starting from zero.

"If they took me to court today, I'm not sure I would be able to prove I was a church," he admits. "I think I am a lot more

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than Scientology — but what are you going to do?"

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Rudy Reyes doesn't smoke marijuana — but he does inhale it. A medical-marijuana patient since 2004, he's had his fill of smoke

and fire. In fact, when it comes to the methods of ingesting marijuana, he doesn't have much of a choice in the matter.

"I'm looking for the cleanest hit I can get off cannabis," he said. "I'm a burn survivor, from a fire,

so I can't smoke."

At his elbow, Reyes has his vaporizer — a two-foot piece of rubber tubing connected at one end to the vaporizing unit, a metal box that looks and functions, as Reyes describes it, like an Easy-

Bake Oven. Attached to the opposite end of the rubber tubing is an open-ended glass bulb about the size and shape of a golf ball, which Reyes had custom-made for his mouth. It is through this bulb that the healing begins.

"I had lip issues at first and could not open my mouth so much," he explains. "So the doctors made this part wider so it could fit over my lips."

The box bakes a couple of tablespoons of pot at a time, separating out the hot air and sending the therapeutic vapors up through the tube to Reyes's mouth. Once in his lungs, the drug spreads THC par-

ticles through his body like tiny Swedish masseuses working out the kinks in his fire-scored nerve endings.

"The vaporizer can slowly raise the heat to whatever I want to program it," Reyes's gnarled fingers play lightly over the buttons and gauges. "I like mine at 400 degrees. But the vaporizer can go as high as 430 degrees. When it goes through the tube, and you can see the vapor coming through, a very light vapor, it is virtually clean. The tube gives it plenty of time to diffuse and cool down. It's the cleanest method. Doctors recommend it in my case."

Reyes first won fame during the 2003 Cedar Fire — the worst conflagration in California history. Starting October 25, the fire roared through the wooded areas of San Diego County, devouring 280,278 acres and 2820 buildings and killing 15 people, until it was contained on November 11. Most victims attempted to flee the fire in the Lakeside area, three from the same location that Reyes barely escaped from — Wildcat Canyon.

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"As soon as I hit the fire line," he says, "I covered my face with my hands just before going in. A few times, I saw a flicker of flames go through my fingers into my face."

Reyes made it to the other side and began walking toward the main road. A passing motorist picked Reyes up and drove him to paramedics waiting at the bottom of the canyon. Lying on the paramedics' gurney, he remembers paramedics cutting away his clothes and a voice — perhaps a paramedic's — saying, "We're going to put you to sleep now, so you're not in any pain."

"I'm not in any pain right now," Reyes said. But he later discovered that his scored nerve endings had left him numb. "Uh-oh," he remembers the paramedic saying. "Well, we're putting you to sleep anyway."

Reyes woke up two months later.

"I woke up on Christmas Day," he says. "They had me in an induced coma for two months — it was a 'let's pull the plug and see if he lives' situation."

With over 65 percent of his body scarred by third-degree burns, Reyes is a walking miracle — one that manages his constant pain with marijuana. The intense heat warped his face into a mask of scar tissue and melted his hands into shrunken claws.

Reyes recovered at University of California San Diego Hospital's Burn Center. Family and friends made regular visits, but just as regular was the intense pain caused by the raw nerves exposed on the

surface of his charred flesh. To make matters worse, complications began to pile up on Reyes's chart.

The most serious complication came with only a few months left of recovery. Reyes's body had

reached a saturation point with pain medication. Graduating from painkiller to painkiller, he was told by his doctors that he was running out of options.

For palliative care, pot became Reyes's only

option. But the little weed wasn't just bringing relief through ingestion, Reyes discovered. Topical creams made with cannabis extracts have kept his skin moist, a dire necessity for burn victims, Reyes said. In

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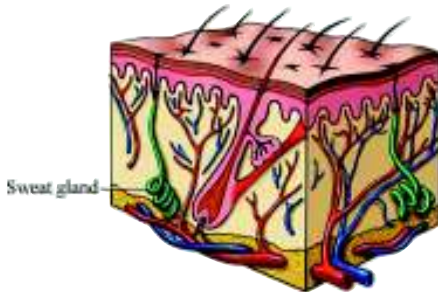
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"I know I'm going to need another surgery in another few years," he says, looking at his wrinkled skin. "Right now, I'm in limbo. I try to keep myself as healthy as possible in this good time."

Reyes acknowledges that he's about as close to a

poster child as the medical-marijuana movement has got.

"I am that legitimate patient that everyone's looking for that supposedly doesn't exist," he says, lowering his eyes and taking a breath. Then he looks up and says through a tired but easy smile, "I'm right here. I haven't been hiding. I've been right out in the open. Here I am." ■

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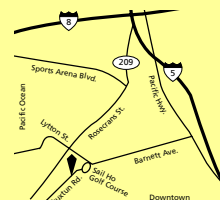
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# McCain or Obama

**October 20, 2008**

9:30pm. Thursday. Starving. Waiting for my chicken to cook on my itchy propane grill. Occupying my time with a \$3 merlot from Jaycee's and listening to 88.3. Go out in the backyard with a plate in my right hand and a fork in my left. S\*\*t! Ran out of propane. Starving. Do I risk salmonella?

Idea! I throw my dog a bone and head to the Turf Club. I ordered a MM on the rocks and a sirloin. It takes three MMs before my steak is medium rare. I have yet to talk to anyone besides the bartender. After devouring my steak and my sixth MM, I begin chatting up the person next to me. Soon, I go outside to bum a cigarette. Chatten', drinkin', smokin', repeat. I switch to Stella because I gotta go to work tomorrow.

I don't make it to work. I wake up with my front door open and lying in my bed with my dog and my clothes on feeling good...a little too good. Manic. Woo hoo. I take a couple of bong hits, and me and the dog head out to a beau-

tiful day. It is hard to be hungover walking around in the afternoon in Golden Hill (well, as long as you move slowly).

Cool. The tables in front of the diner are empty, so I can eat and hang with the dog. When I sit down, I can see someone etched four one-cent symbols on the window. I see these all over Golden Hill. A homeless man with an amputated leg slowly hobbles past me. I amusingly wonder if that is the famous Mr. Redmond Barry.

A waitress in her 60s comes out and tells me in a thick German accent that I look just like her first husband. She tells me this every time I have seen her for the past four years. I order French toast, sausage, and two runny eggs.

A curvaceous curly blonde sits down on the other outside table. She asks me if I mind if she smokes. Is she hitting on me? "No problem," I mumble. The smoke makes me nauseous. I try to think of something clever to say to start banter. I never say anything.

I tie up the dog to the closest tree and go inside to pay the check. While I am waiting at the cash register for a waitress, I overhear two



Golden Hill

separate tables arguing over McCain and Obama. Both have good arguments; i.e., they both suck.

The intensity of their voices increases, and I start freaking out a little. Patrons of both tables are now both on their feet in each other's face. They are only two feet from me. I am really freaking. From nowhere, a four-foot brown boy with a Beatles haircut appears between me and the soon-to-be riot. Facing the crowd, he shouts, "Stop!" The diner is silent.

He continues, "My mom and dad died in Iraq" — his voice is

shaking — "so you all would have a choice to vote. So be happy and get along." There was not a dry eye in the diner except two. Mine. I was having a different reaction.

The MMs, runny eggs, and cigarettes were creeping their way into my mouth during little Uncle Sam's speech. By the time he finished, my cheeks were filled like a happy chipmunk. When everyone in the diner started clapping, the French toast reached my fully occupied mouth. This began a chain reaction, all of which ended on top of the Beatles haircut. ■



Author: **Dan McClatchy**  
Neighborhood: **Golden Hill**  
Age: **35**  
Occupation: **Scientist**

Editor's note: This is the winner of the \$250 second-place prize for October's neighborhood-essay contest.

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## LETTERS

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**City Lights, by Don Bauder**

**Published November 12**

*Posted by Fred\_Williams on November 12, 4:22 p.m.*

I suspect that many of the assumptions underlying current predictions will be proven wrongheaded.

For example, Boddy proposes using the financial markets for "price discovery".

But in the last few decades these institutions have completely lost the ability to discover price because they have been hacked by the smart boys to move up or down according to what amounts to side-bets. The markets simply do not serve their stated purpose of price discovery...if they did, we wouldn't be in the awful situation we find today. Instead, they've become gambling dens with outcomes that are often fixed by the dealers.

Similarly, banks, investment houses, insurance companies and especially ratings agencies have so far strayed from their original roles that they cannot be counted on to be honest arbiters of risk or value. Now they want more of our money to wager on their being able to unstuck the sys-

tem they rigged.

It's a gloomy thought that the institutions we are counting on to save us are so rickety and rotten that they're not going to be much help, and may make the situation far worse.

Depending on the same folks who got us into this mess to somehow find a way out seems foolhardy. Again, we know they gamed the system to their benefit.

So they will probably play "garbage in, garbage out" to get policy makers to believe they're working out a solution, when in fact they compound the frauds. Since no one else can pull the levers of the machine, we are being told we "have to" trust them to gamble further with our money.

The assumptions the policy makers use today to justify their massive interventions in the markets seem to ignore the extent of financial system hacking. I don't think the panic stricken schemes concocted to prop up these compromised gaming institutions will end well.

*Posted by MsGrant on November 12, 4:53 p.m.*

Fred - read "Wall Street Lays Another Egg" by Niall Ferguson in the latest issue (Dec.) of Vanity Fair. It is fascinating.

*Posted by gsieenthal on November 13, 2:58 p.m.*

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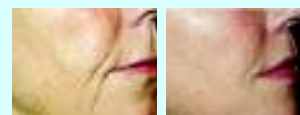
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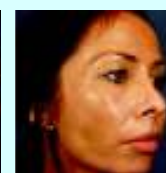
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My thought is that residential real estate is at the center of most all of this so here is what I would do if I were Sec of the Treasury.

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This would accomplish several things. Anyone that owes more than their house is worth would need to agree on a current value with their lender. Yes, this bails out some who bought a home with a stupid loan. The upside is the stabilizing affect this would have on home values which helps everyone including the homeowners that

were more prudent as even a prudent borrower will suffer if his home goes down in value 50% or more.

Banks don't really want to foreclose on these people as it costs them so much more to kick the people out and find a new owner. Yes, the lenders would have to make decisions about the current values but at least they would be getting close to 100% of the current value to offset their existing loan on the home. The lender is certainly better off as is the owner that can now stay in their home.

The government could have Fannie and Freddie "buy" these loans and pool them based on their loan amount and origination date.

Since all of the loans would be 6% fixed, each pool would have a loan "history" 12 months down the road and if the default rate at that point on these new loans are 2%, then at least the pools can be properly valued and there are many investors that would invest in these loans if they knew they would earn 5.7%+. The government could even make them tax

free initially.

Another benefit of this would be that the "investors" that have bought these original Collateralized Mortgage Obligations would at least recover a larger percentage of their investment than if the lender has to incur the legal expense, commission expense and time value of money costs of going the foreclosure route. The problem would go away so much more quickly.

What I do not understand about any of the current solutions being proposed is how will the financial system deal with millions of foreclosures.

What is the cost to our society to have millions of families displaced spending money on relocating rather than on their domicile?

Without a program like this, I foresee people who have not made a mortgage payment for 5 months living in their homes for another 18 months because the foreclosure process in the courts is so backed up, few people are getting to the point where the foreclosure process is complete.

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# Laughing Matter

## The 5 Dollar Comedy Show

**I**f I were to build the perfect comedian, it would be Jerry Seinfeld crossed with Dave Chappelle,” says local comedian Mal Hall. “My comedy is observational. I wouldn’t do anything onstage that I think my mom wouldn’t talk to me after seeing it.”

On Thursday, November 20, Hall will host the 5 Dollar Comedy Show at the Bitter End downtown.

“As far as comedy clubs go, the San Diego scene is really bleak,” says Hall. “There are three places: The open mike at Lestat’s, the Comedy Store in La Jolla, and the Comedy Palace in Kearny Mesa. There’s no comedy club downtown.”

### LOCAL EVENTS

Because of the scarcity of places to perform, Robert Lariviere, a comedian and emcee at the Comedy Store, says, “There is intense competition to get on this stage. We had 38 people call in to try and get the 15 three-minute spots that were available for Sunday.”

No matter how hard even a veteran comedian works on material, to bomb is inevitable.

“The first time you really bomb, it’s like the worst feeling ever, because you’re telling jokes and there are no laughs, so all you have to keep you company is the crazy thoughts going on in your head, like, ‘Why the hell am I up here — I’m so stupid, I suck so bad. But at the same time you’re still speaking.’”

The first time Hall bombed was at Lestat’s in Normal Heights, where the open

mike tends to be populated by musicians and poets. “It was a Monday, and it was packed — everyone was there for some reason,” says Hall. “I go onstage and I’m thinking, ‘This is going to be awesome. Look at all those people.’”

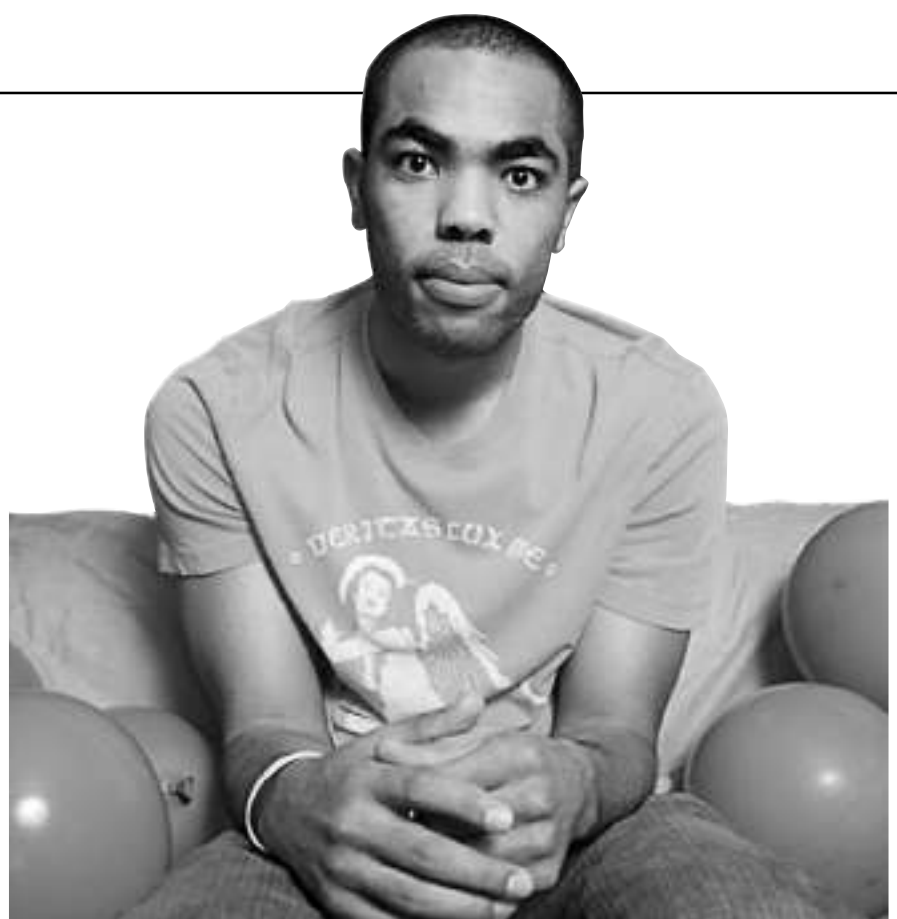
Each performer is allowed ten minutes onstage at Lestat’s, a length of time considered extraordinary for beginning comedians — most open mikes are under five minutes.

“That’s why Lestat’s is one of the most popular open-mikes,” says Hall. “That’s a lot of time to work on material. One of the reasons I love that open mike is because those people aren’t there for the comedy, and they’re sober. So if you get up there and make people laugh, those jokes will definitely work in the club.”

Hall had previously performed at the venue and was feeling confident on that crowded Monday night. “I thought I was definitely going to get laughs, and for ten minutes, zero. Not a giggle. I told a joke and literally heard a chair creaking in the back of the room. Ten minutes probably felt like an hour for those people.”

“I would break comedians down into three groups,” says Lariviere. “First, there are comedians who are focused on their comedy career — whatever they do on stage is to reach a goal of eventually getting to Hollywood, becoming a touring comedian, or getting on TV.” He counts himself and Hall in this category.

“The second group is what we call ‘Bill Hicks disciples’ — they’re just kind of artsy and angry. If you’re not a really good comic, and you don’t have great jokes, you



Mal Hall

fall into that. They come up to me all the time and say, ‘Forget about what this crowd thinks, I’m going to get up there and do what I want to do,’ or, ‘This crowd just doesn’t get me.’”

Lariviere adds, “Bill Hicks was very insulting to the audience, but he was actually pretty funny. Now it’s the crutch of every comedian who’s not very funny to be, like, ‘I don’t care [about the audience].’”

The third group, Lariviere says, “Are people who are never going to make it anywhere. They’re just attention-starved, crazy people.”

During one open-mike night at the Comedy Store, says Lariviere, “There’s one woman who went to Vons, bought a sack of potatoes, took it on stage, mumbled some stuff, said something about her ex-husband, and then put the sack on the floor and mashed the potatoes with a ham-

mer.” Another amateur comedian used his entire set to vacuum the stage without saying a word.

Lariviere recalls, “The same guy went up another time and said, ‘I wonder which is the funniest element?’” Then, in the most monotone voice, he recited the periodic elements from memory. It was amazing. It took people four minutes to get it, and they start giggling. It was clever and interesting, but the point is to make people laugh, and people weren’t laughing.”

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**Nations of San Diego International Festival of Dance** This "cross-cultural collaboration" promises performances by over 200 dancers representing cultures from around globe; countries and cultures represented this year include Argentina, Bali, China, Cuba, East India, Japan, Mexico, Egypt, Middle East, Native America, Philippines, Polynesia, Puerto Rico, Spain, more. 619-522-4050 x5. Friday, November 21, 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 22, 2 p.m. and

8 p.m.; Sunday, November 23, 2 p.m.; \$15-\$30. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

**Scandinavian Dancing** Learn "old-time" regional, pattern, and turning dances from Sweden, Norway, and Denmark from "expert" instructors. All ages and abilities; singles and couples welcome. 619-286-0355. Wednesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m.; \$6-\$8. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Social Dance Party** DJ plays swing, Latin, ballroom, and nightclub for singles and couples of all ages. Mambo lesson: 8 p.m. Open dancing: 8-10:30 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, November 22, 8 p.m.; Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

**Studio Showings** Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater showcases work by Isaacs, with choreography from dancers Bradley Lundberg, Anjanette Maraya, Minaqua McPherson, guest Shoba Sharma from India, others. 619-225-1803. Saturday, November 22, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; \$10. Dance Place

San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Road, Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

**Swingin' Season** Waltz & Such offers up "Waltz Swing" classes in Casa del Prado room 207. Beginners at 7:15 p.m., intermediates at 8:15, followed by open dancing to mixed music genres until 9:45 p.m. All ages. Partners not required. Donation. 619-583-9956. Friday, November 21, 7:15 p.m.; \$1. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**USA Dance Ballroom Party** Ballroom, Latin, swing, salsa, more. All ages, ability levels, singles, couples. Casual dress. Fourth Saturday each month. Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing from 8-11 p.m. 760-525-5124. Saturday, November 22, 7 p.m.; \$7. Synergy Dance Zone, 7480 Miramar Road. (MIRA MESA)

## FILM

**Fishing with John** John Lurie's film screens for dinner and movie night series. No cover. 858-663-7752. Thursday, November 20, 8 p.m.; Sea Rocket Bistro, 3382 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Mister Foe** David MacKenzie's "beguiling brew of adolescent angst" screens for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, November 24, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Night of the Living Dead** Film screening in conjunction with "Fear Minus One" exhibition. 858-534-2107. Tuesday, November 25, 7 p.m.; Porter's Pub at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea** Directors Chris Metzler and Jeff Springer chronicle "the rise and fall of the Salton Sea, from its heyday as the 'California Riviera' where boaters and Beach Boys mingled in paradise to its present state as a decaying, forgotten ecological disaster." Film boasts narration by John Waters, music by Friends of Dean Martinez. Metzler will be on hand to answer questions after screening. 619-238-7559 x307. Friday, November 21, 7 p.m.; \$6-\$8. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Taxi to the Dark Side** The 2008 Academy Award-winning documentary screens, with interviews, news footage, firsthand reports providing look at Bush administration's policy on torture. 619-299-9360. Sunday, November 23, 6:30 p.m.; Libertalia Café, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)



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**The Sons of Eilaboun** Hisham Zreiq's "wrenching" documentary explores the "massacre, expulsion, and return of a small Palestinian village in Galilee." 619-236-5800. Sunday, November 23, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Cinema en tu Idioma Film Series** See *XXY*, *El Violin*, and *El Baño de Papá* (*The Pope's Toilet*) during final installment of this series hosted by Media Arts Center. Call for times: 619-230-1938 x101. Thursday, November 20, 11:30 a.m.; \$7-\$9. Mission Valley 7, 7510 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

## FOR KIDS

**"Books to Movies"** Teen Book Club meets to discuss *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks. Read the book or watch the movie prior to meeting. Snacks provided. 858-538-8159. Monday, November 24, 7 p.m.; ages 13 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Santa and the Ho Ho Thief** Big Joe Puppet Productions take stage to tell tale of Santa and Alfie Elf saving Christmas, November 26-30 and December 3-4. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, November 26; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Nutcracker — A Children's Production** Ballettquette Dance Theatre Company presents second annual children's production in school's Jackson Theatre. 619-276-1300. Friday, November 21, 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 22, 4 p.m.; \$15. Dana Middle School, 1775 Chatsworth Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

**The Velveteen Rabbit** Students of Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre present this "heartwarming story of the toy rabbit that risks everything, even his chance to become a real rabbit, to save the life of the boy he loves." 858-481-1055. Thursday, November 20, 5 p.m.; Saturday, November 22, 2 p.m.; Sunday, November 23, 2 p.m.; \$9-\$12. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987-D Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Baby Sign Language Story Time** Monta Briant reads and signs a story, teaches American sign language (ASL), signs songs, finger plays, and demonstrates some simple strategies for helping babies communicate before they can talk. Briant is author of *Baby Sign Language Basics* and *Sign, Sing, and Play!* 858-538-8159. Thursday, November 20, 10 a.m.; Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Hand in Hand Family Concert** Music and human body are "inextricably connected." Classics 4 Kids and guest dancers from City Ballet of San Diego plan concert to bring visual delight to children as they experience classical music selections by Copland, Dvořák, Tchaikovsky, others. 619-570-1100. Sunday, November 23, 2 p.m.; \$11-\$20. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Kewlfest '08** Musical festival with "today's top teen acts" including headliners Colby O'Donis, Devon Werkheiser (*Ned's Declassified*), Drew Seeley (*High School*

*Musical, Another Cinderella Story*), Anna Maria Perez de Tagle (*Camp Rock*), Everlife, Jennette McCurdy (*iCarly*), and Varsity Fanclub. Meet Disney and Nickelodeon stars at autograph-signing station. Vendor booths. 818-955-5411. Saturday, November 22, noon; \$10. East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

**Native American Heritage Celebration** Young Audiences of San Diego "Family Arts and Literacy" series includes performance by Native American storyteller Running Grunion (a.k.a. Abel Silvas), decorating of mosaic tiles and

gourds, book for each family. 619-282-7599 x114. Thursday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.; Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

**True Love and an Evil Spell** Millie Patterson's Weavers Tales present *Sleeping Beauty*, November 12-16 and November 19-23. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, November 20, 10 a.m.; Friday, November 21, 10 a.m.; Saturday, November 22, 11 a.m.; Sunday,

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## LOCAL EVENTS

November 23, 11 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

### IN PERSON

**Martha Holloway Memorial Concert** This year's "Tellabration" hosted by Storytellers of San Diego is dedicated to La Jolla storyteller Holloway, who died earlier this year. Enjoy "favorite stories that Martha told with grace, warmth, and Southern zing" in Manchester Conference Center. Concert is suitable for adults, children over 12. 619-298-6363. Saturday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. Ages 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Always Running"** Luis Rodriguez offers poetry from his 1993 memoir of gang life, *Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.* Reading takes place in Clarke Field House room 113. 760-750-4366. Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.; CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

**"My Crazy Family" Story Swap** Amateur and professional storytellers share stories of the season. Tell — don't read — a short tale of your own, about family or anyone else. 858-484-1325. Wednesday, November 26, 7 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

**\$5 Comedy Show** Mal Hall presents stand-up comedy, with performances by Jason Lawhead, Sarah Colonna (*Last Comic Standing*, *Chelsea Lately*), Chris Franjola (*Chelsea Lately*, *Southpark* writer), and Hall himself. Reservations suggested. 619-338-9300. Thursday, November 20, 8 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. The Bitter End, 770 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**A Piece of My Heart** Drama chronicling experiences of six women who served in Vietnam, written by Shirley Lauro, is first production of regular season for school's actors. 619-475-8556. Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 22, 2 p.m.; \$6-\$7. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

**Location Is Everything** International touring artist Kimberly Dark returns to release her new spoken-word CD. Guest appearances by spoken-word and theater artists Gail Feldman, Michael Klam, Lea Caughlin. 619-708-

## ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Jones Peak is nowhere near the loftiest of the many named summits you can climb in the sharply rising "front range" of the San Gabriel Mountains. But its elevated position — barely one mile by crow's flight from the fringe of the vast Los Angeles Basin metropolitan sprawl — affords you a 180-degree-plus view of a big chunk of Southern California. That view is nothing less than commanding during the best clear-air episodes characteristic of the late fall and winter seasons. The view is not — it should be noted — anywhere near impressive if the basin is choked in smog.

The starting point for the Jones Peak hike, Bailey Canyon Park, is a small wilderness park operated by the City of Sierra Madre. The peak, which towers right over the community, is named after Sierra Madre's first major, C. W. Jones.



L.A. Basin vista en route to Jones Peak

To reach Bailey Canyon Park in the most expeditious way, exit Interstate 210 at Baldwin Avenue and drive north nearly two miles to where it ends at Carter Avenue. Turn left and proceed 0.5 mile to the park's small day-use parking lot.

From the west side of the parking lot, walk west under shade-giving trees to a gap in a chain-link fence. Pick up a paved service road just beyond, and follow it uphill and around a debris basin (a pit designed to catch flood waters and mud flows) lying at the mouth of Bailey Canyon. Follow the narrow Bailey Canyon Trail onward into the canyon.

A short distance ahead, a spur trail to a small, seasonal waterfall in Bailey Canyon splits left. Stay right and commence a crooked, unforgivingly steep ascent up the east wall of the canyon. As you climb, note the distant downtown Los Angeles skyline positioned over the mission-style buildings of a Passionist Fathers monastery right down below.

At 2.2 miles, the trail reaches a level about even with the seasonal stream flowing in the upper reaches of Bailey Canyon. A cabin foundation lies just below the trail on a small flat just above the stream. That's a good place to take a breather, since the remaining 1.3 miles of the hike are again unforgivingly steep. Proceed generally east, up a series of tight switchbacks, and arrive at a saddle. Swing right and scamper up a sketchy and (what else?) steep path to the Jones Peak summit, and take in the comprehensive view.

On the clearest days, the tree-dotted urban plain rolls out like a shaggy carpet toward the Pacific Ocean, which takes on a silvery sheen in the winter-solstice sunshine. Look for as many as three of the Channel Islands punctuating the horizon: Santa Catalina Island (often obvious); San Clemente Island (sometimes glimpsed to the left of the leftmost tip of Santa Catalina); and tiny Santa Barbara Island (well to the right of Santa Catalina).

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or

wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and

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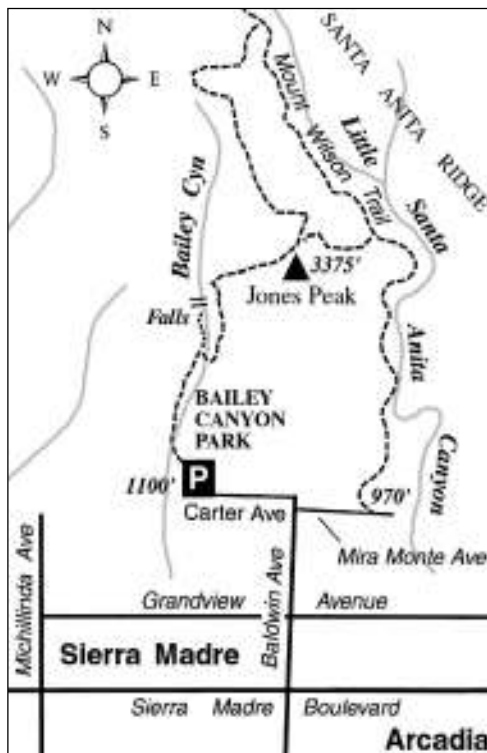
### JONES PEAK

Scope out the commanding view atop Jones Peak in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

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8115. Sunday, November 23, 7 p.m.; \$5. Eveoke Dance Theatre, 2811 University Avenue, suite A. (NORTH PARK)

**Thank You for Firing Me** Expect "comic relief" in this interactive show; audience members may vent "their bitterness, tell off the boss, and get crazy." Comedians include Malibu Mike, headliner Vickie Barbolak (who truly is "America's Funniest Mom"). In the lobby, find a job-placement table with resources on new and upcoming positions, information on new careers in emerging green industries, more. 800-754-9737. Saturday, November 22, 8 p.m.; \$18-\$22. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

**Author Meet and Greet** San Diego author Kevin Gerard discusses his young adult fantasy adventure series "Conor and the

Crossworlds." The first three books of series — *Breaking the Barrier*, *Peril in the Corridors*, and *Surviving an Altered World* — available for purchase, signing. 619-295-2201. Saturday, November 22, 7 p.m.; Borders Books and Music — Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Bestselling Author** Joyce Carol Oates visits to read from a selection of her books; she has published over 50 novels (*We Were the Mulvanays*, *Blonde*, *Black Girl/White Girl*, *Zombie*) as well as numerous volumes of short stories, poetry, nonfiction. Oates will sign books (purchased at the Book Works). 858-755-3735. Monday, November 24, 7 p.m.; Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

**Bing Is Stoked!** Pioneering surfboard maker and surfer Bing Copeland is joined by author Paul

Holmes to sign *Bing Surfboards: Fifty Years of Craftsmanship and Innovation*. Book chronicles Copeland and his company, with review of all Bing surfboard models, their contribution to surfboard design evolution. Admission is free; books are \$60. 760-721-6876. Sunday, November 23, 1 p.m.; California Surf Museum, 223 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**Comics That Kill Benefit Show** Jonny Loquasto, Molly Harper, Matt Zint, Mary Patterson Broome, Kyle Smith, and host Jason Bang entertain. Donations benefit Surfrider Foundation. 760-230-2038. Saturday, November 22, 8 p.m.; ages 14 and up. E Street Café, 128 E Street. (ENCINITAS)

**Conscious Comedy Explosion** Conscious Comedy Explosion celebrates victory of Barack Obama with performance by Shang, who

has performed on Def Comedy Jam, Martin Lawrence's 1st Amendment Comedy, BET, Jamie Foxx's Laffapalooza, more. 619-819-7838. Friday, November 21, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$12. Ages 18 and up. Golden Nights Hall, 7520 El Cajon Boulevard. (LA MESA)

**Hypnotic?** Hypnotist Barry Jones takes stage. Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Saturday, November 22, 7 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. 4th&B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Meet the Author** Local author Elizabeth Chamberlin signs, discusses her recently published mystery, *Death in the Shadow*, set in San Diego. 858-279-5190. Monday, November 24, 4:30 p.m.; Tiersanta Library, 4985 La Cuenta Drive. (TIERRASANTA)

**National Lip-Sync Talent Search** Revival of TV series

*Puttin' on the Hits* means local contestants may participate in lip-synching competitions, using "words by a popular recording artist or group" to create "the illusion they are that artist performing in concert." 619-204-9468. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; through Thursday, November 20, \$7. Channel Twelve 25, 172 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

**Native American Heritage Celebration** Take in opening ceremony (noon), Northern traditional dance by Steven Garcia (12:30 p.m.), Kumeyaay historian Larry Banegas (1 p.m.), performance by Native American pow-wow singers/drummers the Green River Singers (1:30 p.m.), Soaring Eagles dancers (2:30 p.m.). 619-475-4642. Saturday, November 22, noon; Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 5047 Central Avenue. (BONITA)

**No Cameras, No Cuts, No Censors** The 12-member cast of San Diego's long-running sketch comedy television show *The House* performs live sketch comedy for mature audiences. 619-544-1000. Saturday, November 22, 8 p.m.; \$10. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

**Noche de Flamenco** Enjoy evening of flamenco and Latin jazz. This "Spanish guitar spectacular" includes performances by David Maldonado, Paper Moon, and Juan Moro; dancers performing traditional flamenco and nuevo flamenco. Ticketmaster: 619-220-TIXS. Saturday, November 22, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$35. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

**Open-Mike Night** Bring samples of your poetry or prose to read aloud when San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meets. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m. 760-471-5323. Monday, November 24, 6:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Open Poetry** Open-mike poetry readings on tap. 510-296-0616. Monday, November 24, 8 p.m.; Twigg's Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Peter (sans Paul and Mary)** Famed singer songwriter Peter Yarrow performs songs from his two new songbooks, *Sleepytime Songs* and *Favorite Folk Songs*. Perhaps you'll hear "Puff, the Magic Dragon." 858-684-3166. Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

**Poetry Night** Poet Oni Buchanan reads from her latest book, *Spring*, and poet Matthew Shindell reads from his newest, *In Another Castle*. 858-456-1800. Monday, November 24, 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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**Squeaky-Clean Comedy!** Family-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

**Turkey Calling...** Enjoy family-friendly show in front of an exhibit of turkey-related items. Performance is presented in style of an old-time radio show, with dramatic reading from Melanie Treco featuring live music and sounds from Scott Paulson and His Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra. A turkey-calling instructional

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Exhibit includes items such as turkey calls (as in hunters' birdcall tools), turkey calls (as in transcripts of actual calls made to Butterball turkey hotline), vegan-friendly wishbones (made from nonanimal material), turkey feathers (quill pens, dusters), turkey feather oboe swabs. Exhibit continues through November. 858-822-5758. Wednesday, November 26, 12:30 p.m.; UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Upright Citizens Brigade Tourco** This Chicago sketch comedy troupe "that birthed improv lords Amy Poehler and Horatio Sanz" takes stage for ArtPower performance. 858-534-TIXS. Saturday, November 22, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

## LECTURES

**"Book Arts Road Trip, a Survey of Contemporary Book Arts"** Chicago book artist Karen Hanmer shares images of a variety of work and insights into thoughts of artists through their own words. The "book arts" field includes broad range of work, all forms of printmaking and mark making from most ancient to most current technology, sculptural works that are sometimes only a vague reference to the book form. 858-454-5872. Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

forward the message of the office's landmark study, "Guatemala: Never Again." Alarcon plans talk in Institute for Peace and Justice Room A. 619-260-7509. Thursday, November 20, 12:30 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Global Warming: What Do We Know and What Should We Do"** Lecture by climate scientist Richard Somerville — professor emeritus at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and author of *The Forging Air: Understanding Environmental Change* — in room LL430 of Love Library. Reception at 3:30 p.m., talk at 4 p.m., book signing follows. 619-594-6191. Thursday, November 20, 3:30 p.m.; ages 18 and up. SDSU Library, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Cat Massage** Could holistic medicine practices fit into your pet's care? Veterinarian, holistic medicine advocate Keith Weingardt focuses on nutrition, acupuncture, Chinese medicine and herbs, massage, chiropractic medicine. Register: 619-243-3424. Thursday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Malick Sidibé: Visualizing Identity"** Exhibition of 333 gelatin silver prints created between 1962 and 2003 by this Malian artist opens with lecture by Candace M. Keller (exhibit brochure essayist) in room 412 of SDSU's School of Art, Design, and Art History. Reception for "Regardez-Moi! Photographs by Malick Sidibé" follows at 7:30 p.m. in University Art Gallery (closes December 6). 619-594-5171. Friday, November 21, 6 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"Meridians" Art Lecture** Constance White, art program manager for San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, discusses, shows examples of public art program at the airport, in room G-101. 619-388-2829. Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.; Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

**"Mr. President, What About Science?"** Keith Taylor addresses how President-Elect Obama "should incorporate science into national policy" when San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry meets. Question and answer follows. 619-421-5844. Sunday, November 23, 7 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**"My Red Hair Has Roots: From King David or Clair?"** Carol Davidson Baird discusses her quest to find her Jewish Karliner surname ancestry, when North San Diego County Ge-

## OUT & ABOUT

### PLAGUES AND PLEASURES ON THE SALTON SEA

Friday, November 21, Museum of Photographic Arts.

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nealogical Society gathers. Baird is the only child of German-Jewish survivors of the Nazi Holocaust, specializing in German-Jewish ancestry and Holocaust research. Nonmembers welcome. 760-630-5720. Monday, November 24, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**"Really Reliable Recall"** Frustrated when Rover won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Redefining the Norm"** Anthony Muhammad, founder of New Frontier 21, plans discussion on "norms and values of traditional schools that thrive on a normally distributed system of learning which are diametrically opposed to the ideal of 'learning for all.'" RSVP required: 619-260-8839. Thursday, November 20, 4 p.m.; \$75. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Weighing and Wanting"** Hugh M. Davies, MCASD's David C. Copley director, offers reflection, insight into the past 25 years of the institution's acquisitions and history, in conjunction with exhibition "Weighing and Wanting: Selections from the Collection." 858-454-3541. Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.; Museum of

Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Hand-Woven Lavender Sachets** Using a tiny hand-held loom, learn to weave a small piece of fabric, fold it, fill with freshly dried organic lavender, stitch it closed. Students also learn to dry garden-grown lavender and how to strip the buds to make potpourri during class taught by fiber artist Nadine Spier. Materials fee: \$24. Advance registration required: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m.; \$35-\$40. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Human Rights and Global Citizenship Symposium** Renowned filmmaker, playwright, activist Luis Valdez focuses on "The Challenges of Citizenship" on November 20 in Price Center Ballroom. Panelists Christine Hunefeldt, Dennis Childs, Ruben Garcia, Jesus Perez Varela will discuss themes of citizenship, border, and diversity matters following lecture.

The topic is "Ineffective Citizenship: The Engine of Global Child Trafficking" when Harvard Law Scholar and human rights activist Jacqueline Bhabha speaks on November 21 in Hojel Auditorium. Panelists Gershon Shafir, Carmen Chavez, and Everard Meade focus on the themes following lecture. 858-534-4004. Thursday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, November 21, 5 p.m.;

University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Managed Democracy?** UCSD visiting professor Joerg Himmelfreich examines "Putin's Authoritarianism and Russian History: Implications for the U.S." in ERC 201. Russia's history indicates a tradition of authoritarianism; what are reasons for this path in European history? RSVP: 858-822-5297. Friday, November 21, noon; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Racing to Cure Diabetes** Scripps Whittier Diabetes Institute hosts Team Type 1, a group of bicycling athletes, all of whom have Type 1 diabetes. In 2006 and 2007, squad won the eight-rider-team division of the Race Across America and finished runner-up in 2008. You are invited to "hear their journey of managing diabetes while biking across the United States." 800-SCRIPPS. Friday, November 21, noon; Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**The Border and Unintended Consequences** Edward Alden, a senior fellow at Council on Foreign Relations, plans breakfast talk on his book *The Closing of the American Border: Terrorism, Immigration, and Security Since 9/11* in UCSD's Faculty Club. Alden's book examines consequences of U.S. "war on terror" on the U.S. Border Patrol. RSVP: 858-822-6756. Thursday, November 20, 8 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

## OUTDOORS

**Atmospheric Ice-Crystal Effects** are often observed, starting about this time of year, because of the frequent appearance of high clouds made of tiny bits of ice. The most familiar of these optical effects is the 22°-radius halo, or ring, around the sun or the moon. Less often seen is a "corona" (a colored disk around the sun or moon — not the same as the solar corona seen during total eclipse); "sundogs" (colored arcs left and right of the sun); the sun pillar (a vertical column of light above the rising or setting sun); and a host of other rare and inconspicuous optical phenomena. All of the optical effects mentioned are a consequence of sunlight or moonlight refracting through or reflecting from the tiny facets of ice crystals in cirrus and other types of high clouds.

**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.

**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 López Canyon, a part of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve near Sorrento Valley. Hundreds of sycamores can be also be seen in Marian Bear Park (San Clemente Canyon) along Freeway 52 between University City and Clairemont.

**"Beat the Heat Mystery Walk"** Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads early-morning, fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, November 21, 7:30 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Intro to Rock Climbing"** REI's Outdoor School instructors divulge basics of vertical climbing in a natural setting, focusing on building fundamental skills such as belaying, climbing techniques, maneuvering through the "crux" (most difficult section) of a climb. Gear provided. Registration: 858-279-4400. Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m.; \$89-\$100. Ages 14 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Audubon Society Bird Walk** Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**D Street Nesting Site Work Party** Help improve nesting habitat for endangered California least terns. Volunteers remove ice plant that has invaded native salt grass vegetation. If you own them, bring gloves, wear long pants, long-sleeve shirt, eye protection, sturdy shoes. Water, snacks provided. Only heavy rain cancels. Directions: From I-5, exit Mile of Cars/Bay Marina Drive and turn west; turn left on Marina Way; meet at entrance of bike path located on east side of street just as Marina Way curves to right. RSVP: 619-682-7210. Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m.; D Street Nesting Site, 100 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

**Desert Garden Tour** Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Hike and Speak French!** Alliance Française hosts moderate 3.6-mile hike led by George with "other French speakers." Dogs allowed. RSVP for details, location by Friday, November 21: 858-254-2253. Sunday, November 23, 10 a.m.; Black Mountain Community

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**Kumeyaay Thanksgiving** What were San Diego's natives eating around 1620? Find out during guided trail walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 22, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, November 23, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, November 26, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Ocean Beach Jetty Cleanup** Beach cleanup hosted by Coast-keeper starts at Dog Beach. Wear closed-toed shoes. 619-758-7743. Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m.; Ocean Beach, Newport Avenue and Abbott Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Rediscover Old Escondido West** Walking tour led by Escondido History Center, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Saturday, November 22, 11 a.m.; Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Sabre Springs Fall Walk** Join naturalist Mike Kelly for hike on old Stagecoach Road trail. Learn about Stagecoach Road and Sabre Springs Wildlife Refuge and the native trees and wildlife still at home here. 858-342-8856. Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m.; Sabre Springs Parkway trailhead, Sabre Springs Parkway at Springwater Point. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**Shamanic Hike** Take short hike to "power spot to explore shamanic traditions of indigenous people of the Americas." Learn about saging, calling the directions, creating sacred space, and accessing energies of nature for healing, insight, and wisdom. Bring blanket to sit on, drum or rattle. 858-342-

8856 Sunday, November 23, 3 p.m.; Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Spanish Landing Volkswalk** San Diego County Rockhoppers host 10k walk, starting at Spanish Landing Park, following trail to USS *Neversail* (the Navy recruit training ship). Walk is free; volkswalk credit is \$3. 858-451-2130. Saturday, November 22, 8 a.m.; Spanish Landing Park, 4077 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**Tour of the Ponds** Katya McLane leads moderately strenuous four-mile hike touring ponds around Daley Ranch. 760-839-4680. Saturday, November 22, 2 p.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Water Movers** How did natives build a 5.5-mile flume to move water to mission crops? Learn during guided nature walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 22, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

**"A Tribute to Cri-Cri"** Regina Orozco and Carlos Chávez Youth Orchestra present homage to the fictional cricket (created by Francisco Gabilondo Soler in 1934). 011-52-664-687-9636. Sunday, November 23, 3 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**La Señora de su Casa** Comedy by Héctor Suárez. 011-52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, November

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## LOCAL EVENTS

26, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Carlos Chavez Youth Orchestra** In concert. 011-52-664-687-9636. Saturday, November 22, 8 p.m.; \$20. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**International Latino Theatre Festival of Los Angeles** Event showcasing dance, comedy, music in Baja California includes *El Jardín de los Reyes* performed by Grupo Teatro Apolo. 011-52-664-684-8609. Friday, November 21, 8 p.m.; \$10. Multiforo ICBC, Avenida Centenario #10151, in Zona Río. (BAJA)

**Medieval Night** Enjoy music, poetry, performance art, and an exposition of armor and dragons. 011-52-646-173-4307 or 011-52-646-173-4308. Sunday, November 23, 6 p.m.; Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

**Readings** Actress Regina Orozco entertains. 011-52-664-687-9636. Tuesday, November 25, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Reggae Time** Gondwana in concert. 619-734-2333. Friday, November 21, 9 p.m.; \$20. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

**Tecate Score Baja 1000** The 41st annual off-road race for all manner of vehicles gets under way for motorcycles and ATVs at 6 a.m. in front of Riviera Cultural Center, followed by trucks and cars at 10:30 a.m. Vehicles have 31 hours to finish back at Riviera Convention Center (with course closing approximately 6 p.m. on Saturday). 818-225-8402. Friday, November 21, 6:30 a.m.; Saturday, November 22, 6:30 a.m.; Riviera Hotel, Miramar Street. (BAJA)

**The Fab Faux Beatlemania** returns. 011-52-664-631-6800. Saturday, November 22, 6 p.m.; \$20-\$40. Cortijo San José at Playas de Tijuana. (BAJA)

**Tribute to José Alfredo Jiménez** Orchestra of Baja California plays Mexican music. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, November 20, 8 p.m.; \$25-\$20. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Yahir** The Mexican singer and actor plans concert. 619-734-2333. Saturday, November 22, 8 p.m.; \$40. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

## SPECIAL

**"Canon in Action"** Try your hand at photographing competitive gymnasts and highly skilled martial artists during event. Camera equipment provided by Canon loaned (free) throughout day for those wishing to photograph guest athletes. Additionally, Canon representatives conduct series of photography classes (noon, 2, 3:30 p.m.). For amateur and professional photographers of all ages. 800-483-6287. Sunday, November 23, noon; Oceanside Photo and Telescope, 918 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Elegant and Splendid"** Explore museum's formal gardens and woodland pathways during garden tour. Afterward, enjoy cup of seasonal tea, scone on terrace overlooking south lawn. 619-232-6203 x129. Thursday, November 20, 11 a.m.; \$15. Ages 12 and up. Marston House Museum, 3525 Seventh Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**"Just Add Water Series: Seafood Secrets"** Make beggar's fish stew, yellowtail pot pie, and garlicky sea scallops during class. Recipes, tastings offered for each dish. Advance registration required: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, November 22, 1:30 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**"Kimono as Art: Tours, Talks, and Textiles"** In conjunction with "Kimono as Art" exhibition at San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken and a Japanese folk fashion exhibition at the Mingei, the three museums are presenting a day of guided tours, gallery talks, koto music, artist lectures and demonstrations. In addition, Japanese Friendship Garden will host tours in English and Spanish, demonstrate sushi making, hold a tea ceremony. Included in admission at SDMA and Mingei International Museum. 619-232-7931. Sunday, November 23, noon; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Masters of Fire:** Hereditary Bronze Casters of South India" Exhibition based on a new book of same name traces role of hereditary bronze casters in the town of Swamimalai, in south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Exhibit curated by

## OUT & ABOUT

**BESTSELLING AUTHOR JOYCE CAROL OATES** Monday, November 24, the Book Works.

(SEE IN PERSON)



UCSD anthropology professor Tom Levy continues through Sunday, January 25, in Seuss Foyer of Geisel Library. 858-534-3336. Thursdays, 8 a.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.; Mondays, 8 a.m.; Tuesdays, 8 a.m.; Wednesdays, 8 a.m.; through Sunday, January 25, UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Board Game Benefit** Heifer International benefits from event with variety of board games played in noncompetitive setting. Donation. 619-204-8834. Friday, November 21, 8 p.m.; \$10. Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

**Books to Good Homes** Library hosts book sale. 619-424-0474. Friday, November 21, 12:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m.; Otay Mesa-Nestor Library, 3003 Coronado Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

**Culture and Cocktails** Party celebrates new "Kimono as Art: The Landscapes of Itchiku Kubota" exhibition. Enjoy deejay music, "creative cocktails," array of "interactive entertainment." Hair, makeup artists will be on hand to create special *Harajuku* street style-inspired makeovers for guests. 619-232-7931. Thursday, November 20, 6 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Del Mar Antique Show** Over 250 antique dealers from all over California and the west offer antiques, vintage collectibles, and decorator items during Calendar Antique Show. Antique appraisal booth (\$5 per item). Also on hand: repair and restoration artisans expert in fields of glass, crystal,

porcelain, pottery, rugs, jewelry. 800-943-7501. Friday, November 21, 11 a.m.; Saturday, November 22, 11 a.m.; Sunday, November 23, 11 a.m.; \$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Encinitas Street Faire** Take in over 400 arts and craft and commercial vendors, live entertainment. 760-945-9288. Sunday, November 23, 9 a.m.; Encinitas, Highway 101 between D and J Streets. (ENCINITAS)

**Family Yoga** Yoga Vista Studio leads classes on fourth Saturday of each month; families with children of all ages encouraged to attend. Bring yoga mat or a towel for each family member. 858-538-6161. Saturday, November 22, 10:30 a.m.; Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Hold the Turkey** Fourth annual turkey-free Thanksgiving celebrations sponsored by Animal Protection and Rescue League. Vegan food, live entertainment from Java Dream and Sacred Tribal Fusion Dance, holiday gift sale. Bring vegan dishes or (nonalcoholic) drinks for six guests. Admission: \$5 with vegan dish, \$15 without a dish. 619-236-9514. Saturday, November 22, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$15. Linda Vista Recreation Center, 7064 Levant Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**It's C-Note Time!** Annual winter "C-Note Fundraiser" begins with previews November 20, 21, and 22. C-Note Night is Saturday, November 22 (5-8 p.m.). Original artwork donated by members and emerging regional artists on offer for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Art re-

placed on walls as pieces are sold. Continues through Sunday, December 7. 619-236-0011. Thursday, November 20, 10 a.m.; Friday, November 21, 10 a.m.; Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Miniature Book Exhibition** Members of San Diego Book Arts exhibit books "not more than three inches in size" through Wednesday, November 26. This "is the smallest branch of the San Diego Public Library, so this is a fitting exhibit for" the location. 619-533-3974. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.; Fridays, 12:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; Mondays, 12:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.; through Wednesday, November 26, Kensington-Normal Heights Library, 4121 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

**Salton City 500** Remote-control submarine race is "held on the anniversary of the world-famous speed-boat race by the same name." The 500-yard raft race runs a triangular course; participants race other boats and submarines simultaneously. Prizes awarded to "first participant to complete the grueling course." 619-804-2590. Saturday, November 22, 1 p.m.; Salton Bay Yacht Club. (IMPERIAL VALLEY)

**Seasons of the Heart Craft Faire** Handcrafted items from nearly 100 vendors. 858-793-5555. Friday, November 21, 10 a.m.; Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m.; Sunday, November 23, 10 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Should Agricultural Subsidies Be Halted?** Discuss with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Sight and Sound** Preview night with performances by Apes of Wrath, hip-hop comedian Rob Deez, African percussionist Angela Patua; two DJs spinning, representatives on hand from House of Blues, North Park Craft Mafia, restaurants in North Park, more. Hors d'oeuvres served. Proceeds benefit Autism Research Institute. 619-846-7180. Saturday, November 22, 7 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Global Thanksgiving** Author Victor Villaseñor (*Rain of Gold, Crazy loco Love*) hosts 17th annual "celebration of peace, harmony, and abundance through a festive atmosphere that embraces the beauty and solidarity among all people." Music by MiraCosta Latin Jazz Orchestra. "At sundown candles are lit, everyone faces eastward sending their energy of goodwill and harmony and peace around the whole world."

Admission is an appetizer, main dish, salad, or dessert to share with 12 others, for every 5 people in your group. Bring sweaters, folding chairs, water. No alcohol. 760-722-1463. Sunday, November 23, 1 p.m.; Rancho Villaseñor, 1302 Stewart Street. (OCEANSIDE)

**Sumi-e Japanese Brush Painting Exhibition** Washu-Kai hosts annual exhibition in Casa del Prado room 101. Guest speaker is Michael Inoue, honorary Consul General of Japan in San Diego. Painting demonstrations, wearable fashion show (2:15 p.m.), floral arrangements on display from Ohara School of Ikebana, koto music by Masazumi Kai. 619-239-0512. Sunday, November 23, 11 a.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Talmadge Art Show** Local artists exhibit and sell work including jewelry, purses, silk scarves and clothing, collaged cards, ceramics, pottery, vintage textiles, beads, recycled sculpture, wire art, glass, felt art, leather art, water media, and mixed media. 619-559-9082. Sunday, November 23, 10 a.m.; San Diego Women's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

**Thanksgiving Global Warming Day of Action Potluck** Enjoy "afternoon of feasting, giving thanks to our planet, calling on leaders for global warming solutions." Also planned: group photo, writing letters to leaders, activities

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**Toys for Tots Motorcycle Benefit Ride** Ride starts in Oceanside Harbor parking lot #1, ends at Casino Pauma. 760-722-2797. Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m.; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**UnScene Photography Tour** The UnScene Photography Tour and W San Diego search “for San Diego’s hottest emerging talent behind the lens and ‘unscene’ images of the city” during contest. Contestants have submitted portfolios. W San Diego hosts showcase of the five local finalists’ best shots, live music. 619-398-3100. Thursday, November 20, 6 p.m.; ages 21 and up. W Hotel, 421 West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Wine Savvy?** Learn to decipher restaurant wine lists with Chuck Samuelson of VinVillage. The caterer and restaurateur discusses “hidden wine bargains,” best budget-smart wines, what foods to pair them with at five top-rated local restaurants. Fee includes wine, appetizers. 888-424-3663. Saturday, November 22, 3 p.m.; \$35. Macy’s Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

## SPORTS

**“Ken King’s Kulture Klassic”** King leads this 25-mile Knickerbikers bicycling outing with route through UCSD campus, stopping at each of the works of art comprising Stuart Collection (*Talking Trees, Stonehenge, Seven Vices and Seven Virtues, The Garden of Eden*, and many more). After cruising around campus, “take a Biological Grade” down to La Jolla Shores, then ride to village for deli sandwich (bring money), picnic at Ellen Browning Scripps Park. 858-450-0373. Sunday, November 23, 10 a.m.; Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Are You a Climber?** REI’s Outdoor School hosts “Introduction to Rock Climbing.” Instructors divulge basics of vertical climbing in a natural setting, focusing on building fundamental skills such as belaying, climbing techniques, maneuvering through the “crux” (most difficult section) of a climb. Gear provided. Registration: 858-279-4400. Sunday, November 23, 9 a.m.; \$80-\$100. Ages 14 and up. Dixon Lake, 1700 North La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Chargers Football** San Diego Chargers host Indianapolis Colts during game broadcast on NBC. Tickets available through Ticket-

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### UPRIGHT CITIZENS BRIGADE TOURCO

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master (619-220-TIXS). Sunday, November 23, 5:15 p.m.; \$54-\$98. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Ramona — The Shortest Way** Bicycle up some hills to Ramona for lunch with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders. Bring money for lunch in Ramona. Expect 68 miles of pedaling. 619-473-8513. Sunday, November 23, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

## MUSEUMS

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

**Campo Railroad Museum** Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s “Jim Crow” segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

**Chinese Historical Society and Museum** See artifacts from San Diego’s Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord’s bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and water-

fall. 404 Third Avenue, 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

**Chula Vista Heritage Museum** The museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing-crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otag Watch Company. 360 Third Avenue, 619-427-8092. (CHULA VISTA)

**Creation Museum** A museum contrasting the evolution and creation worldviews. 10946 Woodside Avenue North, 619-448-0900. (SANTEE)

**Gemological Institute of America Museum** Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are required. 5345 Armada Drive, 800-421-7250. (CARLSBAD)

**Heritage Walk Museum** The museum includes the restored Victorian house, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park. 321 North Broadway, 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)



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**House of Pacific Relations** International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children around the World* videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 2125 Park Boulevard, 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

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

**Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park** 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.). 6200 Fly-

ing Leo Carrillo 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. Witherby Street and Hancock Street, 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

**Marston House Museum** 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. 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

**Museum of San Diego History** “Dressing a City: Selected Styles from Marston’s Department Store, 1878-1961” offers selection of pieces from San Diego Historical Society’s costume and textile collection, with clothing and replica costumes. Through December.

“100 Years of Art,” continuing through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. “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. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

**New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade** Chicago photographer Gina Grillo captures family experiences as immigrants arrive in Chicago and chronicles their integration into urban life in “Between Cultures: Children of Immigrants in America,” opening Saturday, November 22. Grillo began by shooting photographs outside lines of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and later, citizenship swearing-in ceremonies, immigrant neighborhoods, immigrant families arriving at O’Hare Airport. Closes Sunday, February 15. 2825 Dewey Road Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

**Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove** “Messages from the World: The Story of the Lemon Grove Post Office” follows evolution of local post office from horse and buggy days through modern times. Also on view: “The Children’s Room,” “The Parents’ Room,” “The Sewing Room,” offering installations evoking life in the parsonage from 1900-1940. 3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** Oozing with disgusting science and hands-on learning games, “Animal Grossology” takes a scientific look at “some of the slimiest, stinkiest, and downright yuckiest creatures on Earth,” adapted from author and science teacher Sylvia Branzel’s *Grossology* children’s book series. Visitors gain perspective on animal kingdom, with 16 exhibits bringing to life gritty and gross facts about some of “nature’s most disgusting critters.” Continues through Sunday, January 4.

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## LOCAL EVENTS

ing out “your inner inventor” with pulleys, computer circuits, turntables, wind tunnels, more. In the “Tinkering Studio,” kids transform household items into catapults, robots, spectrometers, more. Closes June 7.

Ongoing exhibitions include “Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology,” “So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy,” “Aging for All Ages,” “Kid City” (for preschoolers), “TryScience!” “Escape from Dino Island” is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Air and Space Museum** “Star Trek: The Exhibition” is said to contain “the world’s most comprehensive collection of authentic *Star Trek* ships, re-creations, sets, costumes, and props” from five television series and ten films created for more than 40 years. Sit on a re-creation of the original USS *Enterprise* bridge, enjoy a motion simulator.

“Gangsters, Glamour, and Glory: Forging America’s Future” features historical items from all over U.S. highlighting the 1930s. Exhibit includes “the Bonnie and Clyde Ford, the actual car they drove into the ambush and to their death in the early ’30s.” Also on view: the newly constructed airplane, the Gee Bee R-1 Super Sportster; additional Bonnie and Clyde artifacts, sports memorabilia, radio broadcasts, clips from

Hollywood films. Through January.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Archaeological Center** “What Is Archaeology?” exhibit provides basics of archaeology in San Diego region from 9000 years ago to present day. Artifacts from center’s collections provide look at past for young and old alike. Treasure hunt activity “archaeology quest” for kids, artifact matching game, hands-on crafts and research station. Closes Tuesday, July 21, 2009.

Center hosts monthly archaeological-themed lectures, workshops, and family events on second Saturday of each month.

## OUT & ABOUT

**"LATE AFTERNOON, GIVERNY" — ART OF ELAN**  
Tuesday, November 25,  
San Diego Museum of Art.

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Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collections with public for educational, scientific, cultural use. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

**San Diego Automotive Museum** “Ferrari: Cavallino Rampante — Italy’s Prancing Horse” — continuing through Sunday, January 4 — showcases history and culture of Italy, with emphasis on Italian art, food, wine. Among vehicles on display: a 1952 212 Europa, 1955 250 Boano Prototipo, 1957 250 Testarossa, 1959 410 Super America, and 1965 275 GTB/Competition, and other examples of the marque.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum’s permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

**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 is dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement. 2131 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Maritime Museum** “The Art of the Boat — Photos from the Rosenfeld Collection,” continuing through July 2009, is collection of over 40 black-and-white photographs celebrating marriage of great yachts and sea through lenses of father-and-son team Morris and Stanley Rosenfeld. Duo is renowned for photographs of yachts, tall ships, and speedboats and photography of every America’s Cup race from 1885-1992.

The photography exhibition “Portrait of Tall Ships” features more than 30 photographs by Thad Koza and Michael Berman. Exhibit includes chronicles of sailing adventures of the museum’s ships. Through February.

“San Diego’s Navy,” based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be “the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region.”

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego’s waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna-fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The HMS *Surprise*, used in film *Master*

and Commander, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the earth’s oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

**San Diego Museum of Man** “Beyond Reasonable Drought” examines “ways in which culture and climate are intimately connected today, as they always have been.” Exhibition examines how water resources have affected populations, cultures.

“Skull Stories: The Art of Ancient Surgery” opens on Saturday, November 22, marking “the first time the museum will use an entire collection of its own artifacts for an exhibit display.” Trephining, or removing a piece of bone from the skull, is oldest surgical procedure known from antiquity; skulls exhibiting different degrees of healing after trephination will be displayed, as well as skulls that have been trephined using different techniques. Trephination tools, in-

struments such as obsidian blades, tumis, chisels also displayed.

“Gods and Gold: Ancient Treasures from Mexico to Peru” showcases museum’s collections of Mexican, Central American, and South American archaeological objects. Rare gold and jewelry, exotic figurines, intricate stonework, and pottery from the ancient world are on display, as well as a crystal skull, on loan from a private collector.

“Art and Expression: The Legacy of Our Collections” highlights 17 key collections, relates stories of the collectors, how collections came to museum, their significance in preserving history of past generations. Objects include pottery, baskets, beadwork, jewelry, woodcarving, folk art, katsinas, bone and ivory implements, shields, textiles.

In “Artists Speak: Contemporary Art from Ghana and Zimbabwe,” museum has partnered with artists from Ghana and Zimbabwe to showcase paintings and sculpture by accomplished African artists.

Permanent anthropology exhibit “Footsteps Through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution” features “more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine).” 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Tugboat Museum** A 100-foot retired Korean War-era tugboat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

**San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park** Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

**Valley Center History Museum** Movie star, “world-class body-builder,” and longtime Valley Center rancher Steve Reeves is remembered in an exhibit continuing through Tuesday, December 30. He appeared in 18 movies and is best known as star of *Hercules*. Exhibit includes photos, movie memorabilia, personal mementos.

The museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as “the only one on view in San Diego.” Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler’s cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. 29200 Cole Grade Road, 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

**William Heath Davis House Museum** Museum is said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego. The house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber “salt box” family home, shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. 410 Island Avenue, 619-233-4692. (DOWNTOWN)

**Women’s History Museum** 2323 Broadway, Suite 107, 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

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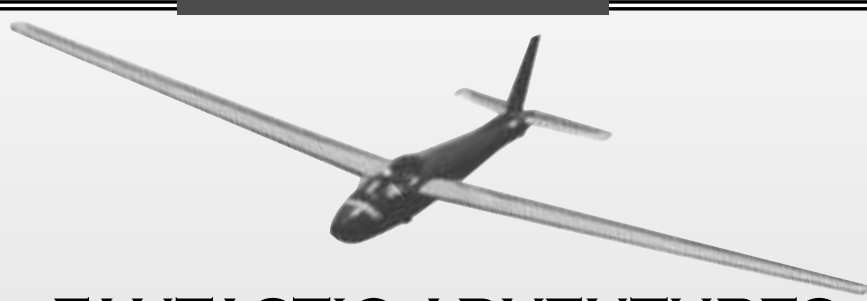
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### CLASSICAL

**red fish blue fish** UCSD's resident percussion ensemble plans concert. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, November 20. (LA JOLLA)

**Harpisichord Music by J.S. Bach** Pierre Hantaï, described as "one of the most exciting and original harpsichordists around," performs during concert hosted by San Diego Early Music Society. His program includes various preludes and fugues composed by Bach for his students, as well as "English Suites Nos. 2 and 6." 619-291-8246. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, November 20. (LA JOLLA)

**Die Fledermaus** San Diego State University's Opera Theater presents performances of Johann Strauss's Viennese operetta, with 27 singers participating. Sung in English. 619-

594-1696. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU (5500 Campanile Drive), 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22; 2 p.m., Sunday, November 23. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Up for "Energetic" Haydn?** New City Sinfonia plans fall concert including Haydn's "Concerto No. 1 in C-Major" (with soloist Ruslan Biryukov) and "London Symphony No. 104," "Suite No. 1 from the Ancient Airs and Dances" by Respighi, and Ernst Toch's "Intermezzo." 619-527-4457. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego (4190 Front Street), 7:30 p.m., Friday, November 21. (HILLCREST)

**Symphony Plus Romeros!** The Romeros guitar quartet joins San Diego Symphony, led by conductor Jahja Ling, for Jacobs' Masterworks Concerts. Enjoy Stravinsky's "Petrushka Suite," "Concierto de Cienfuegos" by Palomo, and Copland's "El Salón México." Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22; 2 p.m., Sunday, November 23. (DOWNTOWN)

**Improvisational Performance** UCSD's "finest undergraduates" take stage to perform a number of improvised works. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, November 21. (LA JOLLA)

**Meet "The Emperor"** Enjoy Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 5 (The Emperor)" when USD Symphony presents fall concerts. Soloist is pianist Robert Naranjo. Program includes the "New World Symphony" by Dvořák. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, November 21, and 2 p.m., Sunday, November 23. (LINDA VISTA)

**Music of the Californias** Westwind Brass pays tribute to music from missions of Baja to stylings of Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass, plus works from Disney Studios, music from Gold Rush era. Reception follows. 619-501-3562. Mater

Dei Catholic High School (1615 Mater Dei Drive), 7 p.m., Saturday, November 22. (CHULA VISTA)

**Sacred Voices Series** The La Jolla Symphony Chorus "performs rare and dramatic motets from all eras" such as Tallis's "Spem Alium" for eight five-part choirs and Bach's double-chorus motet, "Singet dem Herm," among other works. 858-534-4637. Saint Paul's Cathedral (2278 Sixth Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, November 22. (BANKER'S HILL)

**Old Masters of Music and Art** Series at San Diego Museum of Art continues with concert by "plucked instruments" virtuoso John Schneiderman, who performs baroque lute and guitar music from the 18th and 19th centuries. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 2 p.m., Sunday, November 23. (BALBOA PARK)

**Organ Concert** Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, November 23. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Sacred Voices" Return** The La Jolla Symphony Chorus "performs rare and dramatic motets from all eras" such as Tallis's "Spem Alium" for eight five-part choirs and Bach's double-chorus motet, "Singet dem Herm," among other works. 858-534-4637. Saint Elizabeth Seton Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street), 7 p.m., Sunday, November 23. (CARLSBAD)

**Music by Kurt Weill** Pianists Wyn Wilson and Bill Wolfe entertain during mini-concert. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), noon, Monday, November 24. (LA JOLLA)

**"Late Afternoon, Giverny"** Art of Élan's "A New World" series

continues with a concert inspired by Guy Orlando Rose's painting *Late Afternoon, Giverny*. Program includes "Three Sketches on Indian Themes" by Charles Tomlinson Griffes, "Three Vocalises" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, "Arcadiana" by Thomas Adès, and Maurice Ravel's "Sonata." 619-692-2081. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 25. (BALBOA PARK)

### ART LISTINGS

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### GALLERIES

**"Art Doodles"** Opening reception, art sale for fall student exhibition of work in variety of media. Art lecture by Constance White, art program manager for San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, follows reception in G-101 (7 p.m.). Through Thursday, December 11. 619-388-2829. Mesa College Art Gallery (7250 Mesa College Drive), 4 p.m., Thursday, November 20. (MESA COLLEGE)

**"Beyond Theory"** Reception and grand-opening event for exhibition of paintings, video, installation works, performances by eight visiting Serbian artists. Project reflects cultural-political shift that occurred in Serbia at beginning of 21st Century. See the work by artists Art Fun Club, Bojan Dordev, Siniša Ilić, Nenad Kostić, Tanja Marković, Vladimir Nikolić, and Jelena Radović through Saturday, December 20. 619-235-8466. Sushi A Center for the Urban Arts (390 11th Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, November 22. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Generations: Creative Continuity"** Opening reception for exhibit of work by Dull/Martindale family. Closes Sunday, January 4. 760-795-6120. Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard), noon, Saturday, November 22. (CARLSBAD)

**"Holiday Ornaments"** Exhibit opens with reception for the 11 participating jewelry artists. Closes Friday, January 2. 619-692-0099. Taboo Studio (1615 West Lewis Street), 6 p.m., Friday, November 21. (HILLCREST)

**"Regardez-Moi! Photographs by Malick Sidibé"** Opening reception for exhibition of 333 gelatin silver prints created between 1962 and 2003 by this Malian artist. Reception follows lecture by Candace M. Keller in room 412 of SDSU's School of Art, Design, and Art History (6 p.m.). View retrospective with examples from Sidibé's signature bodies of work through Saturday, December 6. 619-594-5171. University Art Gallery at SDSU (5500 Campanile Drive), 7 p.m., Friday, November 21. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"Small Works"** Opening reception for "small-scale exhibition" celebrating the holidays. Gallery artists represented include Isabel Brown, Phillip Buller, Brooke Chapman, Jaime Chase, Sheldon Greenberg, Daphne Hill, Wade Hoefler, Aleah Koury, Kent Lovelace, Duncan Martin, Joseph Maruska, Miguel Osuna, Stephanie Peek, Mark Rediske, Nancy Sansom Reynolds, James Shay, and Jenny Wunderly. Closes Sunday, January 11. 858-793-4442. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue #160), 6 p.m., Thursday, November 20. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Spits and Drips"** Opening reception for exhibition of paintings and drawings by siblings Clayton Llewellyn and Marie Llewellyn. Through November. 619-521-0676. Crossing Tracks Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, November 22. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**"Wings and Snow"** Opening reception for collection of "green angels" by St. Madeleine Sophie's Center artists. The holiday-inspired angels and ornaments were created from recycled wood and found objects. Show features custom print recycled blue jean jackets. On view through Monday, January 5. 619-593-2205. Sophie's Gallery (109 Rea Avenue), 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 20. (EL CAJON)

**Winter C-Note Time** Annual winter fundraiser opens with C-Note Night festivities. On offer: original artwork donated by members and emerging regional artists, for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Art replaced on walls as pieces are sold. Continues through Sunday, December 7. 619-236-0011. San Diego



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## ART

Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado), 5 p.m., Saturday, November 22. (BALBOA PARK)

## ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum** Five new exhibitions of work by local artists. See “Active Duty” by Owen Mundy; “Contemporary Ruin: A Selection of Prints by the Los Angeles Printmaking Society”; “United & Severed: That Window of Time”; “Shannon McNeill: Little Drawings”; and “Warning Signs,” prints by R.H. Brownfield. Each “touches on issues relevant to contemporary life in America including motherhood, active-duty military life, loss, and more.” Through November. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum** In honor of Mexico’s Day of the Dead, museum exhibits a Day of the Dead altar. Traditional offering to the dead is a collaboration between the museum, Mexican Consulate in San Diego, and Mexican Cultural Institute. Through November 30.

“India Adorned” features selections from museum’s Stephen Huyler Collection. Exhibit “reveals

the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works that are used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family — objects of worship, personal and domestic adornment, utility, and recreation.” Closes Sunday, April 19.

“Forms in Wood and Fiber: Southern California New Work” features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and many California Fibers members. “Both fresh perspectives on traditional forms and cutting-edge contemporary expressions will be included in works of superior design and craftsmanship.” Participating artists include Wendy Maruyama, Russ Filbeck, Patrick Edwards, Del Cover, Brett Hesser, and Gene Blickenstaff. Closes Sunday, January 4. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Mingei International Museum — North County** “Nomadic Legacy — Tent and Textiles of Central Asia and Iran” presents aspects of rich artistic heritage of nomadic culture, traditions with origins in antiquity. Highlights include recent gifts to museum such as a Kyrgyz yurt, Persian bag faces, Central Asian hats. The Kyrgyz yurt — a round, domed, trelis-tent dwelling, 22 feet in diameter — won first prize in a national contest celebrating 1000th anniversary of Kyrgyzstan’s existence. Also on view: rare Kyrgyz reed screens; Turkoman, Uzbek, and Kazakh costumes and textiles. Exhibit continues through Sunday,

March 22. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown** “Human/Nature: Artists Respond to a Changing Planet” uses contemporary art to investigate relationships between fragile natural environments and human communities depending upon them. Collaborative multiyear exhibition project sent eight artists to eight UNESCO World Heritage sites around globe to complete mini-residencies, create new work informed and inspired by their experiences in these diverse cultural and natural regions. Exhibit features new commissioned works by Mark Dion, Ann Hamilton, Inigo Mangano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramirez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robleto, Diana Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1.

“Memory Is Your Image of Perfection,” curated by MCASD assistant curator Lucia Sanromán, presents photography and video works from museum’s collection created by women artists of Southern California and Baja California. Exhibition “investigates the subject of memory through associations, oppositions, and overlaps amongst photographic genres that range from straight documentary photography to manipulated photography.” Artists include Eleanor Antin, Uta Barth, Andrea Bowers, Sharon Lockhart, Ana Machado, and Yvonne Venegas. Through November. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla** “Weighing and Wanting: Selections from the Collection” marks

Hugh M. Davies’s 25th anniversary as museum’s David C. Copley Director. Exhibit offers “a personal, idiosyncratic selection of approximately 130 works acquired between 1983 and the present,” including works by John Baldessari, John Currin, Robert Irwin, William Kentridge, Nathan Mabry, Yoshitomo Nara, Martin Puryear, Lorna Simpson, Bill Viola, and Lisa Yuskavage. View this “cross-section of paintings, prints, drawings, video, installation art, and photography” through Sunday, January 4. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Museum of Photographic Arts** “Picturing the Process: Landscape through Time and Space” — continuing through Sunday, February 1 — includes selections from MoPA’s permanent collection, exploring ideas and issues related to landscape.

“Writing with Light” is said to illustrate “the connections between photography and literacy using the photographic arts as inspiration.” MoPA’s annual youth exhibition offers opportunity to recognize talented students throughout San Diego, linking the medium of photography with writing. Through January.

“Nancy Newhall: A Literacy of Images” continues through Sunday, January 25. Best known for writing text to accompany photographs by Ansel Adams and Edward Weston, Nancy Newhall was also a widely published writer on photography, conservation, American culture. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**Oceanside Museum of Art** “Quilt Visions 2008: Contempo-

rary Expressions” — continuing through Sunday, March 1 — boasts 41 quilts selected from 586 entries. Jurors were Judith Content, Mary Anne Jordan, and Don Bacigalupi.

“DAMNGORGEOUS: Millard Sheets and His Southern California Legacy” offers “a comprehensive look at his impressive career from the 1920s to the ’80s.” Over 40 works of art, including watercolors, oils, etchings, lithographs, and drawings, provide viewers with introduction to Sheets’s legacy. In the early 1930s, Sheets helped define a movement known as Southern California Regionalism, depicting rural scenes near his home in Claremont, California. Through Sunday, January 4.

“Revealing the Divine: Selected Works by Levi J. Casias” offers exhibition in which the Oceanside artist investigates “the concept of mysticism in a religious manner.” Casias believes mysticism cannot be rationalized by the intellect but can only be understood by personal experience, bridging a link between art and spirituality. He uses industrial materials, methods to create contemporary artwork. Through December. 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

**San Diego Museum of Art** “Kimono as Art: The Landscapes of Itchiku Kubota,” closing on Sunday, January 4, features work of Japanese textile artist and kimono designer Itchiku Kubota (1917-2003). Kubota used a variety of traditional techniques, unique personal innovations to create abstract landscapes through complex layering of dyes and inks on monumentally scaled kimono. Exhibition includes

Kubota’s dramatic series “Symphony of Light,” presenting a sweeping landscape across 30 kimonos placed side by side, as well as a selection of Kubota’s individual works.

“Emerging Elites: Indo-Muslim Cultures in Transition” examines artistic transitions that took place in Indo-Muslim cultural centers in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Exhibition treats these paintings as creative, ongoing cultural transformations. Closes Sunday, March 15.

“Visible Places: Works on Paper by Women,” continuing through Sunday, March 22, is comprised of “Spatial Gestures” and “Manners of Sight.” All of the included works are from museum’s permanent collection, many of them presented for first time. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**Timken Museum of Art** “Kimono as Art: The Landscapes of Itchiku Kubota,” closing on Sunday, January 4, features work of Japanese textile artist and kimono designer Itchiku Kubota (1917-2003). Kubota used a variety of traditional techniques, unique personal innovations to create abstract landscapes through complex layering of dyes and inks on monumentally scaled kimono. Exhibition includes a selection of kimono from Kubota’s “Mt. Fuji” series, presented as three views of Japan’s most famous mountain at different times of day, as well as a selection of Kubota’s individual works.

Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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**Rap-Rock, So '90s**  
P.O.D. recently canceled a planned six-city tour of the U.K. with Filter. Why? According to band members

The status of P.O.D. — one of the most prolific local bands ever — has seemed shaky since guitarist-songwriter Marcos Curiel was fired in 2003. Curiel, who'd been in the band for 11 years — pursued legal action against his bandmates over unpaid royalties. He said he was "happy" with a

years ago.

After Curiel rejoined, they were signed to INO Records, a Nashville-based Christian label distributed by Columbia. INO released P.O.D.'s seventh studio album, *Angels and Serpents Dance*, in April; that album has so far sold 109,000 copies. Compare those sales to the band's most successful album, *Satellite*, which sold 4 million copies.

Curiel was instrumental in writing the music for *Satellite* and *Fundamental Elements of Southtown*, the band's two best-sellers. The two P.O.D. albums released after Curiel left had disappointing sales, and P.O.D. was subsequently dropped by Atlantic. Their last record with Atlantic, 2006's *Testify*, sold 242,000 copies.

"I don't think they evolved their sound very well," says one radio insider who decided against playing the band's latest record. "It didn't sound like 2008; it

sounded like late-'90s rap-rock, and I don't think that [sound] matters now."

— Ken Leighton

**Girls Just Wanna Have Fun** Frightened Rabbit were joined onstage by an uninvited guest when they played North Park's U31 on November 5.

"I don't really like to call people out," blogs Rosey

this chick to think it was okay to stand, first behind the keyboardist, even after he tried to discreetly tell [her] to get the f\*\*\* off the stage, was not cool. Then she moved behind the amps next to the drummer, who was clearly irritated."

According to club patron Joey Rodriguez, "U31 always has drunk chicks.... Look at all the videos on YouTube showing girls flashing their tits and falling down drunk in the bathroom. It's like free advertising — it's *Girls Gone Wild* at U31."

At this writing, among several YouTube clips purporting to be shot at U31 is one that appears to show an inebriated, dark-haired woman vomiting into a restroom sink, with bystanders (both male and female) cheering her on.

The woman who got onstage with Frightened Rabbit can be seen in a video of the incident posted at [sddialedin.com](http://sddialedin.com). "We've got a brand-new member," says the unhappy-looking singer. "Don't know what the f\*\*\* her name is."

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Stinkpen** Tool front man Maynard James Keenan came

to the Whole Foods Market in La Jolla on November 7 to sign bottles of wine produced at his Arizona winery. Many fans showed up at 2:00 p.m., as radio stations had announced that as the start time. The *Union-Tribune* and Keenan's website said he'd be signing bottles of wine from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., yet calls to

# blurt

the inside track

quoted by *Undercover.com.au*, a "recently announced hiatus" made the South Bay band "unable to fulfill touring obligations" planned for February. The reason behind the band's "hiatus" is unclear, and calls to their manager, agent, and Columbia Records spokesperson were not returned.



P.O.D. ....SHAKY?

settlement he received. In spite of the conflict, he was asked to rejoin the band 2



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Bystrak at [sddialedin.com](http://sddialedin.com), "but, to the drunk girl who thought she was so cute by getting onstage while the band was playing, you aren't cute, it wasn't funny, and in speaking to the band after, they were not happy....

"I grabbed [a club employee] to get her off the stage, and the f\*\*\*ing gall of



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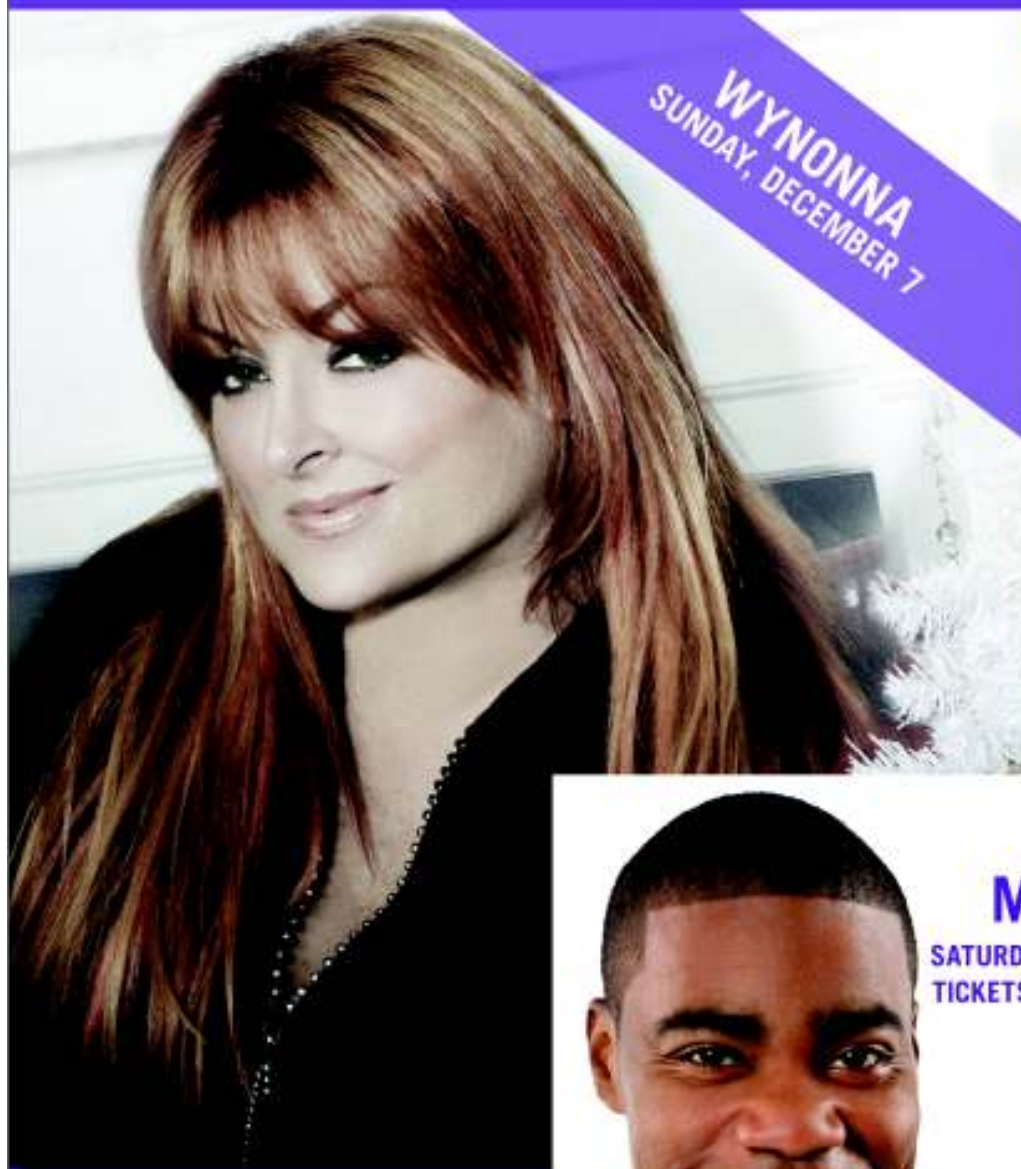
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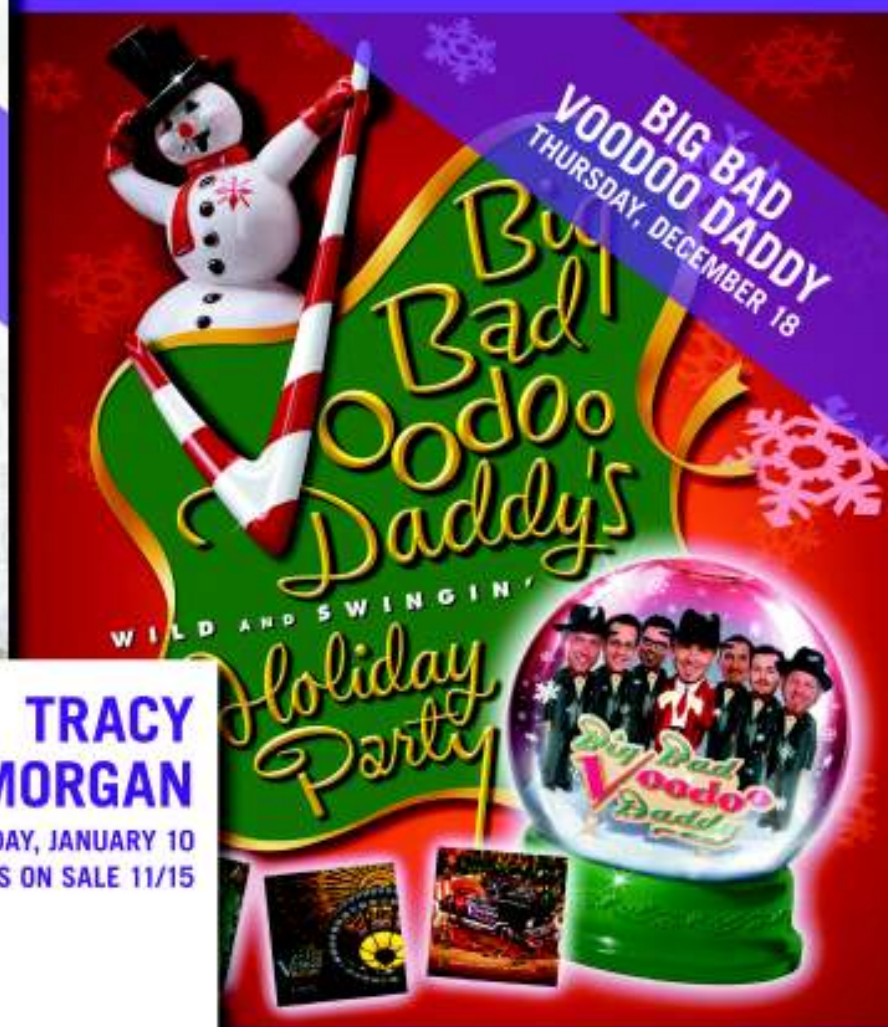


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numbers. He got 193.

"The person that got 192 asked what time he had to come back. They told him 5:00, and he said, 'But I'm almost at 200. Can't I show up later?' They said he had to be here at 5:00. When I got back around 5:45, it took me 15 minutes to find a spot. They already had people lined up into the 300s, but with Rock 105 playing music so loud, I couldn't hear the announcements.

"They had Maynard at the back of the store, and they set boxes all around him so that nobody in line could see him or take pictures. They had a separate line for you to buy wine. He would only sign two bottles, no matter how many you bought. They ranged from \$25 to \$110 a bottle. I bought a few different ones, because the artwork was different.

"When I got to the front of the line, they took my bottles in to him. Then security let me go in. I pulled out a ticket stub from 1994 and asked him if he'd sign it. A security guy grabbed it out of my hand and said 'no.' Maynard said, 'If I signed for you, it wouldn't be fair to everyone else.' Although, nobody else would've seen."

Dan Solomon was there. He said, "Yeah, they saw me holding my CDs and kept telling me he wouldn't sign them. I finally put them in my pocket, and when I pulled them out in front of Maynard, he just shook his head 'no.' It sucked. I tried to tell him I'd rather he sign the

CD than the 50-dollar bottles of wine. I guess you couldn't bring up anything about Tool.

"I asked him how he got into wine, though, and it was like I couldn't shut him up. He told me Tori Amos gave him a bottle once, and it got him more interested. He talked a little about his vineyards in Arizona. Security finally asked me to move on. I was escorted out during the middle of Maynard telling me something about starting his winery in 2000."

— Josh Board

**Wal-Marts, Best Buys, and Strip Clubs** Everyone performing at the Casbah's first local rap showcase next month was nominated in the Best Hip-Hop category at this year's San Diego Music Awards — everyone except Kayo.

"I wasn't nominated for anything," says the self-described producer/rapper/promoter. "I'm on [the Casbah bill] because I have a business mind. I'll be nominated next year." Born and raised in Southeast San Diego, Kayo, 24, says he's been rapping for ten years.

"I've been living off my record label [On Fyre Entertainment] since I was 19."

Kayo usually sells his CDs at local swap meets, nightclubs, and gas stations. "On a bad day I make \$100.... My CD [100 Percent Hustle] is professionally packaged. It's all in the presentation." He says he usually sells them for ten



KAYO FINDS A SWEET SPOT

"I discovered it when my car broke down there once. I go to Wal-Marts, Best Buys, and strip clubs. People tend to look at me a little differently [in Arizona]. They are a little more rude there, but I haven't seen any major racism."

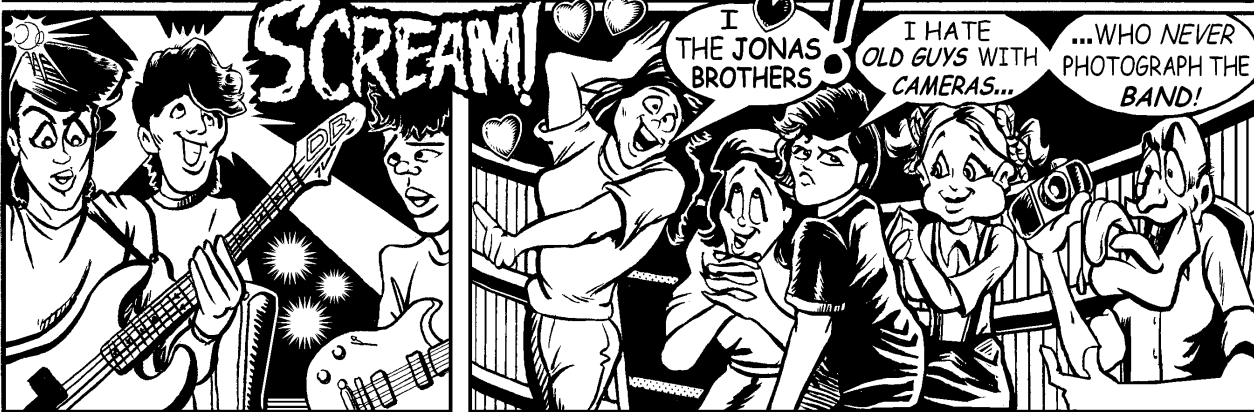
Kayo says he has found a "sweet spot" for disc sales, though he won't divulge where.

dollars, but the price has ranged between three and twenty dollars. ("I'm willing to work with the consumer.") Kayo says he is in his sixth 1000-copy pressing of 100 Percent Hustle.

On a recent Tuesday night he was in the Phoenix area, where he says he visits to sell his CDs on the street.

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"All I can say is, thank the military. Only one other guy — a Mexican rapper named Dido Brown — found out where it is."

While the Casbah showcase may indicate a giant step for local hip-hop, Kayo says his fellow hip-hop artists are playing with a disadvantage.

"We get slept on. It seems like the country overlooks San Diego artists. Plus, everyone tries to be the one person who makes it instead of the whole scene making it. It's like the crabs in the barrel — when one starts to climb out, the others pull you back in. Plus there's a lack of effort. They might make a song, put it on MySpace, and think that's it."

Kayo, Deep Rooted, the Knee Highs, Young Mass, Addiquit, and Miki Vale appear December 14 at the Casbah.

— Ken Leighton

**Who's the Diva?** When Celine Dion appears on Tuesday, November 25, at the Sports Arena, "Any damage to [power and sound] cables, due to a forklift or other machine pass, will be charged to Presenter and will not be a show cost." In addition, "The

Presenter is required to use any and all possible measures to prevent the recording,



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broadcast, filming, photographing, or taping, in any manner whatsoever of any portion of the performance....

"The Presenter agrees to arrange to have a doctor on twenty-four [hour] call to hotel or venue...the Presenter and staff must be prepared to furnish telephone numbers and addresses for physiotherapist, massage, late-night pharmacies, music stores, electronics and

computer shops, and restaurants."

At this writing, [sandiegoticket.com](http://sandiegoticket.com) is selling seats in section D, row 2, for \$900 each.

When New Kids on the Block perform on Tuesday, November 25, at Cox Arena, "All furniture for the band, vocalists, and support acts must be padded or upholstered, the towels should be bath size, [and] soap should be of top quality." In addition, "Local crew must not eat Producer's crews' breakfast, lunch, or dinner."

Dressing room requirements include a case of assorted soft drinks, a relish tray ("relish, onions, peppers, pickles"), two bags of cookies or candy, and four quarts of ice cream ("Swiss almond, chocolate, strawberry").

At this writing, [ticketsnow.com](http://ticketsnow.com) is selling seats in section EEE, row 12, for \$621 each. (from [thesmokinggun.com](http://thesmokinggun.com))

— Jay Allen Sanford

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# club crawler

This Week In Music

## Thursday 20

The **Underground Railroad to Candyland** hauls a load of *Nuggets*-era garage rock to Bar Pink tonight. The San Pedro four-piece plays it like a less adventurous Black Lips — more rock than roll — let's call it West Coast Ramones. Check their Space takes. You'll dig Recess Records debut *Bird Roughs*' trilling Strat strum, stomping drum, and pub punk shoutalongs. With Brooklyn noiseniks **Japanther**, this is a fun one for the North Park nightspot.... Len Paul stages one for the indie kids ever' now and again. Sure, it's Soma side-stage style, but über-

cool-for-Wasilla (yea, *that* Wasilla) quartet **Portugal, the Man** get the



PORTUGAL, THE MAN AT SOMA

gig. The experimental pop quartet's out to tout new one, *Censored Colors*, which adds a dash of roots blues to their off-color stew. **Earl Greyhound** and **Wintersleep** open.... Belly Up books **Bacon Bros.** Kevin the actor and Michael the unfamous one will shill their latest folk-rock disc *New Year's Day*. Priest-turned-pop star (no kidding) **Michael Tiernan** sets the Solana Beach stage.... Uptown, ya got Beauty Bar hosting an NPR-affiliate KCRW thang, featuring **Little Dragon**, **Manuok**, and **Aimee Belle**...the Ken's staging **Bedford Grove** with the **Kyle Van Band** and **Drop Joy**...and up up town, at the Ché Café, it's **Wet Hair** and **Peaking Lights**.

## Friday 21

Roll into Whistle Stop Friday night for a change of rock-roll scenery and catch Chulajuana punk-pop outfit the **Powerchords** with tasty indie-pop trio **Christmas Island**. Both bands are on the up-and-

come, and you haven't seen South Park in a while.... Miss the door at that one, alt-rawk throw-backs and SDMA nominees **Scarlet Symphony** jack in down the street at Bar Pink. L.A.'s desert grime group **Slang Chickens** split the bill.... Josh Tree electronicats **Gram Rabbit** join borderland dub dudes **Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects** at Casbah. **Blackout Party** in the Atari.... O'Connells in Bay Park fills an alt-rock bill with **Flight to Athena**, **Jack Left Town** (L.A.), **Lisa the Lush**, **Even Elroy** (SF), and **Ticket to Tokyo**.

## Saturday 22

You get your quantity and your quality Saturday night when (deep breath) **Joey Harris and the Mentals** join **Sweet Tooth** and **Moontucky Risin'** for a night of beery barroom rock at O'Connells....local noise-pop acts the **Lanterns** and **Weatherbox** meet L.A. Casio punks **Meho Plaza** to play the Ché...San Dago sax cat **Charles McPherson** cooks "bebop flambé" at Anthology...ladies with lungs converge on Bar Pink as Solana Beach three-piece **A.M.** **Vibe** splits sets with L.A.'s **Killola**...or get your pop rocks off at Beauty Bar with the **Shys**, **Army Navy**, and the **Takeover UK**...LMFAO and **Buddy Akai** jam a party-pop joint for Boogie Nights at Belly Up...Radio Room dials in Seattle's hard-rockin' **Doom Hawk** and **Filth Mattress**...and all-agers at Epicentre bop to power pop by **William Tell**, **White Apple Tree**, **War Stories**, **Somato Sensory**, and **We Are the Arsenal**.

## Sunday 23

**GWAR**'s an IDM band from Virginia. Huge in East Coast clubs, totally stylin' — a good date band if you've a new girl.



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VON IVA AT BAR PINK

Seriously, you should take her to House of Blues Sunday night to see GWAR, and she'll see how you're all fun and into some pretty heady dance jams. Don't worry, the other bands on the bill sound nothing like their names — **Kingdom of Sorrow**, **Terror**, and **Toxic Holocaust** — it's all, uh, whadda ya call, ironic. You like irony...and you like that girl, right? Duuude, this is your ticket.... The rest of you stop your sniggering... Brooklyn's "Enya with bounce" band **Yeasayer** hooks up with Chi-town dub-club kids **Icy Demons** at the Loft in La Jolla. Give the Demons' *Skyscraper*-approved *Miami Ice* a spin. Pinback for the lounge set?... **O'Death**, **Old Devil**, and **Tobin Clarke** and the **Faeries** play a mystical, magical Sunday-nighter at Casbah...while the **Tighten Ups**, **Pleaseasaur**, and **Joe Jack Talcum** serve up a smorgasbord at Bar Pink.

## Monday 24

SanFran's 'lectronic dance band **Von Iva**'s got some soul. Looks like a duck, but walks like a...a jungle cat — a leopard with Day-Glo spots and leather whip for a tail. Nice. VI's Space takes smack of Gossip without the guitar grind. They'll hit it with **Roxy Jones** for a freebie (!) at Bar Pink.... A solo **Ben Kenney** (Incubus, the Roots) hooks up with psych-rock 'n' soul band **Heavy Young Heathens** at House of Blues. Need a little nookie for your noggin? Check out the Heathens' Space takes — like Eels covering *Revolver*, Realistic amps at 11.... Casbah's Anti-Monday team tags local newbies the **Gift/Curse** and **Die**

**Sabotage** with TJ jam band the **Subadons**.

## Tuesday 25

Get your jazz hat on, kid, because **McCoy Tyner**'s in town! The Philly piano man, best known for his work in Coltrane's hard-bop quartet, will be appearing at Anthology Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The 70-year-old jazzman is out behind this year's CD/DVD *Guitars*, which features fret-work by generational giants Bill Frisell, Derek Trucks, John Scofield, Marc Ribot, and banjoist Béla Fleck.... It'll be a night of country skunk out at Radio Room with **Joe Buck** (the dude from Hank III, not the sports voice guy), **Captain Sean** of Throwrag fame, **Whiskey Dicks**, and the **Strikers**.... Brooklyn multi-instrumentalist Shara

Vorden's **My Brightest Diamond** brings the indie folk of *A Thousand Shark's Teeth* to Casbah. Fellow Brooklynites **Clare & the Reasons** open.... MJ tribbers **Who's Bad** moonwalk into House of Blues to cover three decades of the King of Pop, from "ABC" to "You Rock My World."

## Wednesday 26

Wednesday night's that long-awaited makeup date for Buzzo and Dale of the **Melvins** out at Canes. The Nor'west sludgers'll rock *Nude with Boots* with their other half, L.A. bass and drum band **Big Business**.... Skintights and skinny-tie night



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# Punk Ethic

*“One April Fools’ Day, we played to a sold-out crowd in Los Angeles. Our set lasted ten seconds.”*

**S**an Diego is definitely a cool place to be from,” says Mower front man Brian Sheerin. “We get a lot of love from local people who’ve been behind us for years, who go along with all the weird directions we go in. We take that everywhere we go.”

Mower has tried on — and cast off — many musical styles since forming in 1999.

“Look,” says Sheerin, “music is, first and foremost, a live art form, and great live music can be any genre. We play hard rock, whiskey honky-tonk, punk, metal, industrial, blues, jazz, lounge music — whatever will generate the most amount of energy in concert. It makes no sense to cement yourself into one style of music. We give our audience credit that they can appreciate a lot of different styles at different times.”

Not all their fans took kindly to Mower’s 2007 side project, Slower, featuring the same set lists but with slower jazz-based arrangements.

“The underlying thread to the whole band,” according to Sheerin, “is that we have kind of a do-it-yourself punk ethic, and we’re not really concerned about trying to please people.... We might do more Slower shows. We don’t ever write anything off completely.”

Mower opened for Metallica at the Sports Arena in 2005, toured Japan with Slayer in 2006, and appeared on MTV’s *Headbanger’s Ball* in 2007. Their 2007 album *Not for You*, coproduced by Mikey Doling of Snot, was nominated for a San Diego Music Award. Their third full-length album will be released early next year.

Mower performs at Winstons on November 22.

## WHAT’S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Slayer, *Christ Illusion*. “The most consistent

hardcore band ever. You can always depend on them to annihilate.”

2. Fugazi, *Repeater*. “Fugazi gets tons of DIY street cred because they deserve it. Great record from 1990.”

3. Mastodon, *Leviathan*. “The first line of this album is ‘I think that someone is trying to kill me.’ Awesome. A very solid new band.”

4. In Flames, *Come Clarity*. “I really didn’t get into them until last year, so I was pretty late to the party, but they’re finally getting their due.”

5. NOFX, *Wolves in Wolves’ Clothing*. “These days, a lot of bands are focusing their inspiration on politicians, but no one bashes them like NOFX.”

## MUST-HAVE DVDs?

1. The Godfather Trilogy. “Life is nothing without family.”

2. *This Is Spinal Tap*. “‘It really puts perspective on things, doesn’t it?’”

3. *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*. “The title wouldn’t really work with any other state but Texas. Try it for yourself. Florida? Nah. Delaware? Nope. Texas. That’s the one.”

4. *The Exorcist*. “Using religion to scare people is nothing new, but using pea soup to scare people is genius.”

5. *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*. “The epic comedy.”

## WEIRDEST GIG?

“We’ve had equipment blow up, power go out, and fire alarms sound. We’ve been escorted out of clubs by security and had to sidestep police in a few states. For Mower, it seems the bigger the disaster, the fonder the memories of the show. One April Fools’ Day, we played to a sold-out crowd in Los Angeles. Our entire set lasted ten seconds.”



Brian Sheerin

People thought it was a joke. It wasn’t. It was April Fools’ Day.”

## AFI OR GREEN DAY?

“So far, Green Day. They’re further along in their career, so they display more versatility. Their current songs regarding American politics and the sad state of the union are admirable. On top of that, in person they were very down-to-earth guys.”

## MIKEY DOLING’S COOLEST SNOT STORY?

“He told us a story about Lynn Strait, their singer who died in a [1998] car accident. It seems one time Lynn got arrested in the middle of a concert after coming out of Limp Bizkit’s enormous onstage toilet, completely naked.”

## BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

“Immigration and gay marriage aren’t threatening to erase mankind the way global warming is.

If the ice caps continue to melt, you can wave to all the gays and immigrants while we all tread water and watch the politicians float by on luxury liners.”

## FAVORITE LOCAL EATS?

“Anything on the menu at Café Japengo in La Jolla. Spendy, but worth it.”

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THE POWER OF INVISIBILITY?

“I’d fake my own death and then observe everyone at the funeral. The next day it would be fun telling everyone that I heard everything they said about me, especially any hypocrites. It would also be a great publicity stunt.”

## SOMETHING ABOUT MOWER THAT FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

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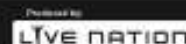


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**Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel:** 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550.  
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## NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The economy is in a shambles, the record industry is in freefall, and, God help us, Celine Dion is back in the top ten. So where can you find a success story in rock 'n' roll these days? How about looking for a rock orchestra that specializes in Christmas-themed concept albums inspired by heavy metal, classic rock, classical music, Christmas carols, and Broadway musicals?

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A TSO performance may make you want to check your calendar to remember what year it is. For one thing, there are the long-haired guys onstage playing pointy '80s-style guitars in the kind of harmonized solos that haven't been heard on the radio since the glory days of Night Ranger. For another, there are the cameo appearances by members of Styx and Emerson, Lake, and Palmer. According to every rock critic and hipster you know, this is not what 2008 is supposed to look like.



But then, Christmas is supposed to be timeless, right? It's no time to worry about what some hipster jerk thinks is cool. Christmas is the perfect time for TSO.

**TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA, San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, November 22, 8:30 p.m. 619-224-4171. \$20 to \$47.**

*Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge.

**Parkys':** 6149 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-464-9119.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Fred Heath. Blues/soul.

**Pasquale on Prospect:** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-0722.

*Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Stage 4. Jazz/rhythm and blues.

**Patrick's Irish Pub:** 13314 Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

**Peter D's:** 5149 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-277-3217.  
*Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Mystery

Train. Performs and hosts an open blues jam.

**Portugalía:** 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678.  
*Saturday*, 10 p.m. — Pocket. Soul/funk/jazz. \$5-\$8.

**Pounders:** 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-739-1288.  
*Friday and Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Stone Wolf. Rock.

**Ramona Mainstage Theatre:** 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
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**Riley's:** 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Willovealot. Smooth jazz. \$5.

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**Ruby Room:** 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. *Thursday*, 10 p.m. — The Orange Tulip Conspiracy. Experimental/jazz/rock. \$5. *Friday* — 3rd Alley. Alternative/rock/reggae. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Stick It in Your Ear Productions. Live bands every fourth Saturday of the month. \$5.

**San Diego Sports Arena:** 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Classical rock orchestra. \$20-\$47. *Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Céline Dion. Pop/rock. \$59-\$254.

**Sevilla:** 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.

*Mondays*, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662. *Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Portugal. The Man and Earl Greyhound. With Wintersleep. Indie/rock/soul. \$12. *Saturday*, 6 p.m. — The Faceless, Born of Osiris, Abigail Williams. With Shai Hulud, Decrepit Birth, and more. Metal/hardcore. \$15. *Wednesday*, 6:30 p.m. — Metro Station and Tyga. With Cash Cash and the White Tie Affair. Alternative/hip-hop/pop.

**South Park Bar & Grill:** 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096. *Thursdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam.

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**Spreckels Theatre:** 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500. *Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — Adrienne Nims and David Maldonado. Contemporary jazz/global music.

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**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
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**WorldBeat Cultural Center:** 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park, 619-263-7911.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Sugar Minott. Reggae/soul. \$13.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*December 13* — Norman Brown and Friends.

**AcousticMusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*November 28* — Tom Russell.  
*December 5* — Epiphany Project.  
*December 10* — J.D. Souther.  
*December 12* — Cris Williamson.  
*December 13* — Kelly Joe Phelps.  
*January 24* — Loudon Wainwright III.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*November 28* — Back to the Garden.

**Balboa Theatre:** 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100.  
*March 15* — The Irish Rovers.  
*April 28* — Mariza.

**Bare Back Grill - Downtown:** 624 E Street, Downtown, 619-237-9990.  
*December 9* — Lindsay White and Mary Grasso.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*November 28, November 29* — The English Beat.  
*November 30* — Jangada.  
*December 16* — Mike Ness.

**Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Avenue, North Park, 619-239-8836.  
*December 6* — Makaha Sons.  
*December 6* — 8th Annual Hawaiian Christmas Show.  
*January 16* — George Winston.  
*February 28* — The Lalo Schiffrin Trio.

**The Bitter End:** 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.  
*December 2* — Radiostar.

**Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts:** 2400 South Stagecoach Drive, Fallbrook, 760-731-2278.  
*December 5* — The Don Morris Singers and Westwind Brass.

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:** 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.  
*December 7* — Coastal Communities Concert Band.

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

**GWAR** is a shock-rock band that wears creeped-out costumes on loan from the devil, comic books, and sci-fi. The band is Kiss on steroids. If nothing else, GWAR shows are memorable. They are something of a thrash-metal band — a loudfest of hammering guitars and wicked pounding — that spews nasty goo and fluids on each other and any audience member within reach. You go to a GWAR show expecting this, much in the same way that spectators seated in the front rows of Shamu Stadium know that the big cold saltwater whale-bath might drench them at some point. When they get soaked, they like it. Same idea.

**David Brockie** is the one name that

appears in each of the many lineups that GWAR has had. In Virginia, 1984, Brockie sang in a punk band that experimented with the use of props and costumes. Called Gwarggh at first, it was later shortened to GWAR. Brockie, as his stage alter-ego Oderus Urungus (all GWAR members have similar names), has served as the band's mastermind, bassist, and guitarist and is now GWAR's vocalist. Somehow GWAR has managed to stay afloat as a touring act for two decades and has inspired a legion of followers and musicians. Slipknot comes to mind.

In a way, GWAR has a social conscience. They lampoon costumed effigies of public figures onstage in Mardi Gras style, ranging from Osama to Paris Hilton — whoever, at the moment, is most disdained. As an underground band that has gotten virtually no airplay, it was surprising when GWAR



GWAR

appeared on *The Jerry Springer Show* in 1997.

Let me add this caveat: Some of GWAR's *Beavis and Butt-Head* level of humor goes beyond what I consider decent, and I have a high tolerance for this sort of thing.

**GWAR, House of Blues, Sunday, November 23, 6 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$17.50.**

**The Calypso Café:** 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252.  
*November 30* — Freefall.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
*November 29* — Cash'd Out.  
*December 12* — Murs.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*November 28* — Deerhunter and Times New Viking.  
*November 29* — Blitzen Trapper

and the Parson Redheads.  
*November 30* — Subtle and Zach Hill.  
*December 1* — Holly Golightly and Delaney Davidson.  
*December 5* — Alex Woodard.  
*December 6* — The Sea & Cake.

**Cox Arena:** 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.  
*December 15* — Metallica.

**Downtown Café:** 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.  
*November 28* — Joey & the Sting Rays.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.  
*December 13* — The Material and Misdelpia.

**Escondido Library:** 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido.  
*December 4* — Peter Sprague.

**Hennessey's Tavern - PB:** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-8847.  
*November 28* — The O'Brien Brothers.  
*November 29* — Ecosave.

**Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill:** 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.  
*November 28* — The Bleeding Irish.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*November 28* — Tesla.  
*November 29* — The Sisters of Mercy.  
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*December 9* — Meshell Ndegeocello.  
*December 10* — Helmet.  
*December 11* — Los Lobos.  
*December 12* — Anthony Hamilton.  
*December 17* — Appetite for Destruction.  
*December 18* — Brian Culbertson.  
*December 19* — Unwritten Law.  
*December 21* — The Vandals.  
*December 26* — The Cured.  
*December 28* — Ratt.  
*December 30* — The Wailers.  
*January 1* — Reel Big Fish.  
*January 2* — Pepper.  
*January 3* — The Radiators.  
*January 4* — B.B. King.  
*January 5* — The Meteors.  
*January 9* — Led Zepagain.  
*January 15* — Boyz II Men.  
*January 21* — Edwin McCain.  
*January 25* — Ramón Ayala.  
*January 30* — O.A.R.  
*January 31* — Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine.  
*February 3, February 4* — NOFX.  
*February 5* — Katy Perry.  
*February 7* — Badfish.  
*February 14* — Styx.  
*February 21* — Reverend Horton Heat and Manic Hispanic.  
*March 6* — Jimmy Eat World.  
*April 10* — Don Felder.  
*May 1* — Kreator.

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*November 27* — Hot Rod Lincoln.  
*November 28* — The Heroes.  
*November 28* — Innovation.  
*November 29* — The Fabulous Pelicans.  
*November 29* — Old School.

**McCabe's Beach Club:** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.  
*December 27* — Fleetwood Max.

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla:** 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-3541.  
*February 19* — Carolina Chocolate Drops.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.  
*January 24* — Hershel Abram.

**Portugalia:** 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678.  
*December 5* — Danyavaad & the Shimmy Sisters.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.  
*December 19* — RB Chorale.

**Price Center:** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-6467.  
*April 15* — Seun Kuti & Egypt 80.

**The Red Eye Saloon:** 1448 South Mission Road, Fallbrook.  
*December 26* — The City Limits Band.

**Rimac Arena:** 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla.  
*November 30* — Smashing Pumpkins.

**Ruby Room:** 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.



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**Band:** MarkmyWords (vocals), DJ Sinn (turntables)

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Perhaps one reason scratching has quietly slinked further away from hip-hop is that it is just better than what's out there these days;

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BY OLLIE

the current trend in hip-hop is to amplify the worthless and hide the great. I offer as exhibit A Eminem, who obviously influenced Markmy-

Words. Mark's voice reaches for that grating half-whine gravel of Em and unfortunately grabs it all too often.

MarkmyWords is a competent rapper. He's got that quick-rap ribbety-flibbety-gibbet thing that when used judiciously adds a bit of texture to an album, and that is definitely his strongest (if not only) selling point. He seems unable to write a lyric that hasn't been rapped and re-rapped hundreds of times. His topics are cliché — pleas for pity for hungry kids in the 'hood; boasts of sexual, fighting, and musical prowess; and what he can do to other deejays and emcees who stand in his way.

Track two drops with a brassy '70s cut that would be at home in a cheesy kung fu movie or a Quentin Tarantino rip-off of the same. Track five is probably my favorite cut, with American Indian chants and imaginative scratching without much lyrical stamping



*Nature of the Beast*

from MarkmyWords.

Thankfully, the duo employs far fewer high-flying synthesizers than is popular on the radio, and they cram in an incredible amount of scratching and loop mixes...sometimes too many, as it clutters up the songs. As a scratch fan, I'm glad I caught this album. DJ Sinn might be San Diego's finest turntablist. Pick it up for the scratching or find DJ Sinn's solo work.

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*December 27* — Stick It in Your Ear Productions.

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*December 1* — Celtic Thunder.  
*December 21* — The Cheetah Girls.  
*February 16* — 28th Annual Tribute to the Legends.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.

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*November 29* — Pierce the Veil and Breathe Carolina.  
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*December 6* — Rancid.

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Monday, November 24 ■ 7 pm  
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**Michele Lundeen**

Tuesday, November 25 ■ 8 pm  
**DJ John Phillips**

Wednesday, November 26 ■ 8 pm  
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**Upcoming Shows**

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# Crasher

## RED, WHITE, AND GREEN DAY

by Josh Board

**a**s a kid, music influenced how I thought about politics — songs such as Alice Cooper's "Elected" or Cream's "Politician," wherein the politico talks a woman into his "big, black car."

As a teenager, I watched in amusement as adults on my street came close to blows when discussing politics. Reagan was in office, and I'd just sort of laughed off the system because a cheesy actor was president. I laughed when the Reagan administration wanted to cut school lunches, saying that ketchup and relish were vegetables. And I enjoyed the impersonations on *Letterman* and *Saturday Night Live*. I considered the president a vehicle for everyone to poke fun at.

When you become an adult and are faced with issues that mean a lot to you, elections become more important. On the *Reader* website, a few people suggested that I be downtown at Golden Hall ("Election Central") when the results came in.

My girlfriend and I walked into the hall at about 7:00 p.m.



on election night. I noticed several people in red, white, and blue outfits. Some of them were sequined.

One group of youngsters called themselves "The Heritage Kids." They were from a Christian school and wore red-sequined vests. They'd periodically stop while circulating



Top left: Heritage Choir; Bottom left: Roger Hedgecock (left); Bottom right: Todd Gloria (right)

**"I'm too liberal for being this old."**

through the hall and sing. I talked to one of the students, who told me about their trip to Washington, D.C., last Christmas.

I saw a guy in his 70s who was dressed in a three-piece suit adorned with an Obama

button. I said, "Now that's a guy who needs an Obama button; otherwise, he'd be pegged a Republican." I motioned to a group of African-American

women who had Obama shirts and buttons and said, "They don't need the buttons. We could've guessed who they'd be supporting."

My girlfriend said that was racist and mean of me to say,

but I think the statistics showed that over 95 percent of African Americans voted for Obama. A senior citizen walked by with a button that read, "I'm too liberal for being this old."

A couple in their early 50s came over to talk to us. My girlfriend was wearing an "I Voted" sticker written in Vietnamese, and the woman said, "Oh, you voted in Vietnamese. So did I." After seeing a CNN projection on the big screen that Obama would be the next president, the couple

went over and took a photo next to a young black guy in a do-rag, gold chains, and sunglasses.

We decided to go to the Hard Rock Café for dinner. As we walked out, I saw a group of people holding 9/11 signs. They said things about finding out "the truth." As I walked over, my girlfriend said, "Oh, God, what are you doing?" I said, "I just want to see what these idiots have to say." As we started talking, they said, "Are you an architect? If you aren't, then you don't understand that a building wouldn't fall for no reason." I argued with them for a few minutes but got nowhere. They handed me a CD and pamphlet, and I put them in the trash and walked away, saying, "You guys are so idiotic, and it's insulting to the victims that died in that tragedy." One woman was screaming at me for throwing their materials away: "Those cost 26 cents each!" An older lady who didn't get into the argument said, "It was two of the victims' family members who started this organization." As I turned around to look at

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her, I saw the other girl fishing the papers I threw away out of the trash.

When we got to the Hard Rock, all of the TVs were on election coverage. Every waitress was hooting and hollering at the prospect of Obama becoming president. I asked if we could turn the music down and the TVs up so that we could hear what was being said. They told us they weren't allowed to and that others had asked them the same thing.

We watched as the announcement was made that Obama would be our new president, TVs silent and Green Day blasting in our ears. We saw McCain give a concession speech but didn't hear a word of it.

We walked back to Golden Hall after finishing our meal. Two groups were arguing toe to toe: "Yes on 8!" "No on 8!" A tall cop with a mustache was smiling. I asked him what it would take to get him involved in the fracas. "Oh, nothing's going to happen. People are just shouting. It always gets like that."

All of the local news stations were set up. During

a few of the live feeds, you could see a bunch of yahoos jumping up and down, trying to get on camera. A little later, we saw people with signs trying to get them on camera.

I felt bad for the female newscasters. While sitting there looking at their notes off-air, guys were yelling to them. One from KUSI came over and hugged a guy and took a photo with him. He said, "I'm such a big fan of yours."

Channel 8 was gone by 10 p.m., but the crowd wasn't. In fact, it was growing more crowded, and I wondered about the capacity of the place.

I saw a few people I knew, including an artist I had met at an art party a few years back. I wanted to tell him how much I liked his paintings, but he was hurriedly trying to get out of there. Someone said, "Maybe he's a McCain supporter."

One of the guys I knew told me that Madonna, who had a concert in town that night, was having her after-party at the W hotel. He has a friend who was doing the catering who told him about it.

As we were heading over to crash it, I ran into an older African American

in a blazer and T-shirt that read, "No More Excuses." I tried to talk to him about his shirt, but he handed me a flyer and said, "Come to this. It will explain everything." As he walked away, my friend said, "I think that's Clarence Pendleton. He worked in the Reagan administration and upset a lot of blacks when he talked about how we shouldn't bus students or do those integration programs." But Pendleton died 20 years ago.

An African-American guy heard us talking and said, "No, that's Dr. Carrol Waymon. He's head of all kinds of clubs in San Diego — the Martin Luther King Democratic Club of San Diego, the One Hundred Black Men of America, and he's the president of the San Diego chapter of the National Association of Black Psychologists. He used to hold talks in town right after Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed. He's always on the news."

I really wanted to speak with Dr. Waymon about this historic election, but the Material Girl would be arriving at the W soon.

I probably should've been dressed in something other than jeans and a CCR T-shirt. When I walked in, one of the hotel staff asked if I had a room there. I told him I was going to a party on the second floor. The guy started to say something else, but we kept walking.

When we got to the second floor, it didn't appear to be hotel security that was guarding the party; it looked like a team of Secret Service agents blocking the rooms.

And they did their job well. A 6'2" guy with no neck asked what I wanted. I said, "To party with Madonna." He replied, "Get lost!" ■

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# Exit the Turkey

Printing a list of restaurants open for Thanksgiving has become a *Reader* tradition, and it's worth noting up front that nearly every restaurant open for T-Day is also likely to serve brunch or dinner on Christmas Eve or Day, New Year's, Easter, Arbor Day, Songkran, Divali, Eid al-Fitr, and Yom Kippur. (Well, when the fast's finished, folks feel famished!) So clip and save this article if you're looking ahead to eat out on future holidays.

With increasing numbers of busy people celebrating Thanksgiving with "dinner out," more and more restaurants have jumped on what is, after all, a potential cash cow. In past years, we tried to make our list as inclusive as possible, until it swelled to the size of the Goodyear blimp. Everyone at the paper who had to deal with it — from my saintly copy editor to perfect proofreader to the makeup guys trying to put lipstick on the wriggling, bloated pig — were moaning about the monster.

Well, times are leaner this year, and so is this column. Sorry I've got to cut you loose a bit, but the detailed list is down to restaurants known for good food (plus a few whimsies that sound like special fun). At the end you'll find groups of restaurants I can't necessarily vouch for personally (so caveat emptor), under the categories Cheap and Friendly, Convivial Community Favorites, and Views While You Chew, plus a few listings each for Singles' Scenes and Seniors' Scenes. I know you're intelligent people (after all, you read the *Reader*), so I trust you can find your way to the website (*SDReader.com*), where you will find basic information on most of these places, or to the phone book to call for specifics and reservations.

Yes, you really do have to reserve at nearly any restaurant for T-Day, and it's best to call ASAP. Some top restaurants may be fully booked already, and many require a credit card number, which will be charged if you're a no-show.

The restaurants listed below are arranged by geographical area, so you need not drive vast distances while drowsy. If there's nothing in your area, or you're planning on a nearby getaway, most large hotels (check the Yellow Pages), resorts, and gambling casinos offer Thanksgiving dinners. If you're desperate and stuck in a restaurant-starved region, many suburban chains



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(Boston Market, Marie Callender's, Mimi's, et al.) will also be serving a holiday menu of their customary quality.

Prices quoted below do not include tip, tax, or beverages. "Kiddie prices" generally apply to children 5–12 (sometimes 3–12). Most prices are for multicourse meals or all-you-can-eat buffets, but a few are for à la carte.

## T-DAY NAOMI WISE

### TAKE-HOME FARE:

Enjoying ready-made feasts at home is a growing option. Choices range from buying side dishes and desserts, to purchasing a turkey that's more savory than a supermarket-roasted bird, on up to the entire meal — often for little more than you'd spend to cook it all yourself. The following sources all offer reliably good cooking:

**Barnes BBQ**, 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. BYO Bird: Tote a fully thawed raw turkey to the BBQ, and they'll smoke-cook it for you for \$1.25 per pound. (They do this for Christmas, too.) You can pick it up on

Wednesday, along with sides of cornbread, pies, veggies, etc. Call before Tuesday morning to reserve your smoking time.

**D.Z. Akin's**, 6930 Alvarado Road, off 70th Street/Lake Murray Road, San Diego, 619-265-0218. Turkey and trimmings, plus breads and rolls, for pickup on Wednesday. Call daytimes for details and price; order as soon as possible.

**Magnolias**, Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid Avenue (off Market Street), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. A soul-satisfying Cajun-Creole dinner is yours to take home for \$197 (to feed 10–12), or you can just pick up some sublime Southern desserts such as pecan pie. Call by November 21 to reserve dinner, and pick it up hot on Thursday.

**Mardi Gras Café & Marketplace**, 3185 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. Cajun-style marinated deep-fried turkey, \$5 per pound (\$4 per pound if you bring a thawed bird), pick up on Wednesday or early Thursday. Order up to two days before. They can also furnish tasty Louisiana-style side dishes.

**Pamplemousse** (see North Coast). Gourmet takeout T-Day dinners for six people or more are available from this famed destination at \$50 per person for a full meal. Reserve until November 25, and pick up on T-Day.

**St. Tropez Bakery & Bistro**, locations in Encinitas, Rancho Bernardo, Hillcrest, Horton Plaza, and downtown on Broadway, call 1-800-NEXTPARTY. You can get the whole megillah, including roast free-range turkey to feed 8–10 for \$199, or to feed 12–15 at \$299, with all the trimmings and choice of house-baked pies. Turkey and/or sides also available separately. Order 72 hours in advance, pick up Wednesday or Thursday at the nearest location, or get delivery for \$50 more.

**Savory** (see North Coast). Take home a hot dinner serving 10–12 for \$290, including a 15-pound roast turkey with all the trimmings and dessert. Order by Sunday night, pick up on T-Day.

**Whole Foods Market**, locations in Hillcrest (619-294-2800) and La Jolla (858-642-6700) will have full Thanksgiving (and Christmas) meals, available for ordering starting November 13. Get an organic turkey dinner for six (starting at \$110), a ham dinner, or a festive vegan meal for one. Order deadline is the Monday prior to the holiday. Pick-up available on Wednesday and during Thanksgiving Day (open 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Hillcrest and 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. La Jolla).

### EAT-OUT FEASTS

#### North Coast

**Arterra**, San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-369-6032. Three-course prix-fixe dinner with fresh farm-to-table produce, \$40, kids \$20, 1:00–6:00 p.m.

**Dining Room at the Inn**, the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1131. Huge buffet in beautiful setting, \$60, kids \$24, 11:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

**Four Seasons Resort Aviara**, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773 for all restaurants. Argyle Cafe (on golf course) 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. and California Bistro 10:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. Buffet, \$85, kids \$42.50, with kids' activities and optional kiddie buffet table. Vivace Restaurant, deluxe four-course menu, \$110, kids \$38, 3:00–8:00 p.m.

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**Kitchen 1540 at L'Auberge Del Mar**, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. In newly renovated setting, chef Paul McCabe's three-course prix-fixe dinner, \$49, \$24 kids, noon–8:00 p.m.

**Mille Fleurs**, 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. Four-course dinner by renowned chef Martin Woesle, call for price (expensive), 1:00–7:00 p.m. Reserve ASAP; this one always fills up early.

**Pacifica Del Mar**, Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Chef Chris Idso's three-course dinner, choice of entrées, \$38–\$48, kids \$16, noon–9:00 p.m.

**Pamplemousse Grille**, 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. Chef Jeffrey Straus's magnificent four-course dinner with choice of entrées, \$55, kids \$24, 2:30–7:00 p.m.

**Rancho Valencia**, 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Four-course meal with several entrée choices in beautiful surroundings, \$78, kids half-price, toddlers less,

noon–7:30 p.m.

**Red Tracton's**, 550 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-755-6600. Traditional Thanksgiving dinner \$30 per person; whole turkey carved at table for \$35 per person (\$27 kids) for tables of four or more (reserve five days ahead), seatings at 2:00, 4:00, 6:30 p.m.

**Savory**, 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef Pascal Vignau's three-course à la carte meal with choice of entrées, \$39.50–\$46, 11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

### North Inland

**Bernard'O**, 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Tasty live music, lovely room, super-chef Patrick Ponsaty's à la carte menu (turkey entrée, \$20), three-course dinner, \$35–\$40 plus tip, tax, bev; regular kiddie menu available, 1:00–7:30 p.m.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn**, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. Aragon Ballroom buffet brunch, \$66, kids \$25 (including free pony ride!) to age 14, a famously lavish spread, 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Veranda Bar and Grille, 858-675-8555, three-course meal, \$46, kids \$25, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. El Bizcocho, 858-675-8550, four courses, \$75 adult, \$110 with matching wines, kids \$25, 2:00–8:00 p.m.

**Wild Animal Park, Nairobi Pavilion**, 760-738-5055 (call 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Buffet dinner \$43, kids \$18 (aged 3–11),

seatings at noon and 3:00 p.m. Reservations required. Free entry to park for members; nonmembers must pay regular admission.

### La Jolla and Golden Triangle

**A.R. Valentien**, Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. Beautiful spot, fabulous food: chef Jeff Jackson's three-course holiday dinner, \$75, kids \$30, noon–9:00 p.m.

**Estancia La Jolla**, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-964-6500. À la carte breakfast 6:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Prix-fixe three courses, \$49, \$75 with wine, kiddie menu à la carte, 2:00–8:00 p.m.

**George's at the Cove**, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. À la carte menu of chef Trey Foshee's seasonal specials in the dining room, entrées alone, \$26–\$44; more casual, moderately priced menu on the sea-view Terrace, 1:00–9:00 p.m.

**Jack's La Jolla**, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. Chef Tony DiSalvo's à la carte menus with Thanksgiving specials, expensive. Ocean Room 3:00–7:00 p.m.; Viaggio 4:00–8:00 p.m.

**La Valencia Hotel**, 1132 Prospect Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Mediterranean Room buffet 1:00, 4:00 p.m. (sold out for 6:30 p.m.), \$69, \$35 kids. Call for details on Whaling Room and Sky Room. **Marine Room**, 2000 Spindrift

Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-7222. Chef Bernard Guillas's à la carte holiday menu with a close-up ocean view and adventurous cuisine, expensive, noon–7:00 p.m. **Nine-Ten**, Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb rides the range at a three-course Thanksgiving menu with a choice of entrées, \$49, kids \$25, 2:00–8:00 p.m. **Sante**, 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. Regular menu with T-Day specials at local Italian favorite, three courses about \$50, 11:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m. **Torreyana Grille**, Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Lavish holiday buffet, \$54 including glass of champagne, kids \$24, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

### Beaches

**Bahia Resort Hotel**, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach, 858-539-7635. Champagne brunch buffet in ballroom, \$40, kids \$20, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., with a free cruise on a sternwheeler.

**Baleen**, Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road, Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Brunch buffet in charming resort setting bedecked with monkey-theme decor, \$68, kids \$28, noon–7:00 p.m.

**Humphrey's by the Bay**, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Champagne brunch with a marina view and live jazz, \$50, kids \$17, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**Island Prime**, 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Chef Deborah Scott's three-course menu in scenic setting, \$50, kids \$13, two-hour time limit for eating, 1:00–7:00 p.m.

**Jordan (JRDN)**, 723 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. À la carte oceanside dinner, upper moderate to expensive, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. **Red Marlin**, Hyatt Hotel, 1441 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-221-4810. Buffet \$39, kids \$15 (with optional special kiddie buffet), 4:00–8:00 p.m.

**Thee Bungalow**, 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. Three-course dinner in cozy cottage, entrée choices including duck, turkey, sirloin, bass, \$50, kids \$15, 1:00–8:00 p.m.

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The following restaurants traditionally have been open on Thanksgiving Day. Call for details of this year's feast and to reserve. Some are listed in more than one category because they fit more than one. You can find most on the *Reader* website (*SDReader.com*) under "Food & Drink," on the top far right of the site; many have capsule reviews. The few that may have escaped our octopoidal embrace can be found in the phone book for their area. They're listed below in geographical order, roughly north to south, coast to far east.

**Cheap and Friendly (Meals Under \$25):** Tip-Top Meats (Carlsbad); Encinitas Café (Encinitas); Centre City Café (Escondido); Nick's at the Beach (Pacific Beach, open late, football on TV); Nick's at the Pier (Ocean Beach, football there too); Bali Hai (Shelter Island); Red Sails Inn (Shelter Island); the Boathouse (Harbor Island); Tickled Trout, Ramada Plaza (Mission Valley); Valley Kitchen, Mission Valley Resort, (MV); Crest Café (Hillcrest); Hob Nob Hill (uptown); Johnny R's (North Park); Ole Madrid (Gaslamp).

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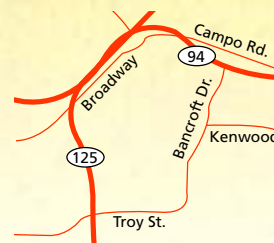
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# A Moose from Greece

“Uh, looking for something Canadian. Are you Canadian?”

**T**otally Nude, 6:00 p.m.–6:00 a.m.” Dang. It’s only 5:00 p.m., here outside Club Fantasy Gentlemen’s Club. Actually, I’m jes’ passing by, minding my business. Too broke to go in anyway. When you’re poor you can’t afford to be bad.

Mind you, I do have a Hamilton in my shoe. What halted me in the first place was the sound of laughter. From Club Fantasy? No, it’s coming from across 36th Street. A little box of a place. Canada Steak Burgers.

Hmm...Canada...Are we talking moose burgers? It’s a red-blue-white brick building with a blue awning. I cross over. The bricks have that squeezed-out-mortar look. Every inch of the windows is taken up with ads for menu specials. Place looks like it’s been here for 50 years.

Just as I come in, the cash-register guy comes around the counter and hugs a little laughing lady with gray hair and a big bag of takeout in her arms.

Everybody joins in her laughter. It’s hard not to in this small space, with its hot, low, dark little kitchen, half-dozen tables, and a big cream tile floor and buttery cream walls.

I ask the little lady, “Someone just won the lottery?”

“Oh, no,” she says. Name’s Shirley. “It’s always fun in here. They are wonderful. I just live across the road. If I don’t turn up for a couple of days, they come over and knock, to make sure I’m okay.”

Shirley says today she bought the #10 combo, chicken kabob and shrimp (\$8.49), plus a baklava (\$1). “I live next to Shirley,” says another lady, Darla. She’s taking home a small chicken salad

(\$4.49) with a large Coke (\$1.25). “When I lost my job, they let me work here in the restaurant for a month and a half. That’s the kind of people they are.”

Guess I may as well join the order line. I check the wall menu. Huh...not so much a Canadian thing going on as Greek. First thing I see is a gyros and souvlaki combo. It’s \$8.49. So are other combos, including the quarter chicken and spanakopita (spinach pie), the souvlaki and ribs, and chicken kabob and shrimp. All of these come with a

Greek salad and a choice of fries, rice, garlic or pita bread. Not a bad deal.

Dinners (same sides) are mostly a little cheaper. The five-piece jumbo shrimp plate costs \$7.99, BBQ spare ribs is \$8.99, a shrimp and fish seafood plate is \$7.99, and —getting better— fish and chips (with three pieces of fish) is \$7.49.

But steakburgers? The best value is the four-ounce charbroiled hamburger at \$2.49, but it just uses ordinary ground beef. Guess steakburgers must grind a better cut. You get a six-ounce steakburger, for \$3.49, and an eight-ounce for \$4.29. For about 50 cents more, you get patty melts in all three sizes. They have other variations on the meat theme: steak sandwich is \$4.99, so is a Philly sub. A chicken fillet with cheese goes for \$3.69.

“Moose! What’s up, man?” These two really big ‘n’ tall guys come in through the back. They’re talking to the guy at the cash register. Moose? Huh. Maybe he is Canadian.

“We’re having the steak tonight, right? We got the tickets. Vegas, baby!” says this guy Milton.

“You going, Moose?” says the other guy, Alex. “Probably,” says Moose.

“Okay. Give us two porterhouse,” says Milton. “The works. Fries, salad, garlic bread. Vegas is gonna be a blast.”

I do a quick search of the wall listing. Ah. The porterhouse is a dinner, \$12.99. Most expensive thing on the menu.

Now it’s my turn. “Uh, looking for something Canadian,” I say. “Are you Canadian? Like, Moose is your name?” “People call me Moose, but my real name is Mousa.”

Oh, Mousa. Middle Eastern way of saying “Moses,” I seem to remember. Turns out Mousa and his parents are Palestinian-Americans. And they have run this place since 1980. That accounts for the Mediterranean side of the menu.

“So no moose burgers?” I say. He shakes his head. “Sorry. The Canadian guy left way back.” He needs my order. People are starting to line up behind me.

“Uh, what’s the difference between hamburger and steakburger?” I ask. I’m looking at that \$2.49 hamburger and the \$3.49 steakburger.

“Better meat,” Mousa says. “Steakburger has meat from steak.”

I nod. Go for the six-ounce steakburger. Mousa slips the ticket to Eliazar and Cecilio, the two cooks working the grill behind him. Damn, but the smells are delicious.

Five minutes later, I pick up my burger and set down at a table. Mmm. This burger sure has juices, and flavor. Reminds me of Burger Lounge. Mousa says it has a “secret seasoning” his dad invented. Even the fries have a seasoning salt added.

I get talking to Milton and Alex, the Vegas guys. Turns out Alex soups up cars, and Milton has completely rebuilt a ’72 Chevy Impala, in-



Mousa

stalled a “383-stroker” motor. Gets 5 mpg. But Milton’s committed, all the way. He shows me the back of his hands. Ouch. Fresh tattoos, still raised. His right fist has the Chevrolet symbol, the left has the impala, a leaping deer. “I’m in love with Chevy, man” is all he’ll say.

Say no more. The burger really goes down well, though I think next time I’d go for the eight-ouncer. ‘Specially seeing as it’s such a good price. Still, I leave stuffed, with burger and talk.

Back outside the Club Fantasy, I keep walking. Mr. Hamilton’s history. There’ll be no garter-stuffing tonight. ■

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**3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro** 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$15 all-inclusive for food; mi-

mosas extra); closed Monday. Low-moderate. — N.W.

**The Australian Pub** 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, "run over" between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (half-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Chateau Orleans** 926 Turquoise Street (near Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. This old-timer is a fun place to eat and let the *bon temps rouler* to the sound of live blues (Thursday through Saturday) and Sunday champagne jazz brunch. Despite many changes of owners, Chateau Orleans has always kept the same old ersatz recipes — it's high time the kitchen had a refresher course in authentic Louisiana cooking, as most of the dishes kind of "dis" the two great cuisines of that state. But if you choose carefully, you can get some pretty good stuff to complement the tasty music and colorful art on the walls: Texas cornbread, crawfish bisque, gushy "purple fries" (fried eggplant appetizer, the best dish on the menu), Cajun popcorn (fried crawfish tail meat), and gumbo are the ones to choose. Stay far away from the jambalaya. Reasonable wine list, numerous Louisiana and Southern beers; full bar, but the Hurricanes are so weak that they barely qualify as a drizzle. — N.W.

**Donovan's Steak and Chop House** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged Prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and

peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional crème brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W.

**Hancock Street Café** 3354 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**P. F. Chang's China Bistro — La Jolla** 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, University City, 858-458-9007. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the waitstaff. But this busy mall Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the Sichuan from the Sea shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there

are jewels, if one searches for them. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

**Portugalia** 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. This spacious, informal room decorated with strings of Christmas lights resembles an ethnic community center — and indeed, O.B. is home to a long-term Portuguese fishing community. The fascinating menu is split between the homeland and its former colony, Brazil, including several coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia that are rarely found locally. The array of appetizers from both countries embraces addictive *bolinhos de bacalhau* (salt cod fritters) and *rissois de camarão* (fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp). For entrées you can choose Portuguese specialties like the earthy *gomes de sá* (codfish with chick peas) or Brazil's *bife apimentado* (spicy beef) or even an African-inspired *bife de moçambicana* (beef with shellfish). There's also a *rodizio* option of skewered meats and/or seafood. Save room for the owner's mom's homemade desserts, especially *pastéis de nata* (delicate custard-filled pastries). Portuguese wines, full bar. Not all dishes always available. Service quality variable. Long stairway up to second-floor restaurant. Live music most nights after 10 p.m. Easy parking. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, to midnight or later except Sundays. Moderate. — N.W.

**Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli** 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Solare Ristorante Lounge** 2820 Roosevelt Road, NTC Promenade, Point Loma, 619-270-9670. Lucky Point Loma! At this offshoot of the well-respected Bella Italia in P.B., the bill of fare is "green" — it's creative, well-executed Northern Italian cuisine with Asian-fusion touches such as a luscious sea bream carpaccio with lychees. A chef with a second home in a Ligurian vineyard makes it all from scratch with mainly local and sustainable or organic ingredients, including Brandt natural beef. Many dishes are pure home cooking that you won't find on typical restaurant menus even in the homeland. Huge wine list, full bar, wrap-around alfresco patio dining and even a cute mini-lounge outdoors behind the restaurant. Inside, the architecture tends to magnify the noise level when the room is full, e.g., weekends. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W.

**Tapenade** 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras *torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W.

**Umi Sushi** 2806 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights in-

clude lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a Crazy Boy roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Whisknadle** 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-7575. As you enjoy the weather on a roofed, sheltered patio, you'll find a menu full of craftsmanly virtue — Chef Ryan Johnson's local, natural, artisanal, and seasonal cuisine with global flavors and an emphasis on grazing plates (shareable appetizers). This kitchen bakes its own bread and makes charcuterie/salumi from scratch. Among the extreme pleasures a meal here may afford are roasted bone marrow (don't try to share this, everyone will want their own bone), chorizo-and-date fritters, pristine "simply grilled" sustainable fish, and delicate *panna cotta*. Serious wine and craft beer list; full bar with creative cocktails including a fabulous Lavender Cosmo. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

**Zenbu** 7660 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house featuring sparkling-fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper-moderate to expensive. — N.W.

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you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it were cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. Vegetarian upon request. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadaña* (holes cut in the mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**El Rodeo** Boulevard Salinas #1647, Baja, 664-686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef-liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, carne asada, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal table-top grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Vegetarian upon request. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *E.B.*

**Vallarta Natural** 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Baja, 664-686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcantar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta*, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chili. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldo tlalpeno*, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chili, will fill you nicely. The *soy hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## CENTRAL

**El Agave** 2304 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-220-0692. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy Jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogitos cuiltacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Anthology** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. This spiffy, multi-level nightclub offers pleasant, user-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) conceived by consulting celeb-chef Bradley Ogden. But when good musicians are cookin' onstage, the eats are liable to become mere background music for the mouth. A great date venue for

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**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980. Ann's brother succeeded her, and the prices have hardly changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber,

and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Dobson's** 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

**La Doña** 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Southeast San Diego, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. zoot-suiters drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa.

The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones*, *menudo*, and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**El Pollo Loco** 2795 Main Street, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of

cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Gourmet India** 810 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-7967. Most local Indian restaurants share nearly identical panregional menus (yawn). Gourmet India, in contrast, serves authentic regional delicacies you won't find at the clones. Don't miss the distinctive appetizers, especially the crunchy sev poori (wheat wafers with a vibrant, spicy fresh topping), the bel poori (India's favorite railway snack), or southern India's uttappam, pancakes (made of cream of wheat) resembling soft, exotic mini-pizzas, accompanied by a coconutty fresh chutney. Peshawari naan is a spectacular tandoor-cooked bread stuffed with cashews, raisins, and fresh cheese, and tandoori chicken wings are tender and savory with their lively green dipping sauce. Entrées include the rarely seen mirchi tikka, tender boneless chicken from the tandoor, steeped in a bright, spicy, lime-juice marinade. Madras Fish in coconut milk is a delicious southern-style coconut milk curry, and the house specialty, Bombay Chicken, is a salty and oddly homey-tasting stew. Interesting and appropriate wine list; numerous Indian and international beers. You can eat royally on a prosperous peasant's budget. Lunch

and dinner daily. (Parking not validated at Horton.) Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Izakaya Masa** 928 Ft. Stockton Drive #109, Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. An izakaya is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar. The menu here includes 12 cold appetizers and 19 hot ones, along with 12 deep-fried mini-kebabs and a host of more standard dishes, plus sushi. Find adventure with the little dishes. Chuka kurage, superb cold jellyfish salad, is crunchy and spicy but lightly sauced, with no greasy chili-oil residue. Fried oysters (kaki), ethereal fried tofu in broth, and kara-age (spicy fried chicken) stand out among the hot appetizers. Kushi-age, a variety of deep-fried kebabs on bamboo skewers, are inexpensive and delicious; try the Japanese sausage. Maguro yamakake, a cold appetizer of raw tuna with glutinous grated mountain yam, is an advanced course in Japanese cuisine — a strenuous challenge to a Western palate. Sushi rolls are a bit creative, but not the restaurant's forte. Go for the tapas and enjoy yourself. Lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday. Dinner six nights. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Jimmy Carter's Café** 3172 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does

Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Krakatoa** 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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price," meaning "if you have to ask..."). It's all excellent, often spectacular, but it's not the master chef creating masterpieces on the spot — it's all a little chainy and soulless, as though the life force has leaked out. And after the celeb-chic cachet wore off the local branch, the current crowd there tends to dress down

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**The Ritual Tavern** 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-283-1618. North Park is becoming a hotbed of ethical food culture, and Ritual is one of its proponents. At this cozy, civilized, Old World-style pub where the music always plays softly enough for conversation you'll find classic pub dishes plus some more exotic forays, cooked with consistent care to emphasize the fine, natural flavors of humanely raised Niman meats, gourmet Jidori chicken, locally grown organic vegetables. Want a burger? The ketchup is made in-house. The wildest dish is a tasty, mouth-filling, étouffé-thick "Sad-dlebrush" (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots — and no okra or filé!), served over long-grain wild rice instead of the sticky white stuff. Vast list of local and international artisan beers includes a Porter milkshake for dessert; nearly all of a dozen affordable international wines are available by the glass. Soft drinks include Mexican Coca-Cola (made with cane sugar, not corn syrup). Small parking lot behind restaurant. Several vegan and gluten-free menu items. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Saigon on Fifth** 4900 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. This is the rare

local Vietnamese restaurant that emphasizes the urban, French-influenced cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Hue, rather than the ubiquitous *pho* noodle soups of the North. The list of house specialties includes many entrées you won't find elsewhere in San Diego, among them a smoked oyster omelet and a unique version of coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell. Many dishes here include honey, so the Boon (spicy noodle salad) deserves its name — a refreshing break from the sweetness. Well-chosen, reasonable wine list suits the food, as does the serene decor. Validated underground parking just north of the bank. Open daily, lunch and dinner until midnight. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Sala Thai** 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: chicken green. Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Sang Dao** 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil,

garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-tries: BBQ beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be honey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

### NORTH INLAND

**Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q** 6904 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-2333. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). In this family-owned restaurant, they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad; vegetarian and senior-citizen specials also available. Wheelchair accessible. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Centre City Café** 2680 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early-bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.*

**China Max** 4698 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and

multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — *N.W.*

**Fiore's** 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an oyster bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at oyster bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W.*

**San Diego Artisan Bakers** 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Recipes of the 24 loaves are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Sand Crab Café** 2229 Micro Place, Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy house-made key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

### NORTH COASTAL

**Armenian Café** 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a loss leader featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great Armenian salad and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine

list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

**California Bistro** 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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**Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán — Encinitas** 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taquería, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsa. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles,

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**Star of India — Del Mar** 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. It’s the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a

bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY

**Café 1134** 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Since the place changed hands a couple of years back, the food has definitely gotten more interesting. Breakfast omelets, for starters. The Cortez has sautéed shrimp, mushrooms, Jack cheese, avocado, sour cream, plus fruit or sautéed potatoes. *Paninis* like the Tuscany come stuffed with roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles. They do a fine chicken pecan salad, too. But at heart this is still a Left Bank sort of coffee place for hanging out, talking, arguing, and having deep thoughts. Grab a joe or a large bottle of their hoppy Mermaid’s Red Ale, take it outside, start a conversation. Open 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (kitchen 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.) daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**D’Lish Pizza and Pasta** 386 East H Street, Suite 211, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the “bistro entrées.” If you’re ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no.

That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d’lish in its marinasion and especially its pesto-like chimichurri sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetable pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And Mediterranean Chicken Salad works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Spiro’s Gyros** 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water’s edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wines (cheaper than their Californian), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro’s popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Uno Chicago Bar and Grill — Chula Vista** 555 Broadway, Suite 1076, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago’s better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Uno’s expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak ‘n’ cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to mod-

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EAST COUNTY

**Campo Diner** 1367 Dewey Place, Inland Border Towns, 619-478-2888. Tiger Woods eats here. He plays paint wars nearby, then comes in and always orders the same thing: cheeseburger, medium rare, with fries. The burgers are all made from certified Black Angus beef, so they cost a little more. But there are deals for folks with country appetites. For breakfast, ask for “The Works” omelet. It’s loaded with bacon, ham, sausage, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, and potatoes. A half-order will be plenty. At lunch order the robust, homemade soup of the day, like vegetable, which has so many fresh-cut vegetables in it that you won’t need to order anything else. Open daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Lake Murray Café** 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-433-0180. This is the neighborhood café this neighborhood lacked for years. Which explains why, since it opened in 2005, it’s

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**Mediterraneo** 1347 Tavern Road, Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather’s fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M.*

**Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore** 330 North Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, 619-441-0480. Here, 100 years ago, stagecoaches and gold miners from Julian would raise a ruckus at this very crossroads every morning. Today, what has to be the smallest

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**Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café** 6792 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-582-4024. You’re eating in a museum here. You can nibble your *panini* and check out ancient bikes like Rudge’s penny farthing or the three-seater bike the Three Stooges used. The little black-board menu’s basically a list of toasted *paninis* and cold sandwiches. Each sandwich gets its name from the bike world. The Tandem is a double-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The Tour de France has ham and Swiss on a croissant; the Tour d’Italia is salami, pepperoni, ham, cheese, and a pot of *marinada*. Add their rib-sticking chicken soup with wild rice and you’ll have a cheap and enlightening lunch. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Calypso Cafe, Encinitas

Have you tried the home made Lobster ravioli here!?! It’s amazing! Lobster ravioli in crab sauce, I don’t know how life can get better than that. And at \$22.95, you get your money’s worth. Service needs to be better, and they ran out of ice cream for our dessert so one of the workers had to run out to get it while we waited ages for our dessert to be ready. Ambiance is very chill, they have live music and comedy night sometimes. You will never be disappointed with the lobster ravioli though!

By **kandieznkisses** 1:56 p.m., Nov. 12

Rancho La Leña, Old Town

BRUNCH is the theme here. On Sundays, this Cinderella sleeper of a restaurant can cast off its workaday, weekday hit-and-miss reputation for shoddy product and service and truly shine. Unlike the stereotypical Acapulco or El Torito Gringo-ized brunches, Rancho La Lena proudly offers truly authentic recipes straight from Abuelita’s kitchen. Here’s the trick - arrive early enough to secure good parking in the area, but be able to hold out long enough for the savory, freshly grilled chicken to be set out on the buffet somewhere between 11 and 12. Meanwhile, feast on fresh menudo, chilaquiles, chorizo and eggs, chiles verde and colorado, barbequed beef ribs, refried beans, Spanish rice, an incredible chicken mole, a basic omelette bar and FRESH hand-made corn and flour tortillas. Quench your thirst with horchata, tamarindo, orange juice, coffee (or add on your choice from the full bar) for a very reasonable price and stretch out on the comfortable patio (the interior dining room is very small and less popular). Service for brunch has always been snappy and prompt. Get out and enjoy this gem of a brunch in Old Town soon!

By **g\_martinez** 10:57 p.m., Nov. 13

Tyler’s Taste of Texas, El Cajon

OK, Tyler’s Taste of Texas is kind of a home town restaurant, kind of a country feel to it. The cooking can be good and can be questionable. I’ve had both. I really don’t care to go back unless I am persuaded by family. Personally I don’t see the charm. Do you like canned peas, and other canned vegies? I know I don’t. But I wouldn’t mark it off your list just yet. I would say give it a try if on 2nd Avenue just off the freeway 8 on your right. I give it a 5 out of 10.

By **richinsd** 5:15 p.m., Nov. 14

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**Appaloosa** — Unpretentious, un-epic Western, adapted from a novel by the hard-boiled mystery writer Robert B. Parker. It bears more than a passing resemblance to a pseudonymous variation on the Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday legend, the 1959 *Warlock*, without itself qualifying as a variation on that legend. We have again the two-man team in a peripatetic “peacekeeping business” (Have Gun — Will Travel), the living legend and the overshadowed sidekick. We have also the outsized outlaw gang who hold the titular town in their grip. We have, in conciser form, an identical opening, the elimination of the incumbent peace officer and the appearance of his replacements on a hilltop overlook. We have forthwith the Earpian edict of no guns within city limits. We have the woman who comes between the two peacekeepers. (In *Warlock* it was actually two women.) And we even have a recognizable replay, on a reduced scale, and nowhere near movie’s end, of the showdown at the O.K. Corral. But we don’t have, among other things, any clear distinction, and thus any palpable tension, between the two peacekeeping partners. (There’s nothing inherently wrong with that, but their complete compatibility disqualifies the movie as a variation on Earp-Holliday.) Both are cookie-cutter Strong Silent Types, and well played in that mode by the leathery Ed Harris, who also di-

rected, and a Buffalo Bill-whiskered Viggo Mortensen, weighed down with a bazooka-sized eight-gauge shotgun. The movie, even while it would not compare favorably to its antecedent, can rest comfortably on the tight-jawed interplay between these men, and on its brisk and efficient action scenes, and finally, lingeringly, on the climactic act of friendship of the sidekick for his love-struck partner. That has some real nobility to it, and some subtlety, some irony. With Renée Zellweger, Jeremy Irons, Timothy Spall, Lance Henriksen, Ariadna Gil. 2008. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Body of Lies** — The war on terrorism, or anyway a single battle against terrorism, conducted with slickness and razzmatazz, and time for romance too. Leonardo DiCaprio continues to breathe hard in his efforts to be an action hero; the steel-haired Russell Crowe, in a desk job, plays peekaboo around his glasses frames; both are upstaged by Mark Strong as the suave, ambiguous Jordanian chief of security. With Golshifteh Farahani, Oscar Isaac, and Simon McBurney; directed by Ridley Scott. 2008. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

**Bolt** — Computer-animated canine adventure from the Disney studio, featuring the voices of John Travolta and Miley Cyrus. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/21)

**The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** — Contrived concentration-camp fable, from the novel by John Boyne, about the budding friendship, through barbed wire, be-



*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*

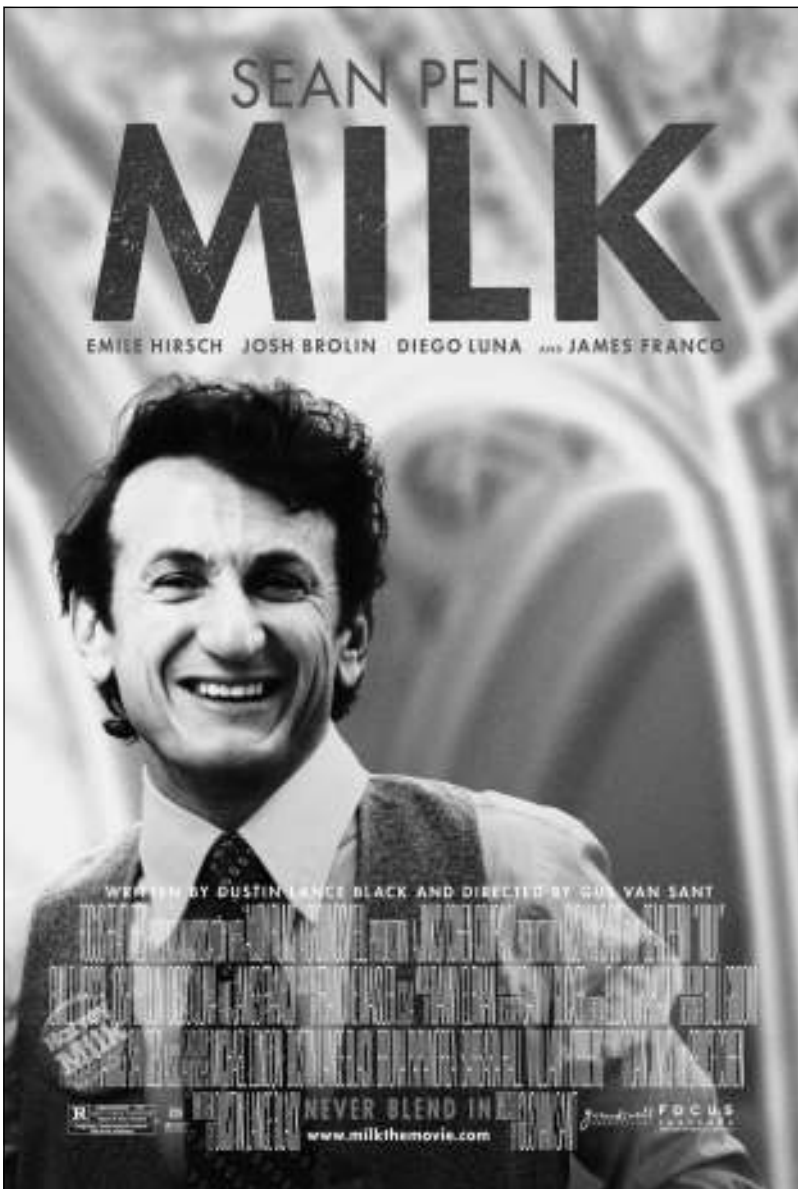
tween the eight-year-old Aryan son of the camp commandant (in his innocence, he thinks it’s a farm) and a same-aged, shaved-headed Jew. It roughly recalls *Life Is Beautiful* in its mixture, or collision, of sticky sentiment and gorgeous cinematography (Benoit Delhomme, in this case). The resolution, whether because it is signalled too far ahead and dragged out too long or because its tragedy is leavened with undeniable justice, shapes up as profoundly unmoving. With Asa Butterfield, Vera Farmiga, Davis Thewlis, and Zac Mattoon O’Brien; written and directed by Mark Herman. 2008. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 11/21; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/21; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 11/21; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 11/21)

**Burn after Reading** — The Coen brothers revisit their favored stupidity theme:

*Raising Arizona*, *Barton Fink*, *Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski* (that one above all), *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the secondhand *Ladykillers*, at least the Llewellyn Moss protagonist in *No Country for Old Men*. Back to the well once more. The placement of this timeless theme within the Washington, D.C., intelligence community is, however, highly strategic, calculating, revitalizing, resonating, and, well, intelligent. (The memorable line from the original *Manchurian Candidate* swims up from the depths: “Intelligence officer! Stupidity officer is more like it.”) The central theme has been interlaced with secondary themes of deception, discontentment, self-delusion, double lives, so that while the film is unmistakably a comedy, it’s a pretty deep one. And regardless how repetitive the theme, there is no slacking off in technique and execution. The fast hour and a half is consistently, uninsistently funny, with only a rare

lapse in taste (a homemade marital aid, a couple of splashes of Scorsese-esque gore) and never really a lapse in tone. And although the regular and reliable Roger Deakins has been replaced with Emmanuel Lubezki (*Children of Men*, most noteworthy), the cinematography doesn’t suffer, with its crystal-clear air, its fine-line focus, and its scythe-like camerawork, angling slightly upwards, attacking from all sides, intermittently cutting a path in a spurt of purposeful fluidity. George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, John Malkovich, Richard Jenkins, David Rasche, J.K. Simmons. 2008. ★★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

**Changeling** — Clint Eastwood was due for a dud, and this stacks up as his flattest film, his stumpiest film, since *Blood Work*, bookending his hot streak of *Mystic River*, *Million Dollar Baby*, and the Second World War diptych, *Flags of Our Fathers* and *Letters from Iwo Jima*. Time once again to take it easy. Perhaps a partial explanation (or excuse) might be found in the fact that Eastwood took over the project from Ron Howard (still a co-producer on it), and certainly it possesses a moral simplicity that would seem these days to be beneath his interest. Never beneath Howard’s, however. An eighty-year-old nugget unearthed from the annals of the LAPD, fit for a remember-when newspaper story on a round-number anniversary, it tells of the disappearance of a nine-year-old boy on the day his working single mother, a roller-skating switchboard supervisor, was to have taken him to the new Chaplin picture (*The Circus*, presumably), and of the strong-arm attempts of the beleaguered police department, five months later, to palm off on her an imposter — the world’s oldest changeling — rounded up at a diner in Illinois. The situation, for all its purported factuality, is too ridiculous to be truly gripping; too much so even to be minimally maddening. Angelina Jolie, with Star Power on her side, in addition to Mother Love, in addition to Truth and Justice, campaigns for sainthood in a cloche hat and a hummock of crimson lip-



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**Lakeview Terrace** — Neil LaBute’s neighbor-from-hell thriller, no more than mildly provocative by his toughest standards (*In the Company of Men*, *Your Friends and Neighbors*, et al.), details the escalating ill will between a newly arrived interracial couple (Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington) and the long-ensconced, widowed black policeman next door (Samuel L. Jackson), who has definite ideas of propriety and its enforcement. Reasonably graded and reined-in buildup; unreasonably frenzied and drawn-out ending. The beginning of the end involves perhaps the neatest telephone gimmick since *Wait until Dark*, and the raging Southern California brush fire serves effectively as both a plot device and a symbol. The photography could use a hosing-down. 2008.  
★★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

**Let the Right One In** — Bullied blond Swedish schoolboy meets dark and dusky Miss Tween Vampire. Slow, almost ludicrously sensitive, ninety-five-percent realistic and unfantastic. The other five percent houses some mild chills: the girl’s monkey-like shimmy up the outside wall of a hospital; the mass cat attack on a new vampire convert; the sweat and tears of blood when the vampire crosses a threshold uninvited. With Kare Hedebrant and Lina Leandersson; directed by Tomas Alfredson. 2008.  
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Loins of Punjab Presents** — Cripplingly cheap comedy with the promising premise of a sort of Hindi Idol talent contest — the competitors singing cover versions of Bollywood hit tunes — sponsored by “the largest suppliers of pork loins on the East Coast,” a/k/a “The Loin King.” It has almost no assets beyond the funny accents. With Shabana Azmi, Ajay Naidu, Ayesha Dharker, Michael Raimondi, and Seema Rahmani; directed by Manish Acharya. 2008.  
● (GASLAMP 15)

**Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** — The light-in-the-loafers cartoon lion, a self-professed “protégé of Fosse and Robbins,” accidentally finds his way, along with the zebra, the hippo, and the giraffe, back to his ancestral home, where he proves to be an embarrassment to his kingly father: “Lions don’t dance.” The not so subtle pleas for diversity (not just the nonviolent lion, but the forbidden love of giraffe for hippo) do not overwhelm the no less subtle jokes. With the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer, Jada Pinkett Smith, and Sacha Baron Cohen; co-directed by Eric Darnell and Tom McGrath. 2008.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Max Payne** — Steroidal cop film (literally, pharmaceutical performance-enhancement to a science-fictional degree) featuring dark shadows, leeches color, CG hallucinations, and Mark Wahlberg’s frown lines. With Mila Kunis, Beau Bridges, and Ludacris; directed by John Moore. 2008.  
● (CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Mister Foe** — The journey to manhood of a young Scottish voyeur who stumbles upon a dead ringer for his dead Mummy, only nearer his own age — an uninvolved and unconvincing Oedipal kink fest. The cartoon credits sequence, jammed in tardily and abruptly, creates the false expectation of something larkish, something perhaps starring Michael Crawford and Judy Geeson circa 1968. With Jamie Bell, Sophia Myles, Ciarán Hinds, and Claire Forlani; directed by David Mackenzie. 2008.  
● (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11/24, 6:30 P.M.)

**Pride and Glory** — Fuckin’ cop film of fuckin’ good cops and fuckin’ bad cops, some of both types in the same fuckin’ fam-

ily of New York Irish cops, Edward fuckin’ Norton, Colin fuckin’ Farrell, Noah fuckin’ Emmerich, and Jon fuckin’ Voight. With a literally and constantly fuckin’ script by Joe Carnahan of fuckin’ *Narc* (it fuckin’ figures), and direction by fuckin’ Gavin O’Connor of fuckin’ *Tumbleweeds* and the Disney-produced *Miracle*, of all fuckin’ things, it’s so fuckin’ gritty, it’s a virtual fuckin’ Sahara, up to your fuckin’ ankles every fuckin’ step of the way. And it’s a long fuckin’ way. 2008.  
● (FASHION VALLEY 18)

**Quantum of Solace** — The first true sequel in the twenty-odd entries of the James Bond series, picking up our Blond Bond (Daniel Craig) on the trail of vengeance after the death of his ladylove, Vesper, at the

end of *Casino Royale*. (This was a trail closed off to the newly widowed Bond at the end of *On Her Majesty’s Secret Service*, when poor George Lazenby, the only one-timer in the series, got booted out the door as if he never should have happened.) The film fails, however, to solidify, much less build upon, the promise of the fresh start in its forerunner. It perhaps meets the fundamental requirements of action and pace, hurtling forward with only the briefest of pauses and coming in at a tidy hour and three-quarters, the shortest Bond film in the entire series. As a likely result of that, it can seldom make time for the preparation that would give the action scenes sense and import. They are little more than turbulence. And the underlying split personality still remains: Why bother to infuse the

Bond character with a greater air of reality if he’s going to continue to be allowed the acrobatics of a Jackie Chan? Surely our rougher and tougher superspy wouldn’t want us snorting in derision, or even chortling in delight, when he’s busy exacting payment for the snuffed-out life of his beloved. James Bond appears to be turning little by little into Jason Bourne. It’s not a step up. With Mathieu Amalric, Olga Kurylenko, Judi Dench, Jeffrey Wright, and Giancarlo Giannini; directed by Marc Forster. 2008.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL

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black, the bride too is marrying a black (it might be noted that Sidney Lumet, the father of first-time scriptwriter Jenny Lumet, had remarried a black himself), and the theme of the wedding is inexplicably Indian. Director Jonathan Demme, striving for an improvisational feel, stages the goings-on with an almost Danish dishevelment: a hand-held camera in the grasp of an arm-weary cameraman. Anne Hathaway, as the bride's just-out-of-rehab sister, a constant and tiresome threat of disrupt-

tion (“She needs a lot of acknowledgment”), proves to be too actressy for the style; but Rosemarie DeWitt makes a fine impression as her well-behaved sister, and the conviviality of the gathering, with heavy representation from the cool cats of the music industry, is by and large believable and admirable. With Mather Zickel, Bill Irwin, Anna Deavere Smith, Tunde Ade- bimpe, and Debra Winger. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Religulous** — Comedian Bill Maher, the smirking skeptic, travels the globe to goad and taunt, and talk behind the backs of, believers of many stripes (not Far Eastern), all in an effort to galvanize the silent minority

of Americans — 16% by latest count — who profess to be atheists and agnostics. He is content to keep it light and superficial and once in a while funny, though at the end he climbs into his own figurative pulpit, in a moralizing manner not dissimilar to the wrap-ups of Jerry Springer. Directed by Larry Charles. 2008. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

**Rocknrolla** — Tangled intrigues in the London underworld, given the Guy Ritchie treatment, derivative, flashy, shallow, callous, utterly resistible. Depression, setting in early, deepens sharply at the finish: a written pledge of a sequel. With Gerard Butler, Mark Strong, Tom Wilkinson, Thandie Newton, Idris Elba, Karel Roden,

Toby Kebbell, and Jeremy Piven. 2008. ● (MISSION VALLEY 20) **Role Models** — Court-ordered community service for two full-grown screwups. Overplayed by everybody but sourpuss Paul Rudd (who co-wrote), and yet a couple of prime comic targets retain their ripeness: the rehabilitated rah-rah directress of a mentoring charity called Sturdy Wings, and a nerdy role-playing club of would-be dwellers in Middle Earth. With Seann William Scott, Elizabeth Banks, Jane Lynch, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, and Bobb’e J. Thompson; directed by David Wain. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER;

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**The Secret Life of Bees** — The place is South Carolina, the time is 1964, right when LBJ has signed the Civil Rights Act (“Nothin’ but a piece of paper”). An abused white teenage runaway and her fugitive black maid find refuge at a honey farm of “cultured” black sisters named after months of the year, August, June, and May (twin of the deceased April). Sticky senti- mentality, by way of the Sue Monk Kidd novel, but Queen Latifah brings some real

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

## CENTRAL

### CLAIREMONT

#### Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG); **Bolt** (PG); **Changeling** (R); **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G); **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG); **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13); **Role Models** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **Twilight** (PG-13); **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R)

### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Appaloosa** (R); **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG); **Body of Lies** (R); **Changeling** (R); **The Duchess** (PG-13); **The Dukes** (PG-13); **House** (R); **Loins of Punjab Presents** (Not Rated); **Max Payne** (PG-13); **Rachel Getting Married** (R); **Role Models** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **W.** (PG-13)

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Bolt 3-D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 10:50, 12:40, 1:10, 3:00, 3:30, 5:20, 5:50) 7:35, 8:10, 9:50, 10:25; **Bolt** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:40, 4:05) 6:20, 8:35, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:40) 4:05, 6:20, 8:35, 10:50; **Burn after Reading** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:40, 9:55; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 11:10, 12:50, 1:20, 3:10, 3:40, 5:30) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; **Quantum of So- lace** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 11:15, 11:45, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat. (11:15, 11:45, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30) 4:45, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:45, 11:15, 11:45, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30) 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 7:00;; **Religulous** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:05, 3:35) 7:05, 9:40; **Synec- doche, New York** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50,

4:35) 7:20, 10:05; **Twilight** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sat. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30) 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15) 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30;; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. (10:25, 12:55, 3:20, 5:45) 8:15, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:15, 10:40

### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:55, 10:30; **Bolt** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 10:40) 12:00, 1:25, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00, 6:55, 7:30, 9:25, 10:05; **Changeling** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:05, 10:20; **Mada- gascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 1:50, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10 Sun. 1:50, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10; **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 12:05, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:50; **Role Models** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55 Sun. 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55; **Twilight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 10:45) 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:40; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 1:20, 4:25, 7:25; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. 12:10, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45

#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30; **A Christmas Tale** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:45, 8:00; **Rachel Getting Married** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) Fri. 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

### MIRA MESA

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information

### MISSION VALLEY

#### Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) **Body of Lies**; **Bolt**; **Changeling**; **The Duchess**; **Eagle Eye**; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year**; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa**; **Pride and Glory**; **Quantum of So- lace**; **Role Models**; **Saw V**; **Twilight**; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno**

#### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



**Twilight** (PG-13) (10:00 11:00 1:00 2:00 4:00) 5:00 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **Bolt 3-D** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:15 9:30; **Changeling** (R) (10:15 1:15) 4:15 7:30 10:30; No 10:15 Sat. 11/22 & Sun. 11/23; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) (12:00 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Barbie: A Christmas Carol** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) **Bolt**; **Changeling**; **Eagle Eye**; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa**; **Quantum of Solace**; **Rock- nrolla**; **Role Models**; **Saw V**; **The Secret Life of Bees**; **Soul Men**; **Twilight**; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno**

### STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) JCVD (R)

### UPTOWN

#### Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** (PG-13); **Happy-Go-Lucky** (R); **Let the Right One In** (R); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R)

#### Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Call theater for program information

#### San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Planet Earth: Fresh Water** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

### LA MESA

#### Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100) **Bolt** (PG); **Changeling** (R); **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G); **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG); **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13); **Role Models** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **Twilight** (PG-13)

### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) **Bolt** (PG) Fri. (10:50, 11:10, 11:50, 1:40, 2:00, 2:25, 4:20, 4:40, 5:00) 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. 4:20, 4:40, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:45, 10:15, (10:50, 11:10, 11:50, 1:40, 2:00, 2:25, 5:00); **Changeling** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:40) 7:05, 10:20; **High School**

**Twilight** (PG-13) (10:00 11:00 1:00 2:00 4:00) 5:00 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **Bolt 3-D** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Bolt** (PG) (11:30 2:00) 4:30 7:00 9:30; **Quantum of So- lace** (PG-13) (11:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15



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**Palm Promenade 24**  
*770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)*  
**Beverly Hills Chihuahua**; **Bolt**; **Changeling**; **Eagle Eye**; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley**; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year**; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa**; **Max Payne**; **Pride and Glory**; **Quantum of Solace**; **Quarantine**; **Role Models**; **Saw V**; **Soul Men**; **Twilight**; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno**

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*3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)*  
**Changeling** (R); **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G); **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG); **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13); **Role Models** (R); **Twilight** (PG-13); **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R)

NORTH INLAND

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**Carmel Mountain 14**  
*11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)*  
**Bolt** (PG); **Changeling** (R); **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G); **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG); **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13); **Rachel Getting Married** (R); **Role Models** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **Twilight** (PG-13)

ESCONDIDO

**Escondido 16**  
*350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)*  
**Bolt** (PG) Fri. (10:15, 11:10, 11:50, 12:45, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:20, 5:10) 5:45, 7:10, 7:40, 8:20, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat. (10:15, 11:10, 11:50, 12:45, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15) 4:20, 5:10, 5:45, 7:10, 7:40, 8:20, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sun. (10:15, 11:10, 11:50, 12:45, 1:45, 2; **Changeling** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:40) 6:20, 9:35; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:25) 6:45, 9:40; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:45) 7:35, 10:15; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) Fri. (10:50, 11:40, 12:30, 1:35, 2:20, 2:55, 3:55, 4:40, 5:20) 6:15, 7:20, 7:50, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 11:40, 12:30, 1:35, 2:20, 2:55, 3:55) 4:40, 5:20, 6:15, 7:20, 7:50, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15; **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 11:30, 12:10, 1:25, 2:10, 2:45, 4:10, 4:50, 5:25) 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 9:55, 10:25, 10:55 Sat. (10:45, 11:30, 12:10, 1:25, 2:10, 2:45) 4:10, 4:50, 5:25, 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 9:55, 10:25, 10:55 Sun. (10:45, 11:30, 12:10, 1:25, 2:10, 2:45) 4:10, 4:50; **Role Models** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:05, 7:45, 10:30; **Twilight** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:00 Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00) 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:00 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00) 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00

FALLBROOK

**River Village 6**  
*5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)*



**Twilight** (PG-13) (10:00 11:00 1:00 2:00 4:00) 5:00 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **Bolt 3-D** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Bolt** (PG) (11:15 1:45) 4:30 7:15 9:45; **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:30; **Barbie: A Christmas Carol** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only.  
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POWAY

**Poway 10**  
*13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)*



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SAN MARCOS

**San Marcos 18**  
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VISTA

**Vista Village**  
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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

**Plaza Camino Real**  
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**Twilight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35

DEL MAR

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strength to it, and Dakota Fanning (apparently unspoiled in early adolescence) some real vulnerability. With Jennifer Hudson, Alicia Keys, Sophie Okonedo, and Paul Bettany; written and directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Slumdog Millionaire** — Feverish daydream, partly amorous, partly avaricious, around an unschooled Bombay teenager who, hoping to reconnect with his child-

hood sweetheart, climbs toward the top prize on the Indian *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* It breaks down into three time zones, shuffled together in a jumble: the game show itself, the torture and third degree of the contestant by police who presume he's cheating, and the flashbacks to the life experiences that explain how he could answer the questions. Much squalor and brutality, but filmed by Danny Boyle with a heedless, almost uncaring, exuberance and exhibitionism. Dev Patel, Freida Pinto, Irfan Khan. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 11/21)

**Soul Men** — A former R&B duo, not speaking to one another in over a quarter-century, make an uneasy peace to drive cross-country for a reunion concert at the Apollo. Sort of a soul-music *Sunshine Boys*, without Neil Simon's craftsmanship. With,

instead, nothing but crassmanship. Samuel L. Jackson and Bernie Mac, even as rusty old-timers, let down the music, and can't do much to elevate the comedy. The closing credits contain a tribute to Mac (interview, stand-up routine, outtakes), who died before the film's release, and a nod also to Isaac Hayes (in a small role as himself), who did likewise. With Sharon Leal, Affion Crockett, Adam Herschman, and Sean Hayes; directed by Malcolm D. Lee. 2008.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Synecdoche, New York** — The erudite title, when pronounced correctly, is an obvious play, not to say a meaningful play, on Schenectady, New York, the main setting of the film, where a regional stage director of high pretension and acute hypochondria gets left behind by his wing-spreading painter wife and their young daughter, then gets a MacArthur Fellowship — the "Genius Grant" — freeing him to reconstruct his life in a neverending work-in-progress inside a cavernous brick warehouse. In short — and it's a challenge to keep it short — this is one of screenwriter Charlie Kaufman's ongoing explorations of the human mind (*Being John Malkovich*, *Adaptation*, *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*), except that for the first time he is also the director, a recipe for self-indulgence if not megalomania. The early mundanities (perusing the paper at the breakfast table: "Harold Pinter died. No, wait. He won the Nobel Prize") are often amusing, thanks in large part to the infectious dyspepsia of Philip Seymour Hoffman, heading a cast of indie all-stars: Catherine Keener, Hope Davis, Samantha Morton, Michelle Williams, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Dianne Wiest, Emily Watson. But the narrative soon goes irretrievably off the rails, smashing through barriers of time and space, soaring off into fancy and obscurity, and viewers one by one are apt to be dropping by the wayside and waving at the film to go on without them. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/20; HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 11/21)

**Twilight** — Vampire love story from the series of novels by Stephenie Meyer, star-

ring Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, directed by Catherine Hardwicke. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/21)

**El Violín** — Folklorish Mexican film of timeless, endless oppression and rebellion, wherein a one-handed old peasant violinist tries to trick some relatively decent, human, occupying soldiers, and gets tricked in turn. Shot in high-contrast, neo-neorealist black-and-white, looking quite like another era, post-WWII, let's say. The beautifully framed, discreet torture scene at the outset tenders a promise that will largely be kept. With Angel Távira, Gerardo Taracena, and Dagoberto Gama; written and directed by Francisco Vargas. 2006.

★★★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, THROUGH 11/20)

**W.** — Pronounced "dubya." Oliver Stone's diplomatic biopic on our forty-third President (Josh Brolin, a dead-on impression, but where to go with it?) is so careful to avoid bias as to avoid purpose. It barely matches the caliber of a TV docudrama, much less the compensating snickers. In

that department, Thandie Newton as Condi Rice takes the cake. With Elizabeth Banks (Laura Bush), James Cromwell (George Bush, Sr.), Ellen Burstyn (Barbara Bush), Richard Dreyfuss (Dick Cheney), Jeffrey Wright (Colin Powell), Scott Glenn (Donald Rumsfeld), and Toby Jones (Karl Rove). 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

**XXY** — Intimate, serious, unsensationalistic handling of the strange case of a gangly, spindly, Charlotte Gainsbourg-y teenage hermaphrodite on the Uruguayan coast, under a dampening bluish overcast. The issues are not hashed out to satisfaction (when will someone inquire after the teen's viewpoint?), and heaven knows other opportunities are not apt to arise often. With Ricardo Darín, Valeria Bertucelli, and Inés Efron; written and directed by Lucía Puenzo. 2007.

★★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, THROUGH 11/20)

**Zack and Miri Make a Porno** — A Kevin Smith film, self-explanatorily titled, of incessant dirty-talk, a bit of dirty-do, and a splatter of dirty-doo-doo. It is strictly for those sufficiently sheltered that they're able to find it daring and sophisticated. Starring Seth Rogen (our reigning Everyslob), Elizabeth Banks, Jason Mewes, Traci Lords, and Justin Long. 2008.

● (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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### Synecdoche, New York 2008

Mr. B, are you a fan of screenwriter Charlie Kaufman? I think his new movie *Synechdoche, New York* might be right up your alley. Duncan Shepherd, in his review last week, did not seem too impressed by the flick, but its themes include the meaning of life, the imminence of death, creativity, artistic achievement, medical maladies, and New York — themes that seem to surface in your column quite regularly. So, if you've got a couple spare hours in the weeks ahead, head over the Landmark in Hillcrest for a viewing. I'd reckon that, at the least, you'd get more out of *Synechdoche* than *The Dead Pool*. Though the latter does include that compelling cameo from Axl Rose.

By **shizzyfinn** 12:04 p.m., Nov. 13, 2008

### Female Trouble 1975

*Female Trouble* is a family classic! When John Waters came to UCSD for his "vaudeville" act (actually, monologue), I had the perhaps not-so-unique opportunity to ask him "What's wrong with the telephone company?!" My cousins and I would love to host a *Female Trouble*-themed party sometime. We've got a potential Gator, some definite Taffys, an Aunt Ida, but someone's got to find that fishtail wedding dress.

By **SD** 4:48 p.m., Nov. 14, 2008

### Changeling 2008

"With inferior material..." Huh? Did we see the same film, Duncan? Far from the material being inferior, it was a gripping portrayal of actual facts that show just how far we have come, and not just in the treatment of women being viewed as hysterical if they displayed the slightest bit of discomfort over treatment at the hands of men in power. It also brought to light improvements in forensics and the ability to track missing children now as opposed to 80 years ago. Angelina Jolie is so famous that her presence on screen does at times detract from the role she is playing, but she is such a good actress that once the story started to play out, I was able to relax and empathize with the character she was playing. Ghastly material is more like it, a true story, acted flawlessly. Clint Eastwood did his job beautifully.

By **MsGrant** 6 p.m., Nov. 15, 2008

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# He May Be Mad

*And Hamlet? White T-shirt, black Levi's, and diamond chains dangling from a black leather belt.*

Tom Stoppard called Rosencrantz and Guildenstern “the most expendable people of all time.” Minor courtiers in Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*, they barely exist beyond their Renaissance finery and snatches of dialogue. They aim to please, pretty much, and will bend toward the slightest favoring breeze.

King Claudius ordered Hamlet’s pals — hereafter Ros and Guil — to spy on Hamlet, find out if he’s crazy or just faking it. Being minor espionage agents says something about their value in court, you’d think. But when the Danish Prince dances witty circles around them, their credibility disappears. The king must have chosen them because they were so expendable.

UCSD Theatre opened its new season with a jazzy yet thoughtful version of Stoppard’s comedy-tragedy (1967). When a company stages *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern*, which is rare, since the play makes unique demands, the costume designer usually dips into the Renaissance collection for a behind-the-scenes *Hamlet*. Ros and Guil become cardboard pawns on the margin of a national tragedy: a sort of *Waiting for Godot* at Elsinore Castle.

UCSD director Adam Arian took a different tack. Ros and Guil wear brown-checked suits (à la super-sleuths Sherlock Holmes and Watson) and bowler hats (à la *Godot*’s Vladimir and Estragon), and you think: oh, a late-Victorian-Edwardian period piece. Okay. But then a pulsing rhythm and

white neon stripes announce that Hamlet isn’t the only one “transformed” in Denmark. The king and his court have gone goth: white faces, black outfits, shoulders twitching in unison to an anti-disco beat. They’re in a headlong saturnalia, either to celebrate Claudius’s reign or just to par-tay har-tay in a *Rocky Horror* template.

And Hamlet? White T-shirt (his name spray-painted across it), black Levi’s, and diamond chains dangling from a black leather belt: Joel Gelman makes the Dane a hyperextended maniac ever about to rip through his own skin. He may be mad only “north, northwest,” but that’s when he takes his meds. And of late, it’s clear he hasn’t.

The Players, led by eloquent, volatile Irungu Mutu as their leader, haven’t performed in so long they’re forgetting their repertoire. Once purists of the “blood, love, and rhetoric school,” now troubling economic times have forced them to become, says Guil, “a comic pornographer and a rabble of prostitutes.” Their postapocalyptic, catch-as-catch-can garb is a riot of bright reds and yellows. You sense that, if they don’t find an audience soon, they’ll de-morph into the floorboards.

At first, UCSD’s wild take on the material requires an adjustment. Those expecting stately rhetorical flourishes and “a noble mind o’er-thrown” are in for a shock. But the radical transformation works because, from their perspective, Ros and Guil are also o’er-thrown. Like Alice

## REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



*Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*

**Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead** by Tom Stoppard

**Forum Studio**, Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD

**Directed by Adam Arian;** cast: Johnny Wu, Jessica Watkins, Irungu Mutu, Pearl Rhein, Joel Gelman, Hugo Medina, Cate Campbell, Zoe Chao, Kyle Anderson, Ed De Los Reyes, Lee Montgomery, Brett Rader, Joanna Stern; scenic design, Rob Tintoc; costumes, Christine Crook; lighting, Stephen Sakowski; sound, Christopher M. Luessmann  
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through the looking glass, or a side step into a parallel universe where similarities drift into differences, Ros and Guil enter an uncertain, possibly even unknowable realm with one purpose: to find out what their purpose is.

Stoppard runs a deep irony through his three-act, three-hour play. In their modest, bumbling way, Ros and Guil mirror Hamlet’s plight, in a minor key: like the Dane they need to act but don’t

know how, since every clue opens to a new mystery; like Hamlet they give advice to the Players and generate theatrical metaphors willy-nilly; and like Hamlet, only at least twice more, they do extended “to be or not to be” meditations on life and death. And here the young Stoppard struts his stuff, vying with the Bard for the last word on last things: “Before we know the words for it, before we know that there are words, out we come, bloodied



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and squalling with the knowledge that for all the compasses in the world, there's only one direction, and time is its only measure."

On Rob Tintoc's deceptively simple set, the audience sits on two sides, facing each other, with a polished wooden walkway in between. At both ends, wedgelike platforms mirror each other. Wherever Ros and Guil turn, the stage traps them. They can't escape, just disappear (appropriate since as fictional characters they have no outside existence). In fact, they have no before or after. They're stuck with the one-dimensionality Shakespeare gave them. No matter how many times they flip one, a coin will always come up heads.

Ros and Guil are destined to

die on the ship taking Hamlet to England. And their fate's been inscribed on the floor (which becomes the ship's deck in act 3) all along.

Stoppard wrote that Ros and Guil sprang from a dialogue he carries out with himself: one "fairly intellectual, fairly incisive," the other "thicker, nicer in a curious way, more sympathetic." Johnny Wu's Guildenstern's the strident rationalist. He gains humor, and a kind of admiration, for his repeated attempts to figure things out. In a casting choice that's a surprise, at first, the program says a woman will play Rosencrantz. Is she a woman playing a man? Is Ros a woman, a cross-dresser? Once Jessica Watkins steps on stage, however, these questions, though interesting in theory, vanish. In a wonderfully memorable performance — such an eloquent vulnerability! — Watkins, it turns out, was the right choice for the role. ■

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### Backwater Blues

As part of its Q Play series of gay-and-lesbian-themed plays, Compass Theatre presents a world-premiere musical, lyrics and book by Michael Thomas Tower and David M. Newcomer and music by Tower, which asks, "Why does love

make such a mess of things?" Lindsey Duoos Gearhart directed. COMPASS THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 26.

### Boomers

Lamb's Players Theatre reprises one of its most popular shows. In this salute to the Baby Boom generation, when a guy sings a snippet from "Big Girls Don't Cry" a woman counters with "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To," as if Lesley Gore wrote the song in response to the Four Seasons. Now in its fourth — fifth? — version, *Boomers* has grown a great deal since it premiered in 1993. It's added social dimensions (the original was mostly about middle-class whites), more period details, and a much better understanding of one's later years (gained from experience: authors Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington are now 15 years older). Ostensibly the piece is a lecture about the generation from 1946 to 1964. A deliberately, sometimes annoyingly, crotchety Jim Chovik recalls major events and provides statistics, from JFK to Kent State (but leaves out Jackson State!), from hippies to yuppies, marriage to divorce, and beyond. Themes from TV commercials and shows zip past, medleys of parts of songs cluster around a theme (Vietnam, relationships), and the evening unfolds like a game of "name that tune" in fast-forward.

Boomers in the audience gulp "oh's" of recognition when a musical fragment triggers memories. One could wish that, at least once or twice, the company would do a whole song (let Anise Ritchie's Aretha-stren voice do all of "Respect" or Keith Jefferson all of "I Heard It Through the Grapevine"). One could also wish that the characters weren't so one-note (Bill Doyle's hippie must express the same Owsley-marinated perplexity at least ten times). But the performances overall are quite good, as are Meads's direction and the four-piece backup band. You won't learn why the pump don't work or how good brown sugar can taste, but if you're of a certain era, *Boomers* will time-machine you back in a lively manner. 619-437-0600.

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### Britannicus

Jean Racine's drama (1669) takes place during the Emperor Nero's "golden age," a five-year period before he lost his mind. He comes within inches of Having It All: the populace adores him and he can satisfy any whim with a wave of his scepter. Except Junia. She loves Britannicus, and the one thing the Emperor cannot have becomes an expanding aperture through which

crawls the horrific Nero of legend. Compass Theatre is staging a pared-down version of the original. The script, by Howard Rubenstein, and the production are in such a hurry that the reasons — a feeding frenzy of motives — play second fiddle to the doing. At the same time, most of the acting lacks fluidity. The cast declaims rather than speaks. The exceptions, Glynn Beddington, as Nero's scheming mother Agrippina, and Dale Morris as the backstabbing advisor Narcissus, highlight the stiff readings by contrast. As Nero, Rich Carrillo relies too much on attitude. Ditto Rayardo de Murgia's Britannicus and Jenna Selby's Junia. Brian Redfern's creamy-white, marble set has appeal, as do Abigail Hewes's period silks, tunics, and togas. Though the production leaves much to be desired, the play harkens us back to the fascinating Julio-Claudian emperors, who honored every libidinous impulse and were as dysfunctional as the Greek gods.

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### The Daughter of the Regiment

Lyric Opera presents Gaetano Donizetti's "opera comique." In the early 1800s, in the Swiss Tyrol, young Marie's an orphan who's been raised by a regiment of grenadiers. But who, in the opera that made Pavarotti famous, is she truly?

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### Don't Dress for Dinner

A French farce, adapted for the British stage, now performed in America. The lineage of Marc Camoletti's script resembles its characters, each of whom becomes a different person for different people. Bernard and wife Jacqueline live in a converted barn outside Paris (one section's "the piggery," another "the cow-shed"). Both are having affairs, and their lovers, Suzanne and Robert, come to spend the weekend unannounced. Add Suzette, a gourmet cook who makes a wicked *sauce veloute*, and ruses run riot. Much of the humor comes from think-fast, positive-



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spin explanations, as Bernard and Robert must revise their webs of lies anew. The North Coast Rep's production, directed by Rosina Reynolds, is unafraid to perform broadly. Wide faces, dumb-founded, gaping-mouth reactions, and blazing eyeballs punctuate all stage business, along with slamming doors and some expert, flailing about, slapstick. One wouldn't want a steady diet of this hectic stuff (devices that worked earlier just feel like devices in the last quarter of the two-and-a-half-hour show). But along the way Reynolds and a game cast evoke many good-sized laughs as complications pile upon complications inside of complexities. As Bernard and Robert, Phil Johnson and Christopher M. Williams romp all over Marty Burnett's handsome set, one usually chasing the other with a semilethal weapon. Lisel Gorell-Getz provides icy stares as Jacqueline. Amanda Sitton's Suzanne has little to say, so Sitton fills in with style (hilarious modeling poses) and subtexts. Newcomer Jaque Wilke's a real find as Suzette. She's got all the comic goods and, thanks to designer Michelle Hunt Souza, performs an unforgettable costume change.

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**Driving Miss Daisy**

Hoke's a patient man. Good thing, because he's Daisy Werthan's private chauffeur, and she must rank among the world's worst backseat drivers. Control issues? She counts the number of canned salmon, in an arrow-straight row, in her pantry! Like Felix Unger and Oscar Madi-

son, Hoke and Daisy are opposites. Hoke's an African-American, Daisy's a Jewish Southern matron. In the space of 75 minutes, Alfred Uhry's gentle drama moves from 1948 to 1973. As it follows the Civil Rights movement (in the rearview mirror, so to speak), the play bonds its odd couple. Unlike Uhry's comparatively boisterous *Last Night at Ballyhoo*, currently in a fine production at Scripps Ranch, *Daisy's* a quiet piece in which silences can be as eloquent as the dialogue. One of the strengths of the Moonlight Stage production, director Dana Case smartly restrains the tone: no melodrama or boffo moments. Toward the end, in fact, when Hoke and Daisy are in their 90s, the soft-sell, trust-the-material approach becomes eerie: it's the exact opposite of TV sitcoms. Cast Antonio T.J. Johnson as Hoke and Sandra Ellis-Troy as Daisy and you're already miles toward your destination. Both deliver detailed, moving performances (their eyes slowly withdraw with age, their backs bend, their voices scratch), and their tandem efforts, the ingrained habits they share, are impressive. Howard Bickle makes a welcome return to the stage as Daisy's considerate, put-upon son Boolie, trapped between family needs and the demands of business. Marty Burnett's handsome set includes plush Oldsmobile seats and a Roman colonnade-interior. Roselyn Lehman's costumes span 25 years. *Daisy's* structured like a sketch comedy: brief scenes and blackouts. Stephen Sakowski's lighting knows when to darken and when to slow fade.

***Worth a try.***

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Fifteen-year-old Charlotte's mother died so suddenly that neither she nor her father has begun to grieve. He sits before the TV with a near-empty pint of bourbon. She fantasizes about her mother who compares, in Charlotte's mind, to Helen of Troy: so beautiful that men would "die 100 times for her if they could." Charlotte wants to be like Helen, a force able to evoke love to the point of suffering. But she isn't Helen; she's Helen's left-behind daughter, Hermione: uncentered, furious at her fate, stabbing blindly outward with desperate schemes (sex with her guidance counselor, becoming a nun) for love by easy means. The title of Mark Schultz's 105-minute, intermissionless drama may be Charlotte's biggest fantasy of all. The play takes a harrowing look at a splintering psyche. In a choice that works against itself, Lynx Performance Theatre tries to push the intensities even further. The Al Germani-directed production has fine performances: Michelle Procopio as the mercurial Charlotte, flashing red, yellow, and green at once; first-rate video cameos by Joan Westmoreland and Walter Ritter (though the onstage acting is uneven and often indicated). But the evening begins with full emotion and has few places to go, and the many mini-scenes tend to blur. This would be less of a problem if the relentless production provided occasional relief, some space — or nuances, like stressing the funny lines more — for the audience to catch its breath before heading back into the fray.

LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE, 2653 ARIANE DRIVE, CLAIREMONT. 619-889-3190. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 23.

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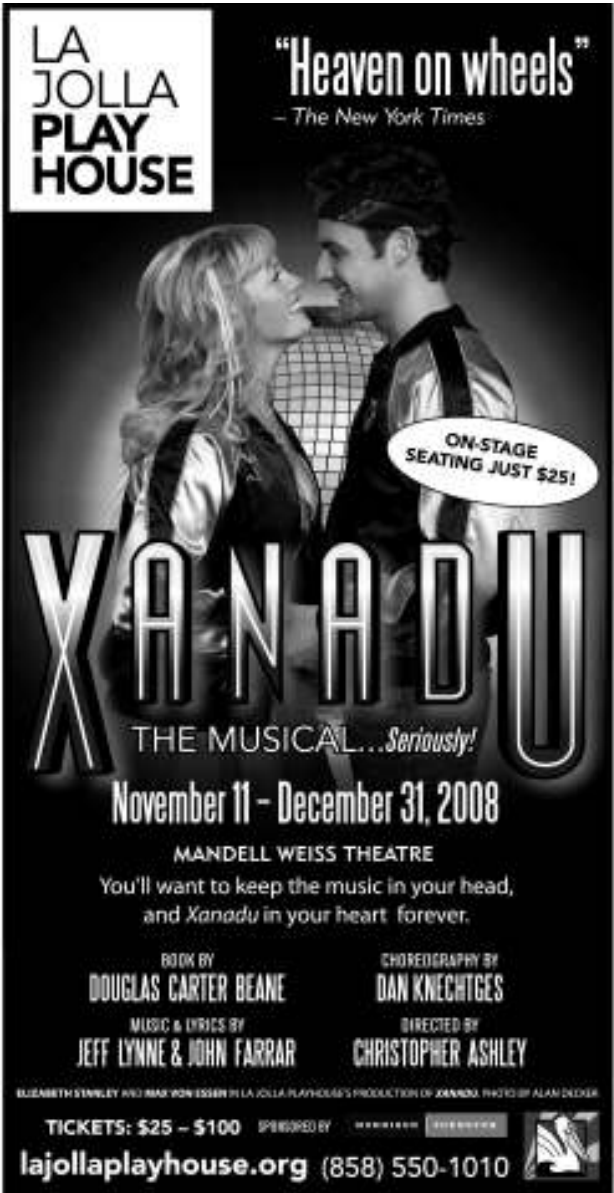
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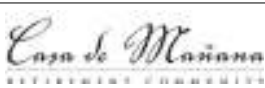
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**John Joseph**  
*Retired*  
*Vista*

I'm glad it happened. Look at the economy under eight years of Bush. I think McCain was an honorable man. A war hero and great guy, but he would've followed the same Republican policies that got us where we are. And a lot of this stuff actually started way back when Reagan was president. It's one of the reasons I've always voted Democrat. Voting for Nixon was the only time I ever voted for a Republican. Regarding the propositions in this last election, I was sad about Prop 8. I'm not gay, but I feel this changes the constitution, which says everyone has the right to marry.



**Clint Portess**  
*Pundit*  
*Tierrasanta*

My main complaint is that a black man gets elected president, and blacks are celebrating how far they've come. But they turn around and say, "Not you, gay people!" Aside from that, I'm really optimistic about Obama as president. I voted for him, even though I was considering myself still a Republican up until fairly recently. With eight years of Bush and not agreeing with a lot of what Arnold Schwarzenegger does...but I think President Obama is going to do some really great things.



**Kelsey Dyroff**  
*Student*  
*Aguanga*

I think it's such an interesting and exciting part of history. To think that hundreds of years ago people were enslaved, they got their freedom, and now an African American is ruling the country. And I was a McCain supporter. I'm a military brat, so I support the Republicans. But I think this is a good change. You never know how the media is going to treat the president. Obama seems to be a great speaker, and he'll probably be able to handle a lot of what is thrown at him. But I never get too upset over political things because I can't change them.



**Stan Metzger**  
*Retired Military*  
*San Marcos*

I'm a retired colonel in the Army. I voted for Ron Paul. This is the first election I've voted in since Nixon. I just felt that when I was active duty, it was like a conflict of interest if the person I didn't vote for won and I ended up working under them. But the thing that surprises me is when I've talked to my black friends, some retired colonels included. They always voted Republican but said they voted for Obama this time. I asked them what would happen if whites voted for people merely based on the color of their skin. I'm convinced that if a black ran on the Republican ticket, black Democrats would've probably all voted for him. And that just seems crazy to me. With this election, I just felt it was the lesser of two evils. Boy, that Palin sure brought a lot of baggage.



**Albert Valencia**  
*Student*  
*San Marcos*

I wasn't as into the campaign as everyone else in my family seemed to be. And all of them kept talking about how they were going to vote for Obama. Everyone. They talked about how he helps Latinos more. And a few of them talked about immigration issues. It was all I heard from them for months. My uncle is in Iraq, and I'm not sure who he voted for. I also heard a few of my family members talk about how Obama would be better for them regarding their work.



**Gavin Bowlby**  
*Construction Foreman*  
*Vista*

For the past eight years, I've had a low level of depression without completely understanding the cause. Now that Senator Obama has won, this feeling has been lifted. I've taken it for granted that national policy on many issues that I care about — stem-cell research, global warming, renewable energy, protection of Americans from predatory business practices, abortion rights, military intervention in the Middle East — has been very different from my own beliefs. I've felt hopeless that our national policy would ever be aligned with my own personal views and that the views of many of my fellow Americans for the last eight years have been ignored in favor of an extreme ideology. I'm optimistic with a more progressive party in control of Congress and the presidency that American policy on these issues will be changed.



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3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.  
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

### Across

- 1. It's often written in stone
- 4. Famed New York restaurateur
- 9. One named in a will
- 13. Doc's org.
- 14. "If I'd only \_\_\_\_!"
- 15. Yard sticks?
- 16. Luxury car feature ... and a redundancy
- 18. Existed
- 19. Ike's wife
- 20. Brings to a halt
- 22. North Carolina university
- 23. Novel ID ... and a redundancy

- 27. Stable sounds
- 29. Out loud
- 30. Actor Timothy
- 34. Federal agcy. whose logo is nicknamed "the meatball"
- 35. "Deal or No Deal" network
- 38. Hi-tech connection ... and a redundancy
- 41. Federal Reserve chairman Bernanke
- 42. \_\_\_\_-American
- 44. Record holder?
- 46. Angry outburst
- 49. Do a smith's job
- 53. Part of a digital watch ... and a redundancy
- 57. Semester
- 58. "The Wind in the Willows" character
- 59. Positive kind of attitude
- 60. Wine grape
- 63. Language of some email attachments ... and a redundancy
- 65. Pester
- 66. "I've got my \_\_\_\_ you!"
- 67. " \_\_\_\_ you happy now?"
- 68. Do some gardening
- 69. Like a sports car
- 70. Outlaw Kelly

### Down

- 1. Scrappy fellows?
- 2. Put a fork in
- 3. Dijon denial
- 4. Actress lone
- 5. T or F: Abbr.
- 6. Univ. military programs
- 7. Nerd
- 8. Hero of "Cold Mountain"

- 9. Trophy named after a coach at Georgia Tech
- 10. Part of SASE: Abbr.
- 11. Clinch
- 12. Bloodshot
- 15. Bloom of Bordeaux
- 17. Vijay of the PGA
- 21. \_\_\_\_-cone
- 23. Believers
- 24. Spill the beans
- 25. "If all \_\_\_\_ fails ..."
- 26. Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan
- 28. 1963 title role for Paul Newman
- 31. Pampering, initially
- 32. Superannuated
- 33. Actor Cage, informally
- 35. Part of NBA: Abbr.
- 36. \_\_\_\_-a-brac
- 37. Part of a hand
- 39. \_\_\_\_ a soul
- 40. Suffix with Brooklyn
- 43. Funk
- 45. Spanish 101 verb
- 47. Like some tricks
- 48. Ballpark fig.
- 50. Tim of tennis
- 51. Madonna's "Truth \_\_\_\_"
- 52. Hammed it up
- 54. They're elected in conclaves
- 55. 1965 Sophia Loren film
- 56. Cost of time or space
- 59. Hit on the head
- 60. Pussy foot
- 61. Ending like -like
- 62. Miami-to-NYC heading
- 64. Enemy

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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 22.**  
**Julie Osburn, North Park, 22.**  
*"Ethan Hoffner, best boy in the world, is 9 today!"*  
**Ric Witt, Clairemont, 22.**  
*"Vote for national health care only if you just love the post office."*  
**D. Faulkner, University Heights, 21.**  
*"A bike is a terrible thing to waste."*  
**Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 21.**  
**Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 21.**  
*"Is anyone else unhappy with the election results?"*  
☛ **Pamela Swain, College Area, 21.**  
*"The holiday are upon us."*  
**Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 20.**  
*"Thanks for the black T-shirt! How'd you know?"*  
**George Jackson, Oceanside, 20.**  
**Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 20.**  
*"www.paintwithdan.com"*  
**Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 20.**  
*"If it's goodbye Trevor, it's goodbye 40 years of cheering!"*  
**Don Reckless, Carmel Valley, 20.**  
*"Happy birthday to the love of my life! Disneyland or bust!"*

**Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 19.**  
*"Chris Chris Chris Guerrero."*  
**Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 19.**  
*"Janis - I celebrate Thanksgiving every day because you are my love!"*  
**Jim Odell, Vista, 19.**  
*"You'll learn how to settle for what you get."*  
**Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 19.**  
*"Good game, Dave."*  
**Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 19.**  
*"Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spy/neuter."*  
**Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 19.**  
*"Very grateful to CJ Muellner and Cindy Pellett."*  
**Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 18.**  
**Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 18.**  
*"The results of extreme greed."*  
**Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 18.**  
*"It is a great life. Thank you God!"*  
**C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 18.**  
**Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 18.**  
*"No fair! Some of those messages have eleven words!"*  
**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 17.**  
**Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 17.**  
*"St. Marks - City Heights rocks!"*

**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 17.**  
*"Go Chargers! Respect Democracy!"*  
**Richard Hutchings, Santee, 17.**  
**Tom Seaman, Alpine, 17.**  
*"Lick-spittle?"*  
**Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 17.**  
*"Is the T-shirt the same as the one I won 10-12 years ago?"*  
**Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 16.**  
**Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 16.**  
*"Kiera! Cheryl! Bodo! Obama! Winner! Winner! Winner!"*  
*"Call Sean Cardgag Mortgage! Today!"*  
**Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 15.**  
*"Whew - didn't need Google this week!"*  
**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 15.**  
*"Happy Thanksgiving Jo."*  
**Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 15.**  
**Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 15.**  
*"Now do you understand, two dogs...?"*  
**Jim Koziol, UTC, 15.**  
*"Wake up, Luke, Jiminy, Timothy!"*  
**Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 15.**  
*"Huge eucharisto to my Christian Tradition scholars, afternoons, PLNU!"*

**Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 15.**  
*"That was so depressing I need another T-shirt!"*  
**Dave Small, San Carlos, 15.**  
**Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 15.**  
**Laurence Altobelli III, Carmel Valley, 14.**  
**Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 14.**  
**Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 14.**  
*"Thanks Danielle! Love you!"*  
**Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 14.**  
**Nathan Petty, Santee, 14.**  
**Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 14.**  
**Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 14.**  
**Ivan Yanev, Santee, 14.**  
**Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 13.**  
*"I love my son, Anthony Joseph San Nicholas."*  
**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 13.**  
*"N is for never napping!"*  
**Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 13.**  
**Margaret Buckner, Santee, 13.**  
**John Bullock, Santee, 13.**  
☛ **A. T. Certik, Bonita, 13.**  
**William Cushing, RB, 13.**  
*"Ron and Julie: Thanks for your hospitality."*  
**Ed Edwards, Santee, 13.**  
**L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 13.**  
**Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 13.**  
**Gary Kuske, Santee, 13.**  
**Rick Marin, Santee, 13.**

**Kevin McNearney, Santee, 13.**  
**Heber Moore, Santee, 13.**  
**Eugene Padua, Santee, 13.**  
**Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 13.**  
*"My goal: get out of the middle of Santee."*  
**Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 13.**  
**Tom Somich, Clairemont, 13.**  
**Stacy Tool, Santee, 13.**  
**Doretha Albee, Santee, 12.**  
**Bud Anderson, Santee, 12.**  
**Rick Austin, Santee, 12.**  
**Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 12.**  
*"Happy birthday to me and Brandon and Leah Deuce Deuce."*  
**Derek Besand, Santee, 12.**  
**Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 12.**  
*"Thank you, my soul mate, for all your love and support."*  
**Dave Capehart, Santee, 12.**  
**David Castillo, Bay Park, 12.**  
**Korey Castillo, Bay Park, 12.**  
**Maria Coda, Oceanside, 12.**  
*"Hi All!"*  
**Doug Coffin, Santee, 12.**  
**Dan Collins, Santee, 12.**  
**Laura Conshafter, Santee, 12.**  
**Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 12.**  
**J. DeWitt, Santee, 12.**  
**Mike Downey, Santee, 12.**  
**Eduardo Emett, Santee, 12.**  
**Harry Engel, La Jolla, 12.**  
*"Thanks, Barbara."*  
**Emma Friemuth, Santee, 12.**  
**Tim Glover, Santee, 12.**

**Mike Gross, Santee, 12.**  
**Hugh Hagues, Santee, 12.**  
**Ward Harrington, Santee, 12.**  
**Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 12.**  
**Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 12.**  
*"61 days and counting."*  
**LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 12.**  
**Mark Hill, Santee, 12.**  
**Eric Jespersen, Santee, 12.**  
**M. Jordan, Santee, 12.**  
**Troy Knapp, Santee, 12.**  
**Bill Love, Santee, 12.**  
**Eben Maat, Santee, 12.**  
**Ken Milne, Santee, 12.**  
**Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 12.**  
**Richard Rose, Santee, 12.**  
**Nathan Squire, Santee, 12.**  
**Matt Taylor, Santee, 12.**  
**Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 12.**  
**Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 12.**  
**Woody Weaver, Santee, 12.**  
**Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 12.**  
*"Great puzzle - need more like it!"*  
**Mary Woodbury, Santee, 12.**  
**Roy Bailey, Santee, 11.**  
**Bruce Bell, South Park, 11.**  
**Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 11.**  
*"I'm sweaty and out of breath due to my O."*  
**Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 11.**  
**Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 11.**  
*"I'm at a loss for words!"*  
**E. T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 11.**  
*"Go Vikings."*



## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

**Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 11.**  
**Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 11.**  
**Marie Grace, College Area, 11.**  
*"So I can't print d's, is that it?"*  
**Larry Hartpence, Santee, 11.**  
**E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 11.**  
**Steve Jenks, Santee, 11.**  
☛ **Sara Khwaja, Poway, 11.**  
**Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 11.**  
*"Ouch! Miss 1 letter and now I trail the Santee bloc!"*  
**Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 11.** *"1912, the first neon advertisement lights up Paris: Cinzano."*  
**Barbara Neill, Santee, 11.**  
**Donnie Nelson, Santee, 11.**  
**Charles Overdorf, Santee, 11.**  
**David Papworth, Santee, 11.**  
**J. Schwendinger, Santee, 11.**  
**Ron Shields, Santee, 11.**  
**Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 11.**  
**Jeff Van De Moere, Banker's Hill, 11.** *"Embog? Me help?"*

**Sue Worthen, Santee, 11.**  
**Steven Young, Santee, 11.**  
**Dan Abernathy, Santee, 10.**  
**Mike Adkins, Santee, 10.**  
**Don Albee, Santee, 10.**  
**Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 10.**  
*"Brain, I think dyslexics need to regroup and untie!"*  
**Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 10.**  
*"Nearly got embogged!"*  
**J. Breckenridge, Santee, 10.**  
**Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 10.**  
*"Number 9, number 9."*  
☛ **Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 10.** *"Thanks, Mom and Dad, for the rental car."*  
**Kathleene Evans, Santee, 10.**  
**Mark Franc, Santee, 10.**  
**Billy Horton, Santee, 10.**  
**Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 10.**  
**Jim Hutchings, Santee, 10.**  
**Geoff Mao, Encinitas, 10.**  
**Linda Millsberg, Santee, 10.**

**Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 10.**  
**Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 10.**  
*"Well - friends, have I astounded you yet?"*  
**Jeff Smith, Santee, 10.**  
**Edward J. Swain, Downtown, 10.** *"Fallaces sunt rerum species."*  
**Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 10.**  
*"Goin' for double digits!"*  
**Brian W. Beach, Santee, 9.**  
**Ben Brainard, Santee, 9.**  
**Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 9.**  
*"It's tough being a genius in San Diego."*  
**Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 9.** *"Headlights on at dusk!"*  
**Chicago Bob Gore, Bay Ho, 9.**  
*"Go to the Palin, take a Cheney, wipe your Dubya."*  
**Andy Harrison, Santee, 9.**  
**Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 9.** *"Pinky, I do it because I care. Profusely, Brain."*  
**Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 9.** *"Billy rocks Hiromi."*  
☛ **Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 9.**

**Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 9.**  
*"Heartland Lions, We Serve."*  
**Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 9.**  
*"Decreasing wages escalating debts."*  
**Warren Winters, Santee, 9.**  
**Diane Hutchings, Santee, 8.**  
☛ **Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 8.** *"Getting there by the seat of my pants!"*  
**Angie Longoria, Santee, 8.**  
**Aaron Lundblade, Santee, 8.**  
☛ **Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 8.**  
**James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 8.**  
**Elizabeth Rainbalt, Mission Valley, 8.**  
☛ **Tom Stam, Lakeside, 8.** *"We're doomed, doomed I say."*  
**Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 8.** *"We love the things we love for what they are."*  
☛ **David A. Weim, Chula Vista, 8.**  
**Lee Woodbury, Santee, 8.**  
**Gerry Austin, Chula Vista, 7.**  
**Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 7.** *"Yahoo."*

**Manny Espino, Santee, 7.**  
**Alfredo Garcia, San Diego, 7.**  
*"Donna and Janet sandwich me on weekends!"*  
**Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 7.** *"Almost didn't get it all."*  
**John Prince, Serra Mesa, 7.**  
**Denis Rees, Alpine, 7.**  
**Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 7.**  
*"11-21-75, 33 yrs with the one I love, Janet."*  
**Mike Deliman, Santee, 6.** *"Sadness is a wall between two gardens."*  
**Bob Harper, Lakeside, 6.**  
**Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 6.** *"9 weeks to go."*  
**Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 6.** *"Happy to be here."*  
☛ **Dot Waterman, Santee, 6.**  
**M. Zimmermann, Vista, 5.** *"www.GOPnot4me.blogspot.com."*  
**Terry Golden, Clairemont, 4.**  
☛ **Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 3.** *"Hot! Hot! Hot!"*  
**R. Blue, San Diego, 3.**  
**Gunnar Eklof, Oceanside, 3.**

**Ricky Hartdenle, Santee, 3.**  
☛ **Cindy McMahon, El Cajon, 3.**  
**Gordon Morse, San Diego, 3.** *"Mabuhay Lynn!"*  
☛ **F.A. Naly, El Cajon, 3.** *"In ink, no crutches."*  
**Mike Borgasano, Point Loma, 2.** *"Thank you Uncle J, Farmageddon, Mrs. G, and Captain Hater!"*  
**Cecile Alcaraz, San Diego, 1.** *"Happy fourth month, Kiko! We love you!"*  
☛ **Ken Cunningham, Oceanside, 1.** *"The Dude abides."*  
☛ **Mike Gomez, Santee, 1.** *"Hi...Love, Ate and Ashley."*  
**Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 1.** *"God is love."*  
**Craig Martin, Serra Mesa, 1.**  
**Alex Moran, San Diego, 1.** *"To my Red Foxes. Go Bolts. Go Aints."*

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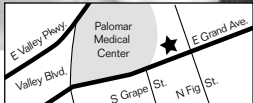
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# Typo Patrol Results

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## Restaurant Listings

p.108 mens' room *should be* men's room

## Theater Listings

p.128 *Plaid* should be *Forever Plaid*

## Typo Patrol Results

p.150 p.177 *should be* p.117

**Brian Slipper (Del Mar) \$30**

## Event Listings

p.66 *Caught!*) should be (*Caught!*)

## Tin Fork

p.106 El Scorcho' *should be* 'El Scorcho'

## Restaurant Listings

p.111 Kensington-Talmadge *should be* City Heights

## Sporting Box

p.16 bike. *should be* bike."

## I Feel My Liver Donor's Presence

p.48 long time." Fifty- *should be* long time," fifty-

**Mtume Salaam (San Diego) \$50**

## Hi, Connie

p.30 pile of papers...are stacked *should be* pile of papers...is stacked

p.38 medical and labspeak *should be* medical- and lab-speak

p.38 Kosheleva or the tech give *should be* Kosheleva or the tech gives

**Darinda Smith (San Diego) \$30**

## Event Listings

p.64 depend the seaweed *should be* depend on the seaweed

p.69 pillars speaks for *should be* pillars for

p.69 on the San Diego *should be* on San Diego

**Kilian Roever (San Diego) \$30**

## Classical Music Listings

p.75 Academic Fest Overture *should be* Academic Festival Overture

## Restaurant Listings

p.117 crew of chefs step in *should be* crew of chefs steps in

**Linda Cox (San Diego) \$20**

## Straight From the Hip

p.15 rhinovirus *should be* rhinoviruses

## I Feel My Liver Donor's Presence

p.48 Cam Rahn *should be* Cam Ranh

P.48 11th Bravo *should be* 11 Bravo

p.51 veterans' Center *should be* veterans' center

## What the Chef Eats

p.114 free reign *should be* free rein

## Restaurant Listings

p.117 Bistro D'Asia *should be* Bistro d'Asia

p.117 bulgar *should be* bulgur

## Puzzle Results

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**Armin Moths (San Diego) \$80**

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**ADOPTABLE DOGS!** The Baja Animal Sanctuary is a no-kill shelter. Our dogs live in foster care in San Diego until they are adopted. Check out [www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org) to see all of our adoptable faces. Dogs and cats are spayed/neutered and up to date on shots.

**ADOPTION EVENT** every Saturday of the month from noon-6pm at PetSmart in Chula Vista, 1840 Main Street. Call Jim from the Baja Animal Sanctuary for more information, 619-341-3145.

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Reader Pop Quiz

This week's questions

1. Which Shakespearean character sports black Levi's, diamond chains, and a white T-shirt with his name spray-painted on it at the La Jolla Playhouse currently?
2. According to Matthew Alice, what is the code to punch into the crosswalk button to make the light change?
3. At what local venue did Frightened Rabbit discover on stage that they had a new, uninvited, and very drunk female band member?
4. Whose party at the W hotel does Josh Board try to insinuate himself into before being told to get lost?
5. "Oderus Urungus" is the stage name of which member of GWAR?
6. What pop star on Barnaby Monk's to-see list previously worked as a priest?
7. Eve Kelly learns that domestic producers of garlic remove its papery skin how?
8. In "Blurt," Josh Board reveals that Tool front man Maynard James Keenan has a sideline operating what?
9. At what local venue did a "comedian" use his entire time on stage to vacuum it?
10. On Wednesday, November 12, it was revealed at a meeting of the City's Budget Review Committee that the City Employees' Retirement System was only \_\_ percent funded.

Last week's answers

1. Ben Gibbard. (p. 78)
2. Five nonmillion or 530. (p. 15)
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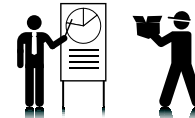
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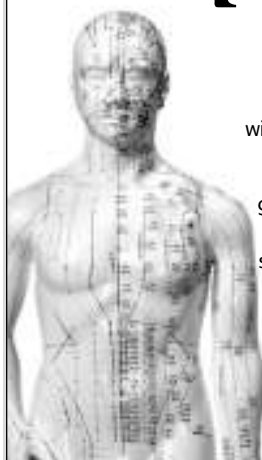


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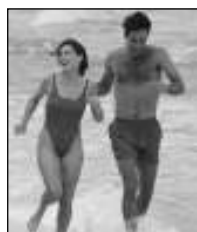
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**Leading Middle East Economic Indicators**

— (1) At Ada Barak’s spa in northern Israel, patrons (for a fee of around \$80) can relax for a session in which snakes crawl over their bodies, massaging and even nibbling. It’s “something deep and peaceful,” wrote a *Time* magazine reporter in October. (2) U.S.-educated Palestinian Nadim Khoury is introducing Taybeh (Arabic for “delicious”) lager from a micro-brewery in the West Bank, according to an October Agence France-Presse dispatch, and so far

has encountered little resistance from the 98 percent Muslim population. “Everyone drinks beer,” he said.

**The Litigious Society**

— Brian Hopkins, 25, severely burned in 2006 after climbing onto the roof of an empty train at Boston’s South Station at 2 a.m., filed a lawsuit in August against Amtrak. Though admitting that he was trespassing at the station when he was zapped by 27,500 volts of overhead wire, Hopkins said Amtrak ought to have known that people trespass and climb on top of trains, and therefore should have parked its train in a less-accessible place.

**Compelling Explanations**

— In September, the Indiana Court of Appeals upheld the 18-year sentence of a 73-year-old South Bend man who had insisted that he was only trying to revive his 68-year-old wife after she became fatally incapacitated in June 2007. Police noted that he had not called 911, nor checked her vital signs, nor performed CPR, but that instead, his “reviving” consisted of performing an oral sex act on her (which the judges concluded was merely the fulfillment of a desire that his wife

had long since denied him).

**Ironies**

— (1) In September, alleged flasher Patrick Dodenhoff, 39, fled after a report of indecent exposure, and police chased him from Atascadero, Calif., south to Pismo Beach, and finally caught up with and arrested him at a well-known local nude beach. (2) As urban Detroit continues its decline, with an estimated 5000 residents fleeing annually, it is not just living people who leave. Dead bodies depart, as well, at a rate of 500 a year, according to an August *Detroit News* report, as relatives unwilling to travel to the crumbling city’s cemeteries have their loved ones disinterred and relocated.

**Least Competent People**

— (1) A 38-year-old woman described as “very large,” using the “abductor” thigh-tightening machine at the New York Sports Club in Harlem in July, failed to dismount properly, according to a witness, and was “sling-shot” off, across the room, startling other gym users. Paramedics had to use a “Stokes basket” instead of a regular stretcher to carry her out, according to the *New York Post*. (2) Also in July, in Kokomo, Ind., pas-

tor Jeff Harlow attempted to illustrate a sermon on “unity” by riding a dirt bike onto the stage in front of the congregation at Crossroads Community Church. However, he lost control, fell off the stage, and broke his wrist.

**People Who Need to Control Themselves**

— (1) Ronald Miller, 56, was arrested in Fort Wayne, Ind., in August and charged with lewdness visible to neighbors through his front window (he was nude and accessorized, police reported, with a “claw hammer” and “motor oil”). (2) A few days earlier, in Northern Territory, Australia, motorist Brendon Erhardt, 39, was arrested for abusing both the speed limit and himself (by committing, and recording with a front-seat camera, a lewd act while driving). (3) In September, Chiu Yu-kit, a reporter for Hong Kong’s Asia Television, resigned after admitting to a judge that, in July, he was indeed masturbating while standing atop a downtown double-decker bus.

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## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

I couldn't help but smirk when reading about the Second Annual Eleanor's Edibles Contest. If the first prize is dinner with Eleanor Widmer (*Reader* food critic), then is the second prize *two* dinners with Ms. Widmer?

—LETTERS: **"JUST DESSERTS,"** Chuck Torres, *La Mesa*, November 22, 1978

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

It is [Councilman Dick] Murphy whom developers and businessmen have talked about as a political safety valve in the event that Hedgecock's growth-management sentiments tilt wildly out of control. Murphy — young, bright, reasonable — could always be drafted to oppose the mayor's reelection next fall. But while development advocates lament the timing of Murphy's defection to the Hedgecock camp, they admit that they were not utterly surprised. "He's disappointed us for the past three years," construction lobbyist Williams says of Murphy.

—THE INSIDE STORY, Paul Krueger, November 23, 1983

### Twenty Years Ago

In the east Clairemont area near the intersection of Interstate 805 and Highway 163, Democrats hold a 45 to 43 percent edge, but

Bush won by an 11 percent margin on November 8. A north Clairemont precinct near Tecolote Canyon Natural Park is split evenly between Republicans and Democrats, but 55 percent of those voters sided with Bush, just 41 percent with Dukakis. (In 1984 Ronald Reagan captured 58 percent of the vote there, while Walter Mondale won 39 percent.)

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### Fifteen Years Ago

After much thought, I think I've figured out why Depeche Mode is more beloved than other bands of its ilk (OMD, Human League, or New Order). Depeche Mode has succeeded because its core audience is black-clad boys and girls who think of themselves as alienated because they, as so many adolescents before them, have begun to doubt the precepts of Christianity. Adolescents like Depeche's heavy, remote lyrics and the way they are set in a mechanized beat, because you know what? The world's a really cold, cold place.

—"I'M SICK OF BEING A EURO-WEENIE,"

Gina Arnold, November 24, 1993

### Ten Years Ago

"For four long years," Weberman explains at

his garbology website (*garbology.com*), "I had been studying Dylan's poetry, trying to crack the code of his symbolism. As I eyed the home of the reclusive poet I wondered what went down behind the door that Dylan had slammed in my face when I had tried to discuss my work with him. Just then I noticed Dylan's shiny new steel garbage can."

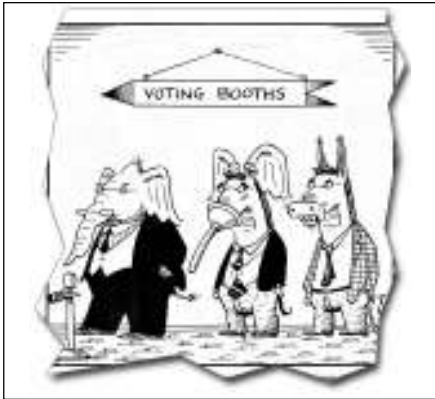
Dylan's garbage can turned out to be a "Pandora's can" for Weberman; ever since riffling through the reclusive singer's garbage, he has been obsessed with refuse, with both the objects and papers people trash and with their function as cultural signifiers. And no wonder, considering that the first thing — "THE FIRST THING," he emphasizes — that Weberman retrieved from Dylan's garbage can was a half-finished letter Dylan had written to Johnny Cash. "At that moment," according to this somewhat lunatic fan, "the clandestine trade craft of nongovernmental garbology was founded."

—SIGHTSEER: **"STINKY SECRETS,"** Justin Wolff,

November 25, 1998

### Five Years Ago

But what am I really thankful for?... Number one would have to be Starbucks' drive-thru.... In the past three years, two Starbucks drive-thrus have been built within a few miles of our



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—KID STUFF: **"I LOVE HOWARD,"** Anne Albright, November 26, 2003

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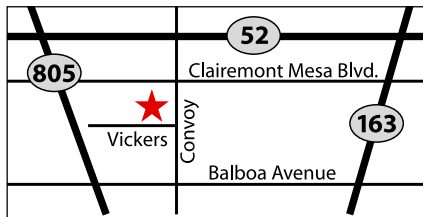
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**SWEET MERCIFUL CRAP! THROUGH MEANS I'D RATHER NOT DISCUSS**, I've managed to transport myself back to the Mesozoic period. The dishwasher and eight-track cassette player I used as a time vehicle is now broken. Even if I could repair it, I miscalculated my fuel supply, and I don't think I have enough reserved for a return trip. Time-travel fuel (a hot dog sandwich, for those of you not in the scientific community) might be hard to come by since I'm still 65 million years from the time bread will be invented. Things are bleak.

A millipede about the size of a Lincoln Towncar just trampled past the cave where I'm hiding. Oof! Earlier, a dragonfly knocked me down and set about mining my mouth for leftover food, and it nipped off a little portion of my tongue. Damn thing.

In short, the fossil record is incomplete. A man with the body of a dog and snakes where his eyes should be hopped out from behind a rock, which prompted me to release not a small measure of pee into my pants. As I was running away and shrieking like a snake-bit kindergartner, a scaly lizard-gorilla punched me in the face and knocked me into the dirt where a jackalope antlered me in the ribs and right love handle.

This all happened in the first five seconds of landing the washer and falling from its door. To say the least, I'm under constant threat here.

Oh, how I now hate the writers of history books and producers of *Jurassic Park*. What they propounded the environment to be like — a verdant and fecund tropical forest, lush with ferns and palm trees — turned out to be a horrendous lie. Everything is sharp, rocky, covered in bacterial slime, and littered with the rotting bodies of dead things. Michael Crichton, you dirty dog!

An army of tiny animals just removed my shoes and ate them.

Why is the sky red? Why is the moon yellow? Everything smells like egg salad forgotten in a trunk over a three-day weekend.

Oh, someone please deliver me. Oh, someone send me a new dishwasher. I swear I'll never bitch about TV again. I swear I'll never whack my face with my palm every time Paula Abdul and Kevin Federline are featured on the news as if their lives were somehow relevant to anything. I swear I'll kiss Paris Hilton's toes; just, please, get me the hell away from this place!

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TWISTER

TNT 9:00 P.M.

Question: Why does it feel hot out even when it's below 98.6 degrees? Answer: Thundercats.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

NATURE

PBS 8:00 P.M.

Question: What was here before the universe formed? Answer: There was a glass of water with an octopus in it. He was too big for the glass and was really uncomfortable. His only defense was to ink himself, and when he did, he took personal offense and inked himself more. His name was Waylon. (Well, you asked!)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

SAMANTHA WHO?

ABC 9:30 P.M.

Speaking of names... Question: Why do famous photographers name their photographs? Answer: I have a famous photograph on my wall that is called New Construction and an album of snapshots I took that are completely nameless but could be titled Chubby Man with Bad Haircut in Front of a Famous Landmark. Probably Smells Funny. Just Out of the Shot, Touching Himself Inappropriately.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

FRINGE

FOX 9:00 P.M.

Question: Why would liars' pants

suddenly catch fire? Answer: I think a more fitting response to lying would be if their kneecaps were turned backward. Then everyone who's ever told a lie would run like a horse. That'd be rad.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CRIMINAL MINDS

CBS 9:00 P.M.

Question: Worried about paranoia? Answer: Yes, but I'm certainly not going to tell you about it. You'll tell other people, and they'll laugh at me and watch me in an accusing manner as I cross the street — or they'll peek into my bathroom window. Dirty bastards.



A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

A CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Question: Why is it called "plan-

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**CARMEL VALLEY/FOREST RANCH.** 8274 Austin Hill Court, 92127. Saturday/Sunday, November 22, 23, 7am-1pm. Everything for kids from 0 to 4 years, etc.

**COLLEGE AREA.** Saturday, November 15, 8am-2pm. Christmas, decor, gifts, treadmill, bike, Beanie Babies, keyboard, clothing. For details/directions, or to see anything sooner, call 619-269-6552.

**EL CAJON.** Maronda Terrace Community. Saturday November 22, 8am-12pm. 460 Graves Avenue El Cajon.

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By John Brizzolara

Visit the sick, it is said in scripture, somewhere. I try to do that when indicated, possibly because it is pretty much always the last thing I want to do. Often I've found that can be a pointer to the next right thing to do. Not always. Not always. Sick people depress and bore me, and then I remember I am one of them. Oh, yes.

I spend more than my share of time in hospitals, as readers know. I do not encourage visitors myself, unless it is either my son (if I'm not leprous) or "The Specialist," because she is very attractive and brings me challenges such as entry forms for *New Yorker* cartoon caption contests, which (though I've never submitted) are actually quite humorous — wacky, even groovy, one might say. It is a genuine act of mercy. Even if she does not laugh, or, more likely, if she produces a courtesy grimace of approval at my pathetic punch lines. (A marriage counselor or lawyer seated across from a couple, next to him a fishless aquarium sort of deal. It is, however, full of H<sub>2</sub>O. "This tank of water, Mr. Fein, represents, shall we say, water under the bridge. Mrs. Fein wants it back.") Or such like.

My visits to Scripps Mercy alone (on my own behalf or on that of others) have been so frequent that they've given rise to a need to write a novel on the subject. Not so much that my experiences are so document-worthy; rather,

the title, *The Gates of Mercy*, from a line of Shakespeare's in *Henry IV*, I believe, is so compelling it demands a worthy 100,000 words to balance it. Probably can't be done, of course, but it's worth a try maybe. The quote? I don't have it at hand, but if you don't mind an approximation, it's something like "The gates of mercy shall be all shut up and the soldier...[something] bloodied of hand [something something and I'm already screwing this up] shall range with conscience wide as hell." Close, but a bit off the ring.

But the occasion at hand requires my visitation of a man, a friend, a brother (possibly a substitute for my own recently lost Paul, an adorable bastard, legitimate as he was), a man whom I've worked with (I'll call him O), suffered with, gone through particular kinds of hell with, and we have come out (with God knows what kind of aid from Heaven), as we say, batting a thousand for men of our kind.

Today I must find a way to visit him in La Mesa, where he lives with a highly problematic, elderly, and somewhat, er, eccentric aunt, a saint likely but of limited resources, including particular knowledge, as to say, her address or the capital of Coney Island. The sick friend in question had a stroke, possibly three, or yet again, a single stroke that affected him in three distinct ways: speech, vision, coordination — oh, memory. Yeah, memory. I don't know if he realizes I'm awaiting his call. We must do something with his car. He can't drive it now.

The attack happened two Fridays ago in Ralphs in Hillcrest. Went stone blind. Blam. Right there between the bananas and the pharmacy. The pharmacists, when consulted, were deeply concerned. About lawsuits, primarily, as it turns out. They grudgingly gave O a prescription bottle filled with dusty liquid redolent of God-knows-what, clucked, demurred, and wished him away with their shoulder blades.

O could barely walk, speak. He had little idea of where he was. After six hours in the emergency room there was talk of endocarditis. Unconfirmed. With no remaining insurance, his stay was short but made reasonably pleasant by good-hearted nurses. Their names, I'm sorry to say, I've forgotten. Those will return at 4 a.m.

I suspect that occasions like this shall grow more frequent with age rather than less, and among the perks of old age this is not among them. I may tell myself that every hour spent inhaling disinfectant, literally having one's nose rubbed in the stench of mortality, translating the inanities of doctors, practicing deceptive cheeriness, and all the rest of it, will be considered "time served"



at some final judgment, should that become a reality.

But this visit is only to La Mesa and no hospital at all, the Deity willing. And like W.C. Fields, I would rather be there than Philadelphia. The idea will be to spring my friend from the benevolent clutches of his relative (with, I'm hoping, the aid of yet another relative, his cousin) and into the dubious frying pan or fire of a new three-bedroom apartment to be shared with my son. My son's maladies (at least on this page) are well known and of a different type. My own are equally chronicled here and elsewhere. It will, you see, promise to become yet another chapter or volume of whining: the blind leading the blind and/or "Lust for Leisure: Or, Why Me?" which you may feel free to avoid like the West Nile virus unless you are of that particular masochistic bent I so rely upon.

So, till next time, stay miserable, my friends, and you will greet your reward elsewhere. Certainly not here. But misery does so love company, and I so do count on that. Have a nice Friday. Me? I'm going to Disneyland!

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