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**Money made off with** The president of the board of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego has shown up on a 162-page list of apparent customers of accused Ponzi-scheme swindler **Bernie Madoff**. The revocable trust of **John Todd Figi**, who built a small candle company into Figi Giftware, which he sold in 2005, is among thousands on the list, filed last week in a New York bankruptcy court.



Bernie Madoff

A member of the museum board since 2003, Figi was elected president in 2007. Four years ago he and wife **Jake** gave \$1 million to help fund construction of the museum's downtown branch at the Santa Fe Depot. According to a museum news release at the time, Figi's extensive personal collection includes works by **Roberto Matta**, **Rufino Tamayo**, **Diego Rivera**, **Frida Kahlo**, **David Alfaro Siqueiros**, **José Orozco**, **Wifredo Lam**, **Fernando Botero**, **Mario Carreño**, **Joaquín Torres-García**, **Salvador Dalí**, **Antoni Gaudí**, and **Henry Moore**. He once told the *La Jolla Light* that his greatest accomplishment was "starting as a hippie with an idea and building it into one of the largest, most creative and respected gift companies in the country."

Others on the Madoff customer list, which was compiled for the firm's court-appointed bankruptcy trustee, include ex-L.A. Dodgers pitcher **Sandy Koufax**, actor **John Malkovich**, CNN's **Larry King**, and New Jersey senator **Frank Lautenberg**, as well as the estate of the late **John Denver**.

AlixPartners LLP, which produced the list, said it relied on records from Madoff's company and various communications from alleged customers who contacted authorities. Those on the list were sent claims forms to be sent back for possible \$500,000 advances from the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, established by Congress to help victims of investment frauds. Figi could not be reached for comment.



John Malkovich

**Free eats** The state's economy is seeing hard times, but legislators and state officials can always count on lobbyists for a free meal, golf, and sometimes even a decent concert, according to recently filed lobbying disclosure reports. On October 16, GOP assemblyman **Martin Garrick** got a ticket to a

concert at the Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre in Chula Vista worth \$146 from Sempra Energy. Garrick's staff had to settle for a \$10.45 box of candy. On November 5, Sempra hosted a \$67.67 meal at the Gaslamp's Lou and Mickey's restaurant for Caltrans district director **Pedro Orso-Delgado**. On November 10, the Barona tribe picked up a \$120 round of golf for Democratic senator **Alex Padilla**. **Sylvia Castillo**, district director for Assembly Speaker **Karen Bass**, got a \$26.95 meal at the Barona Valley Ranch Sage Café. And Democratic assemblyman **Curren Price** got food worth \$47.55. On November 11, AT&T gave GOP assemblyman **Joel Anderson** \$120 worth of tickets to a Kings game and refreshments at Sacramento's Arco Arena. On October 7, Anderson stopped by the Viejas tribe's Grove Steakhouse for a \$23.10 lunch. The tribe also gave him \$22 worth of cookies from El Cajon's New York Bakery.



Martin Garrick

**Politics, Chicago-style** Democratic assemblywoman **Lori Saldana** is already raising money to run for her next office, which she currently identifies as a seat on the state Board of Equalization. A November 8 fundraising event at Hillcrest's Terra Restaurant and Bar netted about \$3500, including \$1800 from Padres owner **John Moores**. ... In his heyday, ex-Illinois governor **Rod Blagojevich** had some big fans in San Diego, but none of them are willing to talk now that he has been impeached and ousted from office. The biggest Blagojevich campaign backer was, perhaps not surprisingly, the law firm of Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins, which contributed \$50,000 in October 2006. Firm principal **Bill Lerach** is currently unavailable for comment, doing time in a federal pen after pleading guilty to a kick-back scheme. Then there is **Georgette Heintz** of Point Loma, who gave \$1500 in June 2004, according to state records. When reached by phone, she said she wasn't interested in talking about the matter and hung up. **Elizabeth Rose Cole** of the Morena Boulevard area gave \$2000 in February 2005. Identified as an actress in the filings, she couldn't be located.



Rod Blagojevich

— Matt Potter

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## Not-So-Fine Arts

By Don Bauder

In early September, Ian Campbell, general director and artistic director of San Diego Opera, was in London to discuss a possible

coproduction with the prestigious Royal Opera, known as Covent Garden. He then went on the continent. "When I came back through London about two weeks later, the economic shoe had dropped, and I told them we could not continue discussions, and that was that," says Campbell.

That economic shoe was a horrifying one. In September, the United States took over Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and bailed out American International Group; Lehman Brothers went bankrupt, and a battered Merrill Lynch was taken over by Bank of America, which is now severely ailing because of the outrageous price it paid for Merrill. And those are just

the lowlights.

San Diego Opera attendance had been dropping for three years; Campbell feared the worst for the 2009



From San Diego Opera's production of *Tosca*

season, which opened in January with the warhorse *Tosca* and the house only 80 percent filled. Donations

have fallen off; the company lost more than a million dollars from just three long-time givers alone. The endowment shrank by \$3.7 million as the stock market continued its swoon. So Campbell announced that in the 2010, 2011, and 2012 seasons, the company would stage only four operas instead of the usual five.

And although he is loath to talk about it, he is putting on some crowd-

pleasers (sometimes called warhorses). Generally, the sure draws for any opera company are *Aida*, *La Bohème*, *Carmen*, *Tosca*, *La Traviata*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *Barber of Seville*. Between the 2009 and 2012 seasons, San Diego Opera

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## Neal Obermeyer





## Clipped Wings

By Matt Potter

It's an inconvenient time for titans of industry and commerce to be caught luxuriating in the cabins of their executive

jets. Late last month, Starbucks became the latest behemoth forced to try to unload its corporate fleet. An exposé in the *Seattle Times* revealed that the company took delivery of a new \$45 million Gulfstream 550 in December, at the same time it was closing 616 stores

"interior is tastefully completed in neutral tones of gray leather and gray cashmere," according to a description of the 550 on the website of Avpro Inc., the Annapolis, Maryland broker that has the Starbucks listing. "The Australian Walnut woodwork



Interior of Moore's jet

and slashing employee benefits. Starbucks also owns two older jets, a five-year-old Bombardier and a seven-year-old Gulfstream V, which it was already trying to sell.

The brand-new plane's

is high gloss finish and is enhanced with satin nickel plating throughout the aircraft." The plane has made only 15 flights, including trips that Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz took to



Moore's Gulfstream 550

Honolulu and Kona over the Christmas holidays.

Only a day before Starbucks announced it would sell its new 550, embattled Citigroup, the New York banking giant that's acquired billions of dollars in federal bailout money, had to back away from taking delivery of a nearly \$50 million Dassault Falcon 7X jet after President Obama criticized the purchase, saying it "was not the best use of money at this point."

Then there were the General Motors and Ford CEOs who had to unload their companies' private planes and drive to Washington to beg for billions in taxpayer assistance.

The economic downturn has taken a toll on the small group of companies that build executives' planes. But at Gulfstream, owned by General Dynamics, a defense

company that once had plants in San Diego, profits are up. Gulfstream's fourth-quarter profits were up almost 25 percent, to \$264 million. One hundred twenty-four planes are set for delivery this year. Although fewer than the 156 last year, the latest orders are for bigger, more profitable craft. The *New York Times* recently reported that the company has a backlog of 246 orders.

But the market for used jets is off. Prices for planes like the lavishly appointed Gulfstream V are down by almost half, from the mid-\$40 million range to something closer to the mid-\$20s, the *Times* reports.

Embarrassed corporations are not the only ones selling. Wealthy individuals whose businesses that have gone bad are also putting planes on the market. And there is always the occasional special situation: someone who has a sudden need to raise cash to settle a divorce.

Such appears to be the case with Padres owner John Moores, who has to unload his baseball team — taxpayer-subsidized stadium and all — to satisfy the terms of his pending divorce from wife Becky. The couple sold their Del Mar beach house last year.

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Cockpit of Moore's jet

## STRINGERS

### Crystal Pier set to re-open

By Mark Melhado, 2/4/09

Pacific Beach — The Crystal Pier, which has been closed to the public for maintenance since early Decem-



Crystal Pier

ber, is set to re-open in early February. According to Jim Bostian, who has managed the pier for the past 40 years, all that remains to be done is the final inspection by the City of San Diego.

Bostian said storm damage in late November prompted the pier closure this time around, but repairs to the pier have been ongoing since its debut in 1927, when it was introduced to the public as "Pickering's Pleasure Pier."

### Los Angeles-type traffic on Highway 76

By Daniel Salinas 2/4/09

Bonsall — My dad works at JCPenney in Carlsbad. The drive from his house in Bonsall is approximately 12 miles. Normal drive time to work with no traffic is approximately 20 minutes. My Dad's current drive time to work is 50 minutes.

The two-lane highway, aka the San Luis Rey Mission Expressway, is the CA-76. This two-lane highway begins at the I-15 and, going west, ends at the Melrose Drive intersection. After this it becomes a four-lane highway until the I-5.

This thoroughway may have flowed well in the past, but times have changed. The CA-78 has more than four lanes from I-5 to the city of Ramona. The CA-78 could

benefit from some more lanes, but Bonsall has yet to have the pleasure of a four-lane highway.

### Oleanders dying

By Ron Hamilton, 2/5/09

Poway — A bacterium commonly identified with grape vines (*Xylella fastidiosa*) is the suspected cause of "oleander leaf scorch," which is resulting in the slow deaths of thousands of oleanders in San Diego County. Likely vectored by the glassy-winged sharpshooter (*Homalodisca vitripennis*), a recent San Diego invader, the disease is fatal with no known remedy.

Oleander leaf scorch was first identified in Palm Springs around 1992 and then moved into Riverside, L.A., and Orange Counties. The first signs of infection are seen as an off-color shading and wilting of leaves, which eventually turn brown.

Oleanders are found extensively in the median of freeways and backyards of California. Caltrans has planted approximately 25 million in Southern California.

### Fire at Tenth and Broadway

By Thomas Uriah Jarboe, 2/6/09

Downtown San Diego — On January 30 at around 3:30 p.m., a fire blazed through



Sharp Senior Home

a second-floor apartment in the Sharp Senior Home on Tenth and Broadway. First on the scene was Cojack, the maintenance/manager of the building who said,

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## Not-so fine arts

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is doing all but *Aida*, although Campbell points out that more than half the operas in the next three years haven't been done in a decade or more, and I would add that one in 2011, *Der Rosenkavalier*, is one of the two greatest ever written. "We really have not turned to warhorses," he says. "Each season usually has something rarely heard, or absent for a long time, and I expect that to continue." But he intends to fill seats: the company has no debt and has balanced its budget for 23 years.

Arts groups throughout the world — and in San Diego — are victims of the economic downswirl. One of the most poignant stories comes from Orange County. On a night in November, the musicians of Opera Pacific were told that the company was abruptly shutting down. They learned this during an intermission of Rossini's hilarious comic opera, *Barber of Seville*. As the audience laughed uproariously at the onstage antics and soaked up the beautiful music, players in the pit were sobbing. There are tears elsewhere: New York's famed Metropolitan Opera has seen

its endowment drop by one-third; companies in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, Houston, Miami, and Detroit are, like San Diego, reducing the numbers of operas they put on. The Baltimore company has gone bankrupt. Los Angeles Opera has laid off 17 percent of its staff. (There have been no layoffs in San Diego.)

Opera has been hit hard because it is expensive to stage: the big orchestras, top singers, large choruses, and elaborate sets and costumes require big bucks. But all art forms have been belted. The Sacramento Ballet and the Santa Clarita Symphony have closed for the season. Donations to New York's famed Carnegie Hall are down 18 percent. In a stunner, Brandeis University shut down its renowned art museum and will sell off the works to prop up its flagging finances. The San Diego Museum of Art, suffering a 30 percent drop in its endowment since last summer, has laid off 23 employees, a quarter of its staff.

It appears that donations may be getting hit harder than attendance. For example, San Diego Symphony's attendance is up 4.8 percent this year, but donations are off 10 percent. Edward (Ward) Gill, executive direc-

tor of the symphony, points out that the average ticket is \$38. The opera's average income per seat is \$121.57. The symphony is not cutting back programs, but it pays its players whether they perform or not, so would get few economies there, says Gill. "We are facing challenges to meet payrolls," he says. "We have frozen staff hirings; there will be no increases in pay." Recently, three officials left and weren't replaced.

A classic example is the San Diego Chamber Orchestra. It performs downtown, in La Jolla, and in Rancho Santa Fe. In the first two venues, "We're almost selling out — astounding in this economy," says Gay Hugo-Martinez, president. "We're not doing well in the Ranch." People there pay \$1800 for six concerts at which they are wined and dined. "We're not doing well because of the high-end subscription prices." At year-end, the orchestra almost didn't do a fund-raiser because of the economy. But management went ahead, and donations zoomed 400 percent. "However, we are seeing pullbacks by sponsors. We are getting businesses to do \$500 or \$1000, but they aren't willing to give the \$5000 they have

given in the past."

At La Jolla Music Society, "Ticket sales are the best that they have been in five years," says Christopher Beach, president and artistic director. The society puts on chamber, orchestral, piano, dance, jazz, and young-artist music performances. "Contributions are a challenge. We had our big 40th anniversary gala and had more people than ever, but we didn't meet our goal. Our concern is sponsorships, which are down. We have cut 20 percent of our administrative costs, and that's a couple of hundred thousand dollars." There have been no layoffs, but salaries have been frozen. "I'm cautious, conservative, and concerned."

Says Joan Cumming, interim managing director of La Jolla Playhouse, "Our devoted donors are still giving us money, but not as much." There have been no layoffs, but positions and pay have been frozen. Attendance is holding up, but "we're looking for shows of 3 or 4 characters instead of 20 — more economical productions; we won't cut back in quality, but we will be smart about the size of productions."

"The number of new donors the last few months

of 2008 significantly decreased," says Dave Hen-son, spokesman for the Old Globe theater company. Although it will be difficult, he believes current donors will remain committed. Subscription sales are off 7 to 8 percent from last year. The current budget "reflects a series of budget cuts including some staff reductions."

Joe Kobryner is vice president in San Diego of New York's Nederlander Producing Company of America, a for-profit organization that puts on Broadway shows. Kobryner, obviously, does not have to worry about fund-raising. "Last year, season ticket sales were down, but this year they are up," he says. Because of the economy, people can order as few as three shows in their package. "During recessionary times, people still look for entertainment and escapism."

San Diego arts and cultural groups get gifts from the City, generated by the transient occupancy tax. The sums are not overwhelming, however: the opera gets \$462,000 a year out of its total budget of more than \$17 million. Back in 2002, local arts and cultural groups got \$10.8 million from local government, including the commission's administra-

tive costs, according to Victoria Hamilton, executive director of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. Last year, the comparable number was \$8 million. "The last few years, our budget has been flat," she says. Statistics indicate that the tourist business is declining. Hotel-tax revenue is likely to shrink.

The San Diego Foundation sent out a questionnaire to more than 200 arts and cultural groups, and about one-third responded. The plurality "are feeling the pinch, are taking appropriate measures to prepare for the future, and believe things will get worse," says Felicia Shaw, director of arts and culture at the foundation. The second-most-numerous group is in crisis mode, and some could shut down. A tiny group claims it is not feeling the downturn. The groups are seeing the economic megrims in ticket sales and both individual and corporate giving.

"I think there are many serious problems we do not yet know of," says David Gregson, longtime performing arts writer. More general directors will be aggressively asking for donations and ticket purchases. "The new pleas will stress urgency." ■



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## Clipped wings

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But the most painful parting may be between Moores and his 2006 Gulfstream 550, whose asking price of \$50 million (marked down from about \$60 million) makes it the most expensive personal jet owned by a San Diego County resident.

Moores and other locals in the corps of corporate wings don't like to discuss their jet-powered perks in public. Phone calls to the brokerage listing Moores's plane were not returned. The executive-jet brokerage, Camarillo-based Bloomer deVere Group Avia, Inc., lists not only Moores's plane on its website (without revealing the plane's ownership), but also a nicely appointed 1990 Gulfstream IV belonging to San Diego's Copley Press, Inc., and used on occasion by *Union-Tribune* publisher David Copley to dash to his yacht in the Mediterranean. So far no sale for either Moores or Copley.

Corporations show a similar reluctance to discuss flying extravagances. Petco Animal Supplies, Inc., owns a part-interest in a Raytheon Hawker 850XP with Semptra Energy and 14 other com-

panies, according to records of the Federal Aviation Administration. A Petco spokeswoman downplayed the perk.

"We share an aircraft," she wrote in an email, "and it's only used for business-related senior executive travel. CEO Jim Myers traveled by Southwest Airlines last year during our annual Summit Leadership Meeting and Trade Show, so I'm not sure exactly how frequently they use the jet."

Another family unlikely to queue up in the A, B, or C lines for seats on Southwest is that led by Chargers owner Alex Spanos. He and son Dean, their wives, and assorted children, relatives, and hangers-on have long jetted about the country in a spiffily painted 1997 Gulfstream V, precursor to the more recent 550.

The Spanos clan is not alone among the San Diego-related upper crust as executive jet owners. After all, Rancho Santa Fe is one of America's wealthiest zip codes, and many private jets are registered there. Below is a guide to the county's most conspicuous models of private aerial transportation, ranked from most expensive to least.

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**Owner:** JMI Services, Inc.

## Stringers

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"The alarm rang, then the sprinklers turned on. I opened the door and saw that the sprinklers had put the fire out, so I turned off the sprinklers. The daughter and the son-in-law of the woman who lives here left a cigarette burning before they left. It fell on the carpet and damn near burned down the whole building."

The firemen on the scene confirmed that the sprinkler system put out the fire, but unfortunately for the Broadway Deli and Chee Chee's (on the first floor of the building), the sprinklers caused some water damage.

### Mystic Park

By Dorian Hargrove, 2/9/09  
University Heights — Residents refer to the canyon underneath the Vermont

Street Bridge (over Washington Street and near the onramp for Highway 163) as the "dead zone," a trash-filled netherworld covered with dried-up palm fronds, discarded clothing, and moldy bedding from the homeless encampments.

Two years ago, University Heights resident Rhett Butler volunteered to find a solution. Butler spent over 200 hours and a couple of thousand dollars from his own pocket, looking for ways to bring the area back to life. He collaborated with North Park resident and landscape architect David McCullough.

Inside Birney Elementary School Auditorium on Thursday, February 5, Butler and McCullough unveiled their plan, calling it, "Mystic Park."

The park includes a children's playground, open space for summer concerts,

a dog park, and a sidewalk that connects University Heights to north Hillcrest.

Although Butler was reluctant to put a timeline on the project, he says if everything goes right, construction could start in a few years. He plans to do all he can before handing it over to the city. That means finding volunteers that are architects, traffic experts — anybody that can help.

"It won't happen if I give it over to the city. It will get mired down and they'll soak up any of the money from the community."

### The Death of Leisure Life Apartments

By Scarlet Rosenblum, 2/7/09  
Rancho Peñasquitos — The Leisure Life Apartments (near the corner of Carmel Mountain Road and Peñasquitos Drive) began notifying resi-

dents of an impending 60-day notice to vacate. Some apartment dwellers began moving out in advance, and squatters and vandals began entering vacated units that had been left unlocked. Broken windows remain neglected. An empty swimming pool is unfenced.

For more than three years, the owners of Leisure Life Apartments have proposed demolishing the existing buildings and replacing the current 245 low-to-moderate-income apartments with a complex consisting of up to 800 housing units. The new rentals would be known as Cresta Bella.

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**Year:** 2006

**Current asking price:** \$49.9 million

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pel the GV-SP (for "special performance") powerhouse. The maximum seating for a stock GV-SP is 20, but typical cabin layouts range between 13 and 15 seats. Length is 96 feet, 5 inches.

The 16-passenger plane has been listed for sale on the Internet by Bloomer deVere Group Avia, Inc., for about a year. The earlier asking price of \$59,750,000

has been reduced to \$49,900,000. The plane comes loaded with rich-boys' toys, including a satellite system providing digital telephone and Internet connections, complete with a Wi-Fi router and a Mag-nastar C-2000 telephone system with six handsets.

The three LCD monitors throughout the cabin are connected to a Honeywell

satellite TV system. The leather seats are Padres-blue and the leather walls copper-colored. The carpet is blue and bronze, in wool and silk. Window panels are in "Beige Ultra Leather." Metal trim is finished in brushed nickel. Moores has used the plane to travel to his home state of Texas and ski resorts in Colorado.

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### N983J

**Owner:** Irwin Mark Jacobs, Trustee

Joan Klein Jacobs, Trustee

**Maker:** Bombardier, Inc.

**Model:** BD-700-1A10

**Year:** 2000

**Comparable asking price:** \$28.5 million

Bombardier's big BD-700 Global Express is built to fly long distances at high speeds, whisking its complement of well-heeled VIPs to business and leisure destinations worldwide. This one is always at the disposal of Qualcomm founder and La Jolla billionaire Irwin M. Jacobs and wife Joan. It frequently flies out of its base at North County's McClellan-Palomar Airport to destinations including Napa Valley, Aspen, Miami, and Los Cabos. Photographers have also spotted it touching in Portugal,

Austria, the Netherlands, and China.

### N70AG

**Owner:** Chargers Football Company

Alex Spanos

**Maker:** Gulfstream Aerospace, Inc.

**Model:** Gulfstream V (G-V)

**Year:** 1997

**Comparable asking price:** \$27 million

The big blue and gold helmet with a lightening bolt that's painted on the plane's tail makes it clear that this is the flagship of Alex Spanos, octogenarian San Diego Chargers owner recently diagnosed with dementia. The G-V is an earlier version of the G550. Standard seating is 16, but most G-Vs have been modified for fewer seats. Cruise speed is 488 knots, and range is 5800 nautical miles. The plane is frequently seen landing at the former Jimsair private air terminal on Lind-

bergh Field, where it picks up the Spanos family and friends for weekend trips to away games.

### N604EG

**Owner:** South Seas Helicopter Co.

**Maker:** Canadair (now Bombardier)

**Model:** Challenger CL-600-2B16

**Year:** 2005

**Comparable asking price:** \$20 million

This 12-seat Challenger belongs to 84-year-old Edmund Gann, a Rancho Santa Fe multimillionaire who made his fortune in the business of tuna fishing. He cashed out of that business in 2000 when he sold his 25 percent interest in Chicken of the Sea to former partner Thai Union International, Inc., of Bangkok. A sailor who belongs to the San Diego Yacht Club, Gann is well known for running a successful string of Thoroughbred racehorses.

### N700CN

**Owner:** Copley Press, Inc.

David Copley, chairman, president, and CEO

**Maker:** Gulfstream Aerospace

**Model:** Gulfstream IV (G-IV)

**Year:** 1990

**Comparable asking price:** \$17 million

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Owner David Copley, who has had a heart transplant, also installed a Tempus Med-Alert system with portable patient monitor, according to the listing by

Camarillo-based airplane broker Bloomer deVere Group Avia, Inc. So far no apparent takers, but in the meantime, the plane has remained busy. Last summer it winged its way to Istanbul, Turkey, where David Copley, longtime *Union-Tribune* society writer Burl Stiff, and other friends vacationed. It also has recently flown to and from the Caribbean.

### N826LX

**Owners:** Sempra Energy, Petco Animal Supplies, 14 other fractional owners

**Maker:** Raytheon Aircraft Company

**Model:** Hawker 850XP

**Year:** N/A

**Comparable asking price:** \$11.9 million

Powered by two Honeywell TFE731-5BR turbojets, the Hawker 850XP is 51 feet 2 inches long, with a wingspan of 54 feet 4 inches. Typical options include an Aircell ST3100 digital airborne telephone, an Airshow 410 system and cabin briefer, and Pulselite system, which pulses exterior aircraft lights

for improved visibility and collision avoidance.

### N601DT

**Owner:** Jeffrey S. Moorad Superagent

Currently co-owner Arizona Diamondbacks

Future co-owner San Diego Padres

**Maker:** Canadair (now Bombardier)

**Model:** CL-600-2B16 Challenger

**Year:** 1988

**Comparable asking price:** \$7 million

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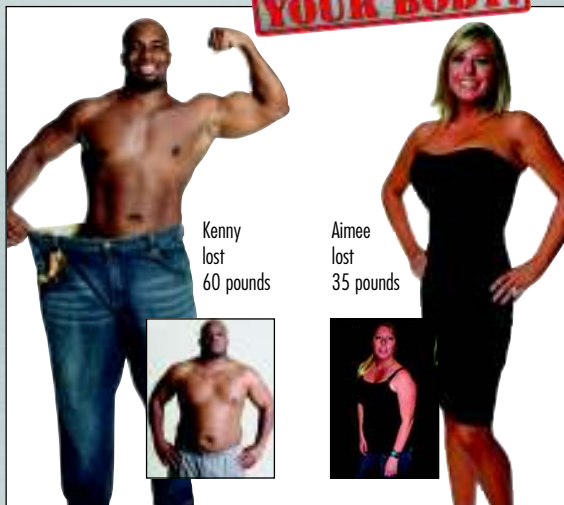
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white side from head to tail. Last year, it was listed for sale though J. Mesinger Corporate Jet Sales, Inc., of Boulder, Colorado, but the listing was later pulled. Moorad is frequently spotted in Palm Springs and often flies between Phoenix, San Diego, and his home on the beach

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in Orange County.

## N708GP

**Owner:** Gerald Parsky

**Maker:** Cessna

**Model:** 525A

**Year:** 2003

**Comparable asking price:** \$5.6 million

This twin-engine CJ2 features Williams Rolls FJ44 turbofans (with paddle thrust reversers) and is a stretch version of the orig-

## CITY LIGHTS

inal Cessna Citation, with a length of 47.7 feet and wingspan of 49.5 feet. Noted for secretive financial wheeling and dealing in the Caribbean, Parsky, chairman of Aurora Capital Group and a major figure in the Republican Party, is a former member of the University of California Board of Regents and one-time top operative for George W. Bush. Wife Robin

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is premier horsewoman. He was recently named by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to a new 12-member commission to come up with ways to enhance tax collection. Based at McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, Parsky's Cessna is available for charter at Jet Methods, Inc.

### N51TV

**Owner:** Texas Television, Inc.

Michael McKinnon, president

**Maker:** Israel Aircraft Industries

**Model:** Westwind 1124A

**Year:** 1983

**Comparable asking price:** \$2.4 million

Michael McKinnon, who owns San Diego's KUSI-TV and has expressed tentative designs on the Copley-owned *Union-Tribune*, which is now for sale, plies the airways in this Israeli-made Westwind II. The plane is the descendent of a line that Aero Com-

## CITY LIGHTS

mander designed in the United States in 1963. Deliveries began in 1965, and the company was sold to Israel Aircraft Industries by North American Rockwell three years later. Varieties of this particular model were built between 1980 and 1987. McKinnon sometimes uses the plane to visit the family's broadcasting operations in Texas.

### N322JG

**Owner:** JBJK CORP III

Jon S. Gilbert, president and CEO, Blue Sky Network

**Maker:** Eclipse Aviation Corp.

**Model:** EA500

**Year:** 2008

**Comparable asking price:** \$1.9 million

A pioneer in satellite communications, Jon S. Gilbert runs Blue Sky Network, which according to a recent news release "links enterprises to personnel and assets anywhere on Earth

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over the Iridium satellite network." Eclipse Aviation of Albuquerque, New Mexico, built the EA500, a very light jet powered by two custom Pratt and Whitney Canada engines. Former Microsoft employee Vern Raburn founded Eclipse in 1998 with the idea of building small, six-seat, fuel-efficient executive jets of relatively low cost for wealthy business types. The company tumbled into bankruptcy last November, owing \$1 billion to its creditors, allegedly because of high production costs and bad management moves. Among the losers were New Mexico taxpayers, thanks to a \$13 million investment of state funds made by Democratic governor Bill Richardson.

In an interview last week, Gilbert said that the jet, which he bought last March, is now being chartered out. "Since I'm not certified to fly it, I've got it in a charter pool," he said. ■



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### Shame On You, Don Bauder

Shame on you, Don Bauder! I have loved reading your reporting/opinion pieces/columns, however you characterize them, since you left the *U-T*. However, the article about Fiesta Island (City Lights: "Battle on the Beach," February 5) is quite disappointing.

Not living in the area, you are not able to walk around the off-leash dog area and see for yourself,

in person, what a road and the other installations proposed by the Park and Wreck Dept. would do to the existing area where people run and exercise with their dogs. Notwithstanding the claims of only 10%, that is just not true if you were to examine the area and see what impact this kind of development would have.

The City of San Diego is trying to renege on its commitment to people using Fiesta Island since 1972 for off-leash recreation, pure and simple. The paddlers should never have been "offered" the right to displace the existing user group of people running their dogs.

Trying to create discord between the groups will not solve the problem.

Christian Winkle  
via email

### I Alone Walk

This is a response to my black sister Merry (Letters, February 5). Why are you responding to my letter instead of addressing the is-

sue, "My Black Sister"? The issue is stereotyping black people. If there's so much black-on-black crime, being black, why are you scared to go where whites and Mexicans reside, meaning the El Cajon hills and Barrio?

I go where God guides me because my belief is strong, "My Black Sister." My missionary work involves 12th and Imperial. I alone walk the homeless strip, passing out blankets and food for the needy. I don't mind giving money to the homeless, even if they spend it on alcohol, if that will make them sleep warm or better for the night, because they can't get into the overcrowded shelters. How can they educate themselves with mental illnesses that they are stuck with because their Medicaid was cut? I go home to a warm bed at night; they don't.

I am a positive speaker in the urban communities, an activist for those who can't speak for themselves and also a poet for the educated ones who search for a movement. And this is for all humanity, "My Black Sister." We don't know for

what reason they fell short in life but focus on how to pick them up and give them guidance, "My Black Sister."

So far, the reason you are responding to me and not the article is not understandable. Maybe you need help in your missionary work, because there is nothing to fear but God, and you seem a bit lost, "My Black Sister." For guidance purposes, feel free to contact me at [kdelaroch2006@yahoo.com](mailto:kdelaroch2006@yahoo.com).

Peace, love, and faith,  
"My Black Sister" Merry.

Kenya De La Roche  
La Mesa

### Unconscionable

Regarding Barbarella being annoyed by her grandfather's death (Diary of a Diva: "Do Right," February 4), it's time she learned that not everything is all about her. When her grieving mother reached out to her, it was clear that she wanted/needed comfort; even if it didn't feel "right" for Barbarella to respond to that need, it was unconscionable not to.

What a pity that Barbarella felt irked about her

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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Matt:

*Why do humans produce so much sperm if only one will fertilize an egg? And why are they in competition with each other? It would seem simpler to have fewer with less competition.*

— R.C., Escondido

When the system was created, simpler didn't seem to be the object, I guess. One of the big design flaws, if there is one, is the distance sperm have to travel to get to where they're going. It's quite a haul for something so small. Consider that rat sperm is more than four times longer than human sperm and you'll see what they're up against. It can take up to one hour for freshly ejaculated sperm to stagger through the mucus-lined passageways to the finish line in the fallopian tube. So the competition is to see which sperm has the stamina to reach the egg. Like a long-distance run rather than a brawl among armed soldiers.

But at the beginning of the race there certainly are a lot of competitors. As many as 400 million, with an average around 280 million (same as rabbits; go figure). If you're a mouse, not a man, the count is only 50 million. The number is high to make sure at least a few get to where they're going. Not all sperm are created equal. Some don't swim at all. Some swim in circles, which is pretty useless. Some don't have the energy to make it and swim very slowly until they just poop out. And even if they make it to an egg, they find that the thing's covered with a coating that actually keeps sperm at bay. There's evidence that some sperm sacrifice themselves to make a frontal assault on the egg and batter away until one Wondersperm makes it through to fertilization.

Another bit of research is even stranger. It could be that sperm follow a scent to find the egg. Odorous molecules are released by the egg, and the sperm sniff along the trail. If that's how it works, that's a whole new thing for you to wonder about. Call me if you come up with a reason why.

Hey, Matt:

*A long time ago I read a sci-fi story that was based on the idea that our universe is really just an atom in some huge universe and we're only a tiny part of it. I've thought a lot about that. So is there any chance that it's true?*

— J, San Diego

What, like our universe is just an atom in the toenail of a giant? A speck of a cheese grater? A tiny corner of a birthday cake? Hmmm... I don't

think anybody can say that's absolutely *not* true. But if we compare atoms and the universe, there are a couple of differences. First of all, atoms aren't held together with gravity as the universe

is. And in spite of the fact that most scientific illustrations make an atom look like the universe, atoms aren't solid bodies circling a big center. Electrons are

actually described as "fuzzy" and "smeared-out bodies" that live in standing waves inside the atom. There

really isn't any part of an atom that is like our universe. But if you want to ignore the scientists, go right ahead. Nobody can really say you're wrong.

Matt Hew:

*Say I was planning a life of crime and I wanted to hide my identity. Is it possible for me to change my fingerprints from those I was born with and involuntarily gave to the DMV and several banks? Can I cut them away and not have fingerprints at all? This is important for my future.*

— Colita, via email

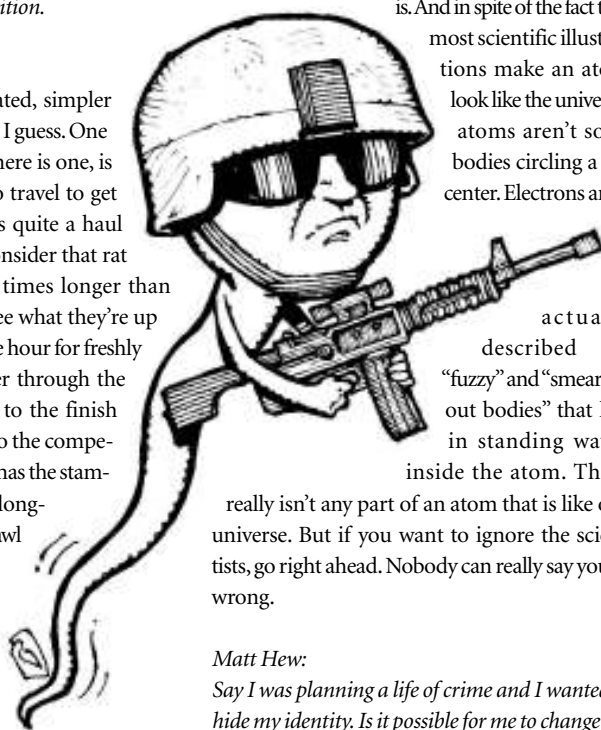
You're not the first criminal to come up with this scheme. Most of them have found it to be more difficult than they thought, but a couple managed to do it. If you want to retain fingerprints, just make them not match anything on record, then try what a Miami drug dealer did about ten years ago. He cut his fingerprints into little squares and transplanted the squares to other fingers, giving him a crazy, whirling finger pattern. I also have to believe he loaded up on pain meds, since the skin transplant would require a deep cut.

Not too long ago, an Arizona drug dealer asked a local physician to somehow change his fingerprints. The creative doc transplanted the dealer's toe tips to his fingertips, and the dealer figured he was home free. Unfortunately, he was captured while lounging in bed, recuperating from the surgery. How about obliterating your fingertips completely? A bad guy and a surgeon figured a way to transplant skin from the crook's side to his fingers. It required cutting wounds on all surfaces, taping his fingers to his sides and holding them there until the skin regrew. It worked, but he was caught soon after because he didn't change his face and a cop recognized him.

An acid bath or deep knife cuts are always good too. Good luck with your career.

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## SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

### While Everyone Lied



Jose Canseco

**T**his is a good day for Jose Canseco. Three of the four lead actors in baseball's steroid melodrama — baseball commissioner Bud Selig, union boss Donald Fehr, and former senate majority leader George Mitchell — have lied about steroids. The fourth, Jose Canseco, is the only one who's told the truth.

New York Yankees \$28-million-a-year third baseman Alex Rodriguez has admitted to using steroids. I think. Baseball's house shill, Pete Gammons, softballing his questions to Rodriguez during an ESPN interview. When asked what drug he used, Rodriguez replied, "I don't know exactly what substance I used, but whatever it is I feel terrible about it."

Rodriguez is still lying. One asks, "Who will lead us out of this steroid bog?"

Jose Canseco was born in Havana and grew up in a Miami suburb. He was drafted out of high school by the A's in 1984. At the end of that season, Canseco stood 6'4" and weighed 185 pounds. Six months later he weighed 210 pounds. The extra 25 pounds was muscle. What makes Canseco unusual was the year, 1984, back in steroid prehistory. He was using *before* he made it to the major leagues.

Canseco had a not-quite-Hall of Fame baseball career. He played for seven teams over 16 years, wound up with a .266 batting average, 462 home runs, and 1407 RBIs. First player to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in one season, six time All-Star, AL Rookie of the Year, AL Comeback Player of the Year, and so on. All of it on steroids.

His is a complicated life. Many civilians found Canseco in 1993, when he was manning right field for the Texas Rangers. It was a spring game against the Cleveland Indians. Carlos Martinez hits a long fly ball, Canseco goes back, back, back and, wait, hold on...YES, the ball hits Canseco on his head and bounces over the outfield wall for a home run.

That was May 26. On May 29, playing Boston, Canseco begged manager Kevin Kennedy to let him pitch. It was the eighth inning, and the game was a runaway favoring the Red Sox. What the hell. Canseco took to the mound, pitched, blew out his arm, and was out for the rest of the season.

This is Canseco, a numbnuts, a 1000-to-1 shot always pulling in that 1-in-a-1000 straw that goes against him. Canseco made \$45 million off Major League Baseball. That would stop most men, but not Canseco, who proves if a man wants to go broke, \$45 million won't stop him.

Follows are highlights from Canseco's Universe of Strange: sold his Rookie of the Year ring and American League MVP award plaque on eBay; arrested for speeding on I-95 (125 mph) before spring training and later, in California, for possession of a concealed weapon; deliberately drove his Porsche into wife Ester's BMW. Arrested and served 26 hours of counseling.

Sadly, counseling didn't take. Canseco took up with Jessica Sekely, a 19-year-old waitress at a Cleveland Hooters. Jessica went on to become Jose's wife and ex-wife and author of *Juicy: Confessions of a Former Baseball Wife*, a book that cleared a path for her big layout in *Playboy*. Along the way, Jose was arrested for beating aforementioned author. He was sentenced to probation and more counseling. The pair divorced in 1999.

Jose did a tour on the fifth season of *The Surreal Life*, becoming an alumnus alongside MC Hammer, Tammy Faye, Ron Jeremy, and Charo. He got \$50,000.

Arrested for a nightclub fight in 2001. Pleaded guilty to criminal battery, sentenced to two years house arrest.

Have you ever heard of a *two-year* sentence of house arrest? While doing his time, Jose sold time. On eBay, of course. Step right up, spend an afternoon with Jose Canseco. Bids start at \$2500.

Signed with San Diego Surf Dawgs of the Golden Baseball League. Played one game, went 0 for 3.

Last summer, Jose fought Vai Sikahema in Atlantic City. His payday was \$35,000. Only 1250 customers showed up to watch Sikahema knock out Canseco 97 seconds into the first round.

You can feel the irony. It's Canseco who's telling the truth. I'll close with an excerpt from his latest book, *Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and the Battle to Save Baseball*.

"And here's the thing: everyone knew. Nothing happened in the clubhouse that wasn't approved by the ownership. From top to bottom, the whole thing was institutionalized. Everybody knew about the bogus B12 shots, and everyone was using them. And you want to know why they were using them? They were using them because they were afraid of losing their jobs. It's that simple."

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## fast break

By Anthony Gentile



*With his seven-foot "wingspan," six-foot-six-inch Vista forward Quincy Lawson is one of the most versatile players in the section*

### Oceanside takes control of Valley League with narrow win over San Marcos

*By Anthony Gentile | Posted February 7, 2009, 1:38 a.m.*

The showdown between the Valley League's best on Friday night, before a packed gym at Oceanside, came down to the final buzzer. The Pirates won 43-40 and now control their own destiny in the league with three games left. The game was close throughout, and neither team led by more than five points. In the final six minutes there were four ties and two lead changes.

Tied 38-38 with 1:19 left and the shot clock running down, Oceanside forward Samuel Mence drove to the hoop and hit a floater to put the Pirates ahead by two. The Pirates (19-3, 7-2) led by five with 13 seconds left when San Marcos center Matt Meyers made a putback to make it a three-point game.

"It was intense," Oceanside guard Jerry Whitaker said. "That's what this league is all about."

After a missed Oceanside free throw, San Marcos (15-7, 5-3) had one last chance to tie the game. But with three seconds left, Knights guard Hayden Bachman missed a fadeaway three and time ran out before San Marcos could get another shot off.

It was the lowest scoring game each team has had this season.

"Everybody wanted to play defense. Nobody wanted to let anybody score," Whitaker said.

### Valhalla turns tables on Helix

*By Anthony Gentile | Posted February 4, 2009, 2:28 a.m.*

"It used to be in the past years that teams like Helix would see us on the schedule and think automatic victory," said Valhalla senior forward Kyle Kriebel. "We didn't want Valhalla to be thought of like that anymore."

Of their five Grossmont South wins this year, none may mean more than this win over Helix (11-10, 1-4). Although they have struggled this year, the Highlanders are two-time defending league champs.

"It's huge because I can't tell you the last time

a Valhalla basketball team has beaten Helix," Kriebel said. "I've been watching games since the sixth grade and I've never seen us beat them on the varsity level."

The teams played very even in a physical first half. Helix led 19-15 with two minutes left in the half before Valhalla went on a 5-0 run to take a one-point lead into the break.

The Norsemen came out with a 6-0 run to start the third quarter and a Kriebel three at the buzzer gave Valhalla (15-7, 5-0) a 39-29 lead headed into the fourth. Valhalla's man-to-man defense held Helix to five points in the fourth quarter and the Norsemen won going away.

### Vista's Lawson spreading his wings

*By Anthony Gentile | Posted February 5, 2009, 11:15 p.m.*

Vista's six-foot-six-inch senior Quincy Lawson is second in the section in scoring, averaging 23.6 points per game. But this season, Lawson has done more than just fill up the scorebooks. He has become a defensive force, averaging 4.5 blocks per game and helping Vista allow only 53.3 points per game.

"He changes so many shots. People drive in the lane and shoot a little bit differently because they don't want to get their shot blocked," said Vista head coach Charlie Mercado.

Lawson's commitment to defense has helped Vista become a top-10 team following a 10-17 year. The Panthers are 18-5 overall this season and currently ranked No. 6 in the section.

"He's definitely picked it up on both ends," Mercado said. "Last year he was all offense and this year he's putting effort into both."

Lawson said his mindset this season differs from last year. "Last year I wanted to score and get points; this year it's all about the team," Lawson said. "Whatever I need to do for the team to win, that's what I want to do — anything so we can win."

Lawson plans on playing college basketball next season and is considering UC Riverside, Loyola Marymount, Santa Clara, Cal Poly, San Diego, and Boise State. He is also looking at UCSB for track.

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# T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

## Remarkable people were at the Carlsbad station that Friday.

One recent Friday your columnist started out from San Marcos after five days with his disturbed son — maybe ten hours' sleep, total. The whole five days. Fear and heartbreak inform the ride to Carlsbad; the trip down the coast, a thing of beauty it is from the train's window and much of the rest of the night into Saturday morning. Fear, heartbreak, and raw nerves, waiting for the sheriff's department or some North County cops to cuff his kid and haul him to the ward. Never mind.

Let us start the column at around 2:50 a.m. the following Saturday morning. The guy writing it is standing in front of the 500 West hotel (formerly the YMCA) in downtown San Diego, smoking a cigarette because he can't do it in his room. Costs \$125 if he's caught. A shadow, a cut-out silhouette walks west on Broadway toward him: hulking, black, and beefy. A gentle voice comes from the shadow. "Got another cigarette?"

"Sure. Got about 10, 11."

The man steps into the illumination of a streetlight, tries to smile. "I haven't had one of these since 2005."

Hand him the cigarette. "Man, why would you wanna start this up again? I'm trying to ditch the habit."

"Just one of those nights," he says.

"Yeah...yeah. I know what you mean. Say no more."

Remarkable people were at the Carlsbad station that Friday in the early afternoon. We were all waiting for the 2:55, and it was only 1:05 p.m. Cheryl, for one, the ex-sports writer, a generous woman who gave me some money; I was short the fare. Don't ask. And Robert Richardson as well, a gray-haired gent with, I assume (didn't ask), his grandson: cute five- to six-year-old. Then there was Josh.

Josh is 35 years old, a Romanian and Italian Jewish man from New Eng-

land. He is deeply tanned, bearded, handsome. He has walked 40 miles from San Diego and can go no farther on foot: military property. He stands at the crossroads, as it were, trying to beg a ride. A painter, sculptor, and poet, he recently exhibited on Venice Beach, where incognito actor Michael ("Kramer") Richardson announced to passersby, "Here is the jewel of the boardwalk!" Kramer took photos of the work.

Conversation came easily. An autodidact after some college in Rhode Island, Josh is also a Buddhist. Fiercely intelligent, gentle of manner; after some 40 minutes of philosophical intercourse on the platform, your columnist is presented with a gift. The book is smaller than a standard paperback, worn and ink-stained, the Shambhala Pocket Classic is *Dhammapada: Sayings of the Buddha*. It is clear that Josh has carried it for some years, hitchhiking many miles along the Middle Path.

"I couldn't accept this. This is obviously something that you..."

"Not a debate." He smiles. "It is where it belongs, I think."

I am thinking of Earl Brockway, my high school Asian Civilization teacher who, in 1966, gave me *The Way of Zen* by Alan Watts. The yearbook for that year contained a black-and-white photo of my 15-year-old

self at my desk in the front row, head bent forward, presented for decapitation beneath Mr. Brockway's uplifted Samurai sword. The sword image summons another of my son brandishing one like it at sheriff's deputies in Vista some years ago during a psychotic episode. The smile I had felt seconds ago I sense fading. Circles. A circle dance of memory.

I tell Josh about Mr. Brockway, Alan Watts, the yearbook, the sword, and

my son. He tells me, "You've had a few lifetimes just in this one." His smile displays very white teeth (for a smoker; "When I can get 'em; when I can't, I do without"). "Vainly I sought the builder of my house...through countless lives. I could not find him.... How hard it is to tread life after life!" He has just quoted the Buddha. Has he memorized the entire thing?

The train arrives on time. I tell Josh that it is payday, Friday, and offer him the floor of a hotel room for the night, but he does not want to return south. We express genuine pleasure at our meeting and exchange email addresses. I intend to stay in touch. That is my intention. I have, in general, good intentions, the road to perdition. That last phrase was and is the title of a fairly good movie with Tom Hanks. In it, costar Paul Newman has the line, "Sons were put here to trouble their fathers," or something much like it.

Beauty winds past us beyond the window of the train. In 50 minutes I am downtown. The office, the bank, then 500 West Broadway, where I pay too much and deposit too much, but I need to sleep.

I can't.

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by Barbarella

*Disease is somatic; the suffering from it, psychic.*

— Martin H. Fischer

It began on Sunday morning. From my first bite of oatmeal, whatever I put in my mouth turned bitter on my tongue — even precious chocolate tasted like melted plastic. Concerned I might be in the early stages of some rare disease, I searched online until I came upon a forum in which others complained of the same symptom: bitterness in the mouth, the nastiness of which was exacerbated by food. One person described the flavor as similar to “the bottom of a bicycle tire.” Everyone seemed to agree that the bitter taste was a side effect from eating pine nuts. I dug a little deeper and learned that the bitterness can begin up to three days after ingesting the nuts and can last for as long as two weeks. It’s not that often I eat pine nuts, but they happened to be one of the ingredients in a salad David and I had learned to make in a cooking class on Thursday night, and I had eaten more than my share. The side effect, though irritating, was supposedly harmless, so my worries were quashed...until the pain began.

**At urgent care I bled into a vial and peed into a cup, then held my breath for x-rays.**

Abdominal pain wasn’t mentioned on the forum, nor was it alluded to in the scientific paper or the blurb on Wikipedia describing the Curse of the Pine Nut, and yet there it was. It seemed as long as I didn’t eat anything, I felt fine. On Tuesday, as my imagined devils continued

their game of tug-of-war with my intestines, I began to wonder if I might have some kind of bug. But stomach viruses nearly always involve vomiting, and in that regard, I’d been spared.

On Tuesday at dusk, with two crackers wrenching my distended gut with the power of ten steaks, I called the 24-hour nurse hotline printed on the back of my insurance card. I explained my symptoms to a personable woman, expecting her to tell me I had nothing to worry about. I groaned at her verdict: “You should go to urgent care and have them rule out appendicitis.” I’d heard people describe the excruciating pain of appendicitis; this wasn’t that bad. I wasn’t even crying. But the woman on the phone said because I’d said the pain was located in a radius around the belly button, my appendix was a possible culprit. I agreed with her that I should see an expert, though I couldn’t help feeling, once I hung up the phone, that I’d somehow botched the words and misrepresented what hurt how much and where.

At urgent care, I bled into a vial and peed into a

cup, then held my breath for x-rays and meditated on medical equipment while waiting in the examination room. Eventually, the physician’s assistant who’d been checking me out invited me to her desk so I could view my x-rays as she explained her concerns. “See all these big dark circles?” I did. “That’s gas.” She pointed to an area where a large bubble was inflating a segment of intestine. Finally, someone had voiced what I’d long expected to hear: I was full of hot air. Her next words, however, caught me off guard: “You need to go to the emergency room.”

The doc suspected I might have some kind of obstruction, but she didn’t have the means to diagnose me with certainty. She directed me to the ER at Sharp Memorial; since I was at a Sharp Urgent Care, the hospital could easily pull my lab results from the shared computer system.

Regardless of their ability to pull the numbers, nurses at the hospital drew more blood and requested a fresh cup of pee so they could run additional tests. After several hours of waiting, during which David left to retrieve jackets and books from home, I was told the doctor had ordered a CT scan. Surprised by this escalation in testing, David and I furrowed our brows with concern. I was instructed to drink a bucket’s worth of contrast liquid, the foul taste of which was mitigated by the addition of some cranberry juice. An IV was put into my right arm, the same one from which blood had twice been drawn because it’s the only spot where a vein is visible.

Waiting for the contrast fluid to reach my intestines, David read his book; I kept

myself busy performing visual triage. I could tell who the patients were by their white wristbands, like the one I wore on my needle-ravaged arm. Aside from an unfortunate bleach job, there seemed to be nothing wrong with the young white girl across from us. She and her matching friend looked unworried as they sipped from Starbucks cups and fiddled with their cell phones.

In the far corner, looking pale as a corpse, a wasting Asian girl in flannel pants puked on the floor. I ruled out “overdose” because her companions seemed to be keeping it cool and settled on “flu.” A Hispanic man in a laborer’s uniform ambled to the desk with difficulty. His hand was on his stomach and he groaned loudly as he answered questions. When he took his seat, he shifted and howled like a cat, never lifting his hand from his belly. Everyone turned to witness his agony. *Now that could be appendicitis*, I thought. Watching the man squirm and wince, the pain in my own tummy began to diminish. Despite the man’s noise, he wasn’t the worst off. That award went to the elderly Asian woman two seats over from the beach bunnies. A plastic apparatus compressed her nostrils, but the blood still found a way to spray forth from her mouth and nostrils as she hacked and sneezed. *Who knows what the F that is*, I thought. *Maybe it’s one of those brain-eating viruses. Just happy I don’t have it.* I moved a few inches back in my seat and covered my face with my sleeve so as to avoid any death molecules the poor lady was launching into the room.

By 2 a.m., I’d made it to a bed, with

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David beside me in a chair. The first bona fide doctor I'd seen all day appeared, kneaded my stomach with his fingers, and asked me how I felt. "I feel fine," I answered honestly. As with all the nurses and assistants before him, he dismissed the bitter-taste issue. He explained the risks of a CT scan. Then he said that, based on his examination, he didn't think a scan was necessary, so he cancelled it. I was discharged at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday with a belly full of contrast liquid

and a hole-ridden arm bedeviled by super-stick medical tape.

The pain returned the next time I ate. But I stayed home. The last thing I wanted to do was spend another ten hours in a hospital, just to be sent away with mounting doctor's

bills and as clueless about my condition as when I arrived. Instead, I lay on my bed, probed my stomach with my fingers the way the doctor had, and told myself I feel fine. ■

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Sometimes I feel as if we're the bugs, a colony of cockroaches, and Suite C is our secret lair. Every morning, I exit the freeway at Miramar Road, coil my way through the traffic, then slip through the side streets until I roll to a stop in front of the innocuous-looking brick office building that houses us, San Diego's summer army of pestilence.

I sit, staring at the building, sighing heavily several times before I exit my vehicle. At 8:25, my coworkers begin to arrive, and we flutter through the glass doors together and file into the back room. When it's time to sit, we sit, hushed, our bodies buzzing with expectant energy. We're hungry.

The doors open and Brandon stands before us, our head cockroach. He looks like an average guy. In fact, he's remarkably average looking. He's of average build, 5'10" or 5'11". His hair is not blond or brown, but a conservatively cut sort of blond-brown. He's average-aged,

between 32 and 35, maybe. He drives a white Toyota Tacoma truck, the same company vehicle his employees drive. His face, when he's not giving a training or making a point, is devoid of expression, reflecting his surroundings with studied nonchalance. The only things that give him away are his eyes, which burn with iridescent fury.

In the mornings, he builds intensity, discusses strategy, and fans the flames of inspiration. I hate to admit it, but sometimes this stuff works on me. When Brandon finishes, we scuttle out of the training room. We study the

maps, divide up area, split into pairs, and squeeze our shiny bodies into every crack and crevice of San Diego's suburban landscape. An epidemic, a scourge, an infestation.

When we return to Suite C later that night, we'll sniff each other, antennae twitching, and ask the question on everyone's mind — "How many did you get?"

Most of us end up in the same range — one or two, three if we're lucky. But then there are those who come back satisfied. These are the gods of our idolatry. They get five, six, even seven a day. How do they do it? Is it pure effort that brings them victory? Or is it something less tangible, more elusive? Is it a natural talent? Is it genetic? Whatever it is, I haven't got it.

I am Cami, your friendly door-to-door pest control salesgirl, and this is my story. Like most stories, it is about the epic battle between

self-actualization and mediocrity. Spoiler alert: mediocrity reigns supreme.

If epic battles and mediocrity don't appeal to you, this story also includes a celebrity sighting and a run-in with the cops.

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Suite C is a sterile room, fluorescently lit, with white walls and thin, hard carpet. At the front of the room is a white-

I have from the number of sales that Eric, our best salesman, has. I divide the difference by the number of days left in the summer. I imagine what it would take for me to catch up, to beat him. I'm right up there. Not at the top with Eric and the heavy-hitters, but near the top of the mid-range. I'm respectable, if not admirable.

Around me, my coworkers are settling

arithmetic abilities.

The lights in Suite C snap off. We, the sales staff of Go Pest Control, sit in the dark. The TV screen flickers to life. Brandon is somewhere in the back of the room with his remote, controlling our collective destiny.

For a moment I study the faces of my coworkers, lit by the eerie glow of the screen. They are all gazing ahead, row upon row of them, a

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board. The whiteboard lists the names of each pest-control sales professional, and next to their names, their sales numbers. The numbers are tallied by day, week, month, and in the last column, the total for the whole summer. I could stare at the whiteboard for hours. It never ceases to fascinate me.

In fact, that's what I'm doing now. I subtract the number of sales that

into their seats. Without tearing my eyes from the whiteboard, I greet them.

"Sup, Kevin? Morning, Tim."

They grunt replies and I imagine that they, too, are examining the whiteboard. Comparing their numbers with mine, with each other's, adding, subtracting, averaging, and rounding up. Commission-only sales will do wonders for your basic

legion of good-looking young men. Their faces are trusting, hopeful, and eager.

I turn to face the TV screen. In a squalid, depressing hovel, there are four old people, confined to a sickbed. In the corner, a golden-haired woman. She looks exhausted but wistfully beautiful. I recognize this scene from one of my favorite childhood movies —

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*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.* Not the Johnny Depp version, but the '70s version, with Gene Wilder.

Charlie's Mom and Grandpa Joe are discussing Charlie. They agree that life is unfair for Charlie, a small lad who has to work hard to put food on the table for his four invalid grandparents and widowed mother. It occurs to me that subtlety was not considered an important part of movie making in the 1970s. Yeah, I get it, I get it. Charlie's poor but decent and hard-working. What does this have to do with my faltering career as a pest-

control salesperson?

Brandon fast-forwards to the scene where Charlie finds the golden ticket. He gets to tour Willy Wonka's chocolate factory! He bursts into the shack to tell his mother and grandparents. Everyone is excited until a moment of sober reflection. "Grandpa," says Charlie, "it says I can take somebody with me. I wish you could go."

Grandpa's face falls. He hasn't walked in over 20 years. There is no way he can accompany Charlie to the factory. Then, suddenly, a thought occurs to him. With Charlie's help, he stands

up. He staggers a bit, but within two minutes, Grandfather is ricocheting around the room, singing, "I've got a golden ticket!"

Aww, I think, that's nice, isn't it? Ugly house. Poor family. Bedridden grandparents. Hopeless situation. Then, golden ticket. Happiness now! Hip hip hooray!

The song ends. Brandon snaps off the TV and turns to face us.

"THAT IS THE MOST DISGUSTING THING I'VE EVER SEEN!" he shouts. Trying not to move my head too much, I dart glances at my coworkers.

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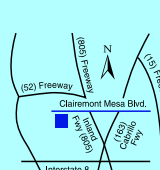
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I can feel my mind

slowly shifting gears.  
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 a point. Grandpa Joe's a  
 real douche bag.  
 Brandon's voice drops an  
 octave or two. His face  
 returns to normal.

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 someone who is like  
 that," he says. "There are  
 a lot of people who think  
 that life owes something

to them. These people sit  
 on their butts and whine  
 when nothing good  
 comes their way."

Brandon's eyes pass  
 slowly over our upturned  
 faces. I try not to flinch  
 when his eyes meet  
 mine. I must not reveal  
 my inner panic. I am one  
 of those people. "And  
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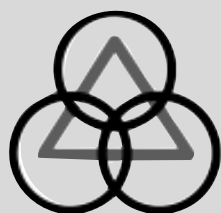
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Are you at least 40 years of age?

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## **Are you anxious?**

**Finding it hard to focus or concentrate?**

**Tense, tired, or on edge?**

**Having difficulty sleeping?**

19 million Americans experience symptoms of anxiety. If you are 18 years or older you may qualify for a clinical research trial currently being conducted by Synergy Clinical Research Center. Study participants may receive compensation for their time and travel. Investigational study drug and study-related doctor's visits are at no charge.

For more information, please contact the study physician's office listed below:

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## **Are you overweight with type II diabetes?**

You might qualify to participate in a new clinical research study. We are investigating new treatment options through medical research that may help overweight people with type II diabetes lose weight.

You must be:

- Between 18 years old and 65 years old
  - Considered to be in stable health
- Taking oral medication for type II diabetes
  - Not taking insulin
- Able to perform an exercise program
- Willing to participate approximately 1 year (17 visits)

Qualified participants may receive at no charge:

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- Compensation for your time and travel

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## **HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?**

Have you been diagnosed with, or think that you may have, high blood pressure?

If so, you may qualify for a research study of investigational medications to treat high blood pressure.

Qualified participants must be at least 18 years of age.

If you qualify, you will receive at no cost study-related:

- Physical exams
- Laboratory tests
- Investigational study medications
- Compensation for time and travel

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## Are you suffering from pain associated with Tennis Elbow?

We are seeking volunteers to participate in a Clinical Research Study using an investigational skin patch.

### To qualify, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older • Diagnosed with Tennis Elbow
- Onset of symptom within the past 12 weeks
- Must not be receiving current treatment from a licensed professional for your Tennis Elbow (*over-the-counter pain relief is fine*)
- Men and women must be willing to use contraceptives to prevent pregnancy
- Agree to participate in study up to 21 days with every-other-day visits for 14 days



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You could be at risk for the metabolic syndrome. (Never heard of it?) It's a condition that affects those who are overweight and have elevated blood pressure, which may put you at an increased risk for cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Our physicians are participating in a research study using already approved medications to assist in treating the metabolic syndrome.

To be considered, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have elevated blood pressure • Have a larger waistline
- Have abnormal lab results in blood sugar, triglycerides or cholesterol



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enough to get by."

My brain flutters anew. I'm actually one of those people, which is somehow more humiliating.

"Most people fall into the second category. They keep doing the same thing, over and over, and when they get average results, they just shrug their shoulders and say, 'Well, I tried.' "

Crap. That really is me.

"You know," Brandon continues, "you'd think that if you're doing the same thing over and over, and the same things keep happening to you, over and over...and you don't like the things that are happening to you, well, you'd think maybe...maybe you ought to..."

Here Brandon scratches his chin and

gazes ceilingward. He looks sincerely puzzled. I search my mind for the right words to end that sentence. You're doing the same things over and

stuns me so completely that I start to laugh. Nervous laughter, at first, but then I'm laughing so hard that I start snorting. My eyes tear up. My

## "I'm going to call the police."

over again, and the same things happen to you over and over again, you'd think maybe you ought to...

I'm about to raise my hand because I think I've got the right answer, but then Brandon draws in a breath. The room draws in a breath with him. "CHAAAAANGE IT!!!!" Brandon shrieks, red-faced, veins surging out of his neck. This outburst is so sudden, and it

coworkers are staring at me. I hold up my hands, trying to turn their attention away, tears streaming down my face. The meeting continues. I gain control of myself by degrees.

I always find myself laughing at inappropriate moments during Brandon's meetings. Can I help it if his timing approaches comedic genius? It's not so much the content that's funny, but the hysteria that

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achy  
tingly  
twitchy  
fidgety

## Restless Legs

robbing you  
of sleep?

Jerking. Twitching. Fidgeting. That's how your legs may feel if you have **Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS)** – a condition that makes your legs very uncomfortable when sitting or lying down. The condition can interfere with both sleep and daily activities.

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*Compensation for time and travel may be provided.*

**TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST:**

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whips through the room, like in a revival tent or a rock concert.

You ask the other guys why they started selling pest control, and they'll say it was Brandon: "I never thought I would do something like this either. But when I met Brandon, I just thought, man, I want to work for that guy."

Not me. Don't get me wrong, I like Brandon well enough. But the first time I met him, my only thoughts were: He's younger than I expected; \$20,000 in four months does sound like a lot of money; and, does this guy ever blink? The answer to that last question is yes, by the way, but rarely. Brandon looks like an average guy, but he's not. What I've learned, from listening to the reverent tones of my coworkers, is that Brandon started from almost nothing and built his pest-control empire brick by brick. That somewhere, there's a list of names — the names of millionaires that Brandon has directly influenced.

His time is worth a lot of money, but somehow he still manages to run the sales meetings here in his San Diego office. In fact, if we ask, we can train with him at 6:00 a.m., and he often stays until 11:00 p.m., coaching faltering employees. If he teaches us well, we'll sell a lot of pest control and he'll get a good financial return on the time he's invested. Just another San Diego businessman, out to turn a profit, right? But I like to think that his mission is twofold. Maybe he wants to help the next generation rise up and be successful. It's funny to think that the cut-

throat world of business might have a benevolent underbelly.

By the end of the meeting, I am jittering with the itch of unfulfilled potential. I can do it, and I will do it! My

whole life I've been floundering, wasting my time and my talent, but no more! It's time for me to release my abilities on the world. I fe-e-e-el the power! My internal wiring is aflame, axons

and dendrites buzzing with electrical impulses. I vow to myself that this is it, my time is now. I look around to see if my cohorts are having the same frenzy of inspiration. Their faces are alert.

Their heads are upturned and moving in unison like a litter of kittens, eyes following Brandon as he paces at the front of the room. Brandon builds to a deafening crescendo. He

throws in another movie clip, this time from Batman Begins. Katie Holmes, eyes big and vibrant and honest, says solemnly, "It's not who you are underneath, it's what you do that defines

## RESEARCH STUDIES

# Drinking too much? Hard to cut down?

If so, you may qualify for a research study involving an investigational drug for alcohol dependence.

### *Study includes:*

- Medical examination
- Physical exam
- Study medication
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**To qualify, you must:**

- Have Type 2 Diabetes
- Be 18 to 65 years of age
- Managing Diabetes with diet and exercise alone or taking anti-diabetic medications
- Be a non-smoker
- (If female) post-menopausal or surgically sterile

You may be compensated up to \$3,230 for your time and travel. This study includes 12 overnight stays.

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you.” And just like that, the meeting is over.

As we file out the door, Brandon reminds us that whoever gets the first sale today gets to shoot him with a BB gun, anywhere on his body. He pauses thoughtfully and adds, “Anywhere below the neck, that is. Good luck out there today, you guys. Remember, you are competent, confident service professionals.” The look on his face can only be described as tender.

Before we leave, I am paired with Kevin, who is one of my favorite salesmen. He is kind but at all times slightly anxious. He is the epitome of Midwestern wholesomeness, with a chiseled face and shining white teeth. He’s from Ohio, or someplace like

that where I imagine he’s spent an idyllic childhood lying in wheat fields and pointing out animal shapes in clouds. Sometimes I wish I could take him out of California and put him back in that wheat field, although he’s probably already been ruined. Now, if he looks at the clouds, he probably sees black widow spiders and brown-banded cockroaches. Such is the life of a pest-control salesperson.

Kevin has been provoked by today’s meeting. In fact, he has worked himself into lecture mode. We drive along, and he’s addressing me on today’s topic, which is attitude. Our car ride is an hour long. I sit through the sermon, gazing out of the window, wishing I could go for a

surf today instead of humiliating myself, knocking on people’s doors. It’s as if Kevin’s intensity has swallowed up my own enthusiasm. He has some big ideas about how we might adjust our attitudes.

His first idea is that we should shorten our midday break.

“Instead of three hours, wouldn’t it be awesome if we just took 30 minutes? Think of how many more doors we could knock!” He smiles at me, beseechingly.

“And ya know what, Cami? From now on, if you hear me say anything negative, I want you to call me on it. And for every negative thing I say, I’ll give you a dollar. Does that sound like something you’d like to do, too?” Kevin is facing

### RESEARCH STUDIES



## Hand Eczema?

Therapeutics Clinical Research, a center of excellence in dermatological care, is conducting a clinical research trial of an investigational medication for hand eczema (also known as hand dermatitis).

**We need participants:**

- 18-75 years of age
- with hand eczema lasting at least six months

**Qualified participants will receive:**

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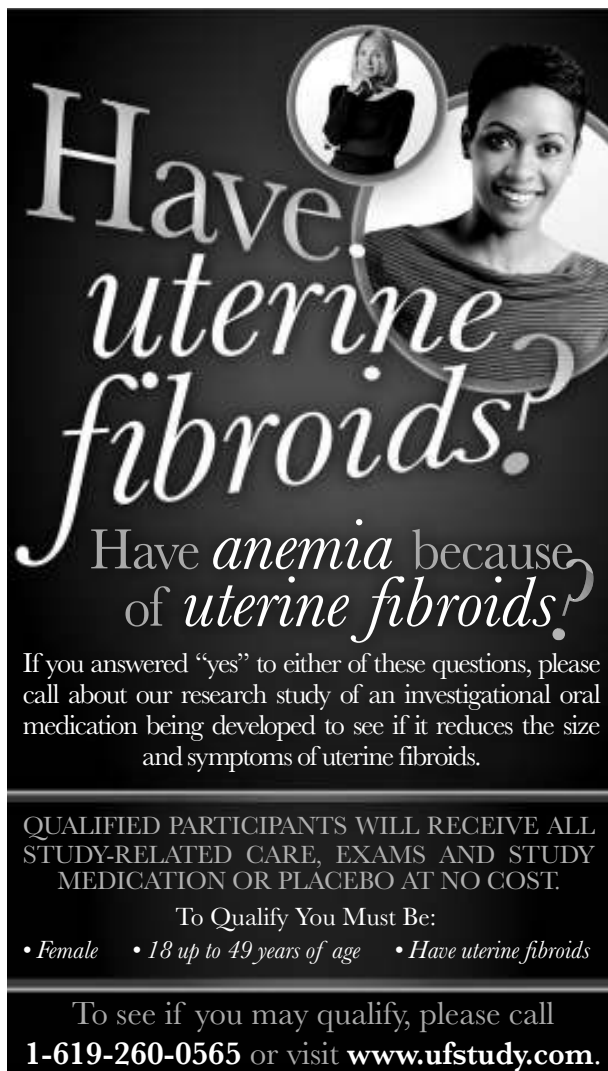
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# Have uterine fibroids?

Have *anemia* because of *uterine fibroids*?

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, please call about our research study of an investigational oral medication being developed to see if it reduces the size and symptoms of uterine fibroids.

**QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE ALL STUDY-RELATED CARE, EXAMS AND STUDY MEDICATION OR PLACEBO AT NO COST.**

**To Qualify You Must Be:**

- Female
- 18 up to 49 years of age
- Have uterine fibroids

To see if you may qualify, please call **1-619-260-0565** or visit **www.ufstudy.com**.



## 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.

Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided, of up to \$1,300.



If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact:

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## Did you know Diabetes care is available at no cost to you?

If you have type 1 or type 2 Diabetes and are over the age of 18 you may be eligible to participate in a research study. You will receive all your study related medications at no cost to you and you may also be compensated for your time and travel. There is no insurance necessary so please call us today and help us in our search for a cure.

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## Pain from Endometriosis?

A 16-week clinical research study is underway to evaluate a non-hormonal, injectable, investigational medication versus placebo for the relief of pelvic pain caused by Endometriosis. Have you tried a variety of hormonal medications without success over the years of dealing with Endometriosis cramps and pain? This study is for women who have a surgically confirmed diagnosis in the last 5 years.

### To possibly qualify for the study, must be:

- 18-49-year-old females, regularly having periods
- Surgical confirmation of Endometriosis in the last 5 years (operative report must be available)
- Moderate to severe period cramps and pelvic pain

### Qualified participants may receive:

- Exam and consultation with a board-certified gynecologist
- All study-related labs, EKG, and study medication
- Compensation for your time and travel

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me, his eyes off the road for an unsafe amount of time. He's alight with the buzz of the motivated.

"Kevin," I say.

Then there is a long silence. I consider my situation. Until this point, I would consider my adult life a success. I put myself through college with almost no debt by working three jobs while still going to school full time. I graduated cum laude, for goodness sake. I am supposed to be on the fast track to my doctorate at Berkeley. Instead,

here I am, selling pest control door to door in San Diego. To me, my life resembles a flaming jet plane. I want to oust the pilot, who is clearly doing a terrible job, but the problem is I am the pilot.

"So-o-o," says Kevin, "you want to do the dollar thing?"

"Kevin, I'm sorry, seriously, I don't have any money."

And I don't have any food, I add silently. It's true. I've been surviving off of random dates

(you'd be surprised how many guys will ask a girl out when she's trying to sell them pest control), where I order the biggest thing on the menu and take home the leftovers. Last night, I was too tired to go on a date, so that meant no dinner and no breakfast this morning. All I have is five bucks to last me until next payday.

Kevin must sense my desperation because he says, "Cam, you're going to be fine. Have a good attitude. You've got more of a natural talent for

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### METABOLIC SYNDROME

## Are Your Waistline And Blood Pressure On The Rise?

If your waistline is over 35 inches, you could be at risk for the metabolic syndrome. Never heard of it? It's a condition that affects those who are overweight and have elevated blood pressure, which may put you at risk for cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Our physicians are participating in a research study using already-approved medications to assist in treating the metabolic syndrome.

To be considered, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have elevated blood pressure
- Have a waistline larger than 35 inches (for women)
- Have a waistline larger than 40 inches (for men)
- Have abnormal lab results in at least one of the following tests: blood sugar, triglycerides or cholesterol

If you qualify, you will receive all study-related care, including physical examinations, laboratory services, and investigational medication.

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## Constipation

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

Researchers are evaluating an investigational medication to see if it effectively treats Constipation.

You may qualify for a research study if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- Abdominal pain or discomfort
- Bloating and/or straining
- Have fewer than 3 bowel movements per week

All study-related care will be provided at no cost. Insurance is not needed.

To learn more call:

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## Attn: Heavy Drinkers

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

Is your current alcohol use causing problems with your family, your work, your life?

If you want to stop drinking, The Pearson Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Research is conducting a clinical trial to help you reach that goal.

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sales than I do.”

I shrug, not sure whether I should feel flattered or insulted.

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Kevin drops me off on the corner of a ritzy neighborhood on a hill north of Miramar, and his electric blue Pontiac speeds away. I am alone. I am an alien, flicked into the middle of a San Diego neighborhood like one of God’s delicious boogers. I know that I’ve done this for nine hours a day, six days a week for the last month, but I feel completely unprepared. I feel lost. I feel like a paraplegic who doesn’t speak the local dialect. I don’t want to knock on that first door.

I gaze around me to acclimate myself to my surroundings. To my right there is a landscaping crew. When I walk by, we nod at each other respectfully. We are parasites, thriving on our symbiotic relationship with San Diego’s elite. We don’t belong, but we blend. Without you, workmen, San Diego’s best would not be in possession of such finely trimmed hedges. Without me, they would be overrun with bugs. The Spanish-speaking nannies, the housekeepers, the pool-men — these are my comrades. Solidarity, my friends.

Bolstered by their silent support, I walk on. There are people out there who need pest control, and I am going to sell it to them.

This is the moment made timeless through repetition. A bright sidewalk viewed through squinted eyes. The feel of my feet pounding the pavement. The agonizing throb of the blister on my heel that refuses to heal. The taste of dehy-

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If you are between the ages of 18 and 65, in good health and suffer from an average of 2 or more migraines monthly, you may qualify to try an investigational medication being studied for the treatment of migraine headaches.

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To qualify, you must:

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- Be 18 or older
- Not be dialysis-dependent

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical care and study medication at no cost, as well as compensation for time & travel.

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# ADHD ?

**Impulsiveness Fidgeting Distractibility  
Overly Talkative Lack of Concentration**

## Does this sound like your child?

If you answered "YES" then they may suffer from:

## Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Dr. Michael E. McManus at PCSD Feighner Research is seeking volunteers for a research study of an investigational medication for teens between the ages of **13-17** with ADHD.

There will be no cost for study-related evaluations and medication.

For more information, please call our office at:

**619-692-1003**

dration, slightly sour, causing my swollen tongue to stick to the roof of my mouth. This is the silence associated with being an uninvited guest in San Diego's suburban summer.

I knock on my first door. No answer. I ring the doorbell, just to be sure. Then I hear angry stomping in the foyer.

The door swings open violently. The man is screaming before he even sees me.

"We JUST got our three-month-old baby to sleep and YOU WOKE HER UP! IF YOU'RE SELLING SOMETHING, YOU LOST BUSINESS!"

He then slams the door in my face.

"I am a competent, confident service professional, I am a competent, confident service professional," I repeat to myself as I walk away.

And that is a fitting beginning to the day. The morning rolls on, full of vicious dogs, people who peek out their blinds but don't come to the door, children who lie and say their parents aren't home, and blond-haired, blue-eyed men spouting high school Spanish, pretending not to under-

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## Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)

**...can't eat without runnin' to the bathroom!!**

**...bloated...uncomfortable...**

**...abdominal pain**

A research study is underway for men and women, 18 years of age or older, suffering from **diarrhea-predominant irritable bowel syndrome**. For those women previously diagnosed or who suffer with **abdominal discomfort, bloating, and episodes of diarrhea or watery stools daily**, this research study using an oral investigational medication may interest you.

### Participants may receive at no cost study-related:

- Colonoscopy (if not performed in the past 2 years)
- Examination and consultation by a board-certified physician
- Lab studies, EKG, and study medication
- Compensation for your time and travel

Interested, call:

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## PSORIASIS?

Therapeutics Clinical Research, a center of excellence in psoriasis care, is conducting a clinical research trial of an investigational medication for people with chronic plaque psoriasis.

**We need participants:**

- 18-65 years of age
- With chronic plaque psoriasis

**Qualified participants will receive:**

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- Compensation for time and travel

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## Postmenopausal Woman?

Generations of postmenopausal or surgically sterile women have helped test investigational medications by participating in clinical research studies. You could help too.

To qualify for research study 8200-239 involving an investigational medication you must be:

- A postmenopausal or surgically sterile woman age 18 to 65
- A non-smoker
- Willing to make overnight stays



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## Research Trial for Type 2 Diabetics

*Profil Institute for Clinical Research is conducting a research study to evaluate the effects of two previously FDA approved oral diabetic medications. If you are a Type 2 Diabetic yourself, your help could be invaluable.*

**Profil needs volunteers who meet the following criteria:**

1. Must have Type 2 Diabetes and not taking any diabetic drugs.
2. Must be male or female 18-65 years of age and otherwise healthy.
3. Must be a non-smoker or have quit smoking for at least six months.
4. If female, must be postmenopausal or using two methods of birth control.

If you qualify and choose to participate, you will be required to spend 20 overnight stays over four periods of five consecutive nights, and make two outpatient visits. For this commitment, you may be compensated up to \$5,280 and will receive study-related medical care at no cost.

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stand me. Not a bite, not even a nibble.

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I raise my eyes heavenward. If there's someone out there who needs pest control, please allow

me to find them and not screw it up. Please. I lower my eyes, and that's when I see it.

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The first porch I

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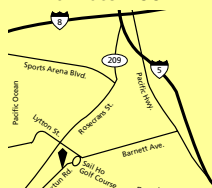


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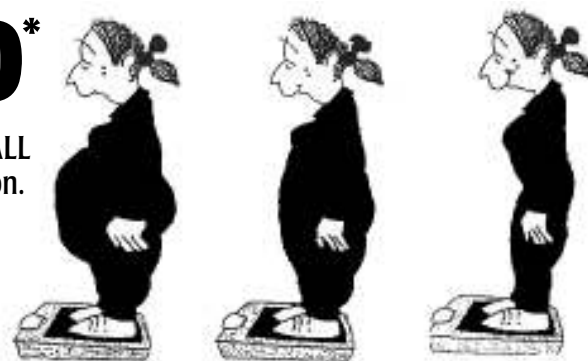
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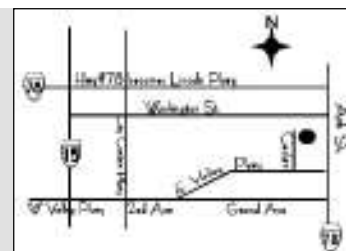
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The sound of tum-

blers turning in the lock resounds in the cavernous porch. The door is opening. There's no turning back now. We've crossed the Rubicon.

He stands in the doorway and smiles at me. Most people smile at me. It must have something to do with being a petite female. I get smiled at all the time. It's when they realize what I'm here for that the frowns begin.

"Hi!" I say brightly,

but not too brightly, smiling in a way that I hope is not too salesy. "I'm Cami, with Go Pest Control. We're out here tomorrow, servicing the neighbors. It's mostly been the ants, some spiders. Real bad in this neighborhood. Anyways, if I can get you into the schedule tomorrow, we'll take care of your house for dirt cheap."

The man looks at me, scratches his head.

"Thanks for stopping by," he says, "but the only pest you'll find around this house is me."

(I hear this one roughly every third door.)

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"Nah," he says.

"Thanks for coming by, but I'm not going to buy pest control until I feel like I need it."

"But the discounts only good for tomorrow," I squeak, though he's already shutting the door. My shoulders droop. I feel impotent and clumsy. It just slipped through my fingers.

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last Sunday afternoon at the Goodwill in P.B. buying a solitary plate, fork, and spoon, and these are the primary furnishings in my apartment. Maybe it's commission that builds a stable universe. Besides, I'm probably coddling my fragile ego when I think that I have dormant powers of persuasion, which I choose

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Suddenly, the door is opening again, disturbing my musings, and I'm back on the porch with the nice man who I almost sold. Has he changed his mind?

"Hey," he says, "you want a Gatorade? How about a granola bar, too?"

He hands over the goods. My stomach does a flip. I tear into the granola bar before he can close the door.

"Why are you doing this?" he asks as I scarf down the granola bar.

I look up at him. "Doing what?"

"Selling stuff door to door? Why's a girl like you doing something like this?"

I consider his question as I chew.

Because, sir, I don't want to get a real job. I wanted to work hard and make a ton of money this summer, so I can do a humanitarian-aide world tour. I think I'd start in South America, doing Habitat for Humanity. Then I'd go to a refugee camp in Africa. I want to help build schools in the Himalayas and dig wells in the Sahara. Though your house is lovely, and your Beemer is very shiny, I would rather die than live this life here in suburbia. When I think of settling down here, I feel like I'm suffocating. It would be a long, grueling, senseless death.

I finish chewing and offer him a grin. "I do this because of my deep and abiding love of pest control. I have an intense desire to rid the world of the three-pronged axis of evil. Spiders," I tell him, holding up one finger, "ants, and earwigs." I'm

now holding up three fingers, waving them in his face. "I'm just one person, sir, doing my part."

"Aww, get out," he says, swatting at me. Then he turns back into

the house and grabs another granola bar for me, as if sensing my intense hunger.

"Watch out," he tells me. "The guy next door is in the homeowners' association, and if you

knock on the door, he'll call the police on you. He hates solicitors. Just givin' ya the heads up."

"Thanks," I say, "and thanks for the food. I'm starving."

I skip the next

house.

I mosey on up the following driveway, congratulating myself and sipping my Gatorade. That wasn't a sale, but it was a victory of sorts. I'm nearly to the gate

when I look up and find myself face to face with a man in his bathrobe. My eyes dart to his hands, which I fear may be holding a shotgun, but he's only holding a cell phone. He reads my hat,

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mouths the words "Pest Control?" and when I nod, he opens the gate and invites me in. He gestures for me to follow him. None of this would be at all strange or noteworthy, except that this man is Richard Dreyfuss. (The details of Mr. Dreyfuss's neighborhood have been changed to protect his privacy.)

One of my favorite movies of all time is *What About Bob?*, in which Dreyfuss plays a psychiatrist who is slowly driven mad by a manipulative patient. I follow Mr. Dreyfuss through his house, eyeing the Hollywood memorabilia that graces his walls. I'm half-listening to his phone conversation. It seems that he is talking to a lawyer. He rolls his eyes, pointing to his phone, then opening and closing

his hand in a pantomime of a mouth that just keeps yapping. I nod sympathetically, as if my own lawyer constantly spews legal jargon into my ear. He offers me a seat at the counter and a drink in his cool, comfortable kitchen. He points upstairs and mouths, "My wife will want to talk to you. She'll be down soon." Then he walks away. I'm sitting at the counter, swinging my feet like a kid at a soda shop. That's how it is when you sell pest control door to door. You never know what you're going to get, so you've got to roll with it.

When Richard's wife comes downstairs, he compliments her hair and motions for her to talk to me. What follows is an extensive tour of the garden. Richard's wife

has taken up gardening and has done a lovely job of it. There are fruit trees (which are vulnerable to rats), flowers, and a tomato plant with one luscious tomato clinging to the vine. She continues to point out her plants and the bits that are snail-eaten, but I can't help it, my eyes keep straying back to that tomato. I adore tomatoes. And this one is perfect, a deep, sinful red. It's about the size of my two fists together. And home-grown. My mouth begins to water. I remember the home-grown tomatoes that were a primary staple of my diet when I lived in Italy. In the month that I've lived in San Diego, I haven't had enough money to buy fresh produce.

It seems almost cer-

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tain that I'm going to get a sale, right? But no, the Sales Gods are not smiling upon me from their thrones on high. Richard Dreyfuss is already our customer. My coworker sold him a couple of weeks ago. All of the snails in the yard are already dead or dying, and everything seems to be in order. Mr. Dreyfuss must have thought that the company had sent me over to touch up the snail-bait or tear down

the cobwebs. I feel a bit deceitful, but I couldn't help taking refuge in their happy home for a few moments. I pretend to be a snail expert, spouting info that I've heard around the office. At one point, I even make like a snail, but I'm too deadpan. I'm not sure what it is, but after a moment of staring at me as if trying to assess the seriousness of my statement, Richard Dreyfuss laughs. Not just a

chuckle. I tell you, that man flat-out guffaws, supporting himself by leaning on the counter. Most people don't laugh at my jokes, but Mr. Dreyfuss is a professional. If he thinks I'm funny, then I am.

As I'm getting ready to leave, Richard's wife runs into the backyard. She emerges carrying... THE TOMATO! She hands it to me. My eyes nearly fill with tears. What words could express my gratitude? I think that she's able to sense it, though I'm not able to verbalize the depth of my emotion. I leave them, feeling happy for the first time that day.

My arms laden with gifts, I amble awkwardly down the street. It's nearly break time, and I'm already dreaming of the Caprese salad that I'll make with this tomato.

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"Hi!" I say.  
"I'm Cami with Go Pest Control —"

His low voice interrupts me, his eyes like flint and steel.

"You're not supposed to be here," he says flatly.

Something in my head pops with recognition. This is the man from the homeowners' association. The man I was supposed to avoid. My eyes widen.

"Ain't no solicitors allowed in these here parts."

"I — I," I stammer, "I'm here because we already have customers in the neighborhood..."

There is perfect stillness in the suburban landscape. It's a show-down on Wisteria Lane. We level our gazes at one another. Somewhere, a worried mother is herding her children into the house. A tumbleweed rolls down the street. Shop doors close. We are locked in our staring contest. He is armed with his cell phone and his homeowners' association membership. I am armed with nothing but a tomato, a Gatorade, an extra soda from the Dreyfusses', a granola bar, my clipboard, and my trusty clicky pen. This is not going to be pretty.

He draws his cell phone from the holster, too fast for me.

"I," he says, raising

the phone to his ear, "am going to call the police."

I don't even have time to lift my tomato. I'm no match for him.

"Fine. Do it," I say, turning my back to saunter down the street. I

am calling his bluff. I mean, honestly, who calls the police on a door-to-door salesman? Especially if that salesman is a woman?

I can hear him behind me, talking into

the phone. Probably talking to a dial tone.

"Oh, really?" he says, loud enough for me to hear. "You've got a squad car close by? You'll be here in less than five minutes? What was that?"

Less than two? Wow! What service!"

I glance over my shoulder. He gives me the thumbs-up. I roll my eyes and shake my head.

That's when I see it, in my peripheral vision.

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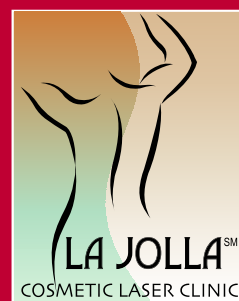
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I duck around a corner and locate a shady little bush. I lay my tomato under it, and next to him I nestle his brothers, Mr. Gatorade, Yummy Soda, and Granola Bar.

"I'll be back for you," I whisper to my sleeping babies. Then I dash away, wielding only my clipboard. I sprint down the street, weaving through cars and bobbing behind trees. Finally, I reach the gate, never once detected by the cruiser. I hop the fence and climb a tree on

the other side, watching the progress of the fuzz. It doesn't look as if they're going anywhere soon.

I consider simply cutting my losses and meeting Kevin at our rendezvous. But I won't leave my precious food to spoil in the unforgiving sun. I've got a reconnaissance mission to accomplish. As the police car rounds the corner, I am back over the fence and dashing toward my tomato. Freedom, justice, and the American way.

I could tell you about how I rescued my tomato. How I galloped out of the neighborhood, using the bottom of my too-big shirt as a makeshift bag for the food. How I thought I'd be able to make it without being spotted by Mr. Homeowner's Associa-

tion, who was washing his Escalade. He did see me, though, and tried to spray me with his hose. But he missed, and I turned back and laughed at him, carefully covering the labels on my shirt and my hat so he couldn't tell what company I was from. I could tell you all of this, but you might not believe it, or, even worse, you might ask me, "Cami, why don't you get a nice day job, at a desk, like all of your friends?" Thanks for the advice, but I hear that from my mother all the time.

Kevin and I took our break at a local park, seated at a picnic table under a shady tree. I had spent my last five dollars on a ball of mozzarella di bufala and used my charm to get salt, basil, and olive oil from the

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lady behind the deli counter. It is the best Caprese salad I've ever had, a masterpiece. I am enjoying my lunch, pleased by how a good meal can erase a thousand bad, door-slamming memories. Lined up on the table before me are Mr. Gatorade, Granola Bar, and Yummy Soda.

Mr. Gatorade gives me a respectful nod. "You've got the golden ticket," he says.

Kevin is sitting across from me, and he is not happy. He is trodden down by another day of rejection.

"I'm sick of this shit," says Kevin, who never curses.

"Mmm," I say, popping a bite of tomato in my mouth, trying to sound sympathetic. I consider asking him for a dollar because of his negative remark but decide against it.

"All I want is to be good at this one thing!" he says. "I just want to prove to Brandon that I can do it! Why can't I be good at it?"

"MmmMmm-Mmm," I tell him, chewing, shrugging, knitting my eyebrows together, and nodding all at once. This is Kevin's third year selling pest control. He's never been much good at it. My sales numbers are higher than his, and it's my first year selling, and between you and me, my work ethic leaves a little something to be desired. If I were Kevin, I would not sell pest control again. In fact, if I were Kevin, I wouldn't even buy pest control. I'm not Kevin, and I never even want to think about pest control, ever again. I swallow.

"Kevin, who cares if you're not good at selling pest control? You're one

of the best human beings that I know."

Kevin looks at me. I can see the wheels turning behind his boyish, handsome face.

"But if I can't succeed at this, how will I

succeed at anything?" he asks.

He's lost, awash in a sea of anxiety and self-examination, convinced by three years of morning meetings that sales is a microcosm of your

life. His question is a rhetorical one, and I'm wise enough to know that he wouldn't believe me if I gave him a soothing answer. I curl up on the bench for a nap, convinced that

Kevin is no longer in the mood to shorten our three-hour break. My mind is soon soaring across oceans and through foreign doorways, away from clipboards and contracts

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blank half-smile. An anachronistic funhouse full o' bleary-eyed

skellys shuffling down Newport in search of something they will never find in Ocean Beach.

My fat little hands pecking away on this old white laptop is our docent for today's tour. No tipping, please. I'm sorry to have to peel back the shimmering, hazy layers in turncoat exposé, but somebody's got to do it. Our final destination: a gentle tug of the veil, and a quick glimpse of oblivion. Now look into my bloated, pasty face, while actively resisting the urge to slap it. Keep looking...into my sad, tired



Surfers at O.B. Pier

eyes...don't look away, we're almost there...okay, there we go. You're on board. Up we go, up into the sky, looking down at our beach town getting smaller and smaller until our perspective pulls into sharp focus. Don't be scared. I just wanna show you. Okay, we're at the point of tangency — the veil — and I'm getting ready to give it a good yank. Do you really want to wake up? Wanna peek? Are you sure? Well,

um, okay, you betcha. But don't say I didn't warn you flinty-eyed riddlers, along with your crunchy li'l sidekicks with their hopeful eyes and freckly sassmouths.

God, please forgive my haughty paintbrush and force my hand into clumsy and overbroad strokes, for this quaint little beach neighborhood is steeped in horrible biblical secrets. A gray rectangular purgatory in festive

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beachtown masquerade, so-called "Ocean Beach" revolves end-over-end through the windblown vacuum of the lightless gulf, collecting the heartless and unmerciful like broken, colorless seashells strewn across the sandy expanse. A crowded collage of weeping faces leers out of the hazed-over windows of this weird seaside purgatory, desperately jockeying for a better view. These faces, our faces, scan a hopeless ocean from the seawall at the end of Newport Avenue, crowded together for a peek of forgiveness we know we don't deserve...and know we will never get. It's cool, though. Because we have a very special consolation prize. We have each other. Tepidly yours in haze-blue desolation. Let's go pop a coldy and gum down some greasy taco slop. Then let's make dead love under an angry Ocean Beach moon. Don't worry. I'll pull out.

Yeah, I saw *Valley Girl*. Yeah, I pop my collar so I, too, can be painted into this California van Gogh, rendered in disturbing shades of gingiva pink and neurotic blue by the unsung hand quivering in self-doubt. Yeah, my diaper is quite full of how cool I'm not but how cool you are because of your dope tats and threat of your impending pimpslap... unless I avert my gaze in time. And I will never view your girlfriend's buttocks bulbously gift-wrapped in damp Lycra again. Promise. Please don't whup my fat rump, I'm just a quiet little writer. Thanks, sir.

SeekersButNeverFinders they are, bused in from all points east. God, fulfill just one dream for one lost-and-broken girl or guy. Spare some change? Yeah,

okay. But please go home before it's too late and you drink too deeply from this cup full of these strange mists rolling in from an ocean who loves you but is not in love with you.

I rolled in from the

stifling Eastern cocktail party of compliant hobnobbery, and I share your dead ocean dreams, your blank-faced group-sex parties in the li'l house on Cape May (you know the one). I share your late-night hunting

instincts, your restless sleep under malevolent starlight, your kissy-face beach vanity, your turgid egotism. I share your collective uneasiness, your dry-eyed weep across time. I share your forsaken town, and I

love it more than you love yourself.

Love the dead-eyed whore that is Ocean Beach, but then leave...in time...before it's too late. But always remember her salty pleasures, her sloppy

eager kisses, her raspy voice, her rough hands, her pungent halibut flesh. Remember there exists a forsaken seaside purgatory disguised in bright paint and guilty pleasures. Remember Ocean Beach. ■

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## LETTERS

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name being signed on a card for condolence funeral flowers. (Note, she wasn't even asked to chip in for them.) This nonstop statement-making narcissism is getting old. Get over yourself, Barbarella. Grow up and do the right thing!

A San Diego Grandparent of Nine  
via email

### Called Out

I'm calling about an article that appeared in this week's *Reader*, February 5. On page 139 there's an article in there, it's titled "Surf Diego." I was just wondering who does the fact-checking on the articles because I — and some other people here with me — know personally these people, and nothing in this article is true. At least not pertaining to this little girl that is portrayed here in the photo.

Kelly Breckenridge  
La Mesa

### Good Fun!

Re John Brizzolara's "Hi. I Used to Live Here" (Cover Story, January 29) — good fun! We also visited the old homestead (1930s), in Chicago in spring 1988. Surprise! In the entry hall

was a formal, framed photo of *our* Tauber family from the '20s — and the "El" running through the backyard.

R. Tauber

### Purple Tights, Red Leg Warmers

I just wanted to let you know that I think the American Apparel ad in the last issue with the woman in the purple tights with the red leg warmers is just a disgusting ad, and I just can't believe that the *Reader* would have something like this on an opening page — that the *Reader* would stoop this low. It's demeaning to women, especially young women. I hope I never see an ad like this again.

Mimi  
via voicemail

### What Don't I Like?

As a fan of "T.G.I.F." it's great to see the column up front and personal. Greater yet is reading his feature columns.

"Diary of a Diva" — I only wish you could afford to continue the local events Barbarella write-ups, as well as the new "Your Week and Welcome to It."

Bauder and Potter — outstanding work.

Naomi and Ed — that's a great balance, and bless Naomi for her New Orleans and San Francisco food

"roots."

I miss the weekly wine column, and the end of January 29's (Crush: "A Charmed Life") cut off abruptly.

My swing-dancing friends and I rely on your club ads so we can plan our evenings out.

More John B. and Barbarella, whenever possible.

What don't I like? Those who whine about an article — the "I will never pick up a copy of your magazine ever again" — their loss, nor do I believe them when they say that!

Lynne Goldstein  
via email

*The end of January 29's "Crush" column ends on page 100, top-left column. — Ed.*

### Comments from Reader Website

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

### Remote Control King Published February 4

*Posted by Ollie on February 4, 2:52 p.m.*

Ironically, this down economy prompted The *Reader* to let me go. This is the last Remote Control King.

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Posted by Sad\_Saderson  
on February 4, 3:19 p.m.

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will finally take full control  
without the innocent  
laughter of Ollie's words.

Posted by frigorific on  
February 4, 3:26 p.m.

Don't take my Ollie  
away!!!

Posted by Aimee on Feb-  
ruary 4, 3:49 p.m.

Seriously- that's it- I'm  
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Reader for advertising as  
well- this paper officially  
has "jumped the shark."

Posted by steveb on Feb-  
ruary 4, 4:31 p.m.

Dude, say it ain't so!!

I've been reading your  
column forever, it speaks to  
me. I actually registered af-  
ter all this time just to say  
goodbye.

Hope the SD figures out  
that they made a mistake  
quick and drag you back.

At least the SD helped  
you learn how to survive  
living out of a dumpster. Is  
that their version of a re-  
tirement plan?

Posted by revgj on Febru-  
ary 4, 4:42 p.m.

We can't lose the failed  
submariner, dumpster div-  
ing oddball to downsizing.

His stuff almost makes  
sense sometimes. Betcha  
didn't toss the diversity ed-  
itor over the side.

Man can write, a rare  
skill at the reader.

Posted by louburr on Feb-

ruary 4, 5:35 p.m.

I am disappointed to  
hear that this column will  
no longer be a regular fea-  
ture of the SDReader. It was  
by far my favorite column  
and the reason I stopped by  
the site. Ollie do you have  
your own blog where this  
column can live on?

Posted by pluto\_782 on  
February 4, 5:48 p.m.

I only set up a registra-  
tion to write and say how it  
saddens me to no longer  
have the genius that is Re-  
mote Control King. From  
9 hours away I awaited this  
weekly masterpiece. I shared  
it with my friends, then they  
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### Thursday | 12



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### Friday | 13

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### Saturday | 14

#### "HEARTS AND STUFF"

Depictions of hearts broken by "addiction to the chemicals produced by feelings of love" — Martha Martin and Jason Feather's stream-of-consciousness graffiti will be on display at this exhibition/ fundraiser for Classics 4 Kids.

See **SPECIAL**, page 63.



#### WHAT'S A DA VINCI PUFF GLIDER?

Over 60 full-size and model replicas of Leonardo's designs are on display at the San Diego Air & Space Museum. During family science day, kids can learn how to make their own puff glider in 45 minutes. Flying not included. See **FOR KIDS**, page 57.



\$10,000 SWING-DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

### Sunday | 15

#### A "PSEUDO-MYTHICAL DISH"

In a unique food fusion, L&L Hawaiian Barbecue mixes Ireland's corned beef with Hawaii's *musubi* (a block of rice, usually covered with Spam and wrapped in dried seaweed) for its annual *musubi* eating contest. The person who gorges the most wins a trip to Honolulu. See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

#### \$10,000 SWING-DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

Ten thousand bones can buy a whole lot of boogie-woogie shoes, twirly skirts, and zoot suits. The competition continues Sunday and doesn't end until the final round on March 29. Music by the Stilettos. See **DANCE**, page 56.

### Monday | 16

#### THE COSMETICS COP

Find out which name brands harbor the potential for uncomely side effects, such as dryness or irritation, when author and makeup guru Paula Begoun visits Warwick's Bookstore to discuss the latest edition of her book, *Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me*. See **IN PERSON**, page 58.

### Tuesday | 17

#### CHIVALRY AND HONOR

The last chivalrous knight waxes quixotic about a true love to whom he has never spoken, adventures he's not really on, and ideals that, in the end, he learns are unattainable. *Don Quixote* is performed in French (with English translation above the stage) by the San Diego Opera. See **CLASSICAL MUSIC**, page 65.

### Wednesday | 18

#### ARUSI PERSIAN WEDDING

Be the first to view Marjan Tehrani's film (premiering on PBS in mid-March) about the culture collision that occurs when an Iranian man and an American woman plan their Persian Islamic wedding in Iran. See **FILM**, page 57.

#### ELEPHANT CONSERVATION

From piano keys to billiard balls, elephant tusks have been harvested and used for thousands of years. Now that plastics and other synthetic materials are available, we have no reason to pillage from pachyderms. Journalist and African-wildlife conservationist John Frederick Walker will speak about the history and devastation. See **LECTURES**, page 60.



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## DANCE

**"Collage 2009"** San Diego Civic Dance Company presents 26th annual recitals with dancing in variety of styles through February 15. Guest choreographers include Doug Elkins, Michael Mizerany of Malashock Dance, Mike Wittmers from *Tap Dogs* and *A Chorus Line*. 619-702-3408. Saturday, February 14, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m.; \$12. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Cupid's Jive"** Dance to swingin' sounds of the Zyzmzy Quartet, with performance by the Firehouse

## OUT & ABOUT

### CINDERELLA

Ballet Theatre of Russia, Saturday, February 14, California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

(SEE DANCE)



Swing Dance Company. Complimentary swing dance lesson (8-9 p.m.), followed by live music for dancing (9-11 p.m.). "Professional dance partners available the entire night." Also promised: live airbrush body painting by XOMPANY Productions, pinup fashion models provided by the Rubber Rose, after-hours music provided by DJ Sage. RSVP: 619-549-0254. Saturday, February 14, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Ages 21 and up. San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**Cinderella** Ballet Theatre of Russia presents "enchanted tale" replete with stepmother, stepsisters, Prince Charming, and full orchestra. 800-988-4253. Saturday, February 14, 8 p.m.; \$44-\$62. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**Romeo et Juliet** San Diego Ballet performs piece based on Shakespeare's play, directed and choreo-

graphed by Javier Velasco, whose focus is "on the intimacy of two young people in love, rather than huge street scenes filled with gratuitous townsfolk and sword fighting." 619-544-1000. Friday, February 13, 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 14, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, February 15, 2:30 p.m.; \$18-\$50. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

**Cajun and Zydeco Dancing** Zydeco lesson and dance. Beginners' dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes 8 p.m. 619-857-8409. Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**David Patrone \$10,000 Swing Dance Extravaganza** David Patrone Productions, 2toGroove, Viejas Casino host "biggest single 'top cash prize' swing dance competition in the world." Registered couples may compete in any number of nine weekly qualifying rounds in order to advance to semifinal round on March 22. Top two couples from each of nine qualifying rounds move on to semifinals; of 20 couples in semifi-

nal round, ten couples move to final round on March 29.

Enjoy music by the Stilettoes on February 15; weekly dance contests take place during band breaks. Registration: 4-4:45 p.m., swing dance lessons with Jim and Margie at 5 p.m., live music swing dance: 6-9 p.m. 619-517-2719. Sunday, February 15, 4 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Viejas Casino Dream-Catcher Show Room, 5000 Wil-lows Road. (ALPINE)

**Friday the 13th Blues and Jitterbug** Waltz & Such offers jitterbug and vintage blues dance lessons at 7:15 p.m. in Casa del Prado room 207. Open dance session at 9 p.m. All ages, partner not required. Donation. 619-583-9956. Friday, February 13, 7:15 p.m.; \$1. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Hustle Dance Party** Hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers (\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers). Hustle dance party follows 8 p.m.-midnight (\$15), with beginner lesson 8-8:30 p.m. (included in admission). 760-803-9982. Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

**More the Merrier** Band makes music, Graham Hempel calls for San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. Bring your valentine and sit in with the community band. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

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way, Denmark, and Finland with instructors Walker and Margaret Fillius. All ages and abilities; singles and couples welcome. 619-286-0355. Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m.; \$6-\$8. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Swing with Your Valentine** Dance Lindy, East Coast, jitterbug, and swing during “Jam” community swing dance. Beginner lesson at 8 p.m. (dance is free if you take the class). Dance runs 9 p.m.-midnight. 619-291-3775. Friday, February 13, 8 p.m.; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

**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)

**Valentine's Dance** Off the Cuff makes music, Terri Akin calls for love-themed dance hosted by San Diego English Country Dancers. 858-676-9731. Sunday, February 15, 6 p.m.; \$8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Valentine's Dance Party** Dancers and nondancers, singles and couples welcome to dance to ballroom, swing, Latin music. Tango demonstration. Bring treats to share. 619-861-6260. Friday, February 13, 8:30 p.m.; \$5. Attire by Lea Dance Studio, 7202 El Cajon Boulevard, Suite A. (LA MESA)

## FILM

**“Black Is the New Color:** HIV/AIDS in the Black Community” Lecture and film screening followed by discussion in celebration of Black History Month, sponsored by Student African American Brotherhood, in Casa Real. 619-594-6531. Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**“Not-So-Silent Films:** San Diego Locals and Locales” The La Jolla Cinema League was a filmmaking club in 1920s La Jolla. Group made some “very entertaining film featurettes of professional quality.” Scott Paulson and the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films toast vintage local filmmakers during screening of *Consuelo di Capri*, *Avarice*, *Uninvited Guest*, *Virtue's Reward* or *Blood for Bond*, and *A Midsummer's Day*. Also on tap: film from Thomas Edison, footage of Hotel del Coronado, peek at San Diego's original dog beach. 858-534-TIXS. Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m.; \$10. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**“Tribute to Paul Newman”** See *Cool Hand Luke* (1967) when ongoing Carlsbad Library film series continues. Pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad

City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**Antonia's Line** Winner of the 1995 Academy Award for best foreign language film tells story of a woman who builds a new life with her daughter in a quiet Dutch village after World War II. 619-299-9360. Sunday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.; free. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Arusi Persian Wedding** Preview screening of documentary by Iranian-American filmmaker Marjan Tehrani, who offers “a compelling examination of U.S.-Iranian relations through personal journey of her brother Alex and his fiancée Heather's trip to Iran to hold a traditional Persian wedding.” In English and Farsi with English subtitles. Cyrus Nakhshab leads following discussion. 619-236-5821. Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Coming to Light: Edward S. Curtis and the North American Indians** As complement to “Considering Edward Curtis” exhibition, see film continuing discussion of how Native American identity is perceived and displayed through Curtis's images. Film tells story of Curtis's life, creation of his monumental work, his changing views of people he documented, and gives American Indian people a voice in discussion of Curtis's images. 619-238-7559. Wednesday, February 18, 1 p.m.; free. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Petals — Journey Into Self-Discovery** Documentary records “the creative process and then the cultural impact of San Diego photographer Nick Karras shooting, publishing, then confronting public reaction to his book *Petals*,” a collection of 48 sepia-toned photographs of vulvas. Panel discussion follows. 858-336-1285. Sunday, February 15, 4 p.m.; \$10-\$12. Ages 18 and up. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Religulous** Screening of Bill Maher's new documentary on religion at Lestat's West (next to Lestat's Coffee House). 619-282-0437. Tuesday, February 17, 7 p.m.; free. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Darwin at the Movies** Film series offers glimpse into Darwin's personal life, as well as his significant career. The documentary *Genius — Charles Darwin* features footage shot at Darwin's home, tells story of his life. Two short films will also be screened. Films are introduced by SDSU history professor Edward Beasley; open discussion follows. Student Services room 1500. 619-594-1105. Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

## FOR KIDS

**“Be President for the Day Family Day”** Discover what the Commander-in-Chief does to lead country, test your knowledge of

past presidents on “Road to the Presidency Challenge,” read famous presidential quotes, write an inaugural address, and take an oath of office. 619-232-6203 x129. Monday, February 16, 1 p.m.; \$50-\$5. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Chu Chu the Dragon** Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales present story with a villainous red dragon in this story inspired by two Asian folk tales when stage. 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, February 12; Friday, February 13; Saturday, February 14; Sunday, February 15; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**City Mouse, Country Mouse** Puppet Express Productions offer the mouse fable, paired with *The Monkey and the Crocodile*. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, February 18; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**All Aboard!** Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. Saturday, February 14, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, February 15, 12:30 p.m.; free. Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

**Ant-Sized Adventures** Parent and preschooler program teaches opossum facts with songs, a short hike, take-home craft. Required registration: 619-582-6261. Thursday, February 12, 10 a.m.; Friday, February 13, 10 a.m.; \$2. Ages 2 and up. Mission Trails Regional

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# ROAM--RAMA | A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

The easy-going, mostly descending (450 feet of elevation gain/1200 feet of elevation loss), east-to-west, one-way walk or mountain-bike ride on the Santa Ysabel Truck Trail near Ramona is fine for a cool day in February, but a potentially hot and sweaty affair later in the spring season. You'll be following or paralleling a segment of the uncompleted Coast to Crest Trail, the long-distance, multi-use trail slated to link together the disparate natural habitats of the emerging San Dieguito River Park. The park itself stretches from the San Dieguito Lagoon at Del Mar to the crest of Volcan Mountain near Julian.

You'll meander mostly downhill and sometimes uphill on shadeless south- and west-facing slopes blanketed in chamise and other drought-resistant forms of chaparral. The truck trail might be open to four-wheel-drive traffic, but if it is, you'll likely see very few vehicles.

A one-way hike on the route would necessitate some kind of drop-



Pamo Valley vista

off/pick-up arrangement, so here are the driving directions for each end:

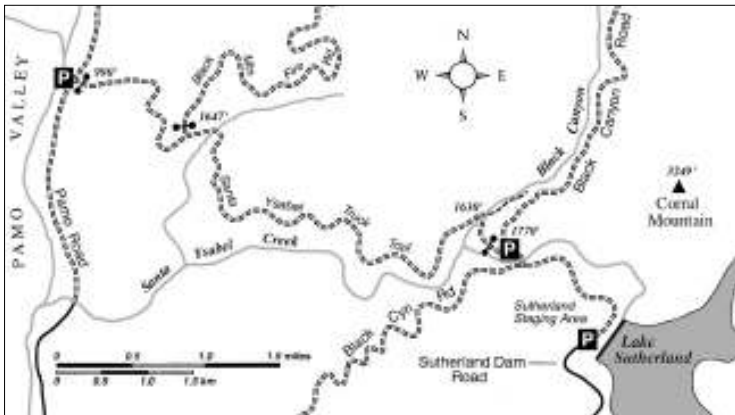
**EAST END:** Drive east from Ramona on Highway 78 and turn north on Magnolia Avenue. Magnolia soon becomes Black Canyon Road and later becomes a narrow, twisting, graded dirt road. At 7.3 miles, you meet the road coming down from Sutherland Dam. Stay left, pass over the bridge spanning Santa Ysabel Creek, and continue 200 yards on Black Canyon Road to a junction with a gated, descending road — the Santa Ysabel Truck Trail. Start hiking at the top of this road.

**WEST END:** Drive north from Ramona's town center on Seventh Street; it quickly becomes Elm Street. Continue on Elm to Haverford Road and turn right. A forced leftward bend in just 0.1 mile puts you northbound on Pamo Road. Con-

tinue down into the scenic and spacious Pamo Valley, where you cross Santa Ysabel Creek on a narrow concrete ford. Go an additional 1.3 miles north to the foot of the Santa Ysabel Truck Trail, on the right.

From the starting place, descend on Santa Ysabel Truck Trail to a spot where the road crosses Santa Ysabel Creek. Step over or wade across the Black Canyon stream by way of the concrete ford (but not if the water is too deep and dangerously swift, as after a recent downpour!). Gradual ups and downs and many twists and turns on the truck trail take you generally westward and farther and farther away from the bottom of the Santa Ysabel Creek gorge. At 3.3 miles, a live-oak-shaded ravine spreads a dense pool of shade across the trail. Shortly thereafter, on a ridge-

line at 3.5 miles, a road comes down-ridge from the right. It leads upward toward Black Mountain, a former fire-lookout site nearly six miles away. Your course, though, continues downhill to Pamo



Road, a crooked 1.5 miles away.

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## BLACK CANYON TO PAMO VALLEY

Enjoy a cool-weather hike-or-bike along the curling Santa Ysabel Truck Trail near Ramona.

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Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Bring Your Creativity!** Craft enthusiast Asia Bur-Min of Toshwerks and AB Bags leads Valentine's craft workshop for children and their families. Materials provided. 858-573-5007. Thursday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Family Drop-In Day: European Art** Program encourages exploration, learning about art on view through interactive games, child-friendly tours, storytelling, art making. For families with kids 6-12. Included in museum admission. 619-231-7092. Sunday, February 15, 1 p.m.; free. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Hearts, Flowers, and Bugs: A Family Valentine Party** Make Valentines, decorate heart-shaped cookies, pot a Valentine plant, and play in garden during party. Pre-registration required: 760-436-3036 x222. Saturday, February 14,

10 a.m.; \$10. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Nature Explorers** Kids between five and ten years old and their parents explore magic of natural world through the many changes taking place at dusk, using four senses and flashlights. Reservations: 619-668-3278. Friday, February 13, 6 p.m.; free. Ages 5 and up. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Teddy Bear History for Half Pints** Bring your teddy bear out to enjoy the park, and learn about the first "Teddy" bear, see who named him. Decorate a frame to take home with a photograph of you and your teddy bear. Play some historic games. 619-232-6203 x129. Monday, February 16, 10 a.m.; \$5. Ages 3 and up. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Valentine's Brunch** No school today, so take part in Valentine's brunch workshop. Participants

make chicken and broccoli pastry hearts, fruit parfaits, chocolate raspberry tarts. 760-431-2278. Friday, February 13, 11 a.m.; \$45. Ages 3 and up. Captain Cook's Culinary Academy, 6986 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

**What's a Da Vinci Puff Glider?** Create one and find out during family science day. Sessions last 45 minutes, included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, February 14, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

## IN PERSON

**"In the Company of Women"** Fundraiser for YWCA of San Diego County includes keynote speech by Golden Globe-winning actress Jane Seymour from *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*. Registration at 11:15 a.m., followed by lunch and Seymour's presentation at noon. Tickets: 619-239-0355 x218. Thursday, February 12, 11:15

a.m.; \$120. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Love, Tea and Chocolate"** The JUUL Tones and Grunion Run plan concert benefiting the Central Asia Institute, described in Greg Mortenson's book *Three Cups of Tea*. Musical themes of evening are human rights, romantic love, food, and hope. Suggested donation: \$10. 619-583-7380. Friday, February 13, 7 p.m.; First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

**"Olio the Show"** Live jazz and dance supper club revue, following "evolution of jazz music and its dance forms starting with traditional West African dance and drums all the way to hip-hop and everything else in between." Reservations: 619-869-1663 or 619-337-0238. Sunday, February 15, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$25. Ciao Bella Caffè Bar e Ristorante, 5263 Baltimore Drive. (LA MESA)

**"One Mic...San Diego"** Comedy and live music hosted by Clay-

ton Thomas featuring Vanessa Graddick and starring Honest John. 619-708-7975. Wednesday, February 18, 8 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**"That's Amore!"** Enjoy a "romantic evening" with champagne, chocolate confections, and love songs from operatic arias to Broadway show tunes. Performers include Tom Brault, J.D. Crawford, Vicki Hamilton, Ric Henry, Eric Hellmers, Lary Hilliker, John Kalb, Yolanda Kalb, Carolyn Mickelson, Kim Neblett, Anne Nelson, Denise Saiz, Reverend Roby Warren, Elaine Weidauer, and pianist Joni Harris. Required reservations: 760-435-3721. Sunday, February 15, 4 p.m.; \$20. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

**"The Gospel of John"** Theatrical performance by professional actors David Anderson, Laurie Portocarrero, and Glen Williamson, who portray dozens of characters "in a modern yet poetic translation of the fourth book of the New Testa-

ment." Performance employs drama, choral speaking, storytelling, song, and actual text from the Bible (not an adaptation). Reservations: 760-716-7200. Information: 619-280-8016. Saturday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.; \$10-\$20. Ages 12 and up. Waldorf School of San Diego, 3547 Altadena Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**"Weapons of Self-Destruction Tour"** Comic/actor Robin Williams takes the stage. Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Thursday, February 12, 8 p.m.; \$51-\$91. Rimac Arena, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**A Darker Domain** Suspense author Val McDermid discusses, signs work. 858-268-4747. Saturday, February 14, 2 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

**Ain't I a Woman!** New music theater work featuring actress Taylore Mahogany Scott and chamber music trio celebrating life and time of four African-American women: Zora Neale Hurston, Sojourner

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Truth, folk artist Clementine Hunter, Fannie Lou Hamer. See piece by Core Ensemble in Arts Building room 111. 760-750-4366. Monday, February 16, 7 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

**Guys and Dolls** Poway High School presents fully staged rendition of this classic musical with score by Frank Loesser including "Luck Be a Lady" and other songs. 858-748-0245. Thursday, February 12, 7 p.m.; Friday, February 13, 7 p.m.; Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m.; \$8-\$10. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

**Just Call Him Mike** Actor (M\*A\*S\*H), activist, author Mike Farrell will speak about his political and social justice activism around the world. 619-475-4642. Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m.; free. Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 5047 Central Avenue. (BONITA)

**Les Miserables** CYC Theatre plans production of this epic musical. 619-944-7574. Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m.; Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m.; \$20-\$30. Truax Performing Arts Center, 400 Rancho del Oro. (OCEANSIDE)

**Barry and Pearson in Person!** Bestselling authors Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson discuss, sign their children's books, including *Science Fair: A Story of Mystery, Danger, International Suspense, and a Very Nervous Frog*; and *Starcatcher* series. Tickets required for signing portion of event. 858-454-0347. Saturday, February 14, 11 a.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Comics That Kill** Stand-up comedy with Joe Arrigoni, Albert Linton, Smoothini, and the Trash Man. Hosted by Jason Bang. 619-255-8635. Monday, February 16, 9 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

**Expect "Feats of Legerdemain!"** Card tricks and gambling demonstrations promised as well, when Michael E. Johnson presents magic show. 619-588-3718. Saturday, February 14, 2:30 p.m.; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

**King Lear Redux** Christopher Moore signs *Fool*. 858-268-4747. Thursday, February 12, 7 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

**Meet a Progressive Theologian** Rosemary Radford Ruether plans talk and signing of her new book *Catholic Does Not Equal the Vatican: A Vision for Progressive Catholicism*. 619-222-5676. Monday, February 16, 7 p.m.; free. Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Meet the Author** Series continues with Debra Ginsberg, author of the novels *The Grift* and *Blind Submission*, as well as memoirs *Waiting: The True Confessions of a Waitress*, *Raising Blaze: A Mother and Son's Long, Strange Journey Into Autism*, and *About My Sisters*. Ginsberg will discuss her books, inspirations, publishing process, writing.

Book signing follows. 760-753-7376. Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**More of The Zookeeper's Wife** Diane Ackerman reads from, discusses, and signs her "One Book, One San Diego" featured book. 858-457-3030. Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m.; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**My Funny Valentines** Comedians Lamont Ferguson and Kurt Swann perform; two "comics with zero expertise in relationships" will expound on the subject during this Valentine's Day show. 760-720-2460. Saturday, February 14, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

**New Writing Series** Miranda Mellis is the author of *The Revisionist*, *Il Revisionista*, and *Materialisms*, and an editor at the Ency-

clopedia Project. She'll read from her work for the series in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. 858-534-4618. Wednesday, February 18, 4:30 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Sights and Sounds of the Silk Road** The Silk Road Music and Dance Ensemble performs in conjunction with "Nomadic Legacy" exhibition. Enjoy dances from Central Asia blended with music from

Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkey, along with narration of folk tales. Performers include Rowan Storm (percussion), Neil Seigel (*târ*), Ergun Tamer (*kanun*), vocalist Serpil Borazan, dancer and narrator Robyn Friend. 619-239-0003. Saturday, February 14, 3 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Mingei International Museum — North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**SpaceFest!** Brigadier General Robert L. Cardenas — the B-29

pilot who launched Chuck Yeager when he broke the sound barrier — will discuss his career and aviation progress from gliders through rockets. 619-463-3006. Wednesday, February 18, 3 p.m.; free. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

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**Sunset Poets at the Harbor** Sunset Poets meet for reading by San Diego poet Federico Moramarco, followed by an open-mike reading. Moramarco is the editor of *Poetry International*. 760-758-2410. Sunday, February 15, 3 p.m.; free. Jolly Roger, 1900 Harbor Drive North. (OCEANSIDE)

**The Cosmetics Cop** Author Paula Begoun discusses, signs newest edition of her book *Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me*, boasting thousands of new product reviews, updated ingredient research, "myth-busting skin care facts." 858-454-0347. Monday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**The Gelato Poetry Series** Terry Hertzler reads his poetry followed by open mike. 760-434-1240. Friday, February 13, 7 p.m.; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

**The Mind-Brain Series** Jonah Lehrer discusses his new book *How We Decide*, in which he takes a "look at the new science of decision-making — and how it can help us make better choices." Question and answer, book signing follow. 858-755-3735. Monday, February 16, 7 p.m.; free. The

Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

**World Literary Series** Literary reading by Ken Kuhlken, author of *The Do-Re-Mi* and other novels in Commons 206. Reading is free, parking is not. 760-750-8077. Thursday, February 12, 7 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

## LECTURES

**"Broadway Goes to Hollywood"** Lecture series by Bruno Leone continues with look at "giants" of Broadway during 1930s — George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers, and Irving Berlin. Program will focus on music, musicals of '30s and '40s. 858-454-5872. Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**"Debunking the 'Poster Child' of Intelligent Design: The Bacterial Flagellum"** Kelly Hughes of University of Utah's department of biology speaks for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Seminar Series at 4 p.m. in Gold Auditorium of BioScience Center. Lecture celebrating Charles Darwin is preceded by reception (3:30 p.m.). 619-594-1105. Monday, February 16, 3:30 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

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## OUT & ABOUT

### "WEAPONS OF SELF-DESTRUCTION TOUR"

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throughout China, from modern global cities of Beijing and Shanghai to discovering ancient culture. RSVP: 619-338-9981 x14. Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m.; free. Le Travel Store, 745 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Feats, Fates, Foibles, and Firsts"** Wordsmith, humorist Richard Lederer divulges "fascinating facts about our presidents" during fundraisers for ArtsBusXpress (an organization providing free bus transportation for cultural field trips for San Diego County students). Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$40 at door. Reservations: 858-270-7577. Thursday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Art Expressions Gallery, 2645 Financial Court, Suite C. (BAY PARK)

**"Finding Career Success After 40+, 50+, and 60+..."** Workshop by Nancy Davis, student development services supervisor, master career counselor, registered professional career counselor offered in Career Center Room 627.

619-644-7697. Tuesday, February 17, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, February 18, 11 a.m.; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

**"Introduction to Knotting"** Fiber artist Carol Lang presents class in "age-old technique of knotting." Class explores sculptural form using simple knots. For all levels of experience. Tools: your hands, pair of scissors. \$10 materials fee. Required advance registration: 760-721-2787. Information: 760-431-1645. Sunday, February 15, noon; \$55-\$80. Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art, 219 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Isaac Bashevis Singer's Children's Books"** SDSU professor of children's literature Alida Allison speaks for "Second Friday Community Round Table." Allison's research within children's literature covers topics including dreams, fantasy, Sigmund Freud. 858-268-3674. Friday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.; free. Congregation Dor

Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court. (KEARNY MESA)

**"My Soul Looks Back: A Celebration of Culture, History, Humanity, and Change"** Black History Month commemoration includes lecture/discussion on "History." Series continues February 25. Goal is "to stimulate dialogue with the community about things they can take back to create change." 619-582-4002. Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m.; free. Springfield College School of Human Services, 5348 University Avenue, Suite 110. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**"Obsession with the Veil"** Bahar Davary from USD's department of theology and religious studies focuses on complexity of the meaning of the veil as a religious symbol and its connection with notion of identity. 619-260-4171. Tuesday, February 17, 5:30 p.m.; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**"San Clemente Island Habitat Recovery"** San Clemente Island is home to several rare and endemic plant and animal species, managed by U.S. Navy as alternative landing field, training facility. Unmanaged grazing by feral goats during last century caused extensive damage to island's biota. Jonathan Dunn presents a status review of habitat and species recovery projects undertaken by Navy in recent years on the island when California Native Plant Society meets in Casa del Prado room 101 or 104. Mystery plants identified. 619-294-3868. Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Sanction Bodies and Day Labor: Reports from the Corner"**

UCSB sociology professor Carolyn Pinedo-Turnovsky presents her research on day laborers, a population targeted by anti-immigration legislation, in M. Gordon Clarke Field House room 113. Her areas of research include race, ethnicity, Latino studies, immigration studies, ethnography. 760-750-4366. Thursday, February 12, 7 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

**"The Age of Watteau, Boucher, and Fragonard"** Docent guest lecture program continues. 619-239-5548. Wednesday, February 18, 10 a.m.; Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Cryogenic World of Triton"** Gary L. Peterson focuses on this "moon-sized satellite of Neptune, the most distant of the major planets" when the Explorers Club meets. Social hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 6:45 p.m., presentation at 7:45 p.m. Tickets include dinner and presentation in Officers Club. Required RSVP: 619-298-1098. Tuesday, February 17, 6 p.m.; \$30. Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Miramar Way/Miramar Road. (MIRA MESA)

**"The Love Response — Exploring the Physiology of Love"** Eva M. Selhub, M.D., explains "neurobiology of love that brings the body and mind into a state of flow and resilience, which are the hallmarks of health." Talk followed by question and answer, book signing. 760-753-5786. Friday, February 13, 7 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**"International Terrorism"** David Rapoport of UCLA speaks for Hansen/Hostler Distinguished Lecture Series. Talks examining key international issues facing

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President Obama take place in Hardy Tower room 140. 619-594-6244. Thursday, February 12, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Josephine Baker: Icon and Image** African Arts Council of the San Diego Museum of Art presents author Bennetta Jules-Rosette discussing her book and background of singer, performer who paved the way for African-American females in early to mid-20th Century Hollywood. 619-298-1098. Sunday, February 15, 3 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Art in the Evening** Thomas Gaetgens, director of Getty Research Institute and expert on history of art museums, presents "Challenging the Encyclopedic Museum: Berlin's Museum Island." 619-239-5548. Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 p.m.; \$45-\$55. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Book Arts Lecture** C.J. Grossman speaks. 858-454-5872. Friday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Can Business Benefit from Astrology?** Astrologer Steven Mark Weiss says yes, and he'll provide "proof using mainstream companies as examples" when San Diego Astrological Society hosts lecture entitled "Crossing the Great Divide: Astrology in the 'Real' World" on Friday. Weiss, author of

*Signs of Success: Serious Business Astrology*, presents workshop on Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., offering "Exercises in Business Astrology" (\$35-\$40), at Sleepy Hollow Canyon View Clubhouse. 619-307-1636. Friday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.; \$7-\$12. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

**Compare Energy Requirements** Seminar compares and contrasts energy assessment requirements of commercial green building rating programs including LEED, Energy Star, Architecture 2030, and others. 858-244-1177. Wednesday, February 18, 9 a.m.; free. California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

**Elephant Conservation** Ivory has been coveted throughout human history, prized for beauty, scarcity, ability to be finely carved. Journalist and African wildlife conservationist John Frederick Walker shares insights on complex historical role the ivory trade has played and continues to play on elephant conservation, survival. Required reservations: 619-557-3963. Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$17. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

**First Aid for Dogs and Cats** American Red Cross class covers treatments for pet emergencies including choking, shock, poisoning, and broken bones. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. Saturday, February 14, 1 p.m.; \$55. San

Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**First Impressions Last** Image Consultant Yan Gao teaches adults and teens how to make good impressions during "interview image tips" workshop. 858 513-2900. Wednesday, February 18, 6:45 p.m.; free. Ages 13 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Happy Birthday, Mr. Darwin** In celebration of Darwin's 200th birthday, Cornell Jaray presents show illustrating life of Charles Darwin, and Phillip de Barros of Palomar College speaks, all for Humanist Fellowship of San Diego. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Homebuyers Workshop** Learn about mortgage lending and homebuying process, current mar-

ket news, current homebuyer programs. RSVP: 858-643-1105. Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 p.m.; free. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**How About a Halo?** Learn to create fresh flower halos, flower girl baskets, and miniature hand-held bouquets during San Diego Floral Association "Wedding Flower Arranging" workshop in room 104 of Casa Del Prado. Bring lunch and floral clippers or cutters; floral materials provided. Registration: 619-232-5762. Thursday, February 12, 9:30 a.m.; \$25-\$30. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**How's the Heart?** Learn to maintain a healthy heart during "Care of the Heart Workshop." Topics include underlying causes of heart disease, addressing these issues from a naturopathic, nutritional, noninvasive approach. Focus is on

prevention techniques, early warning signals, smart lifestyle choices. Registration: 877-255-4703. Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m.; free. HealthWalk, 5825 Avenida Encinas, Suite 111. (CARLSBAD)

**Lunch and Learn** Tubular skylighting seminar presented by Tim Deming from Solatube Brighter Concepts. Expect overview of how tubular skylighting works, comparison with traditional box skylights. 858-244-1177. Thursday, February 12, 11:30 a.m.; free. California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

**Opera Previews North!** Musicologist Ron Shaheen offers look at *Don Quixote* by Jules Massenet. Tickets distributed at 9:15 a.m., lecture at 10 a.m. 760-434-2904. Saturday, February 14, 9:15 a.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**Valentines Are for Lawyers?** SoCal Moviemakers gather to hear Adam Englund focus on entertainment law. 619-309-7492. Thursday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

## OUTDOORS

**Ocean Water Temperatures**, of late in the high 50s Fahrenheit, are finally on the upswing this month as the daylight hours lengthen and the sun arcs higher overhead in the sky each day. It will take about five months of spring and summer sunshine before the ocean's enormous mass and large heat capacity fully respond to the input of solar energy. A maximum water temperature in 70s is expected by August or September.

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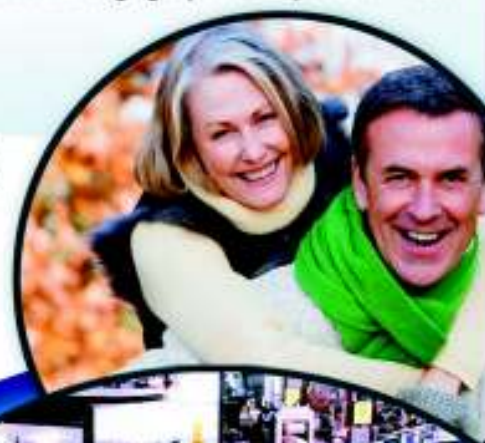
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## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

(sometimes yellow) flower clusters adorn grassy areas and disturbed patches of soil, are beginning to pop up all over San Diego County. If desert rainfall cooperates, you'll spot lupines along the sandy washes or in roadside gullies where water temporarily collects. Coastal lupines should be in full flower by late March. Higher-elevation lupines will be blooming in the mountain areas in May and early June. The generic name *Lupinus*, meaning "wolf," was given these plants in the belief that they robbed the soil of nutrients. Actually the reverse is true: Their ability to fix nitrogen through root nodules helps them survive on poor soils and may, in fact, enrich the soil around them.

**Tree Heights** can be easily measured this week if the sun shines at midday. On or near Wednesday, February 18, at or very near 12 noon, the sun as seen from San Diego County stands at an altitude of 45 degrees above the horizon. Under those conditions, the length of a shadow cast by a vertical tree trunk on a horizontal surface equals the height of the tree trunk. Even if you lack a measuring tape, you can still use your own feet to pace the distance heel-to-toe; the length of an average adult male's shoe sole, for example, is very close to one foot.

**No Moon** graces the Valentine's Day evening sky this year, but romantically inclined individuals can still impress their significant others with their knowledge of astronomy by pointing out the planet Venus, blazing like a wedding-ring diamond in the western sky after dark. Venus reaches greatest brilliancy

during its current "evening-star" apparition on Thursday, February 19. Couples staying out late can catch the moon — currently well past full phase — rising over the east horizon at around 11:30 p.m.

**"Early Birds, Bugs, and Botany"** Naturalist Lee Dezan plans mildly strenuous hike, with trails chosen depending upon makeup of hikers. Expect to see birds at Middle and Mallard Ponds. 760-839-4680. Saturday, February 14, 7:30 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Love Your Wetlands Day"** San Diego Audubon Society and UC Natural Reserve System invite volunteers to help patrol Northern Wildlife Preserve in Mission Bay for invasive mangrove plants and trash. Work to restore rare coastal salt marsh for endangered light-footed clapper rails and Belding's savannah sparrow, among other species.

Wear long pants, old clothes, sturdy waterproof shoes (rubber boots are ideal). Water, snacks, gloves, tools provided. Project site accessed via Campland. Park at end of Pacific Beach Drive, just outside main entrance; proceed by foot through Campland entrance, make second right on Great Blue Heron Run, follow signs to Riding Hood Wood Park on left. RSVP: 619-682-7210. Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.; free. Campland on the Bay, 2211 Pacific Beach Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**A Star Is Born** Romance your valentine under the stars when astronomy expert George Varga sets up powerful telescopes to explore stars and planets in night sky, including Orion nebula. 619-668-3281. Saturday, February 14, 5 p.m.; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)



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**Asian Pacific Historic District  
Tours** Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, February 14, 11 a.m.; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Birding in Guajome Regional  
Park** Explore the park with Palomar Audubon Society members. Seasoned birders and beginners welcome. 760-746-8315. Saturday, February 14, 8:30 a.m.; Rancho Guajome Adobe, 2210 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

**El Cuervo Adobe History Hike** Anthropologist Will Bowen leads hike to El Cuervo adobe ruins; learn about controversy over who built it and when, check out Norwood Brown's old roundup corral. Bring water and sun protection, wear good footwear. 858-452-7091. Sunday, February 15, 3 p.m.; free. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Endangered Plants and Animals** Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing focuses on year-round habitats of plants and animals during moderately easy two-mile hike. 760-839-4680. Saturday, February 14, 8:30 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Explore Silverwood Sanctuary** Audubon Society offers guided

walks on Sundays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. 619-682-7200. Sundays, 9 a.m.; free. Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

**Fall in Love, Naturally!** Fall in love with unique beauty of San Diego's open space during trail guide-led nature walk through oaks, cottonwood, sycamore, willows while admiring birds. 619-668-3281. Saturday, February 14, 8:30 a.m.; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Habitat Restoration Project** Volunteers invited to help plant native plants to create coastal succulent scrub habitat for endangered coastal cactus wren. Bring water, sun protection, gloves if you have them. Meet in northeast corner of Black Mountain Ranch Community Park. 858-538-2527. Saturday, February 14, 9 a.m.; free. Black Mountain Community Park, 12115-A Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Habitat Restoration for California Least Tern** San Diego Audubon Society invites volunteers to maintain nesting site for endangered California Least Terns in Mission Bay. Help clear nesting site of invasive plants so the terns may use site for nesting and rearing their young. Wear work clothes. If you have them, bring work gloves, weeding tools or clippers. 619-682-

7210. Saturday, February 14, 9 a.m.; free. San Diego River restoration site, Sea World Drive near South Shores Park. (MISSION BEACH)

**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)

**Hike the Englemann Oak Loop** Join Canyoneers for moderate hike under oaks and along a stream. 619-255-0203. Sunday, February 15, 9 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Love the Wetlands (from a Kayak!)** Join San Diego River Park Foundation's Clean and Green Team "to show the river some love." Volunteers needed to remove trash from both water and shoreline. Volunteers with kayaks asked to register in advance due to restrictions on number of boats allowed in water; no limit to number of onshore volunteers. Tools, supplies provided. RSVP, directions: 619-297-7380. Saturday, February 14, 12:30 p.m.; free. San Diego River restoration site, Sea World Drive near South Shores Park. (MISSION BEACH)

**Morph with Mission Trails  
Park** Observe the rapid transformations in nature during interpretive trail guide-led nature walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, February 14, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, February 15, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, February 18, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Mystery Walk** Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles based on makeup of the group. Expect "a lot of map read-

ing." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, February 13, 7 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Palm Walk** Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Field Ornithologists** Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, February 14, 9 a.m.; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

**"Besame Mucho"** Enjoy "boleros, love, and friendship" with soprano Samantha García, tenor Mario Tadeo, and bass Salvador Padilla. Tickets include dinner, wine, champagne. 011-52-664-681-2735. Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m.; \$45. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Ely Guerra** Mexican singer-songwriter plans concert. 011-52-664-634-3784. Friday, February 13, 10 p.m.; \$10-\$25. The Rock, Paseo de los Héroes, Zona Río. (BAJA)

**Father and Son Off-Road Ride** Adventure starting and finishing at Rosarito Beach Hotel includes lunch, soft drinks. 619-819-6323. Sunday, February 15, 9 a.m.; \$30. Rosarito Beach Hotel, Boulevard Benito Juárez #31. (BAJA)

**Nicho Hinojosa** In concert. Tickets include dinner. 011-52-664-681-8091. Friday, February 13, 8 p.m.; \$30. Tangaloo Club, on Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

**One Love Peace Concert** Performances by Ky-mai Marley, Mad Professor, Pablo Moses, Dennis Bovell, Alike, Elijah Emmanuel, Groundation, Macka B, Quinto Sol, and Natural. 619-734-2333. Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m.; \$20. El Foro, 1500 Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

**The Accordion King** Ramón Ayala, who has defined modern norteño music with his accordion playing and lyrics, brings his traditional northern ranchera style to the stage. 011-52-664-685-9594. Thursday, February 12, 8 p.m.; \$20. Las Pulgas Club, Avenida Revolución 1127. (BAJA)

**The Fab Four** Enjoy "Beatlemania." 011-52-664-681-7000. Friday, February 13, 9 p.m.; \$25. Grand Hotel Tijuana, Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

**Ximena Sariñara in Concert** Grammy Award- and Latin Grammy-nominated Mexican singer-songwriter and actress takes stage. 619-734-2333. Friday, February 13, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$24. El Foro, 1500 Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

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**"Books and Bites"** Program sponsored by Warwick's Bookstore, promising lunch and discussion with author Kathi Diamant, author of *Kafka's Last Love*. With purchase of Diamant's book (at 20 percent discount), lunch tickets are \$20. Required reservations: 858-454-0347. Friday, February 13, 1 p.m.; \$20. Burgundy Grill & Wine Bar, 830 Kline Street. (LA JOLLA)

**"Flavors of the Garden"** Tour the garden, sample sweet and savory delights inspired by nature's bounty. Herbs, vegetables, fruits, nectars form foundation for these culinary treats. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, February 14, 11:30 a.m.; \$20-\$30.

Ages 12 and up. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

**"Hearts and Stuff"** Valentine's Day art show with artwork and apparel by Martha Martin and Jason Feather benefiting Classics 4 Kids, opening with Ray at Night reception. Show continues for 30 days. 619-298-3830. Saturday, February 14, 6 p.m.; free. Disconnected Salon, 3830 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**"In Search of the Divine Feminine"** Art show, reception for California artist Sony Arletta. Exhibition includes viewing of her debut photo project "Call for the Beautiful Ones." Light hors d'oeuvres, music by Living Water Muzik. RSVP: 760-703-3074. Sunday, February 15, 3 p.m.; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Prison Nation: Posters on the Prison Industrial Complex"** Exhibition addressing many issues such as prison-industrial complex, death penalty, "three strikes" laws, re-entry into community continues through April. Exhibition was produced by Center for the Study of Political Graphics in Los Angeles. 760-750-4378. Thursdays, 7

a.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.; Mondays, 7 a.m.; Tuesdays, 7 a.m.; Wednesdays, 7 a.m.; through Thursday, April 30, free. Kellogg Library at CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

**"Rancho La Puerta Cooking"** Chef Deborah Schneider — author of *Baja! Cooking on the Edge* and co-author with Deborah Szekely of *Cooking with the Seasons at Rancho La Puerta* — demonstrates recipes including quinoa cranberry salad with pepitas, saffron vegetable stew with lemon zest aioli, Mayan chocolate sorbet. Proceeds benefit American Heart Association. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, February 14, noon; \$15. Macy's Fashion Valley, 7017 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Valentine's Day Extravaganza"** Organizers promise "tasty baked goods," face painting, pet photos, doggie kissing booth "while you browse the shelter for your new furry valentine." 760-753-6413. Saturday, February 14, 11 a.m.; free. Rancho Coastal Humane Society, 389 Requeza Street. (ENCINITAS)

**"Who Would Know That You Have Diabetes?"** Instructor Sharon Prescott demonstrates a complete meal featuring entrées such as lamb chops with blackberry pear chutney, green garden minestrone soup, chocolate soufflés. Samples provided. Reservations: 858-578-2665. Thursday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.; \$49. Cooking With Class, 8290 Miramar Road. (MIRA MESA)

**A "Pseudo-Mythical Dish"!** Compete or just watch the "2009 Corned Beef Musubi-Eating Contest." Dish consists of a piece of corned beef and special sauce on top of a block of green rice (using green colored dried shrimp), wrapped with thin strip of dried seaweed. Winner of contest receives trip to Honolulu to compete in finals on March 17. Free for spectators; \$20 to compete. 858-693-5888. Sunday, February 15, 11 a.m.; free. L&L Hawaiian Barbecue — Mira Mesa, 8280-A Mira Mesa Boulevard. (MIRA MESA)

**A Day of Art and Discovery** Access to the Arts presents art sale featuring five East County artists. "Jurassic Jim's" gem and mineral display for kids. 619-670-5194. Saturday, February 14, noon; free. Heritage of the Americas Museum, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

**Ask the Designer** Professional landscape designer Connie Beck offers personalized, 45-minute landscape design consultation. Bring a photograph of your area, ideas from magazines, project dimensions for practical advice, suggestions for creating a low-water landscape. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Tuesday, February 17, 5:30 p.m.; \$60-\$75. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

**Black History Bowl** SDSU hosts local college students in an aca-

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## LOCAL EVENTS

demio bowl-style trivia night with questions about Black History Month and black history in San Diego in Back Door at Aztec Center. 619-594-6531. Monday, February 16, 4 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Board Game Benefit** Heifer International benefits from event with variety of board games played in noncompetitive setting. Dona-

tion. 619-204-8834. Friday, February 13, 8 p.m.; \$10. Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

**California Open Wildlife Art Festival** More than 150 wildfowl and fish carvers take part in competition including fine art exhibits, carving competition. Artist of the year: David Rojas. 619-588-7141. Saturday, February 14, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, February 15, 9 a.m.; free. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

**Candlelight Yoga** Enjoy slow-flow classes by candlelight "offered as an alternative to the usual Friday

night scene." All levels. Donation. 619-315-4537. Friday, February 13, 8 p.m.; ages 14 and up. SD Yoga Loft, 740 13th Street, studio 503. (DOWNTOWN)

**Circus Vargas 2009** Circus Vargas raises its big top for performances around the county. Latest edition of circus "bridges the gap between old tradition and modern innovation." Prior to each show, audience is invited into center ring for "crash course in circus skills such as juggling, feather balancing, and hula-hooping." Tickets: 877-468-3861. Thursday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, February 13, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 14, 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, February 15, 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.;

Monday, February 16, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$50. Westfield Plaza Bonita, 3030 Plaza Bonita Road. (BONITA)

**Good Dog!** San Diego Labrador Dog Show returns to fête the most popular purebred dogs in America (for 18th consecutive year, according to American Kennel Club). 858-794-1171. Saturday, February 14, 8 a.m.; Sunday, February 15, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

**HEART Fundraiser** HEART (Helping Everyone Applaud Rising Teens) fundraiser to support "Teen Connection" program, with wine tasting, live music, short film, food from Baja Betty's, silent auction. "Teen Connection" is described as "an at-risk teen theater troupe that writes, creates, and performs character education skits for...elementary school students." 619-574-9463. Thursday, February 12, 6 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Wine Cabana, 2539 Congress Street. (OLD TOWN)

**Hundreds of Koi** Annual open koi show promises "hundreds of colorful koi fish" on display, as well as seminars, breeders, vendors. 858-689-9909. Saturday, February 14, 9 a.m.; Sunday, February 15, 9 a.m.; free. Marriott San Diego Mission Valley, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Let's Talk Together** Museum visitors may talk with "wide variety of artists, scholars, storytellers, and community leaders about the complex issues and history presented within" the "Black Womanhood" exhibition. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. Saturday, February 14, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Love Healing!** Clinic for Valentine's Day, with practitioners of arts such as reiki, theta, jin shin jyutsu, and yuen healing modalities on hand (\$25 per consultation). Lecture on love and magic spells at 2 p.m. (free). 619-298-3422. Saturday, February 14, noon; free. Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, Suite G. (POINT LOMA)

**Lux at Night** Enjoy libations and chance to meet resident artist Jolynn Krystosek and view her "large-scale paper cut-outs and intricate wax floral relief carvings." The pieces "reflect traditional craftsmanship, lush botanicals, and Victorian cameos." 760-436-6611. Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m.; free. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

**Pink Diamonds** Annual tasting/salute to pink bubbles in rose champagne promises six pretty wines from celebrated region in France. RSVP: 858-450-9557. Saturday, February 14, 11:30 a.m.; \$38. Wine-Sellar and Brasserie, 9550 Waples Street #115. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Ray at Night** Explore the "heart of North Park art and culture" during these gallery walks offered on second Saturday of each month by many of the galleries, studios in the neighborhood. 619-297-9663. Saturday, February 14, 6 p.m.; free. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Stamp-Collecting Show** Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, February 15, 10 a.m.; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

**Strange and Exotic!** San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society hosts winter show in room 101 with specimens of cactus and other succulents from around world. Exhibitors on hand to answer questions concerning culture of these plants. 858-270-5544. Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Sweethearts Sail on the Bay** Spend Valentine's Day aboard the tall ship *Californian*, with three-hour scenic tours of bay, marine wildlife, local attractions. Tickets include keepsake photos, souvenirs, maritime-related gifts. Reservations: 619-234-9153. Saturday, February 14, 1 p.m.; \$35-\$60. San

Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**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)

**Urban Trees 5** Public art exhibit of 31 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorne Street) continues through July. Artists were supplied with a 12-foot tall pole placed in a concrete planter to serve as tree's base; artists alter the pole by attaching materials to create their sculptures. 619-686-6200. Thursdays; Fridays; Saturdays; Sundays; Mondays; Tuesdays; Wednesdays; through Friday, July 31, free. Embarcadero, Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**Valentine's Day Fiesta** Live entertainment provided by Sarva Dharma Productions, traditional blues by Pappy D and the Band, original rock by Pete Logue and the Resonators, and *rock en español* by the U.N., all in support of development of Kokopelli Community Workshop. Also planned: traditional earthen pit *barbacoa* feast. Tickets: \$25 per person, \$50 per family. 760-729-8431. Saturday, February 14, 11 a.m.; \$25-\$5. Kokopelli Community Workshop, 3745 Adams Street. (CARLSBAD)

**Victorian Valentine Tea** Enjoy treats and sweets during tea hosted by San Diego Historical Society in this restored historic home. Benefits Villa Montezuma. Seatings at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. Reservations: 619-255-9367. Saturday, February 14, 11 a.m.; \$25. William Hollington House, 171 21st Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**What About Mormonism?** Focus on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, February 12, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Wine and Chocolate Tastings** Valentine's Day wine and chocolate tasting all day. Sample "great boutique wines with some delightful handmade chocolates." 760-757-1037. Saturday, February 14, noon; \$15. Ages 21 and up. Vine to Glass, 210-A North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**Writers' Workshop** Meet author Carlene Rae Dater and meet other writers, get writing practice, explore publishing possibilities during group meeting monthly on third Tuesday. 619-469-2151. Tuesday, February 17, 10 a.m.; free. Ages 18 and up. La Mesa Library, 8055 University Avenue. (LA MESA)

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**Monster Energy Supercross** Riders Chad Reed, Kevin Windham, James Stewart, and others compete in 125cc and 250cc stadium motorcycle racing. Practice and qualifying runs at 12:30 p.m.; main events at 7 p.m. Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Thursday, February 12, 12:30 p.m.; \$10-\$35. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**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)

**Sweetheart Ride** Join Knickerbikers bicyclists for 25-mile ride north along coast. "There might be some chocolate involved." 619-787-7427. Saturday, February 14, 9 a.m.; free. Carmel Valley park and ride, 12791 Sorrento Valley Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**USA Sevens International Rugby Tournament** Competition between teams from 16 nations playing over 44 games. Rugby

Sevens games played on traditional-size field with only seven players per team. Fan Festival includes live music, food, merchandise. Two-day passes available. Tickets: 888-784-2977. Saturday, February 14, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, February 15, 9:30 a.m.; \$26-\$250. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

## MUSEUMS

**Chula Vista Nature Center** Interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive, 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

**Coronado Museum of History and Art** Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. 1100 Orange Avenue, 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

**Flying Leatherneck Museum** Museum is dedicated to Marines

who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Miramar Road (Marine Corps Air Station), 858-693-1723. (MIRA MESA)

**Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego** Glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. 413 Market Street, 619-237-1492. (DOWNTOWN)

**Junipero Serra Museum** "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement. 2727 Presidio Drive, 619-297-3258. (OLD TOWN)

**La Mesa Depot Museum** Located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent

freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street, 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

**San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum** Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 910 North Harbor Drive, 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

**San Diego County Sheriff's Museum** The 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. 2384 San Diego Avenue, 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

**San Diego Model Railroad Museum** Museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

## CLASSICAL LISTINGS

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**Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition Finals** Students of the SDYS Orchestra compete for opportunity to perform their chosen concerto at the Spring Ovation Concert with the Symphony Orchestra. 619-233-3232. Free. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 7 p.m., Thursday, February 12. (LA JOLLA)

**Pipe Organ Concert** Hans Hielscher, organist and carillonneur at the Wiesbaden Marktkirche in Wiesbaden, Germany, is next performer for pipe organ concert series. No offering taken. 619-442-8201. Free. First Church of Christ, Scientist, La Mesa (8262 Allison Avenue), 7:30 p.m., Friday, February 13. (LA MESA)

**Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series** Enjoy Schubert's "Trio in B Flat," the "Divertimento in E flat" by Mozart, and Dohnányi's "Serenade in C" when James Ehnes (violin), Cynthia Phelps (viola), and Julie Albers (cello) present concerts. 619-239-0100 x2. \$48. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, February 13, 8 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (LA JOLLA)

**Faculty Concert** Alyze Dreiling (violin and viola) and Linda Scott (piano) perform Bach's "Sonata No. 2 for Unaccompanied Violin in A Minor" and the Hindemith "Sonata for Unaccompanied Viola" in French Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. \$5-\$10. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, February 13. (LINDA VISTA)

**What Makes Music Romantic?** Find out when Hutchins Consort plays selection of love-inspired music including Tchaikovsky's "Waltz from Serenade for Strings," "Allegro Maestoso" by Mozart, "Greensleeves," and resident composer Fred Charlton's "Fandango." 760-753-7376. Free. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 10 a.m., Saturday, February 14. (ENCINITAS)

**Contemporary Works for Flute and Piano** Elena Yarritu (flute) and Gabriel Sanchez (piano) perform Mike Mower's "Sonata No. 3," works by Paul Schoenfield, Azerbaijani composer Fikret Amirov, Frank Martin, and Debussy during CD-release recital. 858-586-7000. Free. Greene Music Recital Hall (7480 Miramar Road, Suite 101), 3 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (MIRA MESA)



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### CLASSICAL MUSIC

**Chivalry and Honor** San Diego Opera season continues with Jules Massenet's masterpiece *Don Quixote*, based on novel by Miguel Cervantes. Cast includes Italian bass Ferruccio Furlanetto, American mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves, German bass Reinhard Dorn, American tenor Bryan Register, American tenor Joel Sorensen, others. Conductor is Karen Keltner, director is Ian Campbell. Performed in French with English translations above the stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. \$28-\$175. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, February 14, Tuesday, February 17. (DOWNTOWN)

**Valentine's Day at the Pops** San Diego Symphony is joined by conductor Matthew Garbutt, soprano Julia Teal Kermott, and baritone John Polhamus for Winter Pops concert. Enjoy romantic music by Richard Rodgers, Leonard Bernstein, John Williams, Jerry Goldsmith, Lerner and Loewe, Henry Mancini, Marvin Hamlisch, others. 619-235-0804. \$20-\$85. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (DOWNTOWN)

**More "Mainly Mozart"** Enjoy Schubert's "Trio in B Flat" and the "Divertimento in E Flat" by Mozart when James Ehnes (violin), Cynthia Phelps (viola), and

Julie Albers (cello) present concert. 619-239-0100 x2. \$25. Saint Elizabeth Seton Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street), 2 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (CARLSBAD)

**Organ and Clarinet** Former civic organist Jared Jacobsen is joined by clarinetist Simon Cooper for concert. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Arie d'Amore"** Solana Intimate Ensemble celebrates love during recital of selections by Massenet, Verdi, Mozart, Puccini, Bizet, Borodin, Dvořák, others. Performers include Cherylyn Larson (soprano), Ava Liss (mezzo-soprano), Bill Nolan (baritone), Aleksander Agamirzov (tenor), and Janie Prim (piano). This Californiae Foundation for International Global Arts event begins with reception at 2:30 p.m., concert at 3 p.m. Recommended reservations: 858-677-0367. \$15-\$23. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (ENCINITAS)

**The Pleasure of Your Company** Music series hosts guitarist Colin McAllister in concert. Expect to hear "a wide selection of classical music from the late 14th Century to the present, including pieces by Fernando Sor, Leo Brouwer, and Steve Reich." Reception follows. Donations appreciated. 858-538-8158. Free. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

## OUT & ABOUT

**CHIVALRY AND HONOR**  
*Don Quixote*,  
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**Ovation Concert** San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory presents 63rd annual Winter Ovation Concert, honoring City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture and the Park and Recreation Department. Listen for the overture to "The Bartered Bride" by Smetana, "Symphony No. 2 in D Major" by Beethoven, and Rimsky Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnole," as well as a "tribute to Black History Month with a performance of the 'Festive Overture' by William Grant Still, often referred to as 'the dean' of African American composers." 619-233-3232. \$5-\$30. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (DOWNTOWN)

**Spotlight Series** Mainly Mozart series continues with Schubert's "Trio in B Flat" and the "Divertimento in E flat" by Mozart performed by James Ehnes (violin), Cynthia Phelps (viola), and Julie Albers (cello). 619-239-0100 x2. \$60. The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (5951 Linea del Cielo), 5:30 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Messiaen Centennial Tribute** Local American Guild of Organists presents tribute to Olivier Messiaen with narration by Kingsley McLaren, performances by organists Marilou Kratzenstein, Robert Plimpton, Alison Luedecke, Martin Green. French-themed reception follows. 619-203-4119. Free. Saint Paul's Cathedral (2278 Sixth Avenue), 5:30 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (BANKER'S HILL)

**"Love Revealed: Songs of Awakening"** Sacra/Profana celebrates American music, from Leonard Bernstein to Leonard Cohen, during concert featuring wide variety of music by American composers, all concentrated on transformative power of love. Ensemble is joined by members of USD Symphony on second half of program for two short choral works by W.A. Mozart commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary: "Alma Dei Creatoris" and the "Litanie Lauretanae." Offering suggested. 619-309-7762. The Immaculate Parish at USD (5998 Alcalá Park), 6 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (LINDA VISTA)

**La Jolla Presbyterian Church Concert Series** Pianist Lin Hong and clarinetist Charles Neidich play works composed by Mozart, Schumann, Brahms, Poulenc, and

Prokofiev. Donation requested: \$10. 858-729-5531. Free. La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue), 7 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (LA JOLLA)

**Music on the Point** Organist Robert Bates plans recital "on San Diego's only Baroque pipe organ" for series. Reception follows. Donation. 619-223-6394 x13. \$5. All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard), 7:30 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (POINT LOMA)

**Classical Piano for Lunch** Pianist Kasey Kay performs for mini-concert. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza), noon, Monday, February 16. (DOWNTOWN)

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## GALLERIES

**"A Day in the Life of Carlsbad and Karlovsky Vary"** Receptions for exhibition celebrating "2008 Senior Artist Project Grant Recipient" Bonita Maffei and artwork created by 100 "special needs adults" taught at Community Interface Services and William's Quest facilities. Also on display: works by Felix Bonomo and League members. Special Needs artists' reception runs 1:30-4 p.m.; reception for Bonomo and members follows, 4-6 p.m. Closes Sunday, March 1. 760-434-8497. Free. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery (300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101), 1:30 p.m., Sunday, February 15. (CARLSBAD)

**"Fifteen and Counting"** Opening reception for 15-year retrospective exhibition of works by San Diego artist C. Martino, created 1995-2009. Closes Friday, March 13. 858-792-9685. Free. Mabuno Gallery (414 North Cedros Avenue), 6 p.m., Friday, February 13. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Garage Sale"** Reception for exhibition questioning "the difference between everyday objects and art objects, colloquial aesthetics and installation art" by David White, Joy Boe, Judith Pedroza, Josh Bellfy, Joe Yorty, and Eddie Miramontes. Work on view "is the remains of an actual garage sale held at the gallery on the mornings of January 31 and February 1." 619-384-7989. Agitprop Gallery (2837 University Avenue), 6 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (NORTH PARK)

**"I, Camera"** Opening reception for collection of photographs reflecting members of the PhotoArts Group. Exhibit closes Friday, March 6. 760-480-4101. Free. InnerSpace Gallery (262 East Grand Avenue), 5:30 p.m., Friday, February 13. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Not Quite the Full Story"** Opening reception for exhibition of artwork by Carla Christensen. The artist has "endeavored to incorporate words in the artwork itself and in an excerpted book form for each piece to enhance the telling of my story, albeit not quite the full story." Closes Sunday, March 8. 619-299-4278. Free. San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street), 6 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (NORTH PARK)

**"One and Only"** Exhibit opens with reception for the seven participating jewelry artists. Closes Friday, March 27. 619-692-0099. Free. Taboo Studio (1615 West Lewis Street), 6 p.m., Friday, February 13. (MISSION HILLS)

**"Plastic Prophets of Vinyl Redemption"** Opening reception for "unique pop-culture explosion" of artwork by artist John Purlia. "Sub 1K" Gallery features works priced under \$1000; the "Alley" is filled with an additional 200 works of art. In addition, more than 19 artists have work on view in 14 artist studios. Closes Saturday, March 7. 760-781-5779. Free. Distinction Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue), 6 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Pride and Glory"** Opening reception for exhibition of art by Paul Brogden, whose style is influenced by metal music, horror movies, circus sideshows, *Mad* magazine, tattoos, politics. Also planned: Ray at Night reception on Saturday, February 14. Through Saturday, February 21. 619-297-9663. Free. Planet Rooth Gallery (3811 Ray Street), 6 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (NORTH PARK)

**"Seep"** Opening reception for Brooklyn artist Tricia Kleinot's West Coast debut exhibition. View her "pop surrealist work" on wood, paper, and canvas through Tuesday, February 24. 619-723-0530. Free. Room 222 (222 Wisconsin Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (OCEANSIDE)

**Juried Exhibition** Vista Art Foundation hosts awards reception for exhibit juried by J. McNeil Sargent. Closes Thursday, March 5. 760-305-8278. Free. Gallery 204 (204 Main Street), 4 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (VISTA)

**Retrospective Exhibit** Oil painter Jori Owens honored with Ray at Night reception. Work by resident artist Marjorie Taylor is on view as well. 619-298-0063. Free. Taylor Studio (3825 Ray Street), 6 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (NORTH PARK)

**Romantic Paintings** Artist reception with champagne, roses, live music for Steven Quartly, who "creates impressionistic oils on canvas, specializing in seascapes and cityscapes." 800-599-7111. Free. Exclusive Collections Gallery Fashion Valley (7007 Friars Road), 6 p.m., Saturday, February 14. (MISSION VALLEY)

## ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum** Four new exhibitions are open: "20th Century Photography: Selections from the Wachovia Securities Art Collection," "Divi/nation: Work by Debby and Larry Kline," "Between: Work by Nina Waisman," and "Reel Mothers: Film Video Art and the Maternal." Exhibits address current social issues and reflect on how historical moments have impacted life in America and world. Through Sunday, June 21. 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, September 6.

"Shibui — The Subtle Beauty of Japanese Craft" features metal, textiles, wood, and ceramics from museum's collection of Japanese folk art, craft, design. Highlights include kimono and textiles by Keisuke Serizawa, more. Continues through Sunday, June 28.

"Forms in Wood and Fiber," continuing through February, features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and California Fibers, a group of artist craftsmen from Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego counties. Exhibition is conceived as "lively conversation among peers and between two artistic media." 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (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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**Bands on the Run** Josh Pann, singer-guitarist with circaNow, says the musicians who rented space at Universal Sound rehearsal complex near the Sports Arena were not happy when they found out they had to vacate the property.

a lot of people ripped him off. Some of the bands that practiced there were big jackasses. They really trashed the place bad. A bunch of the metal bands were really being idiots. They were really disrespectful. That was not cool.”  
The Sports Arena

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“We got notices that said the lease for the building ran out on [January] 27 and that we had to be out by the first [of February]. A lot of bands got really pissed off. They basically trashed the place. There were busted lights. The walls were trashed. A mannequin was shoved through a wall.”

Pann says he tried to get in contact with Universal owner Sean Brandes. “I tried to get ahold of him a bunch of times, but it was obvious his voice mail was flooded. You couldn’t even leave a message. We still owe past rent that we wanted to pay and are still willing to pay, but we couldn’t even get a hold of him to pay that. I think he was busy. I think he had a lot on his plate. I think

Universal Sound complex included 20 rehearsal rooms.



NO ROOM FOR CIRCA NOW

Universal still operates a 40-room rehearsal complex at 8840 Miramar Road. SDPD Detective Anderson says that she has reports of

four different rooms at the Sports Arena complex that were broken into and robbed of equipment in mid-December. “From what we heard, a total of eight rooms were cleaned out,” says Pann. Pann says his band had been paying \$400 a month for a 10-by-14-foot room at the Sports Arena complex for over a year.

“It’s sad to see it go. We really need to have a place nearby. It was good to have [24-hour access] so when we came home at four in the morning we could unload. There is an absolute need in that area for more practice space. I used to go there and play music every single day. We need a new place pronto.”

An employee named Dale answered a call to the Universal Sound facility on Miramar Road. He said that Brandes was in London.

Brandes responded by email: “Let’s just attribute it to a tough economy. There are not enough bands that can pay at the moment and the profit margin is too thin for the business to survive.”  
— Ken Leighton

**Get Your Own Trademark, NXNP** The operators of the South by Southwest annual music fest have had to sue to keep others from using their name. “We have to deal with people wanting use East by East West and any number of varia-

tions,” says Roland Swenson, SXSW managing director and cofounder. “People move ahead with things without bothering to ask us.”

Some of those people include the operators of the North by North Park music fest.

“I don’t think anybody would deny that the use of that name [North by North Park] is evocative of South by Southwest. I told them, ‘Come on, guys, come up with something original here.’”

Swenson says the SXSW name has been used for 23 years to identify the Austin music fest and that his group also owns the trademark for the annual North by Northeast festival held in Toronto for the past 17 years.

“Part of owning a trademark is protecting unauthorized use and protecting it from people who want to change it around slightly. When that happens, it causes what is known as dilution of the trademark. It weakens the trademark holder’s ownership of the mark.”

He says Xerox is an example of trademark dilution.

“We have a duty to protect our trademarks. We made South by Southwest a well-known term, and that is one of our main assets. Not a month goes by that we don’t have to remind others about that fact.”

He says a lawsuit against North by North Park organiz-



SXSW’S SWENSON

ers is not imminent. “We have not gotten anywhere close to that. We asked them to pick a new name. We have been going back and forth with the *CityBeat* people since August. I don’t know what will happen next. It’s an ongoing thing. These sorts of things can drag on for a long time.”

*CityBeat* publisher Kevin Hellman was one of the organizers of North by North Park. Swenson notes that *CityBeat* is a San Diego sponsor for SXSW. “We appreciate their involvement very much.”

North by North Park cofounder Kevin Hellman says, “We have no comment at this time.”

The first NXNP event, held August 8 and 9 of last year, included music-industry panel discussions and local talent showcases at 14 venues in North Park. The SXSW music fest runs March 18–22.  
— Ken Leighton

**Singer Wanted, No Marshmallows** Local alt-country singer John Meeks says he searched long and hard before he found the female vocalist to accompany him on his country duets. He had two songs ready but no singer. He looked all over town, scouring websites of San Diego’s female vocalists to find the right voice, the Tammy Wynette to his George Jones, the Kitty Wells to his Red Foley — country voices he grew up listening to.

“I was keeping an ear out for a female voice that didn’t make me want to throw up,” said Meeks. “Seriously, the whole baby talk and marshmallow in the mouth thing needs to stop.”

The search ended when he found singer-songwriter and 2008 SDMA nominee for best pop album Joanie Mendenhall.

“I stumbled on her MySpace page and couldn’t get the chorus to her song ‘Total Wreck’ out of my head for days. I ended up meeting her at the Whistle Stop and let her know what she had done to me.”

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Over a few drinks at the bar that night, Meeks asked Mendenhall if she'd like to sing the female parts for his duets.

"Actually, I think his words of choice were, 'Hey, thanks for not singing like you have marshmallows in your mouth, want to try some of these duets?' It was a funny invitation from a stranger, but I took it as a compliment," wrote Mendenhall in an email.

Though, for Mendenhall, performing as a duo has taken a while to get used to.

"It's a total pleasure to step into the shoes of the girl characters he writes. I just sing the songs as honestly and as best I can. The weirdest part for me is standing there and just singing without a guitar or a keyboard in my hands — that's definitely a first for me."

Since that meeting, the two have performed several times together around town and plan to start recording the duets this month at

Mendenhall's recording studio. Their next show is at Evocal in Costa Mesa on February 20.

— Dorian Hargrove

**Scientifically Proven Jams** "Two of us are lab-coat-wearing PhDs at Scripps Institute of Oceanography," says Guava Belly bassist James Traer. "Mike [Pritchard, singer-key-



WANNA DUET? (MEEKS)

boardist] works in the climate research group, building computer models to simulate cloud formation and understand the role that clouds play in the global climate system. I work in the marine physical lab, studying the physics of sound propagation in the ocean and developing

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technologies to map the ocean and oceanic crust using ambient noise."

The doctoral duo met while sharing an office with refrigerated mud samples extracted from the ocean bottom. "Within a few weeks," says Traer, "we were playing music. A few months later, we were entertaining our fellow scientists at parties, and then we joined Guava Belly and began leading our double life."

The math-rock band often uses electronically sampled scientific material, including vintage quantum physics lectures. "Mike obtained some audio recordings of Caltech physicist Richard Feynman from the early 1960s. Feynman was known as one of the greatest

minds who ever lived, while simultaneously being a professional percussionist in Latin jazz bands.... In our



live set, Feynman's voice punctuates instrumental music sections with bold statements about patterns and symmetries in the observable universe.

"In the future, we hope to

incorporate sound clips I recorded from the ocean — whales, underwater land-slides, hurricanes. I also have

THE CLIMATIC GUAVA BELLY a pipe dream of writing some adaptive-filter computer algorithms to create custom effects boxes, like a distortion pedal that changes the characteristics of the distortion in

response to the tempo of the music."

Not everyone is impressed by the duo's academic credentials. "At the Second Wind in Santee, we played to one man. He liked us and bought us beers. We took a break to talk to him, and Mike mentioned he was studying climate science. The man changed his demeanor, grumbled something angry about Al Gore, and left the bar."

Guava Belly appears tonight at Dublin's Square; their debut CD-release party is Friday, February 27, at Winstons.

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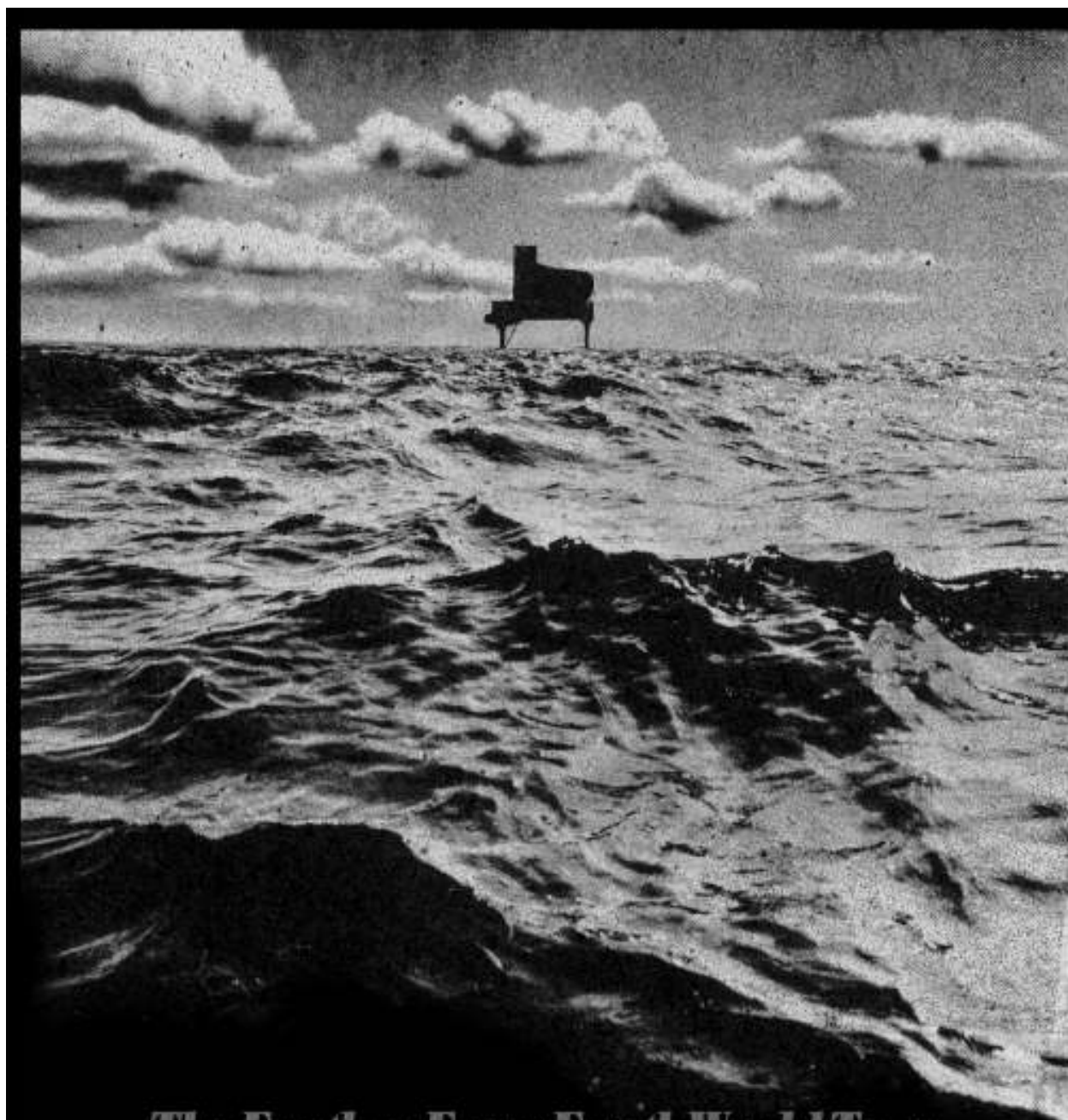
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## This Week In Music

### Thursday 12

Drummer Damon "the Octopus" Che and his Chicago-based instrumental trio **Don Caballero** are back together and bringing their time-bending jazz-punk dynamic to Casbah tonight. This is your dad's math-rock, dood. Don Cab's been jamming numeric since 1991. Recommend checking *What Burns Never Returns* for a primer. That 1997 Touch and Go collection featured original guitarist Ian Williams, who you prolly know from avant guitar gang Battles. The new Don Cab signed to metal label Relapse and are out to tout their latest, *Punkgasm*. Experimental Canuck quintet **DD/MM/YYYY** appear ahead of their new one, *Black Square*, due to drop next month.... "California's rapturing funkateers" **ALO** (the, uh, Animal Liberation Orchestra) are on Jack Johnson's Brushfire label and are primarily known as a fest-tested NorCal jam band. So, their chops are from the granola jar, but the yippies've got their hearts in the right place, spinning out Tour D'Amour III in support of Music in Schools Today (go to [mustcreate.org](http://mustcreate.org) for the lowdown). ALO and SF's **Big Light** shine on Belly Up tonight.... The scientifically tested **Guava Belly** appears at Dublin Square. See Jay Sanford's Blurt this week for more on the smarty-pants jam band.... Rolling uptown? Check out greazy garage trio **Vitro** with Seattle indie kids **H Is for Hellgate** at Bar Pink...there's a trunk of country skunk at Radio Room with Austin's **County Bastards**, the **Scream'n' Yeehaws**, **Dirty Callahans**, and **Ramblin' Outlaw**...Seattle's **Levator** and locals **Roxy Jones** pour easy-listening indie pop on Soda Bar...and there's a potluck freebie at Beauty Bar, featuring **Long Live Logos**, the **Jakes**, **Mod Amish**, **Juna**, and **Dmitri Dickinson**.

### Friday 13

Listen up because this is important. It's the 40th anniversary of American-punk pioneers the **Dogs**. This badass Detroit trio was right there with the MC5 and the Stooges, and some would contend rammin' the man harder with their shorter, sharper

cuts. Check the Web for classics "Johnny Rock Roll Sinclair," "Slash Your Face," "Tuff Enuff" ...hell, listen to whatever's on there, try to get your hands on DVD *Purity Not Perfection* for a preview, and then get your ass up and out to Casbah Friday night for a punk-rawk history lesson from original lineup Loren, Mary, and Ron. **Wild Weekend**, **Anasasis**, and the **Vaginals** set the stage.... Miss the door to that one, appropriately enough the **Creepy Creeps**'ve got the Friday the 13th gig at Bar Pink...The **Postals** and the **Bugs** collect at Ken...Canadian comedian **Jon LaJoie** yuks up House of Blues...and **Common Sense** and **Dynamite Walls** blow into Belly Up.

### Saturday 14

Happy V-Day, lovers. Rock her heart and paint her toes at Beauty Bar's Rockabilly Shakeout, featuring *Freaks with the Savage Beat* the **Hexxers** and the **Atomic 3**. "Peanut...peanut butter and yooou!" ... Experimental-pop rocks the Casbah Valentine's night with local trio **Kill Me Tomorrow** and the up-and-coming **Crocodiles**. If you Google (v.) "the Crocodiles" for the latest on the band, you'll hit on the "Don't feed your daughter to the crocodiles" site. It's a sign from the Tallinn Zoo in Estonia. (That's in Europe.) Really weird. Might make a cool record jacket, though.... Anyway, Latin lounge lizards the **B-Side Playas** funk up Belly Up.... "Domo arigato, Mr. Roboto," '70s pop-rock parodies (is that nice? That's not nice) **Styx** hit House of Blues.... Fishnet fetish? Me too. Check the **Hell on Heels Burlesque** revue at Brick by Brick.... SanFran indie-pop band **Si, Claro** will pour some tasty treats at Soda Bar Saturday night and at the Habitat in Golden Hill on Sunday. Check their Space takes and try catch 'em this weekend. They totally don't suck. Like a jangly Pavement vibe. (I know, I'm lazy with the comps.)

### Sunday 15

Chicagoland troubadour **Andrew Bird** alights at Soma Sunday night for a Casbah-sponsored set. The



THE DOGS AT CASBAH

artist pretty much sets the standard for whistling violinists in pop music, and that standard is as high as the praise that's been heaped on his classicist shoulders. Give a listen to 2001's *The Swimming Hour* for this verbose folkie's

high-water mark or

2005's *Mysterious Production of Eggs* for his commercial comeup-pance. Both recommendable collections. His latest, *Noble Beast*, is out now on Fat Possum.... Long day at Casbah Sunday, with **Drag the River**, **Joey Cape** (Lagwagon), and **Chris Stifflet** (Foo Fighters) playing early sets, and later you can get yer hip-hop on with **MC Flow**, **Yo Majesty**, and **Natalie the Floecist Stewart**. It's all about flow, apparently.... SD's **Styletones** "will steal your walk-of-shame breakfast before you even order it." Not sure what that means, but the funk'd-up quintet is playing Bar Pink Sunday night if you want to ask them.... O'Connells stages UK punx **Wonk Unit**, whose Space takes include cheesy fun cut "Music Journalists Fuck Me Off." That so? **Aaron Mannino** (Seattle), the **Flowerthief**, and **Golden Red** set the Bay Park stage.... **VV Morgue**, **Secret Society**, **Sonix Six**, and **Gertrudestein** serve up a sonic smorgasbord at Radio Room.... Qigong grandmaster **Le-Tian Da Shi** holds a sound-healing workshop at the World Beat Center at 2p. Go get some of that Taoist alchemy, punk.

### Monday 16

Another Brushfire artist making the SoCal rounds this month is Downey surfer dude and FOJJ (that's friend of Jack Johnson, brah) **Donavon Frankenreiter**. The Billabong pro has a couple sets at Belly Up next week. Tix still available for Monday's set with **Gary Jules** and **Jasso and Garcia**.... Else: Casbah's Anti-Monday League recruits pop hits **Get Back Loretta**, **Inspired Flight**, and the **Illuminants**...and **Lady Dottie** dons her **Diamonds** for another Monday-nighter at U-31.



DONAVON FRANKENREITER AT BELLY UP

### Tuesday 17

Youngstown, OH's psych-synth-rockers **Gil Mantera's Party Dream** will take you over the top at Casbah. The Fat Possum party trio are known for their outlandish live act, making a name in their ten-year career for setting up like-minded loons GWAR, Art Brut, and the Rapture.... Beauty Bar will play host to "Meith Kilgaten's Magical Mystery Tuesday," featuring nu-wavers the **Fascination** and the **Publicists**.



THE ANNUALS AT CASBAH

### Wednesday 18

Hump-night highlights include Chapel Hill sextet the **Annuals**' visit to Casbah behind their latest *Such Fun*. With **Jessica Lea Mayfield** and **What Laura Says**.... Jersey-boy Grammy- and Tony-winner **Duncan Sheik** will appear at Anthology.... It's **Thursday** on Wednesday at

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**W**hat is it about the '80s that keeps us looking back? Michael Mahin, guitarist for San Diego-based Neon Nation, an '80s cover band, has a theory.

"Most '80s music was utterly escapist," he says. "It's a rejection of the bullshit 'realism' of punk rock, which after its first 15 minutes was just fashion. The '80s never pretended to be something it wasn't. It was indulgent, raw, experimental, but most of all, it was fun."

The band is either a five- or seven-member group, depending on the gig, which night they're playing, and what the set requires — will it be '80s glam rock, '80s hard rock, new wave?

Paul Byrd, the band's other guitarist, says, "I put the band together because I was having an '80s party. I didn't know that it would take two months to convince Michael [to join]. He was much too cool of a blues player to be bothered with the campy '80s. Now he can't get enough of Journey."

Neon Nation can be seen around San Diego and Orange County performing at clubs, bars, restaurants, outdoor festivals, birthday parties, weddings, and corporate events.

Clarissa Bruno is the lead singer, Big Lou is on drums, Carl Nelson is on keyboards, and Scott Gaines and Joey Ancona switch off on the bass

on different nights.

## WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

**Michael:** "Judas Priest. Those first albums are hook central."

**Paul:** "How to Turkey Call. I bought a mouth call and instructional CD to call turkeys for an upcoming turkey hunt."

**Clarissa:** "Carole King's *Tapestry*. I'm a girl, and I am moody right now, like the album."

## WORST GIG?

**Big Lou:** "Someone got pepper sprayed in the parking lot, and the spray made it into the club. Everyone inside was coughing and had watery eyes."

**Michael:** "When we started, I didn't know anything about drawing crowds or playing bars with built-in crowds, so I booked this middle-of-nowhere dump. We showed up dressed in cheeseball '80s costumes — something we don't do anymore — and played to a packed house of five people. Three were friends, and the other two were there to play pool. Man, we sucked."

**Scott:** "A club owner double-booked us with another band. We set up, sound checked, and we're ready to start, and the genius comes in and says, 'Sorry, guys, but I've got another band that's gonna



Neon Nation

play tonight.' We had to tear down and leave a houseful of confused friends, fans, and club patrons without playing a single song."

**Clarissa:** "I was in a teen-bop trio called Knock-out when I was 15 and we had a junior high/high school tour. One of the performances was inside a gymnasium, and a kid pulled the fire alarm and the water sprinkler system went off.... The firefighters who came to save us helped us pack up our equipment. Firemen make great roadies!"

## BEST THING DONE WHILE DRUNK?

**Michael:** "Rock-paper-scissors. Me and a buddy stumbled into a RPS tournament after boozing all day, and we both got promptly eliminated. I've been training for my comeback ever since. My scissors delivery kills."

**Clarissa:** "The best story is when we learned 'I Love Rock and Roll' for this gig that I got smashed at. I woke up the next day and chewed out a bandmate for not playing the song after I had spent all week learning it. He told me that we actually

closed the show with it. I was so hammered I didn't even remember, but apparently I rocked it and remembered the words."

## BEST DEAD CELEB?

**Michael:** "Kurt Cobain. That jerk single-handedly made flannels cool and killed hair metal."

## IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANYONE....

**Big Lou:** "I would love to hear what former president G.W. Bush has to say over lunch."

## FAVORITE QUOTE?

**Big Lou:** "If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice." — Rush, "Freewill."

**Michael:** "Some people say that I must be a horrible person, but that's not true. I have the heart of a young boy — in a jar on my desk." — Stephen King

**Scott:** "Luminous beings are we...not this crude matter." — Yoda ■

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**February 12:**  
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**February 17:**  
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### THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Warren Hill. Smooth jazz. \$25-\$40.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — The Kyle Van Band. With the Buzzbombs. Acoustic/bluegrass/rockabilly. \$5.

**The Alley:** 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-1173.  
*Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays* — The Love Rangers. Dance music.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.

*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Kenny Neal. Blues. \$18.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Back to the Garden. With Eve Selis, Albert Lee, Cactus Twang, Whyte, Grano, and Nash. Rock/acoustic. \$16-\$20.  
*Saturday*, 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — The Anthology House Band. Jazz/R&B/soul. \$90.  
*Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Bill Caballero. With Orquesta Bi-Nacional de Mambo. Salsa. \$18.  
*Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — The Anthology House Band. Jazz/R&B/soul. \$5.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Duncan Sheik. Alternative/acoustic. \$27.

**Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:** 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — The Michael Wolff Trio. Jazz. \$18-\$88.

**Azuki Sushi Lounge:** 2321 5th Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-238-4760.  
*Monday*, 5 p.m. — Evolved. Jazz.

**Bar Leucadian:** 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.  
*Thursday* — A Dawg Tilt. With DJ CPS Diablo.  
*Saturday* — Black 7. With guests.

**Beach Club Grille:** 710 Seacoast Drive, # F, Imperial Beach, 619-628-0777.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Nathan Jarrell. With Romeo Carrido. Bossa nova/jazz.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — The Animal Liberation Orchestra. With guest. Rock/pop/jam band. \$15.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Common Sense.


Reggae/rock. \$14-\$16.  
*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Susan Tedeschi. With James Hunter. Blues/soul. \$38-\$40.  
*Monday*, 9 p.m. — Donavon Frankenreiter. With Gary Jules and Jasso & Garcia. Acoustic/surf/rock. \$20.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Joshua Radin. With Meiko and Jesse Harris. Acoustic/indie/folk. \$15-\$17.


**Bistro 221:** 221 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-737-7398.  
*Saturday*, 6:30 p.m. — Donnie Finnell. With Company East. Lounge.

**Barney Stone Pub:** 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-279-2033.  
*Thursday*, 9:30 p.m. — Fiffin Market. Acoustic/pop/Irish folk. Free.

**Café La Maze:** 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-3222.  
*Fridays and Saturdays*, 7 p.m. — The Sandy Chappel Quartet. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Hank Young. Standards/jazz/blues.  
*Sundays*, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues.

**Café Sevilla:** 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.  
*Thursday* — Orquesta Primo. Latin/mariachi/Tejano.  
*Sunday* — Angel Lebron y Su Sabor Latino. Classic salsa.  
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*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Highway 80 Band. Rock/country.

**The Calypso Café:** 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Cactus Twang. With Whyte, Grano & Nash, Eve Selis, and Albert Lee. Tributes to Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young and Eric Clapton.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Atomic Punks. A tribute to Van Halen. With Damage Inc. (Metallica tribute) and Monsters of Rock. \$10.  
*Wednesday*, 10 p.m. — Hershel Abram. Blues/soul.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*Thursday*, 8:30 p.m. — Don Caballero. Indie/progressive/rock. \$12.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — The Dogs. With Wild Weekend, Anasasis, and Vaginals. Garage rock/pop/punk.  
*Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — Kill Me Tomorrow. With Crocodiles and Booty Basement DJs. Experimental/pop. Ages 21 and up.  
*Sunday*, 7 p.m. — Drag the River. With Joey Cape (Lagwagon) and Chris Shiflet (Foo Fighters). Alternative/country. \$10. 10:30 p.m. — Yo! Majesty. With Natalie "the Floacist" Stewart. Hip-hop/electro. \$12-\$14.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30 p.m. — Gil Mantera's Party Dream. Electro/pop. \$10.  
*Wednesday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Annuals and Jessica Lea Mayfield. With What Laura Says Thinks and Feels. Indie/folk/experimental. \$10.

**Claire de Lune:** 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845.  
*Friday*, 8:30 p.m. — Ibrahima Ba and Amadou Fall. West African/world. \$5.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Uptown Rhythm Makers. Dixieland jazz.

**Cox Arena:** 5500 Canyon Crest Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Manuel Mijares y Manoella Torres. With Manoella Torres. Pop.  
*Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Magic 92.5 Valentine's Day Love Jam. Featuring Atlantic Starr, Heatwave, Peaches and Herb, GQ, Evelyn

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*Saturday*, 6 p.m. — The Jerry McCann Band. Rock/reggae/R&B.  
*Sunday*, 5 p.m. — Jerome Dawson. Blues/jazz.  
*Wednesday*, 6 p.m. — Scott Carter Duo. Reggae/R&B.

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*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet. Latin jazz. \$12-\$15.  
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*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Mimi Blais. Ragtime/jazz. \$20.



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Friday, February 13

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Saturday, February 14

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Monday, February 16

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3/9 Tom Jones  
3/11 Rubber Sub w/Geezer and Damn the Torpedoes  
3/12 Solana Beach Baseball Bash feat. Atomic Groove  
3/13 The Mother Hips  
3/14 Boogie Nights pres. Shark Attack & Buddy Akai  
3/15 The Von Bondies

3/16 Raul Malo and Shelby Lynne  
3/20 Pine Mountain Logs  
3/21 Stepping Feet: The Dave Matthews Band Experience  
3/23 Tricky  
3/24 Rhett Miller, Solo Acoustic  
3/25 Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks  
3/26 Justin Nozuka  
3/27 Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations

3/28 Atomic Punks  
4/4 John Brown's Body  
4/6 Beausoleil avec Michael Doucet  
4/9 Dark Star Orchestra  
4/10 40 Oz. to Freedom  
4/17 Calexico  
4/20 Lykke Li  
4/21 UB40  
4/23 Hot Tuna – electric  
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4/27 Railroad Earth

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*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Severed Roots. With Tore Back, Aghori, and Dead Serial Killers. Metal.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Gods of Thunder. Tribute to Kiss.

**The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant:** 544 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-9840.  
*Thursdays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Eamon Caroll. Traditional Irish music.

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*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — The Chris Klich Jazz Trio. With Laura Preble. Jazz.

**Gallagher’s Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.  
*Sunday*, 9 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock. Free.

**Harrah’s Rincón:** 777 Harrah’s Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — LL Cool J.

Rap/hip-hop. After-party with DJ Jazzy Jeff. \$45-\$55.  
**Hennessey’s Tavern - Carlsbad:** 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-6951.  
*Tuesday*, 9:30 p.m. — The Bloses. Irish rock.

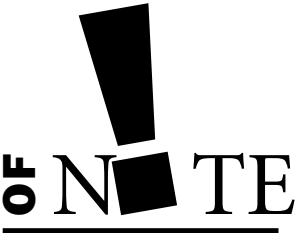
**Hennessey’s Tavern - PB:** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-8847.  
*Wednesday*, 9:30 p.m. — The Bloses. Irish rock.

**Hennessey’s Tavern - Vista:** 224 Main Street, Vista, 760-643-1619.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Vic Waters. Flamenco guitar. Free.

**Hooleys - Rancho San Diego:** 2955 Jamacha Road,, 619-670-7468.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Fiffin Market. Acoustic/pop/Irish folk. Free.

**Horizon Christian Fellowship - North County:** 6365 El Apajo Road, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-5599.  
*Saturday*, 6 p.m. — The Katinas. Pop/Christian. Free.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock. Free.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — So Long Davey and Valencia. With Artist vs. Poet. Rock/pop. \$10.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Styx. Rock. \$65-\$85.  
*Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Adelita’s Way. Rock/alternative.  
*Wednesday*, 5:30 p.m. — Taste of



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Years ago, when I was trying to decide where I wanted to go to college, I took one look at UC Santa Barbara and said, “This isn’t going to work.” How on earth would I get any studying done when I could sit in a lecture hall and be within spitting distance of the beach? I just knew I would end up dropping out to play guitar in some jam band with eight-minute songs and lyrics such as “You’re smooth and creamy, like peanut butter/ Girl, I wanna lay you down.” In short, I thought I would end up playing in a band exactly like **Animal Liberation Orchestra**.  
ALO formed around the turn of the

millennium while bassist **Steve Adams**, keyboardist **Zach Gill**, and guitarist **Dan Lebowitz** were students at — you guessed it — UC Santa Barbara. They built a following in the Santa Barbara area, and things really took off when their friend Jack Johnson signed them to his Brushfire label. (Gill also plays in Johnson’s band, and Johnson often shows up on-stage at ALO gigs.) Soon they were opening for the likes of Dave Matthews and touring the worldwide jam-band circuit.  
These days, ALO calls the Bay Area home. Their songs are a little shorter and tighter than they used to be, but they still convey that sun-baked feeling of their alma mater. That feeling frightened me when I was looking at colleges; today I wonder what I was so afraid of. I mean, jam bands aren’t really my thing, but when Lebowitz re-



**ANIMAL LIBERATION ORCHESTRA**

ally gets going on one of his guitar solos, I could see myself being a dropout in Santa Barbara and loving every minute of it.  
**ANIMAL LIBERATION ORCHESTRA, Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 12, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$15.**

Chaos. With *Thursday*, Four Years Strong, Bring Me the Horizon, Pierce the Veil, and Cancer Bats. \$23.  
**Humphrey’s Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — NovaMenco. A hybrid of flamenco, jazz, and pop.  
*Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — Savoy Brown. Blues/rock.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Guitar Shorty. Blues. \$10. Ages 21 and up.  
**JP’s Pub:** 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 858-576-

2509.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Stevi Lynn Band. Classic rock.  
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*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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*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Powerman 5000. Metal/electronica/punk. \$20.

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*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Janaka Seleкта. With Genevieve, Unphair, and Arkon. World.  
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*Friday*, 11:30 p.m. — The Paddle Boat. With Black Mamba. Pop/soul/funk. \$6.  
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Rockin' Johnny White presents <b>IRON WORKS</b> <b>RED IVY SUSPECTS</b> <b>FUZZ HUZZI</b>	 (Tribute to Pantera) <b>GUERRILLA RADIO</b> (Tribute to Rage Against the Machine)  (Old Man Weezer)	Sean Healy & Never Say Die present <b>CHASING</b> <b>CLAYMORES</b> <b>FULL VOLUME</b> <b>JODI V • AYSHIA</b>
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**The Living Room Coffeehouse - Point Loma:** 1018 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma, 858-222-6852.  
*Saturdays*, 8 p.m. — Jay Dancing Bear. Acoustic.

**Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — The Fabulous Pelicans. Covers/standards. Free.  
*Friday*, 4 p.m. — Firefly. Contemporary rock. Free. 9 p.m. — The Heroes. Covers/standards/dance. Free.  
*Saturday*, 4 p.m. — Hot Rod Lincoln. Acoustic/roots/rockabilly. Free. 9 p.m. — Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz. Blues/rock/soul. Free.  
*Sunday*, 2 p.m. — Detroit Underground. Covers Motown and dance hits. Free.

**McCabe's Beach Club:** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.  
*Fridays*, 4:30 p.m. — The California Rangers. Country. Free.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill:** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.  
*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Northstar. Classic rock.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Taylor Harvey Band. Bluegrass/rock.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Bordertown Blues. Blues.  
*Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Gene Warren. Folk/blues/rock.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — The Taylor Harvey Band. Bluegrass/rock.

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Lefthand Thread. Rock.

**North Bar Sports and Spirits:** 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8228.  
*Thursdays*, 6 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Rock. Free.

**O'Connells Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Inhale. With Circus Junkies, Dedicated Minds, and Steel Truckin'. Reggae/rock.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Ded Pigeons. Funk/pop.  
*Sunday*, 9 p.m. — Wonk Unit. With Aaron Mannino, the Flowerthief, and Golden Red. Blues/folk/rock. Ages 21 and up.

**Onyx/Thin:** 852 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-ONYX.  
*Friday*, 10 p.m. — Longobamas. With Indiginas and Richie. World. \$15-\$20.

**Osetra Watergrill:** 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800.  
*Thursdays*, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge. Free.  
*Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge. Free.

**Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10):** 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos.  
*Thursday*, 12:30 p.m. — Elena Yarritu. With Gabriel Sanchez. Latin/jazz/Israeli. Free.

**Pasquale on Prospect:** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-0722.  
*Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Stage 4. Jazz/rhythm and blues.

**Patrick's II:** 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.  
*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — The Buick Wilson Band. Blues/soul.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz. Blues/rock/soul.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock.  
*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — The Road Dogs. Blues.  
*Monday*, 8 p.m. — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B.  
*Tuesday*, 9 p.m. — 3rd Degree Blues. Blues/soul.  
*Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Shelle Blue. Rhythm and blues.

**Peter D's:** 5149 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-277-3217.  
*Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Performs and hosts an open blues jam.

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I've had to revise my first impression of **Susan Tedeschi**. Over a decade ago, when she was touring the country via chick band tours (e.g., Lilith Fair), I thought Tedeschi was just another out of the catalog of blue-eyed blues women with potential and not much else. Caucasian women trying to cut it in the blues are legion, and often they play guitar and perform onstage much like their male counterparts.

While Tedeschi did not channel any bluesmen, the story of her path to the blues was not unusual. A Massachusetts blue-blood, she first heard the music via her father's ancient collection of vinyl. Gospel choirs would bring out the power of her voice. Later, Boston's surprisingly strong music scene

would nurture her public performance. She learned guitar, put together a band, and made a record that was well received. Nothing unusual, right? So what am I hearing now that I didn't hear back then?

The best I can come up with: confidence, maturity, and craft. Little over a decade later and approaching 40, with impressive record sales, a Grammy nomination, and the solid-gold handshake of a Stones tour under her belt, things have changed for Tedeschi. She now sings with the authenticity of a woman twice her age, one who might have actually lived the life from plantation to Civil Rights and all that. There is a lot of knowledge in Tedeschi's robust voice, and it is approaching original. She has delivered on her early potential, and she continues to refine. But I have to admit that I held some prejudices about white musicians doing blues. This subject came up recently with a white blues-guitarist friend who ques-



SUSAN TEDESCHI

tioned even his own authenticity. By the end of that conversation I decided that, as time passes, the argument about who has legitimate claim to — and can sing — the blues grows thin.

**SUSAN TEDESCHI, Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 15, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$38; \$40 day of show.**

**Portugalia:** 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678.  
*Saturday*, 10:30 p.m. — DJ Shariar. With the Shimmy Sisters, Fusion Belly Dancers, and Monique. World.

**Pounders:** 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-739-1288.  
*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Anthem International Music Festival. Featuring five bands. \$10.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Soul Plow. Rock.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Rock Kandy. Rock.

**RT's Longboard Grill:** 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.  
*Thursdays* — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute.  
*Friday* — The Jones Revival. Classic rock.  
*Saturday* — Da Groove. Covers/standards/dance.  
*Sundays* — The Devastators. Roots/reggae/dub.

**Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:** 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — The Cured. A tribute to the Cure.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn:** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500.  
*Fridays*, 5:30 p.m., *Saturdays*, 6 p.m. — Jerry Melnick & Tom Bishop. El Bizcocho Restaurant. Jazz/variety.

**Red Door Studios:** 830 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-297-6474.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Mattson 2. With live deejays. Acoustic/electric. Free. Ages 21 and up.

**Riley's:** 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635.  
*Saturdays* — Live Rock.  
*Tuesdays* — Live R&B and Jazz.

**Rio Rico Mexican Restaurant:** 5256 South Mission Road #1301, Bonsall, 760-945-1250.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. With Jim Lair. Contemporary jazz/global music.

**Rosie O'Grady's:** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.  
*Tuesdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Bdub's Jazz Jam Session. Modern jazz classics and standards with Bryan Whelan, Doug Walker, Laurel Grinnell, and friends.

**The Round Table Cocktail Lounge:** 1723 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-264-6000.  
*Tuesdays*, 6 p.m. — Charlie Blue. Blues.

**The Royal Dive:** 2949 San Luis Rey Road, Oceanside, 760-722-1911.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Pass the Axe. With BombPops!, Die Sabotage, and Quang Duck Method. Punk.

**San Diego Sports Arena:** 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.  
*Monday*, 1:15 p.m. — Tribute to the Reggae Legends. Featuring Tribal Seeds, Alika, Cultura Profética, Gentleman, Gregory Isaacs, Sly & Robbie, Queen Ifrica

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*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Zzymzzy Quartet. Jazz. \$10-\$15.

**San Dieguito United Methodist Church:** 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.  
*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — The Woods Tea Company. Bluegrass/folk.

**Santee Elks Lodge #2698:** 11633 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-647-6265.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Theo and the Zydeco Patrol. Cajun/zydeco. \$8.

**Schroeder's at Tango Del Rey:** 3567 Del Rey Street, Clairemont, 858-794-9044.  
*Friday and Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Schroeder's Valentine's Day Show. Bettina "Pixie" Warren, Ric Henry, Karen Giorgio, Eileen Bowman, Debra Wanger, Phil Johnson,



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**Seaport Village:** 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown. *Sunday*, 1 p.m. — North Park Rock n' Blues. Soul/rock/blues. Free.

**Second Wind (Magnolia):** 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-596-8350. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — 1Louder. Covers/standards/rock. \$5.

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

**Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill:** 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-561-6767. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662. *Sunday*, 7 p.m. — Andrew Bird. With guests. Folk rock. \$20. *Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — Inner Party System. With White Apple Tree and the City Hype. Electro/rock. \$10.

**South Park Bar & Grill:** 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096. *Thursdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam. *Friday*, 10 p.m. — The Downstroke. With Ethix, DJ Adamnt, DJ Rudy Palos. Ladies free before 11. Funk/rock. \$10. *Saturdays*, 8:30 p.m. — Open Blues Jam. With Will Jackson. *Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series. Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink, Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard.

**Spreckels Theatre:** 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500. *Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Gilberto Santa Rosa. With Victor Manuelle. Salsa/bolero. \$50-\$70.

**Stage Saloon:** 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-992-7862. *Thursday*, 10 p.m. — Dazed and Confused. A tribute to Led Zeppelin. Free. *Fridays* — Trainwreck.

**Swedenborg Hall:** 1531 Tyler Avenue, University Heights. *Sunday*, 5:30 p.m. — Brooklyn. With Kerri Dopart, Astra Kelly, Alicia Locket, Carlos Olmeda, and Sven-Erik Seaholm. Acoustic.

**Tango Restaurant & Lounge:** 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. *Thursdays*, 7 p.m. — Notas Antiguas. Acoustic performance featuring Warren LaPlante and Ruben DeAnda, covering all genres. Free.

**Tiki House:** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — CHUM. With the Wave-O's. Garage rock/surf. \$5. *Saturday* — The Secret Samurai. Surf rock. *Tuesday* — Tunes by Trent. *Wednesday* — The Chris Kelly Trio.

**UCSD Faculty Club:** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD. *Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Dr. Baird & the Galapagos Mountain Boys. Scientific gospel. \$40.

**The Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House:** 835 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-4855. *Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Greg Campbell. Acoustic.

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felt and how hard it was to overcome even years later.”

*Partial lyrics for “Goodbye”:* The sunrise will never look the same the beauty of everything has changed across my mind the memory of your face my empty heart no memory can replace

Oh you’ll never know how much I care I fell in love it wasn’t hard to do now I can’t keep my dreams from holding on they won’t let go the love I feel for you

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**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. *February 19* — Donavon Frankenreiter. *February 20* — Super Diamond. *February 21* — Cash’d Out. *February 22* — Orquesta Primo.

**Dizzy’s:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *February 21* — Leonard Patton & Rebecca Jade.

**Dos Picos County Park:** 17953 Dos Picos Park Road, Ramona. *March 28* — Sara Petite.

**Dream Street Live:** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.

*February 27* — 1Louder. *March 27* — Dead as Dillinger.

**Encinitas Library:** 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas. *March 1* — Skelpin.

**Fannie’s Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204. *February 20* — Washing Matilda. *February 21* — OU812. *February 27* — Cadaver Dogs. *February 28* — Hungover Tomorrow.

**First Lutheran Church of San Diego:** 1420 Third Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-6149. *February 21* — Peter Sprague and Deborah Liv Johnson.

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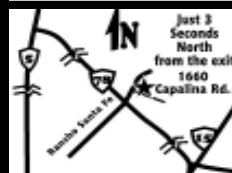
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**Hennessey's Tavern - Gaslamp:** 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994.  
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*February 28* — Rockslyde.

**Hennessey's Tavern - PB:** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-8847.  
*February 21* — Soul Plow.  
*February 25* — The Blokes.

**Hennessey's Tavern - Vista:** 224 Main Street, Vista, 760-643-1619.  
*February 22* — Murky Waters Blues Band.

**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.  
*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 24* — Howe, Squire, & White.  
*February 25* — The Guitar Generation.  
*February 26* — Kinky.  
*February 27* — Big Head Todd & the Monsters.  
*February 28* — Raphael Saadiq.  
*March 1* — Zappa Plays Zappa.  
*March 2* — Busta Rhymes.  
*March 3* — Adelita's Way.  
*March 4* — The Oddity Faire: A Mutated Mini Fest.  
*March 5* — The Pretenders.  
*March 6* — Jimmy Eat World.  
*March 7* — Mago de Oz.  
*March 8* — G. Love & Special Sauce.  
*March 9* — Adele.  
*March 10* — Jesse McCartney.  
*March 11* — Who's Bad?  
*March 13* — Rocco DeLuca and the Burden.  
*March 14* — Cute Is What We Aim For.

*March 15* — Shwayze.  
*March 16* — Skid Row.  
*March 17* — Escape the Fate and Black Tide.  
*March 18* — Blue October.  
*March 20* — OK Go.  
*March 21* — Pitbull.  
*March 22* — The Adicts and the Dickies.  
*March 23* — The Michael Schenker Group.  
*March 27* — Brett Dennen.  
*March 28* — Which One's Pink?  
*March 29* — 30H!3.  
*April 1* — Lily Allen.  
*April 5* — Senses Fail.  
*April 8* — The Yonder Mountain String Band.  
*April 9* — The Disco Biscuits.  
*April 10* — Don Felder.  
*April 11* — Led Zepagain.  
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*April 19* — The Kottonmouth Kings.  
*April 23* — Queensrÿche.  
*April 25* — Panteón Rococó.  
*April 26* — Ximena Sarinana.  
*April 30* — Eek-A-Mouse.  
*May 1* — Kreator.  
*May 15* — Ramón Ayala.  
*June 12* — Billy Ray Cyrus.

**Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College:** 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos, 760-744-1150.  
*May 18* — Palomar Jazz Vocal Ensemble.  
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**Humphrey's Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*February 23* — The Robin Henkel Band.  
*February 25* — Shane Dwight.  
*February 26* — Rhythm & the Method.

**The Jumping Turtle:** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.  
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**Kadan:** 4696 30th Street, North Park, 619-640-2500.  
*February 23* — Revenge Club.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.  
*February 19* — Custard Pie.  
*February 21* — Bill Magee.  
*February 21* — Ghost Riders.



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*February 25* — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors.  
*February 27* — Serious Guise.  
*February 28* — Frankie Dee & the Funk Natra Band.

**La Mesa Library:** 8055 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-469-2151.  
*February 21* — Jose Rodriguez.

**The Loft:** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD.  
*February 22* — Charles McPherson.  
*February 25* — Pop Levi.  
*March 1* — Ra Ra Riot.

**Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
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*February 20* — The Fabulous Pelicans and Metro.  
*February 21* — Hot Rod Lincoln.  
*February 24* — Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz.  
*February 26* — The Heroes.  
*February 27* — The Fabulous Pelicans and Innovation.  
*February 28* — The Jones Revival and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
*March 14* — Wendy Bailey.

**The Marquee:** 835 25th Street, Golden Hill.  
*February 20* — Kenny Eng.

*February 21* — Rob Deeze.  
*February 27* — Inigo Figuracion and Chad Cavanaugh.  
*February 28* — Dave Booda.  
*April 4* — Jordan Reimer.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill:** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.  
*February 19* — The Manic Brothers.  
*February 20* — 4 Way Street.  
*February 21* — Harmony Road.  
*February 24* — Jackson & Jesus.  
*February 25* — Jim Moore.  
*February 27* — The Offbeats.  
*February 28* — The Stiletto.

**Milano Coffee Company:** 8685 Rio San Diego Drive, Mission Valley, 619-688-1882.  
*February 28* — Brooke Brown Saracino and Mya Elaine.

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.  
*February 21* — Adriana Smith and Ghost in the Graveyard.

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

**Music Trader - Point Loma:** 3112 Midway Drive Suite F, Point Loma, 619-223-7777.  
*March 7* — Revenge Club.

**Nature's Express:** 2949 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-550-1818.  
*February 20* — Trio Gadjo.

**Neurosciences Institute:** 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla.  
*February 26* — Adam del Monte.

**North Park:** University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets), North Park.  
*February 28* — Guava Belly.

**O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad:** 640 Grand Avenue, Suite A, Carlsbad, 760-729-4072.  
*February 20* — The Blokes.

**Old Time Music:** 2852 University Avenue, North Park, 619-280-9035.  
*February 28* — Richard Greene.  
*March 7* — Wayne Riker.

**On Broadway:** 615 Broadway Avenue, Downtown, 619-231-0011.  
*February 21* — Fischerspooner.  
*February 28* — Dave Aude and Charles Feelgood.

**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.

**Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10):** 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos.  
*March 12* — The Spectrum Trio.  
*April 23* — Janet Hammer and Nathan Fry.  
*May 7* — The Spectrum Jazz Singers and Palomar Women's Chorus.

**Le Papagayo:** 1002 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-8252.  
*February 19* — Flamenco Nova.

**Patrick's II:** 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.  
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*February 20* — The Nik Simon Band.  
*February 21* — Soul Diego.  
*February 22* — The Road Dogs.  
*February 25* — Blue Largo.  
*February 26* — The Blue Four.  
*February 27* — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.  
*February 28* — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire.

**Price Center:** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-6467.  
*April 15* — Seun Kuti and Egypt 80.

**Qualcomm Hall:** 5775 Morehouse Drive, Mira Mesa, 858-259-5508.  
*May 2* — The Fab Four.

**RT's Longboard Grill:** 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.  
*February 20* — Flock of '80s.  
*February 21* — Stepping Feet.  
*March 27* — TrunkMonkey.

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**Tuesday, 17th:** Rich the Stitch

**Wednesday, 18th:** Joe Wood

**Thursday, 19th:** Irish Night w/Skelpin

**Friday, 20th:** Special Guest

**Saturday, 21st:** Special Guest

**Sunday, 22nd:** Old Timey Session

**Monday, 23rd:** The Blokes

**Tuesday, 24th:** Special Guest

**Wednesday, 25th:** Joe Wood

**Thursday, 26th:** Irish Night w/Skelpin

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# Crasher

## PARTY LIKE A BARACK STAR

by Josh Board

**b**arack Obama was predicted to win the presidency. Nobody was surprised when he did. I was surprised at how many inauguration parties there were. I don't recall any presidential race ending with so many parties.

Gavin, my racquetball partner in San Marcos, told me about a party where they threw shoes at a big cutout of Bush.

At the party I went to (which they called "Party Like a Barrack Star"), nothing was thrown. That might be because it was at Felicia's condo in Hillcrest, and she's an artist. Her stuff was all over, and an errant shoe could have damaged the old fire hydrant or the lamp she created from an old parking meter.

We were told to wear black attire. I asked on the phone, "It's black tie?" They corrected me.

"Not black tie. Black attire."

That seemed odd. I couldn't wear red, white, and blue or an American flag. I was going to be dressing like a Black Panther or Johnny Cash. I wore black sweatpants, a black T-shirt, and a black Steppenwolf jacket.

Because the party included a potluck, I thought about bringing black beans or black licorice.

Instead, the two people I brought



Bonnie and Rafael on the couch, artist Felicia behind them (middle)

with me decided we should bring bottles of wine, pasta, and red, white, and blue cupcakes.

The place was packed. A few people were watching the proceedings on TV. We were told that some of it was recorded earlier. I said to a guy nearby, "This isn't going to be as fun as watching the Super Bowl. Obama won't be throwing any touchdowns." A woman said, "I

**"It's funny because she was racist."**

like that because I hate football." Her boyfriend said, "There was an injury earlier, like a football game: Ted Kennedy went down."

I asked, "Was it a groin pull? That usually gets the Kennedys."

I looked at a list on the food table that had things that were "in": Hope, carbs, and saving the planet. Things that were "out": hopelessness, diets, spending, and Bush. Though most people brought booze, two delicious homemade pizzas were on the table.

A guy named Rafael said, "You know that Obama is going to get busy." I said, "You mean fixing all the crap Bush mucked up?" He said, "No, I'm talking about having sex. In the Lincoln bedroom, in the signing room — he's going to hit all those rooms."

I replied, "Wouldn't it kill the mood to look up, though, and see those old portraits of previous Presidents? Nothing romantic about Taft or John Quincy staring down at ya."

The place was decorated with lots of Obama and Bush items. Bush's face was on an inflatable Bozo the Clown.

Felicia put a picture of Obama over the portrait of her grandmother. She said, "It's funny because she was racist, too. She would totally hate that I did that."

After I told Felicia about the antique items I have, she said she's seen people take typewriter keys and make necklaces out of them. Because she can't bear to take typewriters apart, she keeps them on display with a fake typed letter or poem in the machine.

After Felicia talked about some of the performance art she did back in Washington, D.C., I asked her about all the places she's lived and visited.

"I've been to 25 countries," she said, "and it's funny because the best art gallery I've ever seen is in Baltimore. Can you believe that?"

I said "no" because I went to Baltimore recently and was only impressed by their Hard Rock Café.

Someone joked that Obama should have used a Koran when he was sworn in. He could have turned around and said to everyone, "Ha ha...I gotcha!"

Rafael walked over to the big screen and said, "Is anyone really listening to what's going on? I understand that this is historical, but let's hear some music." He went to the stereo, and pretty soon the party was blaring some Parlia-

ment-Funkadelic.

A guy pulled out a flask and I said to Rafael, "Who the hell carries flasks anymore? I see they sell them at places in the mall that engrave things." Bonnie interrupted, saying, "Things Remembered!"

As we were laughing, someone explained that their friend got a DUI while riding his bicycle. He added, "That's the type of person you can buy a flask for."

A good-looking couple walked in and started hanging out in the kitchen, not mingling with many people. The guy wore a leather jacket and looked like a better version of comedian Richard Lewis. The girl had short black hair and a thick accent. I started to make conversation with them and the woman said, "That's how you dress? You're wearing sweatpants with dress shoes." I paused, looked down at my outfit. She pointed to her man and said, "He's wearing slacks." I said, "Well, uh, yeah...he is dressed better than I. But the sweatpants were more comfortable." She then said, "That's fine, but the dress shoes with it?" I retorted, "Well...they're black."

I poured myself some wine, and we talked briefly about the Talking Heads before I made my way to another crowd.

Felicia was starting to organ-

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ize a game. She was saying it was like "Balderdash" but with facts about President Obama. I said, "Kind of like 'Barakerdash.'"

She explained, "We'll make up faux facts about the president, and we'll have teams. I'll mix in real things about him. And you want other people to vote for your fake facts, so try to make them sound real."

Teams were made, and we had a guy that said, "I can pull up facts about Obama on my Blackberry." As he did this, someone said "We don't need real ones. We just need good fake ones."

I came up with one about him scoring 38 points in a high school basketball game. Someone else on my team came up with one about him only smoking menthol cigarettes.

We had a guy that wanted to say Obama only buys American cars, but none of us could agree how to word that. We were surprised when another team came up with a version of that fake fact.

Another team was caught using a Blackberry. We put ours away.

The only problem with this game was that when the real facts were sprinkled in, most of us knew them. Before giving away the prize, Felicia had to break a tie between two teams. A woman was picked from each team to break the tie, and a guy yelled out "Jell-O wrestling."

I suggested they both spell the name Barack Hussein Obama. If one spelled it wrong, they lost.

We were leaving when they finally came up with a solution: thumb-wrestling. ■

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# Crabby Mood

This is the winter of my discontent, following the autumn of my growing grouchiness, and the summer of my increasing reservations. It's the economy, stupid — the stupid economy. For seven months, I've been trying to find food for moderate-and-under prices, including mainstream food that might appeal to palates unready to dive into the depths of exotic ethnicities (where the real bargains are; see the end of this review for a great example). The task has been not only thankless but often pleasureless. (Yes, yes, it's still better than working in a cubicle.) The truth is that for mainstream eats, the food at higher-end restaurants is usually better.

I've always been both curious and suspicious about Crab Catcher. In its favor: It's got a great view of the cove, and it has lasted since 1979, so enough people must love the place to keep it in business. Arguing against it: Ditto. I haven't been happy with various old-time local restaurants I've tried, and tourist-luring "view" joints can be the pits. But some of my SD old-timer friends have fond romantic memories of dinners past at Crab Catcher and urged me to try it during Restaurant Week, when the house was offering an ambitious-looking menu for only \$30 per person.

The huge restaurant occupies most of the middle floor of three stories (between the garage below and the elevator entrance above) that it shares with Trattoria Acqua, rambling through indoor dining rooms and heated outdoor patios. We were seated at one of the latter, enjoying a fine sea view. Some of our fellow diners were date-dressy, but most were dressed for basic respectability. Seated nearby, an evidently former blonde, now silver-gray, fulfilled the traditional blonde's restaurant-role of talking so loudly and incessantly as to drown out my "date's" conversation. (No shrieky giggles, at least.) She was seated before us and still working on a nearly full plate when we left, her mouth apparently



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never pausing long enough to chew.

Steve and I had a small occasion to celebrate — okay, I'll tell: I'd just gotten an "A" on my cholesterol test — that's what gobbling seafood does for you — so we ordered a half-dozen oysters to start. There were two species, big, plushy Chef Creeks from the north Pacific and smaller locally farmed Carlsbad oysters, which proved delicious if salty. For a venue that includes a specialized oyster bar, the shuckers were amateurish: Four out of our six samples held enough loose shell-grit to notice. Thanks for the nutrients, guys, but if I want more calcium in my diet, I'll buy pills. The dip was a classic seafood cocktail sauce, ready to be mixed to taste with lemon squeezes and horseradish — though the horseradish was already heaped atop the sauce. (I should have spooned off most of it and dumped it on the ice

before commencing to mix.) We did like the warm mini-loaves of bread sprinkled with delicious coarse salt that came with dinner, even if the EVOO (extra-virgin olive oil) for dipping was only adequate.

Among the first-course choices on the prix fixe, the best selection (and best dish of the evening) was a plate of "potstickers" in deep-fried wonton skins,

filled with braised short-rib meat and garnished with sweet-sour red cabbage. The light, crisp wrappers were perfect containers for a moist, rich meat filling, and the cabbage was an ideal tangy contrast. Alas, that was the evening's only good food.

The dish I most wanted to taste, since I love celeriac, was a cream of celery root and potato soup. It was palatable but extremely shy of celeriac, not to mention cream, and even salt. In sum,

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**PICK HITS:** Short-rib potstickers; probably the short-rib entrée, or any simply prepared shellfish (not fin-fish), e.g., steamed or chilled Dungeness crab; seafood cocktails, ceviches.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Validated garage parking, entrance on Coast Boulevard (opposite Cave Store); valet parking on Prospect Street. Elevator access (same floor as Trattoria Acqua). Adjunct Seaside Cafe bar/oyster bar happy hour 3:00–9:00 p.m., with \$3 drinks and \$5 sushi specials Thursday–Friday. Family-friendly atmosphere.

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a bland, mainly potato soup. Dorm food.

Then the real awfulness began. On the entrée of macadamia-crusted halibut, neither Steve nor I could detect any macadamias. A dried-out hunk of overcooked white fish-flesh was topped with some heat-withered dark-green fresh herb, while falling like shrapnel around its periphery were crunchies tentatively identified as blanched slivered almonds (cheaper than the Hawaiian nuts). The fish sat atop a cube of coconut sticky rice.

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Steve thought it had too much coconut for the halibut. Given the totally dead protein, I wanted much *more* coconut, to add some tropical richness to this desert dryness.

Crusty grilled shrimp (cooked only slightly past optimum) were served in a garlicky tomato sauce with bouncy fettuccini, displaying that rubber-bandish texture that resembles the less-distinguished mainstream brands of refrigerator-case fresh pasta. The dish tasted like something I'd throw together in a tearing hurry, when too hungry to wait for inspiration. Any good home cook with an extra ten minutes could surpass it.

A glimpse at the regular menu indicated that despite the disarmingly modest Restaurant Week prix-fixe tab, this is not a moderate restaurant but a damned pricey one, with the most attractive selections listed at "market price," aka "If you have to ask, you can't afford it." A family at a nearby table were enjoying several 1½ pound Maine lobsters. The cost of lobsters has slumped with the recession — wholesale prices are down as low as \$3 a pound, and many longtime New England lobstering families are

going broke and selling their boats and traps. "How much are the lobsters at that table?" we asked the waitress. They were \$55 each. Now, the last time I ate at the Palm, the price there for five-pound monster lobsters was \$63. (Of course, bigger isn't really better, lobster-wise.) In any event, drinking the cheapest white wine on the list, plus buying oysters for \$12 extra, plus coffee, tip, and tax, our Restaurant Week dinner bill came to \$73 a person. For that price, you can get much better food elsewhere. But our ordeal wasn't over yet — before the bill came the sweets.

Bread pudding with dried cherries (I think that's what they were) had a nice cinnamon flavor, but the texture was as wet and sludgy as new-laid cement — "Too much liquid in the batter," said Steve, a paragon who actually bakes. We knew that if we ate much of it, it would still be sitting in our innards like a soggy cannonball the next morning; we'd have to swallow chorus lines of worker-ants to carry it away crumb by wet crumb to the queen. A horrible metaphor, yes, but that's what came to mind. I didn't even doggie-bag the ample remains for the next day's breakfast. This stuff made whole-wheat toast look good.

Paradise Pie promised macadamia-nut ice cream over

a bittersweet chocolate crust. It was a tasteless white blizzard in the mouth, like lapping up Siberia. We discovered that if you concentrated *really hard*, you could discern a touch of macadamia-nut flavor beneath the generic blast of icy sweetness. There was a lot of whipped cream, and a bit of ordinary chocolate syrup. My espresso was drinkable, and the waitress did deliver it as requested along with the sweets.

The busing, on the other hand, left a lot to be desired. I tend not to notice this service, because my sole waitressing experience was confined to two years working "sit-down dinner nights" in a college dining hall (no tipping), scarcely the paragon of the genteel Midwestern "gracious living" those dinners were supposed to epitomize. As waitresses, we also bused, once the table's occupants were done and gone. Steve, on the other hand, has been a real-world front-of-the-house guy. "After the first course," he said, "they never cleared away the oyster forks and soup spoons. After the entrées, they still didn't clear away the used silverware. We're eating dessert with a whole meal's dirty cutlery still on the table. They obviously have low standards for service."

Even more unfortunately, the standards of cooking were

far less than we'd hoped. The place is pretty and comfortable, but from what was on the plate, I think they're living on scenery, not quality. Yes, we were merely a twosome eating during Restaurant Week, but that's when restaurants are supposed to be putting their best feet forward to turn experimenters into regulars. I suspect that this kitchen can do some simple things well. I wouldn't trust them with fish (judging by that desiccated halibut), and the gritty oysters bespeak a sloppy attitude, but simple shellfish might come out all right — it's hard to ruin a chilled cracked Dungeness crab, unless you leave it in hot water too long, which they might. Overall, though, it seems to be one of those "view" restaurants that give our "view restaurants" a bad name. If Crab Catcher netted me for a moment and I threw it back, it's their problem and none of my own.

### Bargain Restaurant Find

A letter-to-the-ed a couple of months ago accused Tin Fork of only reviewing "dives." Well, my new posse member Steve is a big Tin Man fan, and a few days ago he took me to Ed-Bed's priceless find of Cantina Mayahuel on Adams Avenue at 29th Street for the Friday night special of

chicken molé. (It's also available on Tuesdays.)

The restaurant is named for an Aztec/Mayan fertility goddess who gave mankind the agave cactus, source of tequila. The owner, a modest gringo named Larry, has traveled extensively in the Valley of Mexico, plunking himself down in any small town where he found a great dish and staying until he learned how to cook it himself. His red (actually red-brown) molé is one of those zillion-ingredient, two-days'-cooking extravaganzas, with hints of tropical fruits, deep sesame flavor, and multiple complex chile flavors — not just an exquisite version of this great sauce, but personal, eccentric, a distinct individual cook's molé. The spiciness is perfect. He also imports a sweeter black molé paste direct from Oaxaca, and if you want to taste both, you can order "half and half." The chicken under the sauce/s was cooked tender, and the salsa and guacamole are all fresh-from-scratch — no can-opener, no deep-fat fryer, no shortcuts, no cheating. Besides the daily specials, the menu consists of simple, authentic mainland Mexican dishes (as opposed to Cal Mex) — mainly a limited selection of authentic soft "street tacos" (with sirloin, chicken, mahi mahi, or shrimp,

each with a different marinade), plus salads and "bowls." Top price is \$10.

The lime-y, refreshing Margarita "rocks" (\$5) is totally addictive. Instead of a typical bar mix, it's flavored with organic lime juice and sweetened with natural agave nectar. It's probably light on the tequila, since I had four, and so did the ladies at the next table, and none of us fell on our faces when we slid off the high wooden barstools. There's an awesome list of 135 tequilas and 20 mezcals, and beautiful, warm, terra cotta-painted decor, bedecked with huge masks and superb paintings, including several spooky-thrilling canvases by an artist who seems to be an updated Latin version of Aubrey Beardsley (illustrator of Oscar Wilde's *Salome*) — mystical and Gothic and deeply Aztecan, with that doomy, scary fluidity of Art Nouveau (the inspiration for many psychedelic rock posters of the '60s). The place is crowded by now, of course — it's become a neighborhood favorite. There's a delightful Mexican-style courtyard patio out back; but to sit inside in winter, go early. But go. Steve says the other nightly specials, e.g., chile colorado, are terrific, too, though none quite so grand as the molé. ■



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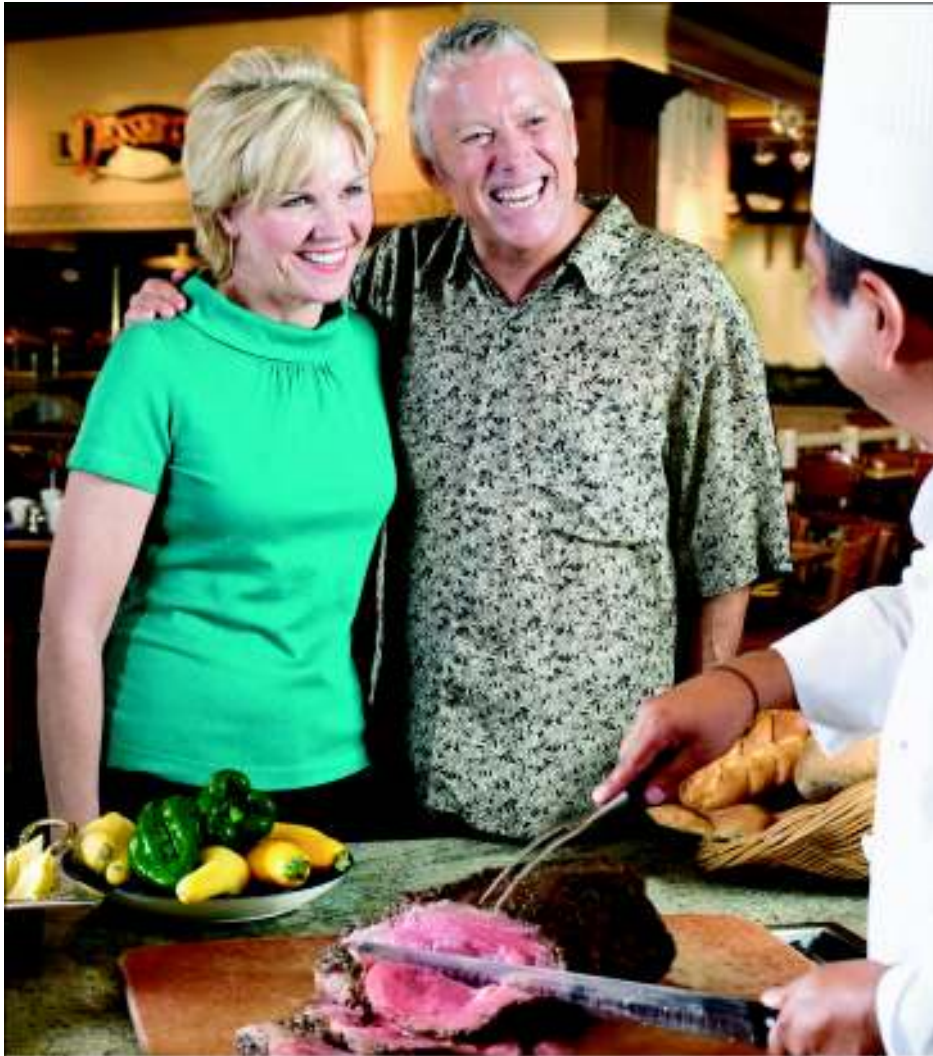
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“It’s just for friends,” he says.  
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‘Spare change?’ says the guy sitting on the sidewalk. Must know I just cashed a paycheck. It’s Friday night, around 6:00, at Sixth and C. Me, I’m staring at a sandwich board in front of this recently renovated old eatery, La Gran Tapa. Can’t believe it.

“\$3 tapas, \$3 drinks,” it says. “Happy Hour 5:00–7:00 Tuesday to Friday.”

“Here’s a down payment,” I tell the guy. I hand him one of my hard-earned Washingtons. “I’ll double it if this means what it says.”

Ha. Mr. Big Shot.  
I amble through the door into a low, woody place with thick, brown roof beams, salmon walls, brass rails, chandeliers, art on the wall (Spanish señorita babes, mostly), ornate mirrors... Somewhere, a live guitarist plays flamenco-sounding music. A group at a table yaps about the concert they’re going to see at Symphony Hall, across the road. Man, it all feels über-Euro. Sure hope the happy-hour promise means what it says.

“Absolutely,” says the barman, Scott.  
“Absolutely,” says the bar lady, Maria. “And you have a good hour left.”

“And it is good,” says this customer, Rita, sitting at the bar. I see she has a glass of white wine and a couple of small plates of food. One’s marinated mushrooms, the other looks like a quiche or frittata.

“Wine...\$3?” I ask, when Scott comes to take my order.

“Or beer, draft.”  
I go for a ruby-red Cab-mix wine. Reasonably sized glass, too, and a surprising taste for only three bucks. I mean, what do I know, but

to me it’s fruity, gentle, seductive.  
While I’m waiting, a couple of guys come up speaking Spanish. They order *caprese* — tomatoes with discs of buffalo mozzarella on top (normally \$10) — and *gambas al ajillo* — prawns “sautéed with sliced lemon, garlic, white wine, red pepper flakes, and fresh parsley” (not included in happy hour, \$9). “I’m a lawyer in Tijuana,” says one of them, the big guy next to me, Angel

Fernández Margain. “This is the one real tapa place in town. Not BS for tourists. The real thing.”  
So the tapas choice ranges from marinated olives to *frittata di giri*, “Sicilian-style frittata made with fresh bell peppers, chard, onion, cheese, and egg,” to *pulpo*, “wild caught octopus sautéed in extra virgin olive oil and garlic garnish with fresh Spanish paprika.” When it’s not happy hour, most tapas cost in the range of \$8 (for *pulpo*) to \$12 (for clams and mussels in a white wine sauce).

So I order up a frittata, a plate of marinated mushrooms, and a plate of bread and olives. Oh, and this is great: while I’m waiting, I see a note at the bottom of the menu that claims they never use aluminum or Teflon-covered pans. Maria — she’s Bulgarian — says the owner refuses to use microwaves, too. Man, I’d come back for this alone. I hate aluminum, don’t trust Teflon, and who knows what those nasty little microwaves do to the food?

The plates come, and they’re great. I like the frittata’s onion-cheese-egg combo, and the olives and bread and mushrooms all marry nicely with the vino. They won’t save a starving man, but they’re nice. Rita and I get to talking so much we hardly notice Scott has topped up

our glasses. Free. When I ask him about this place, he calls over a guy named Basilio. The owner. “You’re sitting in what was the first nice place downtown,” Basilio says. “Paul Dobson, the bullfighter and pioneer down here, opened it in 1984, way before the Gaslamp. I bought it in 2007. I wanted to carry on the tradition. We renovated.”

He and Maria exchange looks. “We both worked on it,” Basilio says, like it was a hard grind. “It took us 11 months. This is part of the Southern Hotel. It was built back in 1916, to house workers constructing the Pan American exhibition in Balboa Park. It’s still a boarding hotel.”

Pretty soon I’m ordering one more tapa, before happy hour ends. *Tortilla española*, “the classic potato, onion, and egg combination famous in bars all over Spain,” the menu says. “We put caramelized onions with the home-fried potatoes and eggs,” Basilio says. “You can’t taste them separately.” And, yes, it’s delicious. ‘Specially with the last-chance \$3 glass of wine I get in. ‘Course, by now, we’re talking about the whole tapa idea. “I’m Sicilian,” says Basilio. “My grandfather came over. So this is not all strictly Spanish food.”

It turns out Basilio runs the Turquoise



Basilio

eatery in P.B. too. He’s a tax accountant, learned wine-making from his grandpa, and produces 12 gallons a year from his own 20 vines. He happens to have a half-jug right here, which he pours for both of us. Good. Robust. “It’s just for friends,” he says. “I’m not allowed to sell it.”

Then he’s off to join the guitarist John Moore (not the Padres guy), or “Juan Moro,” as they knew him in Spain. And, man, this guy can sing, *alegras* and *soleás* — heart-ripping Gypsy-style laments. Who knew? A tax accountant...

It’s way past happy hour. Outside on B, the guy’s still sitting on the sidewalk.

He gives me a look. “So does it mean what it says?” ■

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### BEACHES

**Adobe el Restaurante** 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-550-1000. Adobe offers California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with locally farmed vegetables — try the fine, venturesome chipotle lobster bisque, tender roasted salmon, delightful dessert sampler. The resort is amidst a host of science and technology institutes and UCSD, and its kitchen sometimes must serve too many masters — dedicated diners, hotel guests (including tots), conferencing technocrats, plus the usual parties and banquets. Hence, some of the food is a touch detuned to suit cautious and/or inattentive eaters. California wines exclusively, enough by the

glass, most bottles over \$40. Full bar. No cell phones in dining room. Long trek from validated self-parking to restaurant; mobility impaired should call for directions to valet parking or to arrange lift by shuttle-tram from lot. Lacto-vegetarians easily accommodated to order. Resort casual, a bit dressy on weekends. Three meals daily (including Sunday brunch, when rugrats eat free). Moderately expensive. — *N.W.*

**Bare Back Grill - Pacific Beach** 4640 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from Prime NZ Angus to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Broken Yolk Café** 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Breakfasting P.B.ers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. This dozen-egg Broken Yolk Café Special comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay nothing — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — \$19.99. My advice: split a four-egger. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Fairouz Café and Gallery** 3166 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on

the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

**George's at the Cove — California Modern** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. With a new name and renovated for an even better ocean view, George's at the Cove California Modern dining room continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious, healthful California cuisine based on prime, seasonal ingredients and emphasizing sustainable wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. The cooking style is a little lighter now, good for carb-counters, with only small amounts of starch on the entrées. The award-winning wine list offers few bottles under \$50, but many by the half-bottle or glass, including serious dessert wines. Full bar, creative "chef cocktails" with fresh fruit. Wheelchair elevator available but hidden (ask valet parkers); disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's men's room on same floor. Vegetarians and vegans accommodated to order. Reserve well ahead. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Great Moon Buffet** 1840 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus over 150 items daily. Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramely too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, lon-

gan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Harbor House** 831 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**JRDN** 723 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. It's a day at the beach: Befitting a restaurant digging its feet into the sand, the food here is fresh, fun, and unfussy, featuring sustainable seafood, natural meats (including truly tasty spice-rubbed steaks), organic/local produce, and a separate sushi bar. The dishes cover the waterfront, ranging from mac 'n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. The chic interior, relaxed atmosphere, and great grazing draw an exuberant, youngish crowd. Creative cocktails are part of the charm, along with a venturesome wine list with plenty by the glass. Tables (reservable) on the heated beachfront patio could easily become a summertime lifestyle. Validated valet parking. Just one lacto-vegetarian entrée, but vegetable sides plus salads fill in amply. Bread available by request only. Lunch weekdays, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Entrées expensive. — *N.W.*

**La Jolla Rancherita** 7404 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-5877. Most of the year this modest eatery serves a standard border-Mexican menu (*antojito* combos, a few typical entrées) running toward the mild side but with a wider, more interesting assortment of fresh salads than most of its ilk. (Hey, it's La Jolla!) But when local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here's one place that gets them live and does them right — and you don't have to put up with a frat party or tourist scene. The good-size, juicy critters (at least a pound each) are halved and gently grilled (not abused by the usual lardy deep fry), and come with two melted butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. The lobsters aren't on the written menu but are treated as specials. Call before you go to make sure they're on hand that day. Full bar. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Phil's BBQ — Point Loma** 3750 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-6333. Although Phil grills his BBQ (rather than slow-smoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-the-bone pork and beef is another. The sweet baked beans a third. Plus, the restaurant is a rabbit-warren that grew, but it's kid-friendly, has open wash-basins for your greasy mitts, and has paper towel rolls at every table. Ribs can be expensive, but a quarter-rib (four bones) will fill you fine. A great second-best is the BBQ sandwich with char-grilled pork shoulder. Remember: you'll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

### BAJA

*From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.*

**El Cid** Lopez Mateos #993, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the Specialties section of the huge menu for the most interesting se-

lections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) make a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Vegetarian on request. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Fonda Roberto's** Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard, next to CESUN Universidad), Baja, 664-686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs "red spinach," Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the *hua-zontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos de Moctezuma* ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camarón seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Vegetarian upon request. Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Lonchería la Poca Lucha** Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Baja. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and



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CENTRAL

**Alambres Mexican Grill** 756 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-2838. Surprise: this place strives to be inexpensive, like a Mexico City café-bar, where you hang out to watch soccer or talk over the night at two in the morning. They keep the kitchen open till the wee hours. Breakfasts are decent workaday deals, like the burrito stuffed with chorizo, spuds, and eggs. Try the interesting *chicharrón de queso* that looks like a foot-long golden scroll, and watch for the impulse-cooked teaser plates like *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in Maggie’s sauce. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Open 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Alexander’s** 3391 30th Street, North Park, 619-281-2539. The southern part of North Park needed a good neighborhood Italian restaurant. The son of the owners of Point Loma’s Old Venice has provided one, with a menu abbreviated from that of the mothership, including plenty of seafood and many Greek-influenced dishes. The new restaurant still cleaves to its parent’s old San Diego ways (e.g., ingredients aren’t impressive, and all entrées come with the same veggie

medley), but the competent kitchen turns out some delicious dishes, especially pastas (try the linguine de Kathleen), specials, and reasonably thin-crust, interesting pizzas. The interior is bright, white, and very loud; the roofed and heated back patio is dimly lit and quieter. Wine, sangria, beer. Take-out orders accepted by phone. Reservations advised. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W.

**The Better Half Bistro** 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-9340. “Explore — don’t bore!” is the unspoken motto of world-traveled chef John Kennedy (a veteran of the kitchens of Thomas Keller, Charlie Trotter, and Daniel Boulud) at this civilized little haven for fearless foodies. The globe provides Kennedy’s flavor palate, while his techniques are rigorously French. The seasonal menu ranges from frog legs to antelope and includes that rarity, a house-made charcuterie platter (right down to the mustard), plus a different appetizer tart every night. But that’s just the start of the creative ethic here: phone 24 hours ahead, and he’ll cook you just about whatever you want, including vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free meals on request. The restaurant is named for its array of wines by the half-bottle. Two shallow steps up into dining room, but heated dining courtyard is wheelchair accessible. Reservations a must. “Early bird special” from 5 to 7 p.m. nightly offers a limited choice of three courses for only \$20. Otherwise, moderate. — N.W.

**Bite Bistro and Wine Bar** 1417 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Chef-owner Chris Walsh, long-time culinary saint of Hillcrest, cooks up the inventive California tapas he’s known for at this lively, local spot. The flavors are Mediterranean-influenced with original touches. The top of the hit list includes a foie gras crème brûlée; luscious poached oysters with truffle-chive butter; and witty foie gras medallions with tropical fruit and pine-nut brittle (Perigord meets Dollywood). Grilled Japanese

eggplant with beet carpaccio, lamb meatballs, steak frites, and berry sabayon are nothing to sneeze at, either. Bring friends to share with. An eclectic international wine list offers loads by the glass and bottlings at a wide price range, but don’t miss the fragrant, seductive cocktail of prosecco with rose syrup. Tuesday nights, bargain-priced (\$20) prix fixe dinner. Wines half off on Mondays. Grazing diners Wednesday through Monday; open weekends until 11 p.m. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they add up. — N.W.

**Bleu Bohème** 4090 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-255-4167. Restaurateur Philippe Beltran’s classic French bistro, *très chic* but informal and quite noisy, emphasizes familiar favorites from the old-fashioned, French-in-America, bourgeois-cuisine restaurant repertoire — dishes like Burgundian escargots (perfect), a lightened coq au vin (nice) and Mediterranean bouillabaisse (nearly fatally compromised by wrong-tasting cold-water species like salmon and halibut). But in this restaurant-starved, fashion-conscious part of town, many patrons adore the joint. (*Chacun à son goût.*) And at the end you can feast

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**Darband Fifth Avenue Grill** 1556 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It's mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. Khoresh Bademjan is a tasty baby eggplant and beef stew. Barg is a safe bet, too — marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap's cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Open lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**European Market & Deli** 4135 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you're into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés.

The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Saturdays only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and bechamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gyros. But go just to play bon vivant on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Extraordinary Desserts — Banker's Hill** 2929 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschetta, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Islander Grill** 3645 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy ipot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a

range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Jayne's Gastropub** 4677 30th Street, Normal Heights, 619-563-1011. You'll find great appetizers for sharing here — not pub grub, but fine, sophisticated southern-European treats like savory hummus, tasty fried calamari, and Spanish-style shrimp with garlic. Main courses run to comfort food and are rather a matter of taste — the younger drinking crowd eats 'em up, while seasoned gastronomes aren't always as enthusiastic. Either way, it's a hip, nabe hangout for those who can handle ear-busting noise. In good weather, seating on the back patio relieves the sonic overload. Full bar with excellent wine and beer choices. One vegan entrée, one vegetarian-adaptable pasta. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Appetizer dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Pierre's Place** 1404 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-727-4700. Guys twirl pizza dough like they were in Cirque du Soleil. Other kids run back and forth cooking, serving. Who'd guess they're all homeless teens who live and study here at the Toussaint Center? This eatery's new, smart, a mix of quarry stone, blond wood, sea-green chairs, red walls, brown leather couches, and full bookshelves. Food's good, too. You might say nouvelle Italian-Californian. Think California Pizza meets Father Joe. Interesting dishes like Florentine breakfast *panini*, Tuscan chicken *panini* (nice and squelchy with provolone, red peppers, pesto), and the Italian Special (toasted Italian roll with salami, ham *capicola*, provolone). The "vanillages" gelato, with bits of apple pie, ain't half bad either. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Pizza Fusion** 3827 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-278-0057. This may be the greenest eatery in town. It's part of a chain, but a green chain. The foods are organic, the restaurant's walls and floors are made of renewable bamboo, the bar is recycled old bottles, and natural light

pours in through solar tubes. The drinking straws are corn-based and biodegradable. They even deliver their pizzas in hybrid cars. The food? The pizzas are odd-shaped but fresh and tasty, with multigrain oval crusts, plenty of veggies, cheese, and sweet Italian sausage. Try Bill's Pizza (includes organic NY strips) and wash it down with MateVeza ale that's also an energy drink. All this does not come cheap, but watch for happy hour specials. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Puerto la Boca** 2060 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — freerange and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parrillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp *la boca*. Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*oquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Daily lunch and dinner hours, with dinner menu all day Friday and Saturday. — *N.W.*

**Sausage King** 811 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who run this place do. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from homemade liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

### NORTH INLAND

**Buca di Beppo — Mira Mesa** 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Buca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant** 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041.

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“Revels,” as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in 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. In fact, everything’s a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — N.W.

**A Delight of France** 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty

breakfast, you can choose omelets, fritatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**The French Market Grille** 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you’re dieting, they’ll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they’re fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M.

**Hunan** 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces,

Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don’t already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you’re unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you’re planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

## NORTH COASTAL

**Americana** 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic

building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a “Roman breakfast” of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don’t miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber’s home garden; the french fries (which don’t come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn’t be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids’ menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M.

**The Bird House Grill** 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish

cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — “Iskender” means “Alexander.” Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The Shepherd’s Salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Knockout Pizza** 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It’s New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and “whitestone” (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the “Bronx Special,” an assortment of pepperoni, sausage,

onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Market Restaurant and Bar** 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Market occupies an odd location, way out in the boonies of far-east Del Mar, but it’s worth seeking out. The menu, which changes daily, is inspired by whatever seasonal foodstuffs chef-owner Carl Schroeder (formerly at Arterra) finds at the local produce market (Chino Farms) and from the nearby seas. Despite the ambitious food and prices, vibes are neighborhood restaurant — people are having a good time here, and so will you. For once, the appetizers and entrées are equally good, with no letdown. At our visit, boneless beef shortribs, North Atlantic monkfish, bluenose bass, and venison chops were all imaginative, with perfectly sized portions and intriguing sides. Appetizers may include celery-root soup, Maine lobster salad, bleu-cheese soufflé, and a strudel of forest mushrooms and artichokes, all of them scrumptious —

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but the menu could be completely different when you visit, so be prepared. This is truly seasonal, local cuisine, and hurry for that. Dinner nightly. Reservations essential. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**El Q'ero** 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian- and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Saint Germain's Café** 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn café potatoes or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veggie choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior din-

ing room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Tip Top Meats** 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an M.A. in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Trattoria Positano** 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *N.W.*

### SOUTH BAY

**Asian Noodle** 1430 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite E-12, National City, 619-477-5390. You've got to be a noodle fan to be into this. It's an outpost of the venerable Ma Mon Luk family's Filipino restaurant empire. Mr. Ma went to Manila from China nearly a century ago and introduced the idea of egg noodles in a chicken soup (instead of rice

noodles). His now-famous soup (with beef or chicken these days) came to be called MaMi, (Mr. Ma's "Mi" — noodles). Yes, MaMi's a little bland, but it's filling, and their *siopao* (stuffed steam buns) make a good accompaniment. Most interesting is another invention Ma Mon Luk claims: sweet spaghetti. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Birrias, Chivos & Cheves** 2401 Highland Avenue, Suite 104, National City, 619-477-7660. This might be the nearest thing to the goat restaurant at Mercado Hidalgo, the Tijuana market known for its good food, including goat stew. Goat is what you get here, and it's good. Guadalajara style. The taste is rich but not too gamey. The family's specialty is great too: *quesabirria frita*, a kind of empanada with birria, Monterey Jack cheese, cream, and marinated purple onion, topped with mom's sesame salsa. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Chez Loma French Bistro** 1132 Loma Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0661. Occupying a charming, cozy historic cottage a few blocks from the Del, this very French bistro has ceased its previous descent into decay, thanks to a change of owners in late 2005. They've introduced more careful cooking, fresher ingredients, more accommodating service. You'll still find all the classics of French bourgeois cuisine on the menu along with lighter, more modern dishes such as salmon crusted with horseradish. Don't miss the heartwarming Normandy-style onion soup flavored with apple cider. An adventurous wine list with interesting regional French bottles at modest markups adds to the pleasures. Three different three-course prix-fixe dinners (at varying prices) all offer good value, especially the early-bird super-bargain menu (\$24.95) available 4-6 p.m. nightly (all evening on Tuesdays). On Wednesdays, most wines are half price. Ground-floor dining room wheelchair accessible; specify when reserving. Dinner only,

Tuesday through Sunday. À la carte expensive. — *N.W.*

**China Super Buffet** 3007 Highland Avenue #9, National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Yellow-gloved girls constantly rove the rows checking, stirring, wiping. A lot of the stuff is very good, like the marinated baby octopuses that look like large blushing spiders, or the mussels in their shells, bubbling golden on top with melted cheese, and of course, roast beef au jus. If you must be healthy, they have groaning salad bars and adequate sushi. It's an incredible value. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Mistral** 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado, 619-424-4000. Not just for tourists, but a lovely getaway for locals, the luxurious dining room with its wraparound windows on the bay is one of the most romantic spots in town with comfortable banquette seating, a view from every table, and an atmosphere that's quietly festive, not formal. The light, elegant, healthful Mediterranean-style cuisine (northern Italy and southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits grown organically on the resort grounds. Combinations can be witty and a bit whimsical. An excellent wine list at very reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. (If you want a tasting dinner with matching wines, speak to the knowledgeable, trustworthy sommelier.) Inexpensive validated valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Reserve a few nights ahead, as many dinners here are sold out or special events. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Restaurant el Patio** 410 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-9745. This family restaurant has hardly changed in 54 years. It has the easy feel of a place beloved by many of Chula Vista's multi-generational families. The food is old-fashioned, too. So don't expect anything new, unless you go for the Flying Saucer (fried tortilla stacked with beef, tomatoes, and a mound of salad). Otherwise just go for the tried and true: chile relleno, enchiladas, taco combo, and open-faced chiliburgers with fries.

You should try El Patio's famous cheese sauce that smothers their shredded beef burrito. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

### EAST COUNTY

**Antica Trattoria** 5654 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-9919. This is the Italian cooking of joy. New York expats, especially, will rejoice to discover fabulous food and warm hospitality to equal their Manhattan favorites — in a La Mesa strip mall. The indulgent, ambitious, full-flavored dishes are made with uncompromised Italian ingredients (e.g., San Daniele prosciutto, imported fontina cheese) and the Sicilian-born chef knows just what to do with them. This is *abbondanza* — not just abundance in portion size, but in the soul-felt appreciation of the pleasure of life. Wine (with lots of interesting Italian bottlings) and beer. Reservations strongly advised. Moderate (pastas) to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

**The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon** 27413 Highway 76, Julian, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Paipa's Oasis (Sycaun Casino)** 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gamble through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain

tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**La Posta** 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. ("With syrup" breakfast items, such as pancakes, stop at 2:30 p.m.) Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Vine Ripe Market Grill** 8191 Fletcher Parkway Drive, La Mesa, 619-462-9900. Maybe the nearest feeling you'll get this side of the Pacific to being in the actual Middle East. The scents, the smells, the music. Women in robes and shawls, men with prayer beads. Behind the food counter, three giant vertical spits of beef, chicken, and a lamb-beef combo rotate in front of blue flames. Ask for the Beef Shawerma, or a lamb kabob spiked on a real sword. The shrimp kabob (basmati rice, hummus, feta salad, pita bread) is wonderful, and their grilled salmon is their most popular dish. Sandwiches include a kafta kabob (thin bread stuffed with meat loaf, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, served with a Grecian sauce) and chicken kabob (thin bread stuffed with chicken, lettuce, onions, tomatos, garlic sauce). Don't hurry — be prepared for conversation. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## User Reviews — RESTAURANTS

*Best user comments from Reader website*

### Pizza Fusion, Hillcrest

You'd have to eat it with your eyes first; all the food at Pizza Fusion is fantastic! The atmosphere, staff, food, everything! My best friend and I were taken care of by one of their wonderful waiters, Samuel. This place hits the spot on so many levels when vegans have the pizza crave, I completely recommend it. The reason why we keep coming back for more is for the Create-Your-Own pizza with vegan cheese, 100 percent organic tomato sauce, spinach, kalamata olives, caramelized onions, and cremini mushrooms. It's to die for! By **Diana** 10:15 a.m., Feb. 3

### Tango Restaurant & Wine Bar, Escondido

I went back to Tango for small plates in the lounge. It was beyond delicious. The tuna melt was like nothing I'd ever tasted. Fresh ahi in lightly toasted bread. I can't do it justice with mere words. I ordered a side of fries. Crisp, delicious. Perfect. My date said the Kobe beef sliders were the best he'd ever had. We eat out a lot and Tango is still the best place I've ever eaten. And live music fans should go hear Warren LaPlante on Thursday night. He's a guitarist who makes playing look easy. It's the perfect accompaniment to the great food and special cocktails. By **FoodieGirl** 7:52 p.m., Feb. 3

### RA Sushi, downtown

great atmosphere, cool music especially if your a child of the '80s... Sake bombs fill the air with loud clinks, but it is just a fun-filled place. The food is not bad; the sushi is good, but the price is a bit high. You pay for the location and atmosphere By **angeladean30** 9:24 a.m., Feb. 4

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### Kingdom

The Old Globe Theatre presents a new hip-hop/rock musical about Andres and Juan, inner-city friends torn apart by tragedy. Ron Daniels directed. (Note: the musical will be performed at the Lincoln High School Center for the Arts, February 12-15, and at the Old Globe Theatre, February 19-22.)

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 150 SOUTH 49TH STREET, LOGAN HEIGHTS. SATURDAY, 8 P.M. SUNDAY, 7:30 P.M.

### Love Negotiated

Kevin Six's comedy follows four couples as they journey in and out of love. Along the way they encounter "love, lawyers in love, and something called a no-nup." D.J. Sullivan directed.

SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 1.

### Love Song

John Kolvenbach's becoming a player's playwright. He crafts scenes that often resemble a three-ring circus. In his *Love Song*, for example, he juggles actors with rapid-

fire dialogue and makes things balloon: a simple multiple-choice personality test, for example, when taken at face value expands into life-and-death issues. Harry, wife Joan, and her withdrawn brother Beane live literal lives. Everything is what it is (and, to bullish Joan's way of thinking, barely that). But when Molly, an unexpected intruder, attempts to rob Beane's apartment (which is as empty as his heart), light bulbs click above the trio's heads: romance blooms and re-blooms, a melon inspires, and the world becomes chocked with poetry, for a while. If you don't count its critique of lives so vapid they can only thrive on fantasy — Harry and Joan don't even know how to play hooky, for crime's sake! — the play's a fragile whimsy. The Cygnet Theatre production, directed by Sean Murray, however, is a hoot. A quartet of actors tear into their roles, relishing Kovenbach's zany lines and daffy business (and performing with stopwatch precision at that). Francis Gercke makes Beane an Ugly Duckling: after having been mute for years, he suddenly swans and can't stop talking or appreciating (or evoking laughter). Daren Scott, as Harry, and Jessa Watson, as Joan, showcase their comic gifts as a couple so repressed that, when they open up, find themselves in undiscovered territory. Jessica John, who also designed the apt costumes, makes Molly a nifty hybrid: an impish recidivist.

### Worth a try

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### Peter and the Starcatchers

As part of its Page to Stage series, the La Jolla Playhouse presents a workshop production of this prequel to Peter Pan, written by Rick Elice and directed by Roger Rees and Alex Timbers.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, UCSD. 858-550-1010. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 8.

### Pump Boys and Dinettes

Moonlight Stage Productions offers the popular musical set at a gas station/diner on Highway 57. Songs include "Farmer Tan," "Be Good or Be Gone," and "The Night Dolly Parton Was Almost Mine." David Brannen directed.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA. 760-724-2110. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 22.

### Red Light Winter

Triad Productions stages Adam Rapp's drama, a triangle of unrequited love set in Amsterdam's red-light district. Scott Andrew Amiotte directed.

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 5 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 1.

### Room Service

Lamb's Players opens its 2009 season with Allen Boretz and John Murray's screwball comedy about a producer, a 22-person cast, and the Great Depression. Robert Smyth directed.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 22.

### Since Africa

In Mia McCullough's drama, Ater is one of the Lost Boys of the Sudan. Like thousands of young males, he watched his family murdered and fled from his Dinka village, running hundreds of miles, barefoot, across the Sudan (there are no "lost" women; they were made slaves). Now 21, Ater is in Chicago, where Diane, a socialite whose husband died recently, and Deacon Reggie Hudson attempt to "resettle" him. But neither sees Ater. Each is a Pygmalion; they see who they want him to become. Are they aiding, or trying to colonize, Ater? *Since Africa* plays like an extended commentary on John Guare's *Six Degrees of Separation*, also at the Old Globe. Amid small world nearness stand walls, both personal and cultural. Break-

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throughs are possible, even awakened awareness, though attempts to change a person often result in confirming differences. Until mid-act 2, the play is low on drama. The author tends to wade into a scene, for 10 or 15 lines, then paddles hard. The Globe made a smart choice in having Seema Sueko direct. She's staged the play before and knows its quirks. Linda Gehringer's unafraid to push Diane a few clicks past likability, which gives her performance an authentic ring. Willie C. Carpenter, Warner Miller, and Ashley Clements add dimension to slender roles. *Since Africa* plods but also offers payoffs, especially in its critique of intentions and in Kristin D. Carpenter's performance as the Nameless One,

a statue that comes to life and dances with vigor and joy. ***Worth a try.*** OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 8.

**Six Degrees of Separation** John Guare based his play with the famous title on an actual event. A young black man pretending to be Sidney Poitier's son (Poitier had none) entered homes he couldn't have otherwise and robbed them. In the play, Paul may not be who he says, but he's a good enough actor to convince upscale New Yorkers Flan and Ouisa Kittredge to allow him into their art-rich Upper East Side apartment. A bonding spiri-

tual breakthrough with Ouisa and Paul's naked male lover scurrying about make for connections and separations. At the Old Globe, even when you know Paul's a fraud, Samuel Stricken makes you wonder if Poitier had an *illegitimate* son. Stricken handles Guare's lectures (about the imagination, drama's emotionally "paralyzed" characters, etc.) without becoming too preachy — no mean feat — and his best work comes when the real Paul peeks through the mask and realizes he can only gain acceptance as someone else. 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 and how to bring the script's 17 characters (most of them cameos and some of contemporary theater's more alienated beings) to life. Thomas Jay Ryan gives Flan the re-

ality-avoidance instincts of an ostrich, to comic effect. Wearing Emily Rebholz's color-burst costumes, Karen Ziemba's terrific as Ouisa. As her understanding grows, Ziemba traces a touching arc from wide-eyed daffy to near-tragic awareness. ***Worth a try.*** OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 15.

**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 STREET, HILLCREST. 619-297-7309. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 14.

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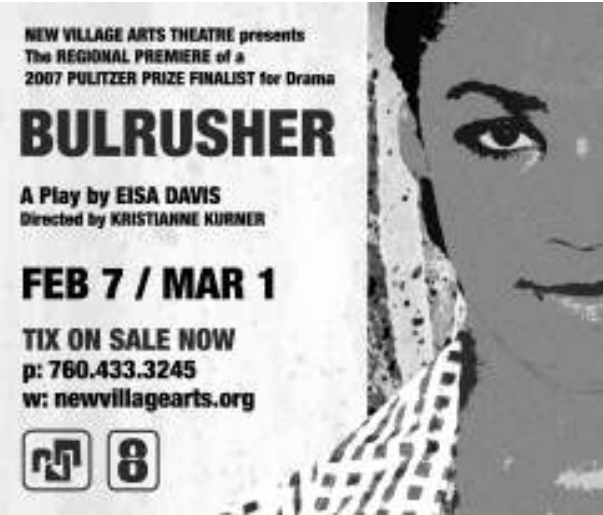
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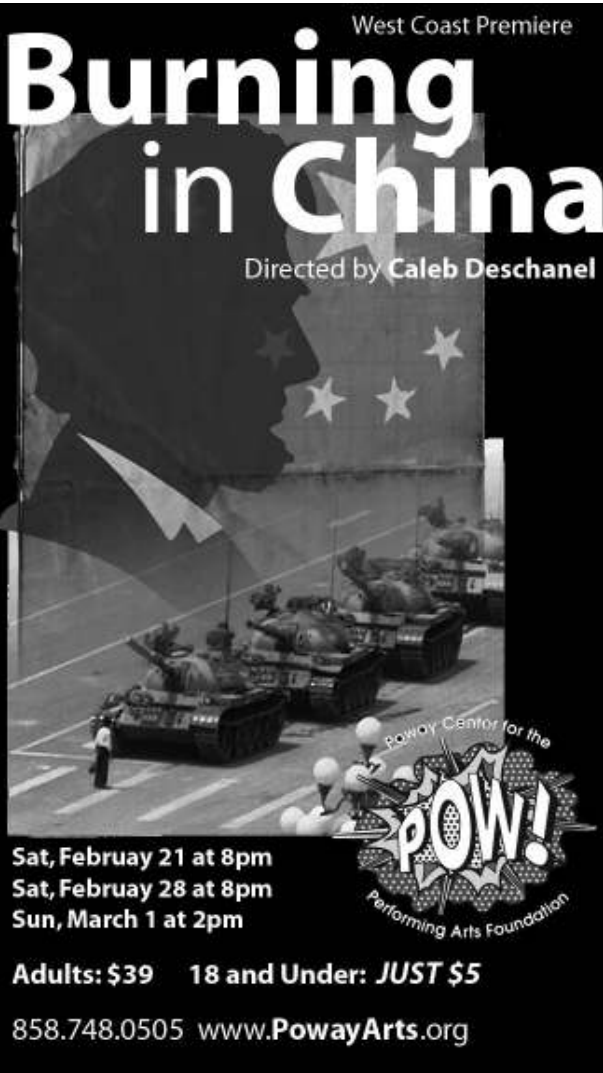
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# Human Enough

*There are no sidekick roles here for a Joan Cusack or a Judy Greer.*

**A**s an explanation of romantic incompatibility, the catchphrase title, *He's Just Not That into You*, is stunningly unilluminating, no matter which of its six words is stressed. (On screen, the third one stands out in green from the white of the rest, but that seems an arbitrary reading.) Satisfied with

mind as long as you remember the actresses' first names), although their work is nothing more than how and where they know one another. Each of them represents a common stage of relationship: the desperate single, the contented married, and the committed but uncontentedly unmarried,

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the what and incurious about the why, it tends to slam the door on further discussion. The screen treatment of Greg Behrendt's and Liz Tuccillo's best-selling advice book, illustrated by way of a fictitious mating game for five women and four men, is similarly incurious. It's... just... not... that... into... anybody. The mystery of human matches and mismatches would of course persist, regardless of how much concrete evidence is piled up in search of a solution, but the filmmakers appear loath to dig too deep. Their objects of study remain light on personalities, preferences, professions, particulars of any type.

Ginnifer Goodwin, Jennifer Connelly, and Jennifer Aniston are co-workers (easy to keep straight in your

respectively. The two men in their lives, Ben Affleck and Bradley Cooper, are acquainted with each other to some unclear degree. The anti-marriage one probably but unobservably has a job, and definitely has a boat to fall back on when booted out of the apartment. The married one, on the other hand, has a private office, and some connection to the music business, which gives him an excuse to flirt dangerously with Scarlett Johansson, who wants to be a singer in some undemonstrated capacity and in the meantime teaches yoga. She in some distant way (if I am remembering correctly) knows Drew Barrymore, whose relations with the opposite sex, apart from a constellation of homosexual colleagues at the



*He's Just Not That into You*

weekly *Baltimore Blade*, are strictly filtered through the technologies of text-message, voice-mail, and E-mail. In her position as advertising sales rep, she exchanges calls with, but has never met in the flesh, a real-estate agent, Kevin Connolly, who used to sleep with Scarlett Johansson and still

yearns to. He in turn is friends with a bar owner, Justin Long, who becomes the Platonic confidant and counselor of the aforementioned desperate single, and thus becomes the primary mouthpiece for the authors of the original self-help book.

Those are the players (Kris Kristof-

erson, a cardiac-arrested father and not an active player, cannot be said to even the sides), and the benefit of filling the female roles with Hollywood A-listers, besides supplying an illusion of personality to the underwritten characters, is that it overthrows the hierarchy of the standard romantic

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comedy. There are no sidekick roles here for a Joan Cusack or a Judy Greer. Each of the five women is, so to put it, the star of her own movie, the center of her own universe. Goodwin, to be sure, is not on the same career plane with the others, but her role of the desperate single, and sparse narrator, is at least their equal, if not more than. The men, outside of Affleck, and even he at this point in his career is doubtful, are not on the women's plane, either, but this is after all a women's film. (Plenty of interest, and no insult, to men as well. It isn't *Sex and the City*, where the male characters amounted to mere accessories.) All of the actresses are well up to the light comedy, even the normally bedevilled Connelly: as witness her cross-examination of the construction foreman on the smoking habits of his crew. She, though, in the part of the betrayed wife, also bears the heaviest dramatic burden, and distinguishes herself by bearing it heroically. Johansson distinguishes herself as an hourglass among test tubes. And yet, however much the casting may assail hierarchy, and however much it may promote equality, it can't help but reinforce the Tinsel Town tenet that the only people in the world who mat-

ter are the pretties.

The stubborn superficiality, even so, puts up no impenetrable barrier to enjoyment. The filmmakers grapple with real and eternal and universal issues, in precisely the same sense that their puppets, the characters, grapple with them: the transmission and interpretation of signs and signals, the exercise of power and will, the preservation of self, the hope of happiness. And all of their grappling is doubtless more fluent, and perhaps no more superficial, than that of average moviegoers, who can view the sketchiness, the emptiness, of the personalities as a blank screen on which to project their own. Ken Kwapis, while not a director of impressive imagination, is an efficient traffic cop, maintaining good spacing and smooth flow; and his ace cinematographer, John Bailey, oils up the action in luscious, flattering, sunsetty pinks and oranges. There are plainly too many characters, too uneven in numbers, for happy endings to be arranged across the board; and such arrangements are tricky enough to be not readily apparent from the start. As far as they can be made, they fall well short of Jane Austen, but they nevertheless are deftly brought off, and they contain (to judge by the reactions of the preview audience) a couple of certifiable squeal-with-delight climaxes. If the whole thing — superficiality,

slickness, prettiness, and the rest — is not the warmest human spectacle, it has a distinct resemblance, and it's all done with words and looks and no special effects. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

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**Azur and Asmar** — From French filmmaker Michel Ocelot, an animated fairy tale dubbed in English. (KEN, 2/13 THROUGH 19)

**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.

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

**Confessions of a Shopaholic** — Isla Fisher stars in P.J. Hogan's screen version of the comic novel by Sophie Kinsella. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6;

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**Coraline** — A piece of 3-D stop-motion animation about a little girl with blue hair and ski-jump nose (everyone hears her name as Caroline, and her last name of Jones will only encourage confusion in anyone who remembers the Morticia of TV's *Addams Family*, Carolyn Jones), who, unhappy with her preoccupied parents, is lured into a parallel universe of idealized replicas — a sort of Stepford Mom and Stepford Dad — but for their button eyes. Her price to pay for permanent residence in this universe is to trade her own eyes for buttons: “Soon you'll see things our way.” (Distant echoes of *Invaders from Mars* and *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*: the lobotomy bugaboo.) Director Henry Selick, heretofore of *The Nightmare before Christmas* and *James and the Giant Peach*, pays a lot of attention to landscape and surface, such that the film cultivates an aggressive tactility. But the dream world opens the door also to a self-indulgent succession of oddities and bizzareries — here a mouse circus, there an audience of Scotties — without much narrative drive. And it's plainly a higher priority to be dark and edgy and Tim Burton-y than to be kid-friendly. The catered-to adult is still apt to feel something extra was needed, and the distracting 3-D neither provided it nor disguised it. With the voices of Dakota Fanning, Teri Hatcher, John Hodgman, Ian McShane, Keith David. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** — The central conceit, and little else, has been retained from an F. Scott Fitzgerald short story of the same name: a protagonist who ages in reverse. (The story of course was written and titled before the soundalike name of Benjamin Britten came to fame, and as long as they were changing everything else....) With a script by Eric Roth, and with an historical scope and a “special” hero that often recall his script for *Forrest Gump*, the movie is at some pains to shore up the plausibility of the tale — a painful undertaking for sure — and to expunge the humor of it. On screen, nothing is more absurd about it than its length, two and three-quarters hours, plenty long enough to read the Fitzgerald story five or six times over. And its wistful theme of transience frankly gains very little from the reverse-aging phenomenon, nowhere near as much as you'd want to gain from so mindbending a device. The theme, moreover, gains nothing at all from the movie's feeling of interminability. Director David Fincher, determined to show his softer side, softer than *Zodiac* and *Panic Room* and *Fight Club* and so on, manages first and foremost to show his technical side. The movie is replete with proficiencies of production (the periods are lavishly detailed, the brief tugboat battle with an enemy sub in WWII is dazzling, the duplex love nest is a splendid locale, etc.), and it serves as a virtual showcase for the art of makeup and/or art of digital touch-up, digital airbrush, digital prestidigitation, whatever went into the various aging effects on Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett. The seamless surgery by which the leading man's head has been grafted onto bodies of different sizes is used, in this instance, responsibly. But it raises unsettling possibilities for the evolutionary next leap

in screen body doubles. What's to prevent another filmmaker from putting Brad Pitt's head, in service of vanity, on Michael Phelps's body? Cate Blanchett's on Giselle Bündchen's? With Taraji P. Henson, Jason Flemyng, Jared Harris, Tilda Swinton, Julia Ormond. 2008. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**Defiance** — Workmanlike account of the untold (or anyhow unfiled) 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 Cor-duner, Alexa Davalos, and Jodhi May; directed by Edward Zwick. 2008. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

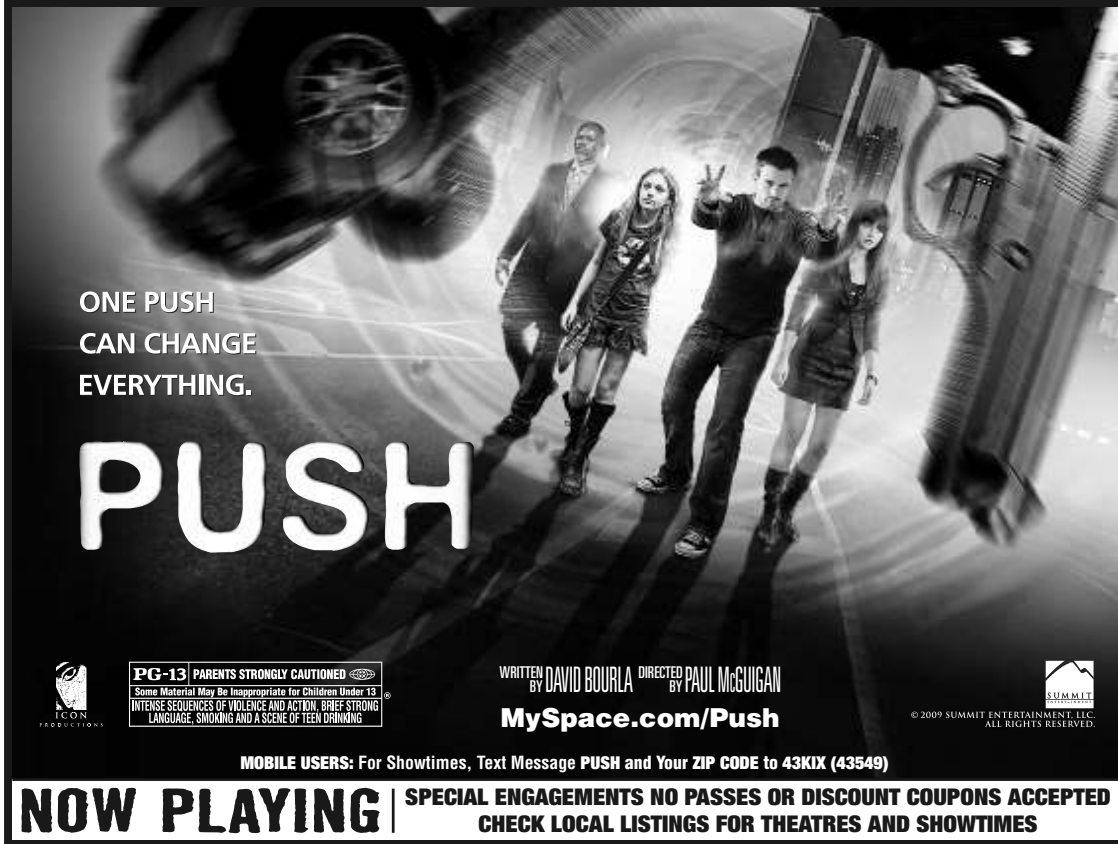
**Donkey Punch** — Art-house fare in America, but on its merits hardly more than grindhouse fodder, cheaply and shoddily made, to do with three girls from Leeds on holiday in Mallorca, who hook up with four guys from home for a seafaring night of illicit drugs, rough sex, and accidental homicide that spirals into thinly motivated intentional homicide. One of the girls and one of the guys mark themselves as sentimental favorites by showing some misgivings from the get-go. Everyone else is treated as if they were asking for what they get. You have the feeling when watching it that it's not so much meant to be a movie unto itself as an application for a bigger budget next time. With Nichola Burley, Sian Breckin, Jaime Winstone, Robert Boulter, Julian Morris; directed by Olly Blackburn. 2008.

● (KEN, THROUGH 2/12)

**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

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are types: the progressive priest who believes in a "friendlier" church that moves with the times, a friendliness that may or may not have gone too far in embracing the school's first black student, a vulnerable target; the hidebound and humorless old nun ("Penmanship is dying, all across this country") whose hawklike vigilance zeroes in on the priest; and the innocent and idealistic novice, young and pretty, who wants to believe the best of everyone. The clash of personalities, strictly limited by the play's title and tactical guideline, illuminates nothing so much as the players. Meryl Streep, overacting awesomely, is not only a holy terror as a nun but as a thespian, booby-trapping every scene with unforeseeable little diversions, inventions, stratagems, embellishments. Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams, no slouches themselves, appear to enjoy their one scene alone together in the courtyard, no one to steal it from them, no one to show them up or slap them down. With Viola Davis and Joseph Foster. 2008.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA)

**Friday the 13th** — Marcus Nispel's remake of the 1980 slasher film, with Jared Padalecki, Danielle Panabaker, Derek Mears.  
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**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 understod 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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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**Frozen River** — Stoical prole sob story has some fresh ground to go over — the smuggling of illegal aliens through the slushy snow of the Mohawk Indian reservation on the Canadian border — and some stark scenery to go with it. Writer and director Courtney Hunt, whose plotting and pacing are sloggingly pedestrian, expends a lot of energy explaining how a law-abiding white woman could get caught up in that sideline: a gambling-addicted husband who skips out on Christmas week, a fifteen-year-old son eager to drop out of school and go to work, nothing to put under the tree for the five-year-old, a dead-end job at Yankee Dollar, bills due. Melissa Leo, aging in a characterful way, able to assume the lead role without a Charlize Theron reverse makeover, does a solid professional job, so much so as to highlight the amateurism around her. Misty Upham, Charlie McDermott

mott, Michael O'Keefe. 2008.  
★ (GASLAMP 15)

**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 conviction, is simply its place in line in his ongoing penance for the offhand violence, the incalculable casualties, of his earlier career: its place behind *Unforgiven*, *A Perfect World*, *Mystic River*, etc. Once was not enough. It was not just lip service, like an obligatory number of Hail Mary's after a long-postponed trip to 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**He's Just Not That into You** — Reviewed this issue. With Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Connelly, Ginnifer Goodwin, Scarlett Johansson, Ben Affleck, Kevin Connolly, Bradley Cooper, and Justin Long; directed by Ken Kwapis.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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 Freudenthal 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; GASLAM 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-

SION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**mkheart** 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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

**The International** — High-finance thriller with Clive Owen and Naomi Watts, directed by Tom Tykwer.  
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**Last Chance Harvey** — The septuagenarian Dustin Hoffman secures a role he can really sink his teeth into, or sharpen 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.

**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

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## CENTRAL

### CLAIREMONT

#### Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (877-789-6684)  
**Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Coraline** (PG); **Defiance** (R); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **The International** (R); **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG); **The Pink Panther 2** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R); **Taken** (PG-13); **The Wrestler** (R)

### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684)  
**The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Frozen River** (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **Hotel for Dogs** (PG); **The International** (R); **Last Chance Harvey** (PG-13); **New in Town** (PG-13); **Notorious** (R); **Push** (PG-13); **Rachel Getting Married** (R); **Taken** (PG-13); **Underworld: Rise of the Lycans** (R); **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13)

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
**Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 1:15, 2:40, 4:15, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 1:15, 2:40) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10; **Coraline** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; **Defiance** (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:20, 7:20, 10:15; **Frost/Nixon** (R) Fri. (12:35, 4:10) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 4:05, 4:35) 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:00) 4:05, 4:35, 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20; **Inkheart** (PG) Fri. (12:40, 3:10, 5:35) Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:35; **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) Fri. (12:55, 3:15, 5:40) 7:55, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15; **The Pink Panther 2** (PG) Fri. (12:50, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:05, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Twilight** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:25) 7:05, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:05, 10:05; **The Uninvited** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:20, 5:25) 7:35, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:25, 7:35, 9:40; **The Wrestler** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **Yes Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:05, 10:25

### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)  
**Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Coraline** (PG) Fri. (11:00) 1:35, 4:05, 6:45, 9:20 Sat. (11:00) 1:35 Sun. (10:30) 4:05; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 6:15; **Friday the 13th (2009)** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40; **Gran Torino** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30; **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 1:15, 4:30, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (10:35) 1:25, 4:30, 7:40, 10:25; **The International** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:40; **New in Town** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 3:45, 10:00; **The Pink Panther 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:45, 4:25, 6:50, 9:25; **Push** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 2:10, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35 Sun. 2:10, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; **Revolutionary Road** (R) Fri. (10:30) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05 Sat. (10:30) 1:20, 7:10 Sun. (10:30a.m.); **Taken** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45) 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45 Sun. 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20, 10:45; **The Wrestler** (R) Fri. (10:50) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45 Sat. (10:50) 1:25, 4:10, 10:05 Sun. 12:55, 10:45

#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
**Milk** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; **Rachel Getting Married** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 7:30; **The Reader** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; **Waltz with Bashir** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 10:00

### MIRA MESA

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)  
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### MISSION VALLEY

#### Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)  
**Bride Wars** (PG); **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Coraline** (PG); **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13); **Defiance** (R); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Hotel for Dogs** (PG); **The International** (R); **Last Chance Harvey** (PG-13); **Marley and Me** (PG); **New in Town** (PG-13); **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG); **The Pink Panther 2** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13); **Twilight** (PG-13); **Underworld: Rise of the Lycans** (R); **The Uninvited** (PG-13)

### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



**The International** (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:30; **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Friday the 13th** (R) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45; **Coraline 3D** (PG) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:15 7:00 10:00; **Push** (PG-13) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; No 5:15, 7:45 & 10:15 Sat.; No 12:15, 2:45 & 5:15 Sun.; **Taken** (PG-13) ((10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:45; No 10:00 Sun.; **Bob the Builder: Skyscrapers** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)  
**Bride Wars** (PG); **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Coraline** (PG); **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Hotel for Dogs** (PG); **The International** (R); **My Bloody Valentine** (R); **New in Town** (PG-13); **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG); **The Pink Panther 2** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13); **Underworld: Rise of the Lycans** (R); **The Uninvited** (PG-13); **The Wrestler** (R)

### STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Azur and Asmar** (PG); **The Disco Dolls in Hot Skin** (Not Rated)

### UPTOWN

#### Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Doubt** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Milk** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:45, 3:40, 6:35, 9:30; **The Reader** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40; **Revolutionary Road** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:25, 7:35, 10:10; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50

#### Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)  
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1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
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### San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)  
**Human Body** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 2:00p.m.

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)  
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### LA MESA

#### Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (877-789-6684)  
**Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **The International** (R); **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG); **The Pink Panther 2** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R); **Taken** (PG-13)

### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)  
**Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Coraline** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:20) 7:10, 10:00; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:40) 7:55; **Defiance** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:05, 10:05; **Friday the 13th (2009)** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:25, 4:55) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:55, 7:50, 10:30; **Gran Torino** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:10) 7:20, 10:25; **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:25, 10:30; **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00); **The International** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:30) 7:20, 10:10; **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:00) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; **The Pink Panther 2** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:50; **Push** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 7:30, 10:20; **The Reader** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 6:45, 9:40; **Taken** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:45, 5:05) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; **The Uninvited** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 4:45) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:45, 7:05, 9:35; **The Wrestler** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 7:40, 10:35

### SANTEE

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
**Gran Torino**; **He's Just Not That Into You**; **Marley and Me**; **Taken**

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



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No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)  
**Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Coraline** (PG); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Hotel for Dogs** (PG); **The International** (R); **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG); **The Pink Panther 2** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R); **Taken** (PG-13); **The Uninvited** (PG-13)

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Denmery Road (858-558-2262)  
**Bride Wars** (PG); **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Coraline** (PG); **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13); **Defiance** (R); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Hotel for Dogs** (PG); **The International** (R); **My Bloody Valentine** (R); **Notorious** (R); **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG); **The Pink Panther 2** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **Revolutionary Road** (R); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R); **Taken** (PG-13); **Twilight** (PG-13); **The Unborn** (PG-13); **Underworld: Rise of the Lycans** (R); **The Uninvited** (PG-13); **The Wrestler** (R)

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Carmel Mountain 14  
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684)  
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); Coraline (PG); Friday the 13th (R); Gran Torino (R); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); Hotel for Dogs (PG); The International (R); New in Town (PG-13); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); The Pink Panther 2 (PG); Push (PG-13); The Reader (R); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16  
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)  
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Coraline (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:35p.m.; Friday the 13th (2009) (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:45; Gran Torino (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 6:50, 9:55; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 7:00, 10:05; Hotel for Dogs (PG) Fri. (1:15, 4:10) 6:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 6:40; The International (R) Fri. (12:55, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:20, 7:20, 10:15; Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 6:30, 9:30; The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:40) 6:45, 9:40; Push (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:35, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:35, 10:40; The Reader (R) Fri. (12:40, 4:30) 7:30, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:30, 7:30, 10:35; Slumdog Millionaire (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:20) 7:05, 10:00; Taken (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:50) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:50, 7:55, 10:30; The Uninvited (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

FALLBROOK

River Village 6  
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



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POWAY

Poway 10  
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



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## MOVIES

Hirsch, Alison Pill, Victor Garber. 2008.  
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

**New in Town** — Although movies had been set in Minnesota before *Fargo* (notwithstanding its misleading North Dakota title), movies as disparate as *The Farmer’s Daughter*, *The Heartbreak Kid*, *Purple Rain*, *Grumpy Old Men*, it was the Coen brothers who converted that territory into grist for the mill. (On the laugh meter, Wisconsin and Iowa don’t even register.) This one, set specifically in the small town of New Ulm, and directed by the Danish-born Jonas Elmer in his Hollywood debut, is nothing if not laboriously ground out, a campaign of cynical populism that simultaneously satirizes and sentimentalizes the

natives, in a milky image that might or might not be meant to suggest the lens-fogging frost of a Northern Star winter, snowed under by the standard quota of pop songs decreed for romantic comedies. Renée Zellweger, as the fish-out-of-water hatchet woman dispatched from Miami headquarters to downsize the local food plant but (in due time) digging in to fight for its survival, gauges her charm at about half wattage, which proves to be about twice as charming as full wattage. (Cf. *Leatherheads*, another pinch of Minnesota grist for the mill.) Her reactions to snow, ice, and subzero wind are nicely mimed, and the scene of her untamably erect nipples at her welcoming dinner party is one for the books. Harry Connick, Jr., the uninteresting love interest, has been written as a Carolina transplant to protect him from ridicule and preserve him for romance. Meantime, Siobhan Fallon Hogan, as a friend of Jesus with a secret tapioca recipe, does the heavy lifting on the Scandihoovian accent; and the character’s surname of Gunderson, shared

with the heroine of *Fargo*, seems an open tribute to the Coens. With J.K. Simmons, Frances Conroy. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10)

**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 vogueish, 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.

● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 Canavale; directed by Steve Carr. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Pink Panther 2** — Steve Martin carries the Inspector Clouseau torch into a sequel, thoroughly doused though the flame may be. (Kevin Kline got out while the getting was good, leaving the role of Clouseau’s superior to John Cleese, with unaltered British accent. And previous director Shawn Levy handed the bag to Harald Zwart.) The juggling of bottles from a teetering wine rack is the only flicker. With Emily Mortimer, Jean Reno, Andy Garcia, Alfred Molina, Yuki Matsuzaki, Lily Tomlin, Jeremy Irons, and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Push** — Differently gifted paranormals, on the model of the Fantastic Four and the X-Men, battle over a wonder drug in a secreted syringe in Hong Kong. The possibilities are endless, and so, in consequence, is the tedium. Paul McGuigan’s hopped-up direction only increases it. Chris Evans, Dakota Fanning, Camilla Belle, Djimon Hounsou. 2009.

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**Rachel Getting Married** — A sort of Rainbow Coalition wedding weekend: the father of the Jewish bride had remarried a black, the bride too is marrying a black (it might be noted that Sidney Lumet, the father of first-time scriptwriter Jenny Lumet, had remarried a black himself), and the theme of the wedding is inexplicably In-

dian. Director Jonathan Demme, striving for an improvisational feel, stages the goings-on with an almost Danish dishevelment: a hand-held camera in the grasp of an arm-weary cameraman. Anne Hathaway, as the bride’s just-out-of-rehab sister, a constant and tiresome threat of disruption (“She needs a lot of acknowledgment”), proves to be too actressy for the style; but Rosemarie DeWitt makes a fine impression as her well-behaved sister, and the conviviality of the gathering, with heavy representation from the cool cats of the music industry, is by and large believable and admirable. With Mather Zickel, Bill Irwin, Anna Deavere Smith, Tunde Adebimpe, and Debra Winger. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**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 protagonist to divulge his own secret and to interpose himself in the proceedings becomes quite urgent and suspenseful, although in both courtroom and classroom the film has now entered a polemical mode that can only be termed uncinematic. All the same, David Hare, the screenwriter, is a fastidious wordsmith; and even if the film drags on a bit once the time line catches up to Ralph Fiennes, drags on seemingly to justify his place on the payroll, it eventually comes to a satisfying end in a highly charged sit-down between him and Lena Olin, a concentration-camp survivor. The clean clear color and the pinpoint focus (Chris Menges and Roger Deakins, co-credited as cinematographers) belie the moral muddiness. 2008.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; 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. Toodle-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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Taken** — A ring of Albanian white slavers (Middle Eastern buyers) has the bad fortune to shanghai the virgin daughter of a retired American superspy — “I was a preventer,” he understates — on her first morning of vacation in Paris. There is no satisfaction in the quick-as-a-blink detective work that leads him to them, only satisfaction, for those who can take it, in watching him mow them down, a Weedwacker in a field of dandelions. (Too late to “prevent” the kidnapping, but not too late for the defiling.) Nor is there satisfaction in watching an eye-lifty Liam Neeson playing Steven Seagal. Nor in watching the native director, Pierre Morel, sell out his country on top of himself. Catharsis, you learn anew, can’t come out of crud. A hot shower afterwards would be your closest approximation. Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Olivier Rabourdin. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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**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 salubrity, 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. (Eeuuw!) But given the fixation on the girl's “scent” and given the old-fashioned proscription against Going Too Far or indeed Going All the Way, that option insistently comes to mind. Kristen Stewart, a cashew head on a pipe-cleaner body, to all appearances unsullied by vanity, does very well with things like adolescent insecurity, crippling self-consciousness, unvoiced feelings, and the scariness of sex; and on those counts Catherine Hardwicke is a sympathetic director. She is less sympathetic in shooting everyone in the cast, human and vampire alike, with a deathly bluish pallor. Robert Pattinson as the bloodthirsting heartthrob, meanwhile, achieves little more than Cornball Cool and requires a lot of slow-motion and a lot of hair gel to help him with it. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Underworld: Rise of the Lycans** — After two installments, Kate Beckinsale and her director husband, Len Wiseman, have dropped out for the backstory, but the murkiness and the monotone continue unabated, and Rhona Mitra fully matches the tire pressure in Beckinsale's lips. The plentiful action is cut to tatters. With Michael Sheen, Bill Nighy, and Steven Mackintosh; directed by Patrick Tatopoulos. 2009.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**The Uninvited** — Unwelcome remake of a Korean shocker: wicked-stepmother mechanics tricked up with pseudo-supernatural “visions” and a hopefully mind-blowing ending. Fuse-blowing, more likely. Direction is credited to “The Guard Brothers,”

Charles and Thomas. With some people, two heads are no better than half a brain. Emily Browning, Arielle Kebbel, Elizabeth Banks, David Strathairn. 2009.

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

**Vicky Cristina Barcelona** — You can't claim that Woody Allen's rapid rate of production doesn't show. Even the title of this one sounds more like brainstorming for a title than like a final decision: three names off the chalkboard of keywords. Vicky and Cristina, two separate people, are dissimilar American friends, the first pragmatic and steady, the second capricious and restless, together visiting Barcelona for the summer. (Allen's British sojourn seems to be over, though he's not ready to come home.) The young women are picked up in tandem by a brooding Catalan artist with a legendarily tempestuous love life, flown off to Oviedo, seduced in sequence, separated by choice. Then the artist's ex-wife re-enters the scene after her attempted suicide, setting up a ménage. The film is almost more a sketch than a fully filled-in picture, a skeleton thin on flesh. (If Allen tends to hurry his ideas, it may be because he always has new ones waiting to join the queue. More than he can get to in a lifetime.) The dialogue, much of it in the writer's laziest declarative vein — *I'm this, you're that, he or she's the other* — has not been polished anywhere near his brightest sparkle. And the dryasdust omniscient narrator spares him a heap of expository labor: “One evening Mark and Judy took them to the opening of a friend's art gallery.” The half-baked aspect has its upside. In consequence of the cut corners and rushed development, a lot happens in only ninety minutes, and Allen can lay out on a broad canvas his vision of human discontent and self-ignorance. He can lay it out as a pattern, not as an isolated instance. The complicating appearance of Penelope Cruz as the ex-wife, shrewdly put off till just past the halfway point, is a potent pick-me-up in a flagging narrative, a powerfully physical, sensual, passionate presence that deliciously shows up the callow blankness of Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall. With Javier Bardem, Patricia Clarkson, Kevin Dunn, Chris Messina. 2008.


★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Waltz with Bashir** — 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)

**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

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John Adams


NATALIE WALSH  
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I'm a history buff, and I loved the series *John Adams* so much that I was sad when I finished the last episode. As I watched the inauguration of Barack Obama, I kept remembering the powerful scene of John and Abigail moving into the White House that was still being built by slaves.

I also liked *Vitus*, the story of a boy with amazing musical talent who pretends to lose his gift so that he can be a normal kid. I sympathized with his desire to not grow up too quickly and loved the part of him trying to fly like a bird.

JOHN ADAMS (USA) 2008, HBO  
List Price: \$59.99 (three discs)

VITUS (Switzerland) 2006, Sony Pictures  
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Topsy-Turvy


MAUREEN CAVANAUGH  
Host, KPBS-FM's *These Days*

I love movies about the theatre or set in the Victorian Age, so *Topsy-Turvy* is the best of both. It presents the dynamic, creative, volatile, comic-tragic relationship between the great Gilbert and Sullivan in a delightfully realistic way. It's also gorgeous — the antidote to all those awful Hollywood biopics.

*Sudden Fear*, starring Joan Crawford, is one those films that moves right past kitsch into classic. It has all the hoary elements of later Crawford movies, including the terrible clothes and absurd romance, but this one also has a fabulous performance and a nice, creepy story line. Wait till you see the scene with the tape player...then tell me Joan Crawford can't act!

TOPSY-TURVY (England) 2000, Polygram  
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SUDDEN FEAR (USA) 1952, Kino  
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Commando

HANK CROOK  
Producer, KPBS-FM's *These Days* and the *Editors Roundtable*

*Commando* is one of my favorite films from Arnold Schwarzenegger's action-movie days. Schwarzenegger plays former-military-commando-badass-turned-stay-at-home-dad John Matrix, whose daughter is kidnapped by former enemies. Matrix wastes about 500 bad guys and delivers priceless lines like: “You're a funny guy, Sully, I like you. That's why I'm going to kill you last.”

For die-hard football fans, I recommend *Super Bowl I-XL DVD Collector's Set*. Let's say your team (in my case the 49ers) isn't playing in this year's big game. Well, this DVD offers you the opportunity to take a walk down Super Bowl memory lane.

COMMANDO (USA) 1985, 20th Century Fox  
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California car salesman formerly known as The Ayatollah. Rourke, monstrosly 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 Darrenne brothers art film — in ghoulish 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.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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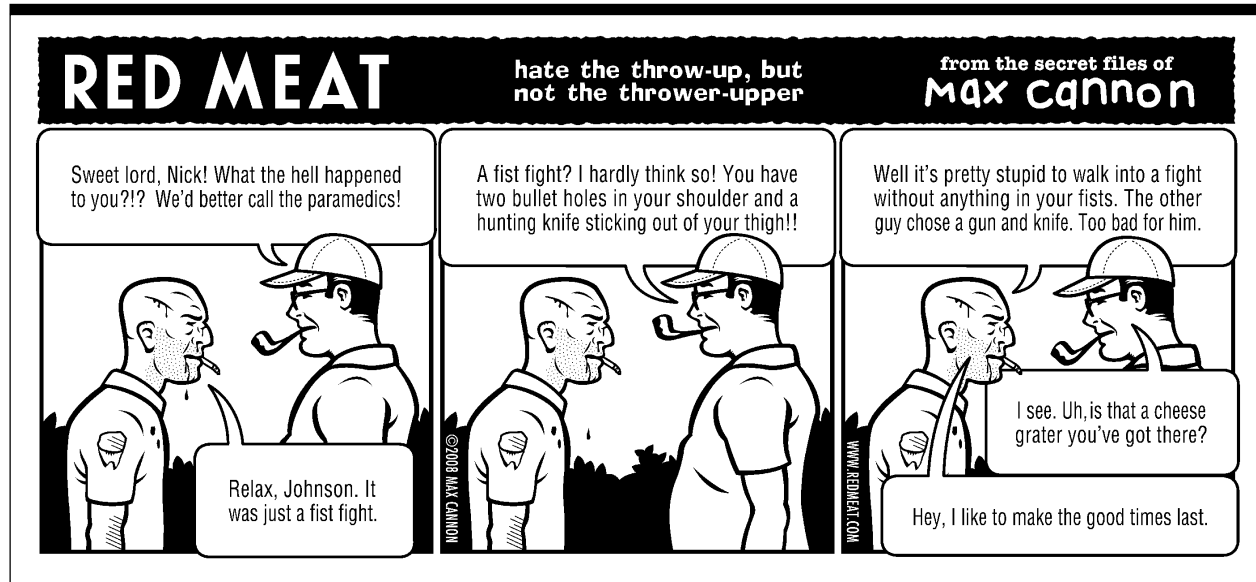
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# Say What?



**Devyn Rola** | Age: 26 | Occupation: Boutique Owner | Lives in: Mission Valley

I am from Hawaii, so most of the slang words that I use are pidgin. **Choke** means that you have a lot or a bunch of something, like I have **choke** Christmas presents to wrap. **Bombai** means that you

will do something later on, like a way of procrastinating. **Puka** means that something has a hole in it. So if you wanted to say something in pidgin, you could say, "That sweater has **choke puka**,"

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It was *The Kite Runner*, from a few years back. It was about the boy returning to Afghanistan. I saw the movie and, well...I actually didn't read the book. I know it was a best seller. I'm not sure if you were asking if I read the book. But I had an ex-girlfriend that had read the book and we saw the movie together.




Dimitrios Zisoulis  
Scientist  
Pacific Beach

My favorite was probably *Blade Runner*, which was the Philip K. Dick book *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* I had read the book first. And the movie was really different, but I still liked it. Ya know, I might pick *The Last Temptation of Christ* as my favorite film version of a book. I liked the philosophical implications of it. And it's full of life wisdom. The movie had the tension and inner turmoil and wasn't afraid to touch the controversial issues. It was an interesting perspective on whether you're supposed to do what's right or lead a normal life. I wonder with this question, if anyone will pick *Troy*.




Zoya Kai  
Scientist  
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It would be *Dangerous Liaisons*, from the book *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. Is that too pretentious? I read the book first, and it wasn't until a few years later when I saw the movie. I liked the book better. The actors in the movie, Glenn Close and John Malkovich, were so good that it was hard not to love it. There was just so much more detail in the book.




Felicia Morgenstern  
Interior Designer  
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I have a few. *The Reader*. The novel and the film are flawless. I also liked *American Beauty*. Or was it *American Splendor*? I'm not sure which is which. Take your pick. There are so many. A few Dr. Seuss things are coming to mind, like *The Sneetches*. I adore the clever way Seuss illustrates some of the sillier aspects of human nature. In this case, our inherent desire to "one up" one another without seeming like a misanthrope.



Daniel Huynh  
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I would say *Solaris*, the George Clooney film. I had read the book first and a couple months later saw the movie. I had heard about the film and read it in preparation. They were very different. The film was more Hollywood and focuses on the romance of characters and not as much sci-fi. The book also has discussions on the history of science and interesting things like that. It made reading it more enjoyable than the film version.



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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.  
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1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.  
2) Late entries will not be considered.  
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.  
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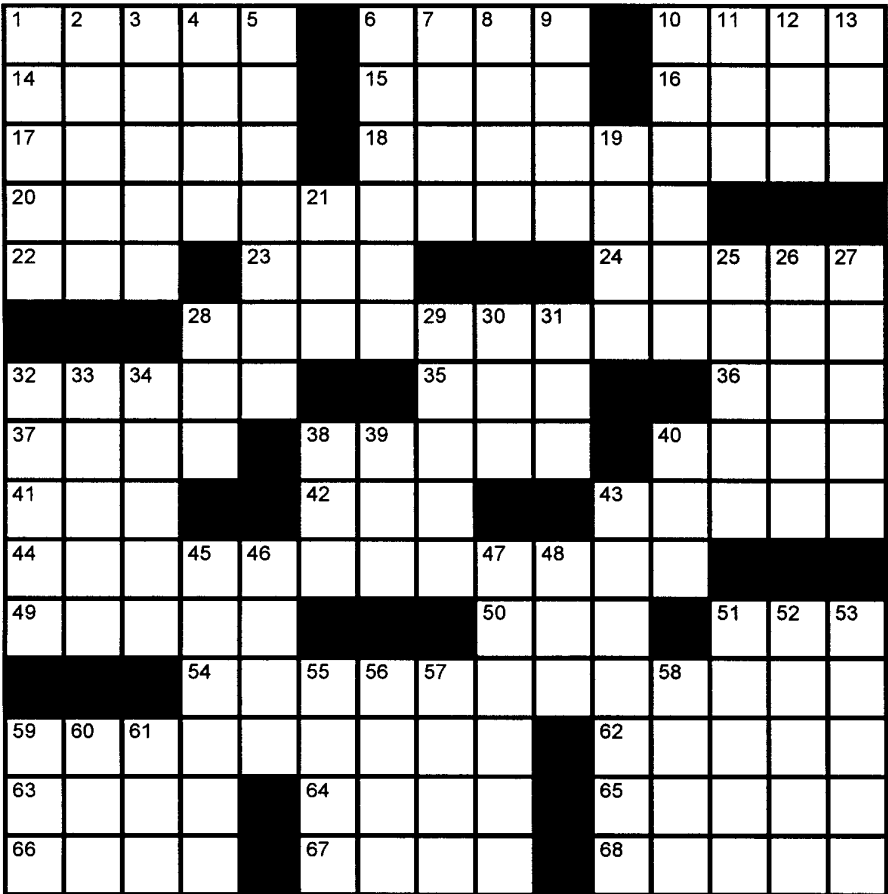
- Trash hauler
- Kal Kan alternative
- Jessica of "Ulee's Gold"
- "March comes in like \_\_\_\_"
- One who tells it like it isn't
- Pac-10 sch.
- Cover again, as a road
- Edible also known as Chinese gooseberry
- Something that a subpar Mensa applicant doesn't have?
- Ways around: Abbr.
- Mathematician's "ta-da!"

- Filed items
- What a sports reporter might have done in the Los Angeles Lakers' locker room in the late '90s and early '00s?
- " \_\_\_\_ bleu!"
- LBJ's successor
- Tulsa sch. named for a televangelist
- Troubles
- Popular drugstore brand ... or this puzzle's theme
- Org. for women with irons
- Jack of "Barney Miller"
- "Born in the \_\_\_\_"
- Pried (around)
- Event a southerner might host in his backyard four times a year?
- Schindler of "Schindler's List"
- Coral \_\_\_\_
- Soap boxes?
- Hope of antiwar activists since 2003?
- In order
- "Waiter, can I see \_\_\_\_?"
- Bond
- Letter-shaped construction support
- Food that's heavenly?
- Awl, for one
- Novice
- Conclude by

### Down

- A&W rival
- Native Alaskan
- Hayworth and Moreno
- Aim
- Heartthrob pop star Iglesias
- Durable resins

- Ovid's 53
- Lowly chess piece
- Not a reproduction: Abbr.
- Muslim women's garments: Var.
- Hosp. area
- Inventor Whitney
- Back muscle, briefly
- Sawyer's literary pal
- Finder's \_\_\_\_
- Some breakfast restaurants, for short
- The "L" of XXL
- Unit
- Trio after P
- Error's partner
- Little devil
- Walk-\_\_\_\_ (small parts)
- "Thong Song" rapper
- Baseball's Felipe, Jesus and Moises
- Hide
- What's what, in the barrio
- Dungeons & Dragons game co.
- Stage dir. meaning "begins to speak"
- Competition that might feature Warriors and Wizards
- Actress Welch
- Loyal
- San \_\_\_\_, locale just north of Tijuana, Mexico
- Big \_\_\_\_
- Economist's observation
- Woman of letters?
- Zip
- "What's \_\_\_\_ for me?"
- Chain that sells Moo Malts
- Zip
- Model who attended Nairobi University
- USMC rank
- "Xanadu" rock grp.
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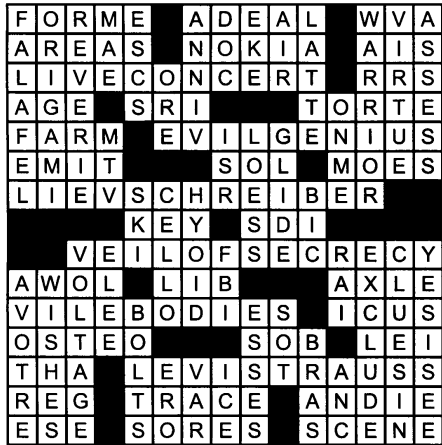
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### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

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**Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 5.** "Mabuhay Auntie Lorna."  
**Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 5.** "Happy Valentine's Day to everyone in UGME!"  
**Cecile Alcaraz, Chula Vista, 5.** "How about a puzzle maniacs' get together?"  
**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 5.** "Laugh, love, live."  
**Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 5.** "I will fight you physically!?! Weird..."  
**Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 5.** "Keep smiling, have faith."  
**Jen Barnes, University Heights, 5.** "Jenny Miller - awesome mom, go-go dancer, best friend."  
**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 5.** "W is for wearing wigs!"  
**Jeff Battles, Serra Mesa, 5.** "What would I do without you, baby?"

**Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 5.** "Be my Valentine, my sweet, one who makes life complete."  
**Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 5.** "Say Hey Baby in May, baby."  
**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 5.**  
**Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 5.**  
**Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 5.** "Golf anyone?"  
**E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 5.** "We are famous."  
**Phillip Castle, Carlsbad, 5.** "Rain is good - it grows wood."  
**A.T. Certik, Bonita, 5.**  
**Leslie Chase, Campo, 5.** "Aloha, aloha, mahalo."  
**Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 5.** "Joann Jenkins rocks, and so do her students!"

**Craig Curtis, Escondido, 5.** "Rosie, i miss you, Sugar! Be my Valentine? CC"  
**Vince Cuseo, Vista, 5.** "Elementary, my dear Watson."  
**William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 5.** "O'Reilly requires permission to call on McKenna."  
☛ **Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 5.**  
**Pat DePew, San Diego, 5.** "Where did January go?"

**Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 5.** "Hot dog vendor fired. Couldn't pass mustard."  
**Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 5.** "Who said: Fooled and beguiled by him thou, I by thee?"  
**Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 5.** "Time is an illusion. Lunchtime doubly so."  
**Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 5.** "C'mon Ken, what's taking so long?"

**Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 5.** "Nothing to say this week."  
**Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 5.** "I grew up in Sixburgh!"  
**Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 5.** "Five easy pieces."  
**William Edwards, Kensington, 5.**  
**Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 5.** "Happy Valentine's April, can't wait for Saturday. I love you."  
**Harry Engel, La Jolla, 5.**  
**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 5.** "Happy Birthday to me! Got to spin longer, though."  
**D. Faulkner, University Heights, 5.** "Pedal your bike, improve your health."  
**Rand Feura, Santee, 5.**  
**Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley, 5.**  
**Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 5.**  
**Marie Grace, College Area, 5.** "Casa Machado's for happy hour!"  
**Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 5.** "Loretta calm down."

**Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 5.**  
**Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 5.** "Go crazy!"  
**Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 5.** "Someone left pears on my desk. Eww!"  
**Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 5.**  
**Benvicky Javier, San Diego, 5.** "Congrats Giselle first place gymnastics and Gervy scoring a touchdown!"  
**Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 5.** "Arty baked hippie hair: (Happy Birthday Kiera! Hi Bodo!)."  
**Jim Koziol, UTC, 5.** "Let's get the minikits!"  
**Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 5.**  
**Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 5.** "I wonder if the hyoid's connected to the levator veli palatini."  
**Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 5.** "What is the Reader Surf Team?"  
**Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 5.**

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**Kyle Matzke, Vista, 5.** “California democrats bankrupt state, next target the federal government.”  
**Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 5.** “Gotcha!”  
**Anna McCutcheon, Down-town, 5.** “Why do it yourself? Skip the mess! paintwithdan.com”  
**Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 5.** “Nice Doritos ad...”  
**Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 5.**  
**Irving Metzger, San Diego, 5.** “Marcia’s great.”  
**Ron Meyer, Santee, 5.** “Happy Valentine’s Day, honey.”  
**Jenny Miner, North Park, 5.**  
**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 5.** “Low voltage excitement! sdmm.org”  
**G.R. Morse, San Diego, 5.** “Buen viaje”  
**C.J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 5.** “So many S’s, so few T’s.”  
**Ed Murphy, Ocean Beach, 5.** “Stimuli stimolorum.”  
**Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 5.** “Heartland Lions We Serve.”  
☛ **Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 5.** “Star Wars forever!”  
**Jim Odell, Vista, 5.** “Missing Lil.”  
**Julie Osburn, North Park, 5.** “This will be a tough competition this year!”  
**Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 5.** “Five and dime.”  
**Gil Patricio, San Diego, 5.** “Viva Las Vegas!”  
**John Pertle, Santee, 5.** “Romans 5:12, Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22.”  
**Robert Phillips, Downtown, 5.** “I admit it, I cheated. I Googled Lil Wayne.”  
**Bill Pischke, Ramona, 5.** “Kaua’i not Kaua’i?”

**Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 5.**  
**Matt Read, La Mesa, 5.** “Why do California courts find the Constitution politically incorrect?”  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 5.** “Happy Valentine’s Day to the loved ones in my life - KS and R.”  
**Doug Rodgers, Rancho Penas-quitos, 5.**  
**Marc Rutter, University Heights, 5.** “Happy 200th Birth-day Abe L. and Charles D.”  
**Eric Sandquist, Allied Gar-dens, 5.** “Happy Valentine’s Day my love.”  
**Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 5.** “Toaster waffle dropped on the beach?”  
**Tom Seaman, Alpine, 5.**  
**Capn Skarz, Encinitas, 5.** “Wemna zhamen, wor umqomboth!”  
**Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 5.** “Editor: Ten words are not enough. Couldn’t frequent players...”  
☛ **Tom Somich, Clairemont, 5.**  
**Eddie Spaghetio, Coronado, 5.** “143U15! Eye heart ewe, but eye repeat myself... CIUM21”  
**Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 5.** “CC: Happy Valentine’s Day.”  
**Marjorie Stewart, Point Loma, 5.** “Great puzzle no.51”  
**Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 5.** “Thanks Peter the Pro - couldn’t have done it without you.”  
**Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 5.** “Keep trying, Andre, you’ll get that T-shirt.”  
**Pamela Swain, College Area, 5.** “Live. love, laugh.”  
**Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 5.** “I bowled a 199!”  
**Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 5.**  
**Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 5.** “Experience is just a word for a collection of mistakes.”

**Bob Werner, Bay Park, 5.**  
**Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 5.**  
**Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 5.** “February 9th, um...a good day in 1975!”  
**Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 5.** “Evil Liev lives in a veil and vile Levis.”  
**Ric Witt, Clairemont, 5.** “Three puts are the crab grass in the lawn of life.”  
**Dan Abernathy, Santee, 4.**  
**Linda Adsit, San Diego, 4.**  
**Don Albee, Santee, 4.**  
**Doretha Albee, Santee, 4.**  
**Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 4.** “Quick! Hug someone!”  
**Steve and Dawn, North Park, 4.** “O-thank you monthly divi-dends.”  
**M. Anderson, Santee, 4.**  
**Susan Arnold, Santee, 4.**  
**Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 4.**  
**Rick Austin, Santee, 4.**  
**Jackie Austin, Chula Vista, 4.**  
**Gerry Austin, Chula Vista, 4.**  
**Vickie Austin, Santee, 4.**  
**Martha Awdziejewicz, Claire-mont, 4.**  
**Roy Bailey, Santee, 4.**  
**G. Barker, Santee, 4.**  
**Brian Beach, Santee, 4.**  
**Terri Beach, Santee, 4.**  
**Carl Bennett, Escondido, 4.**  
**Jay Berkowitz, La Jolla, 4.** “Jorrie is the sparkle in my eye.”  
**Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 4.**  
**Heather Bloomfield, Santee, 4.**  
**R. Blue, San Diego, 4.**  
**Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 4.**  
**Mike Broadhead, El Cajon, 4.**  
**Nolan Broadstone, Santee, 4.**  
**Neal Brown, Santee, 4.**  
**Margaret Buckner, Santee, 4.**  
**Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 4.** “I don’t want to be a sore thumb in Ft. Lauderdale!”  
**Dan Collins, Santee, 4.**  
**Jon Connor, Oceanside, 4.** “It is finished. John 19:30”

**Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 4.** “I love this puzzle but it don’t love me.”  
**Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 4.** “Veli veli clever.”  
**Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 4.** “Beautiful.”  
**Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 4.** “Ski, you owe me 42 cents.”  
**Mike D’Asaro, Santee, 4.**  
**Matt Dene, Santee, 4.**  
**Tim Dene, Santee, 4.**  
**Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 4.**  
**J. DeWitt, Santee, 4.**  
**Jill Dickens, Santee, 4.**  
**Makalani Dingane, Lemon Grove, 4.** “Padre fans, wait til next year.”  
**Ben Doverdahl, San Diego, 4.** “Daddy’s coming!”  
**Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 4.**  
**G. Doyle, Santee, 4.**  
**Robin Drubin, Vista, 4.** “Referee girl says, Mr. Mike is freaky.”  
**Gunnar Eklof, Oceanside, 4.**  
**Heathery Ellsworth, Santee, 4.**  
**Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 4.**  
**Eduardo Emmet, Santee, 4.**  
**Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 4.** “Welcome back, Courtney.”  
**Manny Espino, Santee, 4.**  
**Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 4.**  
**Glenda Feilen, El Cajon, 4.**  
**Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 4.** “He’s got a better health plan.”  
**Jon Ford, Santee, 4.** “No more bad days, Panda.”  
**Mark Franc, Santee, 4.**  
**Emma Friemuth, Santee, 4.**  
**I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 4.** “Wouldn’t it be dumb if their atroci-ties were just forgiven?”  
**Gina Glover, Santee, 4.**  
**Joe Griffin, Crest, 4.** “I coulda been a contender, but I’m one behind!”  
**Bill Griffin, Crest, 4.** “Ever find my missing email from 2 weeks ago?”  
**Mike Gross, Santee, 4.**  
**Hugh Hagues, Santee, 4.**

**Ward Harrington, Santee, 4.**  
**Bryan Hartman, Golden Hill, 4.** “Get that cat out of the way! Three words left...”  
**Ricky Hartpence, Santee, 4.**  
**L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 4.**  
**Mike Hartpence, El Cajon, 4.**  
**Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 4.** “People let me tell you about my best friend.”  
**Mark Hill, Santee, 4.**  
**Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 4.**  
**Ron Hootman, Santee, 4.** “Hoot 101: hanging on every word - baited breath.”  
**Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 4.** “Billy rocks Hiromi.”  
**Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 4.** “Hang in there Big T...it’s gonna be fine!”  
**Richard Hutchings, Santee, 4.**  
**George Jackson, Oceanside, 4.**  
**Steve Jenks, Santee, 4.**  
**Eric Jespersen, Santee, 4.**  
**Billy Josen, Santee, 4.**  
**Nicolette Jurevics-Richards, La Jolla, 4.** “Happy VDI”  
**Sara Khwaja, Poway, 4.**  
**Martha Klages, Encanto, 4.** “Happy Valentine’s Larry. Love ya.”  
**Thisby Krakatoa, San Diego, 4.** “For my Valentine, PMAQ.”  
**David Kuntze, El Cajon, 4.** “We’re all Americans. We should all get along.”  
**Gary Kuske, Santee, 4.**  
**Carol Kuske, Santee, 4.**  
**Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 4.** “...And you’ve got the stock market beat.”  
**Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 4.** “The suer was sure it was a user ruse.”  
**Dennis Lamboy, Santee, 4.**  
**Monty Landy, Santee, 4.**  
**Ryan Leighty, Scripps Ranch, 4.** “Week 2. I missed 1 letter.”  
**Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 4.** “Learn something new every week!”  
**Michael Leslie, Santee, 4.**

**Cornelia Lewis, Alpine, 4.** “Life in balance.”  
**Lane Litke, Chula Vista, 4.**  
**Angie Longoria, Santee, 4.**  
**Bill Love, Santee, 4.**  
**Aaron Lundblade, Santee, 4.**  
**Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 4.**  
**B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 4.**  
**Eben Maat, Santee, 4.**  
**David McElhinney, Santee, 4.**  
**Kevin McNearney, Santee, 4.**  
**Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 4.** “To work every day!”  
**Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 4.** “Well behaved women rarely make history.”  
**Linda Millsberg, Santee, 4.**  
**Ken Milne, Santee, 4.**  
**Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 4.**  
**Heber Moore, Santee, 4.**  
**Kevin Moreau, Santee, 4.**  
**Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach, 4.** “Heller? Rebe?”  
**Barbara Neill, Santee, 4.**  
**James C Nelson, El Cajon, 4.**  
**Lillie Nelson, Santee, 4.**  
**Charles Overdorf, Santee, 4.**  
**Eugene Padua, Santee, 4.**  
**Monica Palafox, Santee, 4.**  
**David Papworth, Santee, 4.**  
☛ **Laura Patterson, Azalea Park, 4.** “Carina Antonio rocks! Best loan officer ever!”  
**Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 4.**  
**Nathan Petty, Santee, 4.**  
**Michael Picardel, San Diego, 4.** “The Biter loves her CAO cap!”  
**Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 4.**  
**Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 4.** “I love my Levis. Happy Valentine’s Day, Pam.”  
**Richard Rose, Santee, 4.**  
**Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 4.** “It is gone.”  
**John Rosenbach, Escondido, 4.**  
**Candy Sadleir, Santee, 4.**  
**Randy Schimpf, Santee, 4.**  
**Kevin Schimpf, Santee, 4.**

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J. Schwendinger, Santee, 4.  
Ron Shields, Santee, 4.  
Chief Shifflett, San Diego, 4.  
“Hardest one so far - didn’t under-stand 53 Down.”  
Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 4.  
Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 4.  
Sam Spaeth, El Cajon, 4.  
Sam Spaeth Jr, El Cajon, 4.  
Gayle Squire, Santee, 4.  
John Stead, Santee, 4.  
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 4.  
“P-town 4 life.”  
Robin Suter, La Mesa, 4. “I won a T-shirt, happy me.”  
Matt Taylor, Santee, 4.  
Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 4.  
Stacy Tool, Santee, 4.  
Barbara Varga, San Diego, 4.  
“Happy B’day Ann!”  
Jim Vaughan, Carlsbad, 4.  
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 4.  
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 4.  
Woody Weaver, Santee, 4.  
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 4.  
Lee Woodbury, Santee, 4.  
Sue Worthen, Santee, 4.  
Ivan Yanev, Santee, 4.  
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 4.  
“www.gopnot4me.blogspot.com”  
Mike Adkins, Santee, 3.  
Mike and Karen, Talmadge, 3.  
“3 surgeries is plenty! Love will make you walk again!”  
Bud Anderson, Santee, 3.  
Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 3. “It’s all you Jayne!”  
Mike Bartlett, Nestor, 3.  
“Karen, puzzle partner, Happy V-Day.”  
Derek Besand, Santee, 3.  
Wendy Besand, Santee, 3.  
J. Breckenridge, Santee, 3.  
Bryan Breckenridge, Santee, 3.  
John Bullock, Santee, 3.

Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 3.  
Dave Capehart, Santee, 3.  
Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 3.  
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 3.  
“Maybe this week my life will get back to normal.”  
Gena Clark, Mission Hills, 3.  
“Trevor says hi Babar and Nana.”  
Tim Clayton, Los Penasquitos, 3. “Man up boys, never mind the table.”  
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 3. “Hi All!”  
Doug Coffin, Santee, 3.  
John P Domingo, Chula Vista, 3. “Three in a row...where’s my free T?”  
Mike Downey, Santee, 3.  
John L Drehner, North Park, 3. “The rain in Spain stays leasly not on the plain.”  
Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 3. “I keep trying!”  
Kathleene Evans, Santee, 3.  
John Fabry, San Diego, 3.  
Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 3.  
“Lock eyes from across the room, down my drink...”  
Tim Glover, Santee, 3.  
Susan Greene, Santee, 3.  
Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 3. “This has been very bra!”  
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 3.  
Greg Harkless, San Diego, 3.  
Bob Harper, Lakeside, 3.  
Marilynn Harrington, Santee, 3.  
Andy Harrison, Santee, 3.  
Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 3.  
Larry Hartpence, Santee, 3.  
Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 3.  
“With visions of the dark enigma dancing in my head.”  
Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 3. “Happy Valentine’s Day Paula!”

Neva Hemingway, Santee, 3.  
LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 3.  
Russell Hill, Lake Forest, 3.  
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 3. “I love New York.”  
Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 3.  
Jim Hutchings, Santee, 3.  
Diane Hutchings, Santee, 3.  
Jerry Jones, Oceanside, 3. “I forgot to write my name down last week.”  
M. Jordan, Santee, 3.  
Troy Knapp, Santee, 3.  
Rick Marin, Santee, 3.  
Erin Marin, Santee, 3.  
James Mayfield, Bay Park, 3.  
“Superstition and politics don’t mix; separate church and state.”  
Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 3. “Tartan Day April 6.”  
Donald Millsberg, Santee, 3.  
Susan Morfeý, Little Italy, 3.  
“Mom - I still love you no matter what!”  
Donnie Nelson, Santee, 3.  
Chris Oliveira, Santee, 3.  
Lynda Ortiz, Santee, 3.  
P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 3.  
“Back again!”  
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 3. “Hey! Shout out to the Reader puzzle message meisters!”  
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 3.  
Will Rogers, Santee, 3.  
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 3.  
“Thanks, Cuvie, for orange chiffon b’day cake.”  
Greg Schmidt, Santee, 3.  
Chris Schmidli, San Diego, 3.  
“Happy Sweeties Day!”  
M. Sherritt, Santee, 3.  
☛ Ken Sirois, El Cajon, 3.  
Jean D Smickle, Santee, 3.  
Jeff Smith, Santee, 3.  
Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 3.  
“Sorry Spring Valley, you rocked my Sox!”  
Ed Summers, Santee, 3.  
“Happy Birthday Melissa Nicole!”

Nathan Squire, Santee, 3.  
Donna Swing, La Mesa, 3.  
Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch, 3. “Santee, Santucky, Santay, or Sansteeth. From DSC on KGB.”  
Marie Turock, North Park, 3.  
Nathaniel Uy, East Village, 3.  
“Happy Valentine’s Day, Tubster!”  
Kierkegaard Victoria, San Diego, 3. “Idea for next puzzle: Answers spelled backwards.”  
Dave Washington, La Jolla, 3.  
“Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom.”  
Westie, San Diego, 3. “Thin Mints, yum!”  
Tom White, University City, 3. “I like the 4-letter theme.”  
Warren Winters, Santee, 3.  
Elizabeth Wood, Poway, 3.  
“Take it Simon! Take it! Take it! Take it!”  
Mary Woodbury, Santee, 3.  
Steven Young, Santee, 3.  
Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 2. “I see a big one!”  
Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 2. “Hi Katrina at Dr. Tiznado’s office. Peace.”  
Greg Arimura, San Diego, 2. “I love Nikki, Dakota, Hello Kitty, and Tickled Trout.”  
Anastacio C Armintia, Mira Mesa, 2. “No T-shirt last time. Maybe this time.”  
Caroline Broaddus, South Park, 2. “What time is it? Diaper time! Hi Mat!”  
H. J. Broadhurst, Hillcrest, 2. “Check, scan, send, duh!”  
☛ Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 2.  
Jim Corbett, San Diego, 2.  
“Gino - second try.”  
☛ Robin Coulthard, Lakeside, 2.  
S Depka, Vista, 2. “What was up with last week’s alphabet soup?”  
Rosalie Dow, San Diego, 2.

Silke Evans, Mission Valley, 2.  
“Love the Reader puzzle!”  
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 2. “Happy Birthday Laurie!”  
Becky Funk, Santee, 2.  
Sandy Groves, Bonita, 2.  
“Thanks for the shirt!”  
T.K. Halverstone, Mission Valley, 2. “Mommy! Mommy!”  
Sandi Heida, Poway, 2. “Get well soon Brandon B!”  
Marguerite Hewitt-Tate, Ocean Beach, 2. “Happy V-Day Fuzzy. I heart you.”  
E. Holmes, San Diego, 2.  
“Happy Valentine’s Day!”  
Dennis Howey, La Verne, 2.  
Katie B Jaramillo, San Marcos, 2. “From my happy heart to yours.”  
Sharon Jones, El Cajon, 2. “Maybe I got it right this time!”  
Jose A Maniquis, Mira Mesa, 2. “Thanks Ben. Hi Eric. Go B.O.B.!”  
Shelly McElhinney, Santee, 2.  
Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 2.  
Alex Moran, San Diego, 2. “An investment in knowledge pays the best.”  
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 2. “I got stuck in one place and couldn’t get out!”  
Cindy Quinto, Golden Hill, 2. “I love game night.”  
Carol Rabner, Escondido, 2.  
“Happy Valentine’s Day!”  
Jack Tripp, San Diego, 2. “The military worm is in the apple corps.”  
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 2. “Happy Valentine’s Day.”  
Ed Wasil, Clairemont, 2. “Two in a row! I’m on a roll!”  
David A. Weim, Chula Vista, 2.  
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 2. “Rest in peace, my friend Bill Kloor.”  
Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 2.

Thomas E. Woolf, La Jolla, 2.  
William Yelles, Golden Tri-ngle, 2. “Enjoy the journey.”  
Kathy Anderson, San Diego, 1.  
“Ralph Nader - American watch-dog.”  
Lidia Ayala, Golden Hill, 1.  
“One more for SC, none for Jay!”  
Dennis Balint, Pacific Beach, 1.  
“Quid pro quo.”  
Kaye Benton, San Diego, 1.  
“Happy Birthday DBB.”  
☛ Isabella Busch-Sorrenson, Ocean Beach, 1. “Must be all the cod liver oil I took.”  
Beverly Caldwell, Kearny Mesa, 1. “I have a shirt - wear it a lot.”  
Liadom Dervalen, La Mesa, 1.  
“Happy V-Day! xoxo.”  
Dave Desimone, San Diego, 1.  
“Go Sox, go Pats, go Celts, go B’s. Boom! Roasted!”  
Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 1.  
“Get the squirrel Judy!”  
N.M. Drew, Normal Heights, 1. “Love rules.”  
Robert Forst, San Marcos, 1.  
“Wow! Fun puzzle!”  
☛ Richard K. Johnson, La Jolla, 1.  
NC Lyman, Poway, 1. “Baby-cakes and Zooley...I love you...our amazing race!”  
☛ Ernie New, Kensington, 1.  
“As always, in pen!”  
Rebecca Piekos, Encinitas, 1.  
“Chiz pliz!”  
Julian Razo, San Diego, 1. “First time completed. Can I get a T-shirt?”  
Jean B Rolfes, San Diego, 1.  
“God bless America!”  
Troy Sanforfd, San Diego, 1.  
“Ex’s and oh’s!”  
Randall Van Dyek, San Diego, 1.  
“How about a trip to Chicago? xoxo69”

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**OCEAN BEACH.** 4653 Lotus Street. Garage. Dry storage only. \$175. \$175 deposit, required 3 months in advance. 619-226-7368 or [www.bkbinc.com](http://www.bkbinc.com).

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**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1080. Cool house. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 parking. Huge patio. Onsite laundry. No backyard/garage/smoking/pets. \$900 deposit. 4159 42nd. 619-251-0030.

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**CLAIREMONT.** \$1250. Large 2- bedroom, 1-bath duplex. 1- car garage. No pets. Non-smoking. Appliances. Paint/carpet. Large fenced yard. Clean. 3230 Jemez Drive. Juno, 619-275-3455.

**CLAIREMONT.** Beautiful, quiet 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath canyon home, Mountain views. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Fenced yard. Close to UCSD. \$2000. Agent: Michael, 619-886-9565.

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**COLLEGE AREA/LA MESA.** \$1695. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Newer 2 story home. 2- car garage. All appliances. Washer/dryer. Fenced yard. Pets OK. Available 2/1. 4767 Jessie Avenue. 619-871-6909.

**COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO.** \$1250. 2- bedroom, 1- bath house. 2- car garage. Large yard. Laundry hookups. No dogs/cats. 4558 Rolando Boulevard. Available now. 858-292-6046.

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**ENCANTO.** 7646 Viewcrest Drive. \$1825. 3 bedroom, 2 bath private home, large yard, newer carpet, 2 car garage, laundry hook ups. 1500 square feet. Move in 2/26. No pets. Call Leigh, 858-483-3534 x12. www.cal-prop.com.

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**LA JOLLA.** Available 2/25/09. 7770 Rose-land Place. \$4000. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 1500 square foot home, dual master suites, garage, yard, fireplace, family room, laundry hookups, Jacuzzi, hot tub, huge walk-in closet with built-in dressers and cabinets. No pets. Call Leigh 858-483-3534, www.Cal-Prop.com.

**LA JOLLA.** Beautifully upgraded ocean-view home. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Stainless appliances. 2500 square feet. Granite countertops. Large patio with fire pit. Fireplace. Flat screen. 2- car garage. Pool. Gardener/pool maintenance included. \$5950. 1681 Paseo Bonita. Available immediately. Alta Vista Properties, 858-692-5140. altavistamanagement.com.

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**MIRA MESA.** \$1795. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Family room, 2- car garage, fire- place, yard, washer/dryer. 11061 Bootes Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

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**MISSION BEACH.** \$1265. Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Beach side. No pets. No parking. Nonsmoking. Carpet/paint. Appliances. Clean. 731 San Jose Place. Juno. 619-275-3455.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$2150. Move in now! 2 bedroom, 1 bath beach house with front patio. Shared garage, storage, beach shower, no pets. 735 Jamaica Court. Call Leigh at 858-483-3534 x12. www.cal-prop.com.

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**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$700 rent. \$700 deposit. OAC. Studio. Stand-alone cottage. No pets. At 4849 Mansfield Street. (North of Adams). Agent, 619-299-8515.

**NORTH PARK.** Beautiful vintage house. 2 bedroom, 1 large bath, huge living room and kitchen, formal dining and breakfast nook. Beautiful wood floors. Mahogany doors and base trim. Garage with auto opener. Washer/dryer. \$1750/month. 1-year lease. No pets. 3738 Villa Terrace. 619-818-8414.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1700. 1- bedroom, 1- bath house, garage, washer/dryer, off- street parking. 1 block to beach. Pets negotiable. 5075 Long Branch Avenue. 619-224-9713.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$2100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Shared yard. 2 off- street parking spaces. Hardwood floors. Available March. Alta Vista Properties, 858-274-3600. www.altavistamanagement.com.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** Large 3- bedroom, 2- bath house with garage. Private backyard. Newly remodeled, beautiful tile in kitchen and bathroom. Hardwood floors throughout the house. No pets. Water and trash are included in the rent. Laundry on site. 1805 Reed Avenue. Available March 1. \$2400. 858-483-5111 ext. 10.

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**POINT LOMA.** 3789 La Cresta Drive. \$2450. \$2000 deposit OAC. House. Washer/dryer hookups, hardwood floors, refrigerator, stove. No pets. Great location. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

**SAN CARLOS.** 6282 Decanture Street. \$1850. Move in March 1. 3- bedroom, 2- bath home with 2- car garage, air conditioning, family room, laundry hook- ups, in quiet area. 1675 square feet. Small pet with deposit. Call Leigh, 858-483-3534 x12. www.cal-prop.com.

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**TALMADGE.** Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with extra room, wood floors, Jacuzzi, fenced backyard, garage. Dishwasher, washer/ dryer. Pets considered. \$2500/month. 619-520-5965.

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**ALPINE.** \$775. 1 bedrooms, 1 baths. New carpet/vinyl, Air conditioning, dishwasher, carport parking. On- site laundry, pool. Small pets welcome. 619-445-0805. www.sadaprbrokers.com.

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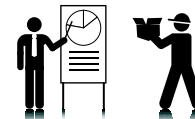


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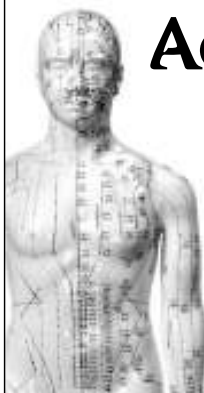
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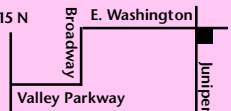
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**Linda Cox (San Diego) \$30**

**LA MESA.** \$895. Located in the heart of the Village of La Mesa is this charming, classic 1950s 1- bedroom apartment. Tiled entry, new carpet and baseboards. Current upgrades to the unit include new paint in designer colors, new bathroom vanity, new tub and shower surround all new door hardware and updated light fixtures, including ceiling fan in living room and bedroom. Gas range with refrigerator. Property has on-site laundry and is close to many shops and restaurants. Will consider small dogs under 15 pounds. Available by February 15, 2009. \$400 security deposit. Credit check required. Move- in special \$400 off first month's rent with a year's lease. 8437 La Mesa Boulevard. Please call between 9am-7pm. **Contact Scott, 619-846-6615, scott@hendershawandassociates.com.**

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**LA MESA.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, \$1150. Wall air/heat, washer/dryer, garage, fenced backyard. Water/sewer/ trash included. Pets OK. 6163 Horton Drive. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. peoplehelpingothers.com.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath senior or disabled citizen complex. \$300 deposit on approved credit. 4086 Swift Avenue #15. Agent, 858-560-1178.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$875. Cozy 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, all appliances, hardwood floors, small yard, parking. No pets. 1918 Howard Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

**NORTH PARK.** \$875. Upper unit apartment, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Fireplace, dish-washer, gated community, On-site laundry room, 1 car garage. Only cats allowed. 3674 Nile Street #7. 619-284-3324.

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# Reader Pop Quiz

## This week's questions

- Two of Guava Belly's lab-coat-wearing PhDs work at what local research institute?
- Punk rock, after its first 15 minutes, was just \_\_, according to Neon Nation.
- Cantina Mayahuel pours over 100 different tequilas...just how many, to be exact?
- What university did the Animal Liberation Orchestra come together at?
- What bullfighter opened La Gran Tapa in 1984?
- An average of how many human sperm get sent in search of a human egg in each, um, mission?
- What rock megagroup has Susan Tedeschi toured with?
- What world-famous Texas music festival recently leaned on what local music festival not to use a name so evocative of its own?
- What was the most downloaded song on [www.sdreader.com](http://www.sdreader.com) in January?
- John Brizzolara encounters a Buddhist who gives him a paperback copy of what?

## Last week's answers

- Ray Manzarek and Robbie Krieger (of the Doors). (p. 92)
- Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken. (p. 98)
- About 500 to 800 worms. (p. 19)
- Fiesta Island Dog Owners. (p. 8)
4000. (p. 114)
- The Muslims. (p. 74)
- "How Deep Is Your Love," *Sex and the City*. (p. 84)
- "The best cityscape view." (p. 84)
- "Stunt guitarist." (p. 78)
- Approximately 150 to 300 years. (p. 16)

Last week's winners:

Maryann Cummings, Gian Ghio, James Durante, Wendy Chmielnik, and Jonathan Wardell

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entry, pool, laundry. 4172 Mississippi Street. TPPM, 619-299-9897.



**NORTH PARK.** \$975. Apartment, 1- bedroom, 1- bath lower unit with new paint and carpet. On-site laundry in gated community. 4075 Louisiana Street #1. 619-698-6911. [www.goldenmanagement.com](http://www.goldenmanagement.com).

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**NORTH PARK.** 1 bedroom apartment. \$1125, utilities paid. Bamboo floors, garage, on-site laundry, 6- unit complex. No dogs. 619-588-4106, 619-300-1365.

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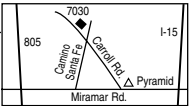
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Address: 9550 Carmel Mountain Road, Rancho Peñasquitos, 858-486-7171
Founded locally: 1998
Senior pastor: John Ettore
Congregation size: 200
Staff size: 7
Sunday school enrollment: 50
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: about \$10,000
Singles program: yes
Dress: mostly casual, some semiformal
Diversity: mostly Caucasian
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Website: gatheringplacechurch.org

Pastor John Ettore crouched down by my seat to welcome me, his hand heavy upon my shoulder, granite intensity in his face as he told me about Alan Vincent, an Englishman-turned-American and the guest preacher for the day. "In 1958, the Lord revealed Himself to him — he was a convinced evolutionist, an atheistic scientist working for the Kodak corporation. He became a missionary to India and has had incredible miracles happen through him — incurable diseases healed, that kind of stuff. You look in the Bible, and you see the Apostle

Paul — real apostles, they are people who operate in the miraculous, but who have also suffered a lot. A lot of his disciples have been murdered or imprisoned or tortured, but hundreds of thousands of Hindus have come to Christ because of his ministry. He's like an icon to them."

Before Vincent spoke, there was music — anthemic and laden with repetition ("Have Your glory, Lord/ Have Your glory, Lord), sometimes resembling a military march, sometimes a love ballad ("Romancing, pursuing, reclaiming to restore..."). Hands were lifted, eyes were closed, and there was a sense of deep emotion burbling up in the murmured praises from the (generally youthful) congregation. ("Oh, God, You're so good. You're so awesome.") A father wrapped his arm around his shaggy son's shoulders.

"What is a gathering of God's people without the presence of the Lord?" asked Ettore. "Nothing. One time, God said to Moses, 'You go up and take that city, but I'm not going up there.' And Moses said, 'I don't

think so. I don't care about the victory. If You're not going, I'm not going. It's me being with You and You being with me.'" He encouraged the congregation to enter into God's presence, "to climb on His lap and call Him 'Daddy.' That's the word Jesus used — 'Abba.' It was an intimate, wonderful love affair, and that's what we want to have here at the Gathering Place Church.... God just wants to be loved.... Just lift your hands; He's not mad at you.... Us loving God back; that is the love affair that some call Christianity. It's not a religion; it's a relationship."

A pair of crutches leaned against the cross mounted high on the stage. "One of the ways God shows His love is through His healing power," continued Ettore. He called a man forward to tell the story of Tina. "Tina has come up many times, asking prayer for her sciatica — it's just constantly inflamed, and she's been in so much pain. Last night, Alan was talking about putting yourself in a posture of receiving. She said, 'I'm going to go up one more time

and give God the chance to touch me.' God miraculously healed her, and the pain left." Huge applause and cheering. "And what I think is so great — she was out in the parking lot sharing it with someone else who was hurting with her sciatica, and Tina prayed for her, and God healed her."

That image — receiving some divine action and then passing it on in love — served nicely to introduce Vincent's sermon. He preached on making the Kingdom come, on the Christian call to possess Christ's inheritance. The enemies of the Kingdom were the demons who had once held dominion, and it was amazing to hear this erudite man speak plainly of witnessing angels come against the Dalai Lama's influence in Austria, of a woman possessed by Kali but unable to do him harm. Pants hoisted, shirtsleeves too short, the aged face on the leonine head barely changing expression as he roamed and expounded and exhorted, Vincent slipped smoothly from historical context to etymology to exegesis.



John Ettore

The Gathering Place Church
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He closed with a meditation on the bread of heaven. First, he noted that the disciples had been made to participate in the miracle of the loaves, passing on the miraculous bread to the hungry multitudes. Then he asked whether those in attendance wanted to be "manna Chris-

tians" — surviving on the comparatively meager graces of met personal needs, hiding from the world in a "Kingdom bubble" — or warrior Christians, who eat Christ's body and drink His blood so as to "have abundance to give away to each and every person we meet."

Came the reply: "We are ready to be the sacrifice You need!"

"Come back tonight, and bring friends," concluded Ettore. "What you just heard will open up, and there's going to be an impartation. Jesus taught His disciples about the Kingdom, and then one day He laid hands on them and gave them power and authority over demons and all manner of sickness and disease...and He commissioned them. That's going to be what happens tonight."

What happens when we die?

"Oh, we go to heaven or we go to hell," said Ettore.

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**LEAD STORY**

— “Genetic modification” sounds like frighteningly complicated lab work, but amateurs are routinely doing it in garages and dining rooms across the country, according to a December Associated Press report. Hobbyists (some terming themselves “biohackers”) are busy creating new life forms and someday, observers say, may turn up a cure for cancer or an accidental environmental catastrophe. The community lab DIYbio in Cambridge, Mass., has patrons who typically work on vaccines and biofuels but might also whimsically create tattoos that glow. One amateur bought jellyfish DNA containing a green fluorescent protein (for about \$100) and built a DNA analyzer (less than \$25) so she could alter yogurt bacteria to glow green when it detects melamine (the substance recently discovered in deadly Chinese baby formula and pet food).

**Ironies**

— A few animals were rescued from an early-morning fire at a humane society shelter in Oshawa, Ontario, in December, but cats suffered heavy casualties, with nearly 100 perishing. The

fire marshal’s office said the blaze was probably started by mice chewing through electrical wires. — Kathleen Cherry, 53, was arrested for DUI in Carson City, Nev., in December. She is a phlebotomist working on contract with the sheriff’s office and was driving to the jailhouse to administer a blood test to a DUI suspect. — In December, Lorraine Henderson, the port director for the federal Customs and Border Protection agency’s southern New England area, was charged with hiring illegal immigrants to clean her home and instructing them how to avoid detection by her agency. According to court documents, she told one worker, “You have to be careful, ’cause they [meaning her agency] will deport you.”

**The Litigious Society**

— Elizabeth Shelton, 21, filed a lawsuit in Houston in December against the truck driver that she accidentally rear-ended in a 2007 crash while she was intoxicated and in which her boyfriend was killed. Though she was convicted of manslaughter, she is now suing for \$20,000 damage to her Lexus SUV and for “pain and suffering,” basing

her claim on the fact that the blameless driver she hit was uninsured. In all, her lawsuit names 16 defendants, including insurance companies and banks. Shelton is the daughter of a state court judge. — Two customers who lined up for the 5 a.m. November “Black Friday” opening at the Long Island, N.Y., Walmart (in which a worker was crushed to death) filed lawsuits against the store because of the crowd’s unruliness. Fritz Mesadieu, 51, and son Jonathan, 19, said they got neck and back pain from the surge of customers and that their medical and legal expenses amounted to at least \$2 million.

**Least Competent Criminals**

— Questionable M.O.s: (1) Jessica Cohen, 20, was rearrested in Cincinnati in December. She had gone to the local public defender’s office seeking a lawyer to represent her on a theft charge, and while there, according to police, stole an employee’s cell phone. However, she had already filled out paperwork with her name and address. (2) Robert Dendy, 59, was detained by police in Tonawanda, N.Y., in November after he dropped by police headquarters to give them a holiday

wreath as a token of his gratitude for their service. One of the officers happened to notice that the wreath was the same one that had just been stolen from a market next door to the station, and after investigating, found more suspicious missing goods at Dendy’s home.

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"Well, there's more of me than there was ten years ago," she replied. "And I'm not even going to start looking for dresses until I trim this belly a bit."

Personal trainer Jessica Thomas's Fit 2 Wed (619-459-5344) is, according to employee Rosanne Geraty, "a 12-week, women's-only bridal boot camp. It combines a series of high-energy outdoor workouts focusing on cardiovascular and strength-training with nutritional counseling. You take three classes a week, for a total of 36 classes. That gives you enough time to get looking great for your wedding day and allows Jessica enough time to teach the girls about



"A lot of the exercises are tailored to looking great on your wedding day."

living a healthier lifestyle. She really focuses as much on nutrition as she does on exercise. And it's not just for brides — we get bridesmaids and even girls who come back after their weddings."

Early in the session, participants attend a boot-camp weekend, starting with a two-hour nutritional seminar on Saturday. "Jessica talks about recipes, about eating out, and about overall food plans. She'll give advice...say, about looking for foods with more fiber and protein or about avoiding the bread and butter on the restaurant table." Then, on Sunday, "she takes them on a grocery-store trip to Vons and Trader Joe's. She walks around the stores explaining the traps that people sometimes fall into — places where they think they're eating healthy but they really aren't. A lot of the girls are eating pre-made soups that are packed with sodium."

Or maybe they're buying a pasta sauce loaded with sugar. "She doesn't give meal plans. She just teaches you how to choose more healthy foods." Girls are asked to keep exercise-and-eating journals in which they write down everything they eat on every day. ("Jessica always says that the girls who get the best results are those who do their journals the best.") At the end of each class, Thomas gives motivational advice

and nutritional tips — "maybe adding another vegetable or [recommending] more glasses of water."

The classes run for an hour and 15 minutes, six days a week. "It's a full-body workout. We do cardiovascular training and muscle training with resistance bands. We'll do plyometrics — different ways of doing squats or lunges — and traditional calisthenics. All the girls do the same exercises, but we have a team atmosphere — the girls help and encourage each other, so no one feels left out. That's important to us. For example, if we run a timed mile, whichever girl gets done first will turn around and run to the last person and encourage her...."

"A lot of the exercises are tailored to looking great on your wedding day — say, getting muscle tone on your arms and back — but a lot of what you do has to do with your own goals. At the beginning of each session, Jessica sits down with each girl to discuss her goals. Some are very specific, like wanting to lose ten inches and ten pounds. Some are more general fitness goals, like running a faster mile." Thomas also does a body assessment for each girl, checking body fat, weight, and physical fitness. "She then meets with them at six and twelve weeks to make sure they're on track with their goals."



Fit 2 Wed's next boot camp starts April 13 and runs through July 4. "A lot of girls are getting married next spring," said Geraty, "so this is a huge time. If they can start in April or July, they can be ready for next year." Cost is \$795 for the 36 classes and other services.

Other places around town:

Chris Keith's Boot Camp 619 (619-840-9099) is co-ed and offers sessions at the camp's gym or at various outdoor locations. Price is \$999 for 12 weeks (up to 132 one-hour sessions), \$799 for 8 weeks (up to 88 sessions), or \$499 for 4 weeks (up to 44 sessions).

Addie's Personal Training Studio (858-483-2711) in Pacific Beach offers a pre-wedding fitness package for brides and grooms. Every session is conducted with a personal trainer. Sessions lasting 55 minutes cost \$1008 for 12 or \$1924 for 26; 25-minute sessions run \$720 for 12 or \$1326 for 26.

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## Thirty Years Ago

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— CITY LIGHTS: "I COVER THE WATERCRESS,"

Jeannette De Wyze and Neal Matthews,  
February 15, 1979

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

RICHARD (Alias Captain Sticky)! I lost your phone number. Please call me at work. Nikki. I'm at the Kearny Mesa location.

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— CLASSIFIEDS, February 16, 1984

## Twenty Years Ago

Once upon a midday dreary, strollers gathered, looking cheery, At the gates of a place where San Diegans sleep forevermore — In Greenwood, where the dead are napping, slowly there arose a tapping Sound of strutters gently stepping,

stepping gently past death's door. 'Twas some visitors, dear reader, peering into local lore —

Only strollers, nothing more.  
— "UPON YOUR SOLES," C.E. Elster,  
February 16, 1989

## Fifteen Years Ago

James Robert Mosley was a founding member, vocalist, bass guitarist, and songwriter with Moby Grape, the legendary San Francisco band whose 1967 debut album was filled with the bluesy idealism of that so-called Summer of Love. Released just two weeks after the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's*, the record featured five-part harmonies and a unique blend of folk and soul.

Today, Mosley, 51, a native San Diegan, is said by his mother to be homeless and living under various bridges and railroad trestles in the Rose Canyon area, near the Price Club on Morena Boulevard.

— CITY LIGHTS: "TROUBLED EX-ROCK STAR REPORTED HOMELESS HERE," Jamie Reno, February 10, 1994

## Ten Years Ago

Gulf Coast Grill reminded me of some of my funkychic favorites in New Orleans: maybe a cross between dilapidated Uglesich and the elegant Dooky Chase. So when I walked past it one day, turned around, entered, and announced I'd work for free for the experience, I only mildly surprised myself. But I may have startled the two men sitting at the bar, one of whom turned out to be the manager. He turned to the goateed guy sitting next to him and said, "That's illegal, isn't it?"

— "TWO SPINACH SALADS, THREE TARTS, SIX MORE SHUCKED OYSTERS,"

Allen Adler, February 11, 1999

## Five Years Ago

The three San Diego city councilmen under indictment in the Cheetahs strip-club scandal have been raking in money for their legal-defense funds. Councilman Ralph Inzunza, who picked up \$106,000 — relied heavily on old and familiar sources to pay for the services of his criminal



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defense attorney Michael Pancer. Most of them gave the legal maximum of \$350 each. There was labor czar Jerry Butkiewicz, fresh from his high-profile bid to keep the Chargers in town. There was port commissioner and Jaguar dealer Steve Cushman, along with his onetime colleague, developer Peter Janopaul.

— CITY LIGHTS: "FREEING THE CHEETAHS THREE," Matt Potter, February 12, 2004

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