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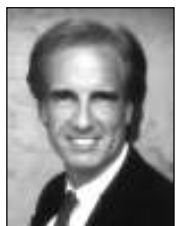
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## BREAKING NEWS

**Unplugging DeMaio** Self-promotional plans by freshman San Diego city councilman **Carl DeMaio**, seen by many insiders as the most politically ambitious member of the council since Mayor **Pete Wilson** first aspired to higher office in the 1970s, have hit a roadblock with the City's Ethics Commission. In an advice letter released December 16, commission general counsel **Alison Adema** told DeMaio that he could not use funds from a political committee he controls to pay the costs of virtual district meetings.

"Your office has been approached by a vendor with regard to setting up Telephone Town Hall Meetings as a means of facilitating your communications with constituents," wrote Adema. "You anticipate sending follow-up letters to constituents who participate in these virtual meetings. Similarly, you hope to create and distribute printed materials to solicit public input on a variety of Citywide and community issues."

According to the letter, DeMaio wanted money for the effort to come from San Diego Citizens for Accountable Government, described by its website as "a non partisan public policy action committee." The committee has backed several ballot measures, including the strong mayor initiative and public pension limits. According to federal records, donors in 2005 included \$100,000 from Manchester Resorts LP, owned by hotel mogul **Doug Manchester**, and \$15,000 from the Performance Institute, Inc., a consulting firm founded by DeMaio. Disclosure statements on file for the period ending June 30 of last year, the most recent available, show that the committee had \$46,800 in cash on hand, all of that derived from a \$50,000 no-interest loan DeMaio made to the committee on June 10.

Adema held that because DeMaio controls the committee and he is now on the council, "You may no longer use SDCAG funds to engage in issues advocacy unless such advocacy is truly related to ballot measure activity." If DeMaio wanted to conduct the virtual meetings, Adema said, he could use funds remaining in his election campaign committee, Reform City Hall with Carl DeMaio. She added that it was okay for DeMaio to use his city staff to distribute printed materials, as long as the documents related "to City issues" and the staffers did not "distribute any political materials that support or oppose a City candidate while on 'City time.'"

But the use of any DeMaio intern's time paid for by San Diego Citizens for Accountable Government "must be related to a proposed or actual ballot measure."



Carl DeMaio

**On the outs** UCSD alumnus and part-time La Jolla **Craig Venter**, famous for his race with the federally sponsored Human Genome Project to decode the human genome back in the 1990s, is also well known for making more



Craig Venter

than a few enemies along the way. Chief among them is **Eric Lander**, professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard, who sequenced nearly a third of the genome at his Whitehead/MIT Center for Genome Research lab in Cambridge during the public project's

battle with Venter's Celera Genomics, Inc.

"Celera did not independently produce a sequence of the genome at all. It rode piggy-back," Lander claimed in an email published by the *New York Times* in May 2001, a year after President **Bill Clinton** negotiated a face-saving truce for both sides. "We think there is zero legitimacy to anything Eric is saying," Venter told the paper. Venter ramped up the rhetoric in his 2007 autobiography, referring to Lander, a world-renowned molecular biologist, as "Eric Slander."

Now Venter, who is seeking money to build a West Coast headquarters of his research foundation on an ocean-view promontory at UCSD, will have to deal with a new face in Washington. Late last month, President-elect **Barack Obama** nominated Lander to be cochairman of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, a key policy-making body that in past administrations has played a big role setting federal-funding priorities.

**Big bills for Bill** Gateway computer founder and La Jolla resident **Ted Waitt** turns up on the until-recently secret list of contributors to the Clinton Foundation, set up by the ex-president to advance his personal charitable agenda. The great donor revelation was part of a deal to allow **Hillary Clinton** to become secretary of state. Waitt gave between \$10,000,001 and \$25,000,000, right up there with Microsoft's **Bill Gates** and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Other locals on the list include now-imprisoned superlawyer **Bill Lerach**, successfully prosecuted by the Bush administration for paying kickbacks to plaintiffs. He gave the foundation between \$100,000 and \$250,000. Qualcomm founder **Irwin M. Jacobs** gave between \$50,000 and \$100,000.



Ted Waitt

— Matt Potter

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## Will the Horse Drink?

By Don Bauder

**A**lmost everybody prefers inflation to deflation. Certainly, economists and politicians do. And the general public prefers

inflation too. Why do you think Viagra sells so well? But you have probably noticed that those TV ads for drugs to cure erectile deflation warn that if you experience medically induced concupiscence for several hours, you should see your doctor.

And that's exactly our economic dilemma these days: we are printing so much money to conquer deflation that we might be hit with fearful inflation as soon as we recover. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the United States has pledged to spend, invest, or loan as much as \$10 trillion to fight deflation. President-elect Obama wants to toss in another trillion bucks soon, probably to be followed by much more. The government and the central bank will get some of this money back, but much of it could

turn into inflation. The Federal Reserve has not only lowered short-term interest rates to almost zero but it has also run the monetary printing



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press to buy bonds so that long-term interest rates, particularly on mortgages, will come down.

To make sure that deflation doesn't quickly morph into inflation, the Fed will have to be nimble to raise interest rates as soon as the economy appears to recover. It has never displayed such agility, partly for political reasons. Politicians love easy money; it's like distributing booze to voters on Election Day.

On December 16, the Fed

lowered the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other, to a range of zero to one-quarter of a percentage point — a big markdown from 1 percent and the lowest rate on record. But in some senses, it was meaningless: banks haven't been loaning to one another, so the rate was effectively around zero already. Also, the Fed has already been buying bonds to bring long rates down. Bottom line: neither strategy has been working. The economy seems to get worse every day,

and both consumer and producer prices are falling.

Monetary policy has clearly not whipped deflation. In their private moments, policymakers are afraid of a rerun of the 1930s. Why is deflation scary? Buyers delay their purchases, figuring that prices will be lower in the future. This leads to a down-spiral. Deflation encourages saving because money will be worth more in the future — the reverse of inflation's incentive. As peo-

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## Gone Fishing?

By Alastair Bland

**T**im Green, captain of the 80-foot sport-fishing vessel *Premiere*, has been motor-

ing paying customers from San Diego Bay to the Point Loma kelp beds for over 20 years. His anglers catch calico bass, halibut, white sea bass, barracuda, and other residential and migratory denizens of the coastal kelp

Act, now gaining speed in its south coast phase. The act, dreaded by many fishermen but warmly welcomed by conservationists who assert that marine ecosystems are crumbling under fishing pressure, was first adopted by the state legislature in 1999 and has already turned approximately 20 percent of the central coast from the beach to three miles out into “marine protected areas.” In these zones, biodiversity is expected to increase and robust populations are expected to serve as nurseries for surrounding areas, where, according to the logic, fishermen may still reap the fruits of the sea.

“We’re going to see more fish, larger fish, and healthier, more resilient ecosystems,” said Kate Hanley, director of marine conservation at San Diego Coastkeeper. “The fishermen may be opposed to it now, but what

we’re doing is quite the opposite of trying to put them out of business. We’re trying to preserve the business for their grandchildren.”

Already, a two-hectare no-fishing zone in La Jolla Cove established in 1971 has produced results, says Hanley — so dramatic, in fact, that she says kayaks can be seen daily “fishing the line” along preserve boundaries, pursuing the fish densities within. Green says he has never had or even heard

of particularly hot fishing adjacent to the reserve, and he and others fear that the protection act will not benefit them but instead deliver heavy-handed economic impacts. Green, for one, doesn’t know where else he might fish if Point Loma is closed.

“That’s where we do most of our fishing,” he said. “As a half-day boat, we’re very limited in where we can go. We have six hours to go fishing and come back. If Point Loma shuts down, that’s going to put a real bite into our business.”

A state-appointed science-advisory team for the protection act is working to collect data on Southern California seafloor structure, habitat types and boundaries, and species requirements. The team will eventually supply the information to a panel of 30 regional stakeholders, representing local conservation groups, fishermen, tribal interests, and more. These stakeholders will then draw up alternate proposals for marine protected areas that attempt to meet the act’s environmental objectives without unduly impacting anyone’s livelihood. The blue-ribbon task force, a group of seven men and women appointed by the director of the Department of Fish

and Game, will eventually select one of the proposals, perhaps do some editing, and turn it over to the Fish and Game Commission for final approval. Former San Diego mayor Susan Golding is a member of the task force.

out now primarily with private money from the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation. This Sacramento-based organization is committed to conserving natural resources and “assists other organizations in carrying out environmen-



Albacore tuna

beds.

But by 2010, a substantial portion of the fishing grounds on which Green and many other sportfishing captains and commercial fishermen depend could be closed by the Marine Life Protection



Tim Green



La Jolla kelp



Sea urchin processing

Green believes that the fishing community will ultimately receive the short end of the stick.

“It’s all politically driven to begin with,” says Green. “We really have no say in what’s going to be done in the end.”

His suspicion and that of others comes largely from the fact that the protection act, which stalled for several years after its adoption due to a lack of funding, is being carried

tal protection projects,” according to the foundation’s homepage mission statement. Steve Scheiblauber believes this particular funding source has obligated the state to pander to the foundation’s own inter-

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## Horse drink?

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ple save, they purchase less. The government and central bank want them to resume the old habits of borrowing too much to consume too much. "It's not clear to me that we could or should make people consume more," says James Hamilton, economist at the University of California, San Diego. "Running up the debt is part of the problem that got us here in the first place." Amen.

Critics say that Japan tried zero interest rates to no avail during its 1990s depression. The money the Japanese government poured into infrastructure spending didn't jump-start the economy either. But Todd Buchholz, San Diego

author-economist with degrees from Cambridge and Harvard, says Japan is not such a good analogy. "I wrote an article calling their strategy 'Hoover Economics,'" says Buchholz. "They raised taxes. The yen went up, and they couldn't do much about it. It took years for them to recognize that their financial institutions were zombies that they wanted to keep propping up. It was a zombie economy." Buchholz believes that the United States' policy of driving down both short rates and long rates will succeed.

But others argue that this is not a credit crisis. It is a debt crisis. As in the 1930s, people do not want to borrow money to spend. Period. The Fed can pour money into banks, as it is now doing through several strategies,

such as buying equity in the institutions, but it won't work if the horse that is led to water simply won't take a drink. In trying to get consumers to spend, the central bank will in effect be pushing on a string.

Some years back, the government and its central bank decided — secretly — that the best strategy would be to induce inflation of asset prices instead of inflation of goods and services. Everybody would be happy. So first we had a stock market bubble, then a housing-price bubble, then a commodities bubble. All the bubbles popped ignominiously, wiping out investors who would probably have preferred having their grocery and gas prices go up. "I don't remember another time when we had a [tech-stock], housing, and commodities

bubble in such a short period of time [as we did leading up] to 2008," says Buchholz. "I hope we learned our lesson." He doesn't think the Treasury and Fed are plotting another bubble, even though interest rates are lower now than they were during the other crazes. He doubts that the people will stand for it. (Some argue that point.) But Buchholz doesn't foresee consumer inflation: "It's going to be a trick, but I don't believe high inflation is baked in the cake."

Ross Starr, economist at the University of California, San Diego points out that "in the 1930s, interest rates were near zero, the banks were very liquid, had immense cash reserves, but there was a shortage of lending opportunities." People just didn't want to borrow; they were too insecure — hardly surprising, with unemployment so high. Starr concedes, "It's perfectly possible that today the strategy of quantitative easing [running the monetary printing press] and zero interest rates will fail." But he doesn't think so. He thinks people now delaying real estate purchases will take

advantage of lower interest rates. "Prices are now more reasonable; now we need the credit to permit them to buy."

The federal government will pump money through the system by making direct gifts to ailing states, propping up unemployment benefits, financing public works that are already in the pipeline, and creating new energy programs. The trick with these infrastructural programs is to get the money into the system quickly. He agrees that "households are looking at their balance sheets; they were robust a few years ago because of real estate values and 401(k) values, and they may save money to replenish their balance sheets. But I hope there are enough consumers out there to buy homes that have been postponed."

Starr thinks the recession will hit its trough in the summer of this year, but unemployment will continue to grow into early 2010, eventually hitting 10 percent or above. Because the National Bureau of Economic Research, arbiter of when a recession begins and ends, says the downturn began in December 2007, this will be the longest post-World War II recession.

"The good news is that Federal Reserve and fiscal policy will be on the case, working to generate that recovery."

And deflation? Starr says it is mainly commodities deflation now (largely energy) "and will run its course in the next couple of months. A year from now we will be talking about moderate inflation of 1 to 3 percent."

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## Gone fishing?

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ests and objectives. Scheiblaue, the harbormaster of Monterey, participated as a stakeholder in the Marine Life Protection Act's "south central coast" phase, which wrapped up in 2007 and left many fishermen between Point Conception and San Mateo County less than happy with the new restrictions. Scheiblaue reports that the blue-ribbon task force "utterly disregarded" most commentary, concerns, and suggestions from fishermen.

"Even though the fisher-

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men's proposal for [marine protected area] placement was by far the most popular among the stakeholders, it didn't get a single vote from the blue-ribbon task force," said Scheiblaue. "They only made political decisions to take away key, rich habitat from fishermen and other extractive users, even though plenty of evidence showed the areas were not overfished."

Marine protected areas consist of three categories: state marine reserves, in which all activity — even swimming or kayaking — may be banned; state marine parks, in which commercial take is prohibited; and state marine conservation areas, in which commercial and recreational take may occur to limited extents, or not at all. Many fishermen disagree with the protection act's method of using marine protected areas, insisting that

traditional per-species fisheries management is more effective and to the point. They argue that minimum size limits, daily bag limits, possession limits, yearly quotas, and seasonal closures sufficiently guard against over-exploitation of the species that need such protection.

Those in the commercial sea urchin industry even warn that the harvest closures they expect from the protection act could devastate the very ecosystem that the act is designed to protect. Dave Rudie, owner of Catalina Off-shore Products, a local seafood wholesaler, says the sea urchin population is liable to boom out of control if relieved of commercial harvest by the county's 15 divers. Sea urchins' primary natural predator — the sea otter — has been absent from the ecosystem for almost two centuries, and if human predation is eliminated in places like Point Loma or the La Jolla kelp beds, it could mean the disappearance of

the marine forests.

"We know what urchins do," said Rudie. "They eat kelp. If the state stops the commercial industry, we're going to see urchins form the same kinds of armies we saw in the 1950s, '60s, and '70s."

It was in the 1950s that parts of Southern California's kelp forests largely vanished. Sprawling populations of red and purple sea urchins were held to blame, and in the 1960s and '70s boats dumped quicklime — with permission from authorities — in the sea to kill urchins. In the 1980s scuba divers toting hammers participated in a progressive urchin-smashing program overseen by the California Department of Fish and Game. At last, when trade between local divers and Japanese buyers became viable circa 1975, the urchin population decreased substantially and the kelp beds recovered.

"They were smashing [urchins] and poisoning them, and the state actually asked us to go diving to control them," recalled Pete Halmay, a veteran urchin diver who says that he has logged some 20,000 dives in the local "urchin gardens" since the 1970s and that the red sea urchin pop-

ulation has been stable for years. "Now we're being told we need to stop for the benefit of the ecosystem. The urchins are just going to eat their way out of the kelp beds again."

But Fish and Game marine biologist Pete Kalvass isn't convinced that a halt on urchin harvest will wreak devastation on the kelp forests. Kalvass attributes the 1950s kelp crash to the growing human population and resulting water pollution of the era. Kalvass adds that two closures on urchin collection along California's north coast, now in their 20th year, have not resulted in ruinous population growth of sea urchins or "kelp barrens." Greg Helms, manager of conservation with Ocean Conservancy, also believes that marine life will manage without the presence of urchin divers.

"Marine protected areas will allow big sheephead and lobster to thrive, and these animals will act as predators upon the urchins. Divers aren't a required part of the ecosystem."

The protection act will ultimately leave about 80 percent of the state's coastline accessible and fully open to use,

but fishermen say that figure blankets the fact that harvest closures are likely to occur disproportionately in the productive habitat crucial to their professions. Matt Edwards, associate professor of biology at San Diego State University, believes that economic impacts will be temporary.

"There might be impacts on the fishermen in the form of lower catches and profits in the short term, but in the long term we're trying to sustain these fisheries and populations."

After all, says San Diego Coastkeeper's Hanley, fishing regulations are not working.

"We saw a total collapse and closure of the rockfish fishery in the 1990s," she says. "This idea of the foxes regulating themselves and guarding the henhouse doesn't work."

Department of Fish and Game sources expect the protection act's south-coast phase to be finalized by June 2010. Until then, the process welcomes public input to aid the stakeholders as they draw up the first rough proposals and attempt to meet the act's objectives of preserving ecosystem integrity while minimizing effects on commercial and

recreational use of the ocean. A pair of public meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn San Diego on the Bay on January 13 and 14. The podium will be open to all, and Spanish-speaking translators will be available, say protection act spokespeople.

For many, the protection act process may seem drastic and even unnecessary.

"Some of these reserves are going to put the water off-limits to all people but the scientists themselves," says Captain Green. "I just want my kids and grandkids to be able to enjoy the water and the fish the way I have."

But Hanley is confident that future generations will appreciate the work now being done.

"People thought Teddy Roosevelt was nuts for designating 5 percent of the United States to wilderness areas. I'm hoping that 100 years from now people will look back and say, 'Thank goodness we preserved these marine areas. Look at what we have now.'"

Upcoming public meetings: January 13, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and January 14, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Holiday Inn San Diego on the Bay, 1355 North Harbor Drive. ■



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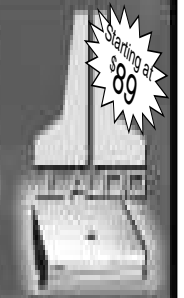
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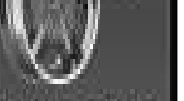
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### Just Another Business

While I am just as sorry as anyone that the likes of Chris Cantore and so many other radio veterans were sent packing, I still don't see the *big surprise* of it ("Why Local Radio Is No Longer Local," Cover Story, December 31). The radio business is certainly no different than any other business now experiencing the drastic tumult and disassociation of the current bad economy. Other businesses are "redefining" their sales forces and employees and winnowing personnel, so

why shouldn't radio suffer along with everyone else? In this case, I would say to radio folks: Hunker down, hope you aren't too expensive a burden to the corporation, and keep a low profile until things start to turn around. God knows the politics involved in surviving the radio snake pit — just be nice to the listeners and no, we are "not stupid."

The success of 94.9 FM shows that a station can stay in the game and maintain its integrity as well as its employees and play *great music*! It's a shame that the radio business has come to this, but it coexists along with every other business out there getting whacked by the economy. About all that is left to say is that old, tired cliché: radio — *hang in there!*

Gail Powell  
via email

### Bad News

Would've been a possibly good article if it didn't seem like it was written six months ago without being updated before it was submitted ("Why Local Radio Is No Longer Local," Cover Story, December 31). Hilary

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### Radio Rundown

I have a couple of comments on your cover story in the December 31 issue, "Why Local Radio Is No Longer Local." I would take issue with your terminology there. The author talks about radio, and sometimes what he's referring to is some Internet setup. As far as I'm concerned, unless it goes through the air and can be picked up free with an aerial, it's not radio; it's something else. In other words, radio is from 550 through 1700 kilocycles amplitude modulation, over the air,

through an aerial, or it's from 88 through 108 megacycles frequency modulation, over the air, through an aerial. This other stuff on the Internet, you should not call it radio. It's not radio. Please don't call it radio, it's just confusing. And also this satellite stuff that evidently you have to pay for or stuff you get through a cable, it's not radio — radio's through the air, picked up by an aerial, free.

Also, he says something about there are 13 local AM radio stations in San Diego. I rather doubt that. As far as I know, there are only 3 stations that have talk programs: KOGO, 600 kilocycles; KFMB, 760 kilocycles; and KCBQ, 1170 kilocycles; and then that thing at 1700 kilocycles — it's almost irrelevant; we have four or five radios in the house, and I can only pick it up on one or two because it's at the far end of the band. There are a few other sports stations,

but I'm not aware of any music stations left around here — AM, that is, not FM. There's KECR; that's a religious station in El Cajon; that's at 910 kilocycles AM. There may be a few Mexican stations. There used to be KSDO, which was a good station, 1130; Clear Channel sold it to the Mexicans, and now it's some sort of a religious station. I don't think there are 13 AM stations, really, in San Diego.

Name Withheld  
via voice mail

*Thomas Larson replies: My total of 13 AM radio stations came from the Arbitron ratings data for San Diego as well as ontheradio.net.*

*They are KOGO 600; KFMB 760; KECR 910; KCEO 1000; KURS 1040; KSDO 1130; KCBQ 1170; KPRZ 1210; KSON 1240; KKSM 1320; KLSD 1360; KFSD 1450; and 1700AM.*

*The AM stations, besides the talk powerhouses like*

*KOGO and KFMB, include gospel, religious, college, and Spanish formats.*

### Jesus Goes To Rudford's

Hey, I remember that party ("Crasher," December 31)! You and your girlfriend were already there when I arrived. Too bad you two didn't stay for the bonfire, because that was when more friends of mine showed up. And Thom's too. We were there till about 4:30 or 5:00 a.m., when we went en masse to Rudford's for breakfast. Burt, the "oldest marcher in the 2008 Gay Pride parade," stayed up with us too! He's such a character. I never thought about it, but you are right, Thom does look like Jesus, without that stupid hat and his glasses.

By the way, the actress I would have play me in a movie of my life would be Natalie Wood, although people constantly tell me I look like Anne Hathaway.

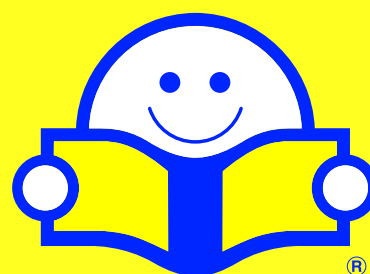
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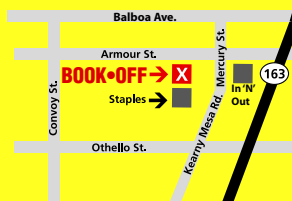
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Now that I think about it, maybe my attractive girlfriends would have made your lady jealous. She's cute, but I have been told that I am too. Ciao, Bebe!

Michele  
via email

## Anti-Cycle

I read, transfixed, your article regarding the SDPD, Victor Vega's thumb, and the Critical Mass ride, held the last Friday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., beginning in Balboa Park ("SDPD — Got an Attitude?" "City Lights," December 4).

It simply does not surprise me that the SDPD would not cite the man who tried to bite Mr. Vega's thumb off and succeeded in mutilating it. It does, however, reinforce a terrible perception (truth) about the SDPD and virtually every other official law enforcement agency operating in Southern California and San Diego (county sheriff; local PDs like El Cajon, Carlsbad, etc.; DEA; Border

Patrol). They are anti-bicycle, period. In this case, the officers involved abandoned their responsibility and knowingly allowed a criminal to escape prosecution for an assault. It is unfortunately the latest in a series of anti-cyclist actions by law enforcement.

In 2007, Marc Carpenter, a quiet, unassuming attorney, who was also a lifetime cyclist, was run over and killed on Highway 67 at the intersection of Poway Road. The motorist was never even investigated. See ya! Ta-ta!

On December 2 of this year, Ed Costa, a 30-year-old self-employed construction worker, father of two (he worked with his family at Costa Construction), was run over and killed in Alpine by a hit-and-run driver, allegedly Travis Weber. Only after family members saw the alleged offender pull into a local bar, the Liars' Club, right across the street from the accident site two days later, during a candlelight/prayer vigil at the

accident site, did the San Diego County sheriff — whose brand-spanking-new \$4 million office complex sits next door — act and arrest Mr. Weber. Weber also had been in an accident earlier on December 2, just down the road on Alpine Boulevard, and was reported to the sheriff as a drunk driver. The San Diego County sheriff *knew* he was likely the driver/murderer involved and *chose* not to arrest him. I won't get into Weber's criminal record, including DUIs, but suffice it to say that he had to be *the* primary suspect. What I heard from a DEA agent on December 13 is that the victim, Ed Costa, was "suspected" of being a drug runner, so both the DEA and the San Diego County sheriff considered his death a positive. While taken aback, that attitude did not surprise me.

I have been hit or nearly hit on my bike by offending motorists a dozen times in the last five years, and not

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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey, Matt:

*My friend read in a book somewhere that people are taller in the morning than they are at night. Is that possible? The book didn't say why. Do you know why if it's even true at all?*

— Kid Dynamite, via email

If you wake up in the morning with your feet hanging over the edge of the bed, don't be surprised. People really are taller when they're huddled under the covers, occasionally hitting the snooze button. It's because during the night your body can undo what gravity has done to it during the previous day. As gravity pulls down on your defenseless bod, the discs in your spine are squished and you literally become a shorter person. When you lie down, gravity loses its grip on your backbones, and they can resume their original position. The difference in height is only a few centimeters, but it is measurable if you have the proper gear.

Hey, Matt:

*I've always wondered what happens to the tire tread on cars as it wears out. I mean, where does it go, onto the pavement, dust in the atmosphere, vanish into thin air? I figured if it was rolling onto the pavement then there would be huge globs of rubber on the road, or if it was in the air then it would cause everyone to have black lung.*

— Don, San Diego

About 318 million tires are sold in the U.S. each year, sez the Rubber Manufacturers Association. Which of course means that there is an equal number of old discards whose treads have failed the penny test, exposing Lincoln's dome to the elements. (If you're real rich you probably use the quarter test and measure tread against Washington's wig.) So you might well wonder where all that rubber went. Well, consider what's going on when Grandma finally has to dust the elves off when they've been piled up for days in front of the tube on one of their Lifetime channel movie marathons. What's she flicking off? Sand from the Sahara, industrial pol-

lution from Ireland, dust from Denmark, bacteria from Belgium, viruses from Vietnam, and yes, tire tread from Turkey. Some tread gets stuck to the road — usually in patterns that veer across three lanes and off

into the bushes, making us all wish we'd been there to see that happen. But most tire tread is worn off, bit by bit, and is whisked up into the upper air currents and carried across the planet along with bug parts and plant bits and whatever else can be lifted by the wind. All this crud in the air hasn't reached crisis proportions yet, so you don't have to worry about black lung in your lifetime.

Matt:

*I hate it when my kids ask me questions that just make me scratch my head and say "Wha?"*

*I got another one the other day when my daughter and I were sharing some (air quotes) quality time at McDonald's. I don't know how it came up, but I said something about my pinkie finger, and my daughter immediately demanded to know why the little finger is called "pinkie" and why the other fingers don't have names. I really don't have time for this kind of stuff. Can you help me?*

— Very Good Mom, San Diego

Well, yeah, if I can finish the rest of your fries. And that shake? Thanks. So, anyway, *pinck* in Dutch means "small." For some reason the Scots took a liking to the word and "pink" became the word of the day in the Scots' language to describe almost anything small. The English saw how much fun Scotland was having with the word, so they grabbed it around 1700, and our little fingers got pinked. The color pink, the flower called a pink, and the disease pink eye all come from the same source as pinkie, but it would take another order of large fries and a shake to get that story out of me. As to why none of our other fingers are named, well, we can solve that. How about pinkie, then ringie, then birdie, then pointie, and, finally, opposable thumbie? Run those by your daughter and see what she says.

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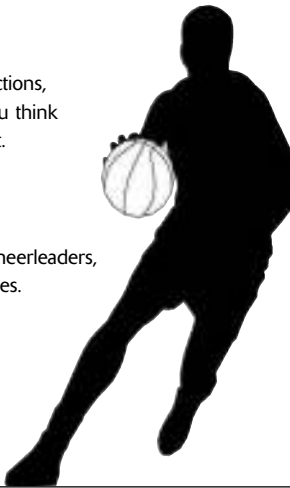
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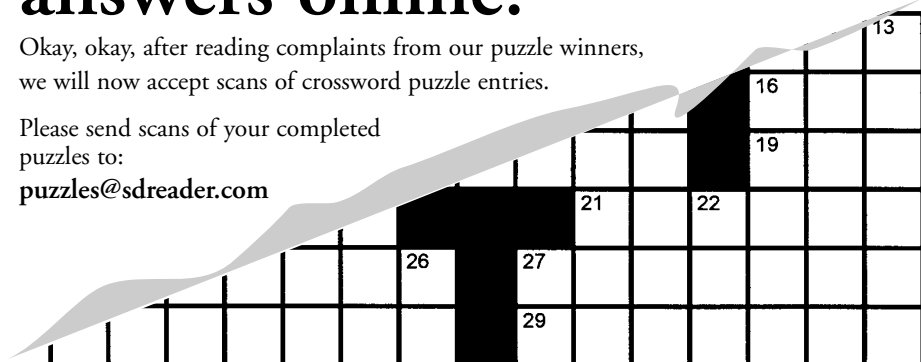
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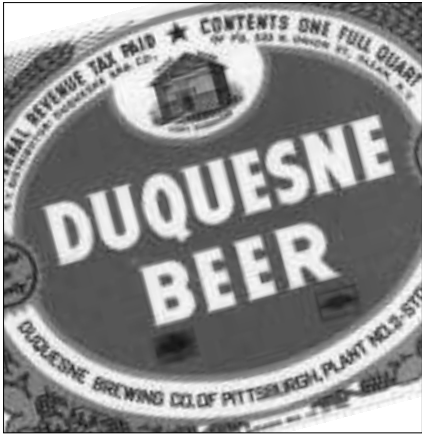
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# SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

# Pittsburgh



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The Chargers play Pittsburgh on Sunday at their place, Heinz Field. The way San Diego has been playing lately, taking six points is tempting.

I was born in Pittsburgh, Mercy Hospital, at 3:06 in the morning. We (new-born self, mother, two brothers, and one sister) were staying at my maternal grandparents' house. Mom had gone back "home" to have the baby. Dad stayed on the job in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

My first memory occurred four years later, in Pittsburgh. We were back living with my grandparents. (I don't know how that came about.) My memory is of sitting on my grandfather's knee in the second-floor den. Don't remember the man's face or voice, only his knee and a thick, oriental rug. He was, to use the vernacular of the day, an industrialist, owned a steel factory, vanadium company, department store, advertising agency, and brewery.

I remember watching a big black Buick, with my mother in its backseat, as it drove down the driveway. She was flying down to Houston to join Dad. We followed two weeks later.

I attended the third grade in Pittsburgh. My father's data-processing business went under and we moved back to Grandparents World. Dad found a job in Cleveland and stayed until he got a stake together. It took a school year.

We lived in the servants' quarters in the attic, which was not as Cinderella as it sounds. Great big rooms. There were five of us, and we stayed together. But it did set an us-against-them dynamic. Since we were more or less on the run, we took on an outlaw attitude. They were rich; we weren't. They lived in a big house; we never knew where the next house was coming from. We did not consider our

grandparents' generosity, but then, gratitude is an acquired taste not usually found in children.

At the end of my third grade we moved to Dallas and that was it. We never went back, and I never thought of Pittsburgh.

Twenty years pass, fast forward to Fairbanks, Alaska. I'm living in a cabin up the hill from Denny Mehner. He arrived a couple years earlier, fresh out of Washington State University, in possession of a master's degree. He'd been hired as a lecturer of psychology at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Denny taught for a couple years, then took a year off to work on a Ph.D. in existential phenomenology at Duquesne University, located in downtown Pittsburgh. He and a Tlingit native by the name of Francis McNeil were living in an old farmhouse in West Sunbury. I flew in with my mate, Peggy O'Callaghan, to spend Christmas.

It was a great ten days, but cold, coldest on record — zero and 15 below zero. I remember Pittsburgh's blue-collar taverns, their mahogany back bars, Rolling Rock on tap. Remember a Christmas party at the home of Denny's faculty advisor. We arrived early, no one about, so we went around to the backyard and in the most respectful, gentle way possible, broke into the house, warmed up, went upstairs, took showers (no running water on the farm), and cleaned up. The professor and his wife returned home as we were sauntering down the staircase. Naturally, they were outraged. We said it was existential and offered a beer. Nobody is immune to the great good humor we rolled with that night. It's still the best party I've been to. I didn't call any of my relatives while I was in town. Why would I?

Another 20 years pass. I'm working for the *Reader*, new on the job. My mom, who lived in Atlanta, told me she'd been invited to a family reunion. She had the brochure in front of her. I asked her to send it to me.

It is a big family. I'll start with John Henry Friday. He was born in 1850, died 1932. He'd started as a grocer, finished as owner of Duquesne Beer. He fathered eight children: Harry, John, Hilda, Adelaide, Ralph, Paul, Marie, and Walter. Those children produced 18 children, and in the course of time, by the summer of 1991, the count totaled 298 descendants. I was one, a great-grandson.

I pitched a story to the boss along the lines that it might be weird to see what it would be like to go to a huge family reunion and not know anyone there.

I flew back to Pittsburgh and interviewed everyone. I drank with those who wanted to drink, had meals with those who wanted to eat. Took car rides to familial sites, spent a full day at the family barbeque hobnobbing, won a pocketknife for being the relative who traveled the farthest.

And then I left.

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# T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

## I learned that summer had no end long before I saw that surf movie.

Here is a post-holiday column possibly welcome only to readers who spend inordinate amounts of time taking the rectal temperature of cats. It is about winter, after the holidays. There are other names for it; they don't matter, deep into the earth such as it is. It needs some elusivity from the sun.

Less is more, and I'm going to aim for but never quite hit poetry. Likely between neither Tennyson, Eliot, nor Cummings. And, of course, none.

What I would like to treat here are those days, weeks well into March in San Diego that are so subliminally abrasive, they eat at the soul during sunlight like no other time of year. I seem to learn in spring, everything from when certain sunflowers do not bloom, to (finally) algebra in summer school while studying katydids, or katykillers as we called them. I even learned about Vice President Nixon, who was two hours late for his speaking engagement at Lincoln Public School. I learned that summer had no end long before I saw that surf movie. Learned that Fridays are more important than other days.

Spring and summer are birth pangs; we learn that soon enough. But the days following New Year's are a kind of dreary limbo. But then I am not the cheeriest of men. They are a grand time for reading the books you've acquired over Christmas and for weeding out the stupid but thoughtful records from your sister.

In January and February back East it is, course, far more pronounced. Slush, frozen mud, defrosting windshields. Here we do not suffer such indignity but a more pervasive turn of mind. It is primal. On some level, we truly do not believe the sun is coming back, the game will not return, and once, a friend or tribesman who did not come back to a hunting party or the campfire waited only by his frozen clone. A twin. If like

Woody Allen I could dislodge Marshall McLuhan, instead producing Carl Jung, I suspect he would agree on the racial memory thing. *Yes, my friend. All is at an end, you see? This final viewing of Triumph of the Will is no mistake.*

The May gray or June gloom seem little compared to this. What we have is a confused sense of that supposedly endless summer. A kind of displacement we had not mis-arranged or left accounted for, a lapse in the "Have a nice day" mentality that remains only with the die-hard manic through March. This is surely exaggeration, a departure from measurable truth, and maybe only for the likes of me not only to take in stride but to take from it a certain grim satisfaction.

It may be because I was born and raised in Chicago that I consider these two months following December as emblematic, the very portrait of a working town once riddled with rail and stockyard, loading dock, and determined, seeming-soulless faces that seem to express "To hell with the wife, the boss, the kids...it's a bitch."

It would involve backlog memories of Christmas, I suppose, the memories of, as I was told, the birth of Christ/hope, Hannukah, vegetation...the others I'm embarrassed to be unable to call to mind and see us through these subcurrents of the racial memory. This was not because I have been deprived of holidays. I have had more shared and pleasant such seasons even as an adult.

Nothing can compare with this feeling I get most winter nights in the Southwest. The last extraordinary night would have been a Wednesday night in December on the alien surface of Otay Mesa. It was 1983; the day and date were posted at the shooting range: NIGHT

SHOOT QUALIFY FOR.... The idea was, one had to run from a moving car after throwing it into park, then pitch-dark strike several pop-up targets. When I say pitch-dark, that is the definition of Otay Mesa with no illumination but starlight.

It was not the bang-bang, the contest, the uniformed men and women trailing steaming breath behind them, punctuated by .38 caliber discharges (live rounds) as doors were shut and opened. No. It was all taking place light years above their heads. It was the stars wheeling in clear indifference above an arbitrary border.

I was 33 years old on that night, researching a book about something else entirely and resolved to tell my son of the unfluoresced light and shadow, and that's really why I was out there. I was looking at the majesty of starshot and the dimension at which we are truly seeing.

I grandly expected to write an epic science-fiction novel about it; I did, four or five years later. It was a paperback original, the kind you get at a drug-store; neither epic nor grand, though I thought it was all right.

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Colored pencils evaporate in the Kelly household — here one day, gone the next. When my son sat down to work on a drawing last week, three pencils sat in front of him. Can't do much with three colors. Eve set about finding some replacements.

"Prismacolor colored pencils are my favorites," explained Kurt Thompson, assistant manager at Artist & Craftsman Supply, located just south of Old Town (619-688-1911). "They're waxy; they go down really smooth and they blend well. Their color pigment is very soft, so it blends awesomely. I think that is what you want to look for when looking for colored pencils." Prismacolor pencils cost \$1.23 each or \$12.02 for a set of 12.

"We also sell Derwent, which are good," continued Thompson. "They're a little more expensive, about \$1.80 each. They don't have as broad of a color range; their color is a little bit harder, so it doesn't go down quite as smooth and it doesn't blend as well."

When it comes to working with colored pencils, he explained, "You don't want to go over what you have just colored with your hands; have a little buffer zone between you and your work, so it doesn't dirty it up."

And Thompson suggested using an electric pencil sharpener. "Colored pencils are a temperamental tool. They are so soft, if you have a dull pencil sharpener, it's just going to eat it away. The sharpener will take off chunks rather than giving you a sharp point. So I recommend using a well-maintained electric pencil sharpener."

For what effect do you use colored pencils?

"The Prismacolor pencils are so vibrant that you can actually pull off the look of a painting if you know what you are doing. But usually the pencils are more for the look of a hand-done colored pencil painting."

What type of paper should be used with the pencils?

"Some drawing paper — something heavy enough to take the pigment without making dimples in it. Because in order to spread the color down, you have to press a little bit and you don't want it to go through to your next piece of paper."

Marisa, associate at Blick Art Materials in Little Italy (619-687-0050), also recommended the Prismacolor pencils. "They have pencils

"Go over it with a wet brush,  
and it will give you the effect  
of a watercolor drawing."

with thicker lead and really rich colors called the Premier pencils; those are probably the most popular. They also make Verithin pencils, which have a thinner lead and are good for detail."

For a watercolor effect, Prismacolor makes watercolor pencils, which Marisa says are another popular item in their store. "You lay the drawing down like you are drawing with a regular pencil, and then you can go over it with a wet brush and it will give you the effect of a watercolor drawing."

Marisa offered a few alternatives to colored pencils. "There are Derwent Inkntense pencils for making a picture look more like an ink drawing, similar to watercolors but more intense colors. And chalk pencils for chalk drawings, which are like using a chalk pastel but in the form of a pencil so you

have a little more control with it. And we have colored pencils that are tinted graphite, like colored graphite. With some of the tinted graphite pencils, you can go over it with water and it'll give it a paint effect. The tinted graphites have muted colors in their set."

Most brands carry standard colors, Marisa explained. "They might have a slight difference, but most brands are pretty standard, unless they have pastel colors. In that case they will have a lot of lighter, muted tones.

But usually with a general pack, you would find colors like you find in a crayon box."

For maintenance of colored pencils, "Keep them sharp because they will break easily. It depends on the pencil, not necessarily on the brand. So you need to give them a little more care than a regular lead pencil.

Because sometimes the lead can break on the inside, and every time you sharpen it, a piece will just fall out."

For drawing, "If you need to do details, then a sharp pencil is what you want to use; if you are doing shading, a more blunt edge. If you need to keep it sharp, you can draw with it on the side and it will keep a sharp point."

The Prismacolor pencils at Blick come in packs from 12-count up to 132-count (12-pack, \$12.49; 24-pack, \$25.99; 36-pack, \$39.99; 48-pack, \$49.99; 74-pack, \$74.99; 132-pack, \$139.99).

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by Barbaraella

*Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present, and future.*

— Gail Lumet Buckley

**D**espite a resolution to skip all holiday hullabaloo, I agreed to celebrate Christmas with David's family — provided it be a low-key affair — as trade-off for having him spend Thanksgiving with mine. I had so easily disengaged from all the "holidaity" last year that I wouldn't have thought the differences between the celebrations of David's clan and mine would matter much.

It was with a strange sense of detachment that I watched my in-laws open gifts on Christmas Eve. David and Ency — mother and son both sensitive and solicitous when it comes to shifts in my disposition — inquired after my well-being. "I'm fine," I'd say, "just quiet." To which one or the other would respond, "You being quiet is not you being 'fine.'"

They were correct in their assessment. I was funky, but I wasn't sure why. All the elements were at hand — a beautifully decorated tree, wrapped gifts, tons of food — and yet nothing about it was reminiscent of

the holiday I'd celebrated for 30 years with my family. It just didn't feel like Christmas. The most bothersome thing about it all was that I wasn't supposed to care.

On Christmas morning I called my father. I hadn't

been awake for long, but I knew that even though Dad was three hours behind, he would have already finished journaling, meditating, and walking. When he answered, Dad told me he was fresh off a phone conversation with his three siblings, who had congregated at Aunt Diane's place in the Hamptons. I was surprised to learn that Aunt Carol, a woman with 19 grandchildren, had chosen a kid-free version of Christmas. Whereas, for a child-free-by-choice woman like me, a quiet recess with a group of sharp-tongued and hilarious New Yorkers like my Dad's siblings sounded ideal.

I told Dad that though I always enjoyed visiting my in-laws, it felt unnatural to be celebrating Christmas anywhere but home. Dad took a deep breath, as if voicing for the first time a concept he'd divulged before: "You know, all your happy Christmas memories are in spite of me, not because of me," he said. "Mommy was always into all that; each year I just couldn't wait until it was over." But unlike prior accounts in which Dad

would explain his aversion to the excess on which my mother insisted, this time he elaborated, excavating insight from beneath the protective layers that had formed over wounds inflicted long ago.

Dad rarely spoke of his childhood. But a daughter can glean a good deal from the silent expanses between words. For example, I knew my grandfather, an Irishman, was a serious drinker, though I had never seen him drunk. I understood that despite Grandpa's bouts of belligerence, he never raised a hand to Grandmère; that when she became ill with emphysema, he doted on her, hardly leaving her side until she took her last laborious breath. I knew from Dad's carefully chosen words that he had forgiven Grandpa his transgressions; that the impression Dad carried in his heart of his father was swathed in deference.

"It had to be hard to be left in a home when you're five years old," Dad said. He told me that Grandpa's father was one of the casualties of the 1918 flu pandemic. Unable to provide for her three children, my great-grandmother placed her daughter at her sister-in-law's and her two boys at St. Vincent's, though no one knows for how long. In adulthood, Dad discovered that the "college" his father told him his Uncle Eddie attended off and on was called Sing Sing.

While his brother was paying the price for his chosen career, my grandfather met Mary, the love of his life and mother of his children. Mary, who I knew as Grandmère, looked after their children in a small Brooklyn apartment while Grandpa worked his way up Wall Street, eventually attaining

the position of treasurer of the credit division for the Securities and Exchange Commission. Grandpa and his colleagues began each day with a boilermaker at a bar on Rector Street. As Dad put it, "Wall Street was filled with functioning alcoholics." No matter how adroitly Grandpa fulfilled his familial duties, his wife and children came to learn that Christmas was a chariot on which his mysterious demons would arrive.

"It was always the same," Dad explained. "He'd scream obscenities, words I could never repeat" — this was saying a lot, given Dad's partiality for colorful language. "We never knew who those words were directed at." Dad continued, "He'd shout, 'We'll beat 'em all!'" In a softer, more futile tone, Grandpa would often turn to his wife and, using his nickname for her, repeat the phrase: "We'll beat 'em all, Mare. We'll beat 'em all." As my Aunt Diane told me, for my grandfather, life was a battle.

My dad had chosen to share this history with me now so that the story he was about to impart would make sense. Earlier that morning, he'd called his siblings to wish them a Merry Christmas. When my Uncle Jimmy got on the phone, Dad said, in a resonant voice, "This is the Ghost of Christmas Past." Then he let fly a reminiscent collection of curses before roaring, in Tiny Tim-like finality, "WE'LL BEAT 'EM ALL!" My uncle burst out laughing and insisted Dad repeat the sentiments on speakerphone for all the family to hear — a request my father granted only after he was assured who was present. When he repeated his Christmas greeting for his sisters, the entire room erupted with laughter.

**"Wall Street was filled with functioning alcoholics."**

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When he'd recovered from his guffaws, Uncle Jimmy told Dad that before he'd called, they'd all been caught up being phony, taking pictures and opening presents as if trying to re-create a cheery Hollywood version of a holiday none of them really cared for. But it hadn't been Christmas, Uncle Jimmy said — not until Dad called to infuse the day with the essence, for good or bad, of what Christmas had always meant for his family.

He was laughing at the telling, but I could hear the grit of emotion that had entered Dad's tone, could sense his bittersweet appreciation for his Christmas memories. I finally understood why the tree beside me, why the family around me, would never be enough to make my Christmas celebration complete. It wasn't that we were having turkey and mashed potatoes — it was that we weren't having chicken Parmesan and lasagna. It wasn't that things were quiet and subdued — it's that they weren't loud and chaotic; I couldn't hear my mother singing carols and shriek-

ing in excitement about the arrival of a Santa she still pretends to believe in.

"It's not about the stupid holiday," Dad said when I shared my thoughts. "It's not about the craziness, the tree, or the presents. The only thing that matters is the truth, and the truth is the love between us." Dad cleared his throat, perhaps considering his family — his parents who are now deceased, his daughters who live in the same town, and their children, his grandchildren. "Underneath all the bullshit, the trappings, the wrappings," Dad said, "every one of those people loves each other." ■

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"I used to work at a certain establishment in Lakeside that's not there anymore," says Ronny K. "This was back in the late 1980s, so that dates me, but it *could* get like *Road House*. The band played behind wire mesh, and there was an arsenal of handguns and rifles under the bar. No one ever slashed my tires, because I parked around the corner and made sure no one was watching or following me. That's kind of paranoid, but sometimes people *do* hold grudges when you toss them out."





Joe Forsyth checks IDs

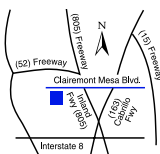


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gender, attire, personality, financial status (that is, slipping the bouncer \$20–\$100 to gain entry), and in some cases, race and culture, going against the mandate of antidiscrimination laws.

“My uncle came up with a term: executive clientele relocation director,” says Jason Estu, who has worked at bars and clubs all across San Diego and San Francisco. “I even put that on my résumé.”

According to the website *crimedictor.com*: “The term bouncer presents an image of a brawler who will break up fights and forcibly eject obnoxious patrons. Bouncers are often portrayed in movies as tough, thug-like scrappers who love to fight.... Many nightclubs foster that image by hiring oversized ex-jocks, wrestlers, or martial artists to handle drunken or out-of-control patrons. Usually these bouncers have little experience and receive no real formal training in criminal or civil law.... These inexperienced bouncers will be forced to rely on their own common sense and instincts to solve a problem.”

“At strip clubs, I was known as the Body Guard, like that movie with Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner,” says Ronny K., who did not want to be fully identified. “I kept men from jumping on the stages, going into the dressing room, or even the women’s bathroom—you won’t believe what some of these guys will do after half a dozen drinks. I walked the dancers to and from their cars because guys sometimes hang around outside waiting for them.”

Some notable former bouncers include actors Vincent D’Onofrio, Vin Diesel (his original bouncer pseudonym), and Mr. T., two-time winner of

America’s Tough Bouncer competition. Even Al Capone worked as a bouncer in his youth. In the pre–World War I years of the United States, bouncers also had the job of *guardians of morality*.

Ballroom dancing, for instance, and taxi dancing, were considered an activity that could lead to immoral conduct if the dancers’ bodies got too close. Venues required bouncers to remind

patrons not to dance closer than nine inches from their partners. A bouncers’ warning was a light tap on the shoulder, at first; then, if needed, they progressed to more draconian methods.

### The 300 Club

Jason Estu, Ted Washington, and Ronny K. all began their life in bouncing in the days before bouncers had to register with authorities and carry a “guard card.” In California, Sen-

ate Bill 194 requires any bouncer or bar security to be registered with the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. They must also complete a criminal

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background check and submit their fingerprints to the Department of Justice and the FBI. The San Diego Police Department's In-House Security Program held its first session for bouncers and doormen on September 14, 2004, with 25 attendees who worked in Pacific Beach establishments. "The pilot program is focusing on that coastal district—a 'bar hopping' hotspot lined with popular taverns," reported the *North County Times*.

Before the passage of 194, "The only thing that mattered was that you were big, and you could hold your own in a fight," says Estu, who once belonged to a group of San Diego bouncers who called themselves "The 300 Club"—no one in the club clocked in at fewer than 300 pounds, averaging 350–375. These big guys hung out together,

partied together, dated the same women, and supported each others' goals and dreams. (This is not to be confused with the 300 Club in Antarctica, explained at *penguincentral.com* as "a mid-winter activity at [the South] Pole so named for

sible to make a several-minute walk to the Pole and back without losing fatal amounts of body heat.") From 2004 to 2005, they could often be found having a Sunday BBQ together on the rooftop of a loft building at Fifth Avenue and Market Street.

## Television production companies were interested in creating a reality show about the 300 Club.

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The Los Angeles production company Romano Shane Television was interested in creating a reality show about the 300 Club: the series would follow the San Diego bouncers around on and off the job, chronicling the challenges of this kind of life, from fights

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with a drunk patron to fights with the significant other at home.

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a crapshoot. The stars just didn't line up at the time."

Most of the former 300 Club have scattered now — moving to other cities, getting married, and going back to school. Estu and a handful remain in San Diego, doing what they do best....

"Once a bouncer, always a bouncer," Estu likes to say. He gives this exam-

ple: he recently went to see a movie where there was mostly a young audience, except for a couple in their 50s or 60s. This couple asked the group of people in front of them to please be quiet, and "This guy got in their faces, started yelling he was going to sue, swearing at them. Now," Estu says, "that's not right, this is an elderly couple, you don't get in older people's faces like that, so the bouncer inside me kicked in and I got into this guy's face. I walked the couple to their car to make sure they were okay and nothing happened."

## The Former IRS Agent and the Repo Man

Ted Washington has bounced from coast to coast in his travels. He worked for one night in a Las Vegas strip club. "Uhn-uh," he says, shaking a head full of dreadlocks and laughing,

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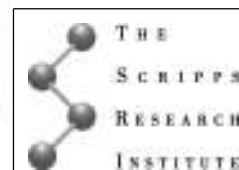


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The doorman working at that time observed Washington’s way of handling the situation and was impressed. “He said I should work there, offered me a

job. I said no. It’s not what I wanted. He said, ‘Come try it out, one day a week.’ So I did. And now here I am.”

As for the Casbah, his involvement with the local music and spoken-word scene, and performing in the band Pruitt Igoe, led to work at the music venue.

He admits that things

through Thursdays tend to be problem free, “but on Friday and Saturday nights, something happens. Used to be you could count on a big fight every weekend, but things have mellowed out.” He doesn’t know why — maybe the patrons are getting older, maybe people are drinking less

## **“Before I bounced, I was a car repo man,” says Ronny K.**

don’t get as rowdy at the Casbah as they do at Winstons. “People are there for the music, so there are not too many fights or problems, unless they have a hardcore punk or metal band on the roster,” and then things might get out of hand. He also says there are fewer fights at Winstons these days. Mondays

because of the economy. Perhaps Washington’s previous job with the Internal Revenue Service prepared him for the vocation. IRS agents often deal with difficult people. “I was the guy who came to your house to seize property and assets” when people had a debt to satisfy with the U.S. government. Washington

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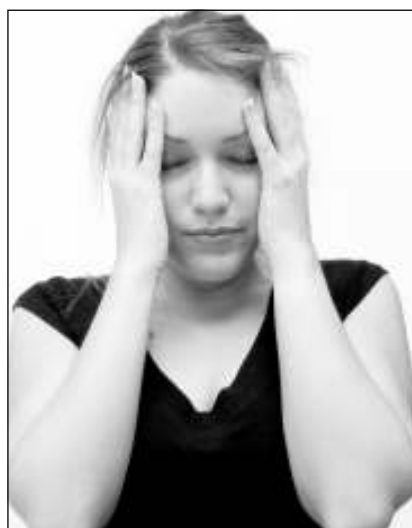
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seems amused by that past job, a life very unlike the bohemian existence he now lives in Ocean Beach. When he's not at the door of Win-stons or the Casbah, Wash-ington spends his time writ-ing poetry, painting, and operating Puna Press. The press mostly publishes Washington's art and writ-ing but has also issued Edwin Decker's *Barzilla*, a local favorite among denizens of the poetry scene.

"Before I bounced, I was a car repo man," says Ronny K. "Worked for this agency that served court

papers on people, followed cheating husbands and wives around, and repo'd cars. Place out of Spring Valley. I did some process-serving but mostly nabbed cars. Sometimes, people would just give you the keys, knowing this was com-ing; you'd go up to the door, explain it, they'd say, 'Okay' and hand over the keys, and that was that, easy com-mission. Other times, you gotta go back and steal the cars, which would either be easy or tricky, doing this at three, four in the morn-ing. I've had people come

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### Fistful of Fights

It can be a dangerous way to make a living. "Ninety-seven percent of the time, you're not doing anything, you're hanging out, talk-ing to girls, kicking back," says Estu, "and three per-cent of the time you live in hell and utter terror."

When it comes to vio-lence, a bouncer can never know what to expect, espe-

cially when alcohol, and maybe drugs, are involved. Or sports. "I was working at the club in the Excelsior Hotel," Estu says. "It was a football party kickoff night, and the teams from USD and SDSU were there." Stuff happened, words were exchanged, fists began to fly. "Eighty football play-ers were there," Estu recalls with amazement, "and all hell broke loose. We did what we could to stop it. I just held on for the ride and hoped I didn't get hurt. Strangely enough, I didn't get hit at all," but the foot-

ball players tore into one another. "Most people don't want to fight, and they'll stop when you break them up," Estu says, "but these football players are made for this kind of thing, and they weren't about to stop."

"I was hired for this wedding, a big wedding," says Ronny K. "Funny, why does a wedding need secu-rity or bouncers? Well, it was a big event and they didn't want the 'wrong' people crashing the thing, and of course people were going to get drunk at the wedding party. It was a

white guy from Imperial Beach marrying a Mexi-can girl from Chula Vista, and they both had ties to different gangs. Crazy. So here you have this wedding party attended by these peeps from two rival gangs and different racial blood, so there was bound to be blood. Not an hour into the party, there was drink-ing and other stuff, and these guys started going at it. It looked like a rumble on a prison yard, these two giant dudes packed with muscles yelling at each other, tearing their shirts off, show-

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ing all these gang tats, and then slamming into each other the way monster trucks do, you know? Holy shit, the sound they made when flesh met flesh and fist met fist, and everyone at the party was cheering them on, rooting for their guy, and then they started to get into it. The women too. It was a huge gang fight. I stood there and waited for

the police. There was no way in hell I was getting into that. I didn't know if there were guns or knives. I remember chunks of flesh on the floor that people had bitten off each other. I don't know what happened to the bride and groom; they probably, smartly, got out of there."

Estu says, "I was at a beach bar and I wasn't even

working there, but I got into a fight. A buddy of mine [from the 300 Club] was working there. I just went to hang out. These eight rather big Samoan guys showed up. They were looking for a bouncer who wasn't working that night, they were there over a beef from a year and a half ago. I had to help my buddy on this. Eight Samoan guys

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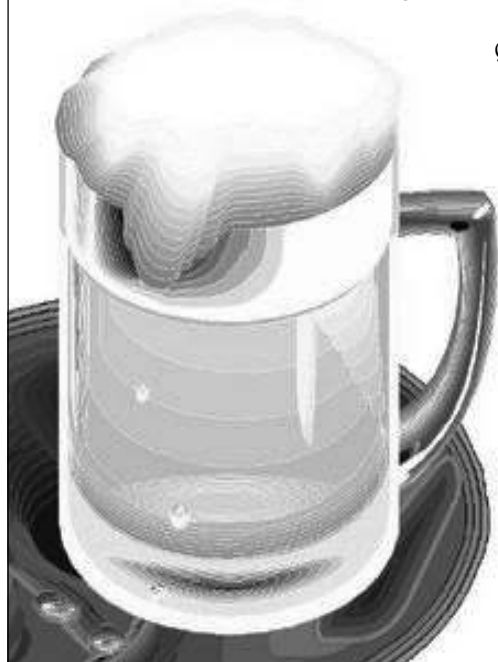
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and three of us — I was asking for mercy.” The incident did not go well; Estu and the other two got beaten pretty badly. “One guy blind-sided me in the head, *bam*, then another hit me again, *bam*,” he tells it. He took

the beating and lived.

“I’ve been hit in the head with a beer bottle three or four times,” Ronny K. claims. “One dude reached over and grabbed a bottle of Skyy vodka and hit me in the head, and the

bottle didn’t break. Still hurt. I took the bottle from him and hit him back, and the bottle still didn’t crack. I’ve had a couple knives pulled out on me and got my hand cut but never been stabbed. Never been shot at either, knock on wood,” and he raps his scarred knuckles on the bar counter. Where did those scars come from? “Fistfight two weeks ago,” he says. “You should see the other dude’s face. He came in looking for his ex-girlfriend or wife or whatever, and she was there with this other guy. He wanted to start shit with the other guy, but he and his ex started going at it, smacking each other around. So I grabbed him and said, ‘You don’t hit women like that,’ and he tried to take me on. A mistake.”

Estu has also had his

hand penetrated by a patron’s teeth, deeply. “I tackled him, had his head locked down, and then he bit me.” Estu spent several hours in the hospital, getting rabies shots and stitched up. He still has nerve damage in the hand from that experience.

“There was this construction worker at a bar in El Cajon,” Ronny K. says. “He had his tool belt on.

too. He was so drunk it was funny, but it could have been different. It wasn’t that funny when you think about the kind of damage he *could* have done to me or other people.”

Washington hasn’t had such dangerous encounters, just the typical mild fights with drunkards. “The main thing the bar is concerned with is making money,” he says. “They want

money flow.”

In Wisconsin’s lumberjack days, bouncers would blatantly remove patrons who were too drunk to keep purchasing drinks, to free up space at the bar for new patrons. According to *wisconsinhistory.net*, a “snake-room” was a “room off a saloon, usually two or three steps down, into which a barkeeper or the bouncer could slide drunk lumberjacks head first through swinging doors.”

Today, with so much litigation and the fear of criminal charges, establishments want their bouncers to talk before tossing. “Communication is the key; a lot of it is about talking to people,” Estu says. “If there’s a problem, find out what it is. Listen to what the problem is. Figure out how to solve the problem. Get people to calm down.” The bar or club wants people to stay and spend their money, but if a problem can’t be resolved, then people need to be bounced out.

“Most people are reasonable, even if they are drunk,” says Ronny K. “No one wants pain. But you’re gonna get those people who like pain, even live for pain. The jerks who want to fight and mess people up. Usually, you can spot them at the door and you turn them away. You can see it in their eyes, you can feel the energy coming off them. These guys don’t last in society

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too long. They wind up in jail soon enough."

As for weapons, neither Estu nor Washington carries anything deadlier than a flashlight. Washington has never had the need for weapons, finding his physical presence and hands to be enough. Estu once thought about a gun but figured that could be taken away from him and used on him. One night, his new flashlight came in handy. "This was at Moondoggies downtown," he says. "This guy was there, he was on a reality show, I forget the name — *Meet My Folks, Who Wants to Marry My Dad?* — it was one of those kind of shows — and this guy who was on it thought he was some superstar. He thought he could get any woman, that all women knew who he was and wanted to sleep with him. So he comes in and he starts grabbing women's butts, grabbing women left and right, going, 'Hey, wanna go home with me?' So I tell him he has to stop. He goes, 'Don't you know who I am?' He gets into my face and goes, 'I'm Joey, don't you know who I am?' Like I should care. He was drunk, he wouldn't stop, so I had to fight to get him out. He was taking swings at me, and Joey stupidly falls into an open hole in the ground. He yells, 'I'm gonna kill you!' He gets up and starts swinging. I had my new flashlight and used it — I hit him so hard he went flying over a motorcycle."

Ronny K. carries an ASP collapsible metal baton, although he's not supposed to. "You need a special permit for these, so technically it's illegal," he says. "But I've had cops check mine out because mine is modified with a special handle." He pulls out the baton, swings it open. It's chrome, painted black; the weapon extends 21 inches and opens with a sleek, hissing sound.

"Sometimes I compare mine with some cops' batons, and we talk about various techniques. None of them have asked if I have a permit. Maybe they figure I do, or maybe they don't care. Way I see it, they

know I need this for the job." He's found that he's seldom had to use it, keeping it sheathed except for extraordinary circumstances because he could be charged for using a deadly weapon without a permit, even if it

was used during an act of self-defense. "I won't ever carry a gun. I hate guns," he says. "And mace, I'd probably use it wrong and spray myself in the eyes."

Of course, just because a brawl in a bar is broken

up doesn't mean it's the end of the violence. On January 10, 2006, Michael David Sullivan, 26, got into a tiff with Jonathan Thomas Lefler-Panela, 25, in Pacific Beach's Sam's by the Sea restaurant. Sullivan was

seen hitting the other man in the face. The two were bounced from the establishment. Outside, Sullivan stabbed Lefler-Panela 15 times as the victim walked to his car. On May 24, 2007, Emery Kauanui, 24, died

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from injuries he suffered after an altercation with Eric House, 22, at the Brew House in La Jolla. Both were ejected from the bar by the bouncer. Kauanui returned to his home on Draper Avenue at about 1:30 a.m., and the man who Kauanui had hassled with, Eric House, showed up with four other men. A fight started between the two, and three of House's companions joined in. The four men punched and kicked Kauanui repeatedly until he was lying on the ground, bleeding, with a severe concussion, which resulted in his death four days later. House was arrested on the scene — his friends ran when they heard sirens, but House was looking for a tooth he'd lost. The case created a scandal around what seemed to be a La Jolla surfer gang, the Bird Rock

Bandits, who had a habit of intentionally causing trouble in area bars — House had been banned from La Jolla's Shack Bar and Grille for picking fights. On November 18, 2008, Seth Cravens was found guilty of four counts of assault, one count of misdemeanor battery, and one

to 90 days in jail. Seth Cravens is scheduled for sentencing on January 12, 2009.

"Some people just like to get drunk and fight, for whatever reason," Ronny K. says, "and that's never good in the long haul of things. You can't do that crap all your life and get

## "Some people just like to get drunk and fight."


count of making a criminal threat. Before the trial, in June, Matthew Yanke, Eric House, and Orlando Osuna pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter. House and Yanke were sentenced to 210 days in county jail. Orlando Osuna was sentenced to 349 days in jail. Henri "Hank" Hendricks pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact and was sentenced

away with it. It's gonna come to a screeching halt, one way or the other."

He remembers one night in El Cajon where he thought it might be his last night as a bouncer, even with the ASP baton. "This guy comes up and shows me ID, he's six foot six, seven, big dude, made me feel small and I'm six foot three and 320 pounds. He had a shaved head, swastika tats,



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complete white-power shit-kicker. I knew he'd been, what, two or three days out of the joint and was looking for trouble. I was almost not going to let him in. He looked at me and his eyes said, 'Go ahead and not let me in and see what happens.' The guy had trouble written all over him — no, not trouble, *death*. This guy was on a death trip. Not his death, he was out to kill someone just to kill someone. That's the impression I got anyway. What the hell, I let him in and prayed for the best. I kept my eye on him, and he knew it. He was loud and scary and all, but he didn't start anything, but still, I had this creepy feeling that any minute he would, and that would be it for me, there was no way I would be able to take him and his buddies. But after two hours they left. I never felt so relieved. He walked out and winked at me and said, 'See ya,' and that was that. My guardian angel must have been looking out for me that night."

#### Dangerous Women

Both Washington and Estu admit that women patrons can be more dangerous than men when it comes to fighting. "They think they can get away with it," Washington says, "and they can't." He's had his share of drunken women trying to start fights with him when he has not let them in because they are too inebriated or don't have ID. He has to be careful not to cross any illegal lines when "handling" females.

In the club where Estu currently works downtown, Estu tells of a night where there were a group of "Asian supermodels" drinking and socializing at the Jade Theater at Seventh Avenue and C Street. The friendliness among the pretty models soon turned ugly. "It was something else," he says,

"all these women in skimpy clothes and little skirts going at it, blouses tearing, certain body parts popping out...there was blood all over the floor, teeth, shoes. One girl's extension braid was tacked to the wall

for two weeks — I laughed every time I came in and saw it."

In another case, he had to bounce a woman out of the Jade who wouldn't stop rapping. "She went on and on about how she was on

MTV. When I threw her out, she yelled, 'Look for me, I'm on MTV!' "

He had another problem with a woman without proper ID last New Year's Eve. "I was being polite, opening up the

rope, saying, 'Have a good night, ma'am,' and she turned around and decked me, [hit me] right in the nose."

Ronny K. says, "In the strip clubs, the dancers will fight with each other —

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me \$100 and said, 'Sorry 'bout that.' "

Ronny's seen his share of girl fights at regular bars too. "It can get dangerous," he says, "and they can tear

**"Some people might think it's hot — 'Oooh, cat fight.'"**

each other apart. Who said women can't fight? They can fight all right. Some people might think it's hot — 'Oooh, cat fight,' and all — but it really isn't

hot, not in my eyes. I like my women sweet and quiet. Frankly, I think it's pathetic because they're just drunk and mad and making fools of themselves, and then

they wake up sober either in jail or with a bunch of cuts and bruises."

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Bouncers can be lightning rods for aggression and macho posturing on the part of obnoxious male customers wanting to prove themselves, says James Parker in his article "Tales from Behind the Velvet Rope," originally published in *the Boston Phoenix* and reprinted at *bostonnightclubnews.com*: "The thing about bouncers: for all their density and predictability, their routine enforcements

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always skillfully, and not always nicely, but then heavy-handedness is part of his job description. To make something bounce, you have to smack it from time to time.”

The 2001, issue 41 of the *British Journal of Criminology* published a paper, “Get Ready to Duck: Bouncers and the Realities of Ethnographic Research on Violent Groups.” Authored by four sociologists, Winslow, Hobbs, Lister, and Hadfield’s conclusion was that bouncers were indeed a deviant subculture where exclusivity and being “one of the boys” was mandatory and where becoming involved in frequent violent incidents was requisite and invited. According to the researchers, it is a job, and an identity, that thrives on violence.

From the *wikipedia.org*

entry on bouncers/door-men: “A 1998 article ‘Responses by Security Staff to Aggressive Incidents in Public Settings’ in the *Journal of Drug Issues* examined 182 violent incidents involving crowd controllers (bouncers) that occurred in bars in Toronto, Canada. The study indicated that in 12 percent of the incidents the bouncers had good responses; in 20 percent of the incidents, the bouncers had a neutral response; and in 36 percent of the incidents, the bouncers’... responses were rated as bad — that is, the crowd controllers enhanced the likelihood of violence but were themselves not violent.’ Finally, ‘...in almost one-third of incidents, 31 percent, the crowd controllers’ responses were rated as ugly. The controllers’ actions involved gratuitous aggres-

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Estu has not had any politicians in the places he has bounced but tells of an incident at the 1015 Club in San Francisco, a popular trendy venue where he used

to work the door. “It was maybe a month or two before *Austin Powers* came out. This big black guy with dreadlocks comes in and he's carrying a baby on his shoulders. We're, like, ‘Hey, man, you can't bring a baby in here!’ But it wasn't a baby, it was a midget, this small man. Later that night, he

Estu recalls, “but when she took off her sunglasses, her pupils were dilated, and she acted like she didn't know where she was. I shook hands with her, and she wouldn't let go of my hand.”

“No major celebrities I know of,” says Ronny K., “except for porn stars at the

**“It wasn't a baby, it was a midget. Later, we locked eyes. His little fists clenched.”**

[the small man] was sitting on the bar counter. We locked eyes. His little fists were clenched like he wanted to fight. Sure enough, I saw him in that movie—I had ‘Mini Me’ in the bar.”

Another time, Anna Nicole Smith came into the 1015. “It was when she was saying she was off drugs,”

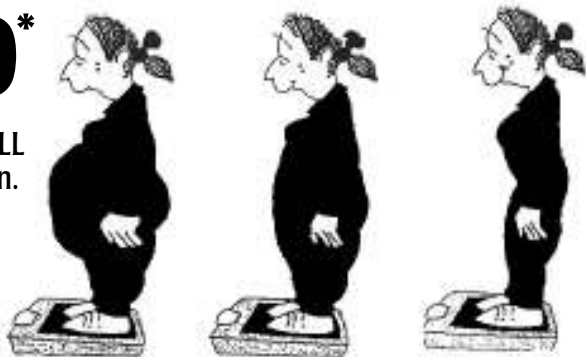
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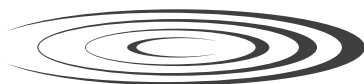
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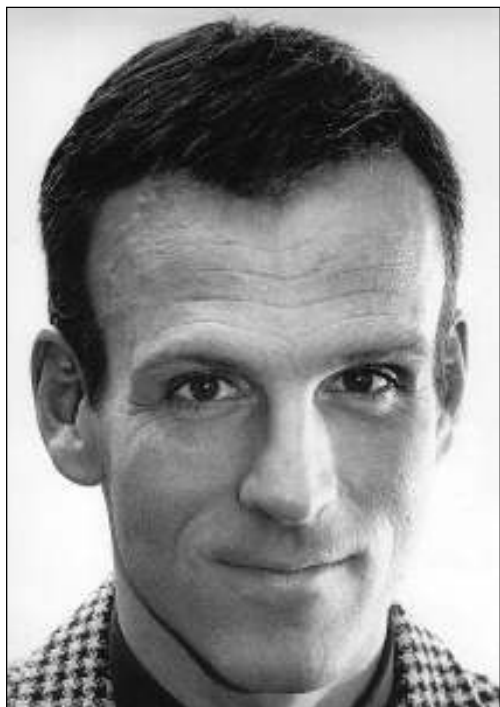
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Estu admits it annoys him that the general public image of the bouncer is that of a mindless Neanderthal. "I was sitting outside a club one day reading a Stephen King book, and this couple walks by and the girl says, 'Look, he can read.' I mean, what the hell? Do they think we're all lugheads?"

Estu doesn't see himself bouncing forever, despite his mantra, "Once a bouncer, always a bouncer." He plays in a band, Road Noise, holds

an AA in kinesiology and a bachelor's in education. "Bouncing is like stripping," he says. "It's good money and hard to stop doing. I've held down all kinds of jobs, sales jobs, you name it. I've sold cell phones, I've done the 9-to-5, but none of it pays as good as bouncing." Along with base pay, depending on the night and clientele, Estu can make \$300-\$500 a shift, \$1000 on a weekend. He can no longer be considered as a member of the 300 Club, however, since he has lost considerable weight.

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wants to hug everyone she meets. She grabs another woman passing by and says, "I have to hug you!" and hugs the flabbergasted girl while her male companion watches with amusement. For some reason, Washington won't let her in the bar. He laughs about it and says, "This is my life!"

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# What poor writers like

“...White people are obsessed with being in the right neighborhood and the Internet is no exception.”

The above is from a popular blogsite called “Stuff White People Like” (“This blog is devoted to stuff that white people like”) that’s being up-linked and forwarded around the old Internet Highway. It has some funny stuff.

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“In the early days, white people joined a social-networking service called Friendster where they could connect with old friends and make new ones. Eventually, white people started to notice more and more of their friends on MySpace, so they closed their Friendster accounts and migrated to the new service. It was like living in a neighborhood that was pretty good but kind of far away, so you might have to miss out on a few parties. Needless to say, this was unacceptable...”

“...For a brief period of time, MySpace was the site where everyone kept their profile and managed their friendships. But soon, the service began to attract fake profiles, the

wrong kind of white people, and struggling musicians....”

\* \* \*

The site lists such things as “Unpaid Internships,” “Facebooks,” “Girls with Bangs,” and “Writer Appearances.” I have an idea what the first one is but have never had much call for anything like it. A “Facebook” I can only guess at; it’s a kind of appointment calendar, I assume. “Girls with Bangs,” I’m there, but I’ll take what I can get. Listed beneath that bangs thing are Joni Mitchell (check), Jane Birkin (huh? — I feel as if I’m supposed to know

this one — is she in government?), and Jenny Lewis. No idea there — one of Jerry’s Kids? And then there’s “Writer Appearances.” I’ll have to look into this. Surely, it does not include any appearance of mine, but let me make sure.

No, no. Nothing to do with me

or my personal grooming. It is simply a list of bookstores where you can buy the book *What White People Like*. Still, it gives me pause. How about a book of my own? *What White Writers Like*. Or better yet, *What Poor White Writers Like*. Or maybe I should just make it *Poor Writers*. But read-



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ing on, I see the blog entry “Comparing People to Hitler.” This is, again, something white people like. Well, yeah, I did that with Bush some weeks ago — you know, Iraq and Poland, so I guess it was white of me. There was a question at one time about that, however — me and my whiteness, I mean — though it turns out the answer to the question “Are Italians white?” is that no one cares.

I’m still thinking there is promise in this poor-writers thing. Julia Child was once asked her opinion of a Big Mac, and after a grimacing, chewing pause (presumably gargling the pickles), pronounced, “Well, I suppose it will keep you alive.” What sprang to mind for me was not Mickey D, but Jack

in the Box and their 99-cent tacos. Two for a buck, and white people will never know the difference, if there is any, between a taco-cart taco in El Cajon and these babies. I’m pretty sure there’s a major difference, but my doubt is testimony to my whiteness.

Poor writers will want to be familiar with Kinko’s low copy and printout rates (the more prolific you are, the more you can save) and cheap flash drives. Any cheap flash drive will do except for mine. It’s called a Cruz. It’s the only one with which Kinko’s has problems.

“For those few who haven’t yet seen it, read about it in the *Los Angeles Times*, or heard about it on NPR, the blog was created by a 29-year-old aspiring comedy

writer in L.A., and it is, by its own description, ‘devoted to stuff white people like,’ presented as numbered, encyclopedia-style entries; e.g., #1 Coffee; #5 Farmer’s Markets; #69 Mos Def; or #79 Modern Furniture.”

— *The New Republic*,  
March 17, 2008

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Can’t get much whiter than *the New Republic*.

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“I imagine the most common reaction among its readers is summed up by one rhapsodic commenter: ‘Oh, lord, it only hurts because it’s true!’ And that’s the problem. The reason the phrase ‘it’s funny because it’s true’ has become a shorthand for things that are neither (a)

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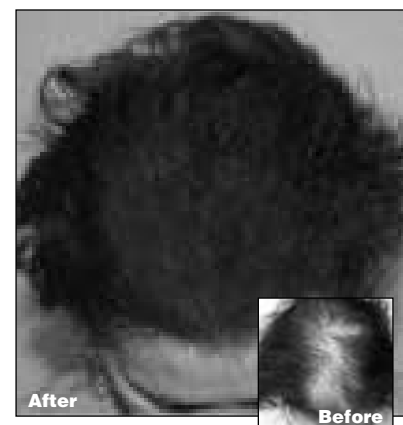


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— [Ibid.]

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This, too, sounds familiar. I hardly expect anyone to remember, but I said something very much like it

recently.

Poor writers will often like other poor writers. Even more common is that poor writers will often believe that other writers, poor or not, can do a damn thing to help them. A joke was going around Hollywood for a time; it may have originated with William Goldman, but who knows? In the guise of a Polish joke, it went:

"Have you heard about

the poor, stupid starlet who came to Hollywood?"

"Why, no. How poor and stupid was she?"

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Perrier, as she suggests — tap will do fine) in rehearsal for quitting alcohol. Other helpful hints I might include, following “advance action and reveal character,” would be that suicide is unhelpful. It is a long-term solution to a short-term problem. After Hamburger Helper, if you find you can no longer stomach the stuff, remember: Yogurt is cheap and helps regulate gastric reflux.

If you do not have a computer and are subject to the dictates of your wallet (or a higher, artistic directive), I’m still with you, but try to get over it. Here’s a suggestion as to how. Kinko’s, again — or even certain smoke/head/UPS stop/Lotto joints — will offer Internet time at a reasonable rate. Use this time for what you will, but you may want to access *Writer’s Market* or *Literary Marketplace* to see where you might sell your wares, and print out the relevant section, if you can, and read what you walk away with closely. Then forget about it.

I’ve heard it said that reading cheap paperbacks and calling it “research” is a waste, but I’ve never found it any worse (quite the opposite) than watching television. Read Conrad, and it’s worth any number of hours watching *COPS* or the History Channel about crab fishermen. Used copies of Joseph Conrad’s work are probably cheaper than Stephen King’s. They’ll go farther though. He’s a few inches away on bookstore shelves from anything by Graham Greene. Read Greene, even type out entire paragraphs of his, so the weight and proper balance of a sentence runs through your arms and fingers. Also, try it with the last paragraph of James Joyce’s short story “The Dead.” I did, several times. If you give up *COPS*, and please do, pick up a bargain-bin James Ellroy. Just about anything of his will do.

I live in a cheap hotel, or did. If you can pull it off, live with someone who thinks of you as an “artist.”

I’ve had trouble with this, and you will too, but if you can live with yourself, it’s better than living with yourself, if you know what I mean.

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friends with the horror.”

Know where to steal. Again, we’re back to the Internet. When you do, be convincingly disdainful of Wikipedia and at least some of your own sources. Use Google like the phone book.

No computer? Phone book, it still works.

John Gardner, a fine novelist and writing teacher (author of *The Art of Fiction*, *On Moral Fiction*, and others), pointed out the need for writers to experi-

ence some degree of success at some point, if not early on, then at least at regular intervals. How you define this success to yourself is key. Getting paid for your work is a fine example, but more than once

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(and I am not referring to these pages), I have had the temerity to ask for payment well after acceptance but before it was convenient for an editorial panel that could have formed a basketball team to convene. I earned a reputation for being "difficult." Another and very famous writer friend told me that in order to be considered difficult you must first be somebody. It is a comforting thought, but comforting thoughts and bus fare....

What about ideas? What to write about? Once you enjoy a modicum of success — say, you get paid for something — you will be asked: Where do you get your ideas? You may want to know yourself. If you write science fiction, this question will be guaranteed. In the case of one such writer, Roger Zelazny, I heard he grew so tired of the query (with the word "crazy" usually added before "ideas" because it was science fiction), he formu-

lated his own quick response: "Schenectady." He swore he saw people wearing Mr. Spock ears jotting this down. I adopted a more elaborate answer for science-fiction panels. I must have lifted this from somebody, but I cannot remember whom. My answer was "I don't know, but every night before I go to bed, I leave a quart of milk on the back porch, a box of cookies, kosher salami, and a jar of pickles. Every morning, I wake up and these things are gone, but there is this stack of crazy ideas."

One item you must be very careful about and that is hope. Obama aside, this is dangerous stuff. If you do not use a computer or typewriter, you are probably among those, not unlike me, who would fancy a quill. It was, I think, Emily Dickenson who said, "Hope is a thing with feathers." Use a ballpoint. ■

— John Brizzolara

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once has an SDPD officer or San Diego County sheriff intervened or cited the offending driver. Several of these incidents have actually been witnessed by sheriff's deputies. The response is always the same — a laugh, a wink, a nod, as if to say, "Too bad, buddy. Why the hell are you riding a bike, anyway?"

They're too busy writing registration violations and seat belt tickets (revenue!) to bother with helping to preserve the lives of citizens.

Dean Patterson  
via email

### Free Juries

The December 4 "Judge for Yourself" (Local Events) interview with retired judge Norbert Ehrenfreund was enriching, and he should be commended and congratulated for his comments — honest comments about the jury and the jurors' unlimited rights and independence; accountable to no one for their verdict, for whatever reason they choose, such as voting "no conviction" against an unjust law tried against a guilty defendant is acceptable.

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government (potential liars), promotion-seeking cops, judges, and prosecutors.

To fortify Judge Ehrenfreund's assertions, consider the following:

John Jay, first chief justice, U.S. Supreme Court: "The jury has a right to

judge both the law as well as the fact in controversy."

Samuel Chase, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, 1796: "The jury has the right to determine both the law and the facts."

"All laws that are repugnant to the Constitution are

null and void." *Marbury v. Madison* (1803).

Alexander Hamilton, 1804, quoted by Joe Sax: "Jurors should acquit even against the judge's instruction... (if) exercising their judgment with discretion and honesty they have a

clear conviction that the charge of the court is wrong." Sometimes called "jury nullification" or jury lawlessness by judges and prosecutors.

Harlan F. Stone, 12th chief justice, U.S. Supreme Court, in 1941 stated: "The

law itself is on trial quite as much as the case which is to be decided."

*U.S. v. Moylan*, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals (1969): "If the jury feels that the law under which the defendant is accused is unjust, or that exigent cir-

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cumstances justified the actions of the accused, or for any reason which appeals to their logic or passion, the jury has the power to acquit, and the courts must abide by that decision."

*U.S. v. Dougherty*, D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals (1972): "The jury has an unreviewable and irreversible power...to acquit in disregard of the instructions on the law given by the trial judge."

*Norton v. Shelby County*: "An unconstitutional act is not a law; it confers no rights; it imposes no duties; affords no protection; it creates no office; it is, in le-

gal contemplation, as inoperative as though it had never been passed."

Pass on to friends.

Jay Cook  
Valley Center

### In The No-Win Zone

This letter is in regards to the lead article in the November 20 issue. First off the bat, "Welcome to Weedmart" was a pretty cheese-ball title for your article regarding the perils of obtaining medical marijuana. Obviously, obtaining marijuana is not as easy as driving down to Walmart to obtain the latest and greatest in overseas-made dis-

count what have you.

Second, those who grow their medicine obviously do so at their peril. Not just from Johnny Law but also from those who will stop at nothing to poach your plants for their nonmedicinal use. This is why most growers not only invest in decent security systems but also sometimes have to resort to keeping loaded firearms handy.

Third, when it comes to medical marijuana, the market is such that being charged way above market prices is pretty much the norm. It is like how Big PhRMA members run their

corporations — they have the meds if you have the cash.

Unlike Big PhRMA, however, there are no low-income or medically necessary discount programs when it comes to medical marijuana. If you want your medicine, it is cash on the barrelhead or go without! What you have is about the same type of deal that you get from your local street peddler, really.

As for San Diego County's war with the State of California regarding medical marijuana (as in the County's taking the side of the feds in this conflict), the Board of Supervisors is backing the wrong dog in this fight. In fact, I daresay that the whole issue will end up before the U.S. Supreme Court during the Obama administration, and I suspect that it will be the Board of Stupidvisors who

will come out on the losing side.

The whole mess boils down to this: the medical marijuana proponents are trapped between two camps. On one side is the "just say no" crowd. This is the one that views the use of any controlled substance by anybody as worthy of being shoved into Marion federal penitentiary and never being let out ever again. In the other camp is the "just get high" crowd. These are the folks who would gladly see marijuana not only legalized but openly available and used. To these folks, the world would be a better place if everybody just chilled out with a couple of Maui wowwee joints.

It's a no-win zone for those who advocate medicinal marijuana. Consider also the problem that no national study (as in a dou-

ble-blind research study by at least two nationally recognized schools of medicine) exists to prove or disprove the anecdotal evidence of marijuana's suitability as a medication.

Frankly, the concept of marijuana as a legitimate medication is up a certain creek without a paddle and heading for Yosemite Falls! When it is proven beyond a reasonable doubt that marijuana is a legitimate medication, then I say legalize it as such. Until then, grow and use at your own risk.

I also saw in today's *Los Angeles Times* that a medical marijuana dispensary was hit by armed robbers who were after not only the money but the marijuana as well. They got away with both...and the beat goes on.

Robert K. Johnston  
Vista

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## Time Well Spent?

I have to say I am impressed by this article I recently read in your paper ("Shopping at Weedmart," Cover Story, November 20). I think it would be wise to do a follow-up story on Measure Z in Oakland. Measure Z basically makes private adult use of cannabis the lowest priority of police in the city of Oakland.

I had the pleasure of being arrested recently for cannabis, and on that Friday night it took around 12 officers eight hours (10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) to get a warrant and do their "job." As a result, I now am on probation and am forced to attend "drug classes" because I was afraid of getting a prescription because of rumors I had heard for years that the feds have a list of all medical patients and I did not want to be on that list. Instead, I self-medicated and was happy doing so until the cops came knocking, lied, and obtained a search warrant (I would fight it, but I don't have 30K for a lawyer). Now I have to find another way to medicate my chronic pains such as synthetic opium or other painkillers like Vicodin.

I want to ask you which use of law enforcement's time would do a greater good: harassing someone who enjoys cannabis in their own home and is non-violent or chasing down drunk drivers on Friday night? Also, which would generate more revenue for the county, which I hear has plenty of money (sarcasm off), because I only received a \$500 fine and probation and DUIs don't cost people that much, do they? (Again, sarcasm off.)

I can tell these drug classes are going to be a joke, but they will still force me to pee in a cup, so I cannot use my medicine, and they will try to force-feed me lies about the harms of cannabis (it was the second-most prescribed medicine before the turn of the century; the first-most prescribed was hashish). If we had a Measure Z in San Diego (or statewide), what the cops did that night

would never happen again, and they could do things to help people and stop criminals who really do harm people (unlike my growing and using a plant in the privacy of my own home).

Name Withheld  
via email

## Big Smashing Plans

Re "Laughing Matter: The 5 Dollar Comedy Show" (Local Events, November 20).

I am the woman who was smashing potatoes. Hey, Robert, thanks for remembering. Now I wonder

if the other comics talk about it. Or maybe just you, Robert? Whatever. It must be five years since I smashed. You made my day. At least it was memorable. I had so much fun smashing potatoes.

It wasn't that I was par-

ticularly enamored of potatoes per se, but starving artist that I was, potatoes were the best choice — nonlethal, easy to clean up, and cheap. I thought this through. I rehearsed it, damn it. I worked out logistics. Could I haul a

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I auditioned for Street Scene. The best part was when I had the guy on the phone. I was pitching him; it was their "unusual street performer" lineup. He was going with me, when he puts the phone down. Then I hear him yell, "Hey! Who handles potatoes?"

But this is the full joke... (I am so glad you even remembered the gist of the whole thing, Robert.) Walk on stage. Put bag of potatoes down. "Hi, I'm Charly. I am the performance art comic, and I'd like to do one of my performance art pieces for you tonight. The title of this piece is 'A Heap of Potato Salad.'" Start smashing. Stop, look at the

audience. "I forgot to say that the inspiration for this work is my boyfriend, who is impotent..." continue smashing "...my boyfriend and his new girlfriend..." more smashing "...my boyfriend and his remote..." (I can go on for a while, depending on the length of the set and the audience.) Hand potato to guy in the front row and/or MC and leave. I had MCs introduce me as Gallagher on Crack.

But the best part about smashing potatoes was this one time when I went over to the Vons to pick up the ten-pound bag of potatoes. It was during the grocery clerks' strike. For some reason I was carrying the hammer in my hand — it didn't fit in my purse, or something — and as I walked through the strike line, the entire line backed up. They were, like, whoa, things are getting serious. So I'm not catching any of this as I walk into the store, and I get

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the exact same reaction. People are all making this wide arc. I think they thought I was a disgruntled striker or something. It doesn't strike me (sorry) until I get to the checkout line. The guy behind me turns to everyone else behind us and says, "Don't worry, she's not a striker, she's just a terrorist." I swear, the entire line exhales, "Oh, thank God!" It's La Jolla. "We just can't have problems with the help in La Jolla." I usually say this with my Fifth Avenue-Mrs. Howell-La Jolla accent. Sure, it was a work-in-progress, but I got some laughs. Heck, I've seen Seinfeld bomb.

Anyways, thanks again, Robert and Barbarella. I may yet finish that memoir, *Potato Smashing or Why Stand-Up Comedy Was a Bad Idea* by Charly Paige before I die. You have given me encouragement. And good luck with your comedy, Robert. I got out of it because it's f\*\*\*\*\* hard.

And I'm getting old. But, you know, I had so much fun smashing potatoes.

Charly Paige  
Pacific Beach

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Who cares about Barbarella and what goes on in her meaningless, pointless life? No one cares to know about her husband, about her, about her family, about anything. Really, what is the point about having her in the *Reader*? What does she do for the *Reader*, other than talk about how her husband snivels and how she's an uptight, prissy little rich girl who thinks that her bowel movements smell like roses? No one cares.

Christian Sanchez  
The Old Security Guard  
via voicemail

### Comments from Reader Website

*Comments are not edited for spelling, punctuation, or grammar.*

### Cover Story

**Published December 30**

*Posted by BillRayDrums on December 30, 4:52 p.m.*

Radio is hereby dead. When I discovered podcasts, my faith in independent music was again reaffirmed.

If I listen to radio, it's AM, and it's talk. The "Mc-Music" they cram down your throat on terrestrial FM stations is maddening. Besides, 75% of what you hear on TR is older than 20 years. The labels did it to themselves, trying to produce the next Britney or Christina or Coldplay or Nickelback or Creed.... There's a formula that exists in their minds and they have painted themselves into a corner threefold-outmoded business model, cookie cutter artists, and outright corporate greed.

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I’d rather give my music away for free than support these cretins. At least you’d have a better chance of something happening, and an 8 year old won’t get sued by the RIAA.

*Posted by Ponzi on December 31, 6:31 a.m.*

Radio is dead. People listened to radios because they couldn’t carry a turntable around with them. Then came the Walkman, the Discman and now the iPod.

People will listen to their own music or internet on their personal device. They’ll justify the cost because most people will disconnect land lines and even fixed high speed connections and just use iPhone era devices. That’s where people will get all of their mail, news, music, and other entertainment.

*Posted by Torasan on January 1, 11:21 a.m.*

The interesting question raised by this article is that programming for a nationwide audience can make money and survive, and media that is targeted/molded to individual taste can make money and survive, but local community programming cannot. However, since vast majority of people we interact with on a daily basis, our coworkers, classmates, the guy or girl standing in line next to us, in a local community, how or where do we come together across differences in taste, music, culture, religion, etc in the places where we live.

Maybe media actually has never worked this way, but to have a strong local media be a commons where the community can gather in times good and bad seems to be a good use of the public airwaves.

Anyways, I had been looking for a local talk radio host to listen to (I am relatively new to San Diego) and, after reading this article (which I first read in the paper edition), I eagerly went to the 1700AM website. That led me to Mark Larson’s blog, which said this:

**B R O A D C A S T CHANGES**

Due to circumstances beyond my control, my daily radio show is no longer heard on 1700AM in Southern California. Please check back with this Blog often... I’ll post updates on “what’s next” for yours truly as I’m able to do so. Thanks very much for your continued support. And yes, I’m glad God is still the one in charge of the things that matter most. Happy New Year! <http://www.larsonblog.com/>

*Posted by jimmypowers on January 2, 10:08 a.m.*

There is absolutely no support from the local radio stations for local, independent hip hop..what-so-ever. PERIOD. The Music Industry is crumbling... and if you can’t expect support in your own city, where else can you look???

*Posted by DevorahLeah on January 3, 9:45 p.m.*

Regarding KLSD, there are quite a few cities where progressive talk not only works, but gets good ratings. And some progressive talkers are even turning a profit— for example, Ed Schultz, whose syndicated show was on KLSD, is about to celebrate his 5th anniversary;his show has been profitable for the past 3 years, and is heard on about 100 stations nationwide. Stephanie Miller, Thom Hartmann, and Rachel Maddow are also successful and profitable.

Yet Cliff Albert continues to offer right wing talking points about how pro-

gressive talk stations are failures because all they do is bash president Bush and bash corporations (not true, but never mind.) That’s puzzling: rightie talkers constantly bash liberals, bash Democrats, and bash the supposedly liberal media... but I guess that sort of bashing is okay. Cliff sounds like his mind was already made up about KLSD, and now he needs to justify what was absolutely the wrong decision.

And one other subject— I also don’t understand why owners haven’t figured out that a station needs personality. The detached, automated sound just drives people away. I consulted for 25 years, and we always took a chance on new music, reached out to our listeners, and created stations that were entertaining and informative. These days, the corporations and owners seem puzzled that listenership is down. Well why would I want to listen to something that isn’t live, isn’t local, and isn’t unique in some way?

Many of us still love radio. And I believe radio is still capable of being a companion, a friend, and so much more. Perhaps it’s not too late for things to change. That’s my hope for the new year.

#### Blurt

**Published December 30**

*Posted by BayParkBatty on January 1, 10:00 p.m.*

thanks to Jay Allen Sanford for another fun trip down memory lane.

I was at the 1979 Cheap Trick show, which was broadcast on KGB a day or two later. I taped the radio broadcast on my mom’s reel-to-reel deck and listened to it a zillion times. I wish I had a good copy today, as that tape is long gone and it was a great performance. If memory serves, the opening act was Nick Gilder, who was riding high on “Hot Child in the City” at the time. Well, riding as high as Nick Gilder ever rode.

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### Thursday | 8

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### Friday | 9

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#### WAIT ON GOD

A young woman shirks God's plan for her and suffers the consequences in this drama directed by Michelle Davison, presented at the Avo Playhouse in Vista. See **THEATER**, page 117.



#### GEM FAIRE

Rubies and emeralds and diamonds! All lovers of shiny objects are sure to enjoy this jewel of an event at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. See **SPECIAL**, page 68.



### Saturday | 10

#### ANNIE

In this economy, everyone can use an optimistic redhead and a Daddy Warbucks. The San Diego Civic Theatre offers both in this 30th anniversary touring production. See **THEATER**, page 117.

#### COMPOST HAPPENS

Get down and dirty with "master composters" at the Escondido Community Garden, and become competent at converting your trash into fertilizer by following the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. See **OUTDOORS**, page 67.

### Sunday | 11

#### THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS

It's Tom and Dick in the flesh to showcase 50 years of experience performing their music and comedy routine. Musical guest Janet Klein opens with "obscure, naughty, and lovely" century-old songs. See **IN PERSON**, page 65.



### Monday | 12

#### SOUTH AMERICAN ORCHID COLLECTING

Orchid specialist Fred Clarke of Vista's Sunset Valley Orchids discusses collecting exotic flowers in Venezuela. See **LECTURES**, page 66.



#### ACIDIC OCEANS: WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

It is still unclear whether tainted water is wreaking havoc on sea urchins and abalone. Chemist Andrew Dickson will explain his research measuring carbon dioxide in the ocean off the California coast. See **LECTURES**, page 66.

### Tuesday | 13

#### BEER UNIVERSITY 101: INTRO TO BEER

Love drinking beer? Come learn how it's made. Ken Wright from Stone Brewing will play the role of professor. See **SPECIAL**, page 68.



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### Wednesday | 14

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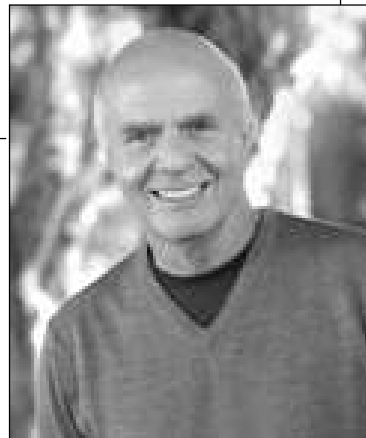
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Folk Heritage at 8 p.m. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, January 10, 8 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

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**Funky Boogaloo** Join instructor Minnie Ruiz in her "Salsaerobics"

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**Counterfeiters** Academy Award-winning film tells Solomon Sorowitsch's story of being forced to aid Nazis with their counterfeiting ring. In German with English subtitles. Discussion to follow. 760-602-2026. Saturday, January 10, 2 p.m.; free. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**Dreams with Sharp Teeth** Filmmaker Erik Nelson combines interviews, archival footage of "I Have No Mouth and I Must Scream" writer Harlan Ellison. Documentary highlights outspoken writer's 50-plus-year career. 858-454-3541. Thursday, January 8, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

**Jaws** The classic is showcased for dinner and movie night series. No cover, but there's a "movie night prix fixe meal deal" on offer (\$20). Reservations: 619-255-7049 or 619-997-8043. Thursday, January 8, 8 p.m.; free. Sea Rocket Bistro, 3382 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

## FOR KIDS

**"Meet the Inventor"** Meet toy inventor Mark Rappaport from Marky Sparky Toys. He will explain his process of inventing through five performances, followed by hands-on toy-making with attendees. Each guest will create their own recyclable piñata and launch-pad rocket. Free with admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, January 10, noon; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Tots and Tales"** Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Tuesday, January 13, 10:30 a.m.; \$3. Ages 2 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** Mark Twain's classic story of pre-Civil War life in a Mississippi River town comes to San Diego Junior Theatre stage, adapted by Tom Mason. Performance on January 17 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, January 18, \$8-\$13. Ages 8 and up. Casa del Prado Theater, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** Classic favorite will be performed by variety of puppets. Other tales included in performance. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, January 14; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**All Aboard!** Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. Saturday, January 10, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday,

January 11, 12:30 p.m.; free. Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

**Flavors of Baja** As part of Macy's "Teens in the Kitchen" program, chef Carissa Giacalone will demonstrate recipes including fire-roasted shrimp with chipotle aioli, spiced flank steak with grilled onions and cilantro crema, and cinnamon-sugar churros with Mexican chocolate dipping sauce. For ages 13-17. Limited space, reservation required.

888-424-3663. Sunday, January 11, noon; \$40. Ages 13 and up. Macy's Fashion Valley, 7017 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Straw into Gold** Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales present *Rumpelstiltskin*. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, January 8; Friday, January 9; Saturday, January 10; Sunday, January 11; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**Tidepooling for All** Learn about ocean critters when Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts tidepooling led by aquarium naturalist. The outing takes place at a rocky area just north of Scripps Pier on UCSD property, part of La Jolla Underwater Park marine reserve. Required reservations:


858-534-7336. Saturday, January 10, 1:30 p.m.; \$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

dents: pay what you can. 858-534-TIXS. Tuesday, January 13, 7 p.m.; \$5. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"One Mike...San Diego: The Comedy and More Show"** Enjoy spoken word, live music, comedy. Show stars Bobo Lamb (*Comic View*, *Bad Boys of Comedy*, *Def Comedy Jam*); surprise guest host. Bring book for book drive, take \$5 off ticket. 619-708-7975. Wednesday, January 14, 8

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## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

p.m.; \$15-\$20. Ages 21 and up. Club Rio, 1299 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Searching for a Peaceful Death"** Hemlock Society presents *Final Exit* author Derek Humphry. Free to members. 619-233-4418. Sunday, January 11, 1:30 p.m.; \$5. Ages 18 and up. Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Iceman** Mixed martial arts legend Chuck Liddell will sign copies of his new autobiography. 619-216-0182. Saturday, January 10, 2 p.m.; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Chula Vista, 2015 Birch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

**Arielle Ford** Author appears to sign her book *The Soulmate Secret*, in which she teaches readers to take control of their romantic destinies and find true love. 858-454-0347. Monday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Funny Man** Tracy Morgan in concert. 760-751-3100. Saturday, January 10, 8 p.m.; \$40-\$50. Har-

rah's Rincón, 777 Harrah's Rincón Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

**Mystery Authors** Co-authors John Skipp, Candy Goodfellow sign *Jake's Wake*, their novel about an undead man of the cloth. 858-268-4747. Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**Reading Group Recommends Night** Representatives from Random House, Harper, and Penguin will be on hand with a selection of literary works to share with fellow readers. Evening includes special discounts, door prizes. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Spice Up Your Kitchen** Southwest cooking expert Jane Butel will sign her cookbook, *Chili Madness: A Passionate Cookbook*. This book includes over 130 recipes, chili history, lore, and mail-order resources. Chili tasting to follow, free with book purchase or \$5 per person. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Squeaky-Clean Comedy!** Family-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7 p.m.; \$5.

## OUT & ABOUT

### ICEMAN

Chuck Liddell at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Chula Vista Saturday, January 10

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Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

**The Gelato Poetry Series** Ishmael von Heidrick-Barnes will read his poetry followed by open mike. 760-434-1240. Friday, January 9, 7 p.m.; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

**The Smothers Brothers** Join Tom and Dick as they mark 50 years in show business with their signature blend of music and com-

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## LECTURES

**"A Sense of Place: British Art History"** Linda Blair presents her

three-part series on British art, beginning by explaining "Historical Dimension." Topics cover art created prior to Reformation continuing through Impressionism. 858-454-5872. Tuesday, January 13, 7 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**"Acidic Oceans: Why Should We Care?"** Chemist Andrew Dickson explains how marine ecosystems are affected by carbon dioxide produced by human activities. 858-534-3474. Monday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.; \$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**"Creating and Making the Most of Your Website"** Roxanne Young will address this topic at this month's meeting of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Young will discuss the importance of using websites for promoting and marketing. In the Hahn School of Nursing. 619-713-5462. Saturday, January 10, 2 p.m.; \$7-\$9. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Evening Encounters: Art, Culture, and Conversation"** Composer and pianist Nicolas Revels will discuss "Art and Music in the Time of Cervantes." Members of the San Diego Opera Ensemble will also perform. Refreshments will be offered. 619-696-1953. Monday, January 12, 5 p.m.; \$25. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Getting Your Ducks in a Row"** Learn about 501(c)(3), 509(a)s in this grant-writing workshop. 619-460-2738. Friday, January 9, 10 a.m.; free. San Diego County Health and Human Services, 690 Oxford Street. (CHULA VISTA)

**"Growing Iris"** San Diego Iris Society hosts lecture on iris growing in Lakeside Historical Society at Olde Community Church. 619-840-2768. Sunday, January 11, 1 p.m.; free. Olde Community Church, 9906 Maine Avenue. (LAKESIDE)

**"Solving a Bavarian Puzzle"** Gordon Hoard will present this case study when North County San Diego County Genealogical Society holds its "business and sharing" meeting. Visitors welcome. 760-729-1983. Tuesday, January 13, 1 p.m.; free. Georgina

Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**"Unplug, Relax, Recharge."** The Art of Living Foundation presents another monthly class on "Meditation and Science of Breath." Learn techniques to reduce stress, increase energy, improve clarity. 858-538-6159. Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.; free. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**"Women Traveling Solo"** Learn travel tips with fellow adventurers in this program presented by Hosting International. 858-755-7662. Tuesday, January 13, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m.; free. Adventure 16 Solana Beach, 142 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group** Dorothy Miller will present "Immigration Websites" at this meeting of North San Diego County Genealogical Society. 760-967-8635. Tuesday, January 13, 10 a.m.; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**Creative Writing Class** Author Lisa Shapiro helps writers improve creative writing, including fiction, family history, personal memoirs, and creative nonfiction. 619-588-3718. Monday, January 12, 2 p.m.; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

**Economic Meltdown** Dr. Shahrokh Shahrokhi will lead a "teach-in" examining causes of the current economic situation. Alternative solutions will also be discussed. 619-944-9820. Monday, January 12, 7 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog** Open-forum workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**International Criminal Tribunals** Dr. Johnathan Grauban will discuss tribunals including Nuremberg, Tokyo, Rwanda, and International Criminal Court's legacy in international law. 858-268-3674. Friday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.; free. Congregation Dor Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court. (KEARNY MESA)

**Lawrence Baron** Nasatir Professor of Modern Jewish History will speak about theological reasoning used by "righteous gentiles" that created antipathy or sympathy for Jews during World War II. 619-222-5676. Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m.; free. Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2696 Melbourne Drive. (SERRA MESA)

**Mary Lovelace O'Neal** Lizetta LeFalle-Collins Ph.D. lectures on art and life of African American abstract painter Mary Lovelace O'Neal. Presented by the African

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**Poetry-Writing Workshop**  
Magee Park Poets host workshop for poets of all levels. Reservations: 760-602-2400 x8149. Sunday, January 11, 10 a.m.; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**Point Loma Gardening Club**  
Academy Award floral designer Noel Tribbey, AIFD, will lecture at club's monthly meeting. 619-564-7036. Wednesday, January 14, 10 a.m.; Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. (POINT LOMA)

**South American Orchid** Collecting — Fred Clarke shares information about collecting orchids in Venezuela. 760-295-7089. Monday, January 12, 6 p.m.; \$5. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Water Smart Gardening** Class teaches basics of gardening with native and climate-friendly plants. 619-533-7548. Saturday, January 10, 8:30 a.m.; free. Balboa Park Recital Hall, 2130 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

## OUTDOORS

**Recent Chilly Days and Nights** only confirm that San Diego's lowest temperatures (according to more than a century of weather

records) tend to occur during the month of January. January's mean temperature at Lindbergh Field is about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. (July's mean is a balmy 70 degrees.) To experience much colder temperatures, journey to the Cuyamaca Mountains; -1 and -4 degree readings were once recorded there — the two lowest temperatures ever recorded within the county.

**The Latest Sunrise of the Year** (on standard, not daylight time) occurs Saturday, January 10, near 6:52 a.m. for most of metropolitan San Diego. Slowly at first, then more rapidly in the weeks to come, sunrise will arrive earlier with each passing day. By March the sun will be rising an hour earlier than it does now. The earlier sunrises are mostly a consequence of the sun's apparent movement from the southern sky toward the northern sky from December to

June. You can keep track of that movement by noting where the sun rises (or sets) over a period of many weeks from a fixed vantage point, such as your home.

**The Full Moon** rises regally from the east horizon at around 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, some ten minutes before the time of sunset. The moon will remain in the sky for nearly 14 hours thereafter, finally setting near the time of sunrise. Some folk names for the January full moon include "chaste moon," "cold moon," "quiet moon," "snow moon," and "wolf moon."

**The Lowest Tide** of the entire calendar year 2009 (-2.0 feet below mean lower low tide) occurs on Saturday, January 10 at 2:58 p.m.

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**"Achieve Peace on Earth"** Chirping birds, scented flora are highlighted in guided nature walks along San Diego River. Enjoy the trails tucked among oak groves and native chaparral. 619-668-3281. Saturday, January 10, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, January 11, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, January 14, 9:30

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**Asian Pacific Historic District Tours** Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, January 10, 11 a.m.; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Balboa Park Architectural Tours** San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours highlighting Spanish Colonial Revival buildings constructed for 1915 and 1935 International Expositions in Balboa Park. Tours start in front of Museum of Man. 619-232-1385. Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Compost Happens** Master composters lead composting workshop with instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. Rain cancels. 760-839-6216. Saturday, January 10, 8:30 a.m.; free. Escondido Community Garden, just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

**Hawkwatch 2009** Visit Ramona's grasslands to witness resident and winter migration of hawks, falcons, and eagles during outing led by Wildlife Research Institute. Events include demonstrations of hawk banding and tracking eagles with transmitters. Walks led by trained biologist every Saturday through February. Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. 760-789-3992. Saturdays, 9 a.m.; through Saturday, February 28, free. Wildlife Research Institute, 18030 Highland Valley Road. (RAMONA)

**Light the Way** Stroll down flat, lighted path during sunrise. Bring money for breakfast afterward and a flashlight. 619-583-5480. Monday, January 12, 6 a.m.; Mission Bay Visitors' Center, East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Meet the Salt Marsh Wetland** Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough in this salt marsh wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, January 10, 9 a.m.; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

**Moonlight Beach Cleanup** Beach cleanup hosted by Coast-keeper starts at the bottom of the ramp. Wear closed-toed shoes. 619-758-7743. Monday, January 12, 9 a.m.; free. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street. (ENCINITAS)

**Palm Walk** Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Pucker Up** Interpretive walk focuses on how parasitic mistletoe attaches to host plant, Western Sycamore. 619-668-3281. Saturday, January 10, 8:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**San Diego Field Ornithologists** Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, January 10, 9 a.m.; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

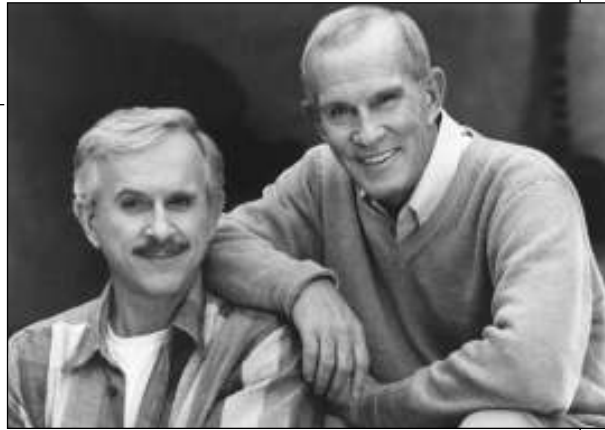
**Stroll Through Balboa Park** View seasonal changes on casual walk through Balboa Park. Terrain is mostly paved, flat. Stay for optional refreshments. Rain cancels. Meet at Senior Center across from Museum of Photographic Arts. 619-291-1349. Thursday, January 8, 10:15

## OUT & ABOUT

### SMOTHERS BROTHERS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Sunday, January 11

(SEE IN PERSON)



a.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**Weeding and Planting Party** Help out with weeding in Old Town State Park's native plant garden. Bring: hat, water, gloves, a weeding tool, something to kneel on. Garden is found across Congress Street from trolley/train/bus depot, right next to parking lot. Saturday, January 10, 1 p.m.; free. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

## SPECIAL

### "A Feast for Jewish Festivals"

Instructor Sharon Prescott will show students how to prepare favorite Jewish dishes including brisket tsimmes, gefilte chicken. Reservation. 858-578-2665. Thursday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.; \$49. Cooking With Class, 8290 Miramar Road. (MIRA MESA)

**Detox and Refresh Yoga Workshop** Two-hour class is designed to remove toxins from one's physical, mental, emotional body. 858-622-YOGA. Saturday, January 10, 1 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Akasha Yoga, 3211 Holiday Court #203. (LA JOLLA)

**"Beer University 101: Intro to Beer"** Evening of beer tasting and

beer discussion with "resident beer historian and blabbermouth" Ken Wright. Discussion includes art of combining yeast, hops, barley, and water to create basic craft brews. 760-471-4999. Tuesday, January 13, 7 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Cowboy Star"** Executive chef Victor Jimenez demonstrates preparation of pan-seared grass-fed tenderloin with potato-bacon cake and red-wine butter. 888-424-3663. Saturday, January 10, noon; \$25. Macy's Fashion Valley, 7017 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**21st Annual Boat Show** Best deals in boats, gear, accessories will be offered at Southern California's biggest boating convention. Featured events include Green Boating Zone, Wakeboard Stunt Show, free sailboat rides, and interactive kids' area. 858-274-9924. Thursday, January 8, noon; Friday, January 9, noon; Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.; Sunday, January 11, 11 a.m.; \$5-\$10. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**Annual Elvis Birthday Bash** Feast on Chicky Fried Chicky while celebrating the King. Festivities include contests, karaoke, live music. Call for reservations. 619-231-9100. Thursday, January 8; Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Board Game Benefit** Noncompetitive game play to benefit Heifer

International. Donation. 619-204-8834. Friday, January 9, 8 p.m.; \$10. Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

**Crossroads Doll and Teddy Bear Show** Show features prizes, international teddy bear artists, doll dealers. Fun for all ages. 775-348-7713. Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.; Sunday, January 11, 10 a.m.; \$4-\$7. Sheraton Mission Valley, 1433 Camino Del Rio South.

**Examining the Yurt** Yurt expert Alan Bear will cover topics including structure, history of this ancient housing form. Contemporary use will also be discussed. 760-735-3355. Saturday, January 10, 1 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Mingei International Museum — North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Fantasy on Ice** Ice-skating outdoors adjacent to Horton Plaza continues. Skating sessions last two hours, with starts from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Fee for those under 12 includes skate rental. 619-234-1031. Thursdays, 10 a.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.; through Sunday, January 11, \$10-\$12. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

**Gem Faire** Over 60 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals. Classes, demonstrations. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. Friday, January 9, noon; Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.; Sunday, January 11, 10 a.m.; \$5. Del Mar

Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Gray Whale Season Surfaces!** Outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursion boast Scripps naturalists on hand to share information about gray whales, the ecology, and history of San Diego Bay and Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dolphins, sea lions, marine birds make guest appearances. Registration: 619-234-4111. Thursdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Fridays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Sundays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; through Sunday, March 29, \$15-\$35. San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**La Jolla Motor Car Classic** This year's show will feature Corvettes, Mustangs, as well as British, German, Italian classics. Juried show will be held, including People's Choice Award to allow spectators to vote. 619-233-5008. Sunday, January 11, 11 a.m.; Scripps Park, 1133 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Put Your Poker Face On** Poker expert Bob Dancer will present tips on ways to improve your odds at "Jacks or Better" video poker. Beginners and advanced sessions offered. Reservation required. 877-RES-4VIP. Sunday, January 11, 11 a.m.; free. Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino, 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

**Ray at Night** Explore the "heart of North Park art and culture" during these gallery walks offered on second Saturday of each month by many of the galleries, studios in the neighborhood. 619-297-9663. Saturday, January 10, 6 p.m.; free. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

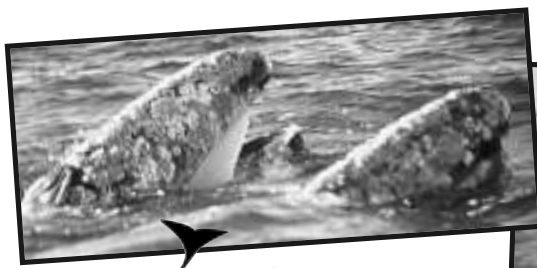
**Tall Ship Time** The *Lynx* privateer sails into Oceanside Harbor from San Diego Bay, with free dockside tours, 2-5 p.m. 866-446-5969. Saturday, January 10, 2 p.m.; Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m.; free. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**The Hutchins Consort** Tenors Dennis McNeil, Jose Medina, Jorge Lopes-Yanez will perform pieces including Broadway favorites, folk songs, music of '80s "rock legend"

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**The Pacific Women's Chorus** Chorus will present songs honoring the earth, seasons, natural wonders. Donation. 760-634-9809. Sunday, January 11, 4 p.m.; \$10. Saint Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel Street. (CARLSBAD)

**Treasure Map Workshop** Create your own "treasure map" to at-

tract all that you want for your life in 2009. Combine words, images to create your visual portrait. Supplies provided, but feel free to bring old magazines. Donation. 760-274-3532. Sunday, January 11, 1:30 p.m.; \$20. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. (ENCINITAS)



**Twelfth Night** Enjoy fine food, music, theater at this "feast of the Epiphany." Costumes are required, so wear your Renaissance gear. Festivities include gift exchange,

photographer, live entertainment. 858-292-6083. Saturday, January 10, 5 p.m.; \$55. La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive. (LA MESA)

**Wine and Cooking Class** Sample several varieties of wine including Argentinean syrah, 3 malbecs while learning to make handmade fettuccine noodles, ravioli. Children permitted with accompanying/paying adult. 619-656-2233. Saturday, January 10, 6 p.m.; \$49.

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## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Sitoos Catering, 2300 Boswell Road. (CHULA VISTA)

### SPORTS

**ISF Middle School Surfing** Interscholastic Surfing Federation hosts surfing event for Orange County middle school students. Meet at South Pier Beach. 714-960-9107. Sunday, January 11, 9 a.m.; Oceanside Pier, Mission Ave and Pacific St. (OCEANSIDE)

**Knickerbiker Biking** Join group for 35-mile ride to Santee Lakes, Mount Helix, Mission Trails Regional Park, Lake Murray. Lunch to follow at Lake Murray Cafe. 619-466-0359. Sunday, January 11, 9 a.m.; free. Vons Market — La Mesa, 3681 Avocado Boulevard. (LA MESA)

**Mission Beach Walk** This walk explores northern, southern areas of Mission Beach. Pace is moderate. Meet at ticket booth. 619-484-0349. Thursday, January 8, 10 a.m.; Belmont Park, 3146 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

**NSSA JR #5** National Scholastic Surfer's Association Jr. hosts event featuring novice surfers. Meet at South Jetty. 714-960-9107. Saturday, January 10, 6:30 a.m.; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Ridin' to Ramona** Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders and head east via highways 52 and 67 and Highland Valley. Bring money for lunch in Ramona dur-

ing the 75-mile ride. 619-473-8513. Sunday, January 11, 9 a.m.; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Tuesday Bicycling** Ride to Lake Wohlford, Valley Center with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders. Ride will be 40 miles. 619-282-8611. Tuesday, January 13, 9:30 a.m.; free. Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

**Wine Country Ride** Meet in Adobe Plaza parking lot. Ride proceeds to wine country through Old Town Temecula, Red Hawk golfing community. Enjoy picnic lunch at Wilson Creek Winery. 858-453-3687. Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.; free. Adobe Plaza, 27625 Jefferson Avenue # 100.

### 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

## OUT & ABOUT

**"GROWING IRIS"**  
Olde Community Church, Sunday, January 11

(SEE LECTURES)



and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

**Chinese Historical Society and Museum** "Quanzhou: The Beginning of the Silk Road of the Sea," a photography exhibition by Chen Shizhe continues through January. Shizhe's photographs capture diverse local flavor of Quanzhou, an ancient port city in Fujian Province.

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

cance 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)

**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 Flying 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** "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** "From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America" — continuing through February — is an exhibit created by the American Jewish Historical Society, chronicling "the American Jewish experience in this country." Trace the American Jewish journey "from persecution to participation," from the original 23 refugees who landed in 1654 to today's diverse Jewish community.

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." 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)

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**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. 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** 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 achieve-

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ment. 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” marks “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 heal-

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ing after trephination will be displayed, as well as skulls that have been trephined using different techniques. Trephination tools, instruments 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 ex-

hibit “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**  
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### CLASSICAL

**Jacobs' Masterworks** San Diego Symphony will perform selections by Beethoven while Jahja Ling conducts. Reservations: 619-235-0804. \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, January 9, and Saturday, January 10; 2 p.m., Sunday, January 11. (DOWNTOWN)

**Beethoven Festival** Performers include Jessie Chang, Carter Brey, San Diego Master Chorale playing *Triple Concerto*, Symphony No. 1. 619-235-0804. \$20-\$23. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, January 9, and Saturday, January 10; 2 p.m., Sunday, January 11. (DOWNTOWN)

**Organ Concert** Dr. Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, January 11. (BALBOA PARK)

**Augustin Hadelich** Award-winning violinist opens this season's Discovery Series. Performance will include pieces by Stravinsky, Telemann, Saraste. Pianist Ian Parker also performs. 858-459-3724. \$5-\$30. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 3 p.m., Sunday, January 11. (LA JOLLA)

**Classical Piano** Enjoy recital when Associated Arts meets for lunch and musical program benefiting students in arts. Reservations, space availability: 619-582-0358. \$8. San Diego Women's Club (2557 Third Avenue), 11 a.m., Monday, January 12. (BANKER'S HILL)

**Beethoven Recital** Pianists Jahja Ling, Anne-Marie McDermott, violinists Jeff Thayer, Jisan Yang, cellist Yao Zhao perform. 619-235-0804. \$25-\$75. Qualcomm Hall (5775 Morehouse Drive), 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14. (MIRA MESA)

### ART LISTINGS

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### GALLERIES

**"Classic Black"** Opening reception of black-and-white photographs by members of PhotoArts Group. 760-480-4101. Free. Inner-Space Gallery (262 East Grand Avenue), 5:30 p.m., Saturday, January 10. (ESCONDIDO)

**Ed Mix Memorial Art Exhibition** More than forty pieces by local artist Edward "Ed" Mix, many of them never previously displayed, will be shown in this memorial show. 858-581-9934. Free. Pacific Beach Library (4275 Cass Street), 11:30 a.m., Sunday, January 11. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Jolynn Krystosek** Lux Art Institute welcomes its first resident artist. Krystosek works with sculpture, layered paper collage.

Visitors can "see art happen" while she works in her studio. Pieces will be displayed through March 18. 760-436-6611. \$10. Lux Art Institute (1550 South El Camino Real), 1 p.m., Saturday, January 10. (ENCINITAS)

**Sharpening Your Senses** Opening reception for "vwa-la" by "Eliot Greenwald the White Pencil." Also planned: Ray at Night artist reception, Saturday, January 10. 619-297-9663. Free. Planet Rooth Gallery (3811 Ray Street), 6 p.m., Saturday, January 10. (NORTH PARK)

### ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum** 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum** "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.

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** "Drawing the Line" includes works on paper, sculpture, fabric pieces from museum's collection, revealing "new approaches to the inte-

gration of drafting techniques and line-making into media that have not been traditionally associated with drawing genres." Show boasts works by artists Amy Adler, Jacci Den Hartog, Kim Dingle, Iana Quesnell, Nancy Rubins, Margaret Honda, Marta Palau, Eugenie Geb, Tania Candiani, Marisol Rendón, Mely Barragán, Lynne Berman, and Shizu Saldamando. On view through Sunday, April 12.

"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, Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramirez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robleto, Diana Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla** 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: Contemporary Expressions" — continuing through Sunday, March 1 — boasts 41 quilts selected from 586 entries. Jurors were Judith Con-

tent, Mary Anne Jordan, and Don Bacigalupi.

704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

**San Diego Museum of Art** "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.

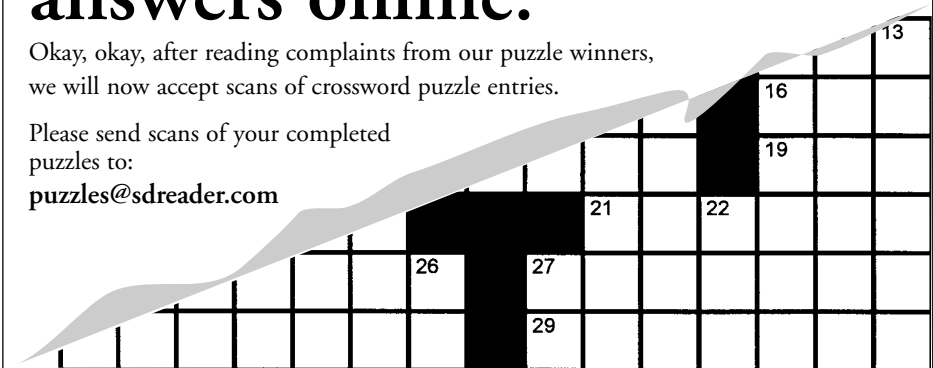
"Visible Places: Works on Paper by Women," continuing through Sunday, March 22, is comprised of "Spatial Gestures" and "Manners of Sight." All of the included works are from museum's permanent collection, many of them presented for first time. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**Timken Museum of Art** 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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**Blowin' Away?** Might Canes be leaving its beach-front address this year? The lease on the 900-capacity club in Mission Beach expires in October. Canes owner Eric Leitstein says he will move the club and its 100 employees to a new location if he

Leitstein says if Lochtefeld does take over the Canes location, a transition won't necessarily be that easy. "The bottom line is I own the liquor license," says Leitstein, who believes Lochtefeld would have difficulty obtaining a license for

WaveHouse license to be used in the Canes building. She said her agency would do an investigation in order to determine if the expansion would be permissible.

Lochtefeld has a 99-year lease with the City of San Diego to control the Belmont Park property. Leitstein says he has found two other possible venues that could house a relocated Canes, but he would not disclose where they are. He can't move his license anywhere he pleases because there are certain neighborhoods that the City and State have deemed oversaturated with liquor licenses (Pacific Beach, for example).

Lochtefeld did not respond to a request for comment.

— Ken Leighton

doesn't get to renew his 13-year-old lease.

"I'm just not ready to turn over the keys and hand the business over to someone else," says Leitstein. "I maxed out five credit cards to get this thing up and running."

Leitstein's landlord, Tom Lochtefeld, also owns the neighboring 1100-capacity WaveHouse. Last year, Canes was unable to book Unwritten Law, Eek-A-Mouse, and Ozomatli because the WaveHouse presented those bands in a summer-long concert series.

Because Lochtefeld's talent-buying team is pursuing major acts for the WaveHouse, insiders assume they could easily take over the Canes lease if it isn't renewed by Leitstein. But

the space.

But Jennifer Hill of the state Department of



NO EEK-A-MOUSE IN CANES' HOUSE LAST YEAR

Alcoholic Beverage Control says that Lochtefeld could apply for a "premises expansion" that would allow his

City.

"I have been using the name Kayo since 1998, [my] freshman year of high school," says local Kayo. "I



CATS CALLED HIM K KNOCKOUT (KAYO)

started rapping a year before that. The name was given to me by my good friend Smokey, aka Smoke Mack, who was killed earlier this year. The name later stuck with me after an altercation I had, where cats started calling me K Knockout, then Kayo. Once they figured out it was my stage name, it was over....

"I've been in many publications under the name Kayo, and the name has been poor-man copyrighted to myself." A "poor man's copyright" is accomplished by using registered dating by the post office or a notary public to stake a copyright claim (though U.S.

copyright law doesn't include any provision regarding this type of "protection").

Kayo released his newest album, *One Hundred Percent Hustle*, in 2008. He's also been performing and recording around town with locals Young Mass and Play B in a trio known as the Three Rappers.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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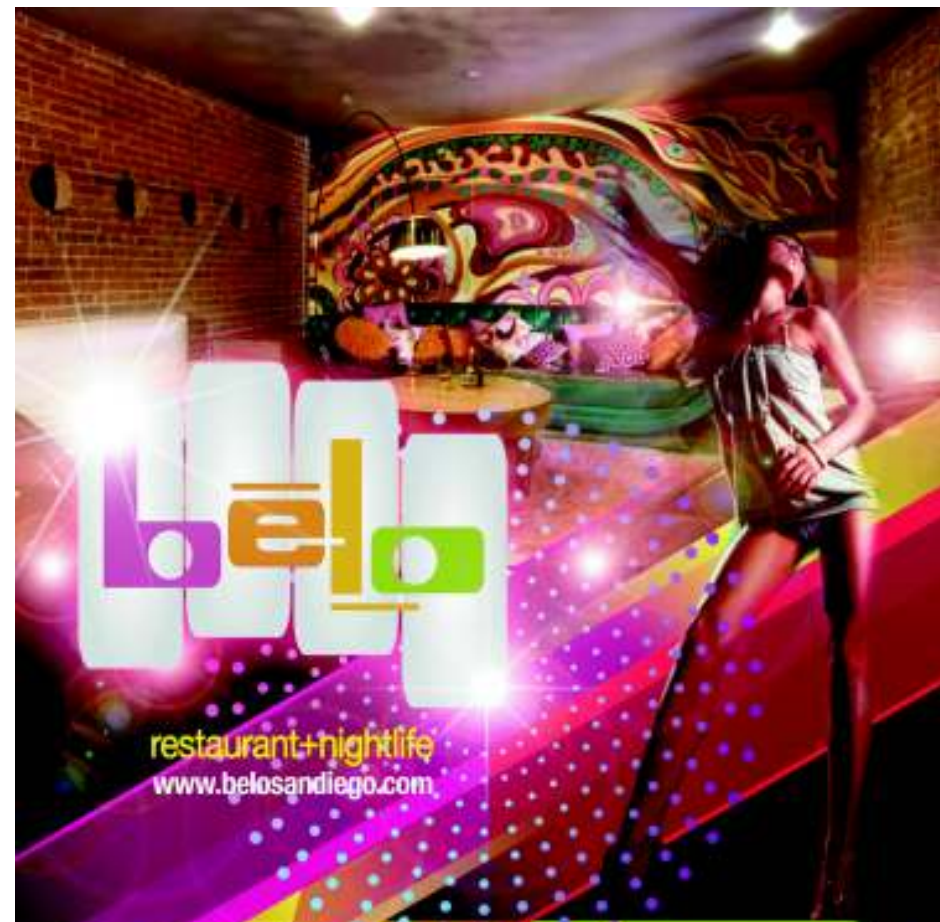


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— Jay Allen Sanford



NO, SAYS FLOW

**Signs of the Times** MC Flow's new "Created Equal" video continues the project born on November 5, after Californians opposing legalized marriage between gay couples voted Proposition 8 into law. Flow responded in verse, with a video for the song filmed on the streets of San Diego. The video was directed by a local couple, Kevin and Rebecca Joelson.

To film the video, Rebecca Joelson says she "...approached people and asked if they would take 30

seconds out of their day to be in a music video about 'No on Prop 8'...about 60 percent said no."

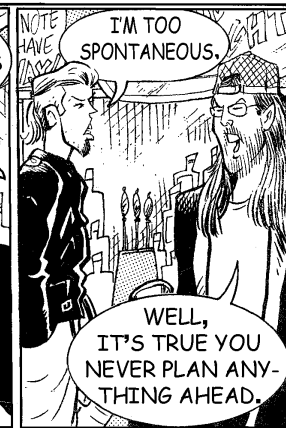
Willing participants held one of around 70 signs with handwritten lyric segments.

"Each participant chose the word they wanted to hold, that had the most

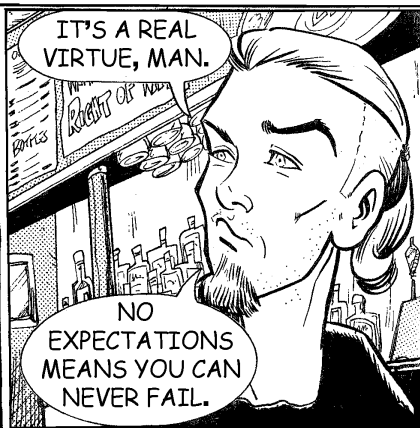
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meaning to them, and they wrote their word on the sign," says Joelson.

Sample lyric: "Someday when our kids look back, they'll ask us why we froze in fear/ Why we wrote hate on the books, why we made rights disappear/ We'll be forced to answer to them, why we backed discrimination/ Why we broke up marriages and families with no hesitation."

"Created Equal" can be viewed at [myspace.com/mcflow](http://myspace.com/mcflow).  
— Jay Allen Sanford

**Unkind History** Twenty-nine years ago this week (1/10/80), Styx appeared at the San Diego Sports Arena, with opening act the Babys.

"When a band as seam-

lessly mediocre as Styx can draw one of the larger crowds assembled at the Sports Arena in recent months,"



wrote *Reader* concert critic Steve Esmedina, "it is an indication that any looming notions about the advanced sophistication of today's rock audience are pure whimsy.... Styx displayed no appreciable

chops, a diffident stage persona, and no imagination. The band members played their stupid songs exactly as

STYX DIDN'T FOOL ESMO they sound on record."

Two days later (1/12/80), the Tubes played a 14-song set at the Catamaran near Mission Beach, which was just starting to book national acts. Sans their usual cabaret

stage props, singer Fee Waybill playfully mocked one audience member, calling him a "surfer Nazi" with the explanation that "They sit on the beach and drink blood." He also singled out police in attendance, earning cheers whenever he referred to San Diego's "dumb cops."

The set list featured around a half dozen then-new songs, as well as "White Punks on Dope" and "Mondo Bondage." The encore was a medley of two Who songs, "Baba O'Reilly" and "The Kids Are Alright."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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2/14 STYX  
2/17 ADELITA'S WAY  
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2/18 TASTE OF CHAOS TOUR FEAT:  
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## Thursday 8

Just in time for the cold snap, **Lucy's Fur Coat** comes out of the closet for a couple at Casbah, which is hereby and forthwith celebrating its 20th anniversary. Wicked pissah. Anyway, Lucy's is a local band that got 15 minutes in 1994 with hit disc *Jaundice* ("Treasure Hands"). The crunchy, charismatic bar band got caught in the fizzle of the San Diego scene's failure to launch and went back to their day jobs — lawyerin'. Gonna make for an interesting crowd, law office pals on one side, club kids on the other.

**Blackout Party** will set the stage Thursday, **Blood Flowers** on Friday.... Brother bongo, **Poncho Sanchez**, settles in down the street at Anthology for two nights. The *conguero*, born in Texas and raised in Cali, has a Grammy on the shelf at home for his 1999 hit *Latin Soul*. Check that one out, vato, or last year's *Raise Your Hand*.... Else: Jersey power-pop peeps the **Measure (SA)** will be playing *Songs about People*...and *Fruit 'n' Shit* at Soda Bar. Local faves **Vena Cava** and **Dan Padilla** on the bill.

## Friday 9

Kids from **Paul Green School of Rock** will showcase their mad skills, tackling Bowie to punk at Epicentre this weekend. The "Young Americans" hit up Ramones, Pistols, and Clash at 7p Friday eve and Saturday afternoon at 1p, both featuring "special performances by the PGSOR all-stars." Get to *schoolofrock.com* fo' mo'.... Oakland's beastie boyee **Hawney Troof** joins locals **Batwings**, **Braaiins!!**, and **All Leather** to fill a mixed-nuts bill at Ché Café.... Belly Up books roadhouse diva **Candye Kane** for a happy-hour set Friday night, and then it's new-beats reggae with **Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations**. **Skanic** and **VJ Rockers TV** set the Solana Beach stage.... Downtown, L.A. apers **Led Zepagain** play Zep, again, at House



LUCY'S FUR COAT AT CASBAH

of Blues.... Uptowners, spin the bottle: ya got hot-shit freak folkie **Charles Musket** at Soda Bar...coupla Arizona metal bands at Ruby Room...and **Hillstreet Stranglers** at Radio Room.

## Saturday 10

*How Will the Wolf Survive?* Ask "dos Lobos" **David Hidalgo** and **Louie Perez** (aka the Latin Playboys) when they play Poway Center for the Performing Arts. The Los Lobo leaders have been together since high school — over 40 years! — and for the past couple have been touring a roots-rock acoustic show that shares their wealth through stories, songs, and Q&A. Definitely worth the trek and the ticket, music fan, and 18 years or younger are just \$5 with an adult purchase. A good night with your budding Buddy Holly.... Angelino ska-

punks **Fishbone** wash up at Canes Satty night. Saxman-singer Angelo "Dr. Madd Vibe" Moore has been holding the 'bone since 1979, y'all, and this year will see the release of *Everyday Sunshine* — *A Fishbone Documentary*. Check the Space takes from '06's *Still Stuck in Your Throat* to see how they swim these days....

Casbah resurrects **Deadbolt** and **Dragons** for a night of back-when barroom rawk. Young guns **Wild**



FISHBONE AT CANES

**Weekend** and **Black Hondo** on the bill.... **Burning of Rome** will play a Saturday-night slot at Belly Up before Oingo apers **Dead Man's Party**.... 'Round town it'll be another night of coverers at House of Blues with **Bonfire** (AC/DC) and **Fan Halen** (guess)...a **Gilbert Castellanos** jam

sess at Dizzy's with the trumpeteer's New Latin Jazz Quartet...loft-pop duo **Christmas Island** will be out at Soda Bar...and **Scribe Amidst** joins **Echo Revolution**-revolution-evolution at Beauty Bar.

## Sunday 11

There'll be a Sunday-night sit-down at Belly Up featuring acousticats **David Lindley**, **Robin Henkel**, and **Nathan James**. Sixty-four-year-old session man Lindley is a solo stud multi-instrumentalist who'll drop your jaw. He's out to tout his latest, last year's *Big Twang*.... More sit-down stuff at Dizzy's, where L.A. chanteuse **Denise Donatelli** will play a CD-release thing for her new one, *What Lies Within*, featuring local legend **Peter Sprague** on guitar.... Casbah catches O.C. folk-rockers **Janu and the Whalesharks**. Reunited novelty act **Carnivorous Lunar Activity** (aka CLA), featuring Sam Chammas and Dennis Borlek, on the bill.... **Tighten Ups** cinch their Sunday slot at Bar Pink.... And Soda Bar's armed with Fresno indie kids **Buffalo Guns** and prog-punk God squadders **From Indian Lakes**, who last week dropped debut disc *We Are Born*. Sure fine dissonance.

## Monday 12

Tim Pyles and his Anti-Monday team're back at the Casbah for ought-nine. Yip. On Monday 12 they're staging one hella reunion gig. Olson, O., Glass, and Donhowe will take the stage for the first time in forever ago as **Olivelawn**. No shit! If you can dig 'em up, check the sludge-rock sounds of *Sap* and *Sophomore Jinx* (produced by Jack Endino), the quartet's short-shelf catalog, for a primer. **Furious IV**, **Radio Wendy**, and **Old In Out** set the stage.... Good one up at the Ché as well, with Danielson Famile escapee **Andrew Jackson Jihad**. Check the Phoenix acoustic punx Space takes — sounds like Mountain Goats



PONCHO SANCHEZ AT ANTHOLOGY

before Darnielle became a household name. **Doctor Bird**, **Kepi Ghoulie**, and **Dan Janisch** fill the bill.

## Tuesday 13

*Too High to Die*. The Kirkwood bros. re-form country-fried alt-rock act **Meat Puppets** to grind out hands-down club date of the week at Casbah. Curt and Cris have been back together since '06 and signed to Anodyne for last year's *Rise to Your Knees*, a collection Curt calls "sonic pyramids made out of garbage." Taste the Meats' Space takes — something psychedelic in the stew. **Benji Hughes** and **I See Hawks in L.A.** open.... Miss the door to that one, beggar, **Radio Wendy** will be at Bar Pink...and Beauty Bar's got **Sunshine Factory**, **Black Mamba**, and **Brown and Blue**.

## Wednesday 14

Bayou soul man **Marc Broussard** has got a *Billboard* bomb in *Keep Coming Back*, his third Atlantic collection of "rough-around-the-edges R&B." Broussard joins **Jessie Baylin** and **Josh Hoge** at Belly Up Wednesday night.... Southern skrunks **Bartenders Bible** dish barbecued rock-roll to soak up the generous pours at Bar Pink.... Miss Loveland and **VV Morgue** will dial in electronic Goth at Radio Room.... And Havana piano man **Jesus "Chuchito" Valdés** appears at Anthology if you feel like getting your *mambo* on.

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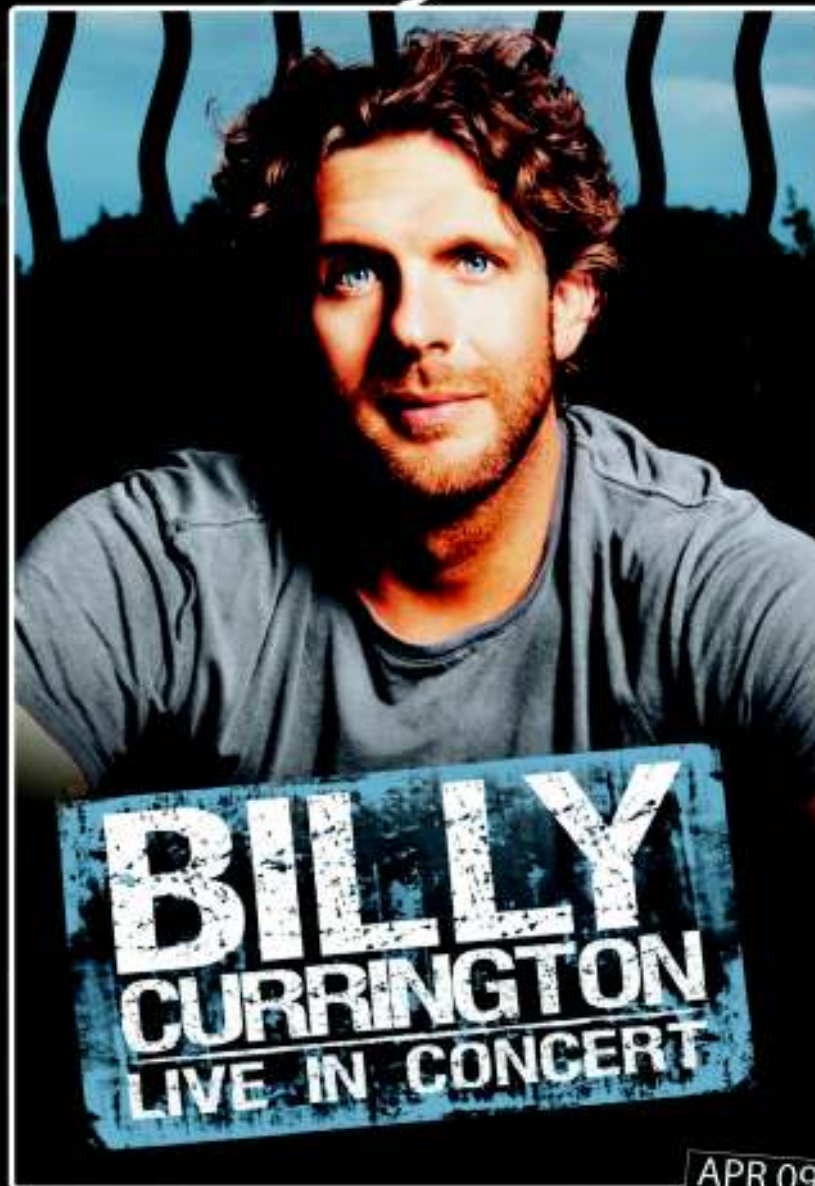
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## THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*Thursday* — The Black Belt Jones Band. With Dave Perskie and the Akademix. Covers/standards/hip-hop.  
*Friday* — Split Finger and Superunloader. Reggae/alternative/rock.

*Saturday* — Bombay Status. Indie/rock.  
**AcousticMusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Al Kooper. Rock innovator. \$25-\$50.  
*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Trace Bundy. Acoustic. \$15-\$45.  
*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Elliott Murphy. Rock/folk/blues. \$15-\$45.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., *Friday*, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Poncho Sanchez. Latin/jazz. \$22-\$27.  
*Sunday*, 8:30 p.m. — Jesus Diaz. Salsa. \$18.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Chuchito Valdes. Traditional jazz. \$18.

**Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:** 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.  
*Monday*, noon — Ron Morebello. With guest. Free.

**Bare Back Grill - Downtown:** 624 E Street, Downtown, 619-237-9990.  
*Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — John Miller, Ricardo Beas, Austin Jennings. With Colin Clyne and Lindsay White. Acoustic.

**Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino:** 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, 619-443-2300.

*Sunday* — The Arrowhead Band. Covers/standards/rock.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Rob Carona and Alex Woodard. With Gayle Skidmore. Country/acoustic/pop. \$8.  
*Friday*, 5:30 p.m. — Candye Kane. With Dani Wilde. Blues/rockabilly/jazz. \$5 and 9 p.m. — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations. With Skanic. Roots reggae/rock. \$12-\$14.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Dead Man's Party. An Oingo Boingo tribute. \$13-\$15.  
*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — David Lindley. Robin Henkel and Nathan James. Folk/blues/world. \$18-\$20.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Marc Broussard. With Jessie Baylin and Josh Hoge. Soul/funk/rock.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
*Thursday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Haven and Opus Dai. With a Sky Like April. Indie/rock. \$5.  
*Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — Spero Lumina and Monte Battalion. With the Four Kings. Progressive/rock. \$7.  
*Sunday*, 7 p.m. — Jung Ace and By:Polar. With Real Music Ent., Full Volume, Caliph, Stevie G, Early the MC. Hip-hop/rap. \$10.

**Café La Maze:** 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-

3222.  
*Fridays and Saturdays*, 7 p.m. — The Sandy Chappel Quartet. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Hank Young. Standards/jazz/blues.  
*Sundays*, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues.

**Candelas on the Bay:** 1201 First Street, Suite 115, Coronado, 619-435-4900.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Blue44. Jazz/funk.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
*Thursday* — Candice Graham and Strike the Design. With Jesse Johnson. Country/pop/rock.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Lights. A tribute to Journey. With Jumping Jack Flash (Rolling Stones tribute) and Hot August Night (Neil Diamond tribute). \$12.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Fishbone. Ska/rock/funk. \$15.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — After the Crash and the Silent Treatment. Alternative/rock. \$10-\$12.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*Thursday*, 8:30 p.m. — Lucy's Fur Coat. With Blackout Party. Alternative/rock. \$20.  
*Friday*, 8:30 p.m. — Lucy's Fur Coat. With the Bloodflowers. Alternative/rock. \$20.

*Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Dragons and Deadbolt. With Wild Weekend and Black Hondo. Rock/punk/garage. \$14.  
*Sunday*, 8:30 p.m. — C.L.A. and Janu & the Whalesharks. Indie/folk/rock.  
*Monday*, 8:30 p.m. — Furious IV and fluf. With Radio Wendy and guests. Pop/punk/surf. \$10.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Meat Puppets and Benji Hughes. With I See Hawks in L.A. Alternative/rock/folk.

**Claire de Lune:** 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845.  
*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — The Uptown Rhythm Makers. Dixieland jazz.

**Coyote Bar and Grill:** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.  
*Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Billy Watson. Blues/soul/jazz.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Smokestaxx. Covers classic soul, R&B, and rock hits.  
*Saturday*, 6 p.m. — Scott Carter & New Breed. Reggae/funk/rock.  
*Sunday*, 5 p.m. — Billy Watson. Blues/soul/jazz.

**Dirk's Niteclub:** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.  
*Friday, Saturday* — FX5. Covers/standards/dance.

**Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Gilbert

Castellanos Quartet. Latin jazz. \$12-\$15.  
*Sunday*, 7 p.m. — Denise Donatelli. CD-release show. Jazz. \$10-\$15.

**Fannie's Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.  
*Thursdays* — Fuzz-Huzzi. Alternative/pop/punk.

**Georges on Fifth:** 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444.  
*Fridays and Saturdays*, 6:30 p.m. — Peter the Prince of Piano. Piano/pop.

**Hennessey's Tavern - Carlsbad:** 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-6951.  
*Monday* — The Blokes. Rowdy Celtic, bluegrass, and surf.

**Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill:** 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.  
*Friday* — MG3. Reggae/funk/soul.  
*Wednesday* — Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones. Blues/rock/soul.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — Led Zepagain. A tribute to Led Zeppelin. \$12-\$32.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Bonfire. A tribute to early AC/DC. \$9.  
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**Jack's La Jolla - Ocean Room:** 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111.  
6 p.m. — Piano Bar. Every day of the week in the Ocean Room.

**Jimmy Love's:** 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123.  
*Wednesdays*, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

**The Jumping Turtle:** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.  
*Friday* — Hank of the Destruction Moose. Metal/thrash.  
*Saturday* — Battlefront.  
*Mondays* — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform.

**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.  
*Friday* — Di Nigunim and Bogenville. Folk/punk/experimental.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.  
*Sundays*, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock.  
*Mondays, Tuesdays* — Doug Allen. Front man of the Mar Dels.

**Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — The Heroes. Covers/standards/dance. Free.  
*Friday*, 4 p.m. — Metro. Eighties rock. Free.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Innovation. Covers/standards. Free.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The Jones Revival. Classic rock. Free.  
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**Mas Fina Cantina:** 2780 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-434-3497.  
*Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Acoustic. Free.

**McCabe's Beach Club:** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.  
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# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Taken as a whole, the real-life history of the **Meat Puppets** reads like the first round of edits of a James Crumley crime novel. Edits, as in stuff that would have been rated too grisly even by Crumley's violent, alcohol-soaked standards. The late writer's head-knocking protagonists were known for their rampant use of drugs both hard and soft; the same can be said for founding Puppets **Cris** and **Curt Kirkwood**. The two shared years of solid drugging and general mayhem. Crumley could have written the part where Cris Kirkwood attacked someone at a post office, got shot, and ended up doing federal time, but he didn't — it actually happened. It is no small miracle that Cris Kirkwood is still alive. In print,

Curt once labeled his brother a "suicide in progress."

On record, the Meat Puppets are far more interesting than their rap sheets. With Derrick Bostrom on drums, the founding lineup lasted almost 15 years. In 1980, Cris and Curt were among the first rockers to intentionally sing out of tune. They were an out-and-out hardcore band that, in ten minutes, could play as many songs. They incorporated country covers into their sets and in so doing helped forge cow punk. The band imploded in 1995, but by the next year, Curt was again fronting the Meat Puppets but with all-new band members — and far less impact.

Early Meat Puppets recordings have since been called some of the most influential of '80s rock. Kurt Cobain was a huge fan, and he publicly claimed them as an influence. Indeed,



MEAT PUPPETS

at times, the Puppets' sound and Nirvana's were almost indistinguishable. Minus Bostrom, the brothers reunited two years ago and have been touring ever since. They released *Rise to Your Knees* in 2007. No time like the present to fire up the old fans and make some new ones.

**MEAT PUPPETS, Casbah, Tuesday, January 13, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$15.**

*Sundays*, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin Heep Blues Band. A blend of traditional blues, swing, and rock. Free. Ages 21 and up.

**O'Connells Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.  
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**Thursday, 8th:** Irish Night  
**Friday, 9th:** Reggae with MG3  
**Saturday, 10th:** Special Guest  
**Sunday, 11th:** DJ Blairly Legal  
**Monday, 12th:** The Blokes  
**Tuesday, 13th:** Special Guest  
**Wednesday, 14th:** Joe Wood  
**Thursday, 15th:** Irish Night  
**Friday, 16th:** New American Mob  
**Saturday, 17th:** Hidden City Derby Girls  
**Sunday, 18th:** The Drowning Men  
**Monday, 19th:** The Blokes  
**Tuesday, 20th:** Rich the Stitch

**Wednesday, 21st:** Joe Wood  
**Thursday, 22nd:** Irish Night  
**Friday, 23rd:** Reggae with MG3  
**Saturday, 24th:** Special Guest  
**Sunday, 25th:** DJ Blairly Legal  
**Monday, 26th:** The Blokes  
**Tuesday, 27th:** Special Guest  
**Wednesday, 28th:** Joe Wood  
**Thursday, 29th:** Red Octopus  
**Friday, 30th:** Art Show Event  
**Saturday, 31st:** Special Guest

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2/14 B-Side Players' Valentine's Day Ball  
2/22 Laugh for Recovery w/Jay Lamont,  
Paul Ogata & Chip Franklin

UPCOMING SHOWS:

- 2/3 Eagles of Death Metal
- 2/4 Devotchka
- 2/5 Todd Snider, Solo Acoustic
- 2/6 The Greyboy Allstars
- 2/7 '80s Fever - Hyper Crush
- 2/9 Tim Reynolds and TR3
- 2/12 ALO
- 2/13 Common Sense

2/15 Susan Tedeschi

2/16 Donavon Frankenreiter  
w/Gary Jules

2/18 Joshua Radin

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2/20 Super Diamond

2/21 Cash'd Out w/Sara Petite

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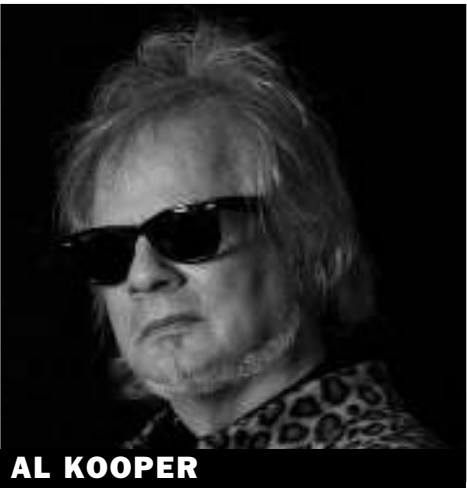
# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Imagine a story where a guy is invited to watch Bob Dylan in the studio one day in 1965. Despite not knowing how to play the instrument, the guy sits down at the organ and comes up with what would become the signature part of "Like a Rolling Stone." Dylan likes the part so much he asks the guy to join his band. A few years later, the same guy plays the French horn on the Rolling Stones' "You Can't Always Get What You Want." He also plays with Jimi Hendrix, the Who, Tom Petty, and George Harrison. The same guy, working as a record producer and talent scout, signs both the Zombies and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Sounds like an improbable story, doesn't it? But that's just part of the life history of **Al Kooper**, perhaps the most important rock musician of the '60s who is not today a household name. Some of the projects he was most intimately involved in — like his band the Blues Project and the *Super Session* album he cut with Mike Bloomfield and Stephen Stills — were influential and highly popular in the '60s but little remembered today. And his solo career never seemed to get off the ground, even as seemingly everyone he worked with was becoming a legend of classic rock. Kooper was even booted out of Blood, Sweat & Tears, a band he founded.

Still, for decades Kooper has never stopped doing important work in music, whether as an educator, a producer, or a performer. In 2001, Kooper lost most of his vision, but he didn't let that stop him either. As he told the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "I thank God it



AL KOOPER

wasn't my hands or ears."

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**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
**January 17** — Barrington Levy.  
**January 23** — Sharon Jones.  
**February 14** — Warren Hill.  
**February 24** — Hank Williams III.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
**January 15** — Z02.  
**January 16** — Stephen Percy

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**January 17** — The Lou Dog Trio.  
**January 21** — Neon Nights.  
**January 22** — Ed Stanely and ThrillRazr.  
**January 24** — Dazed & Confused.  
**January 28** — Mary Grasso and Sheila Sondergard.  
**January 29** — Pushin Rope and Old Devil.

**AcousticMusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
**January 15** — The John Jorgenson Quintet.  
**January 16** — Fred Eaglesmith.

**January 17** — Peter Rowan.  
**January 24** — Loudon Wainwright III.  
**February 7** — Hot Club of Cowtown.  
**February 21** — Geoff Muldaur.  
**February 27** — Lucky Kaplansky.  
**March 6** — Stephen Bennett.  
**March 26** — Chad & Jeremy.  
**April 3** — Hawaiian Slack-Key Masters.  
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 January 28 — Sacha Boutros.  
 January 29 — Rebecca Jade.  
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 February 3 — Al DiMeola.  
 February 4 — Harp Summit.  
 February 5 — Jay Nash.  
 February 6 — Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers.  
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 February 10 — The Anthology House Band.  
 February 11 — Charles McPherson.  
 February 12 — Kenny Neal.  
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 February 14, February 17 — The Anthology House Band.  
 February 18 — Duncan Sheik.  
 February 20 — Judy Collins.  
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 February 26, February 27 — Bobby Hutcherson.

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 January 22, January 23, January 24 — Ozomatli.  
 January 25 — The Backwater Blues Band.  
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 January 29 — West Indian Girl.  
 January 30 — The Cured.  
 January 31 — James Morrison.  
 February 3 — The Eagles of Death Metal.  
 February 4 — DeVotchKa.  
 February 5 — Todd Snider.  
 February 6 — The Greyboy Allstars.  
 February 7 — '80s Fever.  
 February 9 — Tim Reynolds & TR3.  
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 February 13 — Common Sense.  
 February 15 — Susan Tedeschi.  
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 February 20 — Super Diamond.  
 February 21 — Cash'd Out.  
 February 22 — Orquesta Primo.  
 February 27, February 28 — The

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 March 6 — Delta Spirit.  
 March 12 — Solana Beach Baseball Bash.  
 March 21 — Stepping Feet.  
 April 4 — John Brown's Body.  
 April 9 — The Dark Star Orchestra.  
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 January 18 — Authority Zero.  
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 January 24 — TSOL and Black President.  
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 January 29 — Return to Silence and Third Identity.  
 January 30 — SweetTooth and Ryan Bingham.  
 January 31 — The Easy Marks and Shiloe.  
 February 6 — Watch Me Burn and Caskets on Parade.  
 February 7 — Unset and Authentic Sellout.  
 February 11 — The Zac Brown Band.  
 March 8 — Acoustic Alliance.  
 March 12 — theSTART.  
 March 19 — Yesterday & Today.  
**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
 January 16 — One Inch Punch.  
 January 17 — Necro.  
 January 22 — Kemistry and Monday's Alibi.  
 January 23 — Cash'd Out.  
 January 24 — Tainted Love.  
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 February 20 — One Drop.

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 January 20 — Three Mile Pilot and Physics.  
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 January 23 — No Knife and Creedle.  
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 January 25 — Creedle, Tapes 'n Tapes and Theresa Andersson.  
 January 27 — Gray Ghosts and the New Archaic.  
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March 15 — Asobi Seksu.  
April 16 — The Black Lips.

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February 2 — Mötley Crüe.  
March 8 — Slipknot.  
March 15 — Los Temerarios.

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January 16, January 17 — TNT.  
January 23 — Loadstone.  
January 24 — One & Done.

**Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.

January 17 — The Young Jazz Trio.  
January 18 — The Valhalla High School Jazz Band.  
January 30 — The ESP Quintet.  
January 31 — Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda.  
February 1 — Road Work Ahead.  
February 14 — The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet.  
February 15 — Gary Lefebvre.  
February 21 — Leonard Patton & Rebecca Jade.

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January 19, January 26 — The Bokes.

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January 23 — MG3.  
January 28 — Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones.  
January 29 — Red Octopus.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
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January 17 — Reblution.  
January 18 — Eric Johnson and

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January 21 — Edwin McCain.  
January 24 — Femi Kuti & the Positive Force.  
January 25 — Ramón Ayala.  
January 26 — Molotov.  
January 27 — Tyrone Wells.  
January 29 — Brian Wilson.  
January 30 — O.A.R.  
January 31 — Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine.  
February 2 — Meshuggah.  
February 3, February 4 — NOFX.  
February 5 — Katy Perry.  
February 7 — Badfish.  
February 8 — Ska Is Dead IV.  
February 11 — The Airborne Toxic Event.  
February 11 — Elefante.  
February 13 — So Long Davey and Valencia.  
February 14 — Styx.  
February 18 — Taste of Chaos.  
February 20 — The Gin Blossoms and Tonic.  
February 21 — Reverend Horton Heat and Manic Hispanic.  
February 27 — Big Head Todd &

the Monsters.  
March 1 — Zappa Plays Zappa.  
March 5 — The Pretenders.  
March 6 — Jimmy Eat World.  
March 8 — G. Love & Special Sauce.  
March 9 — Adele.  
March 14 — Cute Is What We Aim For.  
March 17 — Escape the Fate.  
March 20 — OK Go.  
March 22 — The Adicts and the Dickies.  
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May 1 — Kreator.  
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January 17 — Zac Harmon.

**The Jumping Turtle:** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.  
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January 17 — The Victory of Reason.  
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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Da Bears**  
Song: “**Regal Beagle**” (from the CD *Classics Never Die/Cowardly Cobra*)  
Heard By: **Justine Marzoni**, Imperial Beach



Justine

I really liked it. It reminds me of Of Montreal; it was dance-y and happy. I liked the horns. I don't know what [genre] I would call it...I'm not good at categorizing things like that. It

seemed like a lot of different things. I remember the lyrics said something about “having sex with people you don't know.” I like the “da-da's” and the repeated chorus. I'm not that musical, but it sounded well done. I think it's something that I might hear on 94.9, but it's not super commercial. It seems like something that if it got picked up on an iTunes commercial they could totally hit it big. They'd be a good band to see live, like at the Ché Café or something like that.

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Artist: **Modern Rifles**  
Song: “**Terroplane**” (from the CD *I Was Young, It Was Dark*)  
Heard By: **Holland Heinrich**, Balboa Park



Holland

It's almost there for me. The first thing I thought of was Bloc Party, with the catchy little guitar riff. It's pretty straight-forward rock. The vocals had some good points, but they were

kind of weak; they kind of fell off at the end when [the vocalist] tried to go over the top. It's a little too pop-rock toward the end. I think I'd be interested in listening to the rest of the album. I'd give it a chance, for sure. They kind of had their own thing going on. I could hear that on the radio...like, 91X. I definitely see that song in a skate video. I'd probably give it a four or five out of ten. It's pretty average.

Artist: **Hotel St. George**  
Song: “**I Was Only Sleeping**” (from the CD *Hundreds & Thousands*)  
Heard By: **Linda Mata**, South Bay



Linda

I actually liked it. I don't really like alternative rock, but I liked the beat. It made you feel like going fast through the desert — driving in a car 80 miles an hour, looking for something.

It kind of reminded me at first of the Beatles. I didn't really pay attention to the lyrics. I just remember [lyrics about] being lost about something or someone. I could see that song on the radio. It's pretty upbeat. You can put that song into any category. It's not really stuck into any certain music type — it's not soul or rock. I'd probably give it a seven and a half or eight out of ten.

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## NIGHTCAPS

by Josh Board

**I** had three parties to hit one December night. Maybe the stores were taking a hit from the bad economy, but it wasn't cutting down on the number of people partying.

I went to a "pajama jam" in P.B., where I had to wear PJs, they said. After the party we'd be walking to a club. They told me I could wear Christmas clothing if I didn't want to wear PJs, but I found a pajama top and wore it with black sweatpants. I brought a shirt to change into for the later parties.

I tried buzzing the apartment several times before walking around the outside to where I'd heard crowd noise. I climbed through bushes and asked the people on the patio for Kim.

Another guy showed up carrying a Captain Morgan bottle and wearing a nightcap on his head, and Kim walked us in.

Some of the girls were dressed in sexy outfits that didn't look like pajamas. But who was I to complain?

I talked to Brittany, a makeup artist who, I believe, told me she worked under the name Elle Leary. She told me stories about working for a dance studio and doing makeup



Parties at "pajama jam"

in L.A. I asked if she ever worked with famous people. "I put makeup on Pat Sajak. He's the best. He's such a cute older man. And he's really nice. I also worked with Q-Tip."

When she said that, I assumed it was a rapper, not that she worked with Q-tips.

Kim came over to say, "There's food over there. I know

**"If you use that toothbrush, you can forget about ever kissing me again."**

you write about lame parties sometimes that don't have any food. What can I get you to drink?"

She brought me a Red Bull and vodka, which was really strong. Kim later told me an interesting story about a Pearl Harbor survivor that she brought on KUSI for an interview. She said he lived in Hawaii and was 102 and had kids that were around 80. Since I'd just gotten back from visiting the USS *Arizona*, we talked a bit about that.

As I chatted with a schoolteacher, I thought it was funny that these girls were all P.B. party chicks but that you could also have interesting conversations with them.

They asked me to do shots with them in the kitchen. We all did a few, and one lady, a dental assistant, noticed the toothbrush sticking out of my pajama pocket. She grabbed it as I was explaining that I thought it added to the outfit.

When I started to take pic-

tures of the group, she did a few nasty things with my toothbrush. When I downloaded the photos, my girlfriend said, "If you use that toothbrush, you can forget about ever kissing me again."

One girl told me that she had a personalized license plate that said "Crazy Alo." I asked what it meant, and she laughed as she explained: "I have a big ass, like JLo. But my name starts with an A, not a J."

Kim came over and handed me a third drink. I still wasn't done with the second. She mentioned her dad's birthday and her brother having a birthday the day after. I think she also said her birthday was in December and that they used to have one big party. This Christmas party was for four of her closest friends.

I was getting really buzzed when I saw a group of guys walk into the party. I asked them why they weren't wearing pajamas. One guy said, "I sleep in the nude." Another guy said, "This is their second annual party. And last year, there weren't as many in pajamas. I didn't think it was necessary."

I met a woman named Annie who's a local fashion designer. She started telling me about her

company, Eclectic Couture, and Kim laughed and said, "I do PR for these people." I told her that I was so drunk that I doubted my notes would be legible enough to get them a shout-out in the column.

I grabbed a few tortilla chips because I needed something other than alcohol in my system.

I started talking to a cute brunette who told me that she was a dental assistant. Since I was eating tortilla chips, I remembered a time someone I worked with gave me \$100 to go into my dentist appointment after eating Doritos and Oreos. I asked her what gross things she's seen. "Kids are the worst. Their mouths can be so bad...I sometimes wonder if they even wipe their butts." I said, "Now, you all wear masks. When I was a kid, they didn't."

Someone came over, put his hand on my shoulder, and said, "Ah, the good ole days. It's like my grandfather... He said when he was a kid, they'd pull out your teeth without Novocain, just a quick shot of whiskey."

Kim said, "Speaking of shots, let's do another." And we went into the kitchen for another.

She said she wanted to get



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the last one in before they headed over to the tavern they were going to. I asked if they'd be allowed in dressed like that, and she said that they'd already talked to management.

As I was leaving to hit the next party, I thought about the letters I'd received from readers who complained that when I go to parties I just eat chocolate, play basketball, or smoke cigars, that I don't usually get drunk. I figured this column would satisfy them.

My girlfriend only had one drink, so she drove. I said, "Instead of trying to find this other party, which is 30 minutes away, let's just go see a movie. I don't want to show up to a party this drunk."

We ended up in La Jolla, and I could barely stand as I handed the credit card over to the cashier for two tickets to *Role Models*. It was a movie that looked bad, but Roger Ebert liked it, as did my racquetball partner.

We were 30 minutes early, so my girlfriend went to play a video game. It seemed as if she'd been gone a while, so I called her cell. She played my drunken ranting for me the next day and complained about it keeping her from getting a high score.

In the movie, she handed me some popcorn. I found that more of it was landing on my lap and chest than in my mouth. I realized I was still holding the bag of Tostitos I took from the party.

When I had to go to the bathroom, I could barely walk. The usher cleaning the hallway looked at me as if I was one of those dizzy people who barfed during *The Blair Witch Project*.

The movie was horrible.

I remembered Howard Stern saying he saw *2001* while on acid, and he thought the computer was

talking to him. I would think that being drunk would make a silly comedy like this funnier. The opposite happened. ■

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# The Chain of Spain

Spain's on the same latitude as New York, so in winter the rain in Spain must mainly be a pain. I love eating Spanish food in rotten weather — all that warming olive oil and garlic and the rich, comforting flavors of great pig products and marinated Mediterranean veggies and rich shellfish. Potatoes, too — the Spaniards picked 'em up from the Incas and ran with them. Currently, Cafe Sevilla's also bending over backward to offer another form of comfort — affordable cooking to warm us in the chill of the recession. This fall, they revised the menu to add a group of middle-size tapas. They're smaller than entrées, but substantial enough to serve as a main dish for one, or an ample grazing plate for sharers. Bottom line: Typical food-costs for a filling, tasty meal for two can run about \$25 a person (food only), with wider flavor options at that price for a foursome sharing. A foursome ordering sampler tapas platters on a half-off Wednesday night is really in the catbird seat.

I returned to Sevilla (after several years' absence, pursuing other restaurants) to try out as many of their new dishes as possible. I was sorry to find quite a few old favorites (e.g., pinxos morunos, caracoles Catalán, empanada Barcelona) banished from the menu. The new menu has another difference: It's pretty much all in English now. We started with a round of tropical-adventure cocktails, which cost about the same here (e.g., \$8 or \$9) as bottom-shelf wines by the glass at higher-end eateries. Yoda (Jim's laid-back computer-guru and biz partner but much nicer looking than the *Star Wars* wise guy) tried a pomegranate mojito, tart enough to be interesting. Michelle's passion-fruit mojito was even more puckery, and all the better for it. Jim got a shot of Mocambo, great dark rum. My caipirinha was the loser, unbearably sweet with no hint of fresh mashed limes. After the cocktails, we switched to a pitcher of white sangria, an interesting change from red, but the excellent red sangria is really much better.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Our food came quickly — perhaps too quickly, as you'll soon learn. We started out brilliantly with a new dish of dates stuffed with Cabrales bleu cheese, wrapped in bacon, and oven-blasted with a cider-vinegar glaze. Just imagine those flavors and textures hitting your mouth all at once — soft and musky and sweet inside, crispy, salty, and tangy on the surface. Almost as good as the stuffed dates at Whisknadle, and that's saying a mouthful.

Green (New Zealand) mussels *escabeche* are marinated in their shells in olive oil and lemon until they "self-cook"; they come with a not-too-spicy serrano chile salsa. The mussels, firm from their acidic bath, taste fresh, briny, and clean — rapid turnover at Sevilla keeps them so.

A diversion: Jim and Michelle were mussels *demi-vierges*, having eaten them rarely and doubtfully in the past. "Aren't they usually sort of smelly?"

Michelle asked. "Oh, gawd," I said. "Wherever you ate them before, they'd obviously spent so long in the walk-in, they had time to piss all over themselves and each other." I never once encountered

stinky mussels until I moved to San Diego. Here, they're almost endemic — I've met them five times in eight years, including at three high-end restaurants. Solve the problem by standing up for

yourself: If they smell like sewage, insist on returning them to the kitchen. (I don't know how the line-chefs cooking them can pass them on to customers — you can't miss the reek.) This is one issue worth making a fuss about, because, believe me, stinky mussels will make you sick as a dog. But please, forget you read this in conjunction with Sevilla, because the mussels here are just aces!

A sampler platter of cold marinated tapas was my favorite dish of the evening. It included arti-

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### Cafe Sevilla

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**HOURS:** 5:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m. daily.

**PRICES:** Small tapas, \$4–\$9; "Signature" tapas (medium-sized), \$7.50–\$23; soups and salads, \$6–\$14; tapa tasting platters, \$14–\$25; brochettes, paellas, entrées, \$12–\$28 (most about \$15); desserts about \$5.50. Sampler platters half off Wednesdays, brochettes \$10 Sundays; paellas \$13 Mondays.

**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Spanish tapas and entrées. Full bar with inexpensive tropical cocktails; wine list includes many fine, affordable international choices and several varieties of sangria.

**PICK HITS:** Bacon-wrapped dates stuffed with Cabrales bleu cheese; cold marinated tapas sampler platter; marinated green mussels; lamb chops Madrileños, paella negra (squid-ink seafood paella). Earlier-visit favorites: lobster and seafood bisque; fried calamari (plus an order of *alioli* and tomato dipping sauce with Kalamata olive bread); Manchego cheese-mashed potatoes with garlic; roasted pork tenderloin entrée with honey-port sauce. Other likely good bets when available: Black mussels with lobster and saffron-cream sauce; seafood crêpes; shrimp azafran, Basque rabbit.

**NEED TO KNOW:** About a dozen lacto-ovo-vegetarian tapas and soups, including four or more vegan choices (plus several additional vegan items from combo platters, all available separately); one vegan paella entrée. Tapas bar is noisy and hectic; for a quieter, romantic atmosphere, reserve a few nights ahead, requesting the dining room. Nightclub downstairs (not wheelchair accessible) with salsa lessons, etc., some food available. Valet parking available; cheap parking two blocks east at Park It On Market.

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choke hearts with Spanish ham, mushrooms in balsamic vinaigrette, meaty and flavorful roasted piquillo peppers, and spicy octopus — every bite a treat. (I wish Sevilla would make the classic tapa of piquillo peppers stuffed with Spanish anchovies, once tasted, forever missed....)

Lamb chops Madrileños offers two small, marinated, grilled rib chops served over a smoky fava-bean stew, garnished with bits of several types of Spanish sausage. The marinade is subtle but effective — even though the chops are cooked well done, they are savory, and the beans are an earthy pleasure. For a few dollars less, you can also get the beans alone (with a bit more sausage), called *Fabada*, from the “tapitas” menu.

Our most expensive dish (\$23 for a small plateful of slices) was Jamón Ibérico, fresh-sliced gourmet ham made from a special breed of Spanish black pigs, descended from wild boars. A year ago, I tasted a tidbit of the top grade (called *jamón ibérico de bellota* — *bellota* apparently means “acorn-fed”) at the Fancy Food Show. Made from two-year-old free-range pigs living in the forest and feeding exclusively on wild acorns and roots, this exorbitant morsel was the sweetest, most intense and

complex ham I’d ever sampled. Alas, turns out that there are also lower grades of the divine meat, from the same breed of pigs fed more conventionally on grain. That, evidently, is what Sevilla offers, and while it tastes very good, it’s not that much better than the far less exorbitant *jamón serrano*, which appears elsewhere on the menu for just \$8.50 a portion. (You could create your own fabulous tapa by pulling out elements from the sampler plates, all available separately, to combine serrano ham, piquillo peppers, and Manchego cheese. Although your new combo will cost about the same as the Ibérico, it might taste more fulfilling.)

Before moving on to the dishes you probably *shouldn’t* order, I want to mention some of the best ones I’ve eaten here at earlier visits, assuming the restaurant hasn’t changed or cheapened its winning formulae. The lobster-and-seafood bisque is a generous, creamy bowlful topped by an airy puff-pastry crown. The server punctures the center of the crust and pours in a jigger of sherry, which lends a bright, nutty nip to the sumptuous, velvety liquid, dotted with morsels of shrimp and tender mussel-meats. The fried calamari are actually “frizzled” with paprika-laden flour (rather

than the usual heavy batter). The light, crisp coating complements tender squid rounds, which stay succulent even as they cool. If you want a dip, look to the tapa of *alioli* (the Spanish version of aioli, with minced fresh basil and chives) and oregano-spiked tomato dip, served with your choice of French bread or (better yet) Kalamata olive loaf. For an entrée, roast pork tenderloin has fine meat in a spiced honey-port sauce, perfumed with cloves and not oversweet. Alongside are small cooked tomato halves filled with spinach and topped with mild, melted Manchego cheese. In the center of the plate is a pile of ideal garlic mash (also available as a tapa), with just a touch of garlic, a waft of Manchego cheese for body, and the satiny unctuousness of red potatoes.

There were a few failures among our choices — not horrible, but minimally satisfactory. Their problem-in-common: They all tasted as if they’d been cooked ahead and reheated to order, not to their benefit. The “house special tortilla española” (a frittata of eggs, potatoes, and onions, reportedly with goat cheese and sun-dried tomatoes) tasted as if artichoke hearts may have waltzed into the recipe, while the tomatoes and goat cheese sneaked out the back door. This is a dish that can hap-

pily be served at room temperature, but when reheated, it turns into something like bad Jewish-holiday potato kugel. (“Look! Aunt Irma brought her special kugel.” “Oh, goody gumdrops, Aunt Irma’s kugel!” whisper the kids at their separate kiddie table, giggling and pantomiming barfs.)

Both the beef and the seafood empanadas seem to suffer severely from reheating. Empanadas of all Iberian countries and former colonies come in two basic styles: *empanadas de horno* (“from the oven”), typically filled with meat or spinach and baked in a pielike crust, or *empanadas de hoja* (“leaf pastry,” aka puff pastry), usually deep-fried with a light filling, like creamed seafood or cheese. Both versions can be fully assembled and refrigerated (or frozen) in advance but are best served freshly cooked. Here the beef was *de horno* and the seafood was *de hoja*, but both fillings had seriously lost their sparkle somewhere along the way. Want to taste great *de horno*? Try beef empanadas at Puerto La Boca in Little Italy, or spinach-stuffed at Tango in Chula Vista. Fabulous *de hoja*? Chilean-style cheese empanadas can be found at Berta’s in Old Town — still one of San Diego’s top dishes to my tastes.

Chicken *croquetas* are a sinful temptation at numerous

other Iberian restaurants, with crackly-crisp outsides and gooey, creamy insides (e.g., the killer version at Costa Brava in P.B., or the Brazilian spin-off at Brazil by the Bay). At Sevilla, after trying them several times over the years, I have to conclude that here they have never been happy or good — merely heavy and dull, like bad frozen food heated in the nuker. Then, too, Sevilla’s standard paella Valenciana is available in a tapa-size portion, but having tried it eight years ago, I didn’t want a rematch: It, too, is evidently made ahead, in massive quantities, for the nightclub patrons in the bowels of the building. (For a good, made-to-order paella Valenciana, once again, Costa Brava is your best choice, especially at Sunday brunch.)

For an entrée to share, we chose paella *negra*, a Catalan favorite colored Goth-black by squid ink. (If you go there intending to order it, wear black — even a stray drop stains.) Yoda had difficulty adjusting to its undeniably “fishy” squid flavor but eventually came around. (The doggie-bag next evening confirmed its unassailable freshness.) The seafood topping included shrimp, squid, and Manila clams — one clam needing better cleaning, as it unleashed a light flood of sand into the nearby rice. But once

you get used to its Addams Family values (and color), this is a rewarding dish for seafood lovers.

My friends wanted dessert and ordered Chocolate Crema Catalina, a baked chocolate mousse loaded with chocolate chips. I hated it, but then, I’m a fats-head and not much of a sweets-heart. There was nothing wrong with it, except that I couldn’t stand to look at it after so much food. My espresso was decent.

The Gaslamp Cafe Sevilla is the flagship of a local mini-chain, and for better or worse, the business model is chain-y, with high customer volume, entertainment, and a “feed the masses” mindset that seems more overt than when I first ate here eight years ago. Then, when I was coming directly from relishing the three superb tapas bars in San Francisco, I found Sevilla surprisingly enjoyable, much better than expected, compared to the normal run of restaurants here at the time. Now, I think its quality has devolved a bit — they’re probably suffering from the current economy, like all the other restaurants in the country and county. Yet the affordable tapas here, even if inconsistent, remain a flavorful gamble at a bargain price — and the best of them merit a hearty “¡Olé!” As Ahnold said, “I’ll be back.” ■

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# Pizza and Politics

*“Some people told us the kitchen fan was blowing all the good luck out the back.”*

Is this where Obama won the election? The little pizza shop was a hotbed of political debate for the longest time before the Great Victory. Everyone's committed, one way or the other. Ivan, one of the pizza-makers, has a tattoo on his left arm of the guy standing in front of the tanks in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. And from the front counter, a nearly full-size cardboard cutout of Barack Obama looks you in the eye. If you sit up on one of the four stools, you'd better be ready to argue politics.

Also, did I mention? Folks come for the food, too. Turns out they bake a pretty awesome pizza pie here. Of the Sicilian variety. That is, square, inch-thick, light as a butterfly. That's what got me interested when I stepped past here tonight. I saw the name “Sicilian Thing.” Ever since the Hoboken in P.B., I've wanted to know more about Sicilian pies.

It's, well, spare inside, but honest, with cinderblock walls painted cream, Sicilian tourist pix, stools, tables, tall glass jars with Granny Smith apples and pears inside, and a kitchen thrusting out into the room. At the counter stools, you look right into the pizza factory. Oh, and I notice a long mirror, slung from the ceiling. “That's our feng shui mirror,” says Paul, who's the owner, turns out. “Some people told us the kitchen fan was blowing all the good luck out the back. This mirror reflects it back into the restaurant.”

Ho-kay. So, what's with the Sicilian thing?

Back East, Paul says, you've got the thin traditional pies, then the three-inch-thick Chicago deep-dish, with its heavy, toss-everything-in philosophy. All that came charging west. But not the much lighter Sicilian.

Paul kept thinking about that in the ten years he worked at Bronx Pizza in Hillcrest, this town's pioneer of real East Coast pizzas. “I suggested it, but Bronx is doing too well with their basic thin-crust to bother with Sicil-

ian. So I decided to start my own place.”

People are piling up behind me. Guess I'd better make a decision. Up on the wall, they keep it simple. “Whole 16-inch pizza,” the menu says. “Choose from Sicilian Square Thick” — and they put these letters in a square box so there's no doubt — “or Round Thin” (they've drawn a circle around this). Whole pizza prices start at \$14. The prices of slices, or little squares, go from \$1.75 to \$3.25 (\$3.25's for “the Thing,” a pizza with everything on board, from meatballs to veggies). I look in the pizza cabinet. Among the three or four regular round pizzas, they have three square Sicilians. A simple cheese one, a pepperoni mushroom, and one they call “Meatda,” with pepperoni, meatballs, and sausage on top. They look delish, but I wonder, does that inch-thick bread tamp down the flavors of the meats too much?

Only one way to find out. I get me a Meatda (Paul says his Vietnamese ex-girlfriend named it that), and a cheese-and-mushroom combo (they come to \$4.50), and an iced tea

(\$1). Ivan takes my two squares out of the cabinet — and scoots them back into the oven.

“That's how we do it,” says Paul. “When we get the order, we add sauce, cheese, and put it back in the oven to ‘double cook.’ Trust me, we do it right. I put it on the sign for guys from back East who come in: ‘Better Than Back Home.’ I even bought secondhand pizza ovens because they're broken in. The flavor's baked in.”

And gosh, when I crunch into it, it's light, airy, crisp on the outside, and with just the right flavor strength up top. It feels fresh. The Meatda has a nice spicy kick.

“Of course, this is the Americanized version,” says Paul. “Back in Sicily, they put less cheese, less meat, more local herbs and spices, and actually, more bread. Italians from the mainland kinda look down on Sicily, like it isn't as sophisticated. Yet we have the history.”

Turns out, Sicily practically invented the pizza. It was, like, the fertile crescent, the perfect island climate, the “granary of Rome,” where they developed everything from artichokes (evolved from thistles — true!) and eggplant, and raisins, to couscous, saffron, marzipan, cannoli, sorbet — and pasta. All with the help of the Saracens, Arabs who occupied them for a few centuries. Nice to



Paul

think about all this as you chomp your way through.

Turns out, Paul graduated from SDSU with a social science degree. “But my family's Sicilian,” he says. “We love food, family, too much eating on holidays. I want this place to turn into like back home, a kind of family social center. That's what we're about.”

“It already has,” says this guy from the Second Stool. Here, he's known as John the Critic. “I tell you, with a place like this, it's nice to be part of the neighborhood.”

I dunno. I'd always choked on that whole bland image of the Dominos-Pizza Hut franchise thing. But maybe the real guys, like Paul, are starting something. Like Obama. A revolution from the ground up. Using the old ways to get back a, uh, pizza the pie for themselves, heh-heh. ■

**The Place:** Sicilian Thing Pizza, 4046 30th Street, North Park (between Polk and Lincoln), 619-282-3000

**Type of Food:** Pizza

**Prices:** “The Thing” pizza, with “everything,” including pepperoni, mushroom, sausage, onion, olive, bell peppers, and meatballs, \$23; “Meatda” pizza (with pepperoni, meatball, sausage), \$18.50; tomato and garlic, \$15.50; slices range from \$1.75 (plain cheese) to \$3.25 (“the Thing”); “Meatda” slice, \$2.50; prices good for round-thin or Sicilian-square thick pizzas

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**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.

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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 Her-

bie 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 sa* (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 include lemongrass *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 Johnston'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/salami 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.

## BAJA

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**La Espadaña** Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Baja, 664-634-1488. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it 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



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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, long-horns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef-liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, carne asada, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. 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.

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lish 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 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 jazz lovers. \$15 minimum (easy to meet on beverages alone) or \$5 cover when there's live music. No cover charge Tuesdays and some Sundays — otherwise ticket prices (bought separately) vary, plus \$15 to \$20 minimums (easy to meet). Wine list is fine and wide ranging but starts high and escalates sharply, plus full bar with fruity cocktail creations as well as classics. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water. — *N.W.*

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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.*

**Big Kitchen** 3003 Grape Street, South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the veggie option: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India** 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken tikka, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them

whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Café Chloe** 721 Ninth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle beurre blanc. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, root beer choices, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, most available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**La Casita** 1247 C Street, Downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo city-hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open six days 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Sundays. — *E.B.*

**Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego** 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park,

619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie available Mondays — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**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 uttapam, 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.*

**Grant Grill** 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-232-3121. The hotel has reopened after its \$52-million renovation, and it's looking magnificent. The Grant Grill, too, is changed and freshened. In days of yore, the bill of fare combined French haute cuisine with British hotel-grill staples. Now it's thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup in response to diner pleas) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce, and artisanal products include house-made burrata mozzarella and herbed bread. Entrées are large, rather salty, and have fine side items, but there's still a basic conservatism at work. Nothing here to scare the horses. Appetizers and amuse-bouches are more engaging than entrées, while desserts are in the "needs more work" stage. Serving pace, especially on busy evenings, is slow. But the town's movers and shakers are back at their old favorite haunt. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Hob Nob Hill** 2271 First Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or pot roast Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — *E.B.*

**Ikea Restaurant** 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes,

so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful home interiors chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**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



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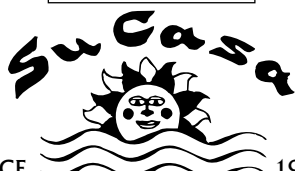
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**Krakatoa** 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, 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.

**The Linkery** 3794 30th Street, North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations featuring humanely raised, premium meats, including a daily changing array of house-made sausages. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and a house-made charcuterie plate and some fine entrées, often with Mexican-flavor influences. The organic, grass-pastured steak is small in size and huge in flavor, but the focus is on the sausages. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Some of the best include the juicy "super bison Mexi-dog," the linguisa, and the Polynesian pork. Poultry sausages are chancy, tasting sawdusty when overcooked. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus local and international craft beers and soft drinks (e.g., Mexican Coca-Cola) made with cane sugar instead of high-fructose corn syrup. Dinner daily until 11:30 p.m. Moderate. — N.W.

**Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India** 729 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — N.W.

**Nobu** 207 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-814-4124. You're eating the creations of a top N.Y. celebrity chef, Nobu Matsuhita. And you can get the very same dishes, in a similar atmosphere, on your next business trip to Abu Dhabi or Dubai — Nobu has become a vast global chain with branches on every continent but Antarctica (so far). The cuisine: imaginative Japanese-based fusion from a menu as vast as the Nobu empire, with 100-odd dishes ranging from inexpensive miso soup and classic sushi to moderate-priced Nihon-Peruvian BBQ skewers and grazes to caviar-topped tartares and Wagyu beef (this

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# Calendar

## RESTAURANTS

last at “market 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 chain-y 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 and behave like they’re eating at a chain in the ’burbs. Reservations necessary for dining room (call a few days ahead for prime time) and not accepted for sushi bar. Valet parking at hotel entrance on Embarcadero side of restaurant, minimum \$15 after validation. Wines, beers, sake, full bar. Outdoor seating planned for 2009. — *N.W.*

**The Pearl** 1410 Rosecrans, Point Loma, 619-226-6100. This motel hints at a little corner of South Miami Beach, and it’s all about fun: You can eat and drink in a tiny indoor dining room furnished wholly with high bar tables and stools (neither wheelchair accessible nor acrophobic acceptable) or out on the heated area surrounding the swimming pool where movies screen for free on Wednesday evenings. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with simple preparations of local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, “deconstructed” shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. International wine list at wide price range, some bargains, plenty by the glass. Full bar. No reservations except for large parties (six and up) and special occasions. — *N.W.*

**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 al-

ways 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 “Saddlebrush” (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

## What the Chef Eats

### BRAISED CHICKEN WITH GREEN OLIVES AND ROASTED PEPPERS

BY VICTOR JIMENEZ

*Executive Chef, Cowboy Star*

The idea for Cowboy Star came from my partner Jon. When he told me this idea, I was taken aback at first. Then he started to describe it. It’s based on the Hollywood icons — the cowboy stars. There are no cows or haybales. Jon wanted to create a place where the big cowboy movie stars would hang out.

I based the menu on Gene Autry and John Wayne — I always imagined them after the movie set, hunting and looking for wild game or eating big chops. I imagined what they would be eating

and what they would be doing with their free time. I didn’t know — for all I knew they were vegetarians — but I created a menu on what spoke to me from the screen. I was back East and noticed that each neighborhood had a deli and a meat market, so now we have an old-style butcher shop in the restaurant too. We have certified humane and Prime beef, and all of our poultry comes from certified farms. It’s free-range or organic. We get fresh meat in the morning and can butcher it and talk about what’s coming in

the evening for the menu.

Because I am around so much meat, I eat different things at home. We do a lot of seafood. My significant other and I like to play with different ideas — we do a French picnic or cook with my girls (aged 6 and 7). We make pizza with the girls with Trader Joe’s dough. I take them to Henry’s and Trader Joe’s and talk to them about pre-pack and organic. We do Italian dinner or we go have a Mexican night with taco salad. We rotate with different things to introduce them to a new lettuce or a



new vegetable. When we have friends or family over, what we have depends on who is coming. We have seafood or sometimes braised chicken, which is great for winter nights.

### INGREDIENTS

Serves 4

2 red bell peppers, 2 yellow bell peppers

1/4 cup olive oil, divided

4 chicken drumsticks, 4 chicken thighs

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.*

**Shakespeare Pub** 3701 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard’s brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain spoken. Shepherd’s pie, bangers and mash, ploughman’s plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branstion pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington’s Pub Ale. Sunday’s roast beef dinner is worth dragging

yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Breakfast weekends, lunch weekdays, and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Sixth Avenue Bistro** 1165 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po’ boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a *muffuletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery’s big, round Italian bread. The jambalaya is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Tropical Star** 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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What the Chef Eats

salt and pepper  
1 small sweet onion halved and thinly sliced  
1 celery rib cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
2 small carrots cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
2 garlic cloves halved  
1 cup of dry white wine  
1 1/2 cups of low-sodium chicken stock  
1/4 pound of large Italian olives  
1 tablespoon of chopped Italian parsley  
1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves

HOW TO DO IT  
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Rub the peppers with about a tablespoon of olive oil or until coated. Roast on a baking sheet for

about 20 minutes. Let peppers cool and then peel off and discard the skin. Slice peppers into 1/2-inch strips. Bring the oven temperature down to 350 degrees. Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Heat two tablespoons olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. When the skillet is hot, (almost smoking) add the chicken, skin side down. Reduce the heat to medium and brown the chicken on both sides (about 10 minutes). Transfer the chicken to a roasting pan and discard all but two tablespoons of oil from the

skillet. Add 75 percent of the onions and all of the celery, carrots, and garlic to the skillet and cook over medium heat for five minutes, until the onions are tender and translucent. Add the white wine to the vegetable mixture and let cook for a minute. Transfer the vegetable mixture in the skillet to the roasting pan with the chicken. Add the chicken stock, cover the roasting pan with foil, and roast in the oven for 50 to 55 minutes. When the meat is ready, it should easily come off the bone. Use one tablespoon of olive oil and cook the

remaining onion until translucent. Add the peppers and olives and season with salt and pepper. Transfer the chicken from the roasting pan to a serving platter. Add the onion-and-pepper mixture to the sauce and vegetables in the roasting pan. Mix well and add parsley and thyme leaves. Using a large spoon, ladle the vegetables and sauce over the chicken and enjoy with some baguette and a good glass of pinot noir. Bon appetit!

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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.

Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-755-3183. This must be the last farmhouse standing in Sorrento Valley's glassy, glossy business park. Corner House Café shares the nearly century-old, yellow, two-story clapboard house with Lily's Closet Café and Caliente Mexican Food. You eat outside in patios and gardens among flowers, fountains, farm carts. It feels like the country. Sandwiches reign. Try the Ironman sandwich (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Also terrific are the full meals. No fancy tableware, but dishes like chicken tequila fettuccini with its green pasta and sinful golden creamy sauce are sophisticated, delicious, and interesting. Open daily till 5 p.m. (3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

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, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-942-5642. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player

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, hand-

crafted, 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

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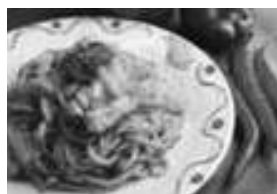
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sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grines.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Milton’s Deli** 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a nonkosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that’s your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, *so goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Nozomi** 3050 Pio Pico Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Put together a young entrepreneur with a real talent

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**The Original 101 Diner** 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It’s got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101’s vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café’s (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open

for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**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 marination 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 moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-

4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660; 890 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. — *E.B.*

## 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 been busy, mostly filled with locals. People come because the waitresses know them and know what they like, but also because the plates are usually overloaded. All the omelets are four-egggers, with generous sides like biscuits and gravy. Portuguese sausage scramble is a bulky way to start the day. Evening meals include fish served European-style with the head still on. Other comfort foods include liver and onions, meat loaf, and pork chops with stuffing. Open 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**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 slip-

ping 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 counter-restaurant with the tiniest kitchen in El Cajon serves up decent, straightforward breakfasts, soups, and sandwiches, along with good conversation that can’t be a lot different from stagecoach days. Breakfast scrambles, burritos, and *panini* are filling. They have a little living room area packed with books and a cool deck out back. Coffee and a toasted bagel with tomato and avocado are delicious. But be good — Maria, the owner, is an ex-cop. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**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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## King’s Fish House, Mission Valley

It’s difficult, if not impossible, to find anything approximating the variety of incredible fresh seafood available at King’s Fish House. Take for instance the live tank housing Maine lobsters, Dungeness Crabs, and, while in season, local spiny lobsters, all blissfully ignorant of the steamy fate awaiting them. Add to that up to 12 species of fresh fish prepared simply, to bring out the best flavors of each. What’s more, one can belly up to the oyster bar for six different types of fresh oysters as well as clams on the half shell and fresh ceviche. However, don’t be afraid to bring along the landlubbers in the crowd; King’s can turn out a great steak as well. Housemade soups and sauces complement the rest of the menu. Dine in casual style in the main dining room or stretch out in the lounge and enjoy quick, attentive service. My only disappointment was in the highly Americanized sushi bar, which, while tasty, lacked in presentation. Overall quality and portions are in line with pricing.

By **g\_martinez** 10:25 p.m., Dec. 28

## Broken Yolk Café, EastLake

I can’t tell how disappointed I am with this place. When it first opened up I couldn’t wait to go there. Finally we had a cool breakfast place to go in the Eastlake area. Although the food is usually good, the service is absolutely horrible. I don’t know if it is because they don’t care, because there aren’t enough employees, or just poor management, but this place needs a serious upgrade. You will spend a long time between being seated and having your order taken and then an even longer time in between taking your order and getting your food. Order any refills way ahead of time because the servers don’t bother to check on you. And when you are ready to go be prepared to flag down your server to get the check. Add that to the fact that the servers don’t bother to say Hello or smile and that makes for a miserable dining experience. I really hope they improve or else I expect their client base to disappear.

By **spooks69** 7:50 p.m., Dec. 31

## Rama, downtown

I didn’t know I loved Curry until I had it at Rama. I have been to Rama once for a large party and another time for a romantic dinner with my boyfriend. The atmosphere is very classy, modern, and stylish and at the same time comfortable and private. Each table feels like a little private area. The menu is large enough to please everyone and has many meats and dishes to choose from. In the large party, we were able to order many dishes and share with family-style orders. Everyone loved everything that we had ordered. The restaurant even allowed us to bring in our own wine for a reasonable corkage fee. I would highly recommend Rama for a fun group or romantic date.

By **kris10x99** 5:38 p.m., Jan. 3

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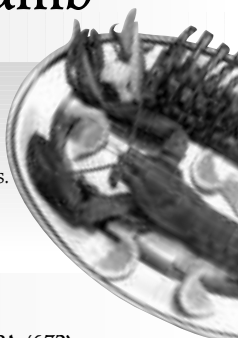
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# The Comeback Clint

*We know him too well, embrace him too warmly.*

This is the interval when the Year That Was in the centers of civilization drags on into the Year That Is in the boondocks. The interval of overlap.

Clint Eastwood, for the occasion, has repeated his pattern of a couple of years ago when he laid claim to two films in the final quarter, hurrying up the release of *Letters from Iwo Jima* to get in under the Oscar deadline once the reception for *Flags of Our Fathers* had been gauged cooler than anticipated. I was one of the few who preferred (slightly) the earlier arrival, but sure enough the Oscar nominators smiled upon the later and snubbed the other. Seeing as how those two were opposite sides of the same coin, an American side and a Japanese side to the same WWII battle, partly shot in the same locales, it didn't seem so extraordinary that Eastwood was suddenly cranking out movies at the rate of

William Wellman circa 1933. They went together.

This last quarter's tandem, however, are completely separate coins of distinctly different denominations. *Changeling*, a thin dime, was the late

October arrival, on schedule with *Flags of Our Fathers*, and although the name of Angelina Jolie is getting bandied about for the customarily sparse competition over Best Actress (I personally can count no more than 148 performances by leading actresses who were better than Angelina Jolie in 2008), it's apparent that *Changeling* was not going to be much of a player in the Oscar tournament. So here came Eastwood again in December with a hefty half-dollar, *Gran Torino*, not only behind the camera but back on screen for the first time since *Million Dollar Baby* four winters ago, and hinting, or threatening, that this could be his last time ever on screen, last time eligible, that is, for

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Gran Torino

an acting Oscar. (Just in case the Academy members cared to take that into consideration.) As before, we in the boondocks didn't get his deadline-beater till past the deadline.

The role is without doubt a fat one for Eastwood, a softball lobbed right down the middle of the plate and effortlessly belted over the fence: a sort of

Grumpy Old Man version of Dirty Harry, a scowler and a growler (looking and sounding uncannily like a dog in defense of a T-bone), a new widower named Walt Kowalski who has seen his Detroit neighborhood taken over by Hmong immigrants ("HUM-mong," in his two-syllable pronunciation), a hard-ass retiree defined by a pair of

prized possessions, the M-1 rifle that commemorates his service in the Korean War ("Dad's still living in the Fifties") and the '72 Gran Torino that commemorates his life's work on the Ford assembly line. It qualifies as an unadulterated pleasure to see this master reactor snarl audibly at the sight of his granddaughter's navel ring during his



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wife's funeral, or to hear him spurn the parish priest who had vowed to the wife on her deathbed that he'd coax her husband into the confessional ("You're a twenty-seven-year-old virgin who likes to hold the hand of old ladies and promises them eternity"), or to watch him come to the aid of a damsel in distress against a group of black street toughs ("You ever notice how once in a while you come across someone you shouldn't have fucked with? That's me"). But the blatant racism in his relations with his Asian neighbors, whereby he runs through every applicable epithet in a thesaurus of slang (past "fishhead" and "gook" all the way to "zipperhead"), is more problematic. An adulterated pleasure.

We know that Eastwood has practiced this sort of revulsionary routine before (vis-à-vis Indians in *The Outlaw Josey Wales* and *The Eiger Sanction*, women in *The Enforcer* and *Million Dollar Baby*, and so on); we know that in *Letters from Iwo Jima* he looked at the Second World War through Japanese eyes; we know he made *Bird* on Charlie Parker and is presently at work on a film on Nelson Mandela; we know he's not a racist; we know he means it in fun; we know Clint Eastwood is not Walt Kowalski. And that's precisely what makes it problematic. We know him too well, embrace him too warmly, trust him too far, indulge him too much. We're prone to feel too comfy-cozy with him. Eastwood's presence in the role automatically takes the edge off the racism ("We used to stack fucks like you five feet high in Korea, use 'em for sandbags") in a way that just wouldn't happen if the role were occupied by, say, Gene Hackman, Rip Torn. And taking the edge off the racism is not altogether a good idea, regardless how many laughs you get out of it.

What ultimately redeems him and his film is not the conventional, formulaic, soft-hearted and simple-minded warming of relations with the two weakly acted Hmong teenagers next door, and not the tighter focus of his wrath on the Asian street gang that's terrorizing the neighborhood, and not the dawning of self-knowledge ("I may not be the most pleasant person to be around") nor the single tear he sheds (Oscar voters, take note) over his war guilt or his walls of self-isolation or whatever, and not even the expediently plotted climactic act of karmic restitution (which in honesty had slim chance to work out as planned). No, none of that. What redeems him and his film, lending it, for all its entertainment value, a sense of gravity and personal conviction, is simply its place in line in his ongoing penance for the

offhand violence, the incalculable casualties, of his earlier career: its place behind *Unforgiven*, *A Perfect World*, *Mystic River*, etc. Once was not enough. It was not just lip service, like an obligatory number of Hail Mary's after a long-postponed trip to confessional. It was, so it would appear, a genuine conversion, a revelation. *Gran Torino* stands as further proof of it, and further refinement of it. The film, almost needless to add, is shot in that stately style of Eastwood's which can seem so detached when the material is not so good, namely *Changeling*, and which can seem so assured when the material is better. More needful to add, he brings it in at well under his accustomed two and a quarter hours, temperately under two.

*The Wrestler*, another latecomer, is more of an actor's movie and less of a director's movie than the signature of Darren Aronofsky (*Pi*, *Requiem for a Dream*, *The Fountain*) might lead you to expect. It was a stroke of fortune if

not of genius for the filmmaker to cast Mickey Rourke in the title role of Randy "The Ram" Robinson (né Robin Ramzinski), a Dodge Ram-driving, self-described "old broken-down piece of meat," two decades past his prime, yet persisting in plying his trade at sparsely populated venues outside the glare of TV lights, dreaming of one last big payday at a twentieth-anniversary rematch with a Southern California car salesman formerly known as The Ayatollah. Rourke, monstrously bulked up since his stint of moonlighting as a professional prizefighter, has one of the most ravaged faces in the entire gallery of once beautiful leading men, somewhere between Jan-Michael Vincent and Francisco Rabal, and his noisy, labored breathing is excruciating. Where Eastwood in *Gran Torino* growls occasionally, Rourke wheezes continuously.

There's an inherent sentimentality in the basic situation, and it's not at all toughened through the by-the-numbers plotting around an attempted

détente with his neglected lesbian daughter (Evan Rachel Wood), a clumsy courtship with an over-the-hill stripper (Marisa Tomei, carrying on in the before-it's-too-late exhibitionistic mode of *Before the Devil Knows You're Dead*, plus nipple rings and tattoos), a post-match heart attack, a bypass operation, an obvious and inevitable self-martyrdom. Aronofsky's handheld camera follows Rourke around — often literally behind his back and over his shoulder, as in a Dardenne brothers art film — in ghoulsh anticipation of a train wreck; follows him into the locker room to map out the matches with his fellow combatants (an amusing glimpse behind the scenes); follows him to the hair salon (for upkeep

of his Eighties heavy-metal mop), to the tanning salon, to his drug dealer, to his degrading day job in the stock room of a grocery store. Best scene: reluctantly working behind the deli counter in direct contact with the customers, but really warming up to it. (Bad scene: flipping out behind the deli counter, specifically at the meat slicer.) The wrestling matches, natural dramatic climaxes, are crucibles for the actor and the character alike. Not to forget the spectator.

*Waltz with Bashir* looks to be this year's, or rather last year's, *Persepolis*, an anomalous animated feature, autobiographical in nature, which officially belongs to the foregoing year but which locally belongs to the following year.

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It's premature to say that we will not get a finer animated film for the rest of this year, but not premature to say we didn't get a finer one, *Persepolis* excepted, all of last year. The premise has Israeli documentarist Ari Folman delving into his repressed memories of the Lebanon War twenty years earlier, in particular his role as a foot soldier in a massacre at a Palestinian refugee camp. Drawn in a "realistic" comic-strip style, Judge Parker as opposed to Dick Tracy, and set in motion in what we could call a viscid as opposed to a fluid style, the animation makes a useful investigative tool for a probe of memory, dream, imagination, well suited to conveying a sense of unreality, a sense of remoteness, well suited, in other words, to fictionalizing the facts, cerebrally processing the data. It

also helps smooth over the familiar talking-heads pitfall, generating illustration where none exists. And it offers an easy solution to depicting the twenty-year age differences between then and now. The last-minute switch to live-action archive footage is hair-raising.

And here's the briefest reminder, for those who can stay up that late, that Walter Hill's *The Warriors* will kick off a new midnight series at the Ken Cinema this Saturday, or technically Sunday.

Hardly had the ink dried on my write-off of Scott Marks than he moved back to town from L.A. after two months' absence. One door closes and another door opens, sometimes the same door. ■

# MOVIE LISTINGS

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*movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at [SDReader.com](http://SDReader.com).*

**Anita O'Day: The Life of a Jazz Singer** — Career-spanning clips of the big-band, bebop, and blues vocalist — “The Jezebel of Jazz” for her well-publicized drug habit — in performance and in interviews (David Frost, Dick Cavett, Tom Snyder, Harry Reasoner, Bryant Gumbel, Terry Gross), right up to her death in 2006. The visual and audio quality is uneven, but the singing — man, does it swing, and man, does it speak. Sometimes other commentators are allowed annoyingly to talk over the performances. Directed by Robbie Cavolina and Ian McCrudden. 2008.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 1/8)

**Australia**— Nearly three million square miles of tripe. A Ferber-esque epic of a “delicious English rose” who takes over her late husband’s cattle ranch in rugged northern Australia on the eve of World War II, a *Cimarron* Down Under, with a sprinkle of Aboriginal magic, and a thick coat of high-gloss lacquer. Baz Luhrmann, never mistaken as a man of taste, starts out treating it almost as a spoof, and ends up, after a series of grandiose climaxes, treating it as a solemnization, selecting Elgar’s “Nimrod” variation as accompaniment to the little half-caste narrator’s departure on walkabout. This, and much else, might very well wrest a smile from your lips. Or a sneer. With Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, David Wenham, Bryan Brown, Jack Thompson, and Brandon Walters. 2008.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Bedtime Stories** — Uncle Skeeter's yarn-spinning collaborations with button-cutie niece and nephew — tales of the Dark Ages, the Old West, Ancient Greece, Outer Space — are translated magically into reality the following day. Adam Sandler, rarely funny anyway, shoots for the more attainable goal of schmaltzy. With Keri Russell, Russell Brand, Guy Pearce, Richard Griffiths, Teresa Palmer, Lucy Lawless, Courteney Cox, and Rob Schneider; directed by Adam Shankman. 2008.

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**Bolt** — TV series superdog escapes from the backlot under the impression his powers are real. (Shades of *The Truman Show*.) Even the vast possibilities of computer animation can't convince us of this particular possibility. Once the canine hero, about two-thirds of the way through, awakens to his limitations and discovers his inner dogginess, the film warms up. With the voices of John Travolta, Miley Cyrus, Susie Essman, and Mark Walton; directed by Bryan Howard and Chris Williams. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Boy in the Striped Pajamas —** Contrived concentration-camp fable, from the novel by John Boyne, about the budding friendship, through barbed wire, between 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.  
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 1/9; LA JOLLA VIL-  
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**Bride Wars** — Comedy starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway as best friends turned bitter rivals, directed by Gary Winick.  
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**Ciao** — Gay love story with Adam Neal Smith and Alessandro Calza, directed by Yen Tan.  
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**The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** — The central conceit, and little else, has been retained from an F. Scott Fitzgerald short story of the same name: a protagonist who ages in reverse. (The story of course was written and titled before the soundalike name of Benjamin Britten came to fame, and as long as they were changing everything else....) With a script by Eric Roth, and with an historical scope and a “special” hero that often recall his script for *Forrest Gump*, the movie is at some pains to shore up the plausibility of the tale — a painful undertaking for sure — and to expunge the humor of it. On screen, nothing is more absurd about it than its length, two and three-quarters hours, plenty long enough to read the Fitzgerald story five or six times over. And its wistful theme of transience frankly gains very little from the reverse-aging phenomenon, nowhere near as much as you’d want to gain from so mindbending a device. The theme, moreover, gains nothing at all from the movie’s feeling of interminability. Director David Fincher, determined to show his softer side, softer than *Zodiac* and *Panic Room* and *Fight Club* and so on, manages first and foremost to show his technical side. The movie is replete with proficiencies of production (the periods are lavishly detailed, the brief tugboat battle with an enemy sub in WWII is dazzling, the duplex love nest is a splendid locale, etc.), and it serves as a virtual showcase for the art of makeup and/or art of digital touch-up, digital airbrush, digital prestidigitation, whatever went into the various aging effects on Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett. The seamless surgery by which the leading man’s head has been grafted onto bodies of different sizes is used, in this instance, responsibly. But it raises unsettling possibilities for the evolutionary next leap in screen body doubles. What’s to prevent another filmmaker from putting Brad Pitt’s head, in service of vanity, on Michael Phelps’s body? Cate Blanchett’s on Giselle Bündchen’s? With Taraji P. Henson, Jason Flemyng, Jared Harris, Tilda Swinton, Julia Ormond. 2008.

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**The Day the Earth Stood Still** — The 1951 s-f classic refashioned into a tolerable time-passer on a fast track to oblivion. The urgent mobilization of an *ad hoc* team of scientists and the descent of a UFO on Central Park get the movie off to a gripping start, once past the prolonged opening credits and 1928 prologue. And the dissipation of the robot GORT (a military acronym for Genetically Organized Robotic

Technology) into a deadly locust cloud is quite spectacular. He, or it, still can't hold a candle to his, or its, clunky archetypal namesake in the original. Most of the action, under director Scott Derrickson, is mere going-through-the-motions; and for all the bigger and splashier special effects, and all the dashing around the countryside, the remake somehow feels smaller in scope, narrower in vision. Meddlesome busybody aliens affronted by humans' mistreatment of the planet ("It's not *your* planet") seem a little petty alongside self-defensive aliens worried, post-WWII, about humans spreading their bellicosity throughout the universe. Jennifer Connelly, as a really hot astrobiologist and really warm interracial single stepmom, is convincingly hot and convincingly warm if not convincingly astrobiological. And Keanu Reeves, sad to say, as the expressionless human husk of an emotionless extraterrestrial, has never been better. With Jaden Smith, Kathy Bates, John Cleese. 2008.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)

**Doubt** — From the prize-winning stage play by John Patrick Shanley, an ambiguous drama of possible priestly pedophilia at a Catholic school in the Bronx. The playwright, perhaps best known to moviegoers as the writer of *Moonstruck* and writer-director of *Joe versus the Volcano*, handles the direction of his own work on screen, and the freedoms of the medium enable him to detail operations of the parish to almost anthropological ends: the nuns' rising and dressing in the A.M., the altar boys' preparations for Mass, the crosscutting contrast between the bloody-roast-beef and red-wine dinner table of the jovial priests as against the silent and austere table of the milk-fed nuns, the students' coed dance lesson to "Blame It on the Bossa Nova," and so on. (The time, as the aforesaid musical selection would suggest, is early Sixties, the time of the playwright's own Catholic boyhood in the Bronx, although the sermon on communal despair after the JFK assassination — one of three pithy sermons in the script — could easily have been recycled post-9/11.) The three principal characters are types: the progressive priest who believes in a "friendlier" church that moves with the times, a friendliness that may or may not have gone too far in embracing the school's first black student, a vulnerable target; the hidebound and humorless old nun ("Penmanship is dying, all across this country") whose hawklike vigilance zeroes in on the priest; and the innocent and idealistic novice, young and pretty, who wants to believe the best of everyone. The clash of personalities, strictly limited by the play's title and tactical guideline, illuminates nothing so much as the players. Meryl Streep, overacting awesomely, is not only a holy terror as a nun but as a thespian, booby-trapping every scene with unforeseeable little diversions, inventions, stratagems, embellishments. Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams, no slouches themselves, appear to enjoy their one scene alone together in the courtyard, no one to steal it from them, no one to show them up or slap them down. With Viola Davis and Joseph Foster. 2008.

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**Four Christmases** — A blissfully unmarried couple (Reese Witherspoon, Vince Vaughn) make the rounds, one day over the holidays, to the four households of their respective divorced parents. Any truth in the humor is buried in crudeness. The classy supporting cast (Robert Duvall, Sissy

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● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Frost/Nixon** — Playwright Peter Morgan restages the 1977 “no holds barred” TV interview of Richard Nixon by British talk-show host David Frost, and the drum-beating buildup to it. A prizefight metaphor runs throughout, permitting director Ron Howard to slip comfortably into the underdog mode of his *Cinderella Man*, with Frost, as it were, failing to lay a glove on Nixon going into the final round, then at last pinning him in a corner and pummeling some semblance of a confession out of him. This spectacle may satisfy the undying urge to spit on the corpse of the 37th President, as well as supply a general-purpose stand-in for the still elusive and impenitent 43rd President. (The undying urge to spit, it must be pointed out, tends to contradict the film’s premise that the interview in some way provided “closure.”) As a job of stagecraft, however, or screencraft, it’s a bit stunted, endlessly and explicitly talking out its points, and employing the unpardonable shortcut of pseudodocumentary interviews of various secondary characters, ostensibly at a later date, to further analyze, comment on, and embroider the points made elsewhere. With Michael Sheen, Frank Langella, Kevin Bacon, Sam Rockwell, Oliver Platt, Matthew Macfadyen, and Rebecca Hall. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Gran Torino** — Reviewed this issue. With Clint Eastwood, Bee Vang, Ahney Her, and Christopher Carley; directed by Eastwood. ★★ ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/9)

**Happy-Go-Lucky** — Character portrait of a singular person, a primary-school teacher called Poppy, almost dementedly upbeat, seeing it as her mission in life to spread sunshine and joy wherever she goes. A tipsy giggler, a babbling fount of inanities (“Here we go, gigolo”), a constant commenter (“Never been here before,” she announces to no one in particular on her tour of a bookshop; “Don’t want to go there,” she reacts upon pulling *The Road to Reality* off the shelf), an avocational clown, a tireless self-amuser, she’s the nearest thing to Pee-wee Herman you could ever hope to find in a realistic context. (Is it significant that her bicycle gets stolen right off the bat? Unlike Pee-wee, she sighingly lets it go — “I didn’t even get a chance to say goodbye” — and signs up for driving lessons.) The context, however, demands that she once in a while drop the good cheer in order to handle crises with her ranting, racist, rigid driving instructor (“It’s not easy being you, ay?”), a violent bully at school, and an addled tramp in the street. She’s not a one-note character. She can rise to the occasion, and there is always, even at the best of times, an underpinning of thin ice. Sally Hawkins, who had worked with writer-director Mike Leigh previously in *Vera Drake* and *All or Nothing*, takes total possession of the role, or vice versa, indelibly visualized in a neo- or retro-Flower Child wardrobe, too youthful by a decade, too loud by a hundred decibels, of clashing colors and multiple layers (a last layer, revealed on the chiropractor’s table, of pink bra and orange panties beneath black fishnet hose), and a full range of mirth from lopsided grin, pulling to the right, to open-wide glee. Leigh himself, you might have noticed, especially if you saw either of the samples mentioned above, is not

the jolliest sort of fellow, and it would be easy to imagine him making a movie in which the central character were the volcanic driving instructor — the stalwart Eddie Marsan, who also appeared in *Vera Drake* — and in which the bubbly driving student were only one of several supporting characters, a movie, that is to say, more like his *Naked*, a portrait of a negativist. Any viewer less effervescent than Poppy, in any event, will be inclined to look at her as a kind of scientific specimen, to be observed with curiosity and wonder — along with unscientific amusement and a silent prayer of thanks she's not living next door or coming over for dinner — in a somewhat amorphous and arbitrary succession of scenes, situations, circumstances. At all times the movie boasts beautiful bright color, rather as if Leigh's regular cameraman, Dick Pope, had emptied a bottle of Windex on our window on the world. (Ah, we can see!) And please don't propose that this is meant to be expressive of Poppy's *Weltanschauung*. Clear bright colors ought not to be the exclusive privilege of the Pollyanna. 2008.

★★★★ (LA PALOMA)

**Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** — The light-in-the-loafers cartoon lion, a self-proclaimed “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.

**Marley and Me** — Let's not forget Jenny. Marley is the rambunctious Labrador — “the world’s worst dog” — meant to tide Jenny over till she and Me (real-life newspaper columnist John Grogan) can make some babies. As it turns out, we follow the dog through the arrival of three children and a move from Florida to Pennsylvania. Most of the journey — despite some tensions of career and marriage — is pretty innocuous until the extended tanglejerk as Marley winds down. (Parents, be warned.) Owen

Wilson and Jennifer Aniston are the humans, well matched for suntans, though the former fades badly whenever things get serious. With Eric Dane, Alan Arkin, and, in an unflattering cameo as a dog trainer, Kathleen Turner; directed by David Frankel. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Milk** — Gus Van Sant's celebratory biopic on Harvey Milk, the gay-rights activist and San Francisco City Supervisor martyred by assassination in 1978. However useful as pep rally or memorial service, the film comes up short as drama, relying altogether too much on Position Statements, Slogans, Bromides, primarily through the protagonist's stump speeches and a serialized-in-the-event-of-my-death tape recording that ties the narrative together. (Screenplay by Dustin Lance Black.) What nonetheless humanizes all this plain talk is the transformational performance of Sean Penn, a totally new and different Sean Penn, almost bird-like in his lightness and tightness, very vulnerable in his worries and very touching in his joys, unshy about the kissy-face with James Franco and Diego Luna, bravely not avoiding homosexual stereotype yet nicely avoiding caricature. It immediately takes its place alongside the performances of *Mystic River*, *Dead Man Walking*, *Casualties of War*, maybe one or two others, in the actor's best-of portfolio. With Josh Brolin, Emile Hirsch, Alison Pill, Victor Garber. 2008.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS;  
LA JOLLA VILLAGE; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN  
MARCOS 18)

**Not Easily Broken** — Marital drama with Morris Chestnut and Taraji P. Henson, directed by Bill Duke.  
(HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/9)

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(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 ac-

tion 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.

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### DOWNTOWN

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#### Horton Plaza 14

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**Bolt** (PG) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:05, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 3:20, 5:45) 8:05, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:20; **Bride Wars** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 1:25, 2:45, 3:45, 5:00) 6:05, 7:15, 8:30, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:25, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 6:05, 7:15, 8:30, 9:30; **The Day the Earth Stood Still** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:25, 3:50) 7:00, 9:40; **Frost/Nixon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 6:15, 9:00; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) Fri. (12:50, 3:10, 5:35) 7:45, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; **Not Easily Broken** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:25, 5:50) 8:15, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35; **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **The Spirit** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:05, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Tale of Despereaux** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 3:55); **Twilight** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:05) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:05, 7:05, 9:50; **Yes Man** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:15, 5:40) 7:10, 8:10, 9:35, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:35, 10:35; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

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#### La Jolla 12

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**Milk** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **The Reader** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; **Waltz with Bashir** (R) Fri. 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55

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#### Mission Valley 7

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**Gran Torino** (R) (10:30 1:30 4:30) 7:30 10:30; **Bride Wars** (PG) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Will play at 10 am Thu. 1/15; **Bedtime Stories** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:00 7:30 9:45; **Marley and Me** (10:15 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:00; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13) (12:00 3:30) 7:00 10:30; **Valkyrie** (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:45 7:45 10:45; **Yes Man** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; No 5:30 & 8 pm on Wed. 1/14 & Thu. 1/15; **PBS Kids Goes to the Movies** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

**Ciao** (R) Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; **The Warriors** (R) Sat. 11:55p.m.

### UPTOWN

#### Hillcrest Cinemas

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**Doubt** (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; **Milk** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:55, 7:00, 9:55; **The Reader** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 4:05, 7:10, 10:00; **Revolutionary Road** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:15; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:15, 7:20, 10:10

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### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)

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#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Denmery Road (858-558-2262)

**Bedtime Stories** (PG); **Bolt** (PG); **Bride Wars** (PG); **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13); **The Day the Earth Stood Still** (PG-13); **Doubt** (PG-13); **Four Christmases** (PG-13); **Gran Torino** (R); **Marley and Me** (PG); **Not Easily Broken** (PG-13); **The Reader** (R); **Seven Pounds** (PG-13); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R); **The Spirit** (PG-13); **The Tale of Despereaux** (G); **Twilight** (PG-13); **The Unborn** (PG-13); **Valkyrie** (PG-13); **Yes Man** (PG-13)

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## NORTH INLAND

### CARMEL MOUNTAIN

#### Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)

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ESCONDIDO

**Escondido 16**  
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**Bedtime Stories** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:30) 6:55, 9:40; **Bolt** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:20); **Bride Wars** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:40, 10:05; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 2:40, 4:30) 6:20, 8:15, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 2:40) 4:30, 6:20, 8:15, 9:50; **The Day the Earth Stood Still** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:55, 10:35; **Doubt** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:40) 7:45, 10:20; **Four Christmases** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:45, 9:30; **Gran Torino** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 7:00, 9:55; **Marley and Me** (PG) Fri. (12:35, 1:20, 3:25, 4:10) 6:30, 7:10, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 1:20, 3:25) 4:10, 6:30, 7:10, 9:25; **Not Easily Broken** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:30; **Seven Pounds** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; **The Spirit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15p.m.; **The Tale of Despereaux** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 3:55); **Twilight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:35) 6:35, 9:35; **The Unborn** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:35, 5:20) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:20, 8:00, 10:25; **Valkyrie** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:05, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:05, 10:00; **Yes Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:40) 7:20, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

FALLBROOK

**River Village 6**  
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



**Gran Torino** (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 8:00 10:45; **Bride Wars** (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **Bedtime Stories** (PG) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **Marley and Me** (PG) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:15; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13) (12:00 4:00) 7:30; **Valkyrie** (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:45 10:45; **PBS Kids Goes to the Movies** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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POWAY

**Poway 10**  
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



**Gran Torino** (R) (10:30 1:30 4:30) 7:30 10:30; **Bride Wars** (PG) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Will play at 10 am Wed. 1/14; **The Un-born** (PG-13) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Bedtime Stories** (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **Marley and Me** (PG) (10:30 1:30) 4:15 7:15 10:15; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13) (12:00 3:30) 7:00 10:30; **Valkyrie** (PG-13) (11:00 2:00) 4:45 7:45 10:45; **The Tale of Des-pereaux** (G) (10:00 12:15) 5:00; **Yes Man** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Seven Pounds** (PG-13) (10:15 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; No 1 & 4 pm on Sun. 1/11; **The Day the Earth Stood Still** (PG-13) (2:30) 7:15 10:00; **PBS Kids Goes to the Movies** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road  
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**Gran Torino** (R) (10:15 1:15 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **Bride Wars** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Bedtime Stories** (PG) (10:00 12:30

2:45) 5:15 7:30 10:00; **Marley and Me** (PG) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:15 10:15; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13) (12:00 3:30) 7:00 10:30; **Valkyrie** (PG-13) (11:00 2:00) 4:45 7:45 10:45; **The Tale of Des-pereaux** (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00; **Yes Man** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Spirit** (PG-13) 7:15 9:45; **PBS Kids Goes to the Movies** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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**Flower Hill 4**  
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



**Doubt** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Frost/Nixon** (R) (11:00 2:00) 5:00 8:00 10:45; **Milk** (R) (10:30 1:30 4:30) 7:30 10:30; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00  
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

ENCINITAS

**La Paloma**  
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(760-436-SHOW)  
**Happy-Go-Lucky** (R) Fri. 6:00, 8:35 Sat.-Sun. (3:25) 6:00, 8:35

LA COSTA

**La Costa 6**  
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)  
(760-599-8221)



**Bride Wars** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Yes Man** (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Bedtime Stories** (PG) (10:00 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:00; **Marley and Me** (PG) (10:15 1:15 4:15) 7:15 10:00; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13) (12:00 3:30) 7:00 10:30; **Valkyrie** (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **PBS Kids Goes to the Movies** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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**Afterdark Horrorfest III** (R) (2:00 4:00) 6:00 8:00 10:00; **Gran Torino** (R) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:30; **Bride Wars** (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:45; Will play at 10 am on Wed. 1/14; **The Unborn** (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **The Reader** (R) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00; **Bedtime Stories** (PG) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Marley and Me** (PG) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:15; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13) (12:00 3:30) 7:00 10:30; **Valkyrie** (PG-13) (11:45 2:30) 5:15 8:00 10:45; **The Spirit** (PG-13) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Tale of Des-pereaux** (G) (11:30 2:15) 4:45; **Yes Man** (PG-13) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Seven Pounds** (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:30; **The Day the Earth Stood Still** (PG-13) 7:15 9:45; **PBS Kids Goes to the Movies** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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MOVIES

**Rachel Getting Married** — A sort of Rainbow Coalition wedding weekend: the father of the Jewish bride had remarried a 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 disavement: 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 disruption (“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 Adebimpe, and Debra Winger. 2008.  
★ (GASLAMP 15)

**The Reader** — Stephen Daldry’s tight and trim adaptation of the Bernhard Schlink best-seller on German war guilt and the filial estrangement of the postwar generation. It begins in 1995 in the frigid colorless antiseptic Berlin apartment of Ralph Fiennes, lit by way of Vermeer, but soon it retreats to his adolescence in 1958, his incarnation in a very dissimilar young actor named David Kross, his scarlet fever, his torrid summer affair with an older streetcar attendant

played by Kate Winslet, and his habit of reading to her in bed and bath: *The Odyssey*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Lady with the Little Dog*, *Lady Chatterley’s Lover* (“This is disgusting,” huffs the naked lady beside him). In school, his Lit. teacher broaches the universal theme of secrecy — a nudge to us viewers — and it’s clear that the boy’s secret is his older lover. But what’s hers? Again it’s clear, from the shaded and shifting emotions of the unfailingly fascinating Winslet, that there’s a lot going on inside which we don’t know about. And not because Winslet, as the torrid affair abundantly lays bare, is to any degree inhibited. It would not be giving away too much to reveal that several years later, when our protagonist has enrolled in law school, his advanced seminar attends for educational purposes a war-crimes trial in which his former lover is unmasked as an S.S. officer at Auschwitz. It’s still clear even then, from

all the shading and shifting, that she harbors secrets. The provocation of the protagonist to divulge his own secret and to interpose himself in the proceedings becomes quite urgent and suspenseful, although in both courtroom and classroom the film has now entered a polemical mode that can only be termed uncinematic. All the same, David Hare, the screenwriter, is a fastidious wordsmith; and even if the film drags on a bit once the time line catches up to Ralph Fiennes, drags on seemingly to justify his place on the payroll, it eventually comes to a satisfying end in a highly charged sit-down between him and Lena Olin, a concentration-camp survivor. The clean clear color and the pinpoint focus (Chris Menges and Roger Deakins, co-credited as cinematographers) belie the moral muddiness. 2008.  
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 1/9; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13, FROM 1/9; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 1/9)

**Revolutionary Road** — Sam Mendes’s treatment of the Richard Yates novel set in Fifties suburbia, with Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.  
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/9)

**Seven Pounds** — Will Smith, in his more sensitive, tormented, teary, and Oscar-hungry persona, takes his crinkled brow in tight closeups on a cryptic personal mission (“We have a plan. Do what you promised me”), flashing an IRS identity card to gain access to total strangers so as to judge whether or not they are “good,” “worthy,” “deserving.” (The nursing-home administrator may require a bone-marrow transplant for survival, but in spite of his deep debt to Uncle Sam he has splurged on a Beemer: not good.) The aim and outcome of his mission are, for review purposes, Top Secret, but suffice to say that the film combines the bleeding heart of *The Pursuit of Happyness* — not to mention the director of it, Gabriele Muccino — with the galloping ego of *I Am Legend*. Rosario Dawson, Woody Harrelson, Michael Ealy, Barry Pepper. 2008.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Slumdog Millionaire** — Feverish day-dream, partly amorous, partly avaricious, around an unschooled Bombay teenager who, hoping to reconnect with his childhood 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.  
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE;PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Spirit** — Indestructible masked superhero versus (ho hum) indestructible archvillain, in Central City, U.S.A. Comic-book artist Frank Miller, honorary co-director of the screen treatment of his *Sin City* comic, now flies solo in the treatment of the Will Eisner comic: same drained color, same minor exceptions (reds, yellows, blue eyes), same self-conscious jokiness, same parodistic dialogue (“I’m gonna kill you all kinds of dead”), even less *élan vital*. With Gabriel Macht, Samuel L. Jackson, Eva Mendes, Scarlett Johansson, Sarah Paulson, Dan Lauria, and Paz Vega. 2008.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**The Tale of Despereaux** — Charminglly sincere fairy tale of forgiveness, revolving around a kingdom known for its soup, the dark days that befall it, and its truthful, fearless, chivalrous deliverer, an undersized mouse with oversized ears and ego. A magnificent cast if you could see them, if, that is, they weren’t hidden behind stiff and wooden computer animation: Matthew Broderick, Dustin Hoffman, Sigourney Weaver, Emma Watson, Tracey Ullman, Kevin Kline, Frank Langella, William H. Macy, Stanley Tucci, Ciarán Hinds, Robbie Coltrane, Frances Conroy, Richard Jenkins. Based on a book by Kate DiCamillo; co-directed by Sam Fell and Rob Stevenhagen. 2008.  
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Twilight** — Teen vampire romance from the popular series of girls’ books by Stephenie Meyer, a sort of *Nancy Drew* — *Vampire Lover*. It merits a modicum of credit for attempting to bring some virgin blood to a tired old genre: the nonnuclear vampire family, having settled in the rural Northwest for maximum privacy and cloud cover, strive to fit in and stay straight, fancying themselves “vegetarian” for dining only on animal blood instead of human. Because the narrative point of view is that of an ordinary flesh-and-blood high-school girl, we don’t witness the gory details of their daily diet. (Exsanguination of deer and rabbit, to say nothing of pet dog and cat, could tend to alienate the audience.) What we mainly witness is the cultivated aura of mystery and danger around the eternal seventeen-year-old adopted son of the family. And the business of being a bloodsucker in the 21st Century takes a distant backseat to the business of campus courtship: the classic pattern of Good Girl meets Bad Boy. He flatteringly lusts after her (“You’re like my own personal brand of heroin”), but even more flatteringly he respects her (“I can’t ever lose control with you”): a parent’s least nightmare, and little wonder that the hearts of schoolgirlish readers, and now moviegoers, might go pitty-pat. Given the general level of innocuousness and salubriousness, we don’t expect the frustrated teen sweethearts now or in future installments to explore the engorgement option in Theodore Sturgeon’s novella *Some of Your Blood*, namely menses. (Eeuuww!) But given the fixation on the girl’s “scent” and given the old-fashioned proscription against Going Too Far or indeed Going All the Way, that option insistently comes to mind. Kristen Stewart, a cashew head on a pipe-cleaner body, to all appearances unsullied by vanity, does very well with things like adolescent insecurity, crippling self-consciousness, unvoiced feelings, and the scariness of sex; and on those counts Catherine Hardwicke is a sympathetic director. She is less sympathetic in shooting everyone in the cast, human and vampire alike, with a deathly bluish pallor. Robert Pattinson as the bloodthirsting heartthrob, meanwhile, achieves little more than Cornball Cool and requires a lot of slow-motion and a lot of hair gel to help him with it. 2008.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**The Unborn** — David Goyer’s supernatural thriller with Odette Yustman, Gary Oldman, Meagan Good, and Jane Alexander. (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER;

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The Spirit 2008

I looked forward to this movie because of *Sin City*, both from the mind of Frank Miller. Whereas *Sin City* was edgy, stylish, and loaded with crack performances from its lead actors, *The Spirit* is only stylish, and that is not enough. And its high camp scenes didn’t work for me at all. A quarter of the way through and all I was thinking about was getting more flavoring for the bottom half of my popcorn and why the hell did I pay \$5.75 for it to begin with. A credible maniacal effort from Samuel L. Jackson and a wasted one for Scarlett Johansson. Scratch the surface of Eva Mendez and all you find is...more surface; her career is riding strictly on her looks and time is not on her side. I don’t know if the movie kept true to its comics origins, but as a standalone movie it falters bigtime. Take a pass and wait for *Sin City 2*.  
By **pilote** 7:51 p.m., Dec. 28, 2008

Milk 2008

This may be one of the first times I found Duncan’s review right on the money. Sean Penn did an excellent job playing Harvey Milk but the movie was lacking in something that I can’t quite put my finger on. I think the writers could have done more with it but were afraid that maybe it would have been too over the top for mainstream audiences. It’s a shame because Harvey Milk was a great civil rights activist and he deserves more recognition. If we can have a holiday for Martin Luther King Jr. in recognition of what he did to promote racial equality then why can’t we have one for Harvey Milk? If we can have a holiday here in California to celebrate César Chávez, then certainly we can have one to celebrate Harvey Milk, right? Does that bother anybody else except me? Is our society still that homophobic?  
By **spooks69** 7:44 p.m., Dec. 31, 2008

Flawless 2008

(Variation on a review by Duncan Shepherd)  
Can one picture a blackbird as the negative of a small firebird?  
Can record, run backward, turn "repaid" into "diaper"?  
V.N. Ode to a model  
Flawless. Not so cheeky to call a film that. Especially a Demi Moore film. In this new adventure, she carries that affixed diamond on her shoulder into the role of a female executive at Lon Di (London Diamond Corporation, for long) in the year 1960, held down in her career advancement by the sempiternal obstacles. “Don’t give up. Work harder. You will win,” she writes with urgency on a note-to-self index card as in the sacred page of a book of litanies. She is expressly identified as American to uncover her real sense of isolation, although nothing prevents her from pronouncing reschedule without the “k” sound, the peculiarity of her gradually new accent showing the syntoms of an alienated citizenship, of someone who is being contaminated by the linguistic oddities of a foreign land. Bravely, even proudly, she puts on, and puts up, and puts on a coiffure and wardrobe out of the “pre-Onnassis-pre-Scorpio Yatch” Jacqueline Kennedy album — and because it is London, exclusively in colors suitable for a foggy street. Not to mention all the layers of old age make up in the present-day framing scenes (kudos to Roseann Samuel, makeup department head), when she pulls out a manuscript of her life story under a “Penny Marshall minus the -s” title “Awakening.” (Nota bene: I may aproach “THE Awakening” by Kate Chopin this year. It’s available in audio-book.). Helping to sound alert is the company’s night janitor, the superb Michael Caine (so peculiarly cast as a distant alter ego of John C. Reilly’s “Mr. Cellophane”) who sees all and knows all without being seen or known and who pitches to her a retributive raid on the vault in the basement. Beyond the intent to start a more serious relationship with and old friend (her prerogative), or a trip to the dog track (his pleasure), neither of the co-conspirators has a life, and the suffocating narrowness of their lives is expressed with such command that the oppressive atmosphere of the film (a great artifice, without being opposed by Demi Moore classic and unrestrained beauty) will not be offset by broader awareness of sun and color in some other parts of the planet (Jamaica, perhaps) or ambitious epiphanies of any kind. Michael Radford, the director, goes through the paces of the heist with precision. This detail, for a casual follower of the genre, is by no means a small compensation.  
By **drbogenbroom2000** 2:06 p.m., Jan. 4, 2008

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The Wrestler

LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/9)

**Valkyrie** — Bryan Singer recounts the last and most nearly successful of the fifteen known plots to assassinate Hitler, not counting the fictitious one in Fritz Lang’s *Man Hunt*, from the Geoffrey Household novel, *Rogue Male*. We know beforehand that the plot must fail, despite having Tom Cruise on board as Col. Claus von Stauffenberg. (Were you hoping he’d be playing Hitler?) What went wrong, when, why, and how, can nonetheless drum up sufficient curiosity and suspense. Rooting interest is another matter, held in check not simply by hopelessness but by dimming Star Power. Cruise, who no longer can get by on his smile, starts out speaking English-subtitled German in voice-over, just to establish his Teutonic credentials, and then switches for the duration to his normal American-accented English, standing out from the British-accented English of his co-conspirators, Kenneth Branagh, Terence Stamp, Bill Nighy (wonderfully transformed through slicked-back hair and grandfatherish eyeglasses), Eddie Izzard, and, an unreliable fence-sitter in the conspiracy, Tom Wilkinson, to say nothing of the German-accented English of the really, really bad Nazis, Hitler and Goebbels. But that’s not the only way Cruise seems not to belong. Even with eyepatch and digitalized arm stump, he comes across as something of a lightweight, no matter how hard he glares with his one operative eye: roughly as hard as a puerile comic-book addict who believes he can develop X-ray vision if only he practices. It’s a distraction, as the plan falls apart, to be thinking to ourselves that the bomb ought to have been entrusted to an Englishman. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Vicky Cristina Barcelona** — You can’t claim that Woody Allen’s rapid rate of production doesn’t show. Even the title of this one sounds more like brainstorming for a title than like a final decision: three names

off the chalkboard of keywords. Vicky and Cristina, two separate people, are dissimilar American friends, the first pragmatic and steady, the second capricious and restless, together visiting Barcelona for the summer. (Allen’s British sojourn seems to be over, though he’s not ready to come home.) The young women are picked up in tandem by a brooding Catalan artist with a legendarily tempestuous love life, flown off to Oviedo, seduced in sequence, separated by choice. Then the artist’s ex-wife re-enters the scene after her attempted suicide, setting up a ménage. The film is almost more a sketch than a fully filled-in picture, a skeleton thin on flesh. (If Allen tends to hurry his ideas, it may be because he always has new ones waiting to join the queue. More than he can get to in a lifetime.) The dialogue, much of it in the writer’s laziest declarative vein — *I’m this, you’re that, he or she’s the other* — has not been polished anywhere near his brightest sparkle. And the dryasdust omniscient narrator spares him a heap of exposi-

tory labor: “One evening Mark and Judy took them to the opening of a friend’s art gallery.” The half-baked aspect has its upside. In consequence of the cut corners and rushed development, a lot happens in only ninety minutes, and Allen can lay out on a broad canvas his vision of human discontentment and self-ignorance. He can lay it out as a pattern, not as an isolated instance. The complicating appearance of Penelope Cruz as the ex-wife, shrewdly put off till just past the halfway point, is a potent pick-me-up in a flagging narrative, a powerfully physical, sensual, passionate presence that deliciously shows up the callow blankness of Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall. With Javier Bardem, Patricia Clarkson, Kevin Dunn, Chris Messina. 2008.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Waltz with Bashir** — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Ari Folman, Ron Ben-Yishai, Ronny Dayag, and Dror Harazi; written and directed by Folman.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 1/9)

**The Warriors** — Walter Hill’s unrealistic, or anti-realistic, street-gang movie has an obvious kinship with the hostile-territory branch of action films, including both the *Stagecoach*-type Western and the *Objective Burma*-type war story. It also owes a special debt to the samurai films of Akira Kurosawa for its conception of the feudal clannishness of New York youth gangs and the strict martial-arts hierarchy that sets apart the true “soldiers” and “boppers” from the mere “wimps” and “faggots.” A simple problem in logistics (how to get from here to there), it offers no more character or plot development — but then again, no less drama and color and precociousness — than the annual Golden Gloves tournament. The otherworldly feeling is established immediately by the magical opening shot of Coney Island’s “Wonder Wheel,” a minimalist tracing of neon dots and dashes against a black sky, and is maintained throughout by the continuous fashion parade of peacock-proud gang costumes (magenta vests, New York Yankee pinstripes, Marcel Marceau flour faces, etc.), which, for people-watching purposes, makes this movie as much fun as a punk-rock or glitter-rock concert. With Michael Beck, James Remar, Dorsey Wright, and Deborah Van Valkenburgh. 1979.

★★★★ (KEN, 1/10 MIDNIGHT)

**The Wrestler** — Reviewed this issue. With Mickey Rourke, Marisa Tomei, and Evan Rachel Wood; directed by Darren Aronofsky.

★★ (LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 1/9)

**Yes Man** — Measurement of the loss of elasticity in rubber man Jim Carrey, now showing the effects of age and experience on his creased, rumpled, baggy face. (*The Number 23* can’t be easy to bounce back from. Ever.) He nevertheless strives to recover his antic former self in the role of a gray-souled, nay-saying loan officer who attends a self-empowerment seminar that compels him to answer every question in the affirmative. Hollywood tastemakers take it from there. A business loan for a baker of unrecognizable celebrity-lookalike cakes? Yes! A blow job from the white-haired toothless old lady next door? Yes! For the moviegoer, the response should be obvious. Just say no. With Zooey Deschanel, Bradley Cooper, John Michael Higgins, and Terence

Stamp; directed by Peyton Reed. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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# Perishable

*"I've been standing in this same place for 18 years. I've been standing with you!"*

This column's late. I got bit but good by that bug going around. "Re-view" a year — would that were possible, literally re-see favorite shows and performances of 2008. But they're gone. Live theater is so perishable that even when someone videos a production it's not the same. What once was an electric exchange between the performers and the audience flattens out on the screen as you watch an event from the past, in passive mode.

I'd love to re-view Cygnet Theatre's *Fences*. Even start backwards, when the opening-night crowd roared during the curtain call. August Wilson's drama's about Troy Maxson, an African-American baseball player, and the way the audience hollered you'd think the Padres just won the World Series.

Okay, okay...pretty far-fetched, but that's how it might sound.

I can still hear Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson, who played Troy's wife Rose, shout at her man, "I've been standing in this same place for 18 years. I've been standing with you!" And when he crosses her: "You take...and don't even know nobody's giving." The sense of violation, the unleashed rage — we could have been watching Greek tragedy.

Antonio T.J. Johnson played Troy, one of American theater's most complexly drawn characters, both fenced in and an erector of invisible walls. Unlike some actors, who have turned the role into a shining-star vehicle, Johnson made us take Troy's "crooked with the straights."

Johnson directed a production I'd love to see again — and wish many more theatergoers could have: Common Ground Theatre's *Waiting to be Invited*. In Atlanta, 1964, four African-American women ride a bus to Marsh's Department Store. They will order lunch — and break the discrim-

ination barrier. S.M. Shepard-Massat's comedy-drama follows a simple action, a bus ride, and builds to its historical significance. The quartet is among the first to test the Supreme Court's ruling.

What's at stake begins to dawn on women "who have never been integrated before." Ably directed by Johnson, and backed by Jason Connor's wonderful sound design (you could almost smell the exhaust fumes), the performers practically put the audience on that bus.

I was more impressed by the La Jolla Playhouse's uneven *Memphis* than with its vaunted *Xanadu*. Maybe it was the "heaven on wheels" hype touting the latter, but it left me underwhelmed, while *Memphis* came with little fanfare and had one of the best musical performances I've seen in some time.

Chad Kimball played Huey, a backwoods hipster in the '50s. At first you didn't know if Huey — based on "Daddy-O" Dewey Phillips, a manic Memphis deejay who helped popularize rock 'n' roll — was genuine or just a scammer. It didn't take Kimball long to show that, even though "normal" for Huey is anyone else's over-the-top, he's rock-bottom sincere. And, like TON3X in the Rep's *Princess and the Black-Eyed Pea*, just when you think he'd hit his highest note, Kimball vaulted up an octave and strutted his vocal stuff.

The Arts and Entertainment channel, which rarely offers either, occasionally screens *The Ice-man Tapes*, in which Richard Kulinski, a mob contract killer, talks about his crimes as if describing a bland salad. Actors study every frame of the interview (especially the moment a psychiatrist makes him angry) as a study in evil. In the second scene of Ion Theatre's *Bash*, Rachael Van Wormer verged on Kulinski's volcanic-iceberg state: a Medea in blue jeans.

## YEAR IN REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



*Fences*

Also at Ion: Linda Libby played Franz Xavier Kroetz's Miss Rasch. For 65 minutes she goes about her evening, doing simple, everyday actions — and never speaks a word. What's clear: she has a compulsion for order (Miss Rasch *really* lines up those soup can labels). Then she flicks a pruned toenail onto the immaculate floor, and you realize that something has gone gravely wrong. David Mamet said the key to writing plays is what you leave out. It's also the key to Libby's achievement.

I'd love to re-view Larry Herron's splendid Mobius in UCSD's *The Physicists*, the sanest insane person on the planet. Also, the complete 2008 works of Jo Anne Glover and Amanda Sitton; Bobby Plascencia's gritty street-poet in the Rep's *Water and Power*; Bruce Turk and Celeste Ciulla's repertory roles in the Old Globe's summer festival; Jessica Watkins's Rosencrantz at UCSD; Joshua Edward Johnson's Upper West Side schemer in New Village Art's *This Is Our Youth*.

Most productions fade in memory (some even during a performance), while others grow in time.

Diversionsary's *Yank!* was the latter. The musical's about gays in the military — in World War II. Even amid a crack ensemble cast, Tom Zohar stood out as Stu, who fought a private war within the war courageously. Amy Biedel played a dozen women and sang a dozen different musical styles, all memorable.

I'd seen Ted Tally's *Terra Nova* at the Old Globe years before and thought the small Compass Theatre stage might cramp its polar sweep. Not so. Inukshuk Production Company's inaugural effort took us to the South Pole, where Robert Falcon Scott refused to rely on sled dogs: he lost the race (against Roald Amundsen) and his life in the process. Under Marybeth Bielawski-DeLeo's smart direction, Tom McAndrew headed a strong ensemble as Scott, a man who slowly became "abandoned by hope."

The Old Globe's *Dancing in the Dark* needed rethinking, but I would dearly love to see Adam Heller and Beth Leavel's tribute to Betty Comden and Adolph Green, the famous collaborators, one more time. In an unforgettable sequence, Heller

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and Leavel's characters pitch their new musical to backers — songs, scenes, dialogue, all of it, abridged. The result's a tour de force, done at a coronary-inducing pace.

Designer of the year: Jennifer Brawn Giddings showed an astonishing versatility. She created costumes for, among others, *Yank!* (WWII military), Moxie's *Bleeding Kansas* (Central Plains fare, circa 1856), *The Princess and the Black-Eyed Pea* (gold-flecked African chic), and *Diversionary's Scrooge in Rouge* (19th Century musical hall joins *A Christmas Carol*, the 25 or 30 outfits pure period and instantly funny). And those are just the costumes she designed from October to December.

The year's top scenic designs: Derek McLane's huge set for 33 *Variations* turned the La Jolla Playhouse stage into not just an archive of musical

scores, hanging in rows, but also the mind of Ludwig van Beethoven. Combined with David Lander's excellent lighting, the set revealed the tempestuous creative process of the master.

Lee Savage turned the Casius Carter into a boxing ring for *In This Corner*, exact in every detail. Also at the Old Globe, Alexander Dodge designed the majestic interior of a Victorian mansion, for *The Pleasure of His Company*, its nine-foot-tall windows overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge (in act 1, York Kennedy's lights fashioned an amazing sunset, from soft yellow to deep rose, behind the bridge).

*The Listener* by Liz Duffy Adams takes place in a postapocalyptic future of isolated stragglers and junk heaps. Moxie Theatre lived up to its name by hauling tons of detritus into the Lyceum Space for

designer Amy Chini's audacious set: a mound of hubcaps, wheels, warped metal, rusty slag.

Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company's *Permanent Collection* was about an artistic legacy, and David F. Weiner's set qualified as a work of art: a gallery, with a colorful Cézanne center-stage, flanked by black, see-through screens, behind which stood rooms and entryways (and the catacomb-like suggestion of more behind them). Depending on where Jason Bieber cast his lights, the set would open or narrow like a camera's shutter.

One last: the renovated Balboa Theatre, which hadn't hosted a full-dress musical in umpteen years, became the launching site for a nationally touring production of *Spring Awakening*. The spare, adamant production, and the grand old stage, were a perfect fit. ■

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### American Buffalo

Compass Theatre stages David Mamet's tough drama about three

men in a Chicago junk shop who plot to steal a man's coin collection. Ruff Yeager directed.  
COMPASS THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 11.

### Annie

For five performances only, the San Diego Civic Theatre hosts a 30th anniversary touring production of the popular musical. Martin Charnin directed.  
SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. 858-570-1100. FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY, 2 AND 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY, 1 AND 6:30 P.M.

### As Much As You Can

Diversionary Theatre presents Paul Oakley Stovall's comedy about a gay black man who brings his white lover home. Antonio T.J. Johnson directed.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH JANUARY 25.

### 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-strong voice do all of "Respect" or Keith Jefferson all of "I Heard It Through



Annie

the Grapevine"). One could also wish that the characters weren't so one-note (Bill Doyle's hippie must express the same Owsley-mari-nated 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.

### Worth a try.

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### National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an off-

shoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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## Deputy Probation Officer

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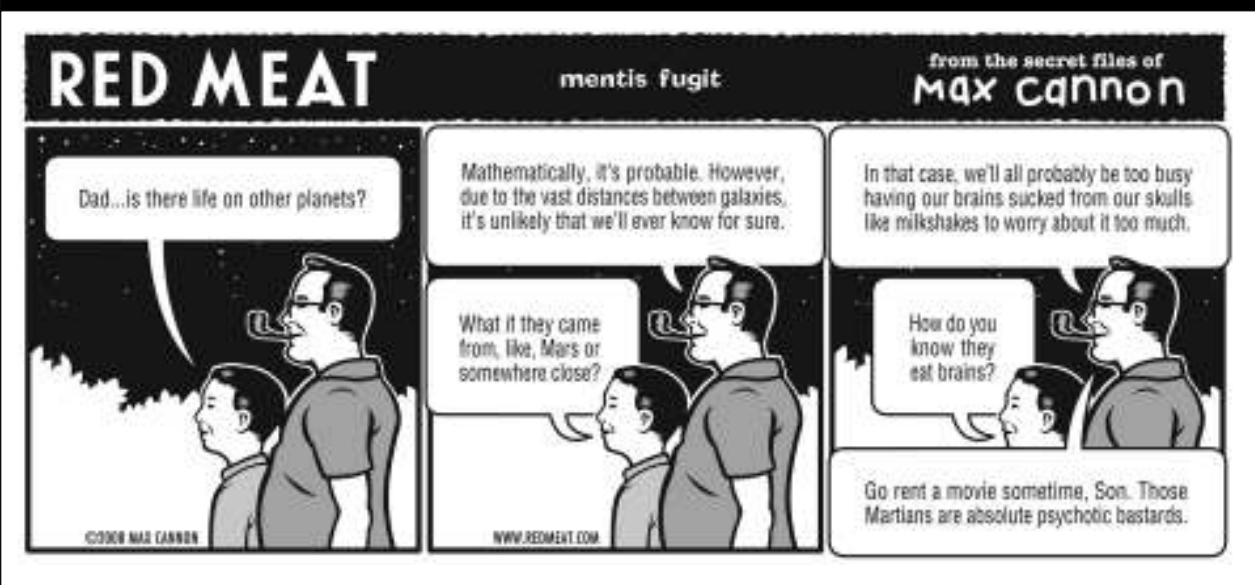


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## THE READER PUZZLE:

### RULES OF THE GAME

1) Each week we're printing a list of EVERYONE who submits the correct answers to the previous week's puzzle. See this week's contenders below.

2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly.

3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m., Monday.

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5) 10 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

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1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.  
2) Late entries will not be considered.  
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

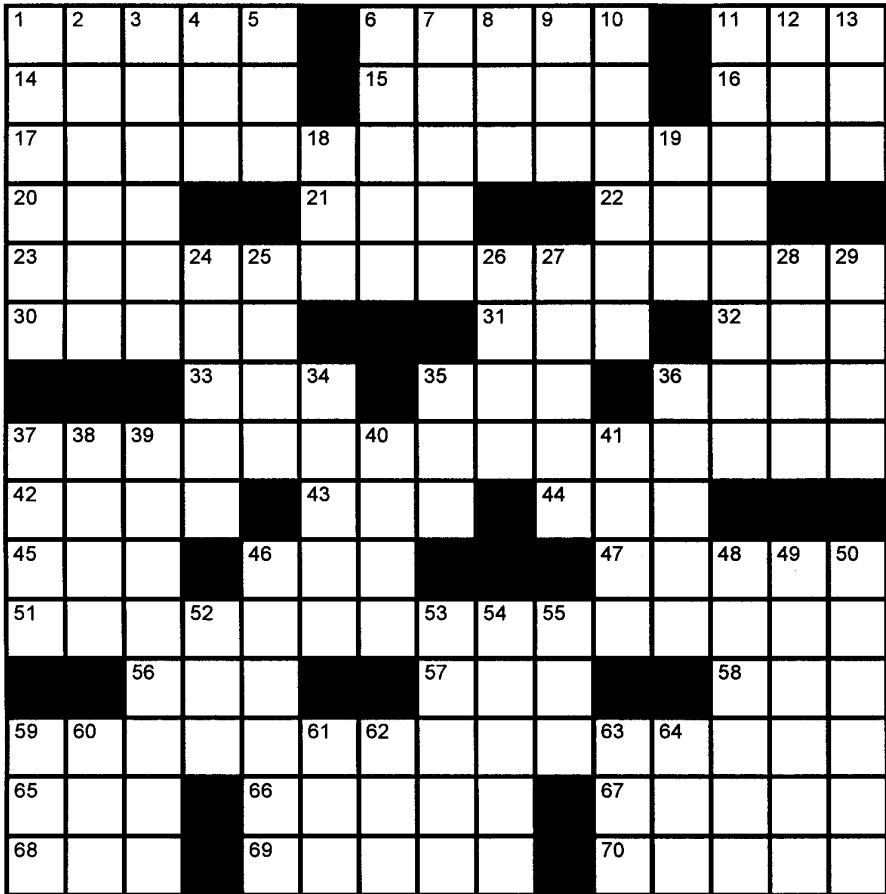
- Dreadlocks wearer
- Catches
- Once around
- Klemperer and Preminger
- Rock's Van \_\_\_\_
- Wrath
- People often get stuck in it twice a day
- "Snakes \_\_\_\_ Plane"
- Nintendo \_\_\_\_
- Sandwich bread
- Western shrub also known as "Blue mound" or "Blue brush"
- Hymn opening
- Peacekeeper missiles
- Where It's at

- 1004, to a Roman
- Fannie \_\_\_\_
- "If you prick \_\_\_\_ we not bleed?": Shak.
- Soda brand reintroduced in 1985
- Latin 101 word
- Item in a bucket
- NNW's opposite
- "That's funny!," in an e-mail
- Sue Grafton's "\_\_\_\_ for Quarry"
- Rwandan resident
- Icon, e.g.
- \_\_\_\_ good deed
- Ample shoe width
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Punny version of a patriotic lyric that aptly describes 17-, 23-, 37- and 51-Across
- Uncooked
- Ben Franklin, on a famous stormy evening
- Sitcom character with the catchphrase "Did I do that?"
- Kyoto currency
- Like a winter wonderland
- En \_\_\_\_

### Down

- Ornate style
- Discordant
- Battleground of August 1944
- TV's Brokaw
- Sun Devils' sch.
- Not our
- \_\_\_\_ to go
- PC key
- A pop

- Sounds from an attack dog
- Inert
- John-John's stepdad
- Chest muscle, for short
- Number of wheels on a rickshaw
- "Just so you know," on a memo
- Rombauer and Thomas
- S&L protector
- Steve Jobs introduced it in 1998
- Skating jumps
- Q7 maker
- Gator's cousin
- Retch
- It shows the way
- Exhaust
- Course after trig
- Sequel to Melville's "Typee"
- "Relax!"
- Suffer defeat
- "The Thin Man" terrier
- Phony physicians
- "Much appreciated"
- Burns a little
- Eaves dropping?
- Toy dog, for short
- Hem again
- Architect Frank
- King in Portugal
- Get sunburned
- "Norma \_\_\_\_"
- Altoids holder
- Oklahoma native
- Book after Deut.
- A Gershwin



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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

**Julie Osburn, North Park, 29.** "It's been a fantastic 2008. Thanks Reader and fellow puzzlers!"  
**D. Faulkner, University Heights, 28.** "Good job JR! Thanks. Now get back on your bike."  
**Pamela Swain, College Area, 28.** "Thank you Google."  
**Lil Wagner, Clairemont, 28.** "Onward to a puzzling 2009!"  
**Ric Witt, Clairemont, 28.** "Close, but no cigar. Way to go, Julie!"  
**George Jackson, Oceanside, 27.**  
**Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 27.** "Quality painting for you home or business. [paintwithdan@yahoo.com](mailto:paintwithdan@yahoo.com)."

**Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 26.** "Great start for the new year - Chargers!"  
**Vince Cuseo, Vista, 26.** "A man's got to know his limitations."  
**Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 26.** "Wow - the game left me speechless - thank God for puzzles!"  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 26.** "Game over. Congrats Julie. Back to square one. Game on."  
**Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 26.** "Good luck, new contenders. Aspiral primo Fortuna Labor! - Virgil!"  
**Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 26.** "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."  
**Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 25.**  
**Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 25.** "We'll do fine in '09, Carol!"

**Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 25.**  
**Jim Odell, Vista, 25.** "El fin, Happy New Year, new beginning!"  
**Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 25.** "One dream."  
**Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 25.** "Without damn vacations, I coulda been a contender!"  
**Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 24.** "Eephus?"  
**Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 24.** "Gone for a week. Back now."  
**Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 24.** "Thanks Reader for a fun year of puzzles!"  
**Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 24.** "Janis, let's make 2009 the best year of our lives!"  
**Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 24.**  
**Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 24.** "Thanks for the T-shirt, but I wanted to top the list."

**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 23.**  
**Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 23.** "Kiera! Bodo! Away, alone, along, at last the..."  
**C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 23.** "Kudos winner!"  
**Barry Newman, Escondido, 23.**  
**Tom Seaman, Alpine, 23.** "Eephus?"  
**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 22.** "Yes we did!"  
**Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 22.**  
**Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 22.** "Ski, mail it or return the stamped envelope."  
**Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 22.** "I take special pride in coming in 31st."  
**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 22.** "Go Chargers! Beat Pittsburgh!"  
**Richard Hutchings, Santee, 22.**

**Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 22.** "No one listens - until you make a mistake."  
☛ **Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 21.** "Pepe, had fun on your birthday. Don't believe you're 7!"  
**Leslie Chase, Campo, 21.** "Trying to get 52 correct in 2009!"  
**Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 21.**  
**Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 21.**  
**Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 21.**  
**Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 21.** "Let us hope 2009 is better than 2008."  
**Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 21.** "The Steelers are going down!"  
**Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 21.**  
**Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 20.** "My year to shine in 2009!"  
**Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 20.** "We've moved!"  
**Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 20.** "Rivers shoulda been the MVP."

**Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 20.** "Thanks for the puzzle fun!"  
**Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 20.** "All the way to the Super Bowl, Chargers! Happy 2009!"  
**Nathan Petty, Santee, 20.**  
**Dave Small, San Carlos, 20.** "Go Chargers. Beat the Steelers."  
**Eddie Spaghetto, Coronado, 20.** "143UNIT15!! Brand new year. Same old wish. Soy sauce! CIUM21C2"  
**Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 20.**  
**Ivan Yanev, Santee, 20.**  
**Doretha Albee, Santee, 19.**  
**Laurence Altobelli III, Carmel Valley, 19.** "Go Titans! Chargers suck!"  
**Bud Anderson, Santee, 19.**  
**Neal Brown, Santee, 19.**  
**Margaret Buckner, Santee, 19.**  
**John Bullock, Santee, 19.**



## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

► indicates T-shirt winner

**A. T. Certik, Bonita, 19.**  
**Maria Coda, Oceanside, 19.**  
*"Here's to the best yet, All!"*  
**William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 19.** *"Off we go then, Wallace."*

**Ward Harrington, Santee, 19.**  
**L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 19.**  
**Gary Kuske, Santee, 19.**  
**Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 19.** *"Dangle too many bangles, you'll get right tangles."*

**Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 19.**  
**Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 19.**  
**Dave Washington, La Jolla, 19.**  
*"Go Chargers!"*  
**Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 18.** *"New year came, old flames remain new, wishes rise."*  
**Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 18.**  
**Dave Capehart, Santee, 18.**  
**Doug Coffin, Santee, 18.**

**Hugh Hagues, Santee, 18.**  
**Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 18.**  
**Larry Hartpence, Santee, 18.**  
**LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 18.**  
**W. Hodgson, Escondido, 18.** *"If guns kill people, spoons made Rosie O'Donnell fat."*  
**Eric Jespersen, Santee, 18.**  
**M. Jordan, Santee, 18.**  
**Troy Knapp, Santee, 18.**  
**Bill Love, Santee, 18.**  
**Eben Maat, Santee, 18.**  
**Kevin Moreau, Santee, 18.**  
**Donnie Nelson, Santee, 18.**  
**Eugene Padua, Santee, 18.**  
**Richard Rose, Santee, 18.**  
**Tom Somich, Clairemont, 18.**  
**Nathan Squire, Santee, 18.**  
**Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 18.** *"Time flies when you're having fun!"*

**Matt Taylor, Santee, 18.**  
**Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 18.**  
**Stacy Tool, Santee, 18.**  
**Woody Weaver, Santee, 18.**  
**Mary Woodbury, Santee, 18.**  
**Roy Bailey, Santee, 17.**  
**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 17.** *"R is for riding reindeer!"*  
**Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 17.** *"Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 18. Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 19"*  
**Carl Bennett, Escondido, 17.**  
**Derek Besand, Santee, 17.**  
**Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 17.** *"New year, new chances to express my love to O."*  
**Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 17.**  
**Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 17.**  
**Dan Collins, Santee, 17.**  
**Jill Dickens, Santee, 17.**  
**Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 17.**  
**Harry Engel, La Jolla, 17.** *"Thanks for your help, Liza. Love you."*  
**Kathleene Evans, Santee, 17.**  
**Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 17.**  
**Marie Grace, College Area, 17.**  
**Mark Hill, Santee, 17.**  
**E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 17.**  
**Steve Jenks, Santee, 17.**  
**Sara Khwaja, Poway, 17.**  
**Donald Millsberg, Santee, 17.**  
**Ken Milne, Santee, 17.**  
**Bill Pischke, Ramona, 17.** *"A jug of wine and thou in two thousand nine."*  
**Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 17.** *"Congratulations Julie! And yes, you are now famous."*  
**J. Schwendinger, Santee, 17.**  
**Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 17.** *"2009 - a new year, a new puzzle to try."*

**Ron Shields, Santee, 17.**  
**Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 17.**  
**Sue Worthen, Santee, 17.**  
**Steven Young, Santee, 17.**  
**Dan Abernathy, Santee, 16.**  
**Don Albee, Santee, 16.**  
**Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 16.** *"Must not use Desinex as tooth-paste."*  
**Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 16.**  
**J. Breckenridge, Santee, 16.**  
**David Castillo, Bay Park, 16.**  
**Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 16.**  
**Mark Franc, Santee, 16.**  
**Tim Glover, Santee, 16.**  
**Ricky Hartpence, Santee, 16.**  
**Jim Hutchings, Santee, 16.**  
**Linda Millsberg, Santee, 16.**  
**Charles Overdorf, Santee, 16.**  
**David Papworth, Santee, 16.**  
**Jeff Smith, Santee, 16.**  
**Mike Adkins, Santee, 15.**  
**Brian Beach, Santee, 15.**  
**Shirley E. Bolden, College Area, 15.** *"Hi Clemie! Happy New Year!"*  
**Bryan Breckenridge, Santee, 15.**  
**Andy Harrison, Santee, 15.**  
**Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 15.** *"Don't drink and drive. Use a 3 wood."*  
**Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 15.**  
**Dennis Lamboy, Santee, 15.**  
**Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 15.**  
**Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 15.** *"Another XLT? Maybe?"*  
**Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 15.** *"Comer angels."*  
**Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 15.**  
**John Stead, Santee, 15.**  
**Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 15.** *"Chargers rock!"*  
**Warren Winters, Santee, 15.**  
**Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 14.** *"Love to Eric."*  
**Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 14.** *"Get it right! Get it on time - Handyjan jansenterprises1@yahoo.com"*  
**Diane Hutchings, Santee, 14.**  
**Angie Longoria, Santee, 14.**  
**Aaron Lundblade, Santee, 14.**  
**Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 14.** *"Late adapter turns over a new rock - the Foveon Chip."*  
**John Prince, Serra Mesa, 14.** *"And we never quarrel over religion - American Indian axiom."*  
**Diane Sengir, Downtown, 14.** *"Wow, kinda hard! Thanks Richard for your help with eephus!"*

**Lee Woodbury, Santee, 14.**  
**Manny Espino, Santee, 13.**  
**Monty Landy, Santee, 13.**  
**Erin Marin, Santee, 13.**  
**Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 13.** *"Heartland Lions We Serve"*  
**Randy Schimpf, Santee, 13.**  
**M. Sherritt, Santee, 13.**  
**Sam Spaeth, El Cajon, 13.**  
**Gayle Squire, Santee, 13.**  
**Loren Broadstone, Santee, 12.**  
**Tim Dene, Santee, 12.**  
**Heather Ellsworth, Santee, 12.**  
**Gina Glover, Santee, 12.**  
**Bob Harper, Lakeside, 12.**  
**Edward J Swain, Downtown, 12.** *"Galliest omnis divisa partes tres."*  
**Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 12.** *"No double bogeys!"*  
**Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 11.**  
**G. Doyle, Santee, 11.**  
**Marilynn Harrington, Santee, 11.**  
**Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 11.** *"Looks like the Dump John Moores bumper stickers worked!"*  
**Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 11.**  
**Tom Stam, Lakeside, 11.** *"Happy New Year. Go Chargers."*  
**Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 11.** *"Read to your children."*  
**Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 11.** *"Got some fax wrong."*  
**David A Weim, Chula Vista, 11.**  
**Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 10.** *"Pac-10 football/perfect 5-0 in 2008-09 postseason."*  
**Gunnar Eklod, Oceanside, 10.**  
**I C Garcia, Golden Hill, 10.** *"What you know you know, what you don't you don't."*  
**Carol Kuske, Santee, 10.**  
**Robert Phillips, Downtown, 10.** *"You're astounded, I am famous."*  
**R. Blue, San Diego, 9.** *"Good show."*  
**Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 9.** *"Nothing at all, nothing at all, stupid sexy Flanders."*  
**Bob Werner, Bay Park, 9.**  
**Kyle Matzke, Vista, 8.** *"Global warming hysteria, socialist ploy to free enterprise capitalist."*  
**Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 8.** *"2 weeks to go."*  
**Steve and Dawn, North Park, 7.** *"1 down. 51 to go!"*  
**Mike and Karen, Talmadge, 7.** *"You will believe a cat can fly. acatnamedturtle.com."*  
**Jackie Austin, Chula Vista, 7.**  
**Terri Beach, Santee, 7.**

## We asked the crossword puzzle entrants who led the pack in 2008 to share some of their personal details with our readers.



**Name: Lil Wagner • 28 weeks**  
Neighborhood: Clairemont  
Age: You've got to be kidding  
Occupation (past): P.R/meeting planner  
Birthplace: New York City  
Education: N.Y., Southwestern J.C./SDSU, BA in journalism

Favorite novel: *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand  
Favorite poem: "Dane-geld" by Rudyard Kipling  
Favorite movie: Tie – *Gone with the Wind/The Lion in Winter*  
Favorite restaurant: Anthony's  
Complaints re the *Reader* puzzle: None, but the USPS delayed the entry that knocked me out of first place alone!



**Name: Ric Witt • 28 weeks**  
Neighborhood: Bay Ho  
Age: 61  
Occupation: Mechanical engineer  
Birthplace: Alexandria, Virginia  
Education: Duke University (BSE)/University of Maryland (MSME)  
Favorite novel: *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

Favorite poem: "Annabel Lee" by Edgar Allan Poe  
Favorite movie: *The Pawnbroker* by Rod Steiger  
Favorite restaurant: La Costa Brava (Pacific Beach)  
Complaints re the *Reader* puzzle: The *Reader* isn't out until Thursday. If I do the puzzle on Friday, I can't trust the post office to deliver it by mail on Saturday (deadline is 7 a.m. Monday; Monday mail is too late). I don't have a fax, but I would scan the completed puzzle and send as a JPG attachment to an email. I asked about this in person twice in your office but was denied. Consequently, I have to drive downtown and put it through your mail slot some time every week-end. Very inconvenient!  
*Editor's note: E-mailed submissions are now accepted.*



**Name: Julie Osburn • 29 weeks**  
Neighborhood: San Carlos  
Age: I'm sorry – was that a question?  
Occupation: SDPD Crime Lab  
Birthplace: Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Education: San Diego  
Favorite novel: Melville's *Bartleby, the Scrivener*

Favorite poem: Poe's "The Raven"  
Favorite movie: *Good Will Hunting*  
Favorite restaurant: World Curry  
Complaints re the *Reader* puzzle: Not online, not difficult enough.

**Name: Pam Swain • 28 weeks**  
Neighborhood: College area  
Age: 67  
Occupation: Retired social worker  
Birthplace: San Diego  
Education: Coronado High; SDSU  
Favorite novel: All J.D. Robb (AKA Nora Roberts) and Sue Grafton  
Favorite movie: All the Indiana Jones and Bond  
Favorite restaurant: So many restaurants, so little time  
Complaints re the *Reader* puzzle: My favorite puzzle.

**Name: David Faulkner • 28 weeks**  
Neighborhood: University Heights  
Age: 65  
Occupation: Semi-retired, marine industry  
Birthplace: Oakland CA  
Education: Oakland public schools, San Diego State  
Favorite novel: *Mysterious Island* by Jules Verne  
Favorite movie: *Lawrence of Arabia*  
Favorite restaurant: El Zorape, University Heights  
Complaints re the *Reader* puzzle: Puzzles should be more difficult. Puzzles should be online.

**Laura Conshafter, Santee, 19.**  
**Mike Downey, Santee, 19.**  
**John L. Drehrner, North Park, 19.** *"Hell is other people."*  
**Ed Edwards, Santee, 19.**  
**Eduardo Emmett, Santee, 19.**

**Rick Marin, Santee, 19.**  
**Kevin McNearney, Santee, 19.**  
**Heber Moore, Santee, 19.**  
**Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 19.** *"Shin nen omedeto gozaimasu."*  
**Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 19.**

**Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 18.**  
**Matt Dene, Santee, 18.**  
**Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 18.**  
**J. DeWitt, Santee, 18.**  
**Emma Friemuth, Santee, 18.**  
**Mike Gross, Santee, 18.**

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**Mike Broadhead, El Cajon, 7.**  
**Glenda Feilen, El Cajon, 7.**  
**Mike Hartpence, El Cajon, 7.**  
**Ron Hootman, Santee, 7.** *"Hoot 101, Memories, like the colors of my mind..."*  
**Henry Romero, San Diego, 7.** *"Susan's here. Yay!"*  
**Vickie Austin, Santee, 6.**  
**G. Barker, Santee, 6.**  
☛ **Jeff Battles, Serra Mesa, 6.** *"Welcome back Gunner! I missed you so much baby!"*  
**Heather Bloomfield, Santee, 6.**  
**Carrie Collins, Santee, 6.**  
**Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 6.** *"Love."*  
**Russell Hill, Lake Forest, 6.**  
**Chis Oliveira, Santee, 6.**

**Will Rogers, Santee, 6.**  
**Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 6.** *"Keep the pos in crepuscular."*  
**Capn Skarz, Encinitas, 6.** *"Whiskey, you're my darling. Drunk and sober."*  
**Wendy Besand, Santee, 5.**  
**Jim Chris, San Diego, 5.** *"Ridicule and criticism is the tribute mediocrity pays to genius."*  
**Dennis Howey, La Verne, 5.**  
☛ **Craig Martin, Serra Mesa, 5.**  
**Kevin Schimpf, Santee, 5.**  
**Linda Adsit, San Diego, 4.**  
**Jeff Fotheringham, Santee, 4.**  
**Greg J. Hurst, Huntington Beach, 4.** *"Chance often favors the prepared mind. Be well, prepared soon."*

**Billy Josen, Santee, 4.**  
**Lillie Nelson, Santee, 4.**  
**John Pertle, Santee, 4.** *"Unbelievers: John 3:18; Believers: Titus 3:5."*  
**Candy Sadleir, Santee, 4.**  
**Sam Spaeth Jr, El Cajon, 4.**  
**Susan Arnold, Santee, 3.**  
**William Edwards, Kensington, 3.**  
**Sharon Jones, El Cajon, 3.** *"Hi Allison! Love Mom."*  
**Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 3.** *"These are easy when my mom's in town."*  
**Pam Mecklenberg, Pacific Beach, 3.** *"Semper Paratus - always ready. Coast Guard motto."*  
**Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 3.** *"Word up!"*  
**Matt Read, La Mesa, 3.** *"Congrats to Eric and Laura."*  
**Clanoy Sloan, Clairemont, 3.** *"Go Chargers!"*

**M. Anderson, Santee, 2.**  
**Linda Badii, Rancho Penasquitos, 2.** *"I love you, King!"*  
**Jay Berkowitz, La Jolla, 2.** *"Jay loves Jorrie."*  
**Ralph Fear, San Diego, 2.** *"#2 please"*  
**Michael Leslie, Santee, 2.**  
**David McElhinney, Santee, 2.** *"First time!"*  
**Monica Palafox, Santee, 2.**  
**Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 2.** *"First comes money, then comes power, then comes puzzle solving."*  
**Beach, 2.** *"Happy New Year Stratford Court."*  
**Dena Torres, San Marcos, 2.** *"Dena is not as bad as she used to be."*  
**Michael Wright, Downtown, 2.**  
**Phillip Castle, Carlsbad, 1.**

**J.D. Bouchard, North Park, 1.** *"95 days and counting..."*  
**Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 1.** *"Dubya, you're already the best thing not in 2009!"*  
**Ken Cohen, San Diego, 1.**  
**Michael Douglas, Chula Vista, 1.** *"Rock n' roll music tradefest!"*  
☛ **Jim Lee, San Diego, 1.** *"Its two ezy."*  
**Tom Miller, National City, 1.** *"Man, do I need a new shirt."*  
☛ **Peter Mouned, Santee, 1.** *"My whims are not mere."*  
**Noah Najbert, Mira Mesa, 1.** *"Happy New Year!"*  
**Suzanne O'Connell, Raleigh, 1.** *"Good way to spend a rainy day with my sistah."*  
**Joe Richter, Mission Hills, 1.** *"Get it right, get it tight."*  
**Jean B. Rolfes, San Diego, 1.** *"God bless America."*

**Paul Shaw, Ocean Beach, 1.** *"What a nice way to end the year."*  
☛ **Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 1.** *"Better once than never."*  
☛ **This Is Dean, Normal Heights, 1.** *"Can't wait to astound my lil' friends."*  
☛ **Jim Vaughan, Carlsbad, 1.** *"Thanks, Reader, for great puzzles! Happy New Year!"*  
☛ **Andrea Zolkover, San Diego, 1.** *"This is going to be my year! I feel it!"*  
☛ **Capt Zzap, San Diego, 1.** *"Rosebud"*

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**Jennifer Roche**  
*Public Relations*  
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The person I hear most is Amber from *Clueless*. She was played by Elisa Donovan. I hear it more now than when that movie was out in the theaters. I just heard it in Starbucks the other day. I was hearing it a lot more when she was in the tabloids because of an eating disorder.




**Amber Kimball**  
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I have heard different people over the years. But if I had to name one celebrity I hear most, it's probably Charlize Theron. I hear it more when I'm not wearing my glasses and I cut my hair short.




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I've heard Joe Piscopo a lot lately. I don't care for that. He's kind of ugly. And he probably does steroids. I've heard William Shatner sometimes. And that guy with the eyebrows. What's his name? Oh... Michael Keaton. I have no idea why the person thought I looked like him.



**Cecil Braxton**  
*Dishwasher*  
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I hear Slash a lot. Not because of the top hat. Probably because of the hair. Someone said I look like the guy from T. Rex. I don't know his name, though [Marc Bolan]. I've been called Jesus on more than one occasion. Oh, and someone earlier mentioned me looking like Bob Dylan.

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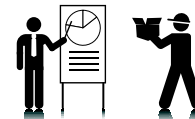
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2. Name the local rapper who recorded the anti-Prop 8 song and video "Created Equal."
3. What color should one wear when ordering the paella *negra* at Cafe Sevilla and why?
4. According to Barnaby Monk, what were the straight jobs of local 1990s band Lucy's Fur Coat?
5. Describe the tattoo on pizza-maker Ivan at Sicilian Thing Pizza in North Park.
6. Does sleeping in bed overnight leave you taller in the morning?
7. Name two groups that musician-producer-educator-innovator Al Kooper signed as a talent scout.
8. Josh Board gets invited to a "pajama jam" and is told he has to wear PJs. He shows up wearing what?
9. How many credit cards did the owner of Canes max out in order to get his club started?
10. What law threatens to close the Point Loma kelp beds to commercial and sportfishing?

### Last week's answers

1. His infant daughter. (p. 66)
2. Whisknadle. (p. 87)
3. Tom. (p. 83)
4. Alaska and New England. (p. 23)
5. Bill Richardson, aka Jose Sinatra. (p. 16)
6. A bigger kid lands on a smaller kid. (p. 20)
7. Pitchfork. (p. 64)
8. *Star Trek*. (p. 22)
9. The Luiseño tribe. (p. 7)
10. The Heritage. (p. 70)

Last week's winners:

Leroy Vega, Brenda Fass-Holmes

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## SurfDIEGO

Name: Chase Edwards

Age: 26

Lives in: North Park

Surfing: Black's

Favorite surfing buddy: Jameson, his son

Girls in the water okay?: "If they can keep up."

Chase was surfing at Playas de Tijuana last summer when he was bitten by a shark.

"I was just floating on my board and I felt a sharpness on my leg," says Chase, a San Diego local who has been trekking down to Mexico for ten years. "I thought I hit some glass, but then I saw how much blood was in the water. I saw a dark shape dart by me and I fell off my board. I felt another bite on my leg and realized it was a shark. I kicked at it and made contact and it came at me again. I thrust my board down at it and then it swam off. I didn't realize how hurt I was until I tried to kick and couldn't move my leg; I ended up floating in."

A few surfers on the beach witnessed the attack and helped Chase. Seventy-five stitches later, he was



told that it was probably a hammerhead shark that had attacked him. He saved the tooth that was left in his leg; the 17-inch-long scar, another reminder, is now covered in a tattoo of coral.

"I have to say that this injury has totally changed

my outlook on surfing. My biggest pet peeve is people who approach the ocean like it's their playground instead of a living organism that will eventually respond to us....

"I've gotten some flak from other parents that see my son and I in the water,

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**Leading Economic Indicators**

— When the Poway Unified School District near San Diego cut teachers’ printing budgets this year, some handout-intensive instructors had to dip into their own pockets to keep their students supplied. Calculus teacher Tom Farber decided in September to sell ad space on page one of his exams, at \$10 for a quiz and up to \$30 on the semester final. As of November, he told the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, only parent-sponsored

inspirational messages have been bought, but he said he would welcome certain retailers’ ads.

— A British surgeon will spend an estimated 250,000 pounds (\$370,000) to equip her luxury home in Gloucestershire with a state-of-the-art, three-room suite for her two great Danes, including cameras so that she can monitor them via the Internet while she is away. Instead of an ordinary dog door, a retina scanner will control entry, and rather than rely on human stewards, the big darlings will be dispensed filtered water and dry food automatically in self-cleaning bowls. A temperature-regulated saline spa is available for relaxing dips before turning in for the night on sheepskin-lined dog beds.

**The Continuing Crisis**

— A group of recently published cookbooks touting imaginative dishes served by world-renowned chefs includes Ferran Adria’s volume on just his everyday fare at the world’s top-rated el Bulli in Spain. Probably too complex for home cooking are the Parmesan ice cream sandwiches, quail eggs with crispy caramel coating, calamari tube ravioli with coconut gel, and especially the

preserved tuna-oil air (to create foam). However, for about \$250, wannabes can purchase Adria’s “Sferificacion MiniKit” with utensils and guidance on more manageable possibilities, such as watermelon soup with tomato spheres.

**People Different From Us**

— Larry and Diana Moyer set out in November from Beaver Dam, Wis., in their oversized RV to spend some warm days in St. Petersburg, Fla. Because they travel with their pets, Jack (Diana’s “service” kangaroo) and Edward (an elderly goat that uses a cart for mobility because of front-leg paralysis), their route south was circuitous because of some states’ restrictions on “exotic” pets. The RV broke down three times. In Florida, Larry had a stroke and was hospitalized for two days. Then, a fusebox short-circuited and the RV burned up, torching their money and ID. Diana was hospitalized for smoke inhalation. With Red Cross help, they found a motel that accepted goats (but not kangaroos, so Jack went overnight to a wildlife facility). At press time, according to a *Tampa Tribune* report, the couple had bought a junk car and were headed home, with Jack curled up in Diana’s lap.

**Science on the Cutting Edge**

— Latest Off-Label Uses of Viagra: Britain’s *Sun* reported in November that Calvin Muteesa, 2, of South London has been forced to take Viagra four times a day since he was 3 months old to stave off a potentially fatal case of pulmonary arterial hypertension. And Bentley, a 7-year-old springer spaniel, has apparently recovered from a potentially fatal lungworm attack on his chronically weak heart via a Viagra regimen at a clinic in Highgate, England.

**Least Competent Criminals**

— Robert Garrett, 33, and Jesse Dyer, 32, were arrested in Lincoln, Neb., in November and charged with burglary and the theft of a 55-inch TV, which they had taken to their car, only to realize that it wouldn’t fit. When a next-door neighbor spotted them, they tried to bribe her for \$100, to hold the set until they could return with a bigger car, but she called the police.

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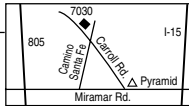
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## Thirty Years Ago

Re: Greg Kahn's piece, "Seventy-eight Reasons Why San Diego Isn't All That Bad" ("Year In Review," December 21), I love San Diego, but howzabout some New Year's resolutions? Here are 79 reasons why it is: 1. Arson in Balboa Park 2. The disco palaces 3. The smog 4. Jet noise over Golden Hill 5. Jet noise over Point Loma 6. Agoraphobia in Fashion Valley 7. El Cajon Boulevard 8. Our own method of noncommunication, made up largely of words such as "whatever."

— LETTERS: "LOAD UP THE MOVING VAN,"  
L. Elise Miller, January 11, 1979

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

The \$44 million bond debt on the 14-year-old Coronado Bridge should be paid in full by late 1986. With the construction bonds retired, the 14 million drivers who annually cross the span should, in theory, be allowed to pocket the seven million dollars in tolls they pay yearly. But don't count on it.

"This bridge is a moneymaking machine that politicians will find hard to let go," says H.B. Thysell, the bridge's manager.

— THE INSIDE STORY, Paul Krueger, January 12, 1984

## Twenty Years Ago

San Diegan J.J. Kimbrough has an 1849 edition of Douglass's narrative, its aged pages foxed here and there, among his collection of literature by and about blacks. Kimbrough has been told by other collectors across the country that his collection is one of the best, perhaps the best private accumulation of black literature in the country.

— "THE KIMBROUGH COLLECTION," Jackie McGrath, January 12, 1989

## Fifteen Years Ago

After Nirvana's tepid, static performance at our dreaded Sports Arena last week, it was hard not to chime in with Cobain and agree that the larger the venue the more puny the performer is revealed to be. It is true

that Nirvana still represents something different, off the beatoft track as rock demigods go, but not enough to make this sparsely attended show any more exciting than had it been pulled off by the average bunch of obscure slobes playing any night of the year in your garage or at the Casbah, Spirit.

— "A TIRESOME RELIANCE ON THE MOST SLOVENLY GIMMICKRY," Stephen Esmedina, January 6, 1994

## Ten Years Ago

By my standard, 1998 was a seminal year for San Diego. In one year, the city's one-time pro-environment, managed growth, fiscally conservative electorate heeded the calls by its leaders — Susan Golding, Malin Burnham, Neil Morgan, Byron Wear — to break the bank, expanding its convention center at the cost of \$300 million, building a new \$450 million downtown baseball-only stadium, and adopting a \$1.5 billion school-bond measure.

Of course, the city's corporate

media lent a hand. TV sportscaster Ted Leitner became a flack for the ballpark, upon which much of his multimillion-dollar livelihood depends. Cox Cable, which has an exclusive, city council-granted franchise to much of the city's cable-TV market, and which has a broadcast deal with the Padres, ran endless promotions for both the convention center and the baseball stadium, without providing opponents time to rebut.

— "UNPREDICTABLE SAN DIEGO," Matt Potter, January 7, 1999

## Five Years Ago

I was asked if I wanted to meet Jimmy Flynt, and I asked, "Is that Larry's brother?" The man introducing us said, "Did you see the movie *The People vs. Larry Flynt*? If you did, you'd know who he was."

I spoke briefly with Jimmy, and the conversation was going well, even when the GM said, "This guy is from the *Reader*. The magazine that won't let us advertise." Jimmy smiled



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and talked a little about how their advertisement would be classy and only promote the bar and grill — without mentioning their men's magazine. Since I don't work in the *Reader* advertising department, I just kept saying, "Sure, that would be great. I'll see what I can do."

— CRASHER: "HUSTLE AND HURRY," Josh Board, January 8, 2004

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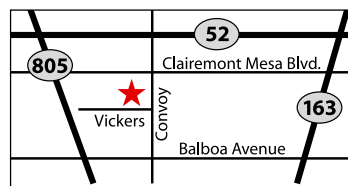
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We are expected to recognize the glory of the Lord just as the Magi did. Please take the next few minutes...to reflect on these readings and prepare for the Eucharist."

As the priests processed forward, the dim church — high-ceilinged but almost windowless — resounded with the music of "We Three Kings": "Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright/ Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect Light." But for those who couldn't hear the resounding, a signer stood at the sanctuary stairs. Four rows of congregants signed along back at him.

The priest's intoned opening prayer kept up the theme. "Father, You have revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your glory in heaven by the light of faith."

The readings seemed more focused on reception than action. "The wealth of nations shall be brought to you," said Isaiah of the New Jerusalem. Paul told the Ephesians, "It has now been

revealed...the Gentiles are co-heirs...and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." But the Gospel — sung with high drama by a visiting priest — was just as the reader said: the story of the Magi, who found Christ with Herod's help but were warned in a dream not to return to Herod afterward.

The reader's emphasis on action certainly fit with the homily, however. The visiting priest belonged to Priests for Life, and he tied his cause in with the Gospel. "What was the warning about? Herod wanted to know where Jesus was so that he could kill the child.... Herod killed the people under age two in Bethlehem. It's recorded in Matthew's Gospel, and there's a little saying in there, quoting from the Old Testament: 'Rachel weeping for her children because they are no more.' Abortion takes more lives than any other form of death in this land...some 50 million in the last 36 years.... Women are affected by this violence — after the abor-

tion. We have piles of letters.... Some are coming forth to Rachel's Vineyard retreats. They're hurt and they want to do something about it."

Happily, he said, "there is no sin so serious that God cannot forgive it.... What do we have? We have a crib here with a baby in it. That's how God came to this earth, as a helpless baby.... We'll never fathom that, but we do know one thing: God did not come to get even. God came to show mercy, and that is the essential message. We need to help these people. We know them."

Father repeated, "The big message is God's mercy. That's the pound of cure. The ounce of prevention is chastity. We need to get back to teaching that — not just me from the pulpit, but all of you. Grandparents as well as parents. It's not just abstinence; if you're watching pornography all day long, you're not going to stay abstinent too long. Chastity hits the mind as well as the body; it's a much more encompassing thing."

He had other practical advice as well: he told congre-



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gants to locate local abortion clinics. "Go down there with some other people and pray — not picket, but pray. Praying is much more powerful than picketing. And on the other side, the crisis pregnancy centers — the ones who are helping these young ladies to avoid killing their children and suf-

fering afterwards — they should be supported by you."

At the end of Mass, the celebrant added a few words of his own: "Epiphany means 'manifestation.' The Magi represented the people outside of the Jewish world — that is, all of humanity. They discovered Christ in Bethlehem. Let us pray that this new King will be part and parcel of our own lives, because there is no discovering the manifestation unless Christ is...an essential part of our daily living." He encouraged families to use the prayers provided in the bulletin to bless their homes for the new year.

What happens when we die?

Father Mario Vesga, from the final blessing: "The wise men followed the star and found Christ, who is light from light. May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended."

— Matthew Lickona

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THANKFULLY, MERCIFULLY, WONDERFULLY, I REJOICE THAT THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER. This year I was called everything from a “lamer” to a “scrooge” because I don’t enjoy the time from Halloween to New Year’s Eve. Well, tighten your chinstrap, kids, because I’m about to blow sparks out of your ears: I love the other ten months. From January to October I’m a delirious, drooling giggler who runs through rainbow fields with the unicorns and waves bouquets of angel-kiss gumdrops at the Pee-pants Happiness Gnomes. So I get a little gloomy for the last 60 days... I don’t like people telling me when to be happy and when to be miserable. For general rebelliousness’s sake, I reverse the accepted order of things and I think it’s to my benefit.

For 10/12ths of your time (or 5/6ths or however that “math” thing spins around, I’m not sure) you drudge your ugly kids in your ugly car to Ugly Practice then a Stupidity Recital and a Dullard Bee. When you get home, it’s nine minutes of digging in various orifices followed by five hours of watching your favorite show, *Hair Growth and Its Removal*, and then it’s off to light-beer-plus-mood-elevator-medication-and-a-mug-of-cough-syrup-sleepy-time. Then, start it all over in the morn. Like a mouth-breathing chromosomal-disordered chimpanzee who’s been given a kitten, you spring alive, starry-eyed, wet and ridiculous, when the end of the year rolls ’round because you get to dress up like elves and give each other spray-painted wicker ducks, and suddenly there’s fudge everywhere. You shut off your TV for half a day, put on your Goats Bleat the Classics records; that’s the holiday spirit!

January 4 comes and you’re slapping a child on his ear and neck in the steak-sandwiches aisle of a Kmart Clearance Center and Elementary School. And you stay in Angryville until mid-October.

Which of us has it backwards?

I don’t want to be told when to put on my ghost costume (a sheet with eyeholes cut into it) or when to put on a red sweater or when delicious candy corn is an acceptable breakfast or when a parasitic tree-killing weed should induce amorous smooching if hung from a doorway. I don’t want to be told when to wear grown-up pants and when high-heels are okay for men.

Now, if you’ll excuse me, my Viking helmet and tricycle await.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

NOTORIOUS B.I.G. BIGGER THAN LIFE  
BET 7:30 P.M.

Dimebag Darrel is the angry white kids’ version of Biggie Smalls, who is the black version of John Lennon. Dale Earnhardt is the Walmart version of Steve McQueen, much as Go-Bots were the poor kids’ version of Transformers. It all comes back to Optimus Prime. It all comes back to Optimus Prime.

PROPERTY VIRGINS

HGTV 8:00 P.M.

If history is any indicator, I’ll buy a house three years after all my friends buy theirs, and I’ll purchase some *really* big (but kinda pretty from the curb) house because I feel a lot of pressure. And I’ll be drunk. And the

house will be drunk. And I’ll have a tiny mustache that has just barely come in. And so will the house.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

HOWIE DO IT

NBC 8:00 P.M.

You have to begrudgingly respect Howie Mandel. He was supposed to fade into obscurity 25 years ago, but he’s dodged anonymity like Neo dodges bullets in *The Matrix*. After this show is canceled, I want to see him fly around in a black suit and sunglasses and make out with a chick who’s kinda hot but gets incrementally hotter when she puts on rubber pants.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN

COMPETITION

ESPN 2:00 P.M.

As part of my New Year’s resolu-

**UTC.** 2 bedroom upstairs condo: next to large park; solar- heated pool; garage; private parking; balcony; washer/dryer; new paint/carpet; water paid: \$1495. 858-546-8214.

**VISTA.** Move- in special! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$895. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, remodeled \$1150. Air conditioning, new carpet/ new paint, large patio, storage. Gated hill-side community. 760-672-6405. www.melroyproperties.com.

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**ALLIED GARDENS.** Remodeled, up-graded 3- bedroom, 3- bath, single-level, view home. Minutes from trolley and SDSU. Owner/agent. Trade? (No agents). \$499,000. 619-275-1874.

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**PENNSYLVANIA.** Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath home. Only \$12,000. Appraises at \$34,000. Must sell now! Scenic, safe, lovely. Large yard and additional artist's studio. mycharminghome@hotmail.com.

**YUMA, ARIZONA.** No money down. 3 units. 2 bedroom, a bath. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 400 square feet shop. \$240,000. Will consider a trade. 619-618-5061.

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**DEL MAR.** Lovely, sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with pool and Jacuzzi. Monthly interest \$1695. \$15,000 down. APR only 5.9%. Call Agent, Elizabeth, at 619-286-5813.

**HILLCREST MODEL UNIT. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condos. Fabulous views! Hardwood floors. Granite counterparts. Washer/dryer. Parking. Pool. Executive suite. Game room. Storage. 3907 Georgia Street, #12. \$339K, reduced! Call agent for details, 619-871-8915.**

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**ADULT BASEBALL TEAM** forming for NABA 38A division. Especially need pitching. Cost around \$225. Call John, 619-991-8785.

**ADULT SOFTBALL 2009**, Spring team registration. Adult teams/players welcome, http://www.softballsd.com. Program overview http://softballsd.com/leagues.html. Registration forms http://www.softballsd.com/tmreg.html. Email johnng@softballsd.com.

**FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUES.** 5 man all-passing. Chula Vista, Mira Mesa, North County, North Park, Poway, San Marcos, and Santee. Beginning January 25. 877-846-3178. www.topgunflagfootball.com.

**GOLF CLUBS,** Ben Hogan set, with Taylor Made stand bag, \$49. 619-461-4805.

**KAYAK.** Tandem packages, \$795-\$1095. Closeout prices on used single kayaks, \$250\$695. We are closed on Tuesdays. San Diego Sailing Center, 858-488-0651. Visit our website, www.kayaksd.com.

**PATIO TABLE,** concrete, seats 6, high grade, your choice of tile installed, all weather, \$300. Credit cards accepted. 760-250-7055.

**SNOWBOARD BLOWOUT SALE.** 25-50% off selected snowboards, boots, clothing and accessories. New snowboards from \$110; new boots from \$35, used boots from \$20; junior jackets from \$38; women's thermals, \$6. Lots more. Trade other sports and fitness equipment toward your purchase and save even more! Play It Again Sports, 858-490-0222. www.playitagainsportssd.com.

**SOFTBALL PLAYERS.** We need a 3rd baseman and a left fielder. 619-295-0385.

**SOFTBALL PLAYERS.** We want a first baseman and a center fielder. 619-295-0385.

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**BEACH CRUISERS, 2.** One is almost new, a Nerve, and one is a Schwinn. Both in excellent condition. 619-234-3695.

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**CARDBOARD SHOTGUN** and rifle shell boxes, pre- 1960, duck and game calls, hunting and fishing badges pre- 1940, and paper licenses pre- 1930. 858-565-1756.

**CARPENTER WANTED** in exchange for furnished room and utility. Please call 619-479-4212.

**CASH FOR JAZZ, SOUL, ROCK,** punk, metal. We buy collections and CDs. Record City, 3757 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest. Call 619-291-5313.

**FREE BOOKS NEEDED,** text/reading. I'll come to you and pickup any college books you have. All reading books, VHS tapes, CDs, records welcomed, 619-804-7014.

**MILITARY ITEMS.** Many old military medals are worth hundreds of dollars. I have \$3000 cash to spend. Other items also wanted, especially USMC. 619-280-8089.

**SEEKING FISHING TACKLE.** Collector wants for personal collection: wooden lures, reels, miscellaneous by Heddon, Plueger, Creek Chub, South Bend, Shakespeare, to name a few. 619-972-3488.

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**WANTED LAPTOPS,** Cash for gold broken or not, music gear, ipods, vintage home receivers. 5423 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-582-4068. 690 Carlsbad Village Drive #209, 760-434-9400.

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tions, I've stopped drinking booze and started lifting weights. Well, boxes of wine don't count as "booze," and by "weights" I really mean "big cheeseburgers." I've also shaved myself all over and only wear body-builder thongs. (Psst...they're not really bodybuilder thongs, they're my girlfriend's underpants and a wig I found on University Avenue. I don't think anyone can tell the difference though. Shhh.)

**FIRST APOCALYPSE HISTORY 10:00 P.M.**

It's here, folks. You can squabble about who knew what when and who saw the first signs of it coming and Federal Reserve rate-drops and the price of oil in Alaska, but when boots hit the pavement, who're you gonna come whining to? Me. Who's got the shotgun and the awesome

sauce?! WHO'S GOT THE SHOT-GUN AND THE AWESOME SAUCE?!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

**DANE COOK: ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES**

**COMEDY 10:00 P.M.**

Dane needs one good friend to sit him down and say, "Dane, dude, you're handsome and charismatic, but you're not funny. In fact, you're so unfunny it's embarrassing. The only thing less funny than you is a pit bull eating a baby, but even then...you know, if the baby squeaked or something it'd be a toss-up."

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12**

**THE O'REILLY FACTOR**

**FOX NEWS 8:00 P.M.**

Is it me or is everyone else waiting for Bill O'Reilly to melt down on

camera. I mean, if it's going to happen, it's going to happen in the next two years. Come on, Bill. We know you've got it in you. Tell us what you think of Obama and the Democratic Congress; take that heaping spoonful of crazypants.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13**

**RICK STEVE'S IRAN**

**PBS 9:00 P.M.**

Well, I have to say, I'm a little impressed, Rick. Until now you've just been a lithe-wristed wine sipper in Venice and Paris. Iran, Rick? You're lettin' your *huevos* show.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**

**LOST**

**ABC 8:00-11:00 P.M.**

Three hours. If you promise to leave and never come back and stop trying to convince me so hard that



*Rick Steve's Iran*

you're really good instead of a medium-sized heap of garbage on top of a large heap of garbage, you can have the three hours. Just go after this, okay? Just go.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**

**THE GRUDGE 2**

**FX 8:00 P.M.**

Maybe it's my fifth-grade sense of humor, but I go straight to toilet jokes when I see this title.

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**MATTRESS.** Luxurious, full size, firm yet plush mattress. Excellent condition. Asking \$200. Claremont. Call Charles, 619-804-7926.

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**TEAK BENCH.** Like new, arch back, asking \$175. 760-815-2140.

**VARIOUS ITEMS.** Brass desk. Piano lamp, \$20. Rattan table, 26x18x29, \$25. Desk, 5'x30", \$30. Blue thick rug, 8x12, \$150. Oak mirror, 21x29, \$60. 619-421-5822.

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**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

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**BARBECUE GRILL.** Professional. \$850. 619-421-5822.

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**HOT WHEEL** Cars, 100 for \$30. 858-278-1587.

**ICE SKATES.** Women's figure, size 6, brown leather. Unused, "ICE" (International Competitive Equipment). \$40. E-mail pictures. Vista, 760-941-0541.

**KNIFE COLLECTION.** Old Kershaws, Schrade IXL's, marbles. 619-260-8482.

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