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## DEADLY MOSQUITOES BREED IN OUR URBAN DROOL

A few days after an autumn picnic near Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, a local grade-schooler comes down with the flu. Fever, chills, headache, and he can't bring himself to get out of bed. His mother worries, but since it's flu season...

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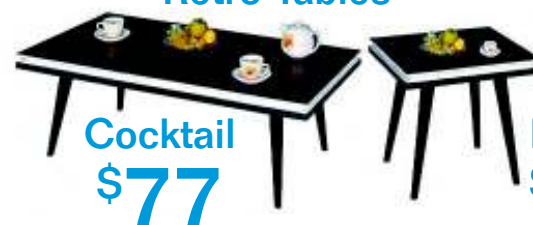


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**Soft suit** The San Diego County Office of Education has sued a Minnesota software firm for failing to produce a working "Student Information System" that it had promised to provide by January 2007. According to a breach of contract complaint filed in federal court here on November 12 of last year, the office entered into a November 2006 agreement with Infinite Campus of Blaine, Minnesota, to furnish software and technical support for a system that would manage student records for a host of school districts. Those included 26 in San Diego County, 12 in Imperial, 2 in Orange, and 22 charter schools, along with the County's own juvenile court and community schools. But the complaint alleges that the system delivered by Infinite had a host of bugs that the

company repeatedly promised to fix but never did and that it lacked features

such as discipline-reporting and grade-reporting modules. Throughout 2007, according to the suit, "The county was lulled into waiting for a workable system to support its needs," until Infinite terminated the agreement in April of last year. "As a result of Infinite Campus' failure to create the system required by the RFP [request for proposal], the county was left without alternative but to resume a prior method to comply with State Reporting Requirements at great expense to the county." The complaint does not specify specific monetary damages but says they likely exceed \$75,000. In a response filed with the court on Tuesday, Infinite denied the board's allegations and counter-claimed that the office of education "prevented Infinite Campus from working with most of its member school districts to fulfill its reporting requirements." The firm also says that nine school districts in the county continue to use its software "without proper payment," resulting in the "unjust enrichment" of the county board and the school districts. The company is seeking \$259,812 in damages. Reached last week, a spokesman for the office of education said he had not heard of the case and would "look into" it, but had not called back by press time.

**Starting money** The inauguration committee of **Barack Obama** picked up more than a few major contributions from San Diegans. Qualcomm billionaire **Irwin Jacobs** gave \$25,000. But his wasn't the biggest donation: **Michelle Lerach**, wife of now-imprisoned plaintiff super-lawyer **Bill Lerach**, a major target of the Bush administration's Justice Department, ponied up \$50,000 to honor the incom-

ing president. Other \$50,000 givers included La Jolla **Kalpana Rhodes**; Del Mar Plaza developer and environmentalist **Ivan Gayler**; lawyer **David Casey**, who is in charge of panels to screen U.S. attorney and judicial nominees for California; **Marcy Krinsk**; and **Shelia Davis**, widow of longtime Democrat and Hotel del Coronado owner **Larry Lawrence**. Solar Turbine executive and export director **Patricia McQuater** gave \$12,500, as did Centre City Development Corporation board-



Barack Obama

member **Janice Brown**. **Robert Irving** of Cricket Communications, a subsidiary of Qualcomm spin-off Leap Wireless, was down for \$10,000, as was **Randall Naiman** of Naiman Law Group. Rancho Santa Fe's **Nicholas Binkley**, of Forrest Binkley & Brown, a private equity investment firm, gave \$25,000, as did Gateway founder **Ted Waitt** and **Patricia Zigarmi**, cofounder of the Ken Blanchard Companies. **Shari Lawson**, the deputy D.A. whose husband, political consultant **Larry Remer**, was targeted for prosecution during the Bush administration, gave \$1500.

**Porkers** The Associated Press broke the story last week that software glitches in Department of Veterans Affairs computers caused incorrect doses of medicine to be administered to patients at V.A. hospitals across the country. In San Diego, the report said, computer screens failed to show doctors' stop orders for drugs such as the blood thinner heparin. The troubles began after an August software upgrade and wasn't fully fixed until last month, according to records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. The V.A. insisted that no patients had been harmed, but critics such as Dr. **Jeffrey Linder** of Harvard Medical School



Takeo Hoshi

said the problem "was very serious, potentially." ... Bad news from a UCSD professor for those hoping the U.S. economy will turn around anytime soon. **Takeo Hoshi**, an international economic relations specialist, told a meeting of the American Economic Association in San Francisco last week that plans to bail out GM and Chrysler were similar to Japan's 1990s government subsidies that sustained inefficient "zombie firms," blocking the emergence of better-run companies.

— Matt Potter

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## Self-Probe? Ha!

By Don Bauder

**T**he Securities and Exchange Commission, the federal agency that is supposed to protect investors from Wall Street

predators, says it is going to investigate how it missed the Bernie Madoff scam. San Diego's Gary Aguirre, speaking from personal experience, knows that's impossible. Any securities agency probe will be a cover-up.

New York's Madoff ran a \$50 billion Ponzi scheme. The securities commission admits that allegations about Madoff's scheme had been repeatedly brought to the agency's attention since 1999. "I am gravely concerned by the apparent multiple failures over at least a decade to thoroughly investigate these allegations," proclaimed the agency's Bush-era chairman, Christopher Cox, last month, announcing the supposed self-probe.

Balderdash. The only thing

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Cox is "gravely concerned" about is that the American public might finally understand the agency's actual mission. For as Aguirre, a former attorney for the agency, points out, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)



Gary Aguirre



Bernard Madoff



Christopher Cox

does not exist to protect investors from Wall Street predators. It exists to protect powerful Wall Street predators from investors.

The notion that the agency can probe its own officials is hilarious — a real knee-slapper. In late December, Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) heaped scorn on the securities agency's ability to investigate itself in the Gary Aguirre case. Now the

agency says it will open that probe again. "Reopening the investigation marks a new embarrassment for the beleaguered S.E.C., suggesting that, as in the Bernard Madoff case, it may have failed earlier to follow up adequately on strong indications of possible wrongdoing," says *Portfolio.com*.

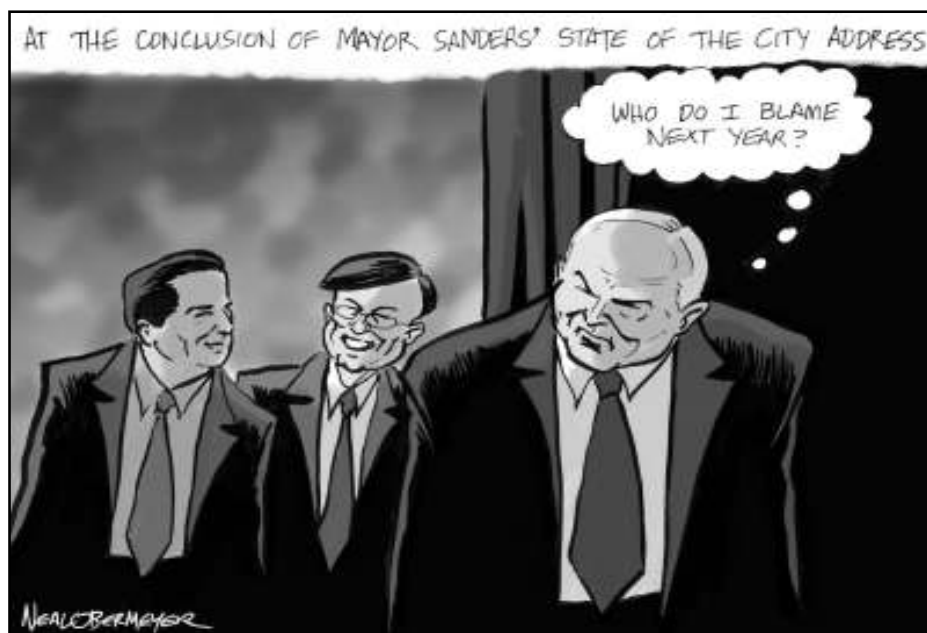
Aguirre puts it more strongly: the securities agency "cannot be trusted with an investigation of itself, especially when the investigation [involves] the highest levels of the SEC."

Aguirre's case lays bare

everything that the securities agency is: a whorehouse catering to Wall Street's elite. After a long and successful career practicing law in San Diego, Aguirre, brother of former City Attorney Mike Aguirre, decided to try public service. He joined the agency and began looking into a possible insider-trading case. A hedge fund, Pequot Capital Management,

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## Neal Obermeyer



## Nine Sinking Cities

By Dorian Hargrove

**T**his month and in early February, city managers and finance directors in cities across San Diego County are appearing

before their respective city councils to report significant budget deficits. Of the county's 18 municipalities, 14 are reporting budgetary shortfalls, 9 of those in the millions.

The 9 cities reporting the most substantial budget shortfalls are Poway, \$1.2 million; Vista, \$2 million; National City, \$3 million; San Marcos, \$3.3 million; La Mesa, \$4 million; Chula Vista, \$4 million; El Cajon, \$6 million; Escondido, \$7.4 million; and San Diego, \$43 million.

The general funds for these cities depend on revenues from sales taxes and property taxes, as well as on other revenues

"For this fiscal year, we projected our sales tax revenue to come in flat," says Escondido's finance director, Gil Rojas. "We thought there would be no growth in revenues. And then the last quarterly sales tax report showed negative 7 percent growth from a year ago, which was 5 percent down from the year before. So, you're really talking a minus 12 or 13 percent decrease over the last two years."

Like many other cities in the county, Escondido didn't expect the decline in sales tax revenues to continue. When revenues decreased, the city relied on money from the reserves to



Chula Vista

day the city council approved cuts that shorten library hours and affect benefits and staffing in the police and fire departments. Over 200 city employees agreed to a pay reduction. Even with the cuts, the city still projects a \$3.3 million shortfall this fiscal year.

Things aren't much better in the city to the west of Escondido. In San Marcos, declining revenues in a number of categories are the reason for a projected \$3.3 million deficit for this current fiscal year. The

spending for software and vehicles and have eliminated several nonessential full-time positions, but they have yet to make reductions to public safety positions.

To the west, in Vista, the city's financial standing is better, although due to a reduction in property and sales tax revenues, the city's deficit continues to grow. Vista's general fund now relies on sales taxes for 29 percent of its revenues and on property taxes for 26 percent. According to finance director Tom Gardner, the city has a \$2 to \$3 million shortfall, \$700,000 coming from sales tax shortages. Vista has not had to cut any services, says Gardner, but it has limited hiring for vacant positions.

However, for some municipalities, there is more to the deficits than just a loss of revenue. Six of the nine cities with substantial budget shortfalls report having structural deficits — meaning expenditures are exceeding revenues on an ongoing basis. Those cities are San Diego, Poway, El Cajon, La Mesa, National City, and Chula Vista.

The City of San Diego had by far the largest midyear deficit, at \$43 million. In December, the city council begrudgingly approved nearly \$23 million in budget cuts; it postponed hiring and increased fees. The measures, however, are a short-

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National City

such as hotel taxes, service charges, permits, fines, and fees charged by each city. As revenues continue to go down, deficits across the county go up.

Nearly 40 percent of Escondido's revenue has come from sales taxes in recent years. Due to slumping sales at the city's 17 car dealerships and three home improvement centers, revenues going into the general fund are shrinking. Adopting a budget last June with a \$1.7 million imbalance didn't help. Since then, the deficit has soared to \$7.4 million.

make up for the loss of income.

"One of the reasons for using the reserves is it takes out the ebbs and flows," explains Rojas. "You don't want to cut the budget one year because of a downturn and then the next year you have to add to the budget because the economy swings up; using the reserves straightens the curves out. But what we realized four months after adopting the budget is that this is not a regional event; this is a worldwide recession."

To help fix the gap and limit further dipping into the city's dwindling reserves, last Wednes-

day the city council approved cuts that shorten library hours and affect benefits and staffing in the police and fire departments. Over 200 city employees agreed to a pay reduction. Even with the cuts, the city still projects a \$3.3 million shortfall this fiscal year.

So far, city administrators in San Marcos have frozen

## STRINGERS

### Downtown Crash

By Thomas Jarboe,  
Downtown — On Saturday, January 10 at 11:10 p.m., at the corner of 9th Avenue and E Street, a white Mercedes Benz crashed into a gray Nissan Altima, causing the Nissan to smash into the corner of the Library Lofts. Two ambulances arrived at the scene, but nobody was seriously injured. Witness Adam Rowell said

one of the two cars ran a red light. "This is a pretty common theme for this intersection," said Rowell. "People either run a red light here or they're going the wrong way on one of these one-way streets. Happens at least once a month."

Police, firefighters and paramedics were all on the scene in a timely manner, said witness Jennifer Delago, who has recently moved into the downtown area. Several other onlookers were around including a large number of homeless people. The homeless have been camping by the library and post office that share this intersection for many years now and have seen plenty of car accidents during that time.

### Stolen Old Glory Replaced

By Craig Vansant,  
Escondido — The 40x60 foot American flag that flew over the Escondido Auto Park has now been replaced after being stolen sometime between New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Tim and Tom Brecht of Brecht BMW told a *North County Times* reporter that someone had used bolt cutters to break locks off the flagpole's electrical boxes and hotwired the winch to bring down the 120-pound banner. Since the flag is replaced every six

months anyway, it was almost due for another swap. As of Saturday, January 10th, the new flag was flying high.

### Run Our Cars on Water?

By Clifford Hackett,  
Spring Valley — Anyone can build (for 50 bucks, or buy one already built for 90 bucks)

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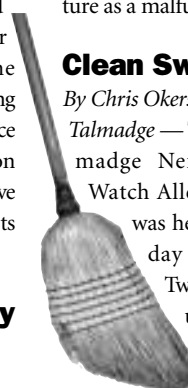
### Clean Sweep!

By Chris Okerstrom,  
Talmadge — The first Talmadge Neighborhood Watch Alley Clean-up was held on Saturday January 10.

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## Self probe

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had made a bundle buying up stock in a firm just before the announcement that the firm would be acquired by another company. Pequot had also made money betting that the stock of the acquiring company would go down, as is normal. Before Pequot made those bets, John Mack, the hedge fund's former chairman and a current investor, had talked with both the investment banking firm handling the acquisition and with Pequot's current chairman, a close personal friend.

Aguirre wanted to interview Mack. But his boss said Mack had big Washington connections—specifically, to President George W. Bush. Aguirre protested. Just weeks after he had been given a strongly positive job review, Aguirre was fired. The Senate's Committee on Finance and Committee on the Judi-

ciary did a 108-page study on the matter.

There were some hair-raising findings. While Aguirre was trying to get the Mack interview, an attorney at the Debevoise and Plimpton law firm sent Paul Berger, Aguirre's boss, an email with the opening words "Yowza!" It described how an ex-SEC lawyer could make \$2 million a year with the firm. One of the top attorneys at the Debevoise firm contacted a senior official of the securities agency on behalf of Mack and behind Aguirre's back. After he fired Aguirre, Berger took a job with Debevoise. Similar quid pro quos are called the "revolving door" phenomenon—agency officials do dirty work while at the commission and then go with a big law firm representing the crooks who got off. Mack wiggled off the hook and went on to become chief executive of Wall Street's Morgan Stanley.

The two Senate committees vindicated Aguirre,

denouncing his firing and concluding it was logical that he interview Mack. Then the agency's inspector general, H. David Kotz, authored a 191-page study of the case. Kotz basically agreed with the two Senate committees. He recommended that the agency discipline its enforcement director and one other official. Kotz, too, blasted the ease by which the Wall Street law firm got special access to securities agency officials. He questioned the "impartiality and fairness" of the agency's handling of the Mack investigation and firing of Aguirre.

Then the agency's cover-your-ass team went into action. An administrative law judge, one Brenda Murray, was assigned to second-guess Kotz's report. Just a few weeks later, her 15-page paper exonerated the two officials who Kotz said should be disciplined. Kotz was shocked and said so publicly.

Now we get to the heart of the agency's double-dealing. As

Senator Specter stated, Brenda Murray "was described in press accounts as an administrative law judge, and it was not until further inquiry that the SEC admitted she was not acting in a judicial capacity in issuing her decision." In short, the agency picked a loyal staffer who happened to have the title "administrative law judge" and had her exonerate the officials who had been sharply criticized by the Senate committees and by the inspector general. But she was not acting as a judge at all—just a soldier taking orders.

Murray's quickie report "was completely irregular in every detail," says Aguirre. "It was outside the jurisdiction of an administrative law judge. The SEC pulled a scam."

Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), who spearheaded the investigation with Specter, said, "[I]t looked like the lawyers for the wrongdoers wrote the decision."

Columnist Bruce Carton of *Compliance Week* wrote that

agency staffers were stunned at the whitewash; Murray did not use the standard procedures for reviewing an internal-discipline recommendation. "Murray made her decision that discipline was not appropriate based almost exclusively on the one-sided information she received from counsel for the various subjects," wrote Carton. "This information was not subject to any cross-examination or any follow-up by the [inspector general's] office or other parties involved, and additionally was not provided under oath."

One prominent attorney said that in Murray's whitewash, the securities agency had merged "the functions of prosecutor, judge, jury, and appellate tribunal" under the same roof.

It gets even worse. One reason the Pequot case is being reopened is that a divorce suit has revealed that the hedge fund agreed to pay \$2.1 million to a former Microsoft employee who was apparently

feeding information on his former employer. "Pequot made a boatload of money" betting on Microsoft securities, based on such information, says Aguirre, but the agency found a way to drop the Microsoft angle of the investigation. But Aguirre has come up with new facts that have forced the agency to reopen the probe.

There's more: In the same report in which she cleared Aguirre's nemeses, Brenda Murray vindicated an agency official who closed an investigation into the derivatives dealings of Wall Street's Bear Stearns in 2007. Early the next year, the Wall Street firm was rescued from bankruptcy when it was forced into J.P. Morgan, backed by \$29 billion of federal money. Bear's derivatives gambling was to blame. The agency missed it and then exonerated itself.

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## Sinking cities

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term solution.

During the past five fiscal years, the City of San Diego has reduced its budget by \$160 million, and yet the city faces a \$54 million deficit for next fiscal year.

This coming April, when next year's budget discussions begin, Mayor Jerry Sanders says he will propose a 15 percent cut to all departments as well as revisit his proposal to close eight libraries and nine

recreation centers.

Considering that 32 percent of Poway's general fund comes from sales taxes and 24 percent from property tax revenues, it didn't take long for that city's balanced budget to go lopsided. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, the city has reduced its workforce by 7 percent. According to Rod Gould, Poway's city manager, back in September cuts totaling \$1.2 million were made in every department. But the deficit is growing. Gould is scheduled to propose an additional \$1.3 million worth of

cuts to the city council this week to address the city's ongoing structural deficit, which for next fiscal year is estimated at just under \$1 million, followed by a \$1.3 million shortfall for the following year.

In El Cajon, assistant city manager and financial director Mike Shelton says that during the past four years El Cajon's been in the throes of a "financial crisis." The budget was adopted last June with a \$3 million imbalance. And now, with revenues from sales and gas taxes trickling in 6 to 8 percent lower than projected, the city is faced with a \$6 million shortfall.

The only way to address a deficit that size is by scaling down staffing, something the city can't do without sacrificing public safety. Over the past four fiscal years, the City of El Cajon has cut 56 full-time positions, an overall 12 percent reduction in the city's workforce.

A similar financial crisis is occurring in La Mesa. In last year's six-year financial forecast an ongoing annual shortfall of \$4 million was projected. The city adopted this fiscal year's budget with an imbalance of \$2.3 million.

Gary Ameling, director of

administrative services, says the city's been trying to address its structural deficit by streamlining government and eliminating dozens of nonsafety positions. Despite a growth in population, staffing is now at 1990 levels. The city implemented a new staffing model for the fire department and began contracting out city services.

Relief for both La Mesa and El Cajon came last November when residents approved increases in the sales tax: a three-quarter percent increase in La Mesa, raising the tax to 8.5 percent, and a one-half percent increase in El Cajon, where the sales tax is now 8.75 percent.

An increase in the sales tax, however, may not be enough to meet current economic challenges. Despite passing a 1 percent sales tax increase in 2006, which has brought in approximately \$8.5 million annually, National City projects a \$3 million deficit for this fiscal year. A decreasing demand for lumber has impacted the city's largest single revenue generator, Dixieline Lumber, and the drop in car purchases has hurt sales tax revenues generated by National City's Mile of Cars.

In the next fiscal year, when

most city employees will have salary increases, the city's structural deficit is expected to rise to nearly \$7 million. However, the revenues from the sales tax increase have contributed to growing National City's general fund reserves to \$9 million.

"The sales tax increase has temporarily solved the structural deficit," says Chris Zapata, city manager for National City. "But we understand that we need some new sources of revenue or we need to cut some spending, so we're trying to do both at this time. It's going to mean more belt-tightening for next year."

Chula Vista, the second-largest municipality in the county, has a severe structural deficit. This fiscal year, the city used onetime funds to trim \$5 million from its original \$9 million deficit. But in fiscal year 2010, because of fewer development fees, the reduction in property and sales tax revenues, and 4 percent raises for city employees beginning in January 2009 and January 2010, the projected shortfall is \$20 million.

"For us, it's a structural issue," says assistant city manager Scott Tulloch. "We expect this \$20 million shortfall is

going to go on for three or four years. It's not just a one-time hiccup where we can look at a onetime solution. We need to look at restructuring government so that we can count on \$20 million a year less cost, going on for several years."

Last year, as part of the city's restructuring effort, 165 of 1200 full-time positions were cut from the budget. This coming year another 135 positions are targeted.

"You're talking about a fourth of the city's workforce will be gone," says Tulloch. "It will have a tremendous impact on the city's ability to provide public services. Last year we didn't touch public safety — police and fire — but this year, we think everybody's going to have to give something."

To avoid more cuts to essential city services, this week the Chula Vista City Council is scheduled to consider increasing the sales tax. The soonest the city could act is in early May by a mail-in ballot. For that to happen, all councilmembers need to sign off on the proposal by next Tuesday.

"There's another issue," says Tulloch. "A mail-in ballot would cost the city about \$250,000, and, of course, that's money we just don't have." ■

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### Train Pain

Even the title of this article hit home for me ("Where Can I Get Some Peace and Quiet?" Cover Story, January 15). My wife and I live downtown in a building where the average price is over \$1 million and the last

unit sold for \$2.8 million (dollars, that is, not pesos). Every night around 3:00 a.m., a freight train runs past our chic building, where the obviously deaf conductor attempts to emulate an eight-minute-long 9.0 Richter scale earthquake with the sound of his horn while passing by our building at the infinitesimally exciting speed of .02 miles per hour. Am I the only one who hears it? Thanks for noticing!

Dr. Mitchell Holland  
via email

### Huh?

In the January 15 *Reader*, page 104, "What the Chef Eats," third column, lines five and six. It says, about sea urchins, "They use them for things other than uni now." What is *uni*?

Bob  
University City

*Naomi Wise responds: Uni is the Japanese name for sea urchin roe (or gonads; it's all the same when it comes to this delicious but utterly primitive life-form). In this specific context, the speaker is saying that sea urchins can be used for a great many dishes besides the classic sushi of a pillowy mound of the urchin atop a square of seasoned rice.*

### Correction

In the January 8 "Reader Puzzle," the clue for 63 Down, "Book after Deut.," was incorrect. It should have said "Book before Deut."

### Pencil Pushers

Your article on colored pencils ("Best Buys," January 8) was interesting, but are you aware there is a chapter of the Colored Pencil Society of America here in San Diego chock-full of sophisticated, award-winning artists who are experts on colored pencils? They could tell you more accurate and more interesting information than in your article, though that article was meant to sell pencils.

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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey, Matt:

My cat is obsessed with water. He's an ex-stray I found shivering in the rain a year ago, and he's been a housecat ever since. I turn on any tap — kitchen, bathroom — pour water out of a jug, he's there, voice full on. Meow times ten. I take a shower and he's right there on top of the toilet tank when I get out, watching every splash and drop go down the drain and then jumps in, growls, and lays in the wet and goes to sleep. He always wakes up wet but doesn't care. I spoke to his vet and she said she'd never heard of anything like it, but "try to keep him dry in winter." He drinks plenty of water, and I keep his bowl clean and full always. Do you or the Alice clan have any ideas? I always thought cats hated being wet.  
— Cat Confused, North Park

In our 50, 60 years at the helm of this particular leaky ship, I don't think we've ever found a sentence that begins "I always thought..." that wasn't followed by pretty much bunk. All cats are different, and some of them shy away from H<sub>2</sub>O, but most of them actually are a little intrigued by it. Vets and cat-science guys are still a little fuzzy as to the why, but then they're trying to put the cat brain in a box, an impossibility. They start out by saying that in the wild, cats in hot climates (lions, tigers, jaguars, e.g.) enjoy a cool dip to help bring down their body temps. Wild cats from cold areas (leopards) avoid water, probably because wet fur takes away its insulating powers. So, there's a chance that your kitty's ancestors come from a hot-weather zone. And housecats that have had water sprayed in their faces as discipline will definitely learn to avoid water.

But actually, it's more likely that your particular pet just enjoys the excitement of running water. It moves, it makes noise, it's fun. Lots of cats will sit on the edge of a sink and bat at running water with their paws or dip their paws in their water bowls as though they're fishing. Your cat might take water loving off the high dive, but he's not alone.

Dear Matthew Alice:

This past Christmas morning, my wife and I were driving north on I-805 approaching SR-

52. I looked to my left, and there was one of the best rainbows I have ever seen, distinct colors from red to violet. The left-most end of the rainbow went down into San Clemente Canyon, so no gold for me. As we continued toward Governor Drive, I noticed that the same end of the rainbow was between me and the center dividing wall between the two sides of the 805 (still no pot of gold). My question is how far away from me is a rainbow?  
— Anonymous, via e-mail

Impossible question. Impossible answer. Rainbows are elusive things. They're formed by the angle of the sun's rays striking a round raindrop, the refraction of the rays as they pass into the drop, a double reflection inside the drop, and another refraction as the light passes from water to air and then to your eye. So, the rainbow is the same distance from your eye as is the raindrop that creates a part of the bow. But because the distance also depends on where your eye is relative to the drop, every time you move your head, the bow moves. The rainbow you see is not the rainbow

your wife sees in the passenger's seat. You don't even see the same rainbow as you drive up the freeway because your angle keeps changing. As for hopes of finding the pot of gold, well, the rainbow will always be in front of you (with the sun behind you), so I'd start buying Scratchers. Much better odds.

Dear Matthew:

How hot is a bullet just after it's been fired from a gun? Could one hurt themselves by coming into contact with it?

— Steve, via email

Uh, coming into contact with a bullet that's just been fired? Sounds like death to me. But that's just my take on it. If you mean could you get burned, I'd say yessir, fried like bacon. The newest way to measure the temp of a fired bullet is by using a thermographically calibrated infrared camera to read the electromagnetic radiation from the missile. Complicated software converts the infrared picture into temperature data. A 5.56mm round shot from an AR-15 automatic rifle clocked in at 267 degrees Celsius, 512.6 degrees Fahrenheit. Ouch!

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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

## At Last



Charles Bidwill

Deep in the fourth quarter, when Donovan McNabb reared back and threw his fourth consecutive incomplete pass, things turned suicidal at NBC headquarters in Manhattan. The hideous stomach-dumping nightmare had become fact. To wit: the Pittsburgh Steelers will play those slap-happy, cow-faced kids known as the *Arizona Cardinals* in Super Bowl 43. Advertisers are lining up all the way to the other side of Rudy's pencil sharpener.

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True, the birds won the NFL Championship in 1925, but it was by default — the team with the best record, the Pottsville Maroons, had their franchise revoked for messing with the Frankford Yellow Jackets' turf.

Even so, 1925 was good for the

Cardinals...something to savor, since they only had two winning seasons over the next 20 years. Charles Bidwill bought the team in 1932, which led to a question still being debated as I speak: Was the franchise cursed from the beginning or was the curse laid down by Charlie Bidwill and carried on by his vile spawn? Honorable men can disagree.

Follows are notable records earned under the Bidwill family crest. Starting in 1942, the Cardinals dropped 29 games in a row to the Cleveland Rams. They lost every game in the 1943 and '44 seasons. Yes, the team won the NFL championship in 1947. It was their first home playoff game, and here we are in 2009 and the Cardinals have already played their second home playoff game. Time flies.

After Charlie died in 1947, wife Violet took over, followed by her sons. Son Bill acquired complete ownership in 1972 and owns it to this day. The man will not die. Grandson Michael is entering stage right.

The 1950s was a landmark decade for the club, racking up 33 wins over ten years. That's averaging 3.3 wins a year, which (and I'm sure you'll agree) is considerably better than not winning any games per year. This became the team's motto: "We'll win every once in a while."

The Chicago Cardinals fled to St. Louis in 1960. It was a new beginning; the team averaged 6.7 wins a year during the 1960s. Things were looking up.

Then came the 1970s, referred to by team historians as their "shining city on a hill," decade-wise. The Cardinals won ten or more games three times. They made the playoffs twice, losing in the divisional round both times. Don Coryell was coach, and the cotton was high. The Cardinals averaged 6.9 wins a year. Yes, indeed, things were looking up, up, up.

Or maybe not. The Cardinals averaged 6.2 wins a year during the 1980s, but remember this, pilgrim, they made the playoffs in 1982, losing to the Packers in the first round.

Hoping for a change of luck and a change in money-gathering, the Cardinals moved to Arizona in 1988 under the "Phoenix Cardinals" pseudonym and played in a state-college football stadium for the following 18 years.

This was perfectly planned to build character. And that's how you can read their 1990s results. The fellas averaged 5.8 wins a year, just a little less than the preceding decade. And if it weren't for a dropped pass there and an interception here, they might have made 6.5 wins...who knows?

And now, through nine seasons of the 2000s, the Cardinals are reborn, averaging 5.2 wins per season. You don't build a record like that without relentless, generational incompetence on the part of ownership. With that said, I'm picking them to cover the spread against Pittsburgh. Arizona is playing great football right now. Right now is what counts.

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# fast break

By Anthony Gentile



St. Augustine guard Stephon Lamar commands attention of UC guards Alex Catton and Jordan Johnson

## Number 3 Vista pressures Mission Hills

Posted January 17, 2009, 12:30 a.m.

The formula for Vista's success is simple — pressure defense and transition offense. The No. 3 Panthers did that on Friday night en route to a 60-42 win at Mission Hills (San Marcos).

"We get most of our points from steals," Vista forward Quincy Lawson said of the Panthers' defense.

After a sluggish first half, Vista stormed out of the gates in the third quarter to take control of the game. The Panthers locked down defensively and outscored the Grizzlies 21-6 to take a 23-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Mission Hills head coach Curtis Hofmeister said Vista's pressure was too much for the Grizzlies.

"They make you pay for mistakes better than most everybody in the county," Hofmeister said.

Lawson led a balanced Vista attack with a game-high 17 points. Three other Panthers finished in double digits, including guard Eric Miller, who scored 16 points and made four 3-pointers.

"He was amazing," Lawson said. "I don't think he missed at all — he was on fire."

Forward Jeremy Ford led Mission Hills (5-12) with 12 points. The Grizzlies have now lost four games in row.

## St. Augustine evens score with University City

Posted January 14, 2009, 12:28 a.m.

St. Augustine exacted some revenge Tuesday night with a 79-76 win at No. 5 University City in Western League action. The Centurions beat the Saints by two in the Grossmont Winter Classic on Dec. 23.

St. Augustine guard Stephon Lamar insists that the Saints did not do anything differently this time around.

"Just come in here and execute and play hard. That was basically the gameplan," Lamar said.

In a fast-paced first half, St. Augustine used its full court press to create turnovers early and build a solid lead. The Saints led the Centurions 38-25 at halftime.



Vista Panthers cheerleaders and mascots celebrate

Entering the fourth quarter, the Centurions trailed by 16 and it looked as if the Saints would win going away. But University City mounted a furious comeback and a three-pointer by guard Mark Hills with 12 seconds left made it a four-point game.

"This always happens when we play UC — they start making everything in the fourth quarter," Lamar said. "And when we called a timeout, I told the team they're going to start making shots; they're not a bad team."

But after a St. Augustine turnover, University City missed a three-pointer and Lamar made one of two free throws to increase the Saints' lead to five and ice the game. Hills made a layup as time expired — the final two in a 34-point fourth quarter.

Lamar led all scorers with 31 points. Guards Kaum Brandon (17 points) and Garrett Ballard (14) also finished in double digits for the Saints (12-3, 2-0 Western), who upset the No. 5 Centurions (12-3, 2-1) in their own gym.

Center David Washington led the Centurions with 28 points. Hills had 16 points and three three-pointers and guard Reynard Rice chipped in with 11 points and five assists in a losing effort.

## Top 10 for week of Jan. 12

Posted January 12, 2009, 12:28 p.m.

Division in parentheses

1. El Camino (I) (15-2)
2. Hoover (II) (15-3)
3. Vista (I) (13-2)
4. San Diego (I) (6-3)
5. University City (III) (12-2)
6. La Costa Canyon (I) (11-3)
7. Torrey Pines (I) (13-2)
8. Maranatha Christian (V) (11-3)
9. Foothills Christian (V) (11-4)
10. Oceanside (II) (11-2)

Also Considered: Poway (I) (11-4), Rancho Bernardo (I) (11-4), Lincoln (II) (15-2), Carlsbad (I) (10-5), San Marcos (III) (10-5), La Jolla Country Day (IV) (11-4), Santa Fe Christian (IV) (11-3), Kearny (III) (10-3), St. Augustine (III) (9-3), Bishop's (IV) (11-4)

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### Where Can I Get Some Peace and Quiet?

by *Ollie*

My cell phone was apparently assembled at gun-point by drunk Yugoslavians in the year 1984. The only way for it to receive any sort of discernible transmission within my house is for me to hold it about six inches above my left ear while I stand one foot on the toilet and one foot on the rim of the tub. Triumphantlly perched as though I'd conquered all the porcelain in my house...[MORE](#)



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## T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

### "Got a light? You touch me again, I'll kill ya."

On a recent Friday I was at Interfaith Community Services in Escondido, where I encountered some beatific (I think that's the word) people, a diabetic seizure, two movies, and some dozen or so miracles. The place, technically, is in an establishment called Sobriety Services, a detox — or "spin dry" facility, as cynics would call it — hosted by ICS. They also host a residential program for drug addicts and alcoholics. Not many; they have little room. They operate pretty much on a shoestring, but at least they're not at the mercy of the County.

Don't ask me what I was doing there. Regular readers know enough about me already, and I've far surpassed what might have been interesting reading on the subject. Let's just say I was working that night, okay?

I want to tell you about Rita, Frieda, Patrick, and Will, at least. Rita works there — you know, for a million dollars a year. She's an attractive senior with a savvy manner who will go out of

her way for you unless you give her crap. One tends not to. She gave me money out of her own pocketbook, as I was stranded in Escondido, broke. Also a pack of Marlboros and several other favors she did not have to do for me.

As for Patrick, he's the toughest Irishman I've ever seen, and I've seen plenty. I don't mean tough in the violent sense, I mean this: the guy was detoxing from many months of daily cases of Icehouse. If you're not an alcoholic, you just don't know what it is like coming off that run. He shook it out with the stolidity of an oak. He's not only tough but intelligent (really, man) and more articulate than even most Irish folk. I'm saying something here. He was given the phone to talk to his girlfriend to come and bail him out for the umpteenth time, shaking, but still constructing persuasive sentences. "It's not going to be this way forever. I understand your hesitation, but you and my

daughter are family. That's what we do." She came. I don't think Rita was supposed to let him use the phone.

Frieda was there detoxing from alcohol. A marine biologist, more educated than most of us, and a compulsive reader — reading the whole time she's sweating — she was the Sprinter and bus-schedule reader/translator/researcher for everyone. She, too, doled many dollars out of her pocket to drunks and drug addicts she did not know. She got at least three people home.

Will is a kind of self-described maniac. He started the first Jet Ski business in the country. But Will's also a diabetic drug addict fallen on hard times years ago, and, like Job, has been through one damned thing after another. He was discharged from Tri-City Hospital after necessarily being given Ativan, which gave him a dirty test at the Salvation Army homeless shelter. His hospital discharge paperwork did not reflect this explanation. Just at lunch, as he was being seated, he went into a kind of arrhythmic jig and could not sit down. Paramedics were called. He was given insulin, which he was out of and had no means to replace. He's finally getting an appointment with a Social Security judge in February after waiting 47 months. Will told me his former plan: walk into the SS office with a baseball



bat, ask the nice lady in there to leave, and then destroy the joint. He would. This guy would.

The two movies I saw that night were *The Last Boy Scout* and *The Negotiator*. Detoxers were welcome to watch. Among, say, 20 of us, here was the most popular scene: Bruce Willis is trying to sleep in the bad guy's house. A flunky gunsel punches him in the neck, then offers him a Marlboro. Willis thanks him and asks for a light. The flunky

looks reasonable, extends a lighter, and bashes Bruce in the neck again, cackling like a hyena. Willis says, "Got a light? You touch me again, I'll kill ya." The guy extends the lighter and does it again, convulsing himself. Willis stands suddenly, launching the palm of his hand into the guy's nostrils. Gunsel doesn't know he's dead; his nose has been driven into his cerebral cortex. He sits down fast, falling backward but still upright. He looks puzzled and falls directly backward, dead. Willis turns his back, lighting the cigarette. "I told him," he says with a shrug.

At this point, some of the kindest, most considerate, thoughtful, selfless people I have ever met went into paroxysms of guffaws, helpless with mirth. These were the people who would insist anyone should get in line ahead of them for meals, hand them money (which they are not supposed to do), give out cigarettes they cannot replace, comfort, compliment, offer genuinely helpful advice or a shoulder. Go figure.

One after another, I watched people with no means home — having burned every possible bridge — get home. Including me, and I had no idea where I was. Escondido? Sorry.

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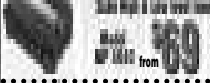
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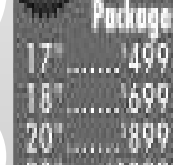
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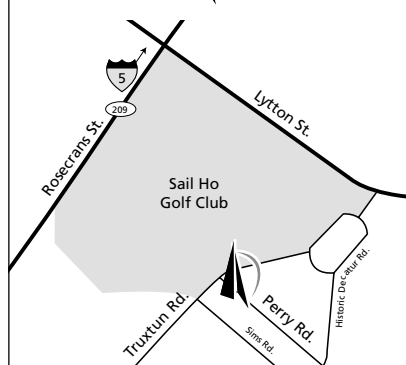
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—EVE KELLY

Stitches have played a big part in my life — sewing stitches, that is. In college, there was a wrap cocktail dress I whipped up for the spring dance. After our first baby's birth, homemade blankets lay about the crib. But since October's costume stitching, my sewing machine has been on the disabled list, and I'm too busy to get it into the shop.

But my new motto for 2009: creativity is good for my soul. And my creative outlet is sewing. The sewing machine needs to get off the disabled list. But where to bring it?

"We work on all different brands of sewing machines," offered Stuart Tulledge, lead technician at Sew Pro's (858-270-4700). "The only time we can't work on something is when parts become unavailable. With some of the older machines, going back 30–40 years, a lot of these companies are starting to have obsolete parts. We have a large warehouse where we stockpile a lot of these older machines that we can pull parts from, so that keeps most of the older machines in the game. But there are occasions when we just don't have the parts."

What are the common repairs seen with machines?

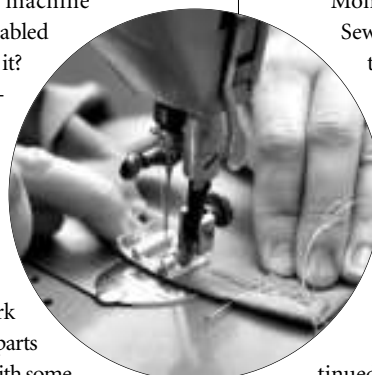
"Most of the time it is timing, a needle-to-hook timing," explained Tulledge. "And the machines just need cleaning. It is so dry here in San Diego that these machines really do dry out. Some of the older lubricants that they used to use would leave a residue behind. The oil dries out, the residue behind gums up mechanisms. We do see quite a bit of that. The homeowner should make sure they use good-grade sewing machine oil. A lot of customers will use 3-in-One or WD-40 oil on their machines, and that's terrible. It does more damage in the long term than good. It should be a bottle marked specifically for sewing machines."

Where should the oil go?

"Often it's needed down where you click in the bobbin case. Every time the machine's needle goes down, the bobbin case is turning — it's creating a lot of friction down in there — and with time it dries out. It should be periodically cleaned and blown out with a little Dust-Off they use for computers and then gone back through and cleaned with a rag and a drop of oil put in there."

How much money do quality machines cost?

"Starting price should be \$300. Truthfully, you get what you pay for. I have a shop full of machines [needing repair] from Costco



*The sewing machine needs to get off the disabled list.*

and Walmart. They build those things for the price; they don't build them for the quality. We have customers in here all the time; they are so frustrated."

For repairs, "We give a free estimate, but our basic cleaning and service starts off at \$38.95, and it goes up from there. If they are using the machine a lot, they should have it serviced annually."

Monica Gassaway, owner of La Mesa Sew & Vac (619-698-2972), says that timing and tensions are common repair issues she sees in her store. "They can have problems if it is an old-style tension disc, where the spring is actually too loose so it is not holding tension. Lint can be caught in there or residue from the threads," she added.

"Keep the machine covered," continued Gassaway, "at least with a cloth cover; that absorbs any moisture. If they want to maintain the machine, at least every year it should be serviced and they should operate the machine periodically through the year."

La Mesa Sew & Vac offers free estimates for repairs.

"You should get it serviced or at least take it out and play with it," suggests John Waincott, technician at Central Sewing (619-282-8502). "It's like a car; if you let it sit too long, it's bad for it. The oil dries out."

For home maintenance, Waincott recommends brushing out the bobbin area of the machine. "You want to brush out the lint. A lot of people make a mistake and use the canned air on their machines. What happens is they end up blowing the lint deeper into the machine. And then it builds up in there and causes problems. It's better to brush it out, and do it frequently so there is not so much lint."

At Central Sewing, Waincott says, "We open it up, clean it up, get all the dust and the lint out of it, clean out the old oil, reoil it, and sew it off to make sure it is sewing fine. Basic service on a regular machine is \$69.50; for embroidery machines, \$110. We also work on industrial machines for \$79.50 an hour."

Any recommendations for a decent beginner's sewing machine?

"Babylock is a really good brand for a low-end machine. Janome is a decent machine. You're going to spend anywhere from \$399 to \$699 for a nice machine. If you buy a machine for \$100, I wouldn't expect it to last a year. But you pay \$400 to \$500, you should have a decent machine for life."

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# Forsaking Friendships



by Barbaraella

*Do not keep on with a mockery of friendship after the substance is gone — but part, while you can part friends. Bury the carcass of friendship: it is not worth embalming.*

— William Hazlitt

I refilled my glass and sat back, taking in everything that had just been shared. “So let me get this straight,” I said. I summarized the litany of transgressions committed by my friend’s roommate — an assortment of manipulative and inconsiderate acts dating back several years. When I was finished, I said, “Those are the facts, right?” She nodded. “In that case, I have to ask — why are you still living in the same house with this person?”

My friend blinked a few times, seemingly surprised by the question. I knew before she opened her mouth that her next words would be intended to defend the perpetrator. As she explained her rationale, I mentally ticked off the three excuses I often hear after asking someone why they hang on to a friendship that has degenerated from the symbiotic to the parasitic: longevity, loyalty, and liability.

**I do not subscribe to the “once a friend, always a friend” philosophy.**

Longevity is a tough one. It’s natural to want a return on one’s investment. For a lot of people, leaving a disadvantageous relationship into which they’ve been paying for years is like selling at a loss. But why continue to give to something that has ceased giving back? Why not cut your losses

now and use the wisdom you’ve gained when deciding where to make future deposits?

I once had a very good friend named Sue. For five years, I got as much out of the relationship as I put into it. Sue and I were each other’s therapist, party pal, and more. But in the sixth year of friendship, something changed. Sue and I both had boyfriends and we were spending less time together, which was normal; certainly not cause to part ways. After all, we were busy with the exciting newness of our respective romantic relationships, which we each believed the other deserved. Still, as the months passed, I began to notice that every time Sue called, it wasn’t for a “Hi, how are you?” but a “Hey, I need something.”

At first, I thought nothing of it. After all, Sue was my friend, and I was happy to help her in any way I could. But the less I heard from her, the more apparent it became that she only contacted me when she wanted something. A full year went by during which she emailed or called me on just three occasions, to

request my help with one thing or another. During that same year, I had reached out to her a handful of times, simply to say hello or see how she was doing.

Sure, we had history — the memories, the laughter, the tears. But friendship, like a seesaw, requires effort from both parties. I do not subscribe to the “once a friend, always a friend” philosophy. It doesn’t fly with my definition of friendship as an ongoing endeavor. Sue was once my friend, and a very good one. She understood the verbness of the word “friendship.” But she had become no more than a needy acquaintance, resting on her laurels like Corey Haim. So when Sue sent an email asking if I wanted to meet her for lunch, at which she would undoubtedly ask me for some new favor, I responded honestly: No, I do not. No matter that Sue and I had been friends for so many years — our friendship was brain dead, only kept alive by life support. The humane thing to do was pull the plug.

My Irish kin have drilled the virtue of loyalty into me, so when presented with this excuse, my gut tends to disagree with my brain. A pact has been made, and somewhere along the line, two people decided they had each other’s back. Emotionally, it seems the right thing to do is be a dependable person in all situations — to never be the one to break the deal. But unlike most of my cousins in New York, who treat their friends like family (irreplaceable), my brain insists that my allegiance to non-blood relations be conditional. To remain at your post long after your cohort has abandoned his is not

noble. It’s foolish.

Anyone who has watched a friend dive headfirst into the deep end of drug abuse knows that to continue hanging on after all attempts to rescue him have failed is to drown in misery. No matter how many interventions you facilitate, no one but the tortured soul you once called friend has the power to drag himself out of that wretched tank. In order to be a friend, one must be able to hold one’s own shit together.

Many people feel obliged to take responsibility for their friends, hence the liability excuse. This one works on two levels. First, most people feel indebted to a friend who has been magnanimous in the past. Say a guy once dropped everything to help you move, or a girl sat patiently while you cried on her shoulder over love lost. How can you turn your back on people who have been so supportive? It seems that many people stay in relationships (friendship or otherwise) because they feel it is the price they must pay for accepting bygone acts of kindness. Or, as my friend with the defective roommate explained, they measure the irritation of one’s present infractions against his altruisms of the past. A real, enduring friendship, however, entails constant renewal — an endless regeneration of connections and kindnesses.

The second part of the liability excuse stems from the fear that the friend you walk away from is going to go to pieces and that it will be all your fault. I used to hang out with a complete nutcase — fun to have around for the entertainment value but also a drain in every sense of the

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word. When the day inevitably arrived that my exhaustion exceeded my entertainment, I backed away. The girl to whom I had been a friend, but who had never been mine, balked at my increasing absences. At one point, she made the claim that without me around to keep her grounded, she wasn't sure she could cope. I'm not sure what that meant, exactly, but I was well aware of her self-destructive habits. I wrestled with my decision to withdraw. What if something happened to her, something I could have prevented if only I'd been there? I'm not sure how that would have affected me — I didn't stick around long enough to find out.

With my friend and her roommate, all of the excuses applied. She'd known him forever, he'd been generous in the past, and she felt responsible for him. She believed she

was doing the right thing by trying to help him be less of an asshole and more of a nice guy, less shady and more honest. After explaining my stance to my friend, I paused to take another sip of wine. I said, "It's true, you might be doing the right thing, according to some people. Certainly according to this guy. But no matter how I look at it, I can't see any way in which it's right for you." ■

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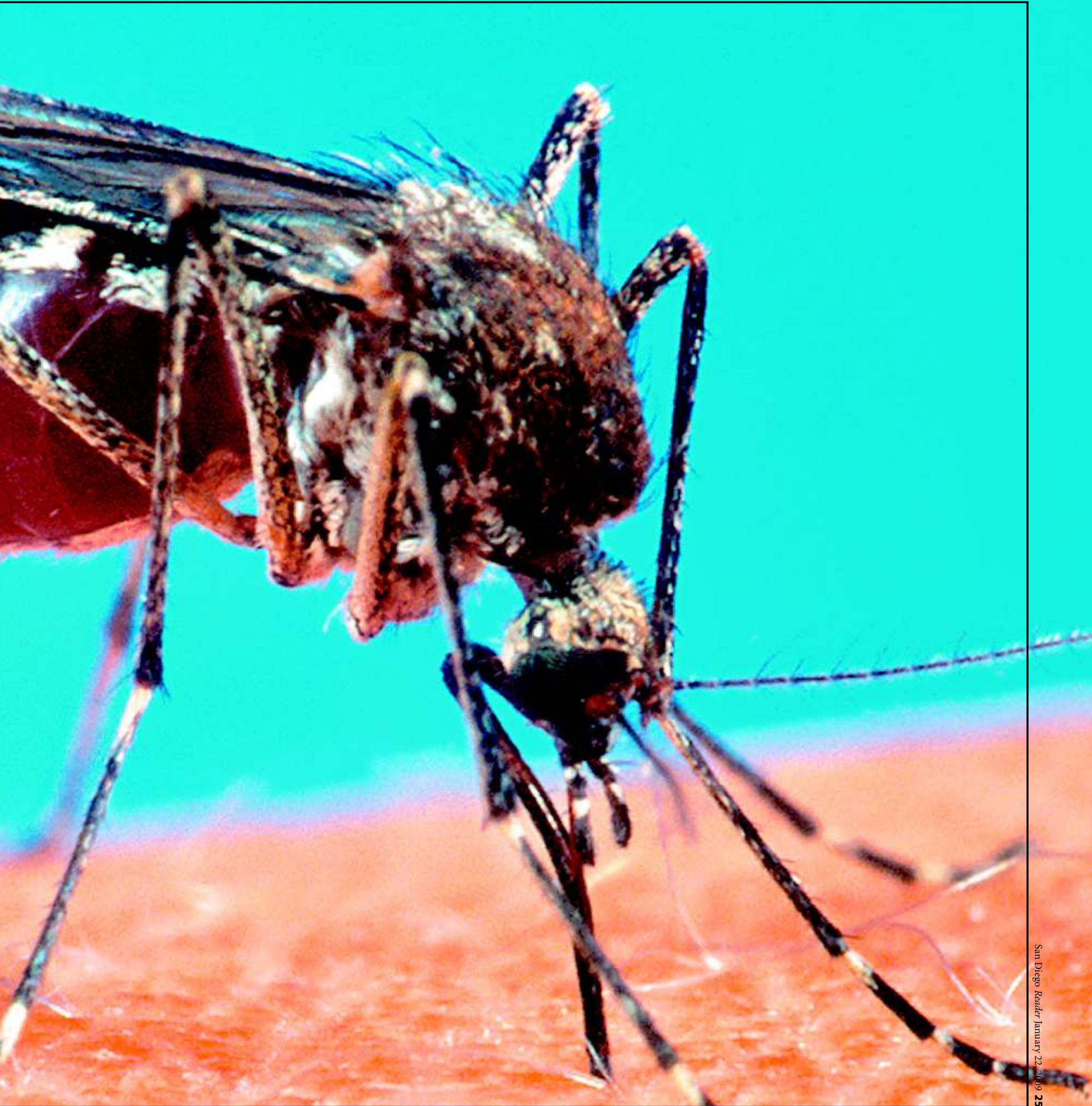
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Oceanside, and 1 in the Tijuana River Valley. In the past, no more than 1 chicken had converted. Of the 240 batches of mosquitoes that have been tested by the Department of Environmental Health, 37 are positive for West Nile, a higher percentage than ever before. In fact, we've never had more than 7 positive batches of mosquitoes in the past.

"West Nile virus is vectored from the bird world to the human world by mosquitoes," says Chris Conlan, supervising vector ecologist for the Department of Environmental Health. "And this year has been worse by major magnitudes."

### THIS PARK IS CLEAN

A few hundred yards past the entry to Rose Canyon

Open Space Park, along a dirt road off Genesee Avenue, Mary Dice spots a swollen area in a creek. "Standing water," she says, stopping her white Department of Environ-

need to be treated," Dice says. "So once we get to know the guys, we ask for some of their old clubs. And then we saw off the head and solder a ladle on instead —

## "A green swimming pool can breed [mosquitoes] in massive numbers."

mental Health truck. "It's moving at this end and at that end, but there's stagnation in the middle."

Dice climbs out of the cab, heads around back, and pulls from her gear what looks like — and, as it turns out, is — a golf club with a ladle soldered onto where the head of the club should be.

"Golf courses have a lot of water features that

voila!" She laughs, brandishing the handy tool. "High-tech mosquito-control instrumentation."

Dice, 57, is a wiry, outdoorsy-looking woman with short, gray hair. A senior technician for the Department of Environmental Health, she's worked there for over 18 years.

Dice's department treats public lands — rivers, creeks, ponds,

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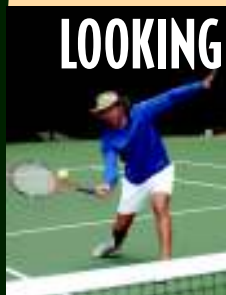
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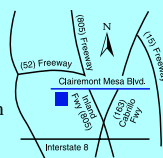
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“Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water,” Dice explains. “It takes about a week, depending on temperature, for the eggs to hatch. The larvae go through four growth stages for the next week or so, before they turn into pupae. Then the adult mosquito emerges from the pupa and goes out looking for a blood meal.”

So the best way

to find hundreds of mosquitoes in one place is to seek out their breeding grounds.

“Moving water actually drowns the larvae,” Dice says. “They have a siphon on their back ends, and they have to breach the surface with that siphon and take in oxygen on a regular basis. If the water’s moving a lot, then they’ll have to use more energy than they can take in. That’s not what larvae do. They rest up, and then go after food, and then they rest

again. So that’s why mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water.”

At least 25 species of mosquito live and bite in San Diego County. Only 4 species carry West Nile, but the others need to be watched as well, according to Dice. “At this time,” she says, “we don’t have dengue fever here. But it’s become common in Mexico and Texas, so we’re on the lookout.”

Dice and 14 other vector-control technicians are assigned to different areas in the county

for monitoring and treatment. “We’re responsible for all the known sites in our areas,” Dice says, “and we’re responsible for finding additional sites. We try to make sure that the larvae aren’t around long enough to become adults and then fly off and bite people.”

Dice covers “five Thomas Guide pages” in

her area, from just east of the Department of Environmental Health office on Hazard Way, near Tierrasanta, all the way to the coast, then north to Del Mar and south to Mission Bay Park. Her jurisdiction encompasses roughly 150 natural mosquito-breeding sites.

But lately, this area

has also begun to include hundreds of algae-filled swimming pools that require treatment as well.

“This year’s been just hellacious,” Dice says. “And it’s mostly because of all the foreclosures. I mean, there must have been thousands of green swimming pools that we treated.”

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Dice dips her golf-club ladle into the edge of

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Participants may receive at no cost:

- 1) Study-related examinations and consultation by a board-certified physician
- 2) Labs, EKG and all study medications
- 3) Compensation for your time and travel

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## Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment

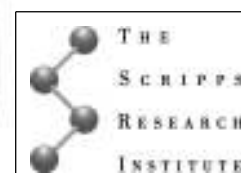


Investigators at The Scripps Research Institute are currently seeking volunteers who consider themselves to be heavy drinkers and do not have any desire to stop drinking.

The purpose of the research is to study the effect of potential medications on factors related to drinking.

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the swollen area of Rose Canyon Creek, lets some water eddy in, and then lifts the ladle toward her face, looking for larvae. She dumps the water and checks twice more at different spots along the edge. "I'm not finding any larvae here," she says. "And that's a good thing. That's encouraging."

Dice and the other technicians in her department have been pushing themselves to hit as many potential breeding sites as possible, as often as possible. They drive

around all day in their white Ford Ranger trucks.

But helicopter drops are also used to get to places that are unreachable from the ground, such as large standing ponds socked in by thick vegetation. Every three weeks during the height of the mosquito-breeding season, from June through September, the Department of Health's single helicopter will head into the air.

"We use it where we need it," Dice says of the helicopter, noting that

each time it goes up, it costs the county taxpayers about \$5000. "But, by golly, if you can squeeze in there and get the job done, then you should squeeze in there and get the job done."

But many of the mosquitoes in the area come from places much closer to home, even "small sources in our own backyards," Dice says. "A watering can that you've forgotten about, or plant saucers. Without some knowledge about it, you'd have no idea to look there for mos-

## RESEARCH STUDIES

## Seeking patients for a weight loss research study for type 2 diabetics



Are you a type 2 diabetic? In overall good health? Currently suffering from obesity? If you answered yes to all these questions and are available for study-related visits for a year, you may be eligible.

Dr. Sunder Mudaliar and his associates at UCSD are looking for overweight/obese men and women with type 2 diabetes as volunteers to take part in a research study to assess the safety and efficacy of **Lorcaserin Hydrochloride**.

### Duration:

- 62 weeks total: 6 weeks for screening followed by 52 weeks on study medication plus a 30-day post-study telephone contact and periodic follow-up visits

If you meet the following criteria you may be eligible to participate.

### Inclusion Criteria:

- Males or females aged 18 to 65 years
- Must agree not to participate in a conception process (i.e., active attempt to become pregnant or to impregnate, sperm donation, in vitro fertilization)
- Body Mass Index (BMI) is 27.0 to 45.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup> • Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Taking oral medications for at least 3 months • Not using insulin for at least 3 months
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To see if you qualify or to learn more about the study, please contact: **Erick Castro at 858-552-8585 ext. 6449** or **Catherine DeLue at ext. 6740**

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- ☒ Do you get **VERY NERVOUS** around people?
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- ☒ Do you **AVOID** going to social events and meeting new people?

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quitoes. A lot of people have no idea that mosquitoes have an aquatic larval stage before they progress to adults."

Joggers and dog-walkers pass by periodically in the Rose Canyon morning light. After a few more stops along the path, checking with her golf club ladle, Dice determines that the park is clean. "I used to have to hike entire canyons through thick brush," Dice says. "But now I can mentally trim areas down to their standing water and just pull up at specific spots."

She climbs back into her truck and drives out to Genesee Avenue, heading toward Pacific Beach. "I have some street gutters holding water in Pacific Beach, near the military housing behind Mission Bay High School. "It's an area I watch pretty closely, because we've had a higher rate of bird mortalities there lately."

Dice has a host of weapons in her arsenal when mosquitoes are discovered.

In the back of her truck, along with the golf-club ladle and wire-mesh traps for catching mosquito-eating fish, Dice has an old-style B&G tank of Golden Bear Oil, a powerful pesticide that she hates to use. "It's the only thing that will kill pupae," she says. "It's a suffocant. It lays on the surface of the water. It's a short-lived product, but while it's there, it kills all the other aquatic insects at a site. It's very sad because I particularly like dragonflies and damselflies."

But Dice hardly ever resorts to using the Golden Bear Oil. She has much safer products locked inside a large, black, rubber trunk in the back of her truck. It just so happens that this

trunk is covered with multiple images of skulls and crossbones.

"It's just the law that we mark it that way. But there's no poison in there. It's just full of *Bti* and growth

inhibitor." *Bti* stands for *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*. It refers to any bacterial product that controls pests.

Dice explains, "Originally, it was a mosquito product that was discov-

ered in Israel in the early '80s. One year, they went out to control the mosquito larvae, and there were none. And they noticed that the leaves on the corn plants had developed some type of prob-

lem, and they were dropping off into the water. And corn plants don't normally drop their leaves. So they looked closer, and they found a particular bacteria that affects only the gut of mosquito lar-

vae. So now when I put VectoLex or another *Bti* product out into the water, I feel good about it, because I know it's only going to affect the mosquito larvae. If a coyote wants to come by five

## RESEARCH STUDIES



## Participate in Our Research Studies

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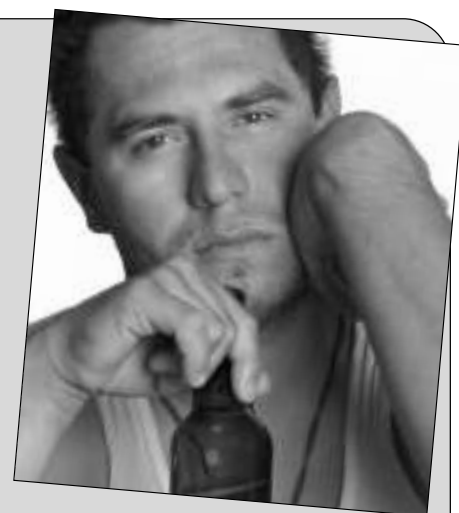
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minutes later and have a drink of water, it's not going to affect him."

VectoLex is ground-up corn cob impregnated with bacteria specific to the gut of mosquito larvae.

Dice remembers testing the first *Bti*'s 25 years ago, and after she sprinkled some in a pond, a flock of ducks flew down and ate it up just as fast as she could spread it out. "At

first I thought, 'Oh, no! If I was used to pesticides, and here these ducks were eating this stuff.'"

The ducks were pets, and they were subsequently observed for adverse effects. "They were fine," says Dice. "And after that, I felt relieved to have this product. Not to mention, but 24 hours later we came back, and there wasn't a single mosquito

larva living."

Thanks to the successful development of *Bti*'s, the county hasn't sprayed pesticides in over 16 years, according to Dice.

Another weapon in Dice's arsenal is a growth-inhibiting hormone called Methoprene. This slow-acting insecticide prevents eggs and larvae from developing into adults, so that the mosquitoes die in arrested stages of immaturity. Methoprene has no effect on adult mosquitoes, however.

"Methoprene works long-term," says Dice. "And if you're regulating sensitive areas, or areas that are difficult to get to, you want to use a long-term product."

### GETTING TO KNOW YOUR "BUGS," PART ONE

Mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide. They

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**Call Dr. Steven Drosman  
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## Is Waking Up Tonight Affecting Your Tomorrow?

Do you or someone you know have trouble staying asleep? Is it affecting daytime activities? A research study of an investigational medication is underway for people who have trouble sleeping, characterized by difficulty maintaining sleep.

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

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

If you qualify and choose to participate in this study, you may receive study medication and you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge. There are also overnight visits to a sleep laboratory during the study.

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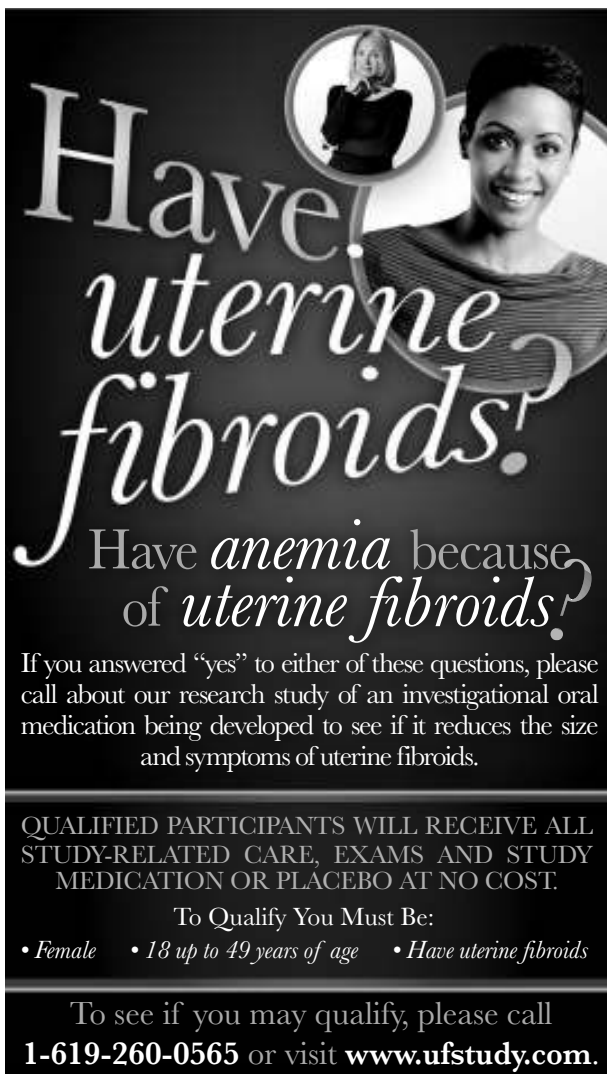
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also seem to be more attracted to some people than others, but no one knows whether this is because of personal chemistry or diet or cologne or blood health. Without a doubt, mosquitoes possess a higher level of natural awareness than humans can understand.

"A mosquito will land in a dry spot," says Dice, "and she'll know that water will return. And she'll put her eggs there in a dry area, knowing that it will fill with

water soon."

Some mosquitoes are day-biters, but most feed from dusk until dawn. The first thing on a female mosquito's mind is blood. She needs a blood meal to procreate.

Male mosquitoes lack the saberlike proboscis of the female and are harmless to humans and animals. The males eat only nectar.

"Female mosquitoes fill their stomachs with blood," Department of Health supervising vector ecologist Chris Conlan

explains. "When a mosquito finishes her meal, she's loaded. It's a big, red abdomen full of blood. And at that point, she's going to go off and

some point during that time, of course, she's mated with a male, and that happens pretty quick, and she can store sperm from the male. So she

**"West Nile has been sweeping through the country," Dr. Lieu says.**

find a nice, quiet corner to rest. And she'll spend two or three days converting the protein in that blood meal into eggs. At

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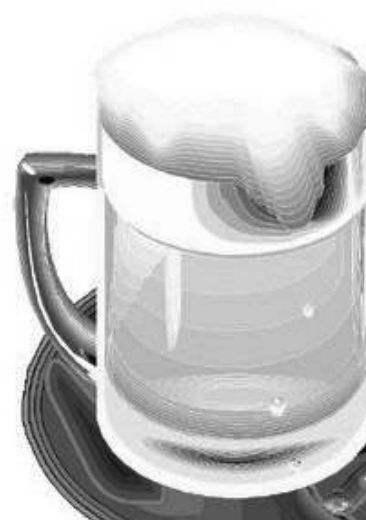
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## Constipation

### Feel Like Everyone's Going But You?

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Possible participants must be:

- Male or female, 18-65 years of age
- Migraine history of 2-8 migraine headaches per month
- Willing to undergo pulmonary testing and echocardiogram

Participants will receive at no cost:

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whole process might take about four days, give or take, and then it starts all over again. Theoretically, under the best of all possible circumstances, a mosquito can lay a hundred or so new eggs every four days."

And each mosquito will continue to eat and ripen eggs and lay them for five or six blood meals or more, depending on temperature, food availability, and, of course, whether or not it can avoid being slapped in mid-meal.

Most mosquitoes only live for a couple of weeks, but Conlan says that some will buck the odds and hibernate through a winter. "The

mosquitoes that live longer are a greater risk for disease transmission," says Conlan, "because they may have picked up

## "We also have what we call 'sentinel chickens.'"

an infection somewhere along the line that's finally incubated long enough that they can transmit it to whatever else they bite."

### GETTING TO KNOW YOUR "BUGS," PART TWO

Ever since he was in medical school at UCSD 20 years ago, Dr. Dale Lieu has been fascinated by "bugs and the drugs that kill them." Although, when

Dr. Lieu says "bugs," he doesn't mean mosquitoes, per se. He means viruses, bacteria, and parasites.

Dr. Lieu is a specialist in infectious diseases for Kaiser Permanente Medical Group.

"Like a lot of diseases that mosquitoes carry, West Nile doesn't hurt the mosquito," Dr. Lieu says. "And traditionally, it hurts animals a lot more than it hurts people. In a way, you could say that people aren't the real target; we just kind of get in the way."

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The first time West Nile virus was discovered in the United States was in 1999 near the Bronx Zoo.

"They started having birds die off," Mary Dice says. "Not their collection, but other birds, crows. And they were kind of confused, and they have an expensive collection of exotic birds to protect, so they got very interested. Because they'd never seen West Nile virus in this country before, the New York health department assumed that some exotic animal from the zoo had imported some disease. That turned out not to be the case. And the zoo collection was never affected. But they helped track it down. They discovered that it was, in fact, West Nile virus."

Because birds are the carriers of the disease, and they migrate so widely, once a bird becomes a reservoir, then West Nile can go from New York City to Mexico in a week or less.

"West Nile has been sweeping through the country," Dr. Lieu says, "but the interesting thing is this: Wherever it has peaked, and then the number of cases has started to go down, the virus has never circled back. If you look at New England and New York, where they had a whole bunch of cases seven or eight years ago, in the past couple of years, they hardly had any. And we think both people and the animal community eventually develop immunity."

But Dr. Lieu is quick to state that we don't have enough experience with re-exposure to the disease to guarantee that we develop complete immunity. "There's probably a good chance that people who get it once become

less likely to get real sick," he says. "But we don't know how protective it is."

Has San Diego reached its peak?

"There's no way of telling that," Dr. Lieu says.

"We're certainly on an upswing, as far as the number of cases. We've had 23 cases so far this year, and we had 15 in 2007. But who knows where that'll stop, or when it will start going down?"


Lieu wears a white lab coat with his stethoscope in his pocket. He expressly does not wear a tie, because it's "the one article of men's clothing that we never wash," and Lieu is nothing if

not fastidious. "I think most infectious disease doctors are like that," he laughs.

Dr. Lieu himself has treated "a few cases" of West Nile virus in the past year. "The most suscep-

tible people are very young, very old, or have compromised immune systems. Only about one in five people who are exposed to the disease actually get sick. And for the majority, they only

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get a flulike illness: fever, chills, muscle aches, headaches, fatigue. And that starts about three to seven days after the bite. Most people just think they have the flu, and they get better after a week or ten days, and they don't think much of it. The vast majority are never even checked for West Nile. But about 1 in 100 people who get infected develop encephalitis. And that's the most dangerous manifestation of West Nile. That's where the brain tissue itself becomes infected with the virus, and it gets inflamed. And people come in real, real sick."

What can a doctor do for such a person?

"There's no specific treatment other than supportive care," says Dr. Lieu. "If the encephalitis is from herpes or chicken

pox, then we'll use antiviral medication. But if it's from West Nile, and we know it's West Nile, then there's no specific treatment. All we can do is support the person through this period where

what they're saying. They're completely disoriented. It's clear that they're mentally impaired. They can't hold a cogent conversation. Their mind wanders all over the place. They'll drift between peri-

## Each labeled dish contains hundreds of tiny mosquito carcasses.

they're really sick, protect them from complications, feed them, and hope the inflammation goes away."

What are the symptoms of having swollen brain tissue?

"Encephalitis can be really scary," Dr. Lieu says. "People who have it become basically delirious. They're bonkers. They're nonsensical in

ods of looking like they're ready to fall asleep and periods of restlessness. They may not recognize family members. There could be a blank stare."

The encephalitis portion of West Nile will often last for over a week, Dr. Lieu says, and not everyone makes a complete recovery. "You're talking about brain tissue. And some of that tissue may

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suffer some permanent damage. When people have serious cases, a lot of them don't come back completely. They're thinking they always have some impairment. They may or may not have some neurological deficits, where some parts of their brains don't work the same way anymore."

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"Mosquitoes are one of the biggest threats that are out there," vector ecologist Chris Conlan states. "There's always been some mosquito-borne illness throughout the United States. We used to have some real nasty ones here, like malaria and yellow fever. But because of modernization, and nice living conditions with screens on the windows, and mosquito control, we've beaten those diseases back and pretty much pushed them out. The only ones that stayed here tended to stay here at fairly light levels — like equine encephalitis. And they show up every year, but maybe a half a dozen or a dozen people are affected in a bad year."

Conlan's tone changes to a slightly higher pitch. "But when West Nile showed up in the United States in 1999, that kind of changed everything. Because now, all of a sudden, we have a new disease in a new land that's ready to run amok. It's like having a three-year-old in a candy store. It's still establishing itself in the environment, and, as a result, we still don't understand yet just how bad it could end up being. So all of the vector agencies are always kind of in this 'prepare for the worst and hope for the best' mode."

Conlan, a short,

squarish man with wavy, graying hair and piercing blue eyes, is a self-professed "bug geek" who started off on his career path by catching butterflies when he was a little kid.

Part of the problem, he says, is that the encephalitis viruses like West Nile are carried around in the bird population. "And we can't kill all the birds, and not to mention, but birds travel

everywhere. So, the best thing we can try to do is to try to control it from the mosquito side. But you can't get all the mosquitoes either."

Conlan's lab in the Environmental Health

building on Hazard Way is full of the usual microscopes and test tubes and petri dishes, but it also contains some weird-looking objects.

Conlan heads over to a series of petri dishes

laid out on a table. Each labeled dish contains tens, or even hundreds, of tiny mosquito carcasses. "To the naked eye, they all look the same," Conlan says. "You need a magnifying glass, at least, to tell

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them apart. But the two that we really worry about here are *Culex quinquefasciatus* — we call them 'quinks' for short — and *Culex tarsalis*. The quinks are urban breeders, which makes them particularly dangerous. They're our urban nemesis for West Nile transmission. And the *tarsalis* is actually called the 'Western encephalitis mosquito.' It's not quite as big of a threat in urban environments, usually, but what we're finding is, even in urban zones, if someone lets a swimming pool go out of whack, and it turns green, it can breed *tarsalis* in massive numbers. And the problem with *tarsalis* is that it will fly a lot farther than the quinks. They might cover a range of two to three miles in some cases."

As Conlan speaks,

one of his colleagues comes into the lab bearing an armful of plastic bags. Inside each bag is a spread-winged dead bird — two crows, a jay, and, in one large bag, a once-majestic red-tailed hawk. On each bag is written where and when the bird carcass was found.

"These are from our bird pickup program," Conlan says. "What we do to monitor the disease is, while most birds will get the disease and get a little ill, they'll get over it and go on to live their happy birdie lives, but some species do not. They end up in a plastic bag, and off they go to the vet for testing. So we focus our testing on birds that are likely to die from it — crows, jays, and birds of prey, like hawks and owls. And you have to get them fresh, right

after they die, otherwise you can't test them because the virus degrades too fast."

If the Environmental Health veterinarian determines that a bird died from West Nile, then Conlan's team puts a dot on a map and monitors that area to see if a hot spot is developing. "The birds are the best early detection method that we have. We have other methods that we use. We test the mosquitoes themselves, and we also have what we call 'sentinel chickens,' which are basically four groups of ten chickens each, strategically located around the county — one in Ocean-side, one in the Tijuana River Valley, one in eastern Santee, and one in Peñasquitos Lagoon — and we do a blood test on those chickens every

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"It doesn't," Conlan says, about to deliver a truly macabre piece of information. "The best place to get a bird is right in the eye. A bird cannot protect its eyes. So, even when their eyes are closed, the mosquito can bite right through the bird's eyelid."

One of the tests Conlan's lab is using involves the bird's eye fluid because there's a higher concentration of the virus in the eye than there is anywhere else in

the bird.

At another table in the lab, Conlan points to some unusual-looking devices. Mosquito traps.

The traps are made of inexpensive household products available at any hardware store, such as bus tubs, handheld fans, battery packs, and mesh nets. Nothing high-tech about them, but they are effective. The traps are hung from tree branches overnight, and mosquitoes are collected from the catch bags in the morning.

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and it's running down Olney Avenue and turning onto Oliver Avenue. Every ten feet or so along this tract of dark water, large brown puddles bulge out from the curb.

"It fills up the low spots on a lot of our streets," Dice says, "and you'd be surprised how much of this 'drool' is attractive to mosquitoes."

Dice grabs her trusty golf-club ladle, heads to the edge of the long water trail, and dips into the drool.

"Now!" her voice rises. "There. There's some mosquito larvae."

Inside the scoop, among the dirt and tiny bits of glistening debris, three half-inch-long things are wiggling. They look almost like little transparent caterpillars. "See that?" Dice says. "When they move,

they travel."

Indeed, the slightest shaking of the ladle causes the larvae to wiggle. And when they wiggle, they skitter through the water.

"These look like *Culex tarsalis*," Dice says. "And they are purveyors of West Nile virus."

At first, glancing at this little pond of urban drool on Oliver Avenue, it's difficult to see the larvae among the algae and dirt. But once you do see them, it's difficult *not* to. They're everywhere, wiggling and wriggling by the dozens.

"They have to surface to breathe," Dice says, pointing out how the larvae will wiggle up, breathe, and settle down, then wiggle up, and settle down again. It's a creepy little dance. "Kind of gives you the willies, doesn't it?" she laughs.

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a few more times along the length of the gutter, trying to get a sense of the larvae population, gauging how much *Bti* to use.

On her third scoopful, she finds something different.

"Those are pupae," she says, pointing. At the top of the water in the ladle, two tiny balls are floating. "The larvae curl up into little circles like that," she says. "Their bodies change, and harden. This is the last phase before the adult mosquito emerges."

The pupae float, breathing at the surface, until disturbed. Then they move much as the larvae do, wiggling and wriggling. Only, after a pupa wiggles, it balls back up and floats to the top.

"The pupae don't eat," Dice says, "which is why the bacterial

formulations don't work on them."

To kill the pupae, Dice would have to use the environmentally destructive Golden Bear Oil. "I don't want the oil in this gutter," she says, then adds, "People walk their dogs here."

She decides to focus on the larvae, which are far more populous in the puddle anyway.

She heads back to the locked rubber chest with skull and crossbones on it, and she takes out a handful of clear, water-soluble packets. Inside each one are a bunch of golden pellets that look a little like couscous. This is the VectoLex *Bti*.

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Up the puddle 20 feet or so, Dice drops another packet in. Then 20 feet farther, and another packet goes into the water.

"This will hold up for about two weeks," Dice says, as she drops a fourth packet, "so even if there are eggs in here that haven't hatched yet, if they pop out in the next week or so, it'll still work."

A young woman in flip-flops ambles by Dice and shows barely a passing interest. She has no way of knowing that Dice may well be saving her life.

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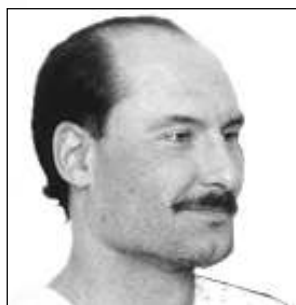
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La Jolla Cove



**Author:** Philoméne Offen  
**Neighborhood:** La Jolla  
**Age:** 61  
**Occupation:** Retired

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except that first, he said, we had to get rid of the rats.

That we might have attic occupants of the rodent persuasion was no surprise. It wasn't long after we'd moved here that I learned that, while the little furry fauna are prevalent all over our county (like the rest of us, they came for the weather), they are happiest to eschew the slimmer pickings of less landscaped areas of the city for the dense protective foliage and abundant food supply in places like La Jolla.

Our personal rat population prefers to summer in close proximity to our orange tree, inconsiderately leaving orange rinds on the grass — but worse, having the poor manners to skitter across

the patio just as we and our guests are sitting down to an elegant outdoor dinner. One can only glare at them and hiss, "Do you *mind*? We're trying to have a classy meal here!" (Lobbing a few cans of Rat-Be-Gone into the ivy in retaliation the next morning is not unheard of.)

Rats, fortunately, don't want to come into the living quarters of your house (well, most of the time, anyway), but once the harsh California winter temperatures plummet into the 60s, a rat family — Mom, Dad, the kids — moves in to winter in one's toasty attic, making comfy nests out of your insulation and dining on escargot (aka the snails that feed on your daisies). The

La Jolla Chamber of Commerce never ever mentions the *R* word.

Even the county of San Diego carefully disguises its e-rat-ication campaign on your tax bill under the heading of "Vector Control." Of course, the vectors are disease vectors — in the case of rodentia, typhus, and bubonic plague and, most recently, hantavirus. Nothing you want to get. Let us be clear that the county isn't going to come out and bag them for you, but they excel at showing you how you can smite the little furballs yourself.

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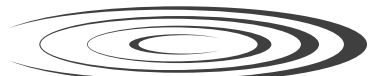
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One such year, in my single-parent days, I heard the familiar scurrying in my attic, and worse, the gnawing. If there's one sound I hate, it's gnawing. Lying awake at 3 a.m., I was consumed with curiosity. "What are they eating up there?"

Of course, what I feared was that it was my wiring, but it definitely had more of a beam-ish sound. Maybe it was actually the termites having a giant orgy? (In addition to being a rat Xanadu, my tiny cedar house with its ancient wood shake roof is the termite equivalent of 72 virgins.)

But that winter, listening to the relentless overhead chewing that I feared was devouring the investment I had sold myself into perpetual penury to buy during my divorce, I decided it was time to bring in the professionals.

A very nice gentlemen from a local pest control firm duly arrived at my home the next afternoon and installed live-capture traps throughout my attic and in the abundant foliage around the house, with promises that he would be back daily to check on them. It was all very humane, he explained.

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drive them out to the country and let them go." He actually said this with a straight face. Unfortunately, he looked as if he'd had a supporting role in *Terminator* and that the back of his truck was filled with devices I didn't want to know about. I was starting to feel bad for the rats.

That is until about

five of them were captured in the yard in four days, never mind the few in the attic. I had to be home every day for the pest control guy to get into my attic crawl space, which wasn't easy with work and carpool schedules. Plus, daily rat service was seriously costing me. Being newly re-entered to the workforce and earning just above minimum wage, it

became clear this was going to have to be a Kill-It-Yourself project.

There wasn't much Internet to speak of 18 years ago when my local hardware gave me a hot tip about the county vector control program. But, happy to see My Tax Dollars at Work, I gave them a call, expecting some big burly rodent-hating club-wielding guy to show

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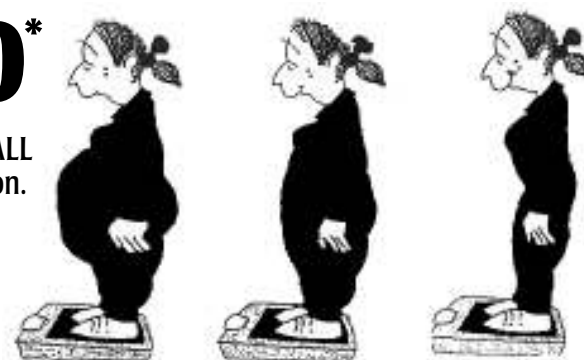
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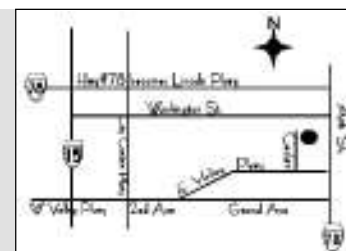
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up. You can imagine my surprise when this sweet, young, very petite, long-blond-haired thing named Liz appeared at my door. A more fearless human I have never met.

Climbing up her ladder to the cover of my attic crawl space, she gave the cover several sharp knocks. "I always like to alert them I'm coming in," she smiled. "Simple courtesy. I also don't like rats falling on my head."

This was a concept on which we could agree. We systematically walked around my house, she showing me all the places that rats could get in and ways I could thwart them. An Amazing-but-True rat fact is that they can squish their little bodies through a half-inch high space.

Outside, Liz explained that my woodpile and the dense ivy over my fence were Ratopias, my prolific orange tree a veritable rat Whole Foods. She instructed me to go to the hardware store and get them to cut a number of pieces of 3/4-inch diameter PVC pipe into 18- to 24-inch lengths, into the middle of which I would insert rat poison (so it would not be accessible to any neighborhood cats). These were duly placed around the property.

The tricky part was the attic. I didn't really want to trap live rats, since I had no idea what I'd then do with them. (Well, there was that one neighbor....) I didn't really want to trap for dead rats either, but that appeared to be the only other alternative.

For those who've never seen a rat trap, think mouse trap on steroids, with a snap bar that will easily break every one of your fingers. My livelihood as a clerical worker at the

time was dependent on those fingers.

Liz suggested that I bait the traps and set the springs in the hallway bathroom below and then tiptoe up my rickety ladder ever so carefully and set them

"very, very" gently just inside my attic crawl space. Trust me, I would never have attempted this without her cheerleader support.

For the record, a rat's cuisine of choice is not cheese, as one might

suspect, but peanut butter — a little-known fact that you might use the next time you're at a dinner party and the conversation lags. In fact, for years after Liz's visit, our refrigerator featured two jars of

peanut butter, one labeled "For Kids" and the other "For Rats."

Normally, I wouldn't confess that there were times I was so irked at the kids for one transgression or another that I was

tempted to put the rat-trap knife in their jar...but the statute of limitations has passed. Anyway, by the time Liz was done, I was, as my engineer second husband would say, "Fully rat capable." ■

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I SAW THEM up ahead, blatantly assessing the border traffic coming into Mexico, four older teens who looked tough enough to leave alone and a couple of hombres in their 20s who looked even rougher. One almost imperceptibly glanced at me before looking at a stocky thug who was some distance away on the other side. The thug started to walk toward the turnstiles where I was waiting. I could feel his attention as I approached the ten-foot-high sealed gates. His pace was too slow. I've seen it before; he was pacing me from the front, probably planning to mug me as soon as I got through the rotating bars, so he could throw my money (or whatever he hoped to get) back to his boys on the American side of the barrier. Or maybe he would push me into a van and hold me for ransom. The *federales* wouldn't care; not as long as they got their cut. I was beginning to regret telling my assistant Jeff not to come along. He'd been through some

"Breathe through your NOSE!"  
he snipped at me.



pretty bad scrapes. But he had split after dropping me off on the U.S. side of a parking lot I knew from spending many hours trying to gather some sleep, or sober up, in whatever car I'd had at the time. I won't ever miss the blistering Mexican sun, amplified through the windshield, drying and cracking the corners of my lips on hungover mornings, too inebriated on whatever yet prudent enough not to attempt the drive back to San Diego.

In the past year or two, Tijuana has been getting very dangerous, with increasing tourist abductions, the police being stripped of their weapons,

drug cartels stepping up the trafficking and violence, and the army trying to enforce the law. Even many Southern Californian Mexicans are staying away from TJ. Soon I knew why. I've been lurking around the back streets and alleyways pretty much my whole life, and I have rarely seen a maneuver as blatant as these street kids were trying to pull on me as I came toward a taxi stand just the other side of the border. The FBI says 26 San Diego residents were abducted last year — and that's only San Diegans. In a brief Internet search, I couldn't find out how many others there might be, but someone estimated

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about 6 a month. Wow. But I didn't know any of this the morning of April 11, 2008, when I sauntered across the border. I tried to look as casual as possible. After all, I'd been to TJ many times, and with more nefarious intent than a cheap root canal and a \$20 extraction or two.

I've been hearing about Mexican dental work for a while now. For years, I've needed to get an old root canal fixed. Then two old fillings cracked, and I knew I'd have to get them taken

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there, but the idea of using a misapplied ice skate to extract a tooth and the subsequent recovery, while trying to carry a pack 20 miles a day, was unthinkable.

I could only imagine the vile poultice I'd have to cram in the socket, something from ole Grandma Jackson over in the holler,

up the ways.

I'm a veteran, a U.S. Marine for ten years. I served in the Gulf and the Adriatic Sea in '95. For some reason, the VA will provide us vets with health care but not dental, even when they were the ones who never finished my root canal in the first place. My "end of service" was up before it got crowned, and of course they lost my dental records on outprocessing. I see an awful lot of yellow ribbons out there, and if someone *really* wants to do something for a Marine, pay for his dental expenses, and then I'll believe you.

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So, the thug was pacing me from the front and I wasn't sure what to do; but I knew he wasn't alone, and I would have to walk back past his crew to avoid going through the turnstiles. I decided to bank on the chaos move and turned sharply to walk behind him and past the lookouts. I glanced at them as innocuously as I could, and they relaxed, and I knew they had let it go. They probably had a specific setup that they ran, and only when the circumstance was just right did they strike. That's what I would do. I breathed a sigh of relief but didn't really relax; I upped my pace without running and jumped in the first cab on the sidewalk going toward Revolución.

"¡Calle Segundo, por favor! ¡Al dentista!" I quipped. I didn't know the address. Under the circumstances, I didn't want to pull out my \$400 Smartphone.

We weaved through third-world traffic, past no fewer than 30 dental clinics. Funny, I had never noticed before. When we pulled up to Washington Dental, I was a little disturbed at the condition of the building. I was still buzzed from adrenaline and unsure of the neighborhood. As it turns out, I had

chosen the older clinic. There is a new state-of-the-art facility on Revolución.

I paid the fare and ducked in, not wanting to linger on the run-down street, and was greeted by an empty waiting room and a male receptionist

who spoke excellent English. I explained that I had made the appointment the day before. They had been waiting for me. The place was clean, and I was introduced to my dentist. We'll call him "Doctor G." He was cool, and I spoke

enough Spanish to talk to him during initial examination. "Breathe through your NOSE!" he snipped at me. It was a no-frills operation. They put a thin lead blanket on me for X-rays, but neither he nor his assistant left the room when

they zapped me. In fact, I helped to hold the film in place with my finger... several times. After the first round of X-rays, I was briefed by the receptionist on the next procedure. I was still nervous, but what the hell, let's do it! It turned

out I needed two extractions and a root canal. I said, "Okay, let's go," and he shot me up. Although I was in a mild freak-out mode (in the Marines we call this "Pucker Factor Three"), I needn't have been. I felt nothing. I can't

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remember a dental appointment when I haven't been at least at Pucker Factor Three. The last time I was at a dentist, it was this Navy dentist who didn't believe I could feel him scraping around in my tooth. It was as if he was paying for the Novocain himself, the bastard. "Doctor G." just shot me up like it was cool. I couldn't even feel my earlobe. The assistant was singing gently to the radio, which was playing modern Mexican pop. They chatted in Spanish about how she likes to go to karaoke bars and how he should come and yada yada. I was trying hard not to laugh, seeing myself from above: Former Marine turned jazz singer in an old dental chair, Mexican Britney Spears playing in the background, being worked over by a nonchalant Mexican dentist and his flirtatious assistant who was dotting my mouth with the suction thing in between singing along with the radio,

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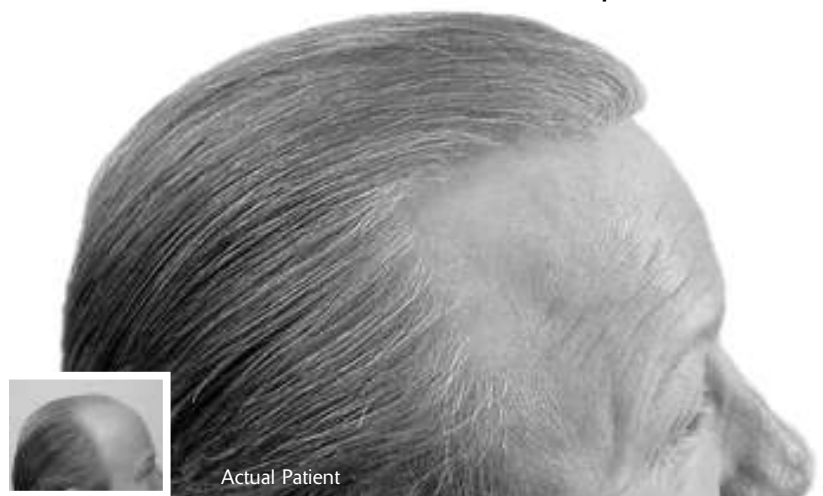


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“¡No estoy loca, no estoy loca!” SLURP SLURP! I mean, she may or may not have been flirtatious; but my Spanish is limited, so the bad translation in my head was coming up with ridiculous scenarios. Smiling or laughing was not an option with this guy and his drill in my mouth, but I had to let the occasional chuckle out anyway. Once they found out I was a singer, the assistant stopped singing for a while. She must have thought my hysterical outbursts were in response to her voice, which by the way, was rather nice. I told her so. Then Dr. G. redoubled his efforts on my mouth. To quote Speedy Gonzales, “¡Aye aye aye!”

The work took about two hours, and one of the extractions felt as if my jaw was going to pop out of the socket. I muffled exclamations, and for some reason the assistant started rubbing my goatee around in circles. The only purpose this served was to distract me. Although it was frustrating not to be able to communicate to the dentist in English, I realized that you can't ever really talk to a dentist anyway. It's tough enough to articulate in my native tongue with gauze and spacers and a half-numb mouth; but in Spanish? Forget about it! Try to say “¡Mi quijada está estallando!” or “Es difícil desplazar mi lengua” with a pair of pliers on the farthest-back molar and a knee in your chest. I resigned myself to my fate and let him do his thing. The tooth finally came out. They shrinky-dinked a plastic cap on the root canal and told me to come back in two weeks for the impressions.

“Dr. G.” gave me a prescription for antibiotics and an anti-inflammatory (I refused the painkillers on account of my alcoholism), and the pharmacy was only a block away. Forty dollars later I was all set, root canal and extractions, from phone call to phar-

macy in 24 hours. I realize this kind of thing isn't for everyone, but I have a feeling all my dental work will be done in Mexico from now on. Next time, though, I'm bringing a crew. I'm not taking a chance that those guys at the border

have adjusted their technique and closed the gap in their ambush. I know the key to staying safe is simple: don't look like a lucrative target, or else look savvy enough that you will seem too much trouble for them to mess with. There's an

old adage, I can't remember where I heard it, but it applies here: “You don't have to be faster than the lion, you just have to be faster than the guy next to you.” I'm not sure it applies when there isn't much enforcement going on; nev-

ertheless, I'll be going back to TJ for my crown in a couple. If you don't hear from me, I'd like to encourage you to contribute to the Williams Brothers Adventure Foundation Inc. — [wbafinc.org](http://wbafinc.org) — and maybe they'll have enough

to bankroll my release. Unless, of course, I'm abducted by Gloria Trevi; in which case, to quote Sir Galahad in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, “You can just leave me there to face the peril.” ■

— David Patrone

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## LETTERS

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The local chapter's next juried exhibition, "The Red Space," will be March 18 to 30 in Gallery 21 in Balboa Park's Spanish Village.

Karen Rhiner  
via email

### Meaningless Voice

After having avoided the *Reader* for six months, I picked up the January 15 issue. Outside of Don Bauder and "City Lights," I conclude that the *Reader* is incapable of being a meaningful voice for any reform of this benighted county. Indeed, the *Reader* is a symptom of the intellectually dead kultur of the dummkopf, which is the San Diego person. The reviews by Duncan Shepherd were predictable and pompasine. Why another question on New Year's res-

olutions, as if anyone cares? But the most amusing thing in this issue was your ad for a neighborhood news stringer. "We'll pay you \$50 for your news story." Is anyone outside of your headquarters that hard up?

Name Withheld

### One-Star Slumdog

Always enjoy reading your paper, especially when your movie reviewer gives *Slumdog Millionaire* one star and it's named movie of the year. That's sarcasm.

George Minard  
Solana Beach

### Comments from Reader Website

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

### Cover Story

**Published January 14**

*Posted by TedBurke on January 13, 5:32 p.m.*

I had had for some time refused to get a cell phone and preferred rather to rage at the yakking philistines who couldn't stand silence in public places like bus stops or airline terminals, nor be bothered to bring a book or a magazine with them if they knew they might be alone at some period in the day, between stations, with no one to confirm their bitchiness. It was a satisfying arrangement; overworked and underpaid and yet with so much unfulfilled promise that I could bare speak when my anger welled up like some dystopian stew blowing off the oppressive lid, my contempt for cell phones and the tech-addicted jerks who diluted the language with the odious devices was just the thing one needed to get a psychic leg up in the world.

I was smarter, I was old school, I revered books and the words printed on them by great writers who took their mission seriously, I cherished meditative quiet and loathed boorishness, I was a man of the ages (or at least the Seventies), I was an arrogant jerk. Arrogant and a jerk, yes, but it fed my ego, made up for whatever perceived failures I might have brooded over and over as the years wore on.

In the meantime, a mixed clutch of exchange students drifted toward the curb as the wayward bus finally

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emerged in the horizon and now approached the red painted curb, every other one of them rambling with a dead pan earnestness in the narrative tongue into cell phones wedged between shoulder and tilted head while they fumbled for bus passes or exact change. Doubtless who ever these folks were talking to knew when their phone mates would arrive, and how to reach their party if they didn't show.

**Breaking News**  
**Published January 14**

*Posted by tjw on January 14, 9:50 p.m.*

Critics should point out how consistently liberal slants in programming, while using public funding, keep half of the population from watching their worthwhile shows- just to avoid their politically driven, left wing crap. For all the great work done at KPBS, it is diminished by their own dishonesty. Dishonesty is to blame for the financial decline of many institutions saddled with presenting news to the public, whether left wing or right wing. The San Diego Union Tribune has the opposite problem of sliding the information to the right, to appease those trying to put tall buildings in the flightpath of future condos—The same paper that squeezed Don Bauder for telling the public the truth about San Diego politics. While I occasionally disagree with Don and Matt, I thank the courage of the *Reader* for their investiga-

tive reporting that I depend on for that truth.

**Feature Story**  
**Published January 14**

*Posted by junglejohn on January 17, 3:38 a.m.*

My friends and I share a similar view of La Jolla, shooting, hunting, and other manly activities, and have life partners that strike me as startlingly similar to what you describe. I guess my question is: how did we end up in this strange stranglehold? But you appear to have adapted (somewhat). Further discussion warranted.

**City Lights, by Don Bauder**  
**Published January 14**

*Posted by JustWondering on January 14, 1:04 p.m.*

It pains me to read the truth here again... This year I cancelled my two season tickets... I just couldn't justify spending \$8,100, for my "Founders" Club seats for 81 home games. As a season ticket holder for several years, I was forced to purchase a personal seat license if I wanted to have what I believe were great seats behind home plate. But now, since I have voluntarily surrendered my season ticket rights I have to forfeit value of the remaining 29 years on my seat license. In other words, money down the proverbial drain.

My wife, the optimistic one says, well you didn't spend another \$8,100 to watch a triple "A" team play at Petco Park. And, if there is on consolation, there are plenty of season ticket

holders who will sell their seats on the "Padres Ticket Marketplace" for less than face value this season. So if I get the yearning to see a live game I can go there and still buy good seats for less than the Padres.

*Posted by bootsdady on January 18, 10:44 a.m.*

It's funny just how much you learn about how much corruption there is in the city council and local politics if you go to the meetings and hang around afterwards to see who shakes who's hand. I was witness to such an event when I saw the city council members lining up to shake Steve South's (CEO of EDCO) hand while telling him they will see him later that night. Shortly thereafter the city land fill fees jumped, creating a problem for local haulers to stay in business, while the franchised trash companies' fees are kept secret by having private agreements with the city. Then ch10 praised the move, saying EDCO just opened a recycling plant in East County for Construction and Demolition materials to go, instead of the city land fill in Miramar.

My point is, whatever Moores is doing it was planned out with CCDC and all the other players involved months ago. Don is right, we got screwed a long time ago when they first built the ballpark, and people need to wake up. These agreements are not made in public meetings but behind closed doors. The UT and local TV news channels are just propaganda machines for these people.

*Posted by dbauder on January 18, 7:47 p.m.*

You are right: the big corporate welfare decisions are made behind closed doors. The media twist the facts around so that it appears the welfare recipients are doing the City a favor. It's pathetic, really. It's propaganda, as you state. Best, Don Bauder

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#### SCIENCE ON THE ROCKS

Californians love to surf, be it on the ocean, snow, or in the air. The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center presents the IMAX film *Adventures in Wild California* and offers interactive activities such as building a miniature roller coaster as part of its "California Thrill Ride Edition" event. See **SPECIAL**, page 67.

### Friday | 23

#### A VIBRANT SPRING

It's the Year of the Ox, and like Western astrology's version, Taurus, those whose birth falls on the Bull of the 12-year cycle are said to be silent but stubborn. This year, celebrations at Balboa Park honor Vietnamese heritage. See **SPECIAL**, page 67.

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### Saturday | 24

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A story of two aging sisters (played by two unrelated men), this off-Broadway comedy is about the joys and follies of bingo, family bonds, widowhood, diet crazes, and hot flashes. See **THEATER**, page 115.

#### OPERATION CITY HUNT

Visit the building that served as the set of the 1980s TV series *Simon and Simon*, and you'll find a message that will send you on your way to a challenge, another clue, or an activity (like enjoying a cocktail with your team) during this adult scavenger hunt hosted by the Junior League of San Diego. See **SPECIAL**, page 67.

#### CANNONS WILL BE USED

It won't matter that there aren't any projectiles in those metal cylinders, you'll still jump every time a cannon blasts when tall ships *Californian* and *Lynx* duke it out in a "noise-off" while sailing the high seas of San Diego. See **SPECIAL**, page 67.

### Sunday | 25

#### FOOD AND WATER BOWL XVII

Don't listen to what those dog owners say: cats *can* be trained. All that's required is the patience of Gandhi and a Dumpster full of catnip. See who triumphed when San Diego Cat Fanciers flaunts their fur. See **SPECIAL**, page 67.



SCIENCE ON THE ROCKS

#### YOM LIMMUD: SAN DIEGO'S COMMUNITY DAY OF LEARNING

With lectures on everything from the "DNA of the Chosen People" to kosher tacos, this program is packed with information about all things Jewish. The Agency for Jewish Education will also feature the local debut of the musical *Freedom Song*. See **SPECIAL**, page 67.

### Monday | 26



jane in *Humboldt County*, a coming-of-age film being screened at the downtown public library. See **FILM**, page 62.

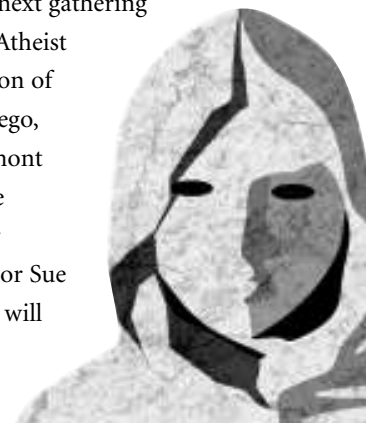
#### LOST COAST?

An aspiring doctor gets stranded in a counterculture community for the summer and finds more than many

### Tuesday | 27

#### THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS

At the next gathering of the Atheist Coalition of San Diego, Grossmont College history professor Sue Gonda will speak on how atrocities can occur when religion, or the lack of, is condemned by the masses. See **LECTURES**, page 64.



### Wednesday | 28

#### PUPPET THEATER

According to a Mexican folktale, the sun and moon began as two equally bright orbs, but then a god, for want of a rheostat, tossed a rabbit at the moon to dim the light. "The Rabbit on the Moon" is followed by a classic about a hen who enjoys the fruits of her labor. See **FOR KIDS**, page 63.

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## DANCE

### "3 Kings 3-on-3 Bboy Battle"

Sunk Roc hosts competition promising \$600 in cash and prizes, with guest deejays including Mane One, Madness, Romali, Sunk Roc, others. Judges: Rawken (War Orphans/Fresh 2 Death), Dougly Styles (Fresh 2 Death), Amon (Banguhrang). 619-409-5979. Saturday, January 24, 3 p.m.; \$10. Parkway Gymnasium, 385 Park Way. (CHULA VISTA)

**"Cabaret Dances"** Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater presents "sizzling, sexy, and steamy program" including premiere of *Eyes*

## OUT & ABOUT

### "A VIBRANT SPRING"

Lunar New Year Festival, Friday–Sunday, January 23–25, Balboa Park.

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of Love, a collection of duets and trios created by Isaacs, danced to jazz standards sung by Rachel Drexler and performed by pianist Steve Baker. Dances are performed to music by Duke Ellington, Cole Porter, Thelonious Monk, Irving Berlin, Cassandra Wilson. Also on tap: *Sippie*, a suite of five blues songs by legendary singer Sippie Wallace. Guest choreographers/performers include Daniel Marshall and John Diaz, Sadie Weinberg, Annie Boyer, Liv Isaacs-Nollet, Veronica M. Lamm, Anthony Diaz, Julio Catano, Minaqua McPherson, Danielle Eldred. Tickets: 619-595-0300. Sunday, January 25, 5 p.m.; \$15-\$35. Anthology, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

**Add Panache to Your Dancing** Contra-styling workshop with Chris and Graham hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. 619-283-8550. Saturday, January 24, 4 p.m.; \$5. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Argentine Tango Class** Introductory Argentine tango classes, ongoing. No partner required. 619-393-1974. Fridays, 9 p.m.; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

**Balkan Song and Dance** Mary Ann Downs leads Balkan singing, followed by regular international folk dancing. 619-281-5656. Saturday, January 24, 7:30 p.m.; Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Dances from Elsewhere!** Guest caller Woody Lane is joined by Flight Path for San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. Evening begins with optional potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.; bring food or beverage to share. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**English Country Dancing** All callers share duties for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, January 25, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Free Your Body, Free Your Soul** Nia dance classes to "develop freedom in the mind and body through expressive movement combining dance, martial arts, and healing arts." No dance experience needed. Fee: \$10; new students pay \$20 for 4 classes. 858-622-YOGA. Saturday, January 24, noon; \$10-\$20. Akasha Yoga, 3211 Holiday Court #203. (LA JOLLA)

**Social Dancing** Five-week course for beginners focuses on swing, salsa. Couples, singles welcome. Preregister at [dancewithliza.com](http://dancewithliza.com) to save \$5. 619-861-6260. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; through Thursday, February 5, \$65. Ages 16 and up. Attire by Lea Dance Studio, 7202 El Cajon Boulevard, Suite A.

**Sweat to Latin Funk!** Join instructor Minnie Ruiz in her "sal-

saerobics" workout classes. Learn mambo/cha-cha, meringue funky boogaloo. 619-254-9799. Saturdays, 10 a.m.; through Saturday, January 31, \$10. Ages 15 and up. Mind Body & Soul Dance Studio, 2973 India Street. (MISSION HILLS)

**The Ancient Art of Bellydance** Leilainia offers mixed-level class on Thursdays "focusing on balancing and invigorating through dance." Stretch, tone, strengthen your body. Drop-in fee: \$15; \$60 for six weeks. 619-884-7707. Thursdays, 6 p.m.; through Thursday, February 26, \$15. Rock Paper Scissors, 4967 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Time to Learn Arabic Dance** Dilek, a professional Arabic dancer from Turkey, leads classes. 619-588-3718. Monday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.; free. Ages 12 and up. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

**Viennese Waltz** Waltz & Such offers waltz review lessons in preparation for Viennese Ball on January 31. All ages welcome, no partner required. Donation. 619-583-9958. Friday, January 23, 7:15 p.m.; \$1. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Welcome 2009 in Swingin' Style** Community swing dances including "Firehouse swing school" (7-8 p.m.); swing dancing (8 p.m.); introduction to swing lessons for total beginners (8:30-9 p.m.). Fee: \$50 for four weeks of classes (includes admission to dance), \$8 for dance only. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; through Wednesday, January 28, \$8. San Diego Women's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

## FILM

**"Sappy" New Year!** Saps at Sea Tent of Laurel and Hardy fans gather for gems not seen for many moons. Program includes *Be Big* (1931) and *Swiss Miss* (1938), more. Donation. 619-417-9032. Saturday, January 24, 7 p.m.; \$6. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3902 Kenwood Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

**20 Wheels to Memphis** Premiere of Encinitas filmmaker John

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Grimshaw's documentary chronicling "the journey of a San Diego women's motorcycle club on a trek to Memphis, Tennessee, where they fulfill a dream of seeing Grace-land." Proceeds benefit one of the film's riders. 760-632-5242. Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m.; \$5-\$10. La Paloma, 471 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

**The Panama Deception** Oscar-winning exposé by filmmaker Barbara Trent focuses "on the lies surrounding the 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama." 619-299-9360. Sunday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.; free. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**The Wedding Banquet** International Film Series showcases 1993 U.S. film about traditional Taiwanese parents trying to arrange the marriage of their son, who already has a partner. Catch film in room 204; film repeats at 7 p.m. on Oceanside campus. English subtitles. 760-757-2121 x7737 or x7806. Friday, January 23, 1 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

**The Wedding Banquet, Again** International Film Series showcases 1993 U.S. film about traditional Taiwanese parents trying to arrange the marriage of their son, who already has a partner. Screening offered in Little Theatre (room 3601). English subtitles. 760-757-2121 x7737 or x7806. Friday, January 23, 7 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Tulia, Texas: Scenes from the Drug War** Documentary described as "a story about the corruption of justice" by Cassandra Herman and Kelly Whalen screens for Sunday Afternoon at the Movies series. 619-236-5800. Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Lost Coast?** Humboldt County screens for Film Forum, starring Jeremy Strong, Fairuza Balk, and Peter Bogdanovich. 619-236-5800.

Monday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Wolff!** Enjoy the tale of *Babe* during the "Feel-Good Films" showcased during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, January 28, 6 p.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

FOR KIDS

**"Cinderella"** Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1965 television musical comes to life in an all-youth theater cast production directed by Lynnea Weissman. 760-746-6669. Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, February 1, \$7-\$10. Patio Playhouse, 201 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**The Rabbit on the Moon** Enjoy tales of the tricky rabbit who stars in this Mexican folk tale, presented along with *The Little Red Hen* by Gaston's Puppets. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, January 28; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** Classic favorite performed by variety of puppets by Big Joe Productions. 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. Thursday, January 22; Friday, January 23; Saturday, January 24; Sunday, January 25; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**Battle of the Bands** Teen Scene event in Calavera Hills Community Center includes Wii Guitar Hero competition, film festival (with five-minute shorts), fashion

show, art café. Food, merchandise for sale. 760-434-2843. Saturday, January 24, 4 p.m.; \$7. Calavera Hills Park, 2997 Glasgow Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**Chinese New Year Workshop** Prepare baked egg rolls with tangy sweet-and-sour sauce, vegetable-fried rice, homemade coconut fortune cookies. 760-431-2278. Friday, January 23, 1 p.m.; \$45. Captain Cook's Culinary Academy, 6986 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

**Keebler Kids Marathon Mile** Participants — grouped by age — start outside Legoland and make a loop inside park, finishing outside. Event-day registration: 7 a.m. 760-692-2900. Saturday, January 24, 8 a.m.; \$15-\$20. Legoland, One Legoland Drive. (CARLSBAD)

IN PERSON

**"Multicultural Music for New Millennium"** Composer, pianist David Ward-Steinman plans concert including jazz and an improvisation on notes from the audience. He'll be joined by Tim Archambault on Native American flute, soprano Laurinda Nikkel. New compositions by Ward-Steinman are set to poetry by San Diegans Robert E. Lee, William J. Adams, Frieda L. Levinsky. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Friday, January 23, 5 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Teen Angst: A Celebration of Inadvertently Hilarious Adolescent Writing"** Event is "a sort of talent show for self-respecting adults...to share the scripts, poetry, songs, and stories that they wrote as teenagers." Have some cringe-worthy writing to share? 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, January 22, 8 p.m.; \$5. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)



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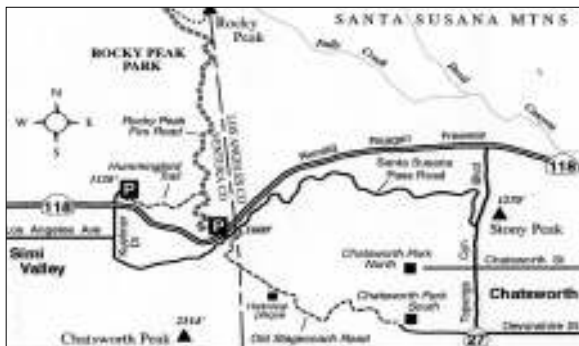
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feet of elevation.

To get to the starting point, travel east from the San Fernando Valley over Santa Susana Pass toward Simi Valley on the 118 Freeway. Exit at Kuehner Drive as you are descending into Simi Valley. Drive north 0.1 mile and park off pavement on the right side of

Kuehner. This is the site of a future trailhead for the Hummingbird Trail. Do not park at the north end of Kuehner, where curbside parking is prohibited.

Signs along Kuehner Drive, just north of the 118 Freeway, direct hikers north alongside the road shoulder for about 200 yards to a footpath veering right, just shy of where Kuehner ends at the entryway to a gated community. Follow this sketchy path down to the bottom of a ravine called Hummingbird Creek, where the well-defined trail starts. (These directions will likely change when a housing project at the foot of the trail, currently stalled, is completed and the trail is rerouted around it.)

After veering south to

reach a point close to the freeway embankment, the trail switches back and starts to dart upward, trending east via many zigs and zags, sometimes over barren rock. This continues until about 2 miles into the hike, where the trail straightens, heads straightforwardly east, and finally reaches the Rocky Peak Fire Road at a point 0.8 mile north of the fire road's origination point alongside the 118 Freeway at Santa Susana Pass. That fire road itself can be followed for extended journeys toward and beyond 2714-foot Rocky Peak, which lies to the north.

Along the way up and the way back down you're seldom out of earshot of

traffic on the neighboring freeway. Yet there are consistently panoramic views to enjoy whenever you want to take a break. If you have a camera, it's fun to pose your hiking companion atop any number of rounded boulders alongside the trail, with a background, perhaps, of the geometric patterns of subdivisions on the flat Simi Valley floor.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

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**Obscene in the Extreme** Rick Wartzman's book focuses on the ruckus caused in Kern County by publication of John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*. Wartzman will discuss and sign his new book. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Your Money or Your Life** Bay Area financial planner Mark Zaifman discusses, signs new edition of his book (originally published in 1992). 858-454-0347. Thursday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.; free. War-

wick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**A Practical Guide** Legal expert, author Wes Anson signs, discusses *The Attorney's Guide to the Business Mind*. 858-454-0347. Monday, January 26, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers** Ensemble from Los Angeles performs gospel music and more. 619-297-4366. Sunday, January 25, 6:45 p.m.; \$15-\$20. First United Methodist Church of San

Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Comedy on the Crest** Improv sketch comedy show by members of Comedy Under Construction, hosted by Mitch Feingold. 858-550-8088. Thursday, January 22, 8 p.m.; \$5. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Houston Comic** John Wessling headlines Ocean Beach Comedy; he was a semi-finalist on *Last Comic Standing* 2, opened for George Lopez. Open-mike comedy (6-7 p.m.) precedes show. 619-222-6822. Friday, January 23,

6 p.m.; \$5. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Meet a Techno-Thriller Author!** Daniel Suarez signs *Daemon*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, January 24, 2 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**National Acrobats of China** Troupe has been performing for over 50 years, including martial arts, traditional music, acrobatics, and illusion from China in performances. 619-235-0804. Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m.; \$20-\$85. Cop-

ley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**New Writing Series** Award-winning author, poet, essayist Graham Foust reads from his work in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. His fourth book, *A Mouth in California*, will be published this year; he directs MFA program in creative writing at Saint Mary's College of California. 858-534-4618. Wednesday, January 28, 4:30 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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

**Unravalled Improv Show** The Unravalled long-form improv troupe presents a completely improvised play from audience suggestions. All ages. 619-220-8663. Saturday, January 24, 8 p.m.; \$5. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

**Winter Music Concerts** Students at School of Creative and Performing Arts plan recitals. Enjoy an orchestra performance on January 21, choral recital on January 22, and bands on January 23. 619-475-8556. Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m.; Friday, January 23, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$10. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

### LECTURES

**"A Sense of Place: British Art History"** Linda Blair's lec-

ture series on British art continues with look at landscape. 858-454-5872. Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**"Attachments 101"** Learn to "avoid ruining an otherwise solid grant application with cumbersome attachments" during this grant-writing workshop. 619-460-2738. Friday, January 23, 10 a.m.; free. San Diego County Health and Human Services, 690 Oxford Street. (CHULA VISTA)

**"Basics of IRA Funds"** Build an understanding of retirement accounts that best suit your needs. RSVP: 619-278-5724. Thursday, January 22, 3:30 p.m.; San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union, 9212 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

**"Benefits of Bilingualism and Bilingual Education"** Montreal's McGill University professor Fred Genesee asserts "bilingualism has cognitive and linguistic advantages for children and adults," and he'll discuss the "communication, cognitive, and cultural advantages." 858-456-2807 x306. Friday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.; free. Ages 14 and up. San Diego French-American School, 6550 Soledad Mountain Road. (LA JOLLA)

**"Feng Shui 2009"** Feng shui consultant Kathryn Holt demonstrates basic feng shui principles to "help enhance your success in 2009" in celebration of the Chinese New Year. Room 606. 760-757-2121 x6477. Monday, January 26, 7 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

**"Grandpa Was in Jail?"** Gena Ortega's talk for North San Diego Genealogical Society is subtitled



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## OUT & ABOUT

### NATIONAL ACROBATS OF CHINA,

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Sunday, January 25.

(SEE IN PERSON)



"Researching the Black Sheep and Other Infamous Relatives" Non-members welcome. 760-729-1983. Tuesday, January 27, 10 a.m.; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Irrigation Design for Water-Wise Gardens" Kathy Eagle, director of horticulture at Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino, discusses essential design principles for integrating overhead sprinklers and drip irrigation into your garden. Topics include sprinkler selection and spacing, valve zoning, water pressure. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m.; \$15-\$25. Water Conservation Garden,

12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Key to the Mysteries" Religion scholar M.C. Owens examines "the enigmatic role of secret societies in the world's religious traditions." Learn myths, histories of organizations such as Freemasons, Knights of Templar, and Bavarian Illuminati. Teahouse opens at 6 p.m.; lecture is 6:30-8 p.m., followed by discussion of future of Red Lotus Society. 619-808-9847. Friday, January 23, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Ideal Hotel, 540 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Make Ahead Meals" "Opera Singing Chef" Elizabeth Podsiadlo divulges "how to prepare and store three main dishes that

are better after freezing" including rosemary beef stew, shredded pork "Texican" style, four-cheese macaroni. Recipes, tastings offered for each dish. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 ext 206. Saturday, January 24, 1:30 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"How to Manage a Multi-Dog Household" Considering getting another dog, or already have a few? Learn how to manage multiple dogs under one roof during workshop; training secrets, "tips for peaceful coexistence between your canine family members." For humans only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Wednesday, January 28, 6 p.m.;

\$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Obama's New Team and the War on Terror" UCSD political science professor Miles Kahler speaks for next meeting of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, gathering in community room. 619-574-7674 or 858-535-0949. Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m.; free. La Jolla Village Square, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Self-Hypnosis for Health, Relaxation and Personal Change" Denise Bidden-Potts addresses what hypnosis and self-hypnosis are, how long a trance session is best, putting yourself in a trance, language of posthypnotic suggestions. Registration: 858-538-8159. Wednesday, January 28, 1 p.m.; free. Ages 18 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

"The Golden Touch of Silver" Jacquelyne Silver — pianist, stage personality, artistic innovator, educator — plans lecture focusing on music of *Chariots of Fire*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Dr. Zhivago*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *The Godfather*, *The Sting*, others. 858-454-5872. Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"The Illegal War on Gaza" Human rights lawyer Audrey Bomse — who has worked in Israel and occupied Palestinian

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## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Territories for much of past seven years — was arrested in December in Israel, held in detention for four days for her work in Free Gaza Movement. She'll discuss the current Gaza situation, its international ramifications, what can be done about it. Other speakers include Marjorie Cohn, Nasser Barghouti. Poet Steve Kowit will read *Intifada*. Donation. 858-459-4650 or 619-840-1945. Monday, January 26, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

**"The Salem Witch Trials"** Grossmont College history professor Sue Gonda speaks when Atheist Coalition of San Diego gathers. 619-342-7388. Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 p.m.; free. North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. (NORTH PARK)

**"They Kill Children, Don't They?"** When the San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry meets, Dr. Seth Asser addresses "the plight of children who are denied modern medical treatment because of their parents' religious beliefs." 619-421-5844. Sunday, January 25, 7 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

**Qigong Presentation** State-certified *qigong* instructor Fay McGrew discusses ancient Chinese health practice of self-healing, Chinese medicine, and tai chi, in Aztlan A and B in student center, in celebration of the Chinese New Year. 760-757-2121 x6477. Wednesday, January 28, noon; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Backyard Compost Workshop** Learn how to compost food scraps and yard trimmings during workshop also covering vermicomposting (worm composting) led by Solana Center master composters. Compost bins, worm bins for sale afterward. Registration: 760-436-7986. Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.; free. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Improve Your Well-Being!** Daniel Haun plans presentation on acupuncture; learn of traditional Chinese medical techniques and tips on improving overall health. Workshop scheduled in Club Room of Student Center, in celebration of Chinese New Year. 760-757-2121 x6477. Tuesday, January 27, noon; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Keenly Interested in Feminist Theory and Criticism?** Distinguished scholar, UC Santa Barbara art history professor Abigail Solomon-Godeau speaks in seminar room of Visual Arts Facility. She "is widely known as a historian of photography and modern art with a particular interest in feminist theory and criticism...a key figure in the emergence of theoretically informed analysis of the photographic image in 1980s and 1990s." 858-534-2860. Friday, January 23, 2 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Know Your Climate-Friendly Plants?** "Water-Smart Gardening" class focuses on basics of gardening with native and climate-friendly plants. Reservations: 619-570-1999. Saturday, January 24, 8:30 a.m.; free. Scripps Ranch Community Service Center, 11885 Cypress Canyon Road. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

## OUT & ABOUT

**HAWKWATCH 2009,** Saturdays through February 28, Ramona.

(SEE OUTDOORS)



**Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly Dance Class** Middle-Eastern drumming class taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7 p.m.), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8 p.m.). All levels welcome. \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6 p.m.; through Monday, February 23, \$12. World-Beat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Opera Previews North!** Musicologist Ron Shaheen kicks off series with look at *Tosca*, Giacomo Puccini's "great romantic drama." Tickets distributed at 9:15 a.m., lecture at 10 a.m. 760-434-2904. Saturday, January 24, 9:15 a.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

## OUTDOORS

**Ceanothus**, or wild lilac, a late winter or early spring blooming native plant, could blossom pro-

fusely this month or next. Heavy rains and protracted periods of abundant sunshine produce the most extravagant displays. Blue- and white-flowering varieties of ceanothus are common wherever native sage-scrub and chaparral vegetation grows, from the bluffs of Torrey Pines to the edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert.

**Acacias**, festooned with myriads of fluffy yellow blossoms, are brightening streetsides, freeway embankments, and backyard gardens throughout the San Diego area this month. Although many acacias are native to subtropical regions, nearly all we see today in San Diego were introduced from Australia. Anza-Borrego's native acacia (*A. greggii*) is the notoriously thorny "catclaw," known by early desert pioneers as "tear-blanket" and "wait-a-minute bush."

**The Glittery, Bright "Winter Constellations"** of Orion, Taurus, Auriga, Gemini, Canis Major, and Canis Minor are best seen during the early evening

hours of late January and early February. This year, however, the waxing crescent moon's increasingly bright glare will begin to diminish the impact of the starry scene by Friday, January 30, and that interference will worsen until full moon on Monday, February 9. The bright winter constellations happen to include about one-third of the most luminous stars appearing in the night sky. The brightest star of all, Sirius, lies in the constellation of Canis Major. Sirius appears as a scintillating, bluish point of light high over the southeast or south horizon during winter early-evening hours. The second-brightest star of the night sky, Canopus, can be seen hovering very low over the south horizon whenever Sirius is nearing its highest altitude (about 40 degrees) in the southern sky. For late January, this happens around 10 p.m.

**"Having Fun on the Trails"** Explore flora, fauna, scenery of Daley Ranch with naturalist/biologist Carol Stanford during three-plus mile walk around Boulder Loop trail. 760-839-4680. Sunday, January 25, 9 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Achieve Peace on Earth** Enjoy the rippling San Diego River, chirping birds, and scented flora during guided nature walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, January 24, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, January 25, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, January 28, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Audubon Society Bird Walk** Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m.; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**Choose Chollas** In 1914, the U.S. Navy build a radio transmitter station high on a hill in east San Diego. Now closed, it houses a small museum. Join Walkabout explorers inside Chollas Lake Park at staff office for moderately paced, mostly flat walk in the area. Bring money for optional lunch. 619-231-7463. Wednesday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.; free. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Desert Garden Tour** Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Habitat Restoration Project** Volunteers invited to help plant native plants to create habitat for endangered coastal cactus wren. Bring water, sun protection, gloves if you have them. 858-342-8856. Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m.; free. Black Mountain Community Park, 12115-A Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**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)

**Live Entertainment** See coots and migratory shorebirds performing mating rituals during guided walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, January 24, 8:30 a.m.; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Lopez Homestead History Hike** Anthropologist Will Bowen leads hike into Lopez Canyon to see old Lopez Homestead, a small turn-of-the-century dairy farm. Visit orchard, Old Man Lopez Road, remains of barn, home, and milking station. Learn about role of Lopez family in early San Diego history. 858-484-3219. Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m.; free. Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Mystery Walk** Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles based on make-up of the group. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, wear layered clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, January



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**Ocean Beach Pier Cleanup** Beach cleanup hosted by Coast-keeper starts on grassy area north of pier next to lifeguard tower. Supplies provided. 619-758-7743 x118. Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m.; free. Ocean Beach Pier, 5091 Niagara Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**River Cleanup** San Diego River Park Foundation's Clean and Green Team hosts cleanup of San Diego River. Tools, supplies provided. Volunteers meet across street from police department at western end of YMCA parking lot. 619-297-7380. Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m.; free. Mission Valley YMCA, 5505 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Stinging Nettles Are Beneficial!** George Sirbu — who claims “over 20 years’ experience studying and eating weeds” — leads “Foraging” lectures and walks. Learn “many benefits of consuming dandelions, stinging nettles, lambs quarters, malva,” more. Outings start at ballfield #2. Heavy rain cancels. 619-781-2507. Sunday, January 25, 10 a.m.; \$20. Robb Field, 2525 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Swami's Tidepooling for All** Explore Swami's Beach when naturalist from Birch Aquarium at Scripps leads outing in search of native marine life such as hermit crabs, sea hares, and sea anemones. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, January 25, 1:30 p.m.; \$12. Ages 2 and up. Swami's Beach, 1298 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

**Sweetwater River Birding** Join Palomar Audubon Society in search of a good variety of waterfowl and other birds along Sweetwater River. Meet up with group in far northwest corner of parking lot near Outback Steakhouse. 858-792-5526. Saturday, January 24, 8:30 a.m.; free. Westfield Plaza Bonita, 3030 Plaza Bonita Road. (BONITA)

**Trash Pickup in López Canyon** Help clean trash out of natural areas in López Canyon, see wildflowers. 858-538-8066. Sunday, January 25, 9 a.m.; free. Lopez Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

## OUT & ABOUT

### LOST COAST?

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**Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar?** Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

**“La Insoportable Levedad del Ser: 25 Años”** Lecture about Philip Kaufman and Milán Kundera by Juan Alberto Apodaca, Elizabeth Algravez, Enrique Arroyo, and Marco Jaramillo. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m.; free. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

## SPECIAL

**“A Vibrant Spring”** It's the theme for Lunar New Year Festival 2009, honoring Vietnamese heritage. Celebrate Year of the Ox with “replica Vietnamese structures providing a nostalgic look at life in Vietnam”; entertainers including Y Phung, Mai Thiên Vân, Nguyễn Lê, and Quoc Khanh; cultural and hip-hop

dances; over 100 vendors offering wares. *Chúc mừng năm mới!* (Happy New Year!) 858-433-2829. Friday, January 23, 4 p.m.; Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.; Sunday, January 25, 10 a.m.; \$4-\$5. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Food and Water Bowl XVII”** More than 450 cats expected to attend two-day event hosted by San Diego Cat Fanciers, which includes household pet class competition, cat agility. Lectures, adoptions, vendors. 760-735-8209. Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.; Sunday, January 25, 9 a.m.; \$6-\$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**“Introduction to Prenatal Thai Yoga Massage”** Andrea Kane leads class based on “northern style of traditional Thai massage (*nuad boran*)” integrating “rhythmic massage, assisted yoga poses, acupressure along energy lines, and meditation.” Learn stretching techniques to relax during pregnancy, as well as during and after labor. No experience necessary. Bring pillow, blanket, and yoga mat (if you have one). Dress in yoga gear or casual workout clothes. 619-319-5201. Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m.; \$40. Ages 18 and up. Premium Birth Services, 2801 Fourth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**“Masters of Fire: Hereditary Bronze Casters of South India”** Exhibition based on a new book of same name traces role of

hereditary bronze casters in the town of Swamimalai, in south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Exhibit curated by UCSD anthropology professor Tom Levy continues through Sunday, January 25, in Seuss Foyer of Geisel Library. 858-534-3336. Thursdays, 8 a.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.; through Sunday, January 25, free. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**“Quiet Please”** What is the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library all about? Do you really have to be quiet in a library? Take a tour, enjoy music by Silent Comedy, food from Wolfgang Puck and beer from Karl Strauss, find answers to these questions and more during this “A List” event. 858-454-5872. Thursday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**“Science on the Rocks”** “California Thrill Ride Edition” themed event includes viewing of IMAX film *Adventures in Wild California*, “behind-the-dome video tour,” building of a miniature roller coaster in “Tinkering Studio,” Appetizers, beverages. RSVP: 619-685-5761. Thursday, January 22, 6 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Yom Limmud: San Diego's Community Day of Learning”** Agency for Jewish Education plans Jewish-themed lectures, author talks, and activities for adults

and children, including local debut of original musical *Freedom Song*. Registration: 858-268-9200. Sunday, January 25, 9 a.m.; free. Ages 5 and up. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**(More) Ringing in the New Year** Chimes atop Geisel Library ring out premieres in January. Anyone in a general radius of library will hear a new work by composer Pea Hicks, a UCLA alumnus. “Keep in mind that the actual library entrance is the worst possible place to stand — you really need to walk out Library Walk a bit to get the full effect.” 858-822-5758. Friday, January 23, noon; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Are You a Docent Wannabe? A Volunteer?** Six-class docent training series seeks volunteers interested in becoming docents. Each three-hour class in series is self-contained; thus you may begin with any class but must attend all six to complete docent training.

Also planned on Saturday: volunteer orientation (9:30 am–noon). Looking to share your skills with a volunteer program that is flexible and accommodating? RSVP: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, January 24, 9:30 a.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Bookish Delight** Book sale hosted by Friends of Library. 760-435-5560. Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.; free. Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**Cannons Will Be Used!** Cannon battles promised in San

Diego Bay between tall ship *Californian* and the *Lynx*, and you may spend the afternoon sailing along on board. Battles may be seen from sites around bay (free). 619-234-9153. Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m.; Sunday, January 25, 1 p.m.; \$35-\$55. Ages 4 and up. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**Community Meeting** Chula Vista Fire Chief Hanreman talks about the fire department and answers questions during Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association meeting. Also on tap: recording of topics for future meetings, discussion of “changing the organization so it can help mobile home park residents buy their parks.” 619-425-5771. Monday, January 26, 6:45 p.m.; free. MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

**Feel Fine in 2009!** Parents, children of all ages and levels of experience may attend family yoga class led by Kathleen Gregory, which promises “practical tips on healthy eating for families.” Refreshments follow program. Dress comfortably. Bring a mat or towel. 760-435-5590. Saturday, January 24, 2 p.m.; free. Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**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.

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## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

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)

**Great Gatherings** Chef Carissa Giacalone “brings to life chef Andrea Robinson’s food magic” from pages of *Macy’s Culinary Council Great Gatherings* cookbook. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, January 24, noon; \$25. Macy’s Fashion Valley, 7017 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**House Beautiful Home Show** Exhibits, vendors with products for your home. 800-999-5400. Friday, January 23, 10 a.m.; Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.; Sunday, January 25, 9 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Is Victory in Iraq a Myth?** Present your opinion when P&R Discussion Group meets. 619-370-1027. Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Knitting Made Easy** Do you knit? Join “a very relaxed group of people” meeting every Saturday to knit and chat. 858-573-1396. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

**Mountain Homes Solar Party** Take in educational presentation

about solar power, with question and answer session. Learn how solar technology works, short- and long-term benefits to consumer. Wine and cheese served. 619-766-4480. Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m.; free. Sacred Rocks Reserve, 1331 Shasta Way. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

**Operation City Hunt** Junior League of San Diego hosts fundraiser in which teams of two navigate through downtown streets “driven by clues and various challenges.” Fee is \$50 per person, plus \$100 per team in sponsorship money. 619-234-2253. Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.; \$50. Gaslamp Quarter. (DOWNTOWN)

**Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference** Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, January 24, noon; Sunday, January 25, noon; free. Alexandra’s Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, suite G. (POINT LOMA)

**Put 100 Candles on the Cake!** Celebrating centennial of “Inspiration Heights” subdivision of Mission Hills. Local historian, archaeologist Ronald May plans slide-illustrated lecture on history, background of area (1 p.m.). Chris Travers — director of Booth Historical Photograph Archives at San Diego Historical Society — focuses on “Importance of family photographs in helping to define historic eras” (2:30-3 a.m.).

“Family Album Day” events follow lectures (2:30-4 p.m.). Bring vintage photos and stories of Mission Hills to share with others and for scanning to add to historical archives of Mission Hills Heritage. Family Album Day is free. 619-497-1193. Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m.; free. Francis

## OUT & ABOUT

### “CABARET DANCES”

by San Diego Dance Theater, Sunday, January 25, Anthology.

(SEE DANCE)



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Parker Lower School, 4201 Randolph Street. (MISSION HILLS)

**R-Rated Trivia** Trivial fun returns with “comedy, mini-games, category rounds,” and trivia. Also on tap: “at least three live animals in each show — two more than Shakespeare’s.” Winning team takes all (or “play for free if you’re cheap or broke”). 619-294-4848. Sunday, January 25, 8 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. The Wit’s End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**San Diego Hi-Performance Expo** See classics, collectibles, tuners, low riders, customs, high-performance, and racing vehicles (on display and for sale); “acres of vendors.” 858-484-9342. Sunday, January 25, 7 a.m.; free. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**See Art Happen** Mixed-media sculptor and painter Jolynn Krystosek is first resident artist of 2009, creating a large-scale, 8’ x 10’ paper collage in studio through January. View the completed work through Wednesday, March 18. 760-436-6611. Thursdays, 1 p.m.; Fridays, 1 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.; through Wednesday, March 18, \$10. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

**See the Rover (Prototype)** NASA’s Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) Rover is on display in lobby through Wednesday, February 4. This “full-sized rover prototype” as big as a small SUV is on loan from NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). Actual spacecraft is scheduled to launch from Cape Canaveral in late 2011. Included in regular ad-

mission. 619-238-1233. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.; Fridays, 9:30 a.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; Sundays, 9:30 a.m.; Mondays, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.; through Wednesday, February 4, free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Snorkel with Sea Lions!** Enjoy marine nature tour to Coronado Islands by way of 9-Mile Bank on local 40-foot charter boat. Look for whales, dolphins, seals, pelagic marine birds, other open water creatures; there are colonies of elephant seals, harbor seals, sea lions at the islands. Also promised: a stop for snorkeling among the sea lions and kelp forest. Reservations: 619-523-9282. Sunday, January 25, 8 a.m.; \$79. Dive Connections, 1500 Quivira Way. (MISSION BEACH)

**Thar She Blows!** H&M Landing offers daily three-hour excursions to view the annual migration of California gray whales, with “interpretive narration by trained and knowledgeable staff.” Also available: five-hour cruises depart daily at 10 a.m., voyage to Coronado Islands. Reservations: 619-222-1144. Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; through Friday, March 20, \$17-\$25. H&M Landing, 2803 Emerson Street. (POINT LOMA)

**They’ll Pipe in the Haggis!** Robert Burns Night Supper promises full-course dinner (including

vegetarian options), poetry, Scottish country dancing, haggis, and single-malt whiskey tasting. 619-283-6242. Saturday, January 24, 6 p.m.; \$25. Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, 4227 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**Thomas Paine’s Birthday** Humanist Fellowship of San Diego celebrates Paine’s birthday (January 29, 1737) in “wiki”-style (everybody contributes to presentation). Bring favorite passages from any writing by or about Paine. 619-299-9360. Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m.; Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

## SPORTS

**Carlsbad Marathon and Half Marathon** The marathon and half marathon are sold out, but spectators are welcome in village of Carlsbad, Palomar Airport Road (at Avenida Encinas), Avenida Encinas (at Cannon), Carlsbad Boulevard and Poinsettia Boulevard, at Plaza Camino Real’s start and finish line. 760-692-2900. Sunday, January 25, 7 a.m.; Westfield Plaza Camino Real, 2525 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

**Chula Vista for Lunch?** Join Knickerbikers bicyclists for 25-mile ride mostly along Harbor Drive and the bike path. Bring money for food. 323-828-7461. Sunday, January 25, 9 a.m.; free. Old Town Transit Center, 4005 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

**Run Club** Locate new routes in the city, “test-drive” latest Nike footwear, run with motivated people. Runners, walkers of all levels meet to run their choice of three-, five-, and seven-mile routes, starting from Nike Fashion Valley. 619-294-9385. Wednesdays, 6 p.m.; free. Fashion Valley Mall, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**San Marcos Blast** Take 70-mile bicycle adventure with Bicycle Touring Society riders. 619-426-8192. Sunday, January 25, 8:45 a.m.; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Time to Bike** Enjoy flat, 55-mile ride to Coronado Ferry, Imperial Beach, and back with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society. 619-243-

8617. Saturday, January 24, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**World Extreme Cagefighting** Championship includes bouts between Varner and Cerrone, plus Faber versus Pulver 2. Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Sunday, January 25, 4 p.m.; \$39-\$179. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

## MUSEUMS

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

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

**Chinese Historical Society and Museum** “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 Otag Watch Company. 360 Third Avenue, 619-427-8092. (CHULA VISTA)

**Craftsmanship Museum** The Joe Martin Foundation hosts this museum and machine shop with displays of projects in metal and wood at the small end of the size-scale, including working miniature gas and steam engines, aircraft models, cars, trains, clocks, miniature tools and guns. Machinist mans the shop (Tuesday-Friday) for machining demonstrations.

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Museum is also open on first Saturday each month (10 a.m.-3 p.m.). 3235 Executive Ridge, 760-727-9492. (VISTA)

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

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

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

**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

## OUT & ABOUT

### VENICE BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

Saturday, January 24, Qualcomm Hall.

(SEE CLASSICAL MUSIC)



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)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** "Tinkering" features more than 20 hands-on exhibits bringing out "your inner inventor" with pulleys, computer circuits, turntables, wind tunnels, more. In the "Tinkering Studio," kids transform household

items into catapults, robots, spectrosopes, more. Closes Sunday, June 7.

Ongoing exhibitions include "So WAIT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers). "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films shown daily in IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Air and Space Museum** "Star Trek: The Exhibition" is said to contain "the world's

most comprehensive collection of authentic *Star Trek* ships, re-creations, sets, costumes, and props" from five television series and ten films created for more than 40 years. Sit on a re-creation of the original USS *Enterprise* bridge, enjoy a motion simulator.

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

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the

United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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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 achievement. 2131 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Maritime Museum**  
"The Art of the Boat — Photos from the Rosenfeld Collection," continuing through July 2009, is collection of over 40 black-and-white photographs celebrating marriage of great yachts and sea through lenses of father-and-son

team Morris and Stanley Rosenfeld. Duo is renowned for photographs of yachts, tall ships, and speedboats and photography of every America's Cup race from 1885-1992.

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

"San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contri-

## OUT & ABOUT

### "FOOD AND WATER BOWL XVII,"

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significance in preserving history of past generations. Objects include pottery, baskets, beadwork, jewelry, woodcarving, folk art, katsinas, bone and ivory implements, shields, textiles.

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

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

### San Diego Tugboat Museum

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

### San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park

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

### Valley Center History Museum

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

### William Heath Davis House Museum

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

### Women's History Museum

2323 Broadway, Suite 107, 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

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bution 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

"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 healing 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. Through Sunday, September 13.

"Art and Expression: The Legacy of Our Collections" highlights 17 key collections, relates stories of the collectors, how collections came to museum, their

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**Deeply Committed to Less Traditional Venues** St. Lawrence String Quartet takes stage for Barbara and William Karatz Chamber Concert Series. Listen for Haydn’s “String Quartet in E-Flat Major No. 2,” the “Lyric Suite” by Allan Berg, and Mendelssohn’s “String Quartet in F Minor.” 858-454-5872. \$40-\$45. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 23. (LA JOLLA)

**Young Artists Competition** Competition hosted by La Jolla Symphony Orchestra is open to singers and instrumentalists living and/or receiving musical instruction in San Diego County or Baja California. Tickets, information: 858-534-4637. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 9 a.m., Saturday, January 24. (LA JOLLA)

**Winter Concert** Civic Youth Orchestra’s Primary Strings, Intermediate/Chamber Strings, Wind Ensemble, and Symphonic Orchestra plan recital. 760-728-1977. \$5. Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street), 1:30 p.m., Saturday, January 24. (CARLSBAD)

**Winter Showcase** San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory Wind and Preparatory Ensembles plan concert of works by

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**Russian Strings on Offer!** Concert by Los Angeles-St. Petersburg Russian Folk Orchestra. 626-483-2731. \$25-\$30. Good Samaritan Episcopal Church (4321 Eastgate Mall), 4 p.m., Saturday, January 24. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**An Operatic Thriller!** San Diego Opera’s 44th season opens with Giacomo Puccini’s *Tosca*. Cast includes French soprano Sylvie Valayre, American tenor Marcus Haddock, bass-baritone Greer Grimsely, German bass Jamie Ofenbach, American bass-baritone Scott Sikon as Sacristano, Taiwanese tenor Joseph Hu. Conductor is Edoardo Müller, director is Andrew Sinclair. Performed in Italian with English translations above the stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. \$28-\$175. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, January 24; 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 27. (DOWNTOWN)

**Venice Baroque Orchestra** La Jolla Music Society hosts concert with orchestra led by conductor, organist, harpsichordist, Baroque scholar Andrea Marcon. Program includes Vivaldi’s “Sinfonia for Strings in G-Major,” “Concerto in A-Minor for Two Violins, Strings, and Continuo No. 8,” “Sinfonia Rustica for Strings in G-Major,” “Concerto in A-Minor for Violoncello, Strings, and Continuo,” “Concerto for Lute in D Major,” “Concerto in G-Major for Two Violins, Strings, and Continuo,” and “Concerto for Four Violins in B-Minor No. 10,” as well as pieces by Albinoni and Geminiani. 858-459-3728. \$25-\$75. Qualcomm Hall (5775 Morehouse Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, January 24. (MIRA MESA)

**“Picture Perfect”** Enjoy Classics for Kids family concert when Classics Philharmonic is joined by San Diego Pantomime Theatre to perform an original portrayal of story and pictures of Mussorgsky’s “Pictures at an Exhibition.” 619-570-1100. \$11-\$20. Balboa Theatre (868 Fourth Avenue), 2 p.m., Sunday, January 25. (DOWNTOWN)

**Old Masters of Music and Art** Award-winning harpsichordist, Baroque music specialist Takae Ohnishi performs for series. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. Free. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 2 p.m., Sunday, January 25. (BALBOA PARK)

**Organ Concert** Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, January 25. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Pops Concert — Music of the Movies”** San Diego Young Artists Symphony performs movie music from *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Amadeus*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Harry Potter*, *Star Wars*, *Lord of the Rings*, and *Titanic*, as well as “an

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**“Sights and Sounds of the Austro-Hungarian Empire”** Take a “musical and visual excursion” to Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague when resident organist Janice Fehér performs music by Liszt, Mozart, Haydn, Bartók, Kodály, Bruckner, and Eben on the 104-rank Casavant-Freres organ interspersed with photographs by Béla Fehér. Offering. 619-232-7513. First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street), 6 p.m., Sunday, January 25. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Gaudetel!”** Pacific Camerata vocal ensemble performs music from English renaissance. Featured are “Mass for Five Voyces” by William Byrd, as well as pieces by Thomas Tallis, Christopher Tye, other works by Byrd, “Ave Maria” by Robert Parsons, and Dunstable’s “Quam Pulchra Es.” 619-527-4457. \$10-\$15. Saint Andrew’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (1050 Thomas Avenue), 7:30 p.m., Sunday, January 25. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Classical Piano Promised** Aiyun Huang performs for mini-concert. 858-454-5872. Free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), noon, Monday, January 26. (LA JOLLA)

## ART LISTINGS

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## GALLERIES

**Shape and Mystery** Opening reception for exhibition of photographs by Beth Dow, featuring a selection of photographs from her “In the Garden” series. “Dow aims for pictures that have a meditative quality to reflect the spiritual urges that inspired the earliest gardens centuries ago.” Enjoy the result of her work through Saturday, March 7. 858-456-5620. Free. Joseph Belows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue), 5 p.m., Friday, January 23. (LA JOLLA)

## 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 integration 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, February 22.

“Human/Nature: Artists Respond to a Changing Planet” uses contemporary art to investigate relationships between fragile natural environments and human com-

munities depending upon them. Collaborative multiyear exhibition project sent eight artists to eight UNESCO World Heritage sites around globe to complete mini-residencies, create new work informed and inspired by their experiences in these diverse cultural and natural regions. Exhibit features new commissioned works by Mark Dion, Ann Hamilton, Inigo Mangano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramirez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robleto, Diana Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla** “Jasper Johns: Light Bulb” — on view through Sunday, May 10 — focuses on Johns’s first sculpture, *Light Bulb I* (1958), a recent gift to the museum. Exhibition brings together Johns’s light bulb sculptures and related drawings and prints, including several never-before-exhibited drawings and modified prints from artist’s collection. Selection of works in this exhibition “demonstrates the significance of the relationship between the two-dimensional and three-dimensional in Johns’s work and the importance of the light bulb as an image he explored for over 20 years.”

“Cerca Series: Javier Ramírez Limón” features photographic works by the Tijuana-based artist. On view through Sunday, May 10. Exhibition includes the two documentary photography series “Mexican Quinceañera” (2006-2008) and “De Altar al Sásabe” (2007). 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** Referencing multiple dimensions of pop culture, “Lowbrow Art: Nine San Diego Pop Surrealists,” opening Saturday, January 24, is said to highlight “alternative styles of expression that comment on the subculture of San Diego.” See work by Mary Fleener, Scott Saw, Tim McCormick, Scrojo (Craig Haskett), Jason Sherry, Charles Glaubitz, Ron Wharton, Pamela Jaeger, and Jen Trute through Sunday, May 24. “Each artist extols their narrative world of fantasy through a personal approach reflecting the regional underground culture.”

“Quilt Visions 2008: Contemporary Expressions” — continuing through Sunday, March 1 — boasts 41 quilts selected from 586 entries. Jurors were Judith Content, Mary Anne Jordan, and Don Bacigalupe. 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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**Oi-o-Oi** Early on January 10, 25-year-old Christopher Hawthorne of Santee was shot and killed near O'Connell's bar in Bay Park. Police reports say Hawthorne got into a fight outside the club, then was chased by a man who shot him a block away.

Department, working, etc. Unlike other bands, we don't just sing about it, we live it."

Oxblood lyrics from the song "Our Colors" include "Running around with our crew/ Better watch out, our eyes are on you/ What the fuck are you looking at/

# the inside track blur

Sulo King, a talent buyer at nearby Brick by Brick, says, "There were a lot of skinheads [in the audience] that night.... Everyone knows Oxblood is one of the original oi bands."

Based in New York City, Oxblood was founded in 1992. Paul, the band's bassist, said the following in a 1999 interview with *punk-oiuk.co.uk*: "The main themes in our lyrics are a reflection of our everyday skinhead life in New York City. We sing about things we go through, like violence, being locked up, the New York Police

About face before we strike/...My veins are on a mission to let out aggression/ To seek and destroy is our intention."

O'Connell's owner Rick



OXBLOOD AUDIENCE (NOT AT O'CONNELL'S)

LaLama says he knew Oxblood to be "...a hard-rock band. We book hard-rock bands all the time. The band [members were] not the ones who started the stuff that went on. I didn't see the

band start anything."

Regarding the charge that his bar was filled with "Nazi skinheads" (according to one person who was there), LaLama says, "I don't know that every well-built tattooed white male you see is a skinhead. I don't even know what that is."

When asked if he was the one who booked the bands for that night or if an outside promoter scheduled the lineup, LaLama says, "I don't have a lot more to say."

Last Thursday, a suspected gunman of Latino descent — a teenager — was arrested in Los Angeles. After Hawthorne's death, the established roadside memorial included a sign that read, "Hail Our Fallen Comrade! 88!" The double 8s refer to the eighth letter of the alphabet, *H*, reputedly a reference to the phrase "heil Hitler."

— Ken Leighton

**Slump Rock** All local concert venues listed on *Pollstar's* year-end summary showed a decrease in business last year, with the Sports Arena and SDSU's Open Air Theatre showing the largest declines.

Cricket Wireless (formerly Coors) Amphitheatre came in at 27 on the list of 100 top amphitheaters, selling 210,000 tickets in 2008 (down from 249,000 the year before); the Open Air Theatre

came in last on that list, falling from 88 to 100. OAT sold almost half as many tickets in 2008 (17,600) as were sold in 2007 (32,000).

On the list of arena venues, the Sports Arena fell from 53 in 2007 to 98 last



DID BOB HELP BOOST AEG NUMBERS?

year. Sports Arena moved 211,000 tickets in 2007 but only 117,000 last year.

The local House of Blues held its own on the list of top 100 clubs, selling 78,000 tickets in 2008, making it the 49th most successful nightclub on the list. 4th&B fell off the list completely in 2008 but was number 95 in 2007.

The top-grossing local concert last year was Madonna's November show at Petco Park; all 35,743 tickets (priced between \$55 and \$350) were sold, grossing \$5,097,000. In previous years, tours by blink-182 and Jewel showed up on the list of the 100 most successful worldwide tours; no local artists

showed up on this year's list.

Not showing up on the top-100-amphitheater list was the new Concerts on the Green outdoor venue located at the southwest corner of the Qualcomm Stadium parking lot (it used to serve as the Chargers' practice field). AEG Live brought Bob Dylan, Stone Temple Pilots, and Paramore (among others) to the 13,000-capacity venue last year.

Insiders say that AEG has decided to walk away from the Concerts on the Green facility and focus on its new, exclusive relationship with the Sports Arena.

"That venue was a stiff," says one promoter who never did business at the Mission Valley venue. "I heard every one of the shows they did there [last year] lost money except one. I heard they nicknamed the 91X X-Fest [in May 2008] 'mosquito fest.'"

Qualcomm general manager Mike McSweeney says he has "dates on hold" for AEG this summer. AEG San Diego executives did not respond to a request for comment before press time.

— Ken Leighton

**Loud in Japan** "This collaboration was born at the UFO Club in Tokyo," says Bruce McKenzie, one half of

the local experimental duo Buzz or Howl. "We met famed Japanese psych-noise artist Astro through a mutual friend.... The music Astro took home that night was by Buzz or Howl, and plans were hatched to combine forces with him somehow."

The collaboration, Western Mystery School, was released this month on Lotushouse Records. Astro — aka Hiroshi Hasegawa — is best known for his stint with C.C.C.C., alongside occasional bondage porn star Mayuko Hino, notorious for throwing plastic bags of urine at audiences.

"She performed with Hiroshi when we played with them at the UFO Club in Tokyo in 2005," says Buzz or



ASTRO, HIS NAME... INTENSE VOLUME, HIS GAME

Howl's Eric Nielsen. "She quietly did her thing while the loudest sounds I have ever heard emanated from the stage. The whole room shook, the support beams

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shook, the bathroom shook, and the sound man had to fan the board with his Japanese fan, wearing his wooden sandals....

"The key components of psych-noise," explains Nielsen, "are freedom of volume and composition. It's an emotive attack on your whole body with volume, so loud that it's not uncommon to have an out-of-body experience in a swirling cloud of intense volume...."

"Once, in western Japan, I was at a show that was so loud I had to lift my shoulders to my ears. I was in terrible pain, but it was impolite to get up and leave. After about 15 minutes, I completely forgot about the music, relaxed, and went into deep contemplation."

— Jay Allen Sanford

## Don't Be the Cactus

Singer-songwriter Megan Combs — now an Ocean Beach resident — was 24 when she left Virginia on New Year's Eve in 2007. She blogs about leaving her home, job, and husband behind:

"I didn't have enough money for gas to get to my parents' house in Pennsylvania. I didn't have even one cent. I was bawling

my eyes out, while my best friend, who was in Pennsylvania, was on the phone with the gas station attendant trying to get him to let her pay for gas over the phone with a credit card."

She writes that she wasn't able to pursue her music career in Virginia.

"You know that little voice in the back of your head that tells you that something is right or wrong, ever so slight. Some people call this a conscience. I think of this as a personal GPS...I had been ignoring it for a while. Way too long, in fact.... Every day, I would drive to work and drive home, and the only thought that consumed my mind was 'What if?'"

Combs landed in O.B. last summer, she says, "to broaden my music opportunities. I constantly wonder where my songs come from. Where does this shit come from? I don't feel the right to call it my own. I didn't write it. I merely wrote it down."

"I've been playing about five times a week since I got here. Started at open mikes and have been booking shows from those almost every time. The scene here is a non-pretentious one. People really dig original music, so I don't have to play as many covers as before,

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21ST CENTURY JEWEL WITH A VIRGINIA TWIST (COMBS)

But I didn't come here for the money. I'd be just as happy living in the People's Republic [in O.B.] in my van and playing music every night."

According to her MySpace

page, Combs is scheduled to play the Bareback Bar and Grill on January 27 and at Lestat's on the 31st.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**The Real Neil** "I always knew that someday I would shake [Neil] Diamond's hand and get to tell him how much he inspired me," says David J. Sherry, the Diamond Is Forever bandleader and Escondido resident who met Neil Diamond in Ontario on January 4.

Sherry debuted his Diamond tribute band in 2005. The backstage meeting between Sherry and Diamond was arranged by mutual friend Randy Cierley-Sterling, Diamond's bass player from 1969 until 1972.

"Randy was onstage at the very first Neil Diamond concert I attended in 1970, in my hometown Detroit, when I was 13 and had become a fan

after hearing 'Sweet Caroline' on the radio."

Backstage in Ontario, when 52-year-old Sherry mentioned the 1970 show, Diamond asked, "Were we any good?"

"I wasn't just treated like some fanboy behind a velvet rope with hordes of other people hoping for two seconds with Neil," says Sherry.

"Instead, I was introduced to Neil by name, along with a glowing review from Randy about me and the band. He told Neil that I was the real deal, doing a real tribute, and getting the sound and the music right. Neil smiled and, when I stressed that I was not an impersonator and that we loved his

music and worked really hard to get it right, he smiled and said, 'That's good.'...

"We all parted with a cool old '60s handshake, thumb-to-thumb, and as we were led away to our seats, Neil's voice



SHERRY (LEFT), NO FANBOY

echoed down the hallway, 'Enjoy the show, guys'...we certainly did!"

— Jay Allen Sanford

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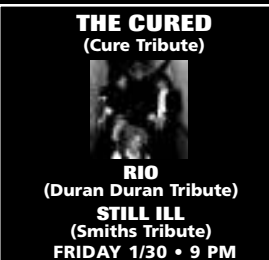
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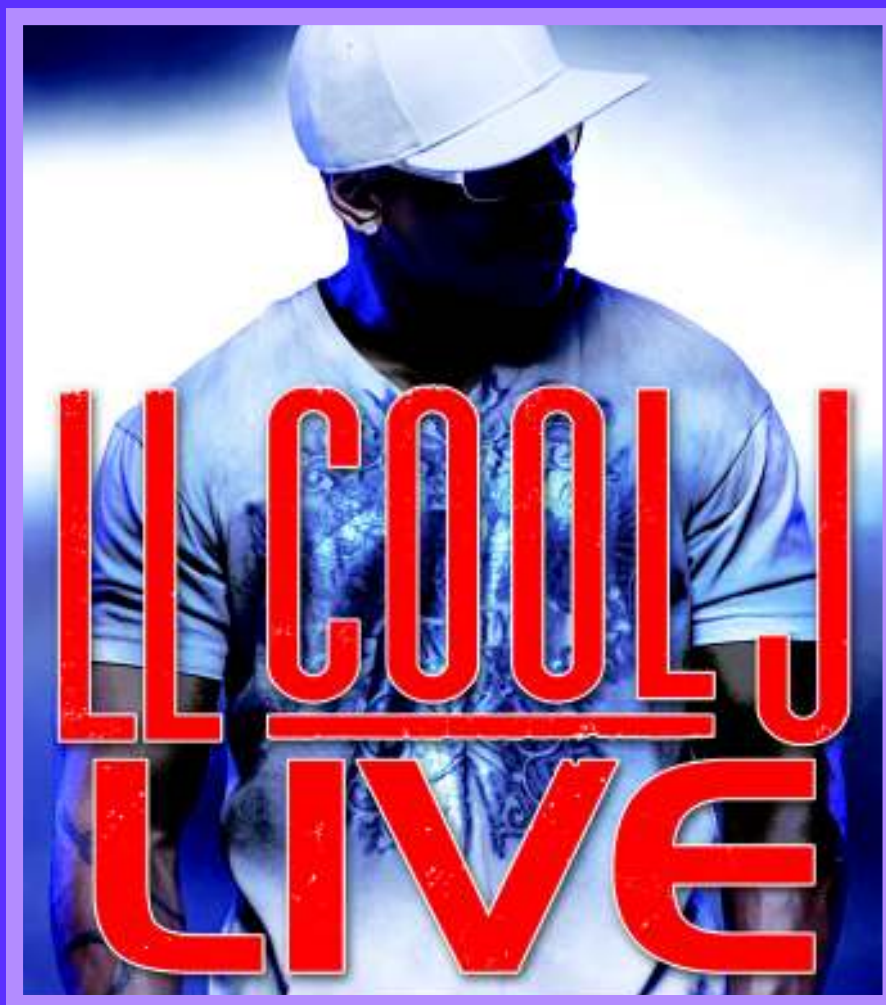
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## This Week In Music

### Thursday 22

Octet **Ozomatli** checks in at Belly Up for three in a row through Saturday night. Get back with the Latin-funk dance jams of these L.A. Grammy winners (Best Latin rock/alternative album for 2005's *Street Signs*), and check the salsa-infused takes from last year's Concord hit *Don't Mess with the Dragon*. With **Ceci Bastida** tonight, **Rue Melo** on Friday, and **Cava** Saturday night. ¡*Baile un salsa!*... Atlanta-based singer-songwriter and guitar-girl extraordinaire (she was the first female on *Rolling Stone's* "Guitar God" list in '06) **Kaki King** will grace the room at Little Italy supper club Anthology. From busking subways in New York in the early 2000s to her '07 collaboration with Eddie Vedder on acclaimed soundtrack *Into the Wild* and last year's crit-hits *Dreaming of Revenge* and *Black Pear Tree* (with the Mountain Goats), Ms. King is the poised princess of indie.... Santa Barbara funk-punks **Snot** hook up with **D.O.S.** and **Mower** to hard rock Brick by Brick.... **Louis XIV**, **Apes of Wrath**, and **Roman Spring** join the anniversary party at Casbah.... Uptown, ya got **Thorns of Life** (ex-Jawbreaker) and the **Idyllists** at Bar Pink...and **Someday Assassin** with **Days of Life** (weird poetry booking those two bands together) at Radio Room.

### Friday 23

**Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Freaking Driver** is back for one brief one-off in honor of Casbah's Big Two Oh. Hands down ballsiest (inside joke) barroom rockers in SD rock-roll — and eater of drummers, apparently — Dave Jass, Andrew McKeag, and George Vidaurri took a run at Seattle when the Southland scene fizzled only to fade away themselves — Jass to suburban Minneapolis, McKeag stayed in the NW and joined the Presidents of the United States of America, and George returned to SD and currently cools it with MEX. See if you can dig up their two LPs on hometown's



UNCLE JOE'S BIG 'OL DRIVER AT CASBAH

Headhunter/Cargo imprint, a s/t debut from '94 and *Chick Rock* from '95, for a preview — smacks of Replacements covering Stones, or



NO KNIFE AT CASBAH

the other way around, depending on your, uh, constitution. Rumor is that original drummer Paul Brewin (of Drip Tank fame) will beat for the band. With **Creedle** and **No Knife**, this sold-out show is one hella reunion gig and one of this month's highlight nights at the Middletown mainstay. (See Sunday for more Creedle.)... When you give up on the sidewalk, follow it down to Anthology, where 67-year-old folkie **Richie Havens** plays to his Woodstock fame...and **Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings** funk up 4th&B.... Udderwise: **Cash'd Out**!! get their Johnny on out at Canes, where **Pushin' Rope** sets the seaside stage.... Funkay funkay! Whistle Stop books a pair in **Genius of Soul** and **Inspired Flight**...while at the other end of 30th, **Pocket** lays out the jazz acidic at Bar Pink...**Zodiac Death Valley** (SF), **Scarlet Symphony**, and **Doves** and **Desperadoes** hole up at Soda Bar...and Radio Room turns on **Off with Their Heads**, **Breaker Breaker One Niner**, **Sunnyside**, and, lawdy, **Turkish Techno**.

### Saturday 24

Ton of rock-solid lineups Saturday night, so, real quick from top to bott: Memphis garage punk **Jay Reatard** joins likeminded Zonies **Earthmen** and **Strangers** at the Ken for a *holy shit!* bill at

the Kensington hotspot...Sixties garage-rawk gurus the **Penetrators** and the **Loons** regroup at Casbah...Seattle plink-rock trio **Trukasaurus** pulls into Bar Pink with L.A. showgirls **Obi Best**... **T.S.O.L.**, **Black President** (featuring members of Goldfinger and Dee Dee Ramone), and **Shot Out Hoods** hit Brick by Brick...**Da Bears**, **Monsters from Mars**, **Irradio**, and **Say Vinyl** fill a pop-rock bill at Ché Café...Beauty Bar stages **Drowning Men**, **Secret Samurai**, and **Lyons Crowns**...and last and least, Jersey boys **Fountains of Wayne** will play an acoustic set at Anthology.

### Sunday 25

*Half Man Half Pie*. Tasty Sunday sets at Casbah, with a 2p matinee show featuring **Creedle**, **Optiganally Yours**, **Soul Junk**, and — unbelievable — the heliocentric world of Tim Ellison's **Nephews**. Be interesting to see how many acts Rob Crow sits with...**Tapes-n-Tapes** headline Casbah Sunday night with **Wild Light** and **Theresa Andersson** in support.... **Diablo Dimes** will be busking his old-timey blues stomps out at the Ken...while **Royal Campaign**, **Dave the Butcher**, and **Ryan and the Relics** dial in at Radio Room.

### Monday 26

See *Emily play*. Soda Bar pulls a long, cool pour of odd pop with local duo **Bunky**. Philly-via-SanDago throw-backs **Free\*Stars**, and **Rafter** (doing triple duty).... It's *circaNow* at Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up. The local fuzz-punk trio got an SDMA nomination for Best Rock Album for last year's *100 Watts*. Check the Space takes, and while you're there, give a listen to new single "Waterfront"; it's a riff riot. **Ringers** and **Laserwolf** and **Thunderbolt** open.... **Molotov**, a Mexi raprock crew with *mucho* Latin Grammys to their cred, visit House of Blues with **Pastilla**.

### Tuesday 27

N'awlins hip-hop hit Dwayne Michael



OPTIGANALLY YOURS AT CASBAH

Carter Jr., aka **Lil' Wayne**, rocks the mike Tuesday night at Cox Arena. Wayne's '08 offering *Tha Carter III* hit *Billboard* like a bomb with three top tens ("Lollipop," "A Milli," "Got Money") and earned the crossover kid eight Grammy nominations and MTV's Man of the Year?! Hey, MTV, isn't he on probation for some drug thing or other?... Anthology hosts a Blue Note 70th Anniversary show. The iconic label props an all-star septet of trad-jazz players, including **Ravi Coltrane**, who takes up Dad's tenor for the affair.... SanFran piano-pop band **Magic Bullets** takes aim at Soda Bar. Check the Space takes — little Smiths, little sunshine.... And it's **Annihilation Time** for Ché Café, with **A.N.S.** and **Gross Negligence**.

### Wednesday 28

Rob Crow's metal mien **Goblin Cock** dropped brand-spanking new *Come with Me If You Want to Live* on Tuesday. They'll join one-man show band **Pleaseasaur** and hair-band spoofs **Blasphemous Guitars** (Cover Me Badd) at Casbah.... U.K. electronic-rock riot **Metronomy** will plug in at Bar Pink.... Pop-rock acts **Midwinters** and **Janu and the Whalesharks** have an appointment at Beauty Bar.... And Belly Up books slack-key kings **Led Kaapana** and **Mike Kaawa**. If the vowel strings didn't give it away, they're Hawaiian dudes, and they rock it island style. *Aloha kakou*.

— Barnaby Monk



LIL' WAYNE AT COX ARENA



Thursday, January 22

## SNOT

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Saturday, January 24

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Wednesday, January 28  
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Thursday, January 29  
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Friday, January 30  
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Friday, February 6  
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**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
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**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*Thursday* — Ed Stanely and ThrillRazr. With Breakhouse. Alternative/rock/garage.  
*Saturday* — Dazed & Confused. A tribute to Led Zeppelin. Way Cool Jr. also performs. Metal/rock.  
*Wednesday* — Mary Grasso and Sheila Sondergard. Acoustic/alternative/folk.

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**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Kaki King. Acoustic/indie/experimental. \$18.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Richie Havens. Folk singer-song-writer. \$43-\$48.  
*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Fountains of Wayne. Full-band acoustic performance. \$22. 10 p.m. — The Clumsy Lovers. Acoustic/roots/folk. \$10.  
*Sunday*, 8:30 p.m. — Griffin House. Folk/rock. \$17.  
*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Bill Charlap, Ravi Coltrane, Peter Bernstein. With Lewis Nash, Peter Washington, and more. Traditional jazz. \$28-\$35.  
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*Sunday*, 7 p.m. — The Backwater Blues Band. Blues/funk/jazz. \$10.  
*Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Franklin Lounge and Nate Donnis. With Matt Commerce. Acoustic/folk/pop. \$8.

*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Led Ka'apana & Mike Ka'awa. Hawaiian slack-key guitar. \$15-\$17.

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*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Joe Rathburn. With Sven-Erik Seaholm and Citizen Band. Acoustic.

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**Dublin Square:** 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818.  
*Monday*, 8 p.m. — Lee Coulter.

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

**Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings** have a sound on loan from the heart of the '60s. It is a brassy inner-city soul/funk flavored by the Civil Rights movement and the church, a sound that was popular a good decade before the coming of *Shaft* and the bass-thumping soul of the blaxploitation era. Forty years ago, soul was a sexy, igneous mess of horns with drums, bass, and organ and a blistering voice sitting on top of that big happy sound. It is a vibe that the Dap-Kings seem to channel. Jones has been called Soul Sister Number One or the Queen of Funk (she rejected Queen of Soul; that belongs to Aretha Franklin, she told a reporter). Jones may be the hardest-working woman in

show business, and there is nothing put-on about her badness — for a time, she held a day job as a prison guard in New York.

Sharon Jones is in her early 50s. She is a native of Georgia, resides in Brooklyn, and came up through the vocal ranks in the usual way by singing in the church and at talent shows. Slow at first to catch in the U.S., she and the Dap-Kings took off in Britain at the end of the '90s. There was a big soul revival going on there then. Little surprise that the Dap-Kings were tapped by Amy Winehouse, the British blue-eyed soul star whose own eerie self-destruction is at least as interesting as is her music. The Kings lent muscle to Winehouse's *Back to Black*, and they supported her on tour.

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**First United Methodist Church of San Diego:** 2111 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-4366.  
*Sunday*, 6:45 p.m. — Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers. Ensemble from Los Angeles performs gospel music and more. 619-297-4366. \$15-\$20.

**GIO Wine Bar & Restaurant:** 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100.  
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**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.  
*Wednesday*, 10 p.m. — Wookiee Garcia. Rock.

**Georges on Fifth:** 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444.  
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Saturday, January 24 • 6 pm • Latin Funk  
**Cafe Moliendo**  
 9:30 pm • Latin Rock  
**Viva Santana**

Sunday, January 25  
 8 pm • Smooth Jazz  
**Vertice Williams**

Monday, January 26  
 7 pm • Blues  
**Jukeville**

Tuesday, January 27  
 7 pm • Jazz Vocalist  
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Wednesday, January 28  
 8 pm • Sweet Soul Music  
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**Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill:** 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. Friday — MG3. Reggae/funk/soul. Monday, 7:30 p.m. — The Blokes. Rowdy Celtic/bluegrass/surf. Wednesday — Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones. Blues/rock/soul.

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church:** 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0365.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Jim Malcolm. Scottish singer-songwriter (and former lead singer of the Old Blind Dogs) offers entire set of Robert Burns's songs in honor of the Scottish bard's 250th birthday. \$18.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. Sunday, 7 p.m. — Ramón Ayala. Norteño/Tejano. \$42-\$62. Monday, 7 p.m. — Molotov. Reggae/rock/rap. \$25-\$45.

Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Tyrone Wells. With Jason Reeves and Keaton Simons. Pop/rock/soul. \$12. Wednesday, 7 p.m. — O.A.R. With Eric Hutchinson. Alternative rock/soul. \$27.

**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.

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**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Silent Lune. Alternative.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.

Thursday, 9 p.m. — 3 EZ Pieces. Friday, 9 p.m. — Stevi Lynn & The Ghostriders. Classic rock. Sundays, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock. Mondays, Tuesdays — Doug Allen. Front man of the Mar Dels.

**La Mesa First United Methodist Church:** 4690 Palm Avenue, La Mesa, 619-466-4163. Sunday, 4 p.m. — Dzveli He. Alternative/world.

## NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

**Fountains of Wayne** seems like a weird choice for an all-acoustic set at Anthology. The band's songwriters, **Chris Collingwood** and **Adam Schlesinger**, are best known for writing irresistible, catchy power pop with jokey, name-checking lyrics like "It's Thursday night, she should be out on the scene/ But she's sitting at home watching *The King of Queens*." This is not the kind of earnest, confessional songwriting that we associate with acoustic concerts.

In fact, Collingwood and Schlesinger often seem to be writing brilliant parodies of pop songs as much as they're writing pop songs. Schlesinger, in particular, has had a side

career doing exactly such parody work since his theme song for the 1996 movie *That Thing You Do!* garnered an Oscar nomination. Check out his songs for the silly Hugh Grant/Drew Barrymore romantic comedy *Music and Lyrics*: they're crap, but the hooks are so good that you hardly notice.

Still, just because Fountains of Wayne songs are funny doesn't mean they're not heartfelt. Like Ray Davies of the Kinks, Collingwood and Schlesinger tend to write in the third person, with lots of specific details of place and time. Like Davies, they pack their songs with humor, but in their best songs they are serious about establishing believable characters and documenting modern life. "Someone to Love," the song that references *The King of Queens*, is only a joke at first listen. After several verses telling us about the



### FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE

characters Seth Shapiro and Beth McKenzie and their lonely lives, the two finally meet...and Beth steals Seth's taxi. There's no happy ending. It's a portrait of urban isolation as bleak as "Eleanor Rigby."

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**Mas Fina Cantina:** 2780 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-434-3497. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Rock. Free.

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**Shooters Bar and Grill:** 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla.  
*Tuesdays*, 7 p.m. — John Cain. Country/jazz/Tejano/lounge/pop. Free.

**Soda Bar:** 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-255-7224.  
*Thursday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Shake Ups. Rock/pop.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Heavy Glow. CD release party with The Pacific and DJ Erin. Alternative/rock/blues.  
*Monday*, 9 p.m. — Bunky. With the Free\*Stars and Rafter. Punk. Free.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — Get Back Loretta and Peachcake. With Silent Armada, Play the Fox, and Witt. Alternative/rock/soul. \$8.  
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*Sunday*, 6 p.m. — After the Burial and Veil of Maya. With Fellsilent and ABACABB. Metal/hardcore. \$10.

**South Park Bar & Grill:** 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096.  
*Thursdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam.  
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**The Office:** 3936 30th Street, North Park, 619-450-6632.  
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**Tio Leo’s Lounge:** 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.  
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**The Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:** 835 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-4855.  
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**Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room:** 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.  
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**Whistle Stop Bar:** 2236 Fern Street, South Park, 619-284-6784.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Genius of Soul. With Inspired Flight and Mr. Mention. Hip-hop/soul/dub. Free.

**WorldBeat Cultural Center:** 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park, 619-263-7911.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Tribal Seeds. With HI Roots & River Bottom Rockers. Roots/rock/reggae. \$15.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*January 30* — The Hank Show.  
*February 14* — Warren Hill.  
*February 24* — Hank Williams III.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*January 29* — Pushin Rope and Old Devil.

**AcousticMusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*February 6* — Loudon Wainwright III.  
*February 7* — Hot Club of Cowtown.  
*February 20* — The Qadim Ensemble.  
*February 21* — Geoff Muldaur.  
*February 27* — Lucky Kaplansky.

# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Kellis**  
Song: “**When You Love Someone**” (from the *Doodles* EP)  
Heard By: **Bill Wesley**, South Park



Bill

I thought it sounded a lot like Johnny Cash — sort of old-school country-western but with a better recording. His tone of voice had a touch of Leonard Cohen. The song had interesting lyrics. The lyrics were actually darker than the mood of the melody. It was totally about jealousy, but it didn’t really become apparent that it was about jealousy until the last few verses of the song. I felt it could have been a little more powerful if it was shorter because it was a simple song. The song had a very consistent, clear, focused, emotional message, and generally I feel that works better if it’s shorter.

Artist: **Marasol**  
Song: “**The Way We Do**” (from the CD *Futures*)  
Heard By: **Glenn Prickett**, Golden Hill



Glenn

This sort of thing really isn’t my bag, but I thought they were competent musicians. The singer had a pretty good voice, but the lyrics and the arrangement weren’t my cup of tea. This is hard to say without being cruel, but it made me think of Creed and 3 Doors Down. The lyrics were cheesy...sort of in a Creed way. The intro had me interested. I was thinking the song might be really hard and dark until it dropped into the rhythm and then I wasn’t that into it. I think it could be really familiar and successful on the radio. Driving around Pacific Beach would be the perfect activity for that song.

Artist: **Social Green**  
Song: “**Bombs and Tanning Beds**” (from the CD *Sounds of Revolution*)  
Heard By: **Mike King**, Ocean Beach



Mike

They were cool. It was typical-sounding reggae. I’m sure they’re fun live. They’re kind of along the lines of Slightly Stoopid — that kind of lighter reggae. There was a lot of keyboard, heavy bass lines, and standard reggae riffs. They were pretty tight. It was somewhat catchy. I don’t know if you would hear that song on the radio, but then again I don’t really listen to the radio that much. It seems like they would have more of a smaller, local following, playing clubs like Winstons. It reminded me a lot of bands I have seen in the past at Winstons.

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*March 26* — Chad & Jeremy.  
*April 3* — Hawaiian Slack-Key Masters.  
*April 5* — Muriel Anderson.  
*April 11* — Rory Block.  
*April 24* — David Wilcox.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*January 29* — Rebecca Jade.  
*January 30, January 31* — Bobby Caldwell.  
*February 3* — Al DiMeola.  
*February 4* — Harp Summit.  
*February 5* — Jay Nash.  
*February 6* — Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers and Fiction Family.  
*February 10* — The Anthology House Band.  
*February 11* — Charles McPherson.  
*February 12* — Kenny Neal.

*February 13* — Back to the Garden.  
*February 14, February 17* — The Anthology House Band.  
*February 18* — Duncan Sheik.  
*February 20* — Judy Collins.  
*February 21* — Pete Escovedo.  
*February 22* — Bill Caballero.  
*February 24* — Matt Wertz.  
*February 25* — The Anthology House Band.  
*February 26, February 27* — Bobby Hutcherson.

**Balboa Theatre:** 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100.  
*March 7* — Tiempo Libre.  
*March 15* — The Irish Rovers.

**Bare Back Grill - Downtown:** 624 E Street, Downtown, 619-237-9990.  
*February 24* — Jordan Reimer.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*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.  
*February 12* — The Animal Liberation Orchestra.  
*February 13* — Common Sense.  
*February 15* — Susan Tedeschi.  
*February 16* — Donavon Frankenreiter.

*February 18* — Joshua Radin.  
*February 19* — Donavon Frankenreiter.  
*February 20* — Super Diamond.  
*February 21* — Cash’d Out.  
*February 22* — Orquesta Primo.  
*February 27, February 28* — The English Beat.  
*March 6* — Delta Spirit.  
*March 12* — Solana Beach Baseball Bash.  
*March 21* — Stepping Feet.  
*April 4* — John Brown’s Body.  
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**Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Avenue, North Park, 619-239-8836.  
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*March 8* — Acoustic Alliance.  
*March 12* — theSTART.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
*January 30* — Psycho Realm and Planet Asia.  
*January 31* — (hed) p.e.  
*February 13* — Atomic Punks.  
*February 20* — One Drop.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*January 29* — The Black Heart Procession.  
*January 30* — The Adolescents and the Whiskey Dicks.  
*January 31* — The Dave & Deke Combo.  
*February 2* — The Fruit Bats and Sera Cahoon.  
*February 3* — Underminer.  
*February 4* — Fucked Up and Mika Miko.  
*February 5* — The Bird & the Bee and Obi Best.  
*February 6* — Greg Laswell and Jessica Hoop.  
*February 9* — Freeks, Sassy, Pant Hoots.  
*February 11* — The Appleseed Cast.  
*February 12* — Don Caballero.  
*February 15* — Yo! Majesty and Drag the River.  
*February 17* — Gil Mantera's Party Dream.  
*February 18* — The Annuals and Jessica Lea Mayfield.  
*February 19* — Murder by Death.  
*February 23* — French Kicks and the Broken West.  
*February 25* — A.C. Newman and Dent May.  
*February 26* — N.A.S.A.

# Yo. DJi

## Talk About a Star



**Ozomatli plays tonight through January 24 at the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach**

I've liked Ozomatli from the start. They're a very politically conscious band. The name of the band stands for the Aztec god of music and dance, and that kind of drew me to them in the first place.

Describing their music — [according to bandmembers] it's like being in a car driving through L.A. with your windows down, everything you hear blasting in other cars along the road: Latin, jazz, salsa, hip-hop, funk, rock...that's what this band is all about.

And the live shows are great. They have this ritual before they go on, at any venue where it's possible: they'll come in and then leave the stage through the crowd while playing percussion instruments. And that got them in trouble a few years ago at South by Southwest [music conference in Austin, Texas].

After the gig, they were making the transition from electric to percussion instruments while coming off the stage. They continued playing

and singing as they were coming up the aisle and out the front door into the street. There was a conga line of about 500 people. Everyone was in the street, and the next thing you know, there's tear gas flying, arrests are being made, bullhorns are going off. Ozomatli's manager and two of the band members got arrested.

I tried talking to them about it once, but they didn't seem eager to share the details. I think they had litigation pending at the time.



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*April 16* — The Black Lips.

**Cox Arena:** 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.  
*February 2* — Mötley Crüe.  
*March 8* — Slipknot.  
*March 15* — Los Temerarios.

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

**Dream Street Live:** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.  
*March 27* — Dead as Dillinger.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.  
*January 29* — Goodnight Caulfield and Sleep for Sleepers.

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*January 30* — Cal State General.  
*January 31* — GFI.

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.  
*February 21* — Dazed and Confused.

**The Harp:** 4935 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168.  
*February 27* — The Buzzbombs.

**Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill:** 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.  
*January 29* — Red Octopus.

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church:** 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0365.  
*March 6* — Gráda.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*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 12* — Iration.  
*February 13* — So Long Davey and Valencia.  
*February 14* — Styx.  
*February 18* — Taste of Chaos.  
*February 19* — The Game.  
*February 20* — The Gin Blossoms and Tonic.  
*February 21* — Reverend Horton Heat and Manic Hispanic.  
*February 22* — Best of Tributes.  
*February 23* — Danzig.  
*February 27* — Big Head Todd & the Monsters.  
*February 28* — Raphael Saadiq.  
*March 1* — Zappa Plays Zappa.  
*March 2* — Busta Rhymes.  
*March 4* — The Oddity Faire: A Mutated Mini Fest.  
*March 5* — The Pretenders.  
*March 6* — Jimmy Eat World.  
*March 8* — G. Love & Special Sauce.  
*March 9* — Adele.  
*March 10* — Jesse McCartney.  
*March 14* — Cute Is What We Aim For.  
*March 16* — Skid Row.  
*March 17* — Escape the Fate.  
*March 20* — OK Go.  
*March 22* — The Adicts and the Dickies.  
*March 27* — Brett Dennen.  
*March 29* — 30H!3.  
*April 10* — Don Felder.  
*May 1* — Kreator.  
*June 12* — Billy Ray Cyrus.

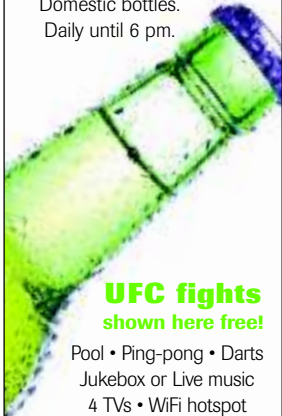
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February 2 — Ian Tordella.

**Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
January 29 — The Fabulous Pelicans.  
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January 31 — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
February 5 — Firefly.

**The Marquee:** 835 25th Street, Golden Hill.  
April 4 — Jordan Reimer.

**MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus:** 3333 Manchester Avenue, Cardiff.  
January 30 — The Sound of China.

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.  
January 30 — Coldfire.  
January 31 — Washing Matilda.

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla:** 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-3541.  
February 19 — Carolina Chocolate Drops.

**O'Connells Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.  
January 30 — Kindle to Ember.  
January 31 — The Grass Heat.

**O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad:** 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4072.  
January 30 — The Blokes.

**Open Air Theatre:** 5500 Campanile Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947.  
April 29 — Celtic Woman: Isle of Hope.

**Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.  
March 6 — The Pretenders.

**Pete's Place:** 8330 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-464-9535.  
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April 15 — Seun Kuti and Egypt 80.

**Radio Room:** 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-284-3323.  
January 30 — Vaginals.  
February 22 — The Shake Ups.

**Riley's:** 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635.  
February 7 — Copywrite.

**Ruby Room:** 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.  
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**San Diego Sports Arena:** 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.

February 16 — 28th Annual Tribute to the Legends.

**San Diego Wine and Culinary Center:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown.  
February 14 — The Zyzmzy Quartet.  
March 15 — Dublin Down.

**Seaport Village:** 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-4855.  
January 31, February 7 — Nadja Nara.  
February 14 — Greg Campbell.  
February 28 — Off Campus.  
March 7 — Jim Earp.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.  
January 31 — One Drop.  
February 6 — Blessed by a Broken Heart.  
February 15 — Andrew Bird.  
February 19 — Millionaires.  
February 20 — She Said Sever.  
March 4 — A Cursive Memory and So Long Davey!  
April 24 — The Devil Wears Prada.

**Spreckels Theatre:** 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.  
March 20 — Joe Bonamassa.

**Theatrx:** 155 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-735-2491.  
February 20 — Bill Magee Blues Band.

**The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa:** 873 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200.

February 19 — David Bandrowski & Friends.

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## PIGS AT THE POST

by Josh Board

I get invited to a lot of art openings and recently had to tell some friends that I was burned out on them, recalling a couple of art parties from a few months back.

One was an artist's reception.

I was at a party one night and ran into artist John Van Hamersveld. He did the movie poster for *Endless Summer* and album covers for the likes of Dylan, Bonnie Raitt, Blondie, the Beatles, and the Stones. He told me about a reception he was having at the Michael J. Wolf Fine Arts Gallery in the Gaslamp.

It was the Saturday night that 6700 fans saw 67-year-old Bob Dylan at Petco. But on Fifth Avenue for the 67-year-old artist that did the artwork for Dylan's album *Billy the Kid*, it was roughly 67 fans that trickled in to see him and his work.

Van Hamersveld did the cover to the Rolling Stones' *Exile on Main Street*. And it was his *Grimacing Johnny* image that inspired the Stones' famous tongue logo.

I listened as his wife told a couple in the gallery that he and Shepard Fairey were the two official artists for MTV's "Rock the Vote" campaign.

I overheard Van Hamersveld and a surfboard maker talk about work they did for Andy Warhol. An



Artist John Van Hamersveld with one of his more popular paintings

older surfer was telling his friend that Van Hamersveld lived in La Jolla after high school, surfing with the La Jolla Windansea crew.

One surfer told the board maker, "I had one of your boards, and this guy helped me move years ago. When we were finishing, he said that all he wanted was that surfboard. I gave it to him for helping me out. And I regret that I

**"I did the *Hotter Than Hell* album for Kiss. I didn't like them at all."**

did that. He had said it was all he wanted when he saw it sitting in my garage."

I walked around the show and

stopped to try and figure out the art on one of the walls. It had shiny car engine parts on a slab of wood — *perfect for the art lover who wants to hang their art in the garage*, I guessed.

I spoke with Van Hamersveld for half an hour. He talked about the summer of '64, when he was an art student being offered the *Magical Mystery Tour* album cover. "San Francisco was already into the psychedelic movement," he told me. "And, their first poster came out the same time as that album. Since the Beatles weren't on the cover, really [they're wearing masks], the label wanted the songs to stand out. We put all the song titles on the album cover art. So on top of everything being terribly abstract, we had their tunes on the cover."

In the '60s, Van Hamersveld created classic concert posters. He designed show posters for the Who, Velvet Underground, and

many others.

"I did that Blue Cheer [*Vincebus Eruptum*] cover that is silver," he told me. "I've signed some of those for older people that were thrilled. It's part of their culture growing up. Meeting me was probably the closest they'll get to meeting someone from that period of time that had an impact on what they loved."

Van Hamersveld expressed his disappointment in current CD covers.

One guy walked by as he was saying to his wife, "Do you realize he only made \$150 for that *Endless Summer* poster?" A magazine at the gallery confirmed that fact. For the less popular *Endless Winter* poster, Van Hamersveld was paid a few thousand.

Since his Rolling Stones album had a bunch of weird photographs, I asked if the record label was bothered by the art or the costs. "Well, that album folded out four ways. It was expensive. But the zipper album [*Sticky Fingers*, which Warhol created] was expensive. So was the banana that peeled [another Warhol creation for the Velvet Underground]. They wanted the albums to cost 19 cents. These ones might've been more, but they were successful, so they didn't mind."

I asked if he ever met the

bands or got word on their opinions as to how they liked his art.

"Oh, no. Well, I spent a week with George Harrison, but I didn't usually meet the musicians."

Did Van Hamersveld work with any bands he didn't like?

"Yeah. I did the *Hotter Than Hell* album for Kiss. I didn't like them at all."

My girlfriend is a bit younger than me and wasn't as familiar with his album or concert posters. I said, "Well, you're probably familiar with one of his creations. He did the logo for Fatburger."

A few weeks before that event, I went to an Adapta Project art party south of Tijuana. It was called "A Room of One's Own" and celebrated TJ's top artists, including Tania Candiani, Mely Barragán, Daniel Ruanova, and Jorge Tel-laeche. Adapta Project, a local curatorial group, puts on several exhibitions a year.

The setting was in a Terra Sur mansion between Tijuana and Rosarito Beach. We got there on buses out of Old Town.

One deck of the house had a fire pit and Jacuzzi. Servers brought around drinks and appetizers.

A room in the house was set up for home sales of beachfront properties, which turned off a few in the crowd. I overheard one per-

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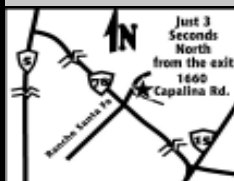
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son say, "It's like we're being asked to buy a time-share." I disagreed. Nobody asked them, much less pressured them, to buy anything. The other rooms allowed each artist to create a theme around their sculptures, videos, paintings, and photography. One room had a barnyard theme with haystacks and two severed pig heads on each side of a bed. *That* freaked me out. I talked to Kinsee, who works

for the Adapta Project. She told me about picking up the pig heads at a store and the glares she got from the other customers. Someone in line thought she was using them for a particular recipe.

I walked from room to room admiring the interesting artwork (one of my favorites was a sculpture of several squirt guns melted together) as well as the view of the ocean.

The crowd was composed of artists and hipsters, twentysomethings who surely couldn't afford

such a house.

An artist named Sebastian Beltran had created a huge table with holes in it, and beneath it were spheres that looked as if they fit perfectly into the holes. A great piece, but as someone nearby said, "You'd probably break a lot of glasses if you used this in your dining room."

After an hour at the affair, and being nudged by my girlfriend for staring at the nudes on one wall, we headed back to the border.

The most fun I had that evening was on the bus back, talking with a couple seated in front of us. The guy was an artist who was bothered by the setting. His wife didn't seem to mind as much. On the drive back and during our wait at the border, we had some interesting conversations. The woman insisted on taking my card and keeping in touch.

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# Mussels with a View

*"Heck, I saw Will Rogers rope his last calf. Texas Cowboy Run, 1935. I was 15."*

'Ho, ho, ho."

He sits four chairs down, at the end of the bar. Cherry cheeks, white mustache, Burl Ives beard. Would make a perfect Santa Claus, but you can tell he's saying it out of boredom.

"What was that?" asks Alyssa, the barkeep.

"I just said, 'Ho, ho, ho,' " he says and goes back to staring at the sunset.

I do too. But no way am I bored. What a view! This place looks straight out over 180 degrees of ocean. Beach, ocean, sand, and water — that's it.

"Ever see the green flashes at sunset?" I ask Santa Claus.

"You'd better believe it," he says. "Maybe 15 times over the years. They call it the prism effect. When the sun actually dips below the waves, the atmosphere separates the colors, filters out all but red and green images of the sun. Red's stronger. That sets first. Then for a moment the green image of the sun has a chance..."

This place was kind of like a green flash for me. Been up at Scripps again. Started wandering the beach on my way to the bus. Sun was setting, that magic hour. People clinging to the warmth of the sun in murmuring clumps, laid out like seals. Kids tearing 'round the wet part of the beach. Splashes forming rainbows.

I stood watching all this just below a glass-and-timber building that comes right down to

the beach with a long gallery at the front. Hotel. *Luxury* hotel.

"You guys have a happy hour here?" I asked this guy.

"Absolutely. Five for five, 4:00 to 6:00, Monday to Friday.

I'm not exactly loaded, and what da heck is "five for five"? I go into this dining room/bar and sit me down at one of the bar "stools" — man! Plush,

cushy fawn-and-gray suede and blond wood. Beautiful servers whisk back and forth, dressed in blue blouses and black aprons. Only thing more beautiful is that view. And here above the boardwalk, old folks out taking an evening stroll, kids on skateboards, and a bunch of girls on the beach playing soccer. If van Gogh were alive, this'd be his scene.

Alyssa comes between me and the view. She puts down a little menu. "These are our happy-hour choices. Five dishes and five drinks, five dollars each."

Hmm...five dishes. First up: Steamed Carlsbad black mussels, cooked in "dark beer, criminis, *linguiça* [a garlicky Portuguese sausage], sourdough bread." Enticing, but trying to remember what criminis are. Then they have a "Baja fish taco." It's mahimahi in a corn tortilla, and you get rice and black beans with it. The "Midwestern Beef Burger" comes on a Kaiser roll with bacon, grilled onion, and Vermont cheddar. There's a chicken quesadilla with chili peppers, Monterey jack, and cilantro cream to

sex it up, and a Caesar salad comes scattered with herb croutons and shaved Parmesan.

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"How filling is the food?" I ask Alyssa.

"It depends how hungry you are," she says.

So I order the burger. For insurance, I'm tempted to go for the mussels too. But first I have to ask Alyssa about them. Turns out criminis are baby portobello mushrooms. Tasty. In the end, though, I hold back.

"And to drink?" Alyssa asks.

Lord, guess you have to pay to play, as they say in Illinois. The \$5 drink menu lists a blood-orange martini (vodka, Grand Marnier, blood-orange juice); "shaken or stirred," your actual 007 gin or vodka martini; a glass of red or white wine; or an interesting-sounding Middle Ages-style Quebec beer named "Blanche de Chambly," among others.

But, hey, red-meat burger rules. "House red," I say. And so glad I did. The wine goes with the grilled, garlicky tang of the beef patty, made salty by crispy bacon and those slippery sautéed onions. Plus french fries (I could have had onion rings or fruit).

"Griff was at Pearl Harbor," Alyssa says, nodding toward my Santa Claus buddy.

Wow. He doesn't look old enough.

"I'm 88," he says. "Heck, I saw Will Rogers rope his last calf. Texas Cowboy Reunion, 1935. I was 15."

But, Pearl Harbor? "I was playing trombone in the ship's band. USS *Nevada*. Battleship.



Alyssa

Moored right ahead of the Arizona. Five minutes to eight in the morning we're playing colors on deck when my buddy, out of the side of his mouth, says, 'See that plane? It's got red circles on its side.' Then all hell broke loose. They dropped six 1000-pound torpedoes. But our band didn't move till we finished playing. We were lucky. We split colors duty with the *Arizona's* band. It was our turn that morning. If we hadn't been on deck, we wouldn't have made it."

Man. I remember the scene, in *Tora! Tora! Tora!* And Griff was there. Funny: Here we sit, 68 years later, watching the sinking sun, looking for green flashes. But can't help thinking about those rising-sun planes and their red flashes.

"Guess I'll have one more," Griff tells Alyssa.

"Guess I'll have those mussels," I say. ■

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**Bali Thai Café** 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goreng* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine** 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The Bandar Special entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberies, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now in-

cludes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Beach City Market** 3 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-232-2491. Is this the nearest thing to an actual café downtown? Where you can sit outside and slurp coffee or have a full meal and watch the world pass by? It tries hard to be, even though it's fast deli food. Your sandwich comes in butcher paper. Soup pots are cardboard. You can buy wine, but you can't drink it here. Why? Other Horton Plaza tenants won't allow it. Still, soup-and-sandwich deals give good, generous portions, like minestrone and the Londonport roast beef sandwich flavored with port, white herbs, and spices; or the Deluxe, roast beef with horseradish. Open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint** 4577 Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-483-9500. Aussie food? Nope. The Boomerang idea is that "you'll always come back for more." Although maybe they *are* thinking Aussie with their extensive create-your-own-burger options, which include fixings like horseradish, artichoke hearts, carrots, cranberries, cheeses, and mushrooms. Their bright idea: chop and tuck these items into your raw burger meat, like a joey into mama roo's pocket. Add imaginative sauces (Thai peanut, chipotle pepper, citrus, others). Result: great-tasting burgers. They're a bit pricey, maybe because they use only "100-percent Angus hormone-free beef." But that means they can safely cook your burger rare. Rare! That's enough to boomerang anyone back. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Broadway Pizza** 1008 Broadway, Downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown senior center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style

sausage-link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Café de L'Opera** 1354 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-0425. Catherine de' Medici brought her macaroon recipe to Paris in 1533. Thierry Cahez brought the same recipe to downtown San Diego in 2007. Customers have been swooning ever since. Well, this customer anyway. Cahez, a well-known pastry chef, has made a specialty of the delicate, golf-ball-sized, almond-based cookies. But the pâtisserie he opened also features breakfast pastries like chocolate-filled croissants and lunch items like little square French pizzas, *croque monsieurs* (toasted cheese sandwiches with ham), *croque madames* (*croque monsieur* plus an egg), and sandwiches. His pastries are exquisite, and the place has a genuine French feel to it. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday); closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Le Cake Château** 1152 Seventh Avenue, Downtown, 619-325-0977. This feels like a real French pâtisserie. For starters, the display cabinet has beautiful golden flaky croissants, plus pastries too arty to eat. They do breakfast, but at lunchtime the place is abuzz. You gotta try their version of the *croque monsieur* (grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich covered with a Mornay sauce), or crêpes with, say, blueberries and sweet cream cheese. The grilled chicken Caesar wrap is good, but it's their originality with simple items that'll turn you on. Like the onion roll loaded with marinated mushrooms,

roasted peppers, caramelized onions, goat cheese, and caper mayonnaise. Or a dessert carrot cake with "pineapple raisins." Don't ask. You have to try it. Open daily except Sunday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Commonwealth Café** 3408 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-2233. We're talking retro here, newly built but old looking. And it works. You and the Fonz could sit together comfortably and groove to the same music and pretty much the same food. Burgers are traditional here (double, western, double western, chili size) and their fries, like the old days, are handcut and come separately, curly or straight. The Blue Potato (baked potatoes with bleu cheese) or chili-cheese potatoes are almost a meal in themselves. They also have hot dogs with all the fixings and corn on the cob. The Virginian ("Commonwealth") owner's idea: to become the neighborhood hangout. Seems to be working. If you like sweets, try the homemade pie or fudge brownies. Noon to midnight, seven days; opens 8 a.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant** 544 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar — La Jolla** 8970 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry

wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass, and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the key lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M.*

**Greystone** 658 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged Prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50 but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super Tuscans, and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up- or downstairs). Reservations urged but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W.*

**Gulf Coast Grill** 4130 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woody dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for

pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

**Harney Sushi** 3964 Harney Street, Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Jack's Barbecue** 1290 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1644. They say this place is lifted straight out of Kansas City. It's sort of unexpected up here in spiffy Uptown Hillcrest. But even though these guys don't have the traditional split-drum smoker out front, they do produce the real stuff. Jack's Sampler (four-bone baby-back ribs, one half chicken, one portion of BBQ beef, fries, and slaw) is a good intro. Or pork-rib tips or just a Cajun sausage sandwich (with french fries or sweet-potato fries or onion rings) or one of Jack's chili cheeseburgers with bacon. They also serve Boca veggie burgers. Lots of families on the weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Japanese Tea Pavilion** 2215 Pan American Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-



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0048. One way or another they have been serving Japanese food here since 1915. Yes, it's usually crowded, and most go for the clichéd item, teriyaki rice bowl with beef skewers. But the teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweetish *udon* soba noodle soup with tofu *kit-sune*, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab" meat are good and feel Japanese, especially out on the restaurant deck over a canyon. With Japanese flute music playing, the trees, and the noodles, you really feel in a Japanese space. Try kona-cha green tea for the nearest taste to tea ceremony tea. Open 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Joe's New York-Style Deli** 3401 First Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: a cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. — *E.B.*

**Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria** 3448 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring "the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake" time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent Lefty's *Carbonara* (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — *E.B.*

**Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge** 801 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Old World Deli & Café** 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves northern European food. Their Great Grilled Gruben — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, *gemütlich*. Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Osetra Watergrill** 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. Osetra Fishhouse first opened as the showiest, glitziest, and probably most expensive restaurant in San Diego, with Las Vegas looks and a chef from there as well. Now it's renovated and sobered up with quieter decor, slightly lower prices, and a slight name change to tell the world that it also cooks meat. The original frenzies-of-fusion chef has been replaced by a Sicilian chef from the same owners' Panevino a few blocks to

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the south. Appetizers still lean toward Asian, but most entrées now are more-or-less Italian. There's a new tapas lounge on the first floor — where it's possible to graze without risking bankruptcy — and a grand selection of wines available not only by the glass but by the 375 ml. carafe. The restaurant no longer serves the precious, endangered Caspian caviar it's named for, having switched to an equivalent California-farmed sturgeon product (at the same steep tab). Still, the appeal remains primarily to expense-account patrons who enjoy throwing money around in an atmosphere offering two floors of loud ambient music and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch down precious bottles. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service; others take their chances and may meet a chill. Disabled access to first floor only. Full bar. Dinner nightly to at least 10 p.m. Business-casual dress. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**The Palm** 615 J Street, Downtown, 619-702-6500. This upmarket chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-operated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it's spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with

contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, dry-aged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the Slater Special, which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don't eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean *macchinettas* make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Panda Inn** 506 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food shops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the now-familiar dishes of semi-Americanized Mandarin cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than those at the first floor only). Tofu with eggplant and Mongolian Hotpot, a meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage, are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It's not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry

weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — *N.W.*

**The Prado** 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix-fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W.*

**Red Sea Restaurant** 4717 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both

are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Saffron Noodles and Sate** 3737 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing-arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tom Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Seau's** 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau's extravagant multi-venue sports pub is major-league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s' McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running

sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream, something-for-everyone choices including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hang-out for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Taka** 555 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W.*

**Tamale Cart** 1852 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with masa — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Tom's Chinese BBQ** 4414 University Avenue, Suite A, College Area, 619-563-8225. You want Chinese? Real Chinese? This is the spot, if you can handle it. The roast ribs, roast pork, and BBQ spare ribs are excellent. So is pork fried rice and the dim sum. But you should also try pig's rectum and the duck's feet, stomach lining, ears, and wiggly small intestines. A family from Hong Kong and Canton runs it. And yes, you can eat there, if you can fit at the one small table by the counter. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Woodstock's Pizza** 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crust rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

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## NORTH INLAND

**Athens Market Café** 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, Carmel Valley, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the *saganaki*, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of *dolmades* (stuffed grape leaves), *lokaniko* (a delicious Greek sausage), *spanakopita* (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**Bamboo Hut** 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W.

**Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant** 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565. "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, offers zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — N.W.

**Fish House Vera Cruz** 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is es-



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pecially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Sunday (dinner all day Sunday). Moderate. — S.M.

**The Philadelphia Sandwich Company** 3904 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and

just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions, and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**The Place: El Parque** 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agri-

cultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**La Tapatia** 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather understated, but there's a saltshaker and a

lively salsa on the table. Open daily,  
three meals. Moderate. — N.W.

## NORTH COASTAL

**Fidel's Carlsbad** 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely *la carte* chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. —S.M.

**Joe's Crab Shack — Oceanside**  
314 Harbor Drive, Oceanside, 760-722-1345. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low-moderate. Also in Pacific Beach, Mission Valley, and downtown. — N.W.

**Joe's Smokin' B-B-Q — Carlsbad** 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Joe Maggiore doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as So-Cal "Q" — more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not

grilled, in true "Q" fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions: sweet ribs glazed with the "suh-weet" sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and parts. House-made hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner but extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Johnny Mañanas** 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-white-red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and rice, wrapped in large flour tortilla) is *very popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Osteria del Pescatore** 1201 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanna*, a rose-scented nut confecture. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations ad-

vised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

**Pacific Coast Grill** 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the Bag of Bones (house-smoked pork ribs), and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

**Red Tractor's** 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tractor's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s' Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster (available at lunch on Fridays). The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tractor's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — S.M.

**Tomiko** 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh

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## Flippin' Pizza, Carlsbad

Good pizza but horrible service. I showed up after 30 minutes to pick up my pizza, and they had not even started it. No apology, just pure attitude when I asked why it was taking so long. The owner responded, "Do you want it or not?" I told him no and have never gone back since. Go to Knockout Pizza in the Carlsbad Village instead...better vibe and great pizza.

By **sandiegosurf** 2:46 p.m., Jan. 17

## Shanghai City Restaurant, Kearny Mesa

Shanghai City is one of the best-kept secrets among San Diego's Chinese community (immigrant and American-born), but anyone who enjoys authentic Chinese food served in an inviting Asian-decorated atmosphere (just look at the elaborate ceilings here) should try out this treasure. Greasy, cheap takeout – this is NOT. Located in a Convoy Street strip mall, the restaurant specializes in Shanghai cuisine, such as “xiao lung bao” (small dragon dumplings), housemade medallion-shaped pork-and-cabbage dumplings filled with soup in every bite. The “guo tie” (fried potstickers) outshine the competition at the more popular Dumpling Inn. Beyond appetizers, the entrées offer large portions for around \$9 to \$14. The steamed or dry-braised “longli” fish are unforgettable, as are the hot clay pot stews, which arrive bubbling hot on your table. Get in after 9 p.m. and a special late-night menu offers smaller portions of select dishes for as little as \$5.95, an incredible value. Try the tomato-sauce cod slices, or the “si zi tou” (lion's head), vaguely listed as “meatballs in brown sauce.” The sauce is fragrant and rich; the meat tender and slow-cooked. Though their flavorful, quality dishes alone are worth the trip, their service is also much better than most Chinese restaurants. I promise you will return again and again and again.

By **peijeantsai** 3:20 p.m., Jan. 17

## Ruth's Chris Steak House, Carmel Valley

Amazing food – I've gotten a Kobe burger and a rib eye, bit too expensive but very good quality. The burger has to be the best one I've had (and I've eaten a lot of 'em), and the rib eye was up there with some of the best restaurant steaks. Still, I've had better steaks cooked at home from Tip Top Meats in Carlsbad.

By **Nelson Jenkins** 3:28 p.m., Jan. 18

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*uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

**I Trulli Trattoria** 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a partner restaurant to Hillcrest's Arrivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

**Tuscan Sun Italian Deli** 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and

cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the Caprese sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W.

SOUTH BAY

**La Bella Pizza Garden** 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Island Pasta** 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine (40 wines by the glass available), sparkling against the

fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Dog-friendly, too! Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Miguel's Cocina — EastLake** 970 EastLake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

**The Tin Fish** 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170

Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

EAST COUNTY

**Greek Town Buffet** 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, spanakopita, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Mario's de la Mesa** 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the burro (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the menudo) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all

everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the carne asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca Sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M.

**The Neighbor's Pub and Grub** 12169 Woodside Avenue, Lakeside, 619-561-8890. This tiny place is like one of those small "locals-only" watering holes that you sometimes see on TV sitcoms. The fellowship is real here, with friends showing up about the same time each day and especially on Saturday for

karaoke. Half the wall's bricks have been painted with messages, many to GIs overseas. The food is simple, filling, and inexpensive. And if you ask nicely, you may get a way-big portion of the daily specials such as the meat loaf, roast beef, fish-and-chips, or pork tenderloin. Also the standard bar foods like chili, hot wings, corn dogs, jalapeño poppers, fried mushrooms, and mozzarella sticks. 9 a.m. to 12 midnight daily; till 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Owl Café** 674 Main Street, Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. EOF


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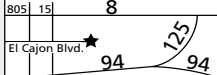
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**Beauty in Trouble** — Ana Geislerova is the Czech beauty, who's in trouble with an incarcerated car-thief husband and, after she moves in with her mother, a creepy stepfather. A possible solution is to meet one of the car thief's victims, a distinguished older gentleman with a vineyard in Tuscany and the nicest guy in the whole world. Except for him, the people seem very real. But he's a big exception. With Josef Abraham and Roman Luknar; directed by Jan Hrebejk. 2006.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 1/22)

**Bedtime Stories** — Uncle Skeeter's yarn-spinning collaborations with button-cute 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA



Defiance

BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Bride Wars** — Through a booking mix-up, two “inseparable” girlfriends are locked into simultaneous June weddings at the Plaza Hotel, whereupon they take leave of their senses in their efforts to sabotage one

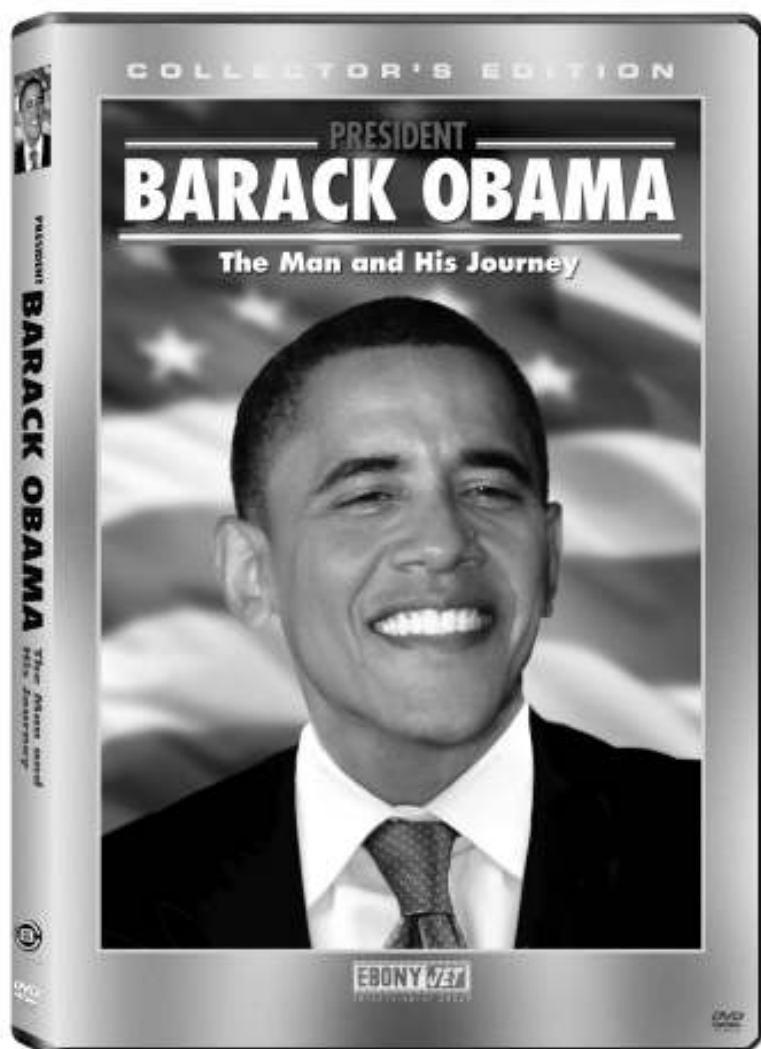
another. A deviously insulting chick flick. Anne Hathaway, although she looks like she's in training for a concentration-camp film, doesn't just outdance Kate Hudson at the bachelorette party, she outranges her throughout. It's a standoff, however, in the eyeliner wars. With Candice Bergen, Kristen

Johnston, Bryan Greenberg, Chris Pratt, and Steve Howey; directed by Gary Winick. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-

SION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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



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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.

★ (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)

**The Dark Knight** — Fashionably “dark” comic-book movie, the first one to think of putting the darkness right up in the title — a synonym, that, for “the bat man,” as he is frequently and unfamiliarly referred to, or simply Batman to you and me. Aside from the title, the second installment in Christopher Nolan’s restyling of the DC Comics superhero earns no points as a trailblazer. It would earn none even were it the first installment, although we must acknowledge that this trend-follower sets itself apart as an exceedingly oppressive, grinding, grueling, torturous experience. (The relentless, rumbling, theater-rattling background music alone could be a health hazard to anyone with mild depressive tendencies.) It requires the stock figure of the Joker — banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton’s 1989 edition, “dark” though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the Sixties — to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. “Some men,” Batman’s manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, “just want to watch the world burn.” To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the obscenely writhing tongue, the adenoidal voice pitched somewhere between Al Franken and Bugs Bunny — is not only a losing battle but a foolish one. (Heath Ledger is the vanquished.) However high Nolan might pile on the gravity, however long he might stretch out the agony, the comic-book iconography inevitably simplifies and trivializes the moral debate: Can you fight fair when you fight terrorism? The truth is that Nolan’s lack of faith in the superhero of olden days — the White Knight — goes hand in glove with a larger lack of faith in the fairy-tale form. He can’t trust it to convey its import (in spite of all the scholarly efforts of Bruno Bettelheim, Joseph Campbell, et al.) without an additive of grand-operatic bombast. Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. 2008.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 1/23)

**Defiance** — Workmanlike account of the untold (or anyhow unfilmed) true story of a 20th-century Moses and his two brothers, who sheltered hundreds of Jews from the Nazis in the forests of Belorussia, such dark days that color itself evidently went into hiding, leaving behind only a greeny or occasionally orangey residue. Daniel Craig, a blond blue-eyed Jew like Paul Newman in *Exodus* (“He is a Jew?” wonders aloud a plain-spoken child), delivers heroic declarations on the order of “Our revenge is to live” and “We may be hunted like animals, but we will not become animals.” Natural lovelies emerge undimmed from the rustic privations to pair up with the heroes. A schoolteacher and an intellectual carry on a running sideshow of comical bickering. And Liev Schreiber, the hottest-headed of the three brothers, not content just to dodge the Nazis but itching to engage them, defects to the Red Army. The big hooray moment when he returns to the fold in the

nick of time can be seen coming from so far off that we’re surprised only that it didn’t arrive sooner. Somehow, even with violin solos by Joshua Bell to put you in mind of *Schindler’s List*, the saga doesn’t quite sweep you up and away. But it at least stirs interest in the real story. With Jamie Bell, Allan Corbuner, Alexa Davalos, and Jodhi May; directed by Edward Zwick. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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, over-acting awesomely, is not only a holy terror as a nun but as a thespian, boob-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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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 under-

dog 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.

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**Gran Torino** — Clint Eastwood, director, serves Clint Eastwood, actor, a nice fat one, 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 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 and the ’72 Gran Torino that commemorates his life’s work on the Ford assembly line. The character’s blatant bigotry toward 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 somewhat problematic. Eastwood’s endearing presence in the role automatically takes the edge off the racism 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 wrath on the Asian street gang that’s terrorizing the neighborhood, 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 con-



Hotel for Dogs

viction, 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 confession. It was, so it would

appear, a genuine conversion, a revelation. This stands as the further proof of it, and further refinement of it. With Bee Vang, Ahney Her, Christopher Carley. 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;

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**Hotel for Dogs** — Fanciful, tasteful children’s film, from the Lois Duncan book, about two foster kids who secretly transform a derelict hotel into a shelter for stray dogs (the homeless housing the homeless), and more than a shelter, a veritable amusement park. Nicely individualized dogs; tolerable kids; touches of real imagination in

script and direction (Thor Freudentahl in his feature debut); general geniality. With Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin, Don Cheadle, Lisa Kudrow, Kevin Dillon. 2009. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; 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; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Inkheart** — Discombobulating experience in the vein of *The Neverending Story* and *The Princess Bride*, a defense of books framed in the form of an ugly movie. Is the ugliness deliberate? Designed to send a repulsed viewer to the placid regularity of the printed page? The postulate here has to do with a rare breed of Silver Tongues, people who, by reading aloud, bring books to life: special emphasis, therefore, on the extent to which authors control, or lose control of, their characters. The fictitious miscreants who’ve been let loose in the real world keep threatening to kill, but it’s never established (this being strictly a children’s movie) that they have that capacity. The climactic materialization of a smoke monster called The Shadow is most welcome. And Jennifer Connelly, merely glimpsed a couple of times as a character still trapped in the book, would have been welcome, too, but she doesn’t even come up to the standards of a cameo. Maybe on the editing-room floor. Brendan Fraser, Eliza Bennett, Paul Bettany, Helen Mirren, Jim Broadbent, Sienna Guillory, Andy Serkis; directed by Iain Softley. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/23)

**Last Chance Harvey** — The septuagenarian Dustin Hoffman secures a role he can really sink his teeth into, or sharpen

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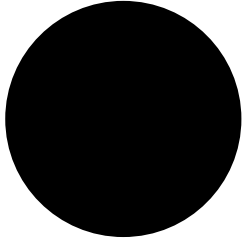
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them on: a jazz pianist *manqué* who makes do composing musical scores for TV commercials. (Funny-sad sight of him staring intently at the little screen to appraise his latest opus for OxiClean.) With his job on the line, he flies off to London for the week-end wedding of his only daughter, has his rightful role in the ceremony usurped by the bride's debonair stepfather, misses his return flight home, gets fired long-distance, and stays on to unload his troubles at some length to a customer-relations employee at Heathrow: Emma Thompson, towering over the leading man by four inches, and showering him with her special brand of lifelike artificiality. The social mortifications of the early stages are amusingly observed (the solitary white jacket in a crowd of black, an unremovable security device still affixed to the cuff, etc.), but the extended dialogue — a *Before Sunrise*, if you like, for the sunset years — that deepens overnight into a Serious Relationship sounds distinctly unorganic, forced forward solely by the determination of British writer-director Joel Hopkins to engineer a never-too-late romance for a couple of underemployed old pros. It's all quite sweet, a little too-too. Eileen Atkins, Kathy Baker, Liane Balaban, James Brolin. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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 tearjerking as Marley winds down. (Parents, be warned.) Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston are the humans, well matched for sunbats, 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; 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)

**My Bloody Valentine** — 3-D re-do of the 1981 slasher thriller, with Jensen Ackles and Jaime King, directed by Patrick Lussier. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR



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**Notorious** — Not the Hitchcock classic nor a remake. Far, far from it. Rather, an exploitive session of gangsta-gazing, namely at rap artist Notorious B.I.G., alias Biggie Smalls, né Christopher Wallace, and at the lethal rivalry between the East Coast camp and the West Coast. (Laughable shot of Biggie on the couch in front of the TV, the only man in the universe surprised at the murder of his bitter enemy, Tupac Shakur.) Lurid, sordid, visually voguish, and very often unintelligible. Subtitles might have helped. Slightly. With newcomer Jamal Woolard in the lead role, Derek Luke as Puffy Combs, Naturi Naughton as Lil Kim, Antonique Smith as Faith Evans, Anthony Mackie as Tupac, and Angela Bassett as Moms; directed by George Tillman, Jr. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Outlander** — Iron Age science fiction for the Neanderthal adolescent. A sensitive, soft-spoken, short-haired stranger from a strange land crashes his spaceship in the midst of the lusty, loud, long-haired Vikings (plus a feisty feminist pacifist warrior

princess), and leads the hunt for a cartooned alien monster that passes in Old Norway for a “dragon.” The monster might be the only sympathetic figure if he were as clearly drawn as he is clearly motivated. As it stands, the figure is zero. James Caviezel, Sophia Myles, Jack Huston, John Hurt, Ron Perlman; directed by Howard McCain. 2009.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 1/23)

**Paul Blart: Mall Cop** — A hypoglycemic overweight eight-time reject from the Jersey State Troopers, trying to make the most of a job as security guard, can't handle a speeding old duffer in a wheelchair or a bellicose fat lady at Victoria's Secret, yet he rises to the challenge of a highly trained team of professional armed robbers. *Die Hard* for the common schlub (Kevin James, highly trained in his own way), with a hot chick as a bonus. Better call it *Dream Hard*. With Jayma Mays, Keir O'Donnell, Raini Rodriguez, Shirley Knight, and Bobby Cannavale; directed by Steve Carr. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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 fa-

ther 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 dislevel-

ment: 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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 1/23; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 1/23; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 1/23)

**Raiders of the Lost Ark** — Director Steven Spielberg and executive producer/co-writer George Lucas pay homage to the cliffhanger serials of the Thirties and Forties — and they pay handsomely, pumping the project so full of money, production values, and technical razzle-dazzle that it no longer remotely resembles its grade-B models. Not intending exactly a spoof, but not maintaining entirely straight faces either, Spielberg/Lucas seem to want to play both sides of the street, to have both the innocent thrill and the sophisticated titer. Some will find that this two-facedness tends to lower the level of excitement, that although the action is consistently lively it is also without real suspense, and that the viewer is always required to meet the moviemaker more than halfway and fake a response that otherwise would never be extracted by such rudimentary perils as a shower of poison darts, a roomful of human skeletons, a blanket of furry spiders, an army of sadistic Nazis photographed with shadows crawling up their cheeks. The essential point to be made about *Raiders* is that it is really just a kiddie movie — a kid-



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## MOVIES

die movie *de luxe*, but a kiddie movie all the same. With Harrison Ford and Karen Allen. 1981.  
★ (KEN, 1/24 MIDNIGHT)

**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 anti-septic 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 protagon



The Unborn

onist 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; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Revolutionary Road** — Director Sam Mendes returns to the suburban stamping ground of his filmmaking debut, *American Beauty*, but at the very opening of that territory in the 1950s, at the inception, that is to say, of all the clichés of cookie-cutter conformity, Little Boxes, the Lonely Crowd, lives of quiet desperation, and so forth. As the central couple — the Wheelers, residing with strident irony at the titular address in Connecticut, the dead end of the American Dream — it must have seemed a bright idea to reunite the lovebirds of *Titanic*, as if to hint at the illusion-shattering grimness of the married life ahead of them had the iceberg not got in the way. But the birds have matured at different rates in the intervening eleven years. Whether in rage or frustration, cajolement or surrender, Kate Winslet (Mrs. Mendes off screen) appears much too strong for Leonardo DiCaprio, whose perennial boyishness clings to him, dogs him, drags him down, even in, or perhaps especially in, his face-caving moments of total emotional nakedness: “You’re not worth the powder it would take to blow you up!” (Now, now, sonny.) You could wonder, to divide the faultfinding fairly, whether she’s not too strong for her own role. The movie, taking its lead from the Richard Yates novel and then going beyond the novel in search of a present-day perspective, is trying to do something a bit different, and a bit difficult, in suggesting that the would-be free Wheelers are not as superior to, or separate from, their neighbors and surroundings as they would like to imagine, and in nudging the spectators, at the same time, to recognize that they themselves are not as superior as they might suppose to the central couple, the Fifties, their neighbors today. The codified view of postwar suburbia has over the years undergone too much expansion and elaboration for the movie to escape a sense of cliché and sense of hyperbole. But the cliché and hyperbole are done to a turn. And the period and its archaisms (“I must scoot. Tooodle-oo”), its formalities and manners (no one but a certified madman, an institutionalized mathematician on a day pass, dares speak the truth in mixed company), combine to produce a stylization that brings out the satire in the piece. *Revolutionary Road* beats *American Beauty*, not terribly hard to do, for both seriousness and funniness. Kathy Bates, Michael Shannon, David Harbour. 2008.  
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12, FROM 1/23; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 1/23)

**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.  
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

**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.  
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; 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

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### Australia 2008

Lets talk *Australia*. I expected an okay, semi-action film. What my wife and I received was a good action love story. While Mr. Shepherd’s pessimism might be shared only by him, he takes a long time to say what he means, with big long words and giving the movie a black spot. I totally disagree. This movie is a good one and deserves five stars for the genre it’s in. The way he compares the movie to ones of long ago is actually annoying. He uses too much comparison in his writing. I felt that it was worth standing in a two-hour line to watch the movie. My wife who rarely cries was bawling her eyes out. I would recommend it to anyone.

By **mrseandaugherty** 9:57 a.m., Jan. 14, 2009

### Revolutionary Road 2009

*Revolutionary Road* is a movie that makes you see how society looks at you, your friends, and neighbors. Kate Winslet does a great performance as a housewife trying to escape the way of life of society and Leonardo DiCaprio coping with work and marriage. Mr. Sam Mendez takes you to a 1950s suburb in America. The music and score are excellent; a not-to-miss movie.

By **robert1978** 6:46 p.m., Jan. 15, 2009

### Gran Torino 2008

I went to an early-morning screening of *Gran Torino*. Most of the others at the show were seniors like me. The preview of the film looked like a cross between *Dirty Harry* and an Eastwood revenge spaghetti western. But the film was much more than that. Eastwood is a 78-year-old wonder. Most people his age are watching movies in an assisted living facility, not directing or starring in them as Walt Kowalski, Korean War vet, and good ol’ beer-drinking American bigot. The movie is a brilliant metaphor for social and personal change through the eyes of someone Clint’s age. There are several classic Eastwood lines as mouthed by Kowalski, some uncomfortably funny, but all true to character and what one expects from Clint. What isn’t expected is the surprising but satisfying ending. Eastwood also directed *Changeling* with Angelina Jolie this year. This is one American icon you’ll never see in a Viagra commercial.

By **alansegal** 10:53 a.m., Jan. 18, 2009

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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.  
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Unborn** — Cheap thrills of the seeing-things variety: hallucinations, dreams, nothing with staying power. The initial edge thus turns dull in a hurry. But the upside-down heads — of dog and man — are creepy effects, and the climactic exorcism of a dybbuk (respectful observance of tradition), from the wispy body of Odette Yustman, resharpen the edge. With Gary Oldman, Meagan Good, Cam Gigandet, Jane Alexander, and Idris Elba; written and directed by David S. Goyer. 2009.  
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Underworld: Rise of the Lycans** — The series continues with Bill Nighy, Michael Sheen, Rhona Mitra, and without Kate Beckinsale, directed by Patrick Tatopoulos.  
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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 eye-patch 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.  
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Waltz with Bashir** — Anomalous animated film, autobiographical in nature. 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 past and present. The last-minute switch to live-action archive footage is hair-raising. 2008.  
★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Wendy and Lucy** — Road film with Michelle Williams, Will Patton, and Will Oldham, directed by Kelly Reichardt.  
(KEN, 1/23 THROUGH 29)

**The Wrestler** — It was a stroke of fortune if not of genius for filmmaker Darren Aronofsky 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. There is, however, 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. 2008.  
★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 1/23; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 1/23; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15, FROM 1/23; VISTA VILLAGE, FROM 1/23)

**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.  
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La Jolla Village  
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
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Inkheart (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; My Bloody Valentine 3D (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Defiance (R) (10:15 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:15; Frost/Nixon (R) (10:45 1:45) 4:45 7:45 10:45; Gran Torino (R) (10:30 1:30 4:30) 7:30 10:15; Bride Wars (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:00; The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) (12:00 3:30) 7:00 10:30; No 7 pm Tues. 1/27; PBS Kids Goes to the Movies (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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Bedtime Stories (PG); Bride Wars (PG); The

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Palm Promenade 24  
770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)  
Bedtime Stories (PG); Bride Wars (PG); The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13); The Dark Knight (PG-13); Defiance (R); Frost/Nixon (R); Gran Torino (R); Hotel for Dogs (PG); Inkheart (PG); Last Chance Harvey (PG-13); Marley and Me (PG); My Bloody Valentine (R); Notorious (R); Outlander (R); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Rachel Getting Married (R); Revolutionary Road (R); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Twilight (PG-13); The Unborn (PG-13); Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (R); The Wrestler (R)

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7:40, 10:15; **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:10; **Revolutionary Road** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:25) 7:15, 10:00; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:10, 4:55) 7:50, 10:30; **The Unborn** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00, 10:15; **Underworld: Rise of the Lycans** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50, 4:40, 5:15) 7:00, 7:35, 9:20, 10:15; **The Wrestler** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25

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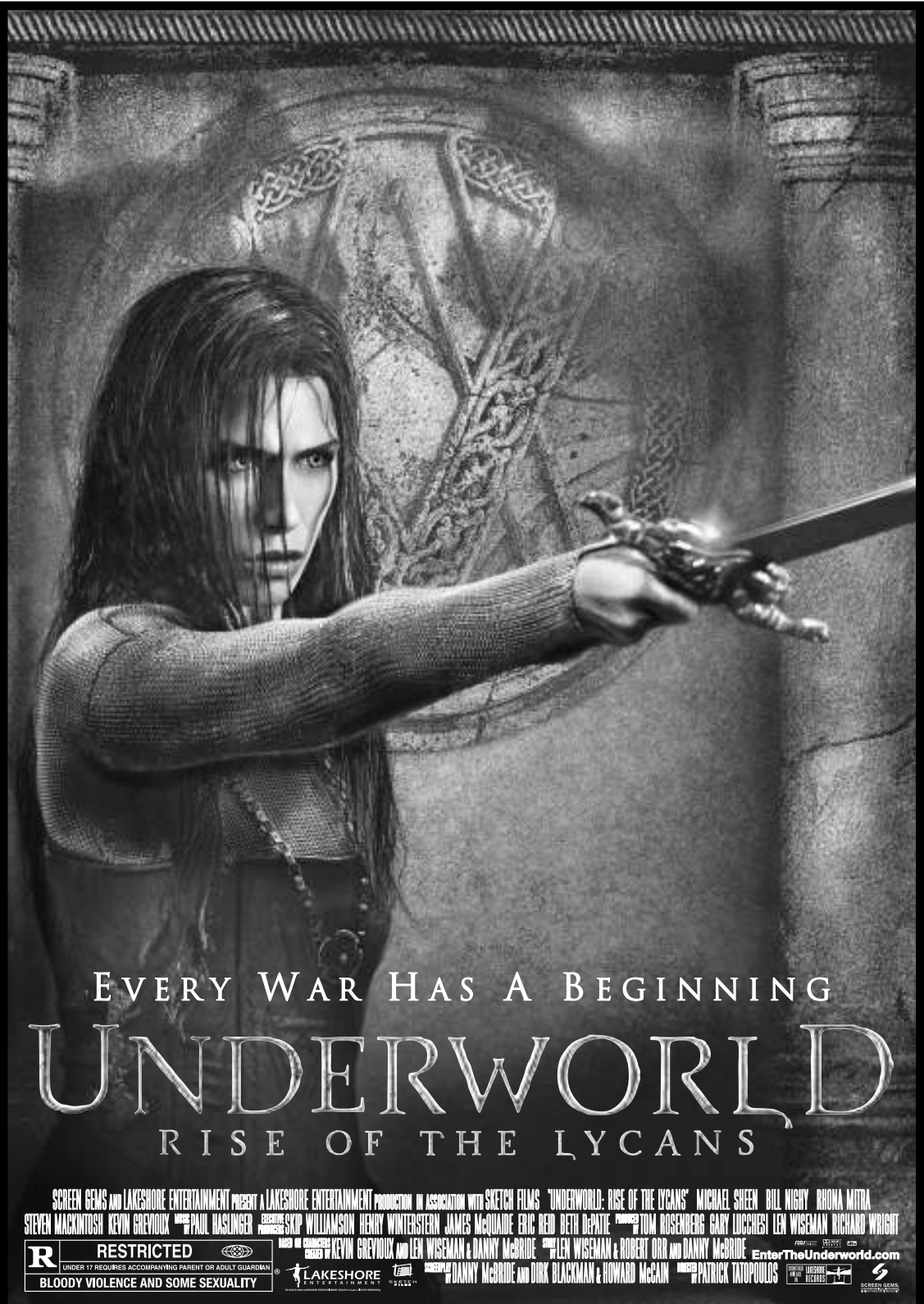
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*They aren't wealthy, a character says, just "hand-to-mouth on a higher plateau."*

Flan and Ouisa Kittridge verge on having it all: two children at Harvard, one at Groton; a grand Fifth Avenue apartment near Jackie O's; a couple of Mark Rothkos and a two-sided Kandinsky on the walls; and, thanks to an unexpected intervention, they're about to become millionaires. It's the American Dream, Upper East Side version. Flan(ders) and (L)ouisa will be rich enough to barricade themselves not only from the outside world, but also, in John Guare's *Six Degrees of Separation*, from within. Their imaginations will never threaten them again.

Enter Paul, a gay, African-American young man, knifed and beaten. Somehow he made it through apartment security. He broke that social barrier the way Sidney Poitier became the "Jackie Robinson of films." Poitier, who grew up poor in the Bahamas, sat on the shore, Paul tells us, and conjured up "the kind of worlds that were on the other side" and what he'd "do in them." Paul convinces Flan and Ouisa he's Sidney Poitier's son. Is he, or has he found, like Poitier, ways to thrive in other worlds?

Guare based *Six Degrees* on an actual event. "Somebody sent me a clipping...about a kid," named David Hampton, "whose hustle was pretending to be Sidney Poitier's son." The fiction granted Hampton access to homes he couldn't enter otherwise and from which he stole abundantly. What the Kittridges don't know: Poitier had daughters but no son.

Guare didn't invent the concept, but like Joseph Heller's "Catch-22," he authored a popular phrase. According to Ouisa, everyone on earth is only six people away from everyone else, "six degrees of separation" between you, say, and Kevin Bacon (a game, "Six Degrees of Kevin Ba-

con," based on the concept). Ouisa's both thrilled by such small-world possibilities and frustrated "because you have to find the right six people to make the connection."

Paul may not be Poitier's son, but he's become a great actor. He can converse about art with art dealers, prepare a gourmet dish from scraps, and even convince upscale New Yorkers he can land them roles in a film version of *Cats* — as humans. Throughout *Six Degrees*, Guare slams Upper East Side materialism; his funniest shot — *Cats* has no human roles — shows them easily duped and toe-deep shallow. They aren't wealthy, a character says, just "hand-to-mouth on a higher plateau."

A Pygmalion-like friend taught Paul how to pass as upper class. It only took Paul three months to become "the most eagerly sought after young man in the East." Although he's a quick study/genius, Paul's trapped too. He can only gain acceptance as someone else.

At the Old Globe, even when you know that Paul's a fraud, Samuel Stricken plays him well enough to make you wonder if Sidney Poitier might have had an *illegitimate* son. Guare stuffs Paul's dialogue with lectures — about the imagination, drama's emotionally "paralyzed" characters, a Poitier bio, violence in Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye*. Stricken handles these lengthy patches without becoming preachy (no mean feat). His best work comes when Paul connects to the sixth degree and the real Paul peeks through the mask.

Guare said *Six Degrees* should move like the wind. Though his early scenes threaten to crack the sound barrier, director Trip Cullman shows a good sense of the play's collage-like form —



Karen Ziemba, Thomas Jay Ryan in *Six Degrees of Separation*

**Six Degrees of Separation**, by John Guare

**Old Globe Theatre**, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

**Directed by Trip Cullman**; cast, Karen Ziemba, Thomas Jay Ryan, Tony Torn, Samuel Stricklen, Steven Marzolf, Joaquin Perez-Campbell, Keliher Walsh, Donald Sage Mackay, Vivia Font, Jordan McArthur, Kevin Hoffmann, James Eckhouse, Sloan Grenz, Andrew Dahl, Catherine Gowl; scenic design, Andromache Chalfant; costumes, Emily Rebholz; lighting, Ben Stanton; sound, Paul Peterson

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comedy, farce, infomercial, direct address, drama, each tumbling out of the other — and how to bring the script's 17 characters, most of them stand-and-deliver cameos, to life, especially Flan and Ouisa's three another-planet-alienated children.

The Kandinsky painting, which hovers over the scene throughout, has two sides: on one, Rubik's Cube formality; the other, says Guare, "wild and vivid." Thomas Jay Ryan's comical Flan, who tries to keep things "abstract," is side one: controlled, formal, with the reality-avoidance instincts of an ostrich. Karen Ziemba's open, vulnerable Ouisa's side two (reflected in Emily Rebholz's color-burst costumes). As the play

progresses, and Ouisa's understanding grows, Ziemba traces a touching arc from a wide-eyed comic character to near-tragic awareness.

Andromache Chalfant's set starts out posh — the Kittridges' art-rich apartment, with sunken living room downstage — then separates, exposing Paul's world of graffiti on grime-gray concrete. Large sliding doors make the set resemble a fortress, though not as impregnable as Flan would prefer.

Like the Kandinsky painting, the play's title cuts two ways. By the end the characters aren't just six degrees away from potential soul mates; except for Paul and Ouisa, they're at least that far removed from their authentic selves. ■

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#### American Buffalo

David Mamet's terse, mean street drama has been praised for its realism. His dialogue cuts to the marrow. His three characters don't speak their minds so much as externalize their nerves. The play's realistic, but only on the surface. *Buffalo* grows progressively surreal. As Don, Teach, and young Bob plan to steal a coin collection, the play transforms into a groggy, inertia-dream where everyone's knee-deep in murk and one step forward yanks them two back. Donny and

Teach speak a fragmented language that's also mud-stuck (their goal is "the thing"), and in act 2, if they weren't planning theft and possibly murder, you'd swear they were Abbott and Costello asking "Who's on first?" *Buffalo*'s been staged across the spectrum, from low comedy to junk-shop *noir*. For Compass Theatre, director Ruff Yeager wisely sticks to the present moment and lets the humor fall where it may. I caught a preview and, even with some rough spots, it had a stark, improvisational feel: Donny, Teach, and Bob plot, and compose Mamet's play, inch by inch as they go along. Chad Jaeger packs his set, Don's basement-level junk shop, with rows of secondhand items. The set's realistic in great detail but looks too orderly for such a chaotic scene. Matt Scott had Teach's paranoia down, and his need for human contact, but went over the top vocally — a high, acted whine — for his outbursts. As Bob, Don's go-pher/protégé (and the only one who makes any money in the play), Nathan Dean Snyder's eyes, like a young dog's, searched for security in others'. Walter Murray's father Don provided a veneer of stability, though underneath he's trapped in a vertiginous world where business is war by other

means and value has become destabilized.

#### Worth a try

COMPASS THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 11.

#### As Much As You Can

In Paul Oakley Stovall's "dramedy," Jesse, a gay black man, brings his Swedish lover Kristian to his childhood home in Chicago for a wedding. Sparks would have flown if the family simply reunited without the unexpected guest, since they're such a diverse group. Evie, the eldest, is a teacher and devout Christian; her siblings' beliefs vary. Jesse, who's been away for five years, is and is not ready to "out" his lover to Evie, knowing she wants that closet locked forever. Along with having a sharp wit, the playwright has a knack for shaping scenes and issues (especially gay marriage). Stovall crafts the questions so well, in fact, that his abrupt, would-it-were-so conclusion feels tacked on. Ably directed by Antonio T.J. Johnson, the Diversionary Theatre cast communicates above all else a joy in doing this show. Ida L. Rhem's Evie is such a convincing, adamant force that it makes her change hard to


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believe. Kevane La'Marr Coleman's Jesse, Patrick Kelly's Tony, and Leticia Martinez's Ronnie show how disparate, yet ultimately loving, a family can be. Though his Swedish accent wanders in and out, Brian Mackey adds Kristian to his growing list of impressive credits. And Melissa Coleman Reed's feisty Nina alone makes the show worth seeing. I saw her in minor roles for Ion Theatre's *U.S. Drag* and hoped Reed could land a showcase role soon. She has and struts with panache.

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DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH JANUARY 25.

**Daddy Diaries**  
The San Diego Rep hosts a workshop performance of Rick Najera's new "Latino-style fatherhood comedy." Gary Blumsack directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. TUESDAY, 7 P.M.

**Doubt**  
The San Diego Repertory Theatre presents the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by John Patrick Shanley about the real or imagined actions of a Catholic priest. Todd Salovey directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 8.

**The Dresser**  
North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Ron Harwood's "double portrait" of an actor-manager, touring the provinces during WWII, and his faithful dresser. David Ellenstein directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 8.

**Love Song**  
Cygnet Theatre stages John Kolvenbach's offbeat comedy about Beane, an "oddball," and his mysterious new love, Molly, whom he met following — or was it during? — a burglary. CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 22.

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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. 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.

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**The Shadow Box**  
Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Michael Cristofer's Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning drama about three families facing the impending loss of a loved one. Jim Caputo directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 8.

**The Star-Spangled Girl**  
The Real Theater, a new company, stages Neil Simon's comedy about two San Francisco males who fall for the same woman in the mid-1960s. Bob Korbett directed. REAL THEATER, 116 WEST WASHINGTON

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**The Trojan Women**  
Ion Theatre stages Euripides' tragedy — in a new translation by Marianne McDonald — about the women of fallen Troy. Claudio Raygoza directed. ION THEATRE COMPANY, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, GRANTVILLE. 619-374-6894. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 1.

**What We Talk About When We Talk About Love and Other Modern Dilemmas**  
They say the poet Robert Brownning could have written plays and that novelist George Meredith could have been a poet. The evidence at the Tenth Avenue Theatre shows that writer and poet Raymond Carver could have been a playwright as well. Federico Mora-

marco adapted three short stories for the stage: "What We Talk About When We Talk About Love," "Put Yourself in My Shoes," and "What's in Alaska?" (the title story being a contemporary take on Plato's *Symposium* about the nature of love). Spread over three decades, from the early 1970s to early '90s, each one-act begins with two couples and an event that should unite them: smoking a hookah; draining a bottle of gin; eating Christmas pastries. Yet each event fractures relations and suggests eventual severings. Carver's renowned for his minimalist style, and Moramarco's adaptation, plus his linking the three stories, is impressive. On opening night, however, the Laterthanever production had yet to find a theatrical equivalent for Carver's spare prose. The script caught his moments of lucid insight, but the acting had loose stretches, including long scene

changes and overexplained motives. The cast in general could pare things down, tighten up, and (the males especially) speak to the back row. Pluses include David Weiner's useful set and Pea Hicks's sounds. Krista Bell shows versatility, and Jacque Wilke, relatively new to San Diego, follows her hilarious performance in the North Coast Rep's *Don't Dress for Dinner* with a trio of nicely etched women: a giggly hippie, a jaded wife, and a hunched-over matron whose emotional swings could qualify her for a painting of *German-American Gothic*. Carver died in 1988. Thanks to Moramarco's adaptation, Carver may emerge as a new theatrical voice.

***Worth a try.***  
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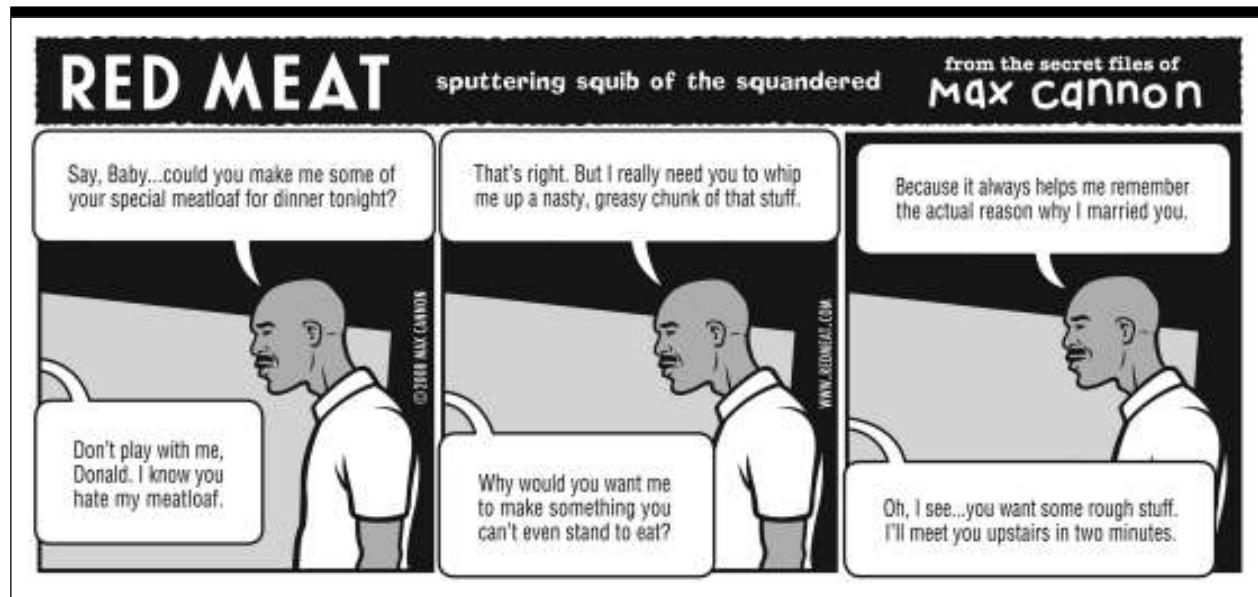
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2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly.

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.

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: [puzzles@sreader.com](mailto:puzzles@sreader.com)

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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

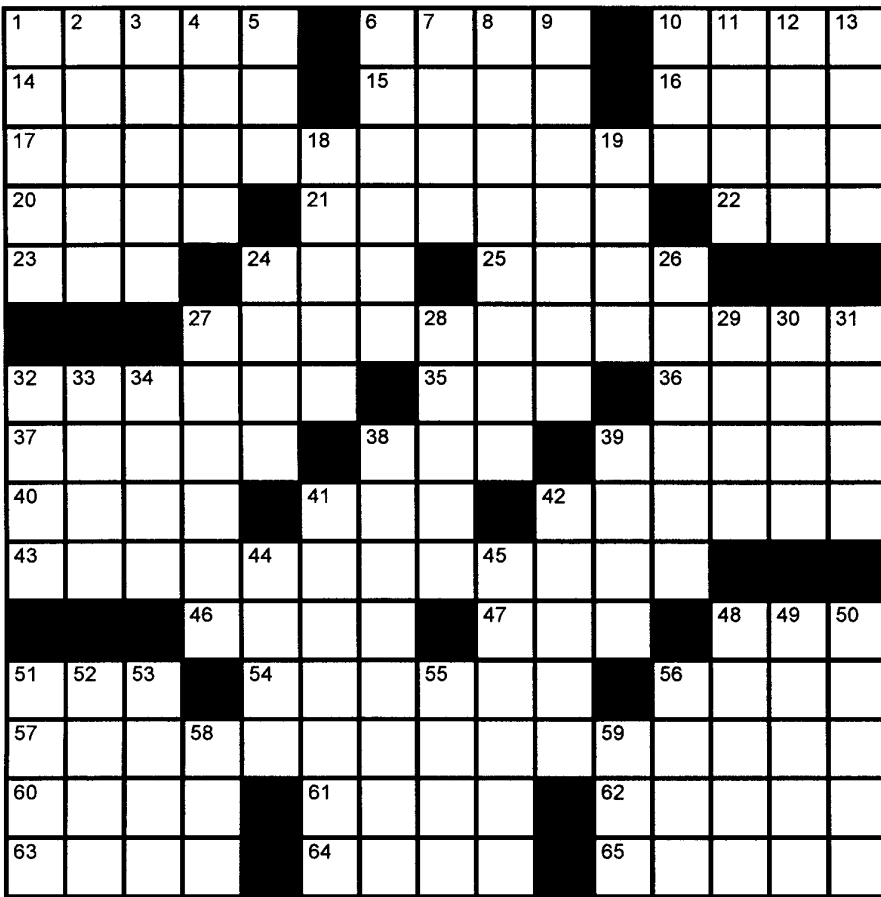
- With 65-Across, this puzzle's subject, a paradoxically-named country music star
- Trumpeter Alpert
- Have down cold
- Food writer Rombauer and others
- The "A" in ACLU: Abbr.
- Greek salad ingredient
- Starship song that this puzzle's subject should consider recording?
- Hosp. areas for acute conditions
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Down the Road"
- Rock's \_\_\_\_\_ Lobos
- Rm. in an office building
- It's south of Eur.

- Breezes through
- Billy Idol song that this puzzle's subject should consider recording?
- Approaches midnight, say
- Ample shoe width
- This and that
- French frigate that transported the Statue of Liberty
- Municipal council mem.
- Sits in the nude, perhaps
- Wild guess
- Dial-up alternative, for short
- Internet site graphics
- Guns N' Roses song that this puzzle's subject should consider recording?
- In \_\_\_\_\_ of (substituting for)
- Cock and bull
- Comic Caesar
- "I get it!"
- "Gone With the Wind" family
- "Pay \_\_\_\_\_ mind"
- David Bowie song that this puzzle's subject should consider recording?
- Jai \_\_\_\_\_
- What homeowners don't have to pay
- Plowmaker John
- A comb makes one
- "Saving Private Ryan" opener
- See 1-Across

### Down

- Fuzzy fruits
- Build
- Fill (with)
- Greek T's

- Chinese philosopher Chu
- 1962 John Wayne film
- 911 responders
- Used the microwave, perhaps
- French roll
- Popeyes rival
- Astronaut Armstrong
- He drives Bart and Lisa to Springfield Elementary
- Methods
- They're thrown during a boxing match
- NFL offensive guard Chris
- Tops
- Cartoon dog \_\_\_\_\_-Doo
- Kind of tea
- Portia's role on "Ally McBeal"
- She asks Sam to play "As Time Goes By"
- Level
- Baseball's Ned or Eddie
- Say "Thay," e.g.
- "The Thin Man" pooch
- Eye drop
- Relieved
- No-no in some apartments
- 1988 movie with the tagline "40 Stories of Sheer Adventure!"
- Oscar winner Dianne
- Designer Christian
- Garrulous
- Seven-time All-Star pitcher Dave
- Prefix with mural
- Respected elder
- "Hurry!"
- Luau dance
- Miles away
- TV actress Sofer
- Pastry chef, at times
- In shape
- School's Web suffix



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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

**Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 2.** "Eligible donors: help up to 3 people and give blood."

**Sheila Agahan-Price, Ocean-side, 2.** "Happy Birthday to my husband Michael."

**Cecile Alcaraz, San Diego, 2.** "Being fourth on the list is a good start!"

**Steve and Dawn, North Park, 2.** "He who hesitates is poor: - Mel Brooks"

**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 2.**

"Kindly drive kindly."

**Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 2.**

"Pursue your selfishness remains even though you don't."

**Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 2.**

"Simple living, high thinking."

**Jen Barnes, University Heights, 2.**

"Mel Wenger is awesome!"

**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 2.**

"T is for throwing tantrums."

**Jeff Battles, Serra Mesa, 2.**

"Huh?"

**Bruce Bell, South Park, 2.**

**Carl Bennett, Escondido, 2.**

**Jay Berkowitz, La Jolla, 2.**

"Cool grand prize, Jorie got a hot new Mustang."

**Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 2.**

"Great crosswrd, sexy babe - perfect way to end the day."

**Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 2.**

"My blonde beauty keeps me happy and fit for love."

**Philip Blase, San Diego, 2.**

"Second stop Zanzibar."

**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 2.**

**Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 2.**

**Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 2.**

"Carol, this one's for you pal."

**E. T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 2.**

"Go Cardinals!"

**Phillip Castle, Carlsbad, 2.**

"Drink bird friendly coffee!"

**Leslie Chase, Campo, 2.**

"Simple harmony in beauty unique I seek Shibus."

**Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 2.**

"Thanks - Pelirrojo."

**A. T. Certik, Bonita, 2.**

**Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 2.**

"Robert Burns Supper, Jan. 24, St. Marks, www.stmarks-cityheights.org!"

**Craig Curtis, Escondido, 2.**

"Welcome Pat and Bill via upstate New York. Good friends!"

**Vince Cuseo, Vista, 2.**

"You can't handle the truth!"

**William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 2.**

"Thanks to Alma for her tender mercies."

**Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 2.**

**Pat DePew, San Diego, 2.**

"Clever puzzle!"

**Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 2.**

"I was totally lucid and combobulated."

**Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 2.**

"You don't understand! I (like Marlon Bran) coulda been a con-tender!"

**Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 2.**

"Katrina and Nicholas loved Disneyland!"

**Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 2.**

"Oh yeah, vacation time!"

**Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 2.**

**Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 2.**

"There's always next year!"

**Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 2.**

"No more I-5 slides, Bill!"

**Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 2.**

"Two can be as bad as one."

**William Edwards, Kensington, 2.**

**Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 2.**

"These are exciting times. Good luck president Obama!"

**George Elam, Vista, 2.**

"I pay for my trash - why won't you?"

**Harry Engel, La Jolla, 2.**

**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 2.**

"Keep LT a Charger! Don't screw up, A!!"

**Manny Faria, Point Loma, 2.**

"Aw snap, 2 in a row, Pooh!"

**D. Faulkner, University Heights, 2.**

"2009: a good year to start riding every day."

**Rand Feura, Santee, 2.**

**Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley, 2.**

**Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 2.**

**Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 2.**

"He never could tell a joke."

**I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 2.**

"1 trillion in debt, crippled economy, two wars. Thanks George."

**Joe Griffin, Crest, 2.**

"Am I famous yet? I'm waiting."

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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**Marie Grace, College Area, 2.**  
**Bill Griffin, Crest, 2.** "Don't let the door hit you on the way out, GWB."  
**Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 2.**  
"Loretta - Mother, Daughter. Grandma, Cook, Wife, Gardener of the Year!"  
**Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 2.** "Welcome Kees from Finland. Where's Linda? Tee for Kees, please?"  
**Mike Gurvich, La Jolla, 2.**  
**Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 2.**  
**Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 2.**  
**Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 2.**  
**Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 2.**  
"Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events..."  
**Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 2.** "Hey Pinky, what's a pee rat?"  
**Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 2.** "Go crazy!"  
**W. Hodgson, Escondido, 2.** "USSA est. 1-20-09"  
**Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 2.** "Billy rocks Hiromi."  
**Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 2.** "Love one another."  
**Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 2.** "Jumping on the Obama bandwagon: give me your money now!"  
**Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 2.**  
**Benvicky Javier, San Diego, 2.** "Good plumin' job, Coach Gerv Alota!"  
**Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 2.** "Kiera! Bodo! Obama!"  
**Martha Klages, Encanto, 2.** "Thanks to my husband for the help."

**Jim Koziol, UTC, 2.** "It's home-work time, guys!"  
**Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 2.**  
**Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 2.** "The better puzzle aid - coffee or ale?"  
**Lane Litke, Chula Vista, 2.** "And Gaby"  
**Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 2.** "I only hope my Loma students are also note-taking."  
☛ **Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 2.** "I have a dream. I dream of free T-shirts."  
**Craig Martin, Serra Mesa, 2.**  
**Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 2.**  
**Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 2.**  
**Liam Matthews, Bankers Hill, 2.** "Science is golden"  
**Kyle Matzke, Vista, 2.** "Audacity of hope? Try a symphony of deceit and lies."  
**Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 2.** "I think I got it."  
**Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 2.** "Quality painting, low prices, free estimates. paintwithdan.com"  
**Willie McGee, San Diego, 2.** "Marlon Bran"  
**Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 2.** "Goodbye Katie. You will be missed."  
**Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 2.** "It's only money"  
**Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 2.** "I love you, L."  
**Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 2.**

**Irving Metzger, San Diego, 2.**  
**Ron Meyer, Santee, 2.** "That was a fun one."  
**Tom Miller, National City, 2.** "I'm right behind you, puzzlers!"  
**Jenny Miner, North Park, 2.** "I love you, Peppy!"  
**Josh Minuto, Mission Hills, 2.** "Cogito, ergo vici."  
**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 2.** "Where Amtrak runs on time...sdmrm.org."  
☛ **G.R. Morse, San Diego, 2.** "You lost count."  
**C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 2.** "Uh oh - previous message transcription mistakes! Priority - T-shirt soon please."  
**Ed Murphy, Ocean Beach, 2.** "Stop complaining about the difficulty, please!"  
**Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 2.** "Heartland Lions We Serve."  
**Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 2.** "JG - I hope you are feeling better by now!"  
**Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 2.** "Donate to friendsofcats.org!"  
**Jim Odell, Vista, 2.**  
**Julie Osburn, North Park, 2.** "Very clever puzzle this week."  
**Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 2.** "Two in a row."  
**Gil Patricio, San Diego, 2.** "I should be working."  
**John Pertle, Santee, 2.** "Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:36, Revelation 20:11-15."  
**Robert Phillips, Downtown, 2.** "Why are they called apartments when they are all together?"  
**Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 2.**  
**Bill Pischke, Ramona, 2.** "Winter's springtime glows while California's hotwind blows, orange fire billows."

**Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 2.** "We satisfy our endless needs and justify our bloody deeds."  
**John Prince, Serra Mesa, 2.** "Keep your head up, lest the Great Depression become mental."  
**Bill Purves, La Jolla, 2.**  
**Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 2.**  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 2.** "Only 148 in the running for perfect score. Good luck!"  
**Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 2.** "Rock Idol Grant Enc. Heat - 6-0."  
**Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 2.** "I like these challenges. The note twist was masterful."  
**Connie Rittichier, Poway, 2.**  
**Doug Rodgers, Rancho Penasquitos, 2.**  
☛ **Mark Rutter, University Heights, 2.** "The rat's last wane is neigh done!"  
**Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 2.**  
**Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 2.** "Found you in a dew drop under a red flower petal."  
**Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 2.** "Keep the dumb in adumbrate."  
**Eddie and Andrea Schroder, Carlsbad, 2.** "God bless America. We're going to need it!"  
**Tom Seaman, Alpine, 2.**  
**Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 2.** "I hope the Cardinals stomp the Steelers."  
**Pablo Shaw, San Diego, 2.** "When you get confused listen to the music play."  
**Capn Skarz, Encinitas, 2.** "Rosie likes me more than she likes you."  
**Dave Small, San Carlos, 2.** "Sounds like music to my ears."

**Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 2.** "This one certainly raised the bar."  
**Jeff Smith, University City, 2.** "O brother Eddie Spaghetio, where art thou?"  
**Tom Somich, Clairemont, 2.** "I down. 51 to go!"  
**Eddie Spaghetio, Coronado, 2.** "143U15! The puzzle I need to solve...is you! CIUM21"  
**Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 2.** "January 18, 2009: A New Direction."  
**Marjorie Stewart, Point Loma, 2.** "Spring is here?"  
**Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 2.** "Thanks Rosie for the beautiful necklace you designed!"  
**Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 2.** "Thank you Andre."  
**Pamela Swain, College Area, 2.** "My birthday is Super Bowl Sunday!"  
**Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 2.**  
**Linda Tripp, Rancho Bernardo, 2.** "I'm in it for the T-shirt."  
**Jim Vaughan, Carlsbad, 2.** "Great puzzle!"  
**Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 2.** "Get well soon Glenn. Dance for 2 on Wed."  
**Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 2.** "A musing challenge."  
**Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 2.** "What happened to the T-shirts?"  
**Lil Wagner, Clairemont, 2.** "Did Julie Andrews inspire this puzzle?"  
**Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 2.** "It's the everyday flub ups that prevent the fatal mistake."  
**Bob Werner, Bay Park, 2.**  
**Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 2.**

**Tom White, University City, 2.**  
**Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 2.**  
**Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 2.** "Where's Santee?"  
**Ric Witt, Clairemont, 2.** "Our legislature fiddles while California burns."  
**Joel Wolfberg, Point Loma, 2.** "Thanks for the company, Mom."  
**Mike Zabarouskas, Del Cerro, 2.** "Trish is my dish."  
**Dan Abernathy, Santee, 1.**  
**Linda Adsit, San Diego, 1.**  
**Don Albee, Santee, 1.**  
**Doretha Albee, Santee, 1.**  
**Mike and Karen, Talmadge, 1.** "Mikey, I love you more than anything, even Becky hugs."  
**Patzy and Leah, El Cajon, 1.** "We rock!"  
**Bud Anderson, Santee, 1.**  
**M. Anderson, Santee, 1.**  
**Susan Arnold, Santee, 1.**  
**Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 1.**  
**Rick Austin, Santee, 1.**  
**Jackie Austin, Chula Vista, 1.**  
**Gerry Austin, Chula Vista, 1.**  
**Vickie Austin, Santee, 1.**  
**Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 1.**  
**Roy Bailey, Santee, 1.**  
**G. Barker, Santee, 1.**  
**Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1.** "Blew the first one. Thanx Dustin!"  
**Brian Beach, Santee, 1.**  
**Terri Beach, Santee, 1.**  
**Derek Besand, Santee, 1.**  
**Wendy Besand, Santee, 1.**  
**Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 1.**  
**Heather Bloomfield, Santee, 1.**  
**R. Blue, San Diego, 1.**  
☛ **Karen Bohrer, La Jolla, 1.** "Congratulations to our new president!"  
**J.D. Boucharde, North Park, 1.** "41 days and counting!"

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Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 1. *"Love to all."*  
Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 1.  
Bryan Breckenridge, Santee, 1.  
J. Breckenridge, Santee, 1.  
Mike Broadhead, El Cajon, 1.  
Loren Broadstone, Santee, 1.  
Neal Brown, Santee, 1.  
☛ Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 1.  
Margaret Buckner, Santee, 1.  
Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 1.  
Dave Capehart, Santee, 1.  
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 1. *"Haven't won since scans were accepted."*  
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 1. *"Okay, now I'm ready!"*  
Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 1. *"Goodbye Rex - we'll miss you."*  
Doug Coffin, Santee, 1.  
Dan Collins, Santee, 1.  
Carrie Collins, Santee, 1.  
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Laura Conshafter, Santee, 1.  
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 1. *"I hope you feel better, Ski."*  
Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 1.  
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Mike Deliman, Santee, 1. *"Happy Birthday Karen Marie Otter!"*  
Matt Dene, Santee, 1.

Tim Dene, Santee, 1.  
S. Depka, Vista, 1. *"The race is on!"*  
Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 1.  
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J. DeWitt, Santee, 1.  
Jill Dickens, Santee, 1.  
Makalani Dingane, Lemon Grove, 1. *"Chargers fans, wait til next year! Again!"*  
Ben Doverdahl, San Diego, 1. *"I'll drive."*  
Mike Downey, Santee, 1.  
Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 1.  
G. Doyle, Santee, 1.  
John L. Drechner, North Park, 1. *"Nestle's Quick is slowing down."*  
Leo Duffer, Pacific Beach, 1. *"Finally - a president who speaks English!"*  
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Gunnar Eklof, Oceanside, 1.  
Heather Ellsworth, Santee, 1.  
Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 1.  
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Gina Glover, Santee, 1.  
Joseph Gold, San Diego, 1.  
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Hugh Hagues, Santee, 1.  
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Ward Harrington, Santee, 1.  
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L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 1.  
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Russell Hill, Lake Forest, 1.  
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Ron Hootman, Santee, 1. *"Hoot 101: Portuguese king is Rei? My bad - I guess."*  
Dennis Howry, La Verne, 1.  
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 1.  
E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 1.  
Diane Hutchings, Santee, 1.  
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Steve Jenks, Santee, 1.  
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Sharon Jones, El Cajon, 1. *"I resolve to be repetitive."*  
Jerry Jones, Oceanside, 1.  
Billy Josen, Santee, 1.  
Gordon Kanteena, San Diego, 1. *"Güden, Gleben, Gläben, Glöben."*  
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 1.  
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Kevin McNearney, Santee, 1.  
Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 1.  
Linda Millsberg, Santee, 1.  
Ken Milne, Santee, 1.  
Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 1. *"Thanks Ollie, we have blocks and blocks of quiet homes."*  
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Heber Moore, Santee, 1.  
Kevin Moreau, Santee, 1.  
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David Papworth, Santee, 1.

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Warren Winters, Santee, 1.  
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Lee Woodbury, Santee, 1.  
Thomas E Woolf, La Jolla, 1. *"Amrt #."*  
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Chad Smith  
Teacher  
Clairemont

I went to Berkeley and lived in that area for a while. So there are differences between San Diego and San Francisco. The best things about San Diego...the weather, surf, and burritos. The worst is that there's no value on integrity.



Timmy T.  
Clothing Company Owner  
Mira Mesa

My least favorite thing about living in Mira Mesa is the traffic. I think that's probably the only thing I don't like about it. There are so many things I do like about it. It's central to San Diego. I like all the Asian food places everywhere. It's Manila Mesa. Those two things are probably the best things, but there are a lot.



Antonette Melina  
Student  
National City

The best thing about living there is the diversity. The worst thing is the scary ghetto people hanging around at night. In the Paradise Valley area, some of the black people that hang around the streets at night just make me feel unsafe. I do like that there's a mix of people that are open to others.



Rafael Garcia  
Construction Project Manager  
Chula Vista

I think the worst thing about where I live is it's the suburbs. And the homeowners' association. They're the lawn nazis, getting mad if you have three blades of grass that are too long. The best thing is the view of the lights of TJ at night. It's also a good place to raise a family. And there are a lot of nice walking trails.



Patrick Yau  
Financial Advisor  
Ventura

I live in Moorpark, in Ventura County. The worst thing is that there's no nightlife. The most exciting thing you can do at night is go see a movie. The best thing is that it's a safe neighborhood. I guess there's a correlation between that. Oh, and there's a tiny river behind me, which is great for ghost hunters, if you're into that strange sort of behavior.



Christina Palmer  
Caregiver  
Normal Heights

I lived in Arizona and Seattle, so I could make a really long list with those places, too. The best thing about Normal Heights is that it's close to Hillcrest and South Park. And all the restaurants, bars, and breweries along 30th and Adams Avenue — there are just so many that it makes it the perfect location.

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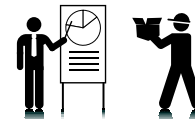
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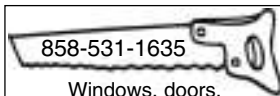
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**CHULA VISTA.** \$1650. \$1200 deposit. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo. Calm, quiet neighborhood. Fenced backyard. Carport. Near all. Pool. Washer/dryer hookups. 29 Tamarindo Way. 619-279-0931.

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**CITY HEIGHTS. \$950** Cute 2 bedroom house 3834 47th. **\$800** Small 1 bedroom duplex 4035 Menlo. Very clean, yard, parking. No smoking. No pets. Section 8 OK. 619-275-2648.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, \$895. Laundry room, water/sewer/trash included, tile floors, 750 square feet. 4361 and 4361-1/2 49th Street. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. peoplehelpingothers.com.

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**CLAIREMONT.** \$1250. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Remodeled! Small yard, garage. Walk to park and shopping. Cat OK. 4429 Manitou Way. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$1295/\$1495. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. 44716/4718 Claremont Drive. Super clean! large front/back yard fenced. One with laundry. Sorry, no pets. 619-249-7117.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$1750. 3 bedroom 2-1/2 bath townhouse, private patio, full size washer/dryer, private 1 car garage plus parking space. No pets. Available February. 858-329-9446.

**CLAIREMONT.** \$300 off first month's rent. \$875. 1 bedroom. Pool. Laundry. Off-

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**CLAIREMONT.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$995. With parking. Pool on site. Laundry. On very nice, quiet street. 5150 Balboa Arms Drive. Call Tia, 858-571-0104. kandpropertes.com.

**CLAIREMONT.** 1/2 off first month's rent! \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 1 parking space. Upper unit. Swimming pool. Jacuzzi. Mount Alifan Place. Great setting. Call agent, 619-692-4121.

**CLAIREMONT.** 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse, 2- car garage. Near bus. Pool, spa. Large patio. Near UTC/Mesa College. Available now. Cats OK. \$1600. 858-483-5334.

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**CLAIREMONT.** Morena/Rose Canyon. Huge, tri-level 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. \$1850. Ready now. All amenities. Clean, new carpet, paint. Double garage with auto opener. Secure. **If you can find one better, rent it!** 2754 Ariane #117. Call Rachael, 619-804-1044 or Jeff, 619-713-1044.

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**COLLEGE AREA. \$1195-\$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condos. Hardwood floor. New carpet/tile. Balcony/ patio. Gas stove, microwave. Central air/heat. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hookups. Gated. 2 miles to SDSU. Near all/golf course. Pets upon approval. 5170 Orange Avenue, 92115. 619-285-3822.**

**COLLEGE AREA. \$200 off first month! 1 bedroom from \$895. 2 bedroom from \$1200. Free credit application. \$100 military discount. Internet access. Gourmet kitchen. Microwave. Gas range. Air conditioning/ heating. Walk- in closet. Controlled access. Free poolside Wifi. Barbecue/picnic areas. Cat friendly. Parking. Walking distance to campus. Near bus, trolley. Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Montezuma Road. 1-800-433-6120. www.pacificliving.com. www.sdriver.com/news/rent1042.**

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$750. Spacious 1 bedroom, upper. Near busline and College Grove Shopping Center. Laundry on site. No pets. 3553 College Avenue #8. 619-298-7724.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$800. 1 bedroom apartment, 6- month lease, parking, 550 square feet, large closet/cabinets, new carpet/

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**COLLEGE AREA.** \$800. 1 bedroom apartment, 6- month lease, parking, 550 square feet, large closet/cabinets, new carpet/

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**COLLEGE AREA.** \$850/month includes utilities, cable, Internet. Remodeled studio. Separate cottage behind house. Porch. Laundry. Yard. 350 square feet. Cat OK. 6172 Mary Lane Drive. 619-871-6909.

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**COLLEGE AREA.** Corinthian Apartments. 1- bedroom apartment for rent in College Area with a special of \$300 off first month's rent with good credit and lease of 6 months or more. We are a gated garden community; provide assigned parking. On-site laundry rooms, over- range microwave and pet friendly with additional deposit. Please call 619-286-0441 or stop by between 9am and 5pm seven days a week. 3-, 6-, 9-, or 12- month lease. Military and international students welcome. 4981 Catocin Dr. Visit our website at: [progressmanagement.net](http://progressmanagement.net).

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**CORONADO.** \$1150. Nice and clean. 1 bedroom apartment above garage. Including electric bill and cable. Nonsmoking. No pets. Available 2/1/09. 619-519-9983.

**DEL CERRO.** \$1395. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, parking. Nice view. Call 858-349-5672.

**DEL CERRO/ALLIED GARDENS.** 2 bedrooms, 2 bath condo \$1550. Laminate wood floors, fireplace, balcony, laundry hookups, underground parking, pool and gym. Agent, 619-296-3189.

**DEL MAR.** Furnished \$2495. 2 master bedrooms condo. Fireplace, 3-4 minutes, Del Mar Highlands shopping, 2 car garage. Pool, jacuzzi, gym. Pets ok. \$2495. 619-277-2095.

**DEL MAR.** Furnished 1 bedroom duplex. \$1600. Patio. Utilities paid. Includes cable/Internet. Jacuzzi. Parking. Small pet. Walk to beach, 15 minutes. 1288 Via Nestore. 619-435-0387.

**DEL MAR.** Ocean view 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath split- level home. \$4900. 3000 square feet. Gated community. Tennis courts. Pool. Hardwood floors. Formal dining room. Available now. 13222 Caminito Pointe Del Mar. Alta Vista Properties, 858-274-3600. [www.altavistamanagement.com](http://www.altavistamanagement.com).

**DEL MAR.** One block to ocean! 3 bedrooms, \$2345+. 2 bedroom, \$1695. 1 bedrooms, \$1495-\$1725. Gated, nonsmoking community. No dogs. 201 Fourth Street. 858-481-9585; [mikeatla@aol.com](mailto:mikeatla@aol.com).

**DOWNTOWN.** \$1460. Loft, 1 bath apartment, pet OK, in- unit washer/dryer, balcony, patio, central air, parking available. Fee. Free search at [www.westsiderentals.com](http://www.westsiderentals.com). 619-367-3333.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$1710. 2- bedroom, 2- bath apartment, pet OK, 1- car parking, balcony, views, large closets, pool, fitness, barbecue. Fee. Free search at [www.westsiderentals.com](http://www.westsiderentals.com). 619-367-3333.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$2100. Top floor. 2 story townhome in Downtown. Upgraded kitchen and baths. Unique floor plan. Air conditioning. Balcony. Washer/dryer. Walk to Petco Park. Must see! [www.utopiamanagement.com](http://www.utopiamanagement.com) or 858-598-1111 x193.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$2238. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, dog OK, hardwood floors, 2-car parking, pool, fitness, bay/city views. Fee. Free search at [www.westsiderentals.com](http://www.westsiderentals.com). 619-367-3333.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$675. Studio, 1 bath apartment, great views, all utilities paid, near Petco Park, controlled access building. Fee. Free search at [www.westsiderentals.com](http://www.westsiderentals.com). 619-367-3333.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, cat OK with deposit, hardwood floors, paid water/trash/gas. Fee. Free search at [www.westsiderentals.com](http://www.westsiderentals.com). 619-367-3333.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$750. Studio. Large windows with downtown view. Hardwood floors, quiet complex, gated parking, remote entry, laundry on premises. No pets. 1830 Market Street. 619-405-7368.

**DOWNTOWN.** 2 blocks to ballpark. Furnished rooms with kitchenettes, all utilities paid for including cable (HBO). Community bath/showers. Single or double, \$675. 619-962-8000.

**DOWNTOWN.** Attractive rooms. Shared rooms. Shared baths. Utilities included.

## SurfDIEGO

Name: Cheryl Woodhouse

Age: 51

Lives in: Coronado

Post-surf food: Carne asada burrito "with salt!"

Favorite surf movie: *Step Into Liquid*

Surfing: Coronado

Cheryl got her nickname ("The Shreddar") by way of a prank played on a reporter.

"I started surfing with nine of my girlfriends.

We borrowed boards, wetsuits — it was a really magical time. A reporter from a local newspaper thought we were a good story, so he came down to the beach to interview us. I wasn't too happy about being pulled out of the water, so when the reporter asked me my name, I said it was Cheryl 'The Shreddar' Woodhouse. It was funny because I had just learned how to surf and wasn't anywhere close to shredding, but I think he got the message. The name stuck."

Cheryl is now a local surfing celebrity. Each year, Coronado hosts the Jimmy Reilly Memorial Surf Classic (on Shipwreck Beach) to honor a surfer who lost his life in a 1983 car crash. Cheryl has been a fan favorite since having a four-year streak of winning the award for "Best Wipeout"; one of her worst occurred four years ago.



"I was surfing, and I let my board slip. The fin came up and cracked me in the face. It gave me a black eye, and I ended up with some stitches across the bridge of my nose."

The competition committee was rumored to be debating naming the award after Cheryl, but this year her streak was broken; "Best

Wipeout" went to Jody Esquer...while Cheryl took second place in the Women's Open division.

Cheryl cites tranquility and exercise as benefits of the sport but says she will no longer surf at night.

"I was surfing at night during red tide; it was amazing with all of the phosphorescence in the water. I thought

I saw something up ahead of me, and I figured it was a buoy or a swimmer or a kayak. My friend saw it as well and quickly said that it was time to get back to the beach. I realized it was probably a shark fin."

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# Reader Pop Quiz

### This week’s questions

1. What was in the bags that Japanese porno star Mayuko Hino of C.C.C.C. threw at audiences in her performances?
2. How hot is a bullet just after it's been fired from a gun? (Fahrenheit, please.)
3. What partygoing graphic artist designed the poster for *Endless Summer* and the album covers for *Magical Mystery Tour* and *Hotter Than Hell*?
4. What guitarist, arriving here January 22, was the first female ever named to *Rolling Stone's* “Guitar God” list?
5. The Securities and Exchange Commission “cannot be trusted with an investigation of \_\_,” local attorney Gary Aguirre warns us.
6. Name two brands of lubricant you should *never* use on your sewing machine.
7. What were Neil Diamond's closing words recently to David J. Sherry, bandleader of the tribute act Diamond Is Forever?
8. In the play *Six Degrees of Separation*, a young con man suckers his hosts into thinking he can secure them roles in the film version of what musical?
9. Singer Sharon Jones goes by the titles “Soul Sister \_\_ \_\_ or the Queen of \_\_.”
10. The top-grossing local concert last year was what?

### Last week’s answers

1. Fannie's. (p. 75)
2. The Knitters. (p. 80)
3. The Universal Waste Rule. (p.7)
4. “Action.” (p. 116)
5. Bedpost. (p. 95)
6. The Farmers. (p. 88)
7. Grapes. (p. 20)
8. Liquid Blue. (p. 78)
9. Green. (p. 19)
10. Free. (p. 99)

Last week’s winners:

Karen Guarnotta, Brian Albers, Jeffery McMenamin, Louisa Steed, Kim Bauer.

**Rules** Pop Quiz answers must include page numbers from the *Reader* print edition on which the answers are found. First five entrants to deliver correct sets of answers win Reader T-shirts or \$25 (indicate preference). Answers must be submitted by Monday at 7 a.m. after the issue in question. Only one winner per household or email address per month. Multiple entries will be disregarded. Mail answers to: Reader Pop Quiz, SD Reader, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186; or fax to 619-231-0489; or email to [Quiz@sdreader.com](mailto:Quiz@sdreader.com); or deliver to 1703 India Street in Little Italy (we have an after-hours mail slot).

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# Typo Patrol Results

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## Event Listings

p.70 619-2313-7463 *should be* 619-231-7463

**Marilyn Ralph (San Diego) \$10**

## Fast Break

p.17 Friday Night *should be* Friday night

## Dining Review

p.98 cr  m   br  l  e *should be* cr  me br  l  e

## Art Listings

p.74 Devik Weiner *should be* Devik Wiener

**Karen Guarnotta (San Diego) \$30**

## Classical Music Listings

p.74 Cahte Sobke *should be* Cathe Sobke

**Mtume Salaam (San Diego) \$10**

## Best Buys

p.19 hand-scattering *should be* hand-scattering

## Puzzle Winners

p.133 Escondidp *should be* Escondido

**Linda Cox (San Diego) \$20**

## Stringers

p.7 14 percent *should be* 14 percent larger

## Sporting Box

p.16 when the get home *should be* when they get home

## Best Buys

p.19 pyrethrines *should be* pyrethrins

## Backyard Bow-Hunting

p.44 knocked an arrow *should be* nocked

## Event Listings

p.68 types birds *should be* types of birds

**Armin Moths (San Diego) \$50**

## Event Listings

p.64 Social Dancing *missing locale (La Mesa) at end of listing*

p.69 Network host *should be* network hosts

p.70 Ritchhart address *should be* Ritchhart addresses

p.70 Barrack Obama *should be* Barack Obama

## Music Listings

p.90, 94 Aunt Kizzy's Boyz *should be* Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz

## Restaurant Listings

p.107 etouffe *should be* etouffee

**Karelyn Kimokeo (El Cajon) \$60**

## Where Can I Get Some Peace and Quiet?

p.38 found were the host *should be* found was the host

**Darinda Smith (San Diego) \$10**

## Fast Break

p.17 Torrey Pines should be Torrey Pines

**Jon Nuanuez (San Diego) \$10**

## Diary of a Diva

p.20 david's *should be* David's

**Erin Valenzuela (Chula Vista) \$10**

## Event Listings

p.67 he was located *should be* he was relocated

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**Barbara Akers (Escondido) \$20**

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**MISSION BEACH.** \$1695. Modern 2-bedroom, 2-bath apartment. Steps to Bay. Garage. Dishwasher, microwave, washer/dryer. 833 Santa Barbara Place. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$1050. Large 1 bedroom 1 bath apartment with tile floors in living room! Large enclosed patio off living room! Block to Beach! No pets! 3950 Mission Boulevard. Call 619-222-4836 x14, or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

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**MISSION BEACH.** \$2400. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace. Large rooms. Very nice. Steps to beach, bay. Garage. No pets. 2775 Mission Boulevard. 619-435-0387.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$795. Cozy upper studio. Shared deck. Parking space. Includes utilities. Block to ocean and Bay. New paint and carpet. 807 Jamaica Court. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

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**LEAD STORY**

— In a change of regulations last March, the Pentagon began saving money by reducing “combat-injury” benefits for all except those wounded while actually fighting, explaining that “combat-related” injuries were simply not worthy of full compensation. Thus, in examples offered by the *Washington Post* in November, Marine Cpl. James Dixon and Army Sgt. Lori Meshell were not entitled to full combat-injury coverage for their Iraq wounds (Dixon from a roadside bomb and a land mine, and Meshell while diving for cover during a mortar attack) because neither was actually fighting at the time. Dixon, initially denied about \$16,000 by the classification, recently won a hard-fought reversal, but Meshell, drawing \$1200 less per month because of the change, is still appealing.

**Can’t Possibly Be True**

— The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, reporting the latest of ten lawsuits against dentist Thomas Laney, 55, found “flaws” in Washington state’s medical disciplinary system in that Laney was apparently doing “full-body cosmetic surgeries.” Laney was being sued by a woman for allegedly botch-

ing her breast reduction. His attorney told a reporter that negative outcomes happen, but that Laney should not be held responsible unless the patient suffers deformities that are “terribly, terribly wrong.” (When an earlier patient of his died after surgery, Laney was “disciplined” with a fine and an order to get additional training.) — The British Federation of Herpetologists announced in November that the number of reptiles kept as pets in the U.K. is probably greater than the number of dogs (8.5 million to about 6 million, with cats at 9 million). One benchmark the federation uses for its calculation is the booming sales of reptile food, such as locusts, frozen rodents, and crickets (now about 20 million a week).

**Inexplicable**

— The Wishroom lingerie shop on Japan’s Internet shopping mall Rakuten announced in November that it had already sold more than 300 of its new bras made for men (about \$30 each) since the product launch earlier in the month. A Wishroom official told a Reuters reporter: “We’ve been getting feedback from customers saying, ‘Wow, we’d been waiting for this for such a long time.’”

— Twice recently (in November, off Atlantic Beach, N.C., and in October, off Amble, Northumberland, England), anglers encountered (and rescued) dogs that were swimming about a mile from land and headed toward the open sea. The pooches, a Labrador retriever and a cairn terrier, were both said to be disoriented and uncooperative with rescuers.

**Unclear on the Concept**

— When Arien O’Connell posted the fastest time in October’s Nike Women’s Marathon in San Francisco, she expected to be declared the winner, but the shoe company had promised a group of elite runners (to attract them to enter the race) that one of them would be the “winner,” and consequently, first place went to a woman who ran 11 minutes behind O’Connell. After a storm of complaints, Nike reluctantly settled on calling both women “winners” and said next year it would scrap the two-tier system. — London’s *Daily Mail* reported (after an investigation under Britain’s freedom of information act) that more than half of the local government councils responding admitted that they were using anti-terror laws and surveillance equip-

ment to monitor such mundane activities as whether residents put their garbage out at the proper times for pickup. Said one prominent critic, “We are no longer living in what most would recognize as a free society.”

**Update**

— When “News of the Weird” last mentioned Andy Park of Melksham, England, in 2002, he was in his eighth straight year of celebrating Christmas every single day of his life, with not only seasonal decorations and cards mailed to himself but a full holiday meal including turkey and champagne. However, as he told the *Daily Mail* in November, “The credit crunch is getting to me big time,” and he has been forced to cut back a bit on the presents he gives himself. Nonetheless, every morning since July 14, 1994, Park continues to arise and open his presents before starting on his full meal and mince pie. He also watches the queen’s Christmas speech on video. Yes, he admits, “People do think I’m [nuts].”

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**PACIFIC BEACH NORTH. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Downstairs in quiet triplex behind 1859. Parking, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. No pets. Available 2/10/09. 1861 Chalcedony. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com).**

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**PACIFIC BEACH NORTH. \$1475. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large, upstairs, stove, refrigerator, coin laundry, 2-1/2 blocks to ocean. Available 2/18/09. 959 Chalcedony. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, broker. [www.delsolpm.com](http://www.delsolpm.com).**

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**PACIFIC BEACH. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large, remodeled. Upstairs. Stove, refrigerator. Dishwasher. Microwave. Coin laundry. Pool. Elevator. No pets. Available 1/25/09. 1433 Oliver. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.**

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$950. 1 bedroom apartment, cat OK, month- to- month lease, 1- car parking, close to beach/bay. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$950. 1/2 off first! Extra large studio, all appliances, granite, plenty of storage, pool, gym, spa, tennis court,

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, \$1100. 1- car garage, laundry room, new paint, water/sewer/trash included, 700 square feet. 1345 Grand Avenue #C. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. peoplehelpingothers.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, granite kitchen countertops, garage with opener. \$1180 with 6- month lease. One month deposit. No pets. 1459 Hornblend. 858-245-9508.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** 1/2 first month! \$1495, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2-4 blocks from Mission Bay and the beach. Stove. Refrigerator. On-site laundry. 4408 Dawes Street. 619-804-3324.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large living room and kitchen. Near bay. Charming. Small building. Nice patio, 1883 Pacific Beach Drive. \$1595. Available 2/1/09. 619-318-6477.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** 4067 Sequoia Street. Move in 2/25/09. \$2350. 3- bedroom, 2.5- bath townhome in Crown Point. Fireplace, washer/dryer, parking. No pets. Call Leigh, 858-483-3534. www.Cal-Prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** 4418 Bond St. #1. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$200 off 1st month. \$1250. \$800 deposit OAC. Downstairs, fridge, stove, on-site laundry, parking. No pets. Close to everything. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** Large upstairs 1 bedroom, assigned parking. Balcony, on- site laundry. Near beach and bay. \$1195/ month with move- in special! 1663 Diamond Street, #6. Call 858-483-5111 x10, www.melroyproperties.com.

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## Thirty Years Ago

I am supposed to be conducting an “exclusive” interview with Cheech and Chong between sets.... Cheech Marin informs me that they are “all interviewed out” so I end up with only one worthwhile quote.

“The Sixties didn’t die, man. People just pretended that they did. Dope is ingrained in our culture so it’s a source of humor. We don’t do just old dooper stuff; we do new stuff.”

— **“HIGH COMEDY,”** Steve Esmedina, January 25, 1979

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

*Dear Matthew Alice: During the recent holidays I consumed a lot of turkey, as most people did. My question concerns the color of the meat itself after it’s been cooked, i.e., white meat and dark meat. I’d like to know why it is different on certain parts of the bird, unlike other meats.*

— Bob Westermeyer  
La Mesa  
The fat content of the white meat

of a turkey is about half that of the dark meat. Only a rabid dieter would care about such a comparison, as far as calories are concerned. But the difference also has biological significance, and in fact gives us a clue to what these different types of muscles are used for. Dark muscles are utilized in sustained activity, such as long flight or distance running; light-colored muscles power short-term activities.

— **STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP,** Matthew Alice, January 26, 1984

## Twenty Years Ago

Norma scowled. She clutched, beneath her arm, a green Brentano’s bag. “Self-help books from my sister-in-law. Her name’s Glenda, and she’s, frankly, a bitch. Right after I opened them, Christmas morning, even though my husband was squeezing my arm hard enough that today I have bruises, I told her, ‘I hope you’ve got the damned sales slip, because I’m taking these books back.’”

— **“ACTS OF CHRISTMAS,”** Judith Moore and Abe Opincar, January 26, 1989

## Fifteen Years Ago

Tonight, as every Thursday night, Sam Sandweiss’s home becomes the principal San Diego Sathya Sai Baba devotional center. It’s easy to pick out Sandweiss’s home in the Sunset Cliffs area. Huge three-sheet-sized posters of Swami shine through the vaulting living room windows. Custom calls for shoes to be left by the front door. Devotees greet one another and drift into the devotional room, segregate themselves by gender, grab a cushion, and assume a lotus position on the floor. “Hugging and kissing is discouraged at our meetings,” reads the welcoming instructions.

— **“GOD, CHRIST, SATAN, OR CON?”** Adam Parfrey, January 20, 1994

## Ten Years Ago

In the lottery today at Encinitas’s new cul-de-sac, Sandalwood Court, 85 competitors will vie for the

chance to spend a half-million dollars on homes not yet built.

“Winners” — those who are called first — will have their choice of 13 lots, whose homes, when built, will cost between \$451,000 and \$665,000. The lots, Numbers 72–86, form an inverted horseshoe about Sandalwood Court. Lots 74 and 77 already are presold. Two couples have left their seats to pace out dimensions of a home at Lot 76.

— **“GET YOUR CHECKBOOK OUT!”** Susan Vaughan, January 21, 1999

## Five Years Ago

Now comes a Super Bowl for the millennium. Super Bowl 38 will be the story you’ll tell your grandchild when the drooling little money-eater demands to know why you never had a job. You’ll look down at that insatiable pool of greed and chuckle, “Ever hear about the 2004 Super Bowl?”

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San Diego Reader, January 25, 1979

team that played their home games in a location unknown to 280 and out of 292 million citizens then living in the United States. Although, to be fair, it was common knowledge that the Carolina Panthers were headquartered on the Eastern seaboard, most likely in North or South Carolina.

— **SPORTING BOX: “SUPER BOWL INVENTORY,”** Patrick Daugherty, January 22, 2004

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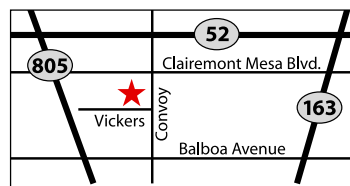
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Senior pastor: Dr. David Womack
Congregation size: average of 1200 people from various groups per week
Staff size: 22
Sunday school enrollment: 112, including AWANA
Annual budget: \$200,000
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: mostly casual, but some formal
Diversity: Caucasian, Hispanic, and African-American
Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. (English)
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Website: habcnc.com

The Sunday service in the well-used sanctuary at Highland Baptist ran the gamut of the Christian experience. Well, maybe not the gamut — the gamut is pretty huge — but a fair swath of it. This is going to read like a list, but pause (if you will) over each item — putting ’em all together might make for an interesting exercise. A kind of spiritual connect-the-dots. (I’m not going to dwell much on the sermon’s treatment of Timothy Leary on hippie philosophy, the proper mode of detach-

ment from the world, Israel and Gaza and true peace, and the Christian vision of manhood — but you should at least know it was there.) So, beginning with:

Love for the poor — exhibited by people who are not themselves rich: “On Wednesday,” announced Pastor David Womack, “we’ll have 600 to 700 people here when we do the dual senior-adult distribution. We’ll probably give away two truckloads of food before the evening is over.... Next week, we’ll have our first annual canned-food drive. We used to have 30 to 50 people show up for our Friday commodities giveaway. Now we’re averaging about 212 bags a week. And we’re going to need blankets and warm clothes for the winter.”

Bible study: “We’re back up to 12 home Bible studies — an hour to two hours sharing the word of God. It’s exciting. Tonight at six will be part three of the Second Coming from Revelation. This morning’s message is simply an introduction to tonight’s message — we’re

looking at the beginning of the millennial reign after the tribulation.”

Scripture, including the really scary parts, from Revelation: “And I saw an angel...who cried...to all the birds flying in midair, ‘Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men...’ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together...And all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.”

Fellowship, starting with handshakes and introductions and smiles at the outset: “This Saturday at 11:30 is Baptist motivation,” said Womack, grinning. “Those of you who like to eat are invited to come fellowship with the pastor at D.Z. Akins. We can have a whole lot of fun. What is our church goal? Have fun!”

The search for God: Music leader Wayne O’Connell said, “When I look back over 2008 — just the things, you know? The doctor told me I had cancer. You know, I went back, and God said, ‘No, you

don’t.’ The doctor said my wife” — O’Connell paused to compose himself — “‘No — she doesn’t.’ It’s not just Wayne and Trish...I know He has blessed some of you out there, too.”

Evangelization: “Tell someone about it. That’s what it’s all about. It’s all about Jesus.”

Praise...gently, with a ’70s vibe: “I sing praises to your Name, O Lord...For your name is great and greatly to be praised.” And later: “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus/ There is something about that name!”

Petition...a mournful ballad: “Precious Lord, take my hand/ Lead me on, let me stand/ I am tired, I am weak, I am worn/ Through the storm, through the night/ Lead me on to the light/ Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.”

Encouragement: “You’re going to face some problems of life today!” bellowed Womack. “You’re going to have spiritual problems! I know that one out of ten of you will lose your homes this year! I know that financial problems will come because of gam-



David Womack

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bling, because of drinking, because of bad decisions and overextension of credit! I already know that many of you will face abuse issues. You may have a family that is hurting. I stand before you and say that Christ is with you! He is standing with you; He is working with you!”

Exhortation...Womack again: “Salvation is not found in weapons and war, but in Jesus Christ alone! Walk with confidence, therefore, with Christ! Stand firm!”

Finally, theology: redemption through communion with the divine. Sung over a rollicking piano: “Are you washed (are you washed)/ in the blood (in the blood)/ In the soul-cleaning blood of the lamb? Are your garments spotless/ Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?” And later, a congregant at Communion: “We thank you so much, Father, for that precious blood, and the sacrifice of Your Son Jesus Christ.... As we drink from this cup of the New Covenant, we humbly ask for the forgiveness of our sins.”

What happens when we die?

“We go to heaven or hell,” said Womack. “It’s all based upon your belief in Jesus.”

— Matthew Lickona

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**ZOMBIE HUNTING USED TO BE GRUELING BUSINESS.** I never thought I'd be a zombie hunter, but then again, I'm typing this on a square of light that sits in my lap. If you'd asked me a series of questions when I was eight years old, including "Do you think we'll be able to walk around with phones in our pockets?" and "Will computers be tiny and connected to each other?" and "Are there such things as zombies?" I would've first asked you what a computer was (this was the early 1980s, remember), and second, I would've told you to give me that candy bar you promised me or stop asking me these ridiculous questions. Of course, there's no such thing as zombies, lasers, robots, tiny phones, and laptops.

But here we are. I remember the TV segments, on the news, y'know, about the "outbreak" of 2010. To me it just seemed like all those other outbreaks that never really threatened us. There was one for every season, each as underwhelming as the next. There was the SARS scare where, I think, six people got sick. Then there was Asian bird flu and monkey pox and this and that. They were all so isolated and distant and feeble. So, three car salesmen got an exotic head cold in Sheboygan? Whoopee.

When the Z Outbreak happened, it was on all the channels. Oh, it was a big deal, but I never paid attention. What were there, four São Paulo "working girls" and a stock trader from Toronto who'd been infected? It was June in San Diego; I went bike riding on the boardwalk with friends and had sunset beers at World Famous.

Ha. Five months later I was on my balcony with an M1 Garand popping gray heads like birthday balloons. A year after that and I was just another pair of boots on the pavement, a zombie hunter for profit; I hand-wrote business cards on craft paper and passed them out in "gray zones" or at the release line outside of the Qualcomm quarantine stadium, "the Double-Q."

It used to be tough. Got a pair of gloves with a deep set of Z teeth marks in 'em; never got me, though, never busted the skin. None of that anymore. It's all just mop-up now. Hardly any work left for a pro zombie hunter. That's fine by me. I'd just as soon watch TV and have a beer.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

OUT OF SIGHT

WGN 5:00 P.M.

Jennifer Lopez called the other day to promote her new movie, which is being released on laser disc to juvenile halls everywhere. "Ollie, I know you're very important and *muy macho*...can you help me promote my new project?" she asked. To which I replied, "Hey! You're still alive! That's neat!"

THE OFFICE

NBC 9:00 P.M.

This show makes me wistful for my days of working in an office. I remember all the characters: there was the guy who'd stuff a roll of toilet paper under his arm and march right into the john after lunch; the guy who

made forts out of copier paper; the guy who'd while away afternoons at his desk drinking wine coolers and squeezing a ThighMaster. Okay, fine, those were all me...ah, but we had fun.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

13: FEAR IS REAL

CW 9:00 P.M.

I'm creating a new show about people getting the living daylight's scared out of them. In the first half, a group of travelers drops on my doorstep: a blueberry pie, a can of Skoal, a bottle of mint schnapps, a CD of Queen's greatest hits, a camouflage miniskirt, a nickel, and three Vagra. In the second half of the episode they come back for the nickel.

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**DEL CERRO.** 5858 Del Cerro Boulevard, 7am-12pm, January 24. Children's items, household, craft items, miscellaneous.

**LA MESA.** Moving Sale. 3 bedroom house full of new furniture for sale. Great deals. Must sell. 619-339-9030.

**LEMON GROVE.** Saturday, 1/24. 9am-4pm. TV, love seat, kitchen table, chairs. Reasonable. 3215 Harris Street. Upstairs apartment. 91945/Daytona cross street.

**MOVING/ESTATE SALE.** Antiques, appliances, TVs, stereo, stands, tables (coffee, end, dining), beds, dressers, couch, recliner, patio, daybed. Nintendo, Sega, games, pictures. SDSU, 619-670-7821.

**NORTH PARK.** Garage sale, Saturday, January 24, 8:30am-1:30pm. 3436 31st Street, 92104. Selling variety of household goods and furniture, clothes, and electronic equipment.

**NORTH PARK.** Sunday, January 25 8am-12pm. 3720 Grim Avenue (back alley). Tons of quality items! Punching bags, TV's, surfboards, mattresses, table/chairs, lamps, more.

**OTAY MESA.** Huge yard sale. Saturday, 1/24, 7am-3pm. Benefiting paralyzed cancer patient. Soccer field of Church of His Kingdom, 950 Garland Drive.

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**RADIOACTIVE PARADISE**  
**SCIENCE 8:00 P.M.**

I've got a question for the Science channel, perhaps the best question ever asked of science in human history: what the hell is a pimento? And while we're at it: why are they

so popular with — almost inextricably linked to — the olive and exactly nothing else? Why aren't there, say, pimento omelets or pimento burgers, or, I don't know, pimento jewelry? Here's a little-known fact about pimentos: Matt Damon's brain is almost exclusively made from them. Now that's science-y!

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26**  
**PRIVATE SCREENINGS: ERNEST BORGNINE**  
**TCM 8:00 P.M.**

You know what'd be cool is if this is like an old people's version of *Jack-ass*. Put some woman who worked as a hairstylist during the Great Depression onto a baking sheet and lube up a stairway. You can have your walker with the tennis balls on the front and your big wraparound sunglasses after you jump this bike into a hog pen, Grandpa. *Hyeaw!*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**  
**AMERICAN IDOL**  
**FOX 8:00 P.M.**

I hate it; it makes me sad when I'm finished, but I can't stop myself from watching *American Idol*. In that regard, it's very much like masturbating at the dentist's office.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**  
**LIE TO ME**  
**FOX 9:00 P.M.**

Okay, you asked for it: your new show is interesting! I can't wait to see it! I rode a unicorn to Gumdrop Mountain once! You're a fine actor and not at all reduced to doing television work after a failed film career! You haven't given up your dreams! I ate a koala once! I enjoy making out with hobos! (Whoops, that one's true.)



Private Screenings: Ernest Borgnine

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**  
**HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS**  
**MSNBC 9:00 P.M.**

Since the big election, I've been trying to keep up with politics and current affairs by watching opinion and commentary programs. I like Olber-

mann and Maddow, but this one irritates me. Why does this old lesbian have to yell at everyone she invites onto her show?

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