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UNDER THE RADAR

Lobby lucre The battle over a new city hall is already costing taxpayers a small fortune, judging from a recently



Bob White

filed lobbying disclosure report by California Strategies, the Sacramento-based firm run by **Bob White**, the ex-aide to former San Diego mayor, U.S. senator, and California governor **Pete Wilson**. As reported here back in April, the company got a \$280,950 contract from the city-owned Centre City Development Corporation to act as "community outreach consultant" to "educate, increase communications with, and engage the entire San Diego community with regard to exploring the possibilities for redevelopment of the Civic Center Complex." During the quarter ending September 30, the firm's **Ben Haddad** was paid \$9000 for "community outreach," and **Craig Benedetto** got \$13,500.

Besides its City work, California Strategies picked up \$34,000 from three corporations to lobby against a proposal to subsidize low-income housing by raising fees on commercial development in the city. It also got \$10,000 from HNTB, the big Los Angeles construction firm that favors expanding the convention center, to lobby mayoral aide **Phil Rath** and the "Civic Leadership Group." In addition to that, White's company was paid \$24,000 by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, a government agency, to "provide advice and counsel on Airport Authority-related business" to Sanders press aide **Darren Pudgil** and chief of staff **Kris Michell**. The disclosure filing also reveals that Benedetto contributed \$500 to the city council candidacy of **Felipe Hueso**, running to succeed his brother **Ben** in the Eighth District.

Investigating the investigator

Anyone who wants to know how the well-connected world of San Diego's power brokers works need look no further than **Mary Lindenstein Walshok**, associate vice chancellor for public programs and dean of Extension at UCSD. She's in charge of the university's public television station, UCSD-TV, and runs UCSD's "outreach activities." In addition to her duties at the university, Walshok has found time to sit on the boards of a host of influential local nonprofits, including the San Diego Public Library Foundation, which is lobbying for a new taxpayer-funded downtown library, and **Buzz Woolley's** Girard



Mary Lindenstein Walshok

Foundation, which backs the charter school movement and other privatization causes and paid Walshok \$5000 last year for her services. It was recently revealed that Walshok is also on the board of the new "Watchdog Institute," the nonprofit group formed by ex-*Union-Tribune* editor **Lorie Hearn**, based at San Diego State University and commissioned to do investigative reporting for the *U-T*. So maybe Walshok can be forgiven some downtime in the form of an August 16 ticket to San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops, worth \$154.70 including food and beverages, courtesy of Semptra Energy, according to the company's recent lobbying disclosure report.

Other Semptra beneficiaries last quarter included now-former GOP assemblyman **Mike Duvall**, treated to food and drink worth \$51.23 at Sacramento's Chops restaurant on July 8, the very day he was caught on a legislative hearing video bragging about having sex with **Heidi DeJong Barsuglia**, a Semptra lobbyist. Duvall subsequently resigned, but Barsuglia, who works under the title "government affairs manager," denied involvement with Duvall and has since returned to action for the utility giant.

Hueso's gold Democratic San Diego city councilman **Ben Hueso** has collected another \$31,845 in his bid for the state assembly, bringing his grand total so far to \$167,341, according to a recently filed campaign report. Among the contributions of interest is \$2300 from lawyer **Jim Waring**, onetime land-use and economic-development chief for Mayor **Jerry Sanders**. Waring abruptly quit in August 2007 after it came to light that he was quietly trying to assist Sanders donor **Aaron Feldman** engineer a compromise to lower the height of his controversial Sunroad office building near Montgomery Field to 166 feet rather than the 160 feet mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration.



Jim Waring

In June of this year, Sanders picked Waring to join the board of the City's Housing Commission, saying, "Mr. Waring's vast wealth of knowledge in the areas of law, land use, and real estate investments; expertise in the management of nonprofit organizations; and his solutions-oriented and consensus-building nature will be invaluable additions to the Housing Commission."

The list of other Hueso donors includes **Francisco Javier Rabago** of Tapatio Auto Wrecking (\$1650), **Jerry Flick** of Chula Vista's Avalon Property Management (\$3900).

— Matt Potter

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Can Feds Thwart Runaway Pay?

By Don Bauder

The pay of American top corporate executives is obscene. About the only people who don't agree with that statement are the

executives themselves. In 1980, chief executives made 42 times what the average

ernment has launched several initiatives to rein in this madness. The Treasury

than two dozen financial institutions, and Congress wants to help shareholders have some say in top executive remuneration.

But can the government handle this without creating a vast, shiftless bureaucracy? It will be difficult. And whatever or however the government tries, can it be effective? It will take a lot of luck. By using its bully pulpit and a big stick, it might get some companies to detect which

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worker made. Last year, it was 319 times, according to the Institute for Policy Studies and United for a Fair Economy. The federal gov-

Department wants to hold down pay at seven bailed-out banks, the Federal Reserve wants to slash gambling incentives at more

way the wind is blowing and change their ways — reluctantly and modestly. But that's only a hope.

Basically, change must come from the grass roots. People must pressure companies and politicians. Those who own stock must bug boards of directors and managements to shape up, and

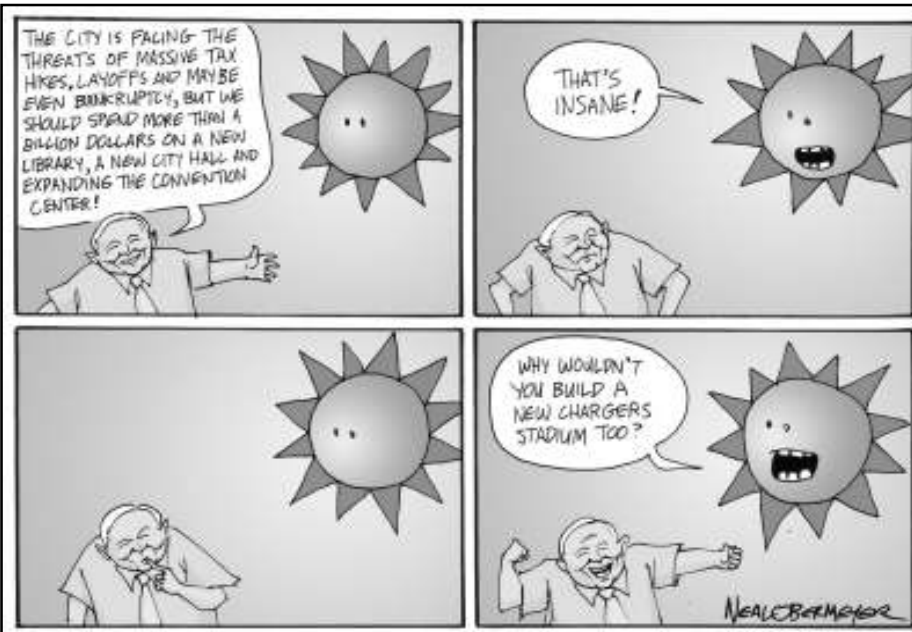
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East Village Lowdown

By Nathaniel Uy

Lured in by the promise of large-scale development in East Village, to be anchored by a state-of-the-art baseball

stadium and filled with high-rise luxury condominiums, plenty of entrepreneurs took the plunge and opened businesses in the revitalized area known as the ballpark district.

It is a Tuesday evening, October 13, only a week after the Padres ended a forgettable 2009 season, and the neighborhood around the ballpark feels like a ghost town. Although the team drew a per-game average of 23,735, their lowest numbers since moving to Petco Park, it is evident that baseball fans — now that they're not around — made a difference for local businesses. "It was a horrible season for us businesswise," says the owner of a business who declines to give his name. "There were less people around, and they were spend-

ing less money. Sales were weak compared to the last two years. But you know what? There was still traffic. Now we're on our own for the next few months."

The streets are empty of people. On Tenth Avenue near J Street, just a block from the

Chan believes the retail vacancy rate for the ballpark district is "around 40 percent."

stadium, the businessman, whose dark hair shows signs of gray, stares at his neighborhood with tired eyes. He gives a sigh and continues,



Café Noir

"We have dog walkers and homeless people pushing shopping carts. Aside from that there is not much foot traffic."

The man points upward. "Look up at the condos." As I glance at the windows of several high-rises, I see fewer than a dozen lights on, and it's

not even eight o'clock. "There's nobody home," he says.

"This is our neighborhood," he continues. "It's unfortunate, but I don't believe there are enough people around here to sustain our businesses. That's why so many of us are closing."

Chad Cavanaugh, 36, still comes back to visit every now and then; after all, he called the area home for nearly three years. Tonight his six-foot-four frame makes him hard to miss as he walks around his old neighborhood, following his routine of checking in with local businesses and hanging out at his favorite shops. As a resident he was affectionately known by friends and neighbors as "the mayor of East Village," a nickname earned for his penchant for learning everything about the area and befriending everyone who lived here.

In 2005, Cavanaugh sold units for the developer of the condominiums Fahrenheit, at Tenth and Island, and M2i, one block north. He purchased his own downtown loft. Eager to embrace the urban lifestyle, he subsequently

STRINGERS

Pardon Our Decibels

Electrical vault sinking near trolley

Downtown San Diego — The noise was deafening on the corner of Sixth Avenue and C early this Saturday



Corner of Sixth and C

morning, November 7. A Roel Construction crew worked on a contract for SDG&E. Traffic cones blocked off two lanes starting from B Street to south of C Street. A flag person was on the trolley tracks, slowing down passing trolleys. Several workers used jackhammers, and at least one backhoe broke up concrete.

"We are working on adding new concrete walls and lid for an SDG&E electrical vault in the street," said Roel foreman Jim Cecil. "It was built in 1948 using red brick and has been sinking for a while. It is an inconvenience, especially in a situation like last night when the House of Blues had a lot of people on this street, but the work has to be done."

By Noel Gallego, 11/7

Good Try, Rock

Police stop handouts in park

Balboa Park — On October 31, urban campers went to Sixth Avenue and Hawthorne, to take part in a get-together for the homeless called "H.O.P.E." The flyer passed out weeks earlier said free food, clothes, and blankets.

When the H.O.P.E. bringers started arriving, we helped them unload the food, water, clothes, blankets. They started setting up tables, and they set up a place for people to get haircuts and trims.

They put up a tarp shelter at the north end of all the festivities. A young lady got the microphone and announced that they were from the Rock church and that they had things prepared for us. They started passing out tickets for prizes and told us to keep the tickets because we could redeem them for a plate of barbecue later.

I am a homeless student. It brought tears to my eyes to feel that love from strangers. A young lady began to sing. I heard someone compare her to Carrie Underwood.

An announcement came over the P.A. that police were at the end of the street. Within ten minutes, I saw the police at the other end of the ravine watching us. We began to pray. Not much later, I saw the police approach the people in charge and tell them we would have to "break it up."

Comments

1. I have to agree with the PD, get the permits, let the PD know the time and location.

By SurfPuppy619

11:34 p.m., Nov 3

2. The Rock church has a



Balboa Park, October 31

lot of problems with "permission," as they continue to clog the

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Market 32 storefront at Tenth and Island

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Runaway pay

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they must tell mutual funds that hold stocks to raise hell. In particular, pension funds should ride herd on boards that let top executives rob the till. The big pension funds “should call a company and say, ‘You are screwing the shareholders. We don’t like your pay policies,’” says Graef (Bud) Crystal, former San Diegan, now living in Santa Rosa. He is one of the nation’s top authorities on corporate compensation and a guest columnist for *Bloomberg News*. “If enough institutions would make that call, the stock would crater” and chief executives’ stock options would go far south. The pension funds “have it in their hands to stop this but won’t.”

Agrees Todd Buchholz, San Diego economist/lawyer/author, “There are corporate boards that protect overpaid CEOs like the drones

in a beehive protecting the queen bee. I wish that pension funds and other big shareholders were more aggressive” in fighting the plundering.

The Treasury’s so-called pay czar is trumpeting his clampdown on banks that have been rescued by the federal government, such as Bank of America and Citigroup. Top executives’ pay will be cut in half this year. But there are only two months left in 2009. What happens next year? “This is window dressing, political theater,” says Ross Starr, economist at the University of California at San Diego. “Since the Treasury has a major ownership stake in those institutions, I suppose it can make this stick for a year or two.”

Says Buchholz, “If you accept government money, you have to accept government regulation” of things such as top management pay. “I would be aghast and angry if I saw the government try-

ing to control salaries in chemical, telephone, or other companies” that haven’t been bailed out.

In July, the House of Representatives passed a measure that, among many things, gives shareholders a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation. A similar bill is working its way through the Senate. The concept is called “Say on Pay.” Harrumphs Crystal, “That ‘Say on Pay’ is a joke. It’s not mandatory — just advisory. It has no teeth. Maybe it will accomplish a little bit: some odd board will pay attention to shareholders.”

The Federal Reserve has imposed sweeping remuneration limits on top executives of banks. The idea is to make sure that bankers don’t have incentives to gamble with funds they have borrowed for almost nothing. “Executive compensation for financial firms and others are short-term oriented; bonuses are based on current profits, not long-term profits,” says Starr. “There is an incentive for leaders to get out before the house of cards collapses.” The Fed as a bank regulator has the discretion to make these moves.

Compensation pros like Crystal cite history. In the early 1970s, President Richard Nixon tried to impose price and wage controls, to be administered by an officious bureaucracy. “It created discontinuities and dysfunctions and fell apart” as companies figured out ways to dodge the edicts, Crystal recalls. In 1992, when the average chief executive pay was \$750,000 (then considered outrageous), President Bill Clinton tried to set up a system by which companies could not deduct pay of over \$1 million from corporate taxes. “But then they gave exceptions to small companies and decided that it only applied to the top five executives at a company” and made other exceptions. Among other dodgy techniques, a chief executive making less than \$1 million was

immediately bumped up to the still-deductible \$1 million level. The measure had little effect.

But it’s different this time, says Murtaza Baxamusa, economist at the Center on Policy Initiatives. “It’s a slow process, but it’s boiling up within the community. Every single politician is listening. The topic of executive salaries has entered into mainstream talk, unlike a couple of years ago,” he says. “There is a strong role for government,” which with grassroots support will be able to do what it hasn’t been able to accomplish previously. “Corporations are getting a free ride here. Superficial makeovers are not going to fly. We have a watchful and much-better-informed public.”

Some compensation experts think the best answer is full disclosure. The Securities and Exchange Commission, which is supposed to regulate major investment markets, requires that companies spell out their top dogs’ pay in official documents. Then, industrial and labor organizations and business-oriented publications print the data with help from compensation pros like Crystal. “Sunlight is the best disinfectant,” says Crystal, but the rules are already comprehensive, and there is not much more to disclose. “We have full disclosure. Did it cause pay to drop a lot? Not much,” says Crystal, who has long been disturbed by one thing: “There is no relationship between pay and performance.”

One argument against full disclosure is the so-called ratcheting effect. Chief executives see what their counterparts are bringing home and yearn to top them. Compensation consulting firms, seeing what executives at comparable companies make, will recommend that boards give top honchos even bigger pay boosts. Crystal questions that argument: the consulting firms will find the information in other ways, he says.

Companies hire lawyers who make the disclosures in legal mumbo jumbo. “There is no such thing as full disclosure,” scoffs Baxamusa. “Nobody tells us what goes on in the backrooms of these corporations. Government needs a stick with tools and power to enforce the law.”

Crystal says the government does have one really effective tool: the Internal Revenue Service. “The IRS has the ability to deny tax deductions in individual cases,” he says. The agency can declare that a really smelly pay package — say, \$300 million — is not deductible. “This could have a chilling effect and spread outright fear” among companies and their consultants.

Concerned that politicians will listen to an enraged public, some companies could go straight. Don’t count on it. ■

East Village

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became a downtown realtor specializing in the East Village. He describes the demand for condominiums in the area as “high” at the peak of the market. “There was a lot of high hopes for what this area was going to be with the ballpark going in.”

During the spring of 2004, Petco Park opened its doors. Many expected that the new central library, along with other commercial projects, would soon follow. “East Village was going to be the most self-sufficient neighborhood in downtown,” recalls Cavanaugh. “Seventh to Tenth Avenue on J was planned to be the restaurant row. The vision was huge.”

Today, restaurant row has several “Available” signs and vacant spaces. The site of the new central library, across J Street from Metrome, a mid-rise complex between 11th and Park Boulevard, is still an empty dirt lot. The sign on the fence announcing plans for the library has been taken down. Recent news is that the

city council is still trying to get an idea of how much the project will cost. If the library’s built, early estimates have the completion date as sometime in 2013. As Cavanaugh tells it, “The main library was going to be a showpiece for the city itself. You have an area that wants to succeed. The potential was there.”

Jeremy Day, an East Village homeowner, also saw potential in the area. He moved into the Mark — a 32-story glass behemoth between Eighth and Ninth — in 2007. Not only did he decide to make East Village his home, but he also decided to start a business there. According to Day, he was attracted by the area’s demographics, mostly young professionals, who he believed would have spending power.

Day opened First Degree Tanning Studio in November 2008. It occupies a street-level retail space in the Fahrenheit building on Tenth. Now, a year later, Day acknowledges that business is very slow. “I think it has to do with several things, including the economy,” he says. “Most of the buildings are half full, or they’ve been bought by investors.”

Asked if he regrets moving in, Day at first says no, but then he says, “Well, it depends on what day you ask me. Lately a lot of regret, but it’s because we went through the summer, where every month was slower and slower, whereas the first six months were better and better, and I thought it was the best decision I ever made.”

Locked in by high lease rates and suffering from poor foot traffic, some businesses have pulled the plug. On the northeast corner of Tenth and Island is an empty storefront that once housed Market 32, a produce shop and smoothie bar that locals loved and that opened just this year. A long message taped on the windows partially reads, “We gave it our best shot but a combo of economic factors, lack of traffic and ultimately a lack

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of capital to keep the dream alive have all hurt us.”

The casualty list for the month of September alone includes Ninth Avenue's Café Noir, a coffeehouse in the historical Hiatt House, built in 1886; Well Heeled, a salon in the Comerica building at Tenth and J; and Sluggers, an eatery on the corner of Park Boulevard and Market.

“It hurts us,” responds Day to the news of his neighbors’ closing. “If this whole block was filled out, we would be benefiting from our neighbors’ foot traffic. Different clienteles for different services. I’m thinking about diversifying my services. Surviving on tanning is going to work, but it’s going to take a lot longer to get on my feet.”

Just two doors down from the tanning studio is Mondo Gelato, whose owners signed their retail lease in 2006. As one of the first tenants to move in on the block, the management is familiar with the tough business environment. “When we first moved in, the economy was doing well,” says managing partner Jerome Chan. “The housing market was doing well. Everyone was buying and moving in to this area. Now everyone

is moving out of this area. It’s pretty much vacant.”

According to Grubb & Ellis’s “Retail Trends Report — First Half 2009,” downtown had a vacancy rate of 8.3 percent, while the county overall had a rate of 5.6 percent. However, those numbers do not include subleases or vacant spaces that are not available on the market. Also, downtown covers a large area, including the much-coveted Gaslamp District. Chan, who is 27 years old, believes the vacancy rate for retail spots in the ballpark district is “around 40 percent.” While there are storefronts that have been recently vacated, others have been empty for about three years. Some locals believe that property owners need to stop holding out for high lease rates and simply cut their losses.

“They’re losing money every month, and they’re never going to make that money back,” says Jeremy Day. “Just cut the prices now and fill it up. Renegotiate later.”

Facing what they expect to be another slow fall and winter season, both Day and Chan are depending on salaries from other employment — Day as a firefighter and Chan as a software consultant. As Day puts it, “Fortunately, I have another job. Fortunate, because my business is probably not

going to give me a paycheck for a while. But it would be nice to be a business owner and not be an employee somewhere else. It takes away from this tremendously. If this was my sole project, I could do a lot more. But I can’t. I have to work every day.”

Despite news of their neighbors’ closing, the local shopkeepers that I spoke with remain convinced that things in the ballpark district will turn around, “Hopefully sooner than later.” They remain optimistic that new buildings due for completion in 2010 and early 2011 — like Strata, a luxury apartment high-rise on the corner of Tenth and Market, and the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, on Island between 11th and Park — will bring more customers to their shops. In the meantime, according to one business owner, “We’re doing whatever it takes just to hang in there.” To attract more customers, First Degree Tanning Studio is planning on adding more services, such as manicures, pedicures, and spray tanning. Mondo Gelato is discussing the idea of offering goods on consignment from local bakeries.

“I have a hard time giving up,” says Day. “I put in too much time and too much effort to say, ‘I’m going to walk away with a loss.’” ■

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Liberty Station parking lot, despite signs warning of no church parking.

By SDaniels

4:33 p.m., Nov 4

Sacred Surf

Swami’s contest a precedent?

Encinitas — Since the mid-1950s, Swami’s surf break has been at the center of Southern California surfing. But last July, when Linda Benson, president of the Women’s World Longboard Championship, proposed a championship contest at Swami’s on October 14 of next year, the surf break became a center of controversy.

Those opposed to the contest say the contest would set a precedent and would entice other promoters to hold contests at Swami’s. They believe the large crowds, the negative environmental impact to the delicate sandstone bluff, and the fact that local surfers would be banished from the break on those days, are reasons the contest shouldn’t be allowed.

The rising tide of emotions from those in opposition has led residents to draft a petition to prevent

the city from granting a permit.

Linda Benson agrees the break is sacred. In fact, that’s the reason why she wants to hold the contest at Swami’s.

Benson proposes closing the parking lot and routing cars to Moonlight Beach, where fans can walk to the contest or catch a shuttle to a festival at K Street. Other changes include using smaller scaffolds for the judges, placing flat screens on the grass area near the parking lot instead of using loudspeakers, and anchoring a boat, equipped with speakers, outside the break so that contestants can hear the announcers.

By Dorian Hargrove, 11/7

Comments

1. Some of the opposition to the contest stems from concern that Linda plans on monopolizing public property to make a profit. Opponents think the charity is a token effort.

Only now does Linda acknowledge the opposition. She made a huge mistake of not working with the local surf community before progressing forward. The chamber of commerce knew about this before guys

and gals that surf Swami’s knew about it.

The graphic the Reader has posted could confuse people. Now, anyone can surf swamis at any time. If Linda gets her contest only the people she allows to surf in the contest will get to surf.

By TheLeucadiaBlog.com

10:04 a.m., Nov. 7

Rider Comes to Harm

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Downtown San Diego — An accident between a truck and motorcycle startled a crowd of onlookers on November 4 in downtown San Diego. The collision occurred at about 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of Front and West A streets.

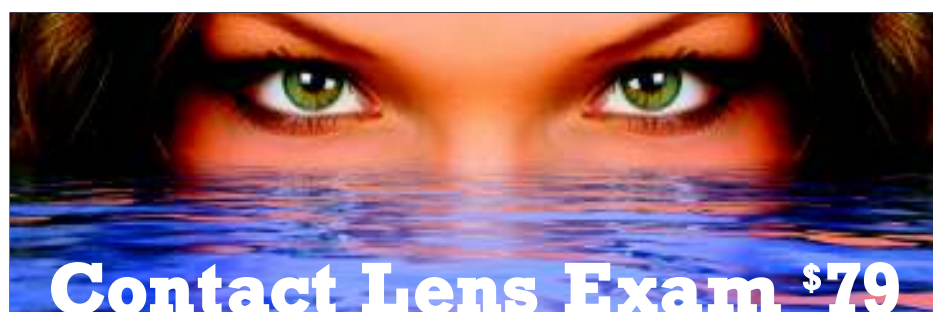
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By John Walters, 11/5

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editor, in particular, who chose this front cover. It was so important to me, I have it on my refrigerator, I have it as the front cover for a self-help group I go to, and I also took extra copies of the paper just to have that cover. My goal is to somehow, with permission from the creator, have that as my Christmas card.

Life is very interesting the way it takes turns and things change. A loss oftentimes in my life turns out to be a winner and a plus.

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2 1/2 Minutes On The Water



Big bright sun, blue sky, no wind. I am standing on a small bluff overlooking Lake Merced, said lake located between the backside of San Francisco State College and the Pacific Ocean. This is dragon-boat racing day, known to participants as the California Dragon Boat Association College Cup Championship.

Just this once I'll skip the first 2500 years of dragon-boat racing and begin here. I'm told that modern dragon boats weigh up to 800 pounds and can go 60 feet in length. Most collegiate dragon boats carry 20 paddlers, a steersperson, and a drummer. The drummer sits in the bow facing the paddlers. And when you first see a dragon boat coming, think 20 angry, crazy paddlers in a huge painted-up war canoe, a snarling dragon's head at the prow, the drummer pounding on his big drum counting out strokes — *THUMPA, THUMPA, THUMPA* — looking like Mike Tyson on pharmaceutical speed, the enormous canoe seeming to jump out of the water on every down stroke — well, pilgrim, you won't forget that image.

Meet Gavin Ifhithara-Wing, last year's captain of the University of California San Diego dragon-boat racing team. I ask, "How long is the season?"

Gavin says, "We usually attend four races. One here, one in Arizona during March, one in Long Beach in May, and one in June or July.

"We can't afford to go anywhere outside of the state other than Arizona. We have a little bit of funding as a recreational club; just like any other club — like a music club — we get that type of funding, but as an athletic team we don't receive any additional funding.

"There are 15 teams here; some schools have two teams. The schools, going north to south, are Davis, Berkeley, Stanford, UCI, UCLA,

USC, UCSD, and a couple of local teams.

"We train every weekend year-round, and when we get closer to the races, we practice on Fridays. Those sessions are on the water. During the week we have two land workouts where we do weightlifting and cardio."

Introducing Jonathan Lin, senior, human biology major at UCSD. "All the teams are strong. The UCs always have good representation. I'm proud of my team today. They've risen to the occasion. Our A crew came in first in their first heat. Our B crew came in first in their first heat." (San Diego A and B crews have qualified for the mixed [coed] championship race.)

"Our organization is a club on campus. We try to promote being a close-knit group and being there for each other."

Presenting Michelle Yu, communications major, president of the UCSD dragon-boat club. "I got into dragon boat in my freshman year. My suitemate was from San Francisco and she raced in high school. She brought me out. I enjoyed hanging out with everyone. I enjoyed the sport. It grew from there.

"I guess you could say that whoever wins today would supposedly be the top college team in California. They'll have bragging rights until this race next year. Unlike other sports at school that have weekly games, dragon boat only has one race every two or three months. It's only two-and-a-half minutes on the water every time. It's crucial that we perform on race day."

Yu is writing on white board, printing names next to row positions. She has two boats, UCSD A, UCSD B.

"There are sections within the boat that have certain jobs. Row one is the stroke. They set the tone, they set the pace. They also have the hardest job: breaking dead water. The whole boat has to follow row one in terms of the rate because timing is crucial. Rows two and three support the stroke by holding the rate and keeping the stroke as long as possible. Then, rows four through seven is like our engine room, the heart of the boat. Usually, it's guys; they like that adrenaline rush. And then rows eight, nine, and ten are the back half. They're like the legs of the boat. They have to bear down deep, find dead water, and push. If they don't, they're just pulling the water that's already running.

"There are three divisions — A, B, and C. This is the first time our team has both of our crews in the A Division. Regardless of how well we do, this in itself is already an accomplishment. We're really proud. The big race is the mixed final (the last race of the meet). That's what every college team is here for. There's a trophy that's passed on year after year."

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That bit of silliness risks a puncture in the oppressive and ominous mood.

Beg pardon, but it has taken me a week to untie my tongue on the subject of *Antichrist*, which closes out its seven days at the Ken on Thursday. A piece of art-house schlock from Danish director Lars von Trier (*Dogville*, *Dancer in the Dark*, and so forth), sort of Ingmar Bergman meets Rob Zombie, or in other

words scab-picker gone full-bore mutilator, it tells of a grieving couple who repair to a lonely cabin in the Northwest woods — a spot Biblically, ironically, caustically called Eden — to work out their feelings after the death of their toddler, the unhinged wife expressing hers more uninhibitedly while the rational husband, a therapist by trade, suffers under a professional obligation to tolerate abuse, attack, recrimination: “You’re indifferent to whether your child is alive or dead.” The black-and-white slow-motion prologue, to the tune of Handel’s gorgeous soprano aria “Lascia ch’io pianga” (used before, no more legitimately, in

L.I.E., I believe it was), shows how the tot went out the window in his pj’s when his parents were selfishly making whoopee in the shower, including a single cuttable shot of hardcore penetration, the sort of shot that got inserted into “R”-rated films circa 1973 to convert them in a twinkling into the newly allowable “XXX.”

This, although we have no reason to believe that Charlotte Gainsbourg and Willem Dafoe were within the same time zone when it was filmed, puts us on notice that anything goes.

Not much goes for the next long while, however, as the alerted and anxious spectator has to make do with a sickly green image, an unsteady camera, a forest of symbols (phallic, vaginal, vegetal, putrescent), and an actual primeval forest (“Nature is Satan’s church”) featuring, among other wonders, a fetus hanging halfway out of the hind end of a deer, a chick fallen from its nest, covered by ants, shredded by crows, and a gutted fox who artic-



Antichrist

ulates in perfect English, “Chaos reigns.” That last bit of silliness risks a puncture in the oppressive and ominous mood, as does a later bit of *Austin Powers*-style silliness when a strategically placed toolbox masks the private parts — the tool, if you will — of a naked Willem Dafoe. By then we’re well into the main course of the evening, something to transform the filmgoer’s jaded palate

into a nauseated palate, with gruesome damage done to prosthetic genitals of both sexes. (A natural area of focus for a “Making of...” featurette on the DVD, incorporating potential uproarious blooper clips of the blood-squirting penis misfiring or off-target.) Charlotte Gainsbourg, who prior to this was one of my favorite actresses in much the way that Chloë Sevigny was one

of my favorite actresses prior to *Brown Bunny*, throws herself into her tasks with such fervor as to raise the question of whether French actresses, in their characteristic dedication to capital-A Art, aren’t sometimes perhaps a little too, too trusting of their directors. That question evidently did not loom terribly large at this year’s Cannes Film Festival, where Gainsbourg was cited

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as Best Actress for her performance, a much more rousing affirmation than would have been my own inclination, an awkward throat-clearing.

Disney's *A Christmas Carol*, to change the subject as radically as possible, is probably better the fewer times you've read, seen, or heard the story. With or without 3-D, this is nevertheless a lavishly, lovingly, and imaginatively illustrated edition of the Dickens holiday classic, in a graphic style congenial to a Victorian ghost story, and in a motion-capture computer-animation technique which director Robert Zemeckis has made his personal domain (*The Polar Express*, *Beowulf*, 2-D and 3-D respectively). There are amusingly recognizable caricatures, to go along with the voices, of Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, and Bob Hoskins, while Jim Carrey is sufficiently disguised by a pickaxe nose and scratch-awl chin, and by an acceptable British accent, so as to be no distraction. The guttering candle-flame head of the Ghost of Christmas Past is a marvelous effect, soon topped by the dissolving transparent floor in the airborne house piloted by the Ghost of Christmas Present. The Grim Reaper shadow of the Ghost of Christmas Future is not bad, but his section gives way to the grandiose spectacle of a chase by horse-drawn hearse, to say nothing of the spectacle of an Incredible Shrinking Scrooge, that rather tramples the gloom of the forecast. We don't want excitement there; we want despair. In the end, all the emphasis on the technology of the telling tends to outbalance the sentiment, such that there remains a bit of a chill even after Scrooge warms up.

The Box, a blow-up of a Richard Matheson short story titled "Button, Button," is a would-be cult film from the writer and director of the already-been cult film *Donnie Darko*, Richard Kelly. Commingling space exploration, Arthur C. Clarke, Jean-Paul Sartre, body-snatched zombies prone to nose-bleeds, and mid-Seventies period trappings, it's an overelaborate and overextended "Monkey's Paw" parable wherein a mystery man with an eaten-away left jaw and exposed molars (Frank Langella plus digital touch-up) offers a financially pinched couple (Cameron Diaz and James Marsden) a test of their moral fiber: push a button, receive a million dollars, but cause the death of some unknown someone. We hereabouts were deprived of a chance to be disappointed in Kelly's sophomore effort, the commercially disastrous *Southland Tales*, when it went unopened. We have had to wait till now, his junior effort, to be so disappointed. I myself was never high enough on *Donnie Darko* to be let down very far. The

push-button motif admittedly carries a certain resonance in the atomic age, but the soft smeary image acts as a wet blanket to deaden that or any other resonance.

The Men Who Stare at Goats, the first film directed by character actor Grant Heslov, has a promising premise (paranormal military research), plenty of script troubles (an investigative reporter's blathering narration, the disruptive channel-switching between periods twenty years apart, a sputtery and rudderless last act), and a couple of tickling performances by Jeff Bridges as the hippie-haired architect of the New Earth Army, a new breed of supersoldiers and psychic spies, alias Jedi Warriors (thus a new emphasis in the slogan, "Be All You Can Be"), and by, in a larger part, George Clooney as his most ardent disciple. It also has Ewan McGregor and Kevin Spacey. ■

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Amelia — Punishingly dull biopic on history's most fabled aviatrix, Amelia Earhart (portrayed by Hilary Swank, with traces of Katharine Hepburn rather than of Kansas wheatfields in her speech), her final flight endlessly interrupted by how-she-got-there

flashbacks. The only suspense is in whether the film is going to offer an ending or an enigma. With Richard Gere, Ewan McGregor, and Christopher Eccleston; directed by Mira Nair. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 7; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Antichrist — Reviewed this issue. With Willem Dafoe and Charlotte Gainsbourg; written and directed by Lars von Trier.

● (KEN, THROUGH 11/12)

The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day — Action sequel starring Sean Patrick Flanery and Norman Reedus, written and directed by Troy Duffy.

(CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON



The Box

PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; FROM 11/13)

The Box — Reviewed this issue. With Cameron Diaz, James Marsden, and Frank Langella; written and directed by Richard Kelly.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18;

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Breakfast at Tiffany's — Howlingly miscast travesty of the Truman Capote novella: starting at the top with Audrey Hepburn as a backwoods waif turned big-town

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party girl, down through George Peppard as the heterosexualized neighbor, all the way down to a squinting Mickey Rooney as the Japanese landlord — more Mr. Magoo than Mr. Moto. “Moon River” is just another spoonful of sugar in the candy coating. With Patricia Neal, Martin Balsam, Buddy Ebsen; directed by Blake Edwards. 1961.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 11/12 THROUGH 14, 7:30 P.M.)

Bright Star — As recounted by Jane Campion, unusually taking sole screenwriting credit in addition to directing, the ill-starred love story of John Keats and Fanny Brawne is such as to make us ask ourselves when we last had on screen a love story we could believe in. (*In the Mood for Love*, maybe? 2001?) That, or more exactly the believability part of it, is truly saying something when the principal characters are so prone to recite poetry extemporaneously, not only the poet who wrote it — the perfect Platonic ideal of the Poet, or at any rate the Romantic incarnation of him — but also the smitten one who, having invested

in a copy of *Endymion* “to see if he’s an idiot or not,” has committed his words to memory: incontrovertible evidence of love. This is a closely observed affair, followed with patience and fascination, from spark to flame, a bonding of hearts with no assistance from lower organs, what once went unashamedly and today goes blushing by the name of True Love. Campion can often be candidly carnal, as in *Sweetie*, *The Piano*, *Holy Smoke*, and *In the Cut*, and she certainly here is highly sensual, making great play of birdsong, breezes, snow, rain, gauze curtains, flapping sheets on clotheslines, a roomful of butterflies, a human nest in a treetop, and while the inevitable Vermeer white light is nothing to get excited about, the color loses none of its vividness and precision for its paleness and delicacy. But the expressions of passion per se have been strictly limited to things like tender touches, first kiss, love letters, fetishistic fondling, and the physical pain of separation. The dirty deed is never approached, unless you can see a symbol in the needlework of the heroine, a cutting-edge fashionista of the early 19th Century, inspiration for some delightful period costumes. Abbie Cornish, Ben Whishaw, Paul Schneider, Kerry Fox, Edie Martin, Antonia Campbell-Hughes. 2009.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14)



A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Carol — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Jim Carrey, Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Bob Hoskins, and Robin Wright Penn; directed by Robert Ze-

meckis.

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Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant — Competition for *Twilight*, assimilated vampires who protect the status quo by reducing their blood intake to moderate sips, precisely the cultural subgroup to embrace the misfit teen. (There are also bad, gluttonous vampires known as Vampaneze: “Vampires suck. Vampaneze rule.”) Competition, sure, but weak competition, self-consciously jokey, storybooky, winky. With Chris Massoglia, John C. Reilly, Josh Hutcherson, Jessica Carlson, Ken Watanabe, Salma Hayek, and Willem Dafoe; directed by Paul Weitz. 2009.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Coco before Chanel — Well-dressed tedium. Writer and director Anne Fontaine presumes your interest on the grounds that the dark-eyed orphaned heroine will go on to renown as Coco Chanel. With Audrey Tautou, Benoît Poelvoorde, Alessandro Nivola, and Emmanuelle Devos. 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Couples Retreat — New Age relationship counseling in a tropical paradise, a stale, routinized, loveless marital comedy. With Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau, Jason Bateman, Malin Akerman, Kristin Davis, Kristen Bell, Faizon Love, Kali Hawk, and Jean Reno; directed by Peter Billingsley. 2009.

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Dead Snow — Norwegian zombie comedy directed and co-written by Tommy Wirkola.

(GASLAMP 15, FROM 11/13)

Disgrace — Adaptation of a J.M. Coetzee novel of South African politics, starring John Malkovich, directed by Steve Jacobs.

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An Education — A precocious English schoolgirl of 1961 (a cellist, a Francophile, a devotee of the Pre-Raphaelites, a sneaky

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smoker for sophistication), on track for Oxford, gets rerouted by a shady older man who shows her the finer things of life: a Ravel concert, a Christie's auction, night-clubs, Paris. The foreseeable end is a bit of a slog, but the film in the early stages is very good on the pretensions of intelligent youth, and very good on the heady intoxication of growing up fast. Peter Sarsgaard's British accent is hit-and-miss; and the prim schoolmarm of Olivia Williams, a beauty disguised in eyeglasses and pulled-back hair, is strictly stock; and the comic portraits of the heroine's hidebound dad, a same-aged fumbling suitor, and a blond bimbo (Alfred Molina, Matthew Beard, Rosamund Pike, in order) are sharp but narrow. Keeping things fully alive throughout, however, is Carey Mulligan in the lead, showing off, among her other talents, the freshest smile since Eleanor Powell: plenty of teeth with a demure downturn at the corners of the mouth. And Sally Hawkins, back to reality from the giddy heights of *Happy-Go-Lucky*, has a tiny but vital part to play. With Cara Seymour, Dominic Cooper, Emma Thompson; directed by Lone Scherfig. 2009.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 11/13; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/13)



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The Fourth Kind — “Please be advised,” Milla Jovovich forewarns the filmgoer straight to the camera, “that some of what you’re about to see is extremely disturbing.” Purported docudrama, more accurately documalarkey, about a whispery psychologist, as interpreted by Jovovich, who stum-

bles on a case of serial alien abductions in Nome, Alaska, though the film is half over before she puts a name to it. The blend of badly acted “re-enactments” and “actual video,” sometimes sharing a split-screen, is laughably unconvincing. With Elias Koteas, Will Patton, and Hakeem Kae-Kazim; writ-

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Gentlemen Broncos — Teen comedy centered around an aspiring fantasy writer (Michael Angarano), directed by Jared Hess. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/13)

The Hangover — Sledgehammer comedy about four buddies (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha) who go to Vegas for a bachelor party and wake up the morning after with no memory of the night before, a tiger in the bathroom, a baby in the closet, and the mystery of a missing bridegroom. Boys will be bores. With Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, and, as himself, Mike Tyson; directed by Todd Phillips. 2009.

● (GASLAMP 15)

The Horse Boy — Documentary by Michel Scott on a young American couple seeking treatment for their son's autism from a Mongolian shaman. (KEN, 11/13 THROUGH 19)

The Informant! — Steven Soderbergh, working from fact, details an impenetrable case of corporate skullduggery blown open by an ambiguous black-hatted whistle-blower: a kind of anti-Hitchcock suspense comedy, grudgingly putting any cards at all on the table, keeping the surprises coming only by keeping us in the dark, flouting the Master's tried-and-true method of fully briefing us. (It's also anti-Hitchcock in its rosy, fuzzy, vaporous image.) The hero's meandering stream-of-consciousness narration (“I like my hands. I think they're my favorite part of my body”) gives us constant clues as to the variety of nut we are dealing with; and the exclamation point in the title, the anachronistic Groovy Sixties lettering, and the chipper Marvin Hamlisch background music, all to ensure that we know this is a comedy, seem outsized for the actual level of amusement: seldom laugh-out-loud but often lip-twisting. Matt Damon puts up some surprisingly strong competition for future William Macy roles, in a stick-on mustache and a crimped hairpiece which he waits an hour and a half to tug at,

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giving up all pretense of fooling anyone, and waits all the way to the epilogue to remove altogether. Scott Bakula effortlessly upstages him as the flat-haired, furrowed-browed straight man, a straight-arrow FBI guy. Luckily for Damon, Bakula is much off-screen. 2009.
★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Julie and Julia — As per its punchy sub-head, this is “based on two true stories,” parallel stories of feminist self-determination, set half a century apart, then and now. One focuses on Julie Powell, self-made blogger, daily chronicler of a year-long project to cook her way through volume one of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, 365 days, 524 recipes. The other focuses on the American co-author of the aforesaid cookbook, Julia Child. Though each story in turn gets equal time, back and forth, the film suffers from a built-in imbalance. The women, no need to be overly polite about it, are not equal pioneers. The one — the earlier — the pathfinder — was, in her own humorously grandiose phrase, out to

“change the world,” while the other — the follower — the copier — the coattail rider — was only out to carve herself a niche in the blogosphere and eventually the publishing world. Nor are the players equal. Amy Adams is an agreeable light-comedy actress (not so agreeable a heavier actress), whose Julie has been drastically watered down from the real McCoy, the real Powell, evidently out of primary concern that everyone should like her and every woman identify with her. Meryl Streep, meanwhile, is nothing less than the prima donna of contemporary American cinema; and her Julia, far from a bland Everywoman, is a one-of-a-kind: a stylized self-parodist parodied to perfection, but softened and molded into a rounded, humanized, full-service screen character. We want at all times, not just half the time, to be with Julia; and we should probably be grateful to writer-director Nora Ephron, whose title comes from Powell’s blown-up blog but whose source material expanded to encompass Child’s autobiography, that we have Julia-slash-Meryl even half the time. It could have been less. Stanley Tucci, Chris Messina, Jane Lynch. 2009.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; GASLAMP 15)

Law Abiding Citizen — Disgust with the justice system drives a “brain,” a diabolical



The Fourth Kind

omnipotent technological wizard, to punish the people who insufficiently punished the people who raped and murdered his wife and daughter. The humble flatfoot hits the nail on the head: “Un-fucking-believable.” With Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler, Bruce McGill, Colm Meaney, Leslie Bibb, and Annie Corley; directed by F. Gary Gray. 2009.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Men Who Stare at Goats — Reviewed this issue. With George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges, and Kevin Spacey; directed by Grant Heslov.
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New York, I Love You — *Paris, Je T’Aime* crosses the pond. A multi-director box on bonbons, undeveloped little vignettes of male-female relations in the Big

Apple. The ghostly segment by Shekhar Kapur stands out from the rest for stylistic reasons, the pallid palette, the persnickety compositions, the oval mirror frame within the frame. Natalie Portman, Hayden Christensen, Rachel Bilson, Andy Garcia, Bradley Cooper, Orlando Bloom, Robin Wright Penn, Chris Cooper, Ethan Hawke, Maggie Q, Julie Christie, Shia LaBeouf, Olivia Thirlby, Anton Yelchin, James Caan, Drea de Matteo, Eli Wallach, Cloris Leachman; directed by Fatih Akin, Yvan Attal, Allen Hughes, Shunji Iwai, Wen Jiang, Joshua Marston, Mira Nair, Brett Ratner, and Portman. 2009.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Paranormal Activity — Young San Diego couple purchase a camcorder to document the “entity” — diagnosed by a psychic as a demon, not a ghost — that has haunted the female on and off since girlhood. Dirt-cheap digital horror film builds, not too high, to some effective *frissons*. The fixed-position camera during sleeptime approaches almost a structuralist rigor. Capably acted by Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat (in the roles of “Katie” and “Micah”); written and directed by Oren Peli. 2009.
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Pirate Radio — Retrospective smugness around the swashbuckling rock-and-roll partisans who in the mid-Sixties were broadcasting their preferred music from the high seas in order to circumvent British bluenoses (represented one-dimensionally by Kenneth Branagh). The freedom fighters are as insufferable as the oppressors, making it difficult to take sides. Wall-to-wall golden oldies, with the notable omission of the Beatles. Philip Seymour Hoffman, Rhys Ifans, Bill Nighy, Nick Frost, Tom Sturridge; written and directed by Richard Curtis. 2009.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/13)

A Serious Man — At bottom, the Coen brothers’ most “personal” work. To be sure, they’ve never been reduced to hired hands. They’ve always had the good fortune to be able to make the films they wanted to make, films that reflected their personal tastes and personal attitudes and personal interests and personal viewpoints. Still, in the strict autobiographical sense, this one must be acknowledged as extra personal, set as it is in the Minneapolis suburb of their adolescence (Jefferson Airplane on the soundtrack to fix the date, 1967), in a Jewish household headed by a university professor with a son on the brink of his bar mitzvah. The filmmakers bring to their subject the unkind eye of the caricaturist. They demonstrate an acute and excruciating body awareness, the girth, the ear hair, the sebaceous cyst on the neck, the protagonist’s half squat at the classroom blackboard, his outthrust butt, his pant cuffs riding up to his calves. And their subtly bulging face shots and torso shots, fronted and centered, approach the freak-show aura of the photographs of Diane Arbus. The parade of surnames has a Dickensian grotesquerie all its own: Gopnik, Finkle, Marshak, Nachter, Schlutz, seldom a simple Shapiro. And the three rabbis of three different generations are hilariously ineffectual in three different ways. But to complain that the character portraits are not rounded, are slanted, would be to complain that a caricaturist is not a classicist, that Daumier is not Ingres. This is, it bears stressing at this point, a personal film. It is

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Amelia (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:05) 4:45, 7:15, 9:55 Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:45, 7:15; **Astro Boy** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:25, 9:35 Sun. (10:55, 1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:25; **The Box** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:45) 4:25, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:25, 7:00; **Bright Star** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:30) 7:10; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 8:00; **Disney's A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:20, 3:35) 6:00, 8:10, 10:25 Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:35) 6:00, 8:10; **Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 5:00, 7:20; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05, 10:20 Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:15, 9:50 Sun. 4:15p.m.; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 1:40, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:25, 10:00 Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:25; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 2:30) 6:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:10, 2:30) 6:00; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00 Sun. (1:35, 3:40) 5:50

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Amelia (PG) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 5:50; **The Box** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:25); **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; **Disney's A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:40, 2:20, 3:00) 4:40, 5:20, 6:55, 7:40, 9:20, 10:00; **Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 6:10, 8:20, 10:30; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 11:50, 1:05, 2:05, 3:15) 4:15, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; **Paranormal Activity** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:15) 8:25, 10:20; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:10, 7:30, 10:10; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 11:55, 2:45, 3:45) 6:05, 7:05, 9:30, 10:30; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:10, 10:25

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Amelia (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00 Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **Astro Boy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10p.m.); **The Box** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 12:30, 2:05, 2:55) 4:40, 5:35, 7:10, 8:05, 9:45, 10:40 Sun. (11:35, 12:30, 2:05, 2:55) 4:40, 5:35, 7:10, 8:05, 9:45; **Dead Snow** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:00) 4:10, 6:20, 8:35, 10:50 Sun. (11:50, 2:00) 4:10, 6:20, 8:35; **Dis-grace** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:45 Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55; **Five Minutes of Heaven** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:15) 5:05, 10:05; **The Hangover** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:50, 9:40; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 7:20; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 6:05, 8:20, 10:30; **Ong Bak 2: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 7:05; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:25) 5:10, 8:00, 10:55 Sun. (11:30, 2:25) 5:10, 8:00; **2012** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 1:00, 2:10, 3:20) 4:25, 5:30, 6:40, 7:45, 8:50, 10:00, 11:00 Sat. (12:00, 1:05, 2:10, 3:20) 4:25, 5:30, 6:40, 7:45, 8:50, 10:00, 11:00 Sun. (12:00, 1:05, 2:10, 3:20) 4:25, 5:30, 6:40, 7:45, 8:50, 10:00; **White on Rice** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 1:45, 3:45) 5:50, 7:50, 9:55; **Zombieland** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:00) 4:05, 6:10, 8:10, 10:10

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 7:35, 10:15; **Capitalism: A Love Story** (R) Fri. (12:35, 4:15) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:15, 7:20, 10:10; **Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55, 10:30; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; **Disney's A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 12:45, 2:40, 3:10, 5:05, 5:35) 7:30, 8:00, 9:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. 5:05, 5:35, 7:30, 8:00, 9:55, 10:25, (12:15, 12:45, 3:10) 2:40; **Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) Fri. (12:30, 4:05) 6:55, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:30) 4:05, 6:55, 10:00; **Paranormal Activity** (R) Fri. (12:40, 2:50, 5:00) 7:35, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 2:50) 5:00, 7:35, 9:45; **Passport to Love (Chuyen tinh xa xu)** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 7:25, 10:05; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:35

KENSINGTON

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Horse Boy (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 7:00, 9:30; Sat. & Sun. (2:45) 5:00, 7:00, 9:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
The Box (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:35, 4:35, 7:15, 10:05; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; **Disney's A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30) 12:50, 1:50, 3:10, 4:10, 5:35, 6:40, 8:00, 9:00, 10:25; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 2:25, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; **Paranormal Activity** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:55p.m.; **A Serious Man** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 12:00, 2:45, 3:30, 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:20; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:30, 5:00, 7:25

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Pirate Radio (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Skin** (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; Sat. & Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Amelia** (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; Sat. & Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **An Education** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; Sat. & Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13) Midnight Nov. 19 (PG-13) Thu. 1201 1215; **The Metropolitan Opera: Turandot Encore** (NR) Wed. 630; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Midnight Nov. 19 (PG-13) Thu. 1201 1205 1210, 2012 (PG-13). Fri. (1210 330)700 1025, Sat. - Sun. (1205)330 700 1025; **Twilight** (PG-13) Thu. 900

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Breakfast at Tiffany's (NR) Thu.-Sat. 7:30

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Astro Boy (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:10) 12:30, 2:40,

5:05; **Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00 Sun. (11:50) 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15; **The Box** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 2:30, 5:10, 7:55, 10:40 Sun. (11:50) 2:30, 5:10, 7:55; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **Disney's A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 11:00) 12:45, 1:45, 3:10, 4:20, 5:35, 6:45, 8:00, 9:10, 10:25; **Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 1:50, 4:15, 6:40, 9:05, 11:25 Sun. (11:25) 1:50, 4:15, 6:40, 9:05; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15) 12:50, 3:25, 6:00, 8:35, 11:15 Sun. (11:20) 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:05, 11:15) 12:35, 1:35, 2:55, 3:55, 5:20, 6:20, 7:40, 8:45, 10:05; **Pandorum** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:25, 4:35, 7:05, 9:20; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35 Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 3:05, 6:30, 9:55 Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:15, 1:20, 3:45, 4:45, 7:15, 8:10, 10:45, 11:35 Sun. (10:00) 12:15, 1:20, 3:45, 4:45, 7:15, 8:10; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:20) 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:20, 10:50 Sun. (11:40) 2:05, 4:30, 6:55, 9:25; **Zombieland** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, 10:00

Mission Valley 7

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A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) (10:15 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **2012** (PG-13) (11:30 3:15) 4:45 7:00 8:30 10:45; **Boondock Saints II** (R) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:30; **The Men Who Stare At Goats** (R) (10:30 12:45 3:30) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **This Is It** (PG) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:45 10:15; **Amelia** (PG) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:15 10:00; No 7:15 Thu.; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) ((11:45 2:15); No 11:45 Sun.; **My Little Pony: Twinkle Wish Adventures** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; **Eugene Onegin Opera** 10:30 am Sun. only; **Nutcracker Ballet** 7:00 pm Thu. only; **Twilight** (PG-13) 9:00 pm Thu. only; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Midnight Thu. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Wed.

Mission Valley 20

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Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:15; **The Box** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10; **Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 2:25; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 2:30, 5:25, 8:10, 10:50 Sun. (11:25) 2:30, 5:25, 8:10, 10:45; **Disney's A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:40) 12:45, 2:10, 3:15, 4:40, 5:55, 7:10, 8:35, 9:40; **Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 12:15, 1:20, 2:45, 3:50, 5:20, 6:25, 7:50, 9:00, 10:20, 11:30 Sun. (10:55) 12:15, 1:20, 2:45, 3:50, 5:20, 6:25, 7:50, 9:00, 10:20; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20, 11:50 Sun. (11:15) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45) 1:25, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30, 10:55, 12:05 Sun. (10:45) 1:25, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30, 10:45; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00 Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 11:30) 1:15, 2:15, 3:55, 4:50, 6:35, 7:25, 9:10, 10:00; **Paranormal Activity** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 2:05, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15, 11:35 Sun. (11:50) 2:05, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 11:45) 12:30, 1:30, 2:35, 3:20, 4:05, 5:00, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:50, 10:35; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:05) 12:35, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Zombieland** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:05, 7:15, 9:35, 11:55 Sun. 5:05, 7:15, 9:35

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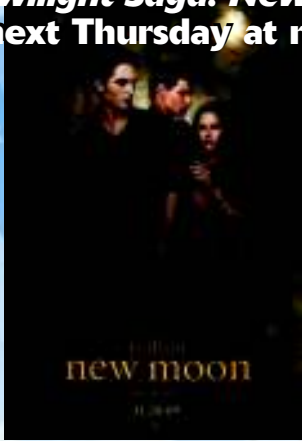
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3:00) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **2012** (PG-13) (11:30
12:30 3:15) 4:15 7:00 8:00 10:45; **Boondock
Saints II** (R) (11:15 2:00) 5:00 7:45 10:45; **The
Box** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **The
Fourth King** (PG-13) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45
10:15; **The Men Who Stare At Goats** (R)
(11:00 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **This Is It**
(PG) (12:00 2:30) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Paranormal
Activity** (R) (11:15 1:15 3:30) 6:15 8:30 10:30;
Thomas and Friends: Splash, Splash, Splash
(G) 10 am Sat. only; **My Little Pony: Twinkle
Wish Adventures** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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8:15, 10:00, 10:40 Sun. (11:30) 12:20, 1:15,
3:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00

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River Village 6



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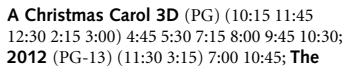
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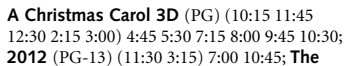
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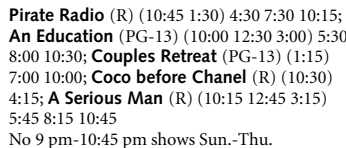
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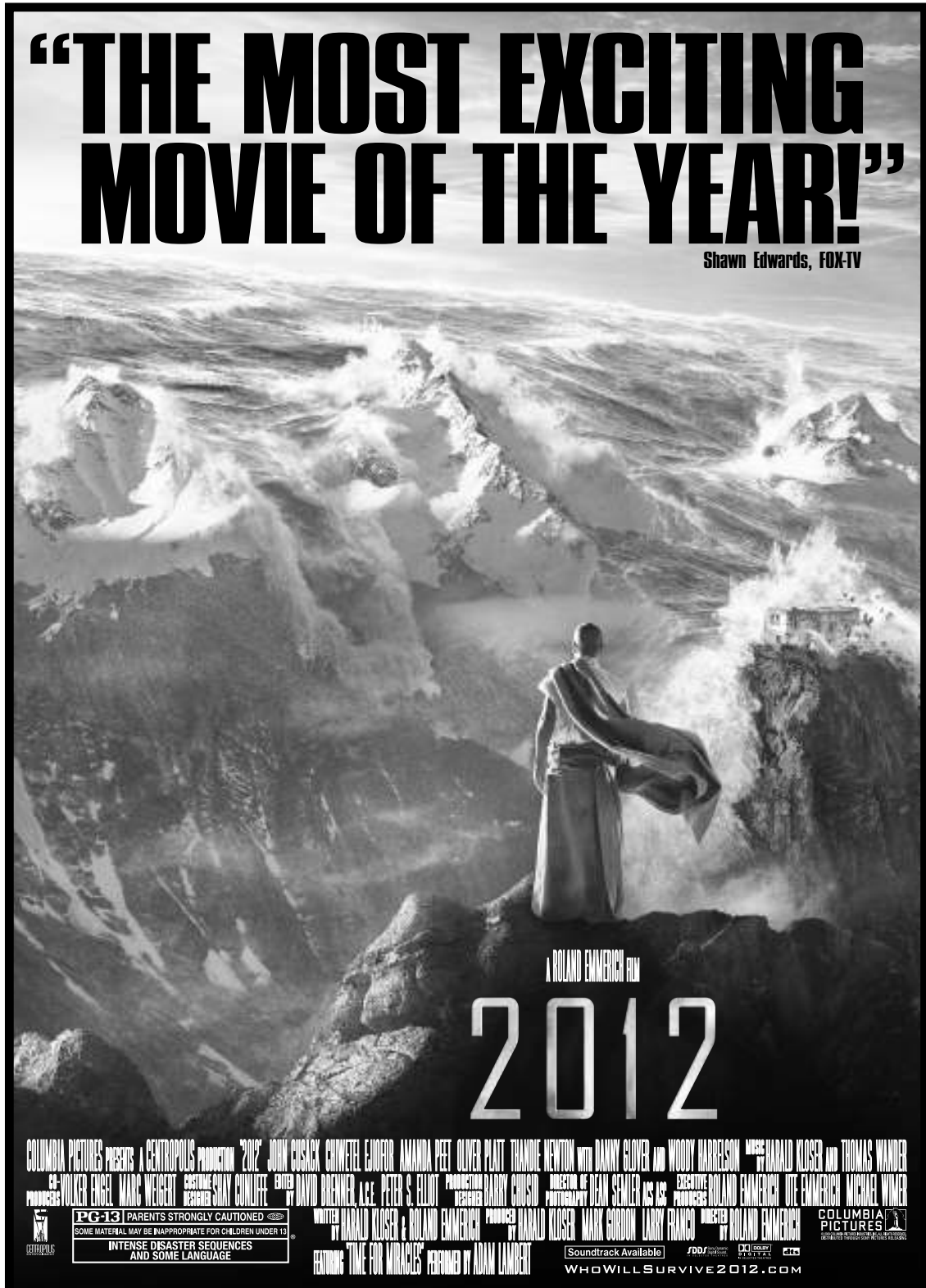


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Kiss, Kiss, Bang, Bang

JOHN TIGHE
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Kiss, Kiss, Bang, Bang was one of the steps that Robert Downey Jr. made on his way back from jail and rehab to A-list billing that culminated with *Iron Man*. Unfortunately, few saw this in theaters. It deserved a better release. This non-buddy buddy film is entertaining from the hilarious beginning to the too-good-to-be-true ending that might not have worked in the hands of others.

By Judd Apatow and Jake Kasdan, *Walk Hard* spoofs just about every rock or country biopic made. John C. Reilly not only gives a great performance as the rock icon, but also sings, plays the guitar, and shares the writing credit for some of the songs. Additional material on the DVD includes eight full performances of tunes in the movie, so you might not need to buy the soundtrack.

KISS, KISS, BANG, BANG (USA) 2005, Warner Home Video
List price: \$19.98

WALK HARD: THE DEWEY COX STORY (USA) 2007, Sony Pictures
List price: \$14.98



The Omega Man

JOHN CHILSON
Former editor/publisher, *Schlock: The Journal of Lowbrow Cinema*

Two from “The Man”: I first saw *The Third Man* on a scratchy VHS library print years ago and was immediately hooked by Anton Karas’s zither soundtrack and the opening titles. And even though the zither gets a little grating, Joseph Cotten’s performance as western pulp writer Holly Martins in post-WWII Vienna searching for his “deceased” pal Harry Lime still cracks and sparkles, even more so on the Criterion edition.

The extras on *The Omega Man* — including interviews with cast members and crew — are worth the price alone. Besides, we all know this is the better version of the lackluster 2007 *I Am Legend*. It’s a bit dated, Chuck Heston is over the top (with all *kinds* of weaponry), but the film has one of those gritty 1970s endings worthy of a re-issue.

THE THIRD MAN: 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION (USA) 1949, Criterion Collection
List price: \$39.95 (two discs)

THE OMEGA MAN (USA) 1971, Warner Home Video
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La Belle et la Bête

D.A. KOLODENKO
Writer

Worst Thanksgiving ever, so I turn to movies that make me feel better. Jean Cocteau’s *La Belle et la Bête* was my favorite as a kid. Shot under occupation and containing one odd false move (Jewish stereotype alert), this fairy tale in the hands of a poet yields countless rewards: the dark hallway of candelabras held by disembodied arms; the serene, glowing eyes of the fireplace statues; the frightening sensuality of the beast. Cocteau asks in a prologue to approach the film as a child, but he doesn’t have to ask.

The other I’m thankful for is *Toute une Nuit*, by Belgian director Chantal Ackerman. It has no linearity, no story arc. Fifty situations, mostly in doorways: thresholds signifying arrival and departure. People wait, meet, or separate at the height of passion. We don’t get to participate enough to care, and yet they are us.

LA BELLE ET LA BÊTE (France) 1946, Criterion Collection
List price: \$39.95

TOUTE UNE NUIT (France) 1982, Why Not Productions
List price: \$29.95 (import)

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sion of the amount of work that went into these preparations, and that thanks to the film did not go completely to waste. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 11/13; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

2012 — Disaster film with John Cusack, Amanda Peet, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and Thandie Newton, directed by Roland Emmerich. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/13)

Untitled — Facile jabs at modern art and avant-garde music, resulting only in minor scratches, no blood. It appears more important to Adam Goldberg to be in on the joke than to be actually amusing. With Marley Shelton, Eion Bailey, Lucy Punch, Vinnie Jones; directed by Jonathan Parker. 2009. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Where the Wild Things Are — A very realistic live-action little boy, acting out at supertime and running away from home in a Halloween animal costume, sails across the sea to an all-brown imaginary land of giant hirsute Muppets, where he confronts hard truths about his own irrationality and impracticality. Spike Jonze’s free-hand adaptation of the sketchy Maurice Sendak

children’s picture book is aimed more at the knowing adult than at the tot, but even the knowing may gag on urpy imagery that, for all its painstaking detail and unstinting production, continually recalls such indigestibles as *The Neverending Story* and *Labyrinth*. With Max Records, Catherine Keener, and the voices of James Gandolfini, Chris Cooper, Catherine O’Hara, Paul Dano, and Forest Whitaker. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Zombieland — Nerdy, neurotic Jesse Eisenberg, the unluckiest Texan, narrates a postmodern post-apocalyptic road trip through a population of secondhand flesh-eating zombies, in the company of the only three surviving humans east of Bill Murray’s mansion in Beverly Hills: the Twinkie-craving Woody Harrelson and two scamming sisters, Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin. Smart-ass comedy, not to say smart, forgetful as it is of its own rules and logic. Directed by Ruben Fleischer. 2009. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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also — unexpectedly enough, as unexpected as the superstitious Old Country folk tale of the prologue and its old-fashioned 4:3 aspect ratio — a religious film, a film concerned not just with the specific religion of Judaism and its whole exotic lexicon, but with broader religious questions, universal inquiries into life’s mysteries: what have I done to deserve this? what have I done with my life? what ought I to do? what am I here for? Joel and Ethan Coen have long and lately devoted themselves to the vast panoply of human stupidity. Stretching out now, stretching back to *Barton Fink*, they have chosen to reassure us, although “reassure” doesn’t sound quite right, that an intelligent, educated, well-meaning, and would-be serious man is no less at a loss. Michael Stuhlbarg, Sari Lennick, Richard Kind, Aaron Wolff, Fred Melamed.

2009. ★★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

Skin — Humorless handling of a ridiculous situation: a black-to-the-naked-eye biological daughter of white parents in segregated South Africa — scientifically explained under the heading of polygenic inheritance — and a consequent illicit romance with a young black man. “Is this a joke?” seems a reasonable question, spoken aloud. But the hand only gets heavier and heavier. With Sophie Okonedo, Sam Neill, Alice Krige, and Tony Kgoroge; directed by Anthony Fabian. 2008. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

This Is It — This is curtains, much sooner than Michael Jackson meant when he announced a series of comeback concerts cancelled by his sudden death: “This is the final curtain call.” The rehearsal footage for that event, intended for Jackson’s “personal library,” has here been assembled not with journalistic purpose (so to put it) but rather eulogistic, a best-face scenario, essentially a sequence of planned song-and-dance numbers pieced together from different rehearsals, with different costumes within a single number. As Jackson himself murmurs at the end of the “Billie Jean” routine: “At least we get a feel of it.” (Kennedy Ortega, who directed the stage production, also directed the film.) The well-drilled dancing from the stick-thin star — and company — is unfailingly crisp, the sound is unfailingly not. One is left primarily with the impres-

STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Why do women talk so much?
— A Dude on the
Internets

Hard for us to believe that in the 50, 60 years we've been toiling at this dodgy gig, this question has never, ever come up. Are you men just so exhausted from all the jabber and yack, you can't struggle to the computer? Brains blanked to such a white, smoky haze by cascades of nit-picking and marching orders that you can't form a rational thought? Well, suck it up, Jack. It's myth. All an urban myth that women talk a lot or talk more than men or perhaps have a sex-linked chat gene.

You can go back to medieval writings and find references that suggest the world even then believed that women talked more than men. The concept's as old as dirt. According to linguists, it took on the role of "fact" sometime in the therapy-addled '60s, with the Venus/Mars babble and relationship hysteria. It must be true because, well, everybody's always believed it, and because I, a therapist, also think women overtalk. It was a neat category of difference between men and women to help couples understand why they couldn't tolerate each other. Worse yet, somewhere along the line, someone applied numbers to the situation — average words per day: men 7000, women 21,000 — theoretically scientific, actually bunk. Some desperate researchers even opined that talky women, silent men have their roots in prehistory. Men the hunters shouldn't scare away their prey with idle yammer as they stalked, while women the gatherers couldn't startle gooseberries off a bush, so they could gossip all they wanted.

This chat stew was stirred up again recently, but this time more level heads have listened in on the situation. A study published two years ago in the journal *Science* analyzes everyday speech samples of men and women over seven years. Average words per day: women, 16,215; men, 15,669, the difference not statistically significant. Linguists and psychologists for the moment accept this as the linchpin study that supports surveys of thousands of smaller investigations that point in the same direction. No difference. Everybody's just as chatty as everybody else. Who talks more varies much more with the social situation (women talk to strangers, men don't), personal history (loners don't talk much, no matter what their sex), or something like self-concept. (Big ego? Big talk.) So, differences within sex groups are more significant than between sex groups.



There are some interesting sidelights to this talk work. The *Science* study indicated that women gossip more, men talk more about concrete objects. Another study showed that men talk more in the workplace. Cingular wireless has an ongoing study of cell-phone users, and every year they find that men use cells 35 percent more than women do. Our favorite gender talk study showed that men talking to women they find extremely attractive lose a grip on their rational minds. Scientists memory-tested men before and after the chat, and their post-chat scores were pretty bad.

Women, on the other hand, were not bedazzled by a handsome man. Post-test interviews suggested that the men were trying so hard to impress the vixen that their brains were completely overwhelmed by the task and had trouble getting a grip once the chat was over.

Matt:

What is behind the need to show "proof" for whiskey? What does it mean other than percent alcohol? Is it based on the need for the master distiller to feel "bombed"? Isn't percent alcohol enough for users? It is for me. Why isn't beer and wine proofed?

— Walt, Pacific Beach

You live in a simpler world, Walt. That's admirable. If you mean percent alcohol, why don't you say percent alcohol and be done with it? Well, history and tradition count for something, I'm afraid, and here's where your annoying "proof" comes in. Blame the Brits, if you feel you need some target for your ire.

In the 1700s, the wages of British sailors were paid in part in rum, the staple of the high seas. If you were a crafty ship owner (which of course you were just because you were a ship owner), you watered down the crew's drink to save a little money. Naturally, the sailors caught you at it, and they devised a method of testing the rum to make sure it would get them dead drunk. If the rum was mixed with gunpowder, then held close to a flame, the gunpowder should ignite if the alcohol content was correct. If it didn't, that meant the ratio of water to alcohol and gunpowder was too high, and the crew was being cheated. The testing was called "proofing," bad rum was "under proof," and burnable rum was "100 degrees proof spirit." As it turns out, the minimum alcohol content that allowed gunpowder to burn was 57.15 percent, known then and now as 100 proof. Beer and wine aren't proofed because sailors weren't paid in beer or wine, and the people who made beer or wine didn't make rum.

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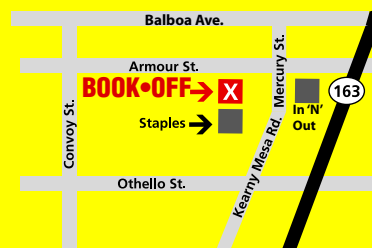


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—EVE KELLY

“The old guard is passing away,” sighed Aunt Azelda. “Nobody wants monogrammed shirts anymore. Except my brother Wilfred, bless his heart. Help me out, won’t you, Evie?”

The first lady I called — a veteran embroiderer in Clairemont — seemed to confirm Azelda’s suspicions. “I’ve been doing this for 15 years, and I’m getting ready to retire,” she said. “Monogramming is a luxury item, and with the economy the way it is, I figure I’ll close up shop by the end of the year.”

Still, she was willing to talk to me. “I do only single-job items, things like shirt sleeves, towels, bathrobes, baby blankets, or Christmas stockings. I run the stylus — which is attached by an arm to the machine that holds the needle — by hand, and my letters are done with templates. I hold the stylus in my hand, my left foot controls the machine’s speed pedal, and my right knee controls the width of the stitch. All three have to be in perfect sync when I work. This is how monogramming used to be done; now it’s mostly by computer.”

Not that there’s anything wrong with that. “Computers do a lot of beautiful things, and they’re very flexible. They can do anything you want, while I’m limited by certain sizes and templates. But for towels and shirts, my way has an old-fashioned, handmade look to it. I use a lot of thread, and it gives a very rich look. And I use cotton thread — you can’t buy that anymore for my machine. Everything is polyester; it’s more durable and holds color better, but cotton gives a different look.”

Next, I tried Robbins Kelly, owner of Monographics in Coronado (619-437-8235). “I have a fabric-and-needlework store,” explained Kelly, “and I do monogramming as a side-line. I have a very basic machine — a Meistergram from the ’60s. It’s huge, and it’s a one-trick pony. It has a single head, so I can do ones of things: initials on shirts, towels. I’ll program the machine, hoop the garment, and lock it in. It stitches like a conventional sewing machine, using what looks like a zigzag stitch. Here in Coronado, a lot of kids play water polo, and I’ll do their bags. I pin the bag to a backing and then hoop the backing. I just need to be able to get to the backside of the fabric. But if you want 20 of something, that’s not my market. And I can’t digitize images. I use a poly-rayon thread that comes in a zil-

“My way has an old-fashioned, handmade look to it. I use a lot of thread, and it gives a very rich look.”

lion colors; it holds up well to laundering. I charge \$10 every time I hoop something, but if someone brought in a bunch of shirts for monogramming, I’d roll it back to \$5 per — unless they wanted the letters on the pocket. That’s a pain; sleeves are much easier.”

Dee Dee at Millard’s Fur Service in North Park (619-296-0025) was similarly old-school in her approach.

“I do what is called a satin stitch, using a Singer or a Brother machine as opposed to a Meistergram, which uses long loops. For towels, you’ll never see better work than mine; I do three or four lay-downs, and it gives the letters nice height and real durability. When you

buy a monogrammed towel from a magazine, they put only one stitch layer down, and in time, it fades away or falls apart. But my way is pricier: I charge about \$16 a towel. For shirt sleeves, I charge \$9.50. I’ll do pockets, but if I have to lift off a corner to get to the back, it’s \$1 more.”

Finally, I called Shana Morgan of Morgan’s Monograms in La Mesa (619-589-0070; morgansmonograms.com). She told me that “we were the first embroiderer in San Diego, and our motto is ‘No job is too big or too

small.’ We have large, industrial embroidery machines, ranging from one head to twelve heads. When you have twelve heads, you can do twelve pieces at a time. We can put out something like a thousand shirts in two hours. But we also have one-head or six-head machines for people who walk

in and want their towels done, or their chef coats.” Morgan offers “about seven fonts to choose from, and we can also digitize. That means we can take any logo or font and then redraw it electronically so that the embroidery machine can read it and reproduce it. The image is very crisp and clean, and we trim every thread between every letter.” Costs can run from \$10 to \$30, depending on the size and number of letters or designs. “Initials on the sleeve of a dress shirt would run \$12, but if you have six or more, it’s \$8 per. We don’t do monogrammed pockets.”

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the red zone

By Anthony Gentile



Valhalla players celebrate their win over Steele Canyon

Game of the Week: Valhalla at Steele Canyon

Posted November 7, 2009

When Steele Canyon and Valhalla meet each season, the Jamacha Helmet trophy is on the line. On Friday night in Spring Valley, the stakes were higher, and the Norsemen won a 14-7 defensive battle to capture both the helmet and the Grossmont South League title.

"It feels awesome," said Valhalla quarterback Pete Thomas. "We've been working for this since January."

Valhalla's defense stopped Steele Canyon twice in the final two minutes. On each occasion, the Cougars had the ball in Norsemen territory.

"Coach gives us the philosophy, 'bend, don't break,'" said Valhalla defensive lineman Leonard Pannek. "We don't get nervous. We just play our hardest, get low, and dig for every play."

With just more than two minutes left, Steele Canyon (5-3-1, 2-1-1 Grossmont South) had the ball inside the Valhalla ten-yard line and appeared headed for a tying score. But a botched handoff between Cougars quarterback Brad Boehmke and tailback Alex Perlin left the ball on the turf, which Pannek pounced on.

"I was, like, 'Oh! There's the ball!'" Pannek said. "I just jumped on it and held on for dear life while my teammates got in front of me."

Following a Valhalla punt, Steele Canyon had the ball at the Norsemen 43-yard line with 1:26 left. But after an incomplete pass and a holding penalty, Valhalla defensive back Kweishi Brown picked off Boehmke to seal the win for the Norsemen.

"It means a whole lot. We always love beating Steele Canyon — it's always a great feeling," Pannek said.

Valhalla (7-2, 4-0) went ahead 14-7 in the third quarter on a 65-yard touchdown pass from Thomas to receiver Jevon Hasten. Hasten caught the ball in stride and sped past the Steele Canyon secondary for the score.

"The guy was on me, and Pete threw a perfect pass and I was there," Hasten said.

Defense dominated from the start of the game, and after a scoreless first quarter, Steele Canyon broke the ice in the second quarter. The Cougars had the ball for nearly 11 minutes on a scoring drive capped with a Boehmke one-yard plunge.

It took Valhalla only a minute to drive 62 yards and tie things up. Traivonne Brown scored a nine-yard touchdown on a direct snap and the teams remained tied going into halftime.

"We're two really evenly matched teams," Thomas said. "We just happened to pull this one out tonight."

With the win, Valhalla clinches the Grossmont South League title outright. Thomas, who finished 12-for-20 for 208 yards, now has his sights set on returning to Qualcomm Stadium next month.

"Last year we were a big team, and I think it surprised some people," Thomas said. "Some people thought it was a fluke."

The Norsemen will look to finish league play undefeated when they face Granite Hills (3-6, 0-4). Steele Canyon gets Monte Vista (2-7, 1-3) in their regular season finale.



Valhalla quarterback Pete Thomas looks for a receiver downfield

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T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

My sense of loyalty to family is probably suspect.

For me to write of family strikes me as vaguely pretentious if not outright hypocritical. Possibly we all feel like failures in this area, at least to some degree. Those who do not I tend to dismiss, even distrust. That's just me: a walking encyclopedia of neuroses to rival the characters Woody Allen would often portray.

I was born into what would become a relatively large family. With parents, it would grow to ten of us. I was second kid, first son, usurping my older sister's royalty in the eyes of my father. This is something for which she has yet to forgive me, even as we approach or have entered our 60s. It seems absurd; I doubt either of us could identify the origins of our estrangement.

Having lived in close quarters for many years, it is hardly surprising that we, each of us, moved to the far quarters of the country: Maine, California, Chicago, Texas, New York, and Connecticut.

Contact among us is sporadic at best. No real resentments of any significance, just, I think, too many years in too close quarters. Ironically, in 1968 (the year my father died), I joined a rock band and would join many more over the years. Always, it seemed, there was someone at my elbow — in shared houses, cars, or vans, in rehearsals or, of course, performances. A further irony, when communes became popular, I ended up in more than one.

This may go some distance in explaining my value for privacy. This comes in handy in my work as well. I tell myself this.

I recently wrote about my fear of homelessness (I have had the experience) and was taken in by a man I have also written about recently: Christian Cullen. Cullen's is a sober household of five people, one of whom works full time, six counting me, and six cats. The only

real contract involved was my continued sobriety. This went well for some time, but possibly the proximity to those in the house, again a brand of neurotic claustrophobia, sent me drinking. More likely it is just the nature of the disease itself, but I suspect the closeness as well, at least to some degree.

This understandably exasperated my hosts and elicited a promise from me to return to a detox rehab program. No doubt necessary but damned inconvenient, as I will not be permitted to work for a time. What I hope will only be a temporary absence of columns will ensue.

I hope this will serve in some small way for the frustration and embarrassment I undoubtedly caused here. I don't believe I did anything excessively outrageous (except for the amount of alcohol I consumed), but I am very poor company, to say the least, when I drink to that extent.

My own immediate family: relationships with my grown son and ex-spouse were somewhat successful for several years, and though I didn't see my son often for many years (until recently), I believe we still maintain a good relationship. The same applies with my ex, but the fact remains that the marriage ended



in divorce. I simply no longer wanted to be what I perceived at the time to be Ozzie in *Ozzie and Harriet*. I was 34 years old and had met a woman at work. My sense of loyalty to family is probably suspect.

I imagine this will appear sometime around Thanksgiving, which usually involved large, mostly Italian family gatherings in my youth. I dreaded these occasions. No amount of turkey or pumpkin pie could ameliorate the sense of dis-

comfort I would experience at the noise, arguments, subliminal disapproval of other family members. At times, hardly subliminal.

Like most people roughly my age, I sometimes wonder who would attend my memorial service and what would be said. If there was little turnout and what was said was along the lines of damning with faint praise, I could hardly blame anyone. I sometimes wonder if I have a retarded or inefficient genetic propensity for family matters. I also have a habit of being a harsh critic of myself (when I'm not being arrogantly egotistical), so maybe I'm a great guy and the ideal sibling, spouse, nephew, etc.

As pathetic as it sounds, I have a real sense of books as a kind of family. I no longer need to be surrounded with thousands of them; a few hundred are fine. And I have never knowingly abused any of them, except for two: I once threw a copy of Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged* across a room and once a science fiction novel by Robert Heinlein, *Farnham's Freehold*, in which, in a postapocalyptic America, a father holds a gun on his son to encourage him to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Crasher

TIPSY AND TALKATIVE

by Josh Board

I get invited to a number of pub-crawls. I'm not a beer drinker and usually pass. But a guy named Steve, who logged on to the *Reader* website once to comment on a party, informed me of one he was having. Because it was a fundraiser for the Special Olympics, I thought that would be a special event to attend.

It was late in the afternoon when I glanced at my calendar and checked out the parties for that evening. It turned out this pub-crawl started earlier in the day. I immediately headed out, but it was already an hour after they hit the last pub in P.B.

As I walked into the bar, I heard some young people say to the bouncer, "This ID should be good. I just made it yesterday." Their comment didn't bother the bouncer, but I heard him get angry later because there were boxes of shirts sitting by the door.

Steve had made the shirts, and lots of people were wearing them. They read, "Let's get silly," with a graphic of a smiley face that had its tongue sticking out. Twenty dollars bought a shirt and a card that got you free drinks and drink specials.

Steve told me a little about his "Stay Classy" social-networking web page, which raises money for the Special Olympics. I found out he coached a Special Olympics basketball team in East County. I had coached youth basketball years ago and decided I'd get involved. He gave me all the info on becoming a coach for the organization.

I asked who some of the spon-



Left: P.B. pub crawl for the Special Olympics (Steve, second from left); Right: Haitian girl and Denise (left), who threw the party

sors were and was told, "Plum Crazy and Hooters are big ones. We've already raised \$1200 just today from the drunk idiots alone. Other people saw what we were doing and gave random donations. We even picked up 30 people along the way that joined the crawl."

There really wasn't anyone drunk, but a lot of people were tipsy and talkative.

I met a cute young couple. Both were engineers, and they told

"I don't think he'd mind me calling him a midget."

me of their recent engagement. The blonde's dad was there, and I asked him how often he gets told he looks like Paul McCartney. He replied, "Oh, it happens a lot...more so when I had longer hair. People will sometimes stop and want to take a picture with me. I say that I'm not Paul, and they don't care. At the Tool concert, some girl came up and asked, 'Are you him?' At first, I didn't even know what she was talk-

ing about. But we're from Tucson, which is where Linda [McCartney] is from." I asked if he's ever met McCartney, and he told me no but added, "My friend is the road manager for Santana."

I met a guy they called Wolverine. He could open beer bottles with his teeth. It took a while for me to get a demonstration because the bar only offered cans and beers on tap. It was impressive, but I said, "I'm guessing four out of five dentists recommend you use a bottle opener."

As I left for my next party, I noticed a woman fell into a trash can. Someone asked, "Did she mean to do that? It broke her fall."

I didn't have far to go down Garnet to Denise's place for a party. Nick, who had a sushi party I attended previously, was again providing lots of raw fish. This was a celebration for friends who were getting married.

I walked up and saw Nick holding court with a group of girls near the garage. I talked with him briefly but felt as if I was hurting his game. I went inside to check things out.

I noticed Denise, a tall attractive blonde, doing a wonderful job of mingling and introducing people to other guests that didn't know each other. I overheard her say,

"This is like a hybrid between a keg party and a cocktail party in the early '70s."

Most of Nick's sushi had been snatched up, which was fine. I don't eat the stuff.

The place was decorated nicely, with candles in the fireplace. One table had every type of bottle imaginable.

A few people started to limbo — even a tall woman in heels. At one point, three at a time made it under the stick.

I overheard someone say, "See that midget over there? I bet he could make it under that thing without even ducking." His girlfriend said, "They aren't called midgets." He laughed and said, "Okay, okay. Vertically challenged, short, whatever. I'm sorry. Being PC isn't my thing. I talked to the guy. He's really cool and nice. I don't think he'd mind me calling him a midget."

One guy observed, "The girls seem better at bending than the guys. Is it something with their hips?" A woman who heard this replied, "You just have to have the will to win."

Somehow this led into a conversation about a marathon that someone completed in five hours. A guest nearby said, "How many miles is a marathon? It's over 25, right?"

A few people drove down from San Francisco; a couple came from L.A.

An Asian guy showed up with Church's chicken, and I overheard someone say, "I would've thought you'd be happy with the sushi."

Another Asian guy was on the couch, listening to an attractive (but drunk) blonde babble on about

something that made little sense. He went from listening intently to making faces when she wasn't looking.

We talked to him later and found out he went to college in Canada, and he had a great sense of humor. Most people I've met from Canada are funny.

A tall guy talked about collecting Volkswagen bugs. I thought that sounded odd because all the years basically look the same. It was interesting listening to his take on old cars.

There was a tall, attractive, black woman who I believe said she was from Haiti. She had a cute French accent. We talked about her brother in New York, her college days, and lots about film.

There was a DJ spinning records between the table of sushi and table of booze. He wasn't so loud that we couldn't have conversations.

My girlfriend went into the kitchen to look for a cup and came back saying there was a lot of craziness in there. I asked her what, and she replied, "I saw bodies being lifted up. And then I saw some clothes going up in the air. It was packed. I just turned around and walked back out. I think most of them were really drunk."

About 15 minutes later, we decided to leave. Nick was by the garage, now with a different group of girls. ■

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by Barbaraella

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David swirled the wine in his oversized glass and brought it to his nose. After an exaggerated sniff, he said, “I’m getting a bouquet of leather. Italian leather.” He sniffed again. “Prada. Ladies’, size seven.” He pinched the foot of the glass between his thumb and forefinger and held it out at arm’s length, at a 45-degree angle so as to peer at the color of the wine’s penumbra against a suitably white background before concluding, “The left foot.”

“Good one,” I said. I lifted my own enormous glass in front of my eyes, tilted it just so, and proclaimed, “Based on the teenage-goth-lipstick tint, I can tell you this insolent little syrah is going to need some aeration.”

“Allow me.” David reached into his murse and pulled out his Nuance Wine Finer, a sleek black gadget he inserts into the neck of a bottle to aerate, filter, and catch drips as it pours.

We already owned the aerator, but we’d had to purchase the glasses, each of which could hold an entire bottle of wine. I wore a white ball cap with the words “Wine Diva” written in a florid font and sandwiched by curlicue illustrations of a wine glass and a bunch of grapes. From a ghetto-fabulous chain around my neck dangled a shiny silver *tastevin* (tahst-VAHN), the sommelier’s cup I borrowed from my friend Joe the Sommelier. David wore a cream-colored linen jacket, his reading glasses, and the murse, an

“Based on the tint, I can tell you this insolent little syrah is going to need some aeration.”

Wine Snobs

over-the-shoulder satchel in which he packed a vintage Chateau Laguiole corkscrew designed by master sommelier Guy Vialis, the latest issues of *Wine Spectator* and *Wine Enthusiast*, and Robert Parker’s color-coded vintage charts. Despite our attention to detail, we still had to explain to everyone we encountered on Halloween that we were dressed as wine snobs.

The Sunday after Halloween, while David and I were flipping through pages of the *New York Times*, I paused in the middle of a story about a ventriloquist who I don’t find funny but who kills in the red states and looked up at David. “Do you think we’re snobs?”

David set the travel section on the table. “Why would you think that?”

“Well, for one, we already owned most of that stuff for our costumes; and, two, I think that’s what other people think of us. You know, when I first met you, a lot of my friends said you were a snob because you didn’t like the food at Albie’s Beef Inn.”

David groaned. “Do you have to like the worst

of everything in order to not be a snob? Albie’s is a fun, kitschy place to hang out, but I wouldn’t go for the food. Being a snob is not about what you like or dislike; it’s about looking down on others for what *they* like or dislike. Preferring certain wines over two-buck Chuck doesn’t make us snobs.”

“So then the real snobs are the people who think *we’re* snobs because we have no interest in eating grocery-store cheddar when there’s Fromager d’Affinois right beside it?” David nodded. “Speaking of cheese, I think that cheese-of-the-month club we tried a few years ago both saved and ruined me,” I said, suddenly craving a bite of Midnight Moon, my latest cheese crush.

David reached for a slice of the cheese I’d set on a board before him and said, “If you are exposed to a number of things and then get to choose from them, you may well have a preference for one over the other. Maybe that preference could be perceived as snobbish if your choice happens to be for the option that is more exotic, more expensive, or more esoteric.”

“You think it’s a classist thing, then? Reverse snobbery? Like, people who have disdain for those who appreciate well-crafted things? I guess it makes sense that a guy with an inferiority complex about not having graduated high school might be inclined to mock a person with a Ph.D. from an Ivy League college.”

I remembered a conversation from the night before, when my friend Kelly, barely recognizable in her Jane Jetson costume, told me, “A snob is something others may see in us; one might think you’re a travel snob if they haven’t had

the opportunity themselves to travel. Some people think snobs come across as ‘too knowledgeable,’ and people who are ‘too knowledgeable’ can come across as arrogant.”

Andrew, who was dressed as a samurai, sympathized with snob accusers. “Snobs are people who take things too seriously,” he said. “Like Scotch drinkers. You drink it for fun — it’s fucking booze — but they discuss it like they’re dissecting the Talmud or something. Makes me not want to drink it. Snobs are ostentatious about their knowledge.”

“Snobbiness is all about saying, ‘Look at me,’” Kelly explained. “Snobs are easy to spot because they feel compelled to impart their knowledge on the uneducated.”

I was pretty sure I wasn’t a snob — by definition, snobs are people who think they’re better than other people. I don’t think I’m better than people with different tastes, like friends who prefer beer over wine. I don’t dislike beer because I think it’s “beneath me,” I simply don’t drink it because I don’t care for the bitter taste of hops.

“It’s like movies,” David said, setting the movie section of the paper atop the travel section. “Some people like *The Gumball Rally*, some like *Road to Perdition*.” In this case, I knew David’s preference lay with the former.

“My taste is my taste, and the more I learn and try new things, it’s subject to change,” I said. David agreed.

While we were in the midst of congratulating ourselves for not being snobs, my sister Jane called. “Oh, Jane, perfect timing,” I said. “David and I are talking about snobs.”



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"You mean how you are one?" Jane said.

"No, more about... wait, do you think I'm a snob?"

Jane giggled and said, "If the Christian Louboutin heel fits."

"Jane, I'm totally not a snob. I don't think I'm better than people who have different tastes." I relayed to her all of the things David and I had discussed and then recited to her the definitions of "snob" and "sophisticated" to make sure she understood the difference. Throughout my lecture, Jane was uncharacteristically silent.

When I'd finally finished my impromptu dissertation, Jane said, "Okay, you're not a snob." Because I know my sister, I remained quiet for a beat so as to let her deliver her punch line: "You're a bitch." ■

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I can't help thinking
about...

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hy? That's what everybody asks me. I know. These days, the headlines about Tijuana feature murder, mayhem, and misery, but here's the thing. These days, when nobody's going to Tijuana — wouldn't you know it? — Tijuana is where I want to go.

At the risk of sounding nostalgic, I'm getting nostalgic about the place. Like, in the Blind Lady Ale House in Normal Heights the other night, I got to talking with this bina-tional fellow, Gonzalo. About, natch, TJ. "The TJ I love is no more," he said. "It has lost its identity. Look what's gone: the bullring, the Jai Alai, Agua Caliente racetrack, the casino. TJ never was beautiful, but at least it was different. And now, nobody goes down there anymore. It's empty."

He got me thinking. What is Tijuana turning into? East

L.A.? What about the violence?

And, yes, if you're a *turista*, you do have that thing in the pit of your stomach. Let's call it wariness.

You wonder, *Why risk it? What is Tijuana to me, anyway?*

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Because it's there. And TJ is here, and it's so much more than a rock.

This place where we live — on either side of this crazy line — it's like E.T. and Elliott, fingers outstretched, touching. *Ping!* Two civilizations meeting. When you go through that clanking gate, magic happens.

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Reader

Bottom line is, I just love the place, problems, differences, and all. So think of these stories as pictures at an exhibition. A retrospective, okay? Scenes from one guy's experience over the past few — heck, several — years stepping across the line to the Village by the Sea. Ti Wan, as the Kumeyaay called it.

SIXTEEN YEARS ON THE BRIDGE

Most times I go down, there he is on the foot-bridge across the Tijuana River, like a good omen.

Jorge. He has a movie star's face, with intelligent eyes and long dark wavy hair. And useless legs. He lost them to polio, when he was one year old. He looks 30 but says he's 40. He scoots himself around on a skateboard, with his bag, a heavy construction-glove for his scooting hand, and his box of cellophane-wrapped four-tablet Chiclet chewing-gum packs. The box is still two-thirds full. Not a good sign at this end of the day. "Hey, Mr. Ed," he says. "¿Como estás?"

"Hey there, Mr. Jorge," I say. "Muy bien, gracias. And you?" "Mas o menos," he says. And I know *mas o menos* means hard times. I know he'd be much cheerier if things were even a little bit good. It'd be *muy bien*, or *excelente*, or *bien, bien*. Not today. "No tourists," he says. "They stop coming. This is worse than after 9/11." For seven years I've been saying hi to him here, with the dry hills of *El Norte* as a backdrop on one side, and the giant national flag of

Mexico and TJ's oversized bicycle-wheel *reloj* (clock) on the other. Oh, and then there's the garbage-strewn concrete spillway below, the proud Tijuana River wafting up its interesting smells. This bridge is a good-enough location for a business like Jorge's — selling gum as a way of inviting donations. It concentrates the foot traffic of people heading toward the bars of downtown. But it's not the greatest place for a 40-year-old legless man to spend his working

days. "How are your children?" I ask. He says they're fine, but I have to wonder how he gets by. With a wife, kids, and a couple of grandkids, Chiclets can't do it. He's the only Mexican man selling Chiclets here; the others are Mixtec mothers. Their children weave back and forth across the bridge as point men, to keep after you if you show the slightest hesitation or weakness. I buy a couple of packets. Hand Jorge the

three single dollars I have in my pocket. At this point, I usually head on toward Mischief Lane, where there's good eats, and where Dr. Solorio the dentist has his business — when I can afford him. But on this day, Jorge is packing up and leaving. Turns out we're going in the same direction. "You walking to the *centro*?" he asks, when we get to Avenida Negrete. "Yes," I say. "Me too. I'm going home."

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So we walk — well, I walk. Jorge scoots along on his skateboard, his legs crossed meditation-fashion, using his hands to push himself. When we come to bumps — and there are a lot of them, lumps, broken curbs, and potholes that his skateboard can't navigate — he lifts, levers, and tips himself up and down like a gymnast.

We get up to Third, then where a little alley, Callejón Zeta, dives off it, he stops. "My house is down here," he says. "Would you like to come?"

I can't believe a *callejón* so close to *el centro* would be unpaved, but this one is. It's narrow, dusty, with cinderblock walls and little houses oh-so-close to you on either side. Jorge maneuvers his way along until we come to a white, wrought-iron security door. He pushes it open and rolls on in. I follow him down a low, narrow passage, where washing hangs on a line strung from the ceiling. We enter a square room. There's one large bed, a bookshelf with a TV on it showing one of those Mexican *telenovelas*, a microwave, peach-pink walls, a torn picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, other religious pictures, a microwave, a fridge, and, just this side of the door to a second room, crowded four-level shelves, a bottle of gas for cooking, and a stove.

Two women, a couple of kids, and a baby sit around, on the bed and in a chair. "I am Juana Ynez Gonzalez," the younger woman says from the bed. "Jorge's wife. And this is my old friend Maricela Natividad." Maricela, seated in the chair, extends her hand.

Jorge offers me a soft drink. Soon we're into how he keeps a family going, selling Chiclets. "We pay \$240 a month to live here," he says.

"And every week we're late, we pay another \$10," says Juana Ynez.

"But what can you do?" Jorge says. "I have to be close to the bridge. Otherwise, I can't get there. I depend on it."

Jorge was born in the state of Colima, on the mainland Pacific coast of Mexico, in a fishing port called Tecmánpeseta. "My dad was a *campesino*. He was hired to climb coconut trees and cut down the coconuts." Jorge says he was fine till he caught polio at the age of one. "It's a picturesque village," he says, "but if you can't climb the mountain and collect limes, or chiles, or bring down loads, it is impossible to survive there. I went to a home for the disabled when I was a young kid, but every day they put us onto the streets to beg. For me, it was impossible to survive in Colima. So I came to TJ when I was 19. Here, it's difficult but not impossible."

He found work in a *maquiladora*. "But they took advantage of my disability. Where they paid others 1500 pesos a week [about \$120], they paid me 480 pesos. That's about \$40. It was discrimination, and Mexico has laws, but nobody enforces them. Back then I had to pay \$100 a month for rent and pay for transport to get there and back, and food, and water and light.... I was fired after five years for complaining, and you know what? Selling Chiclets on the bridge, with no boss, and no transport, and not

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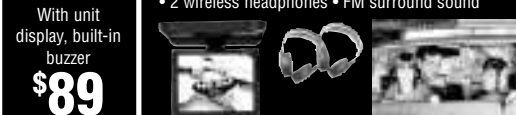


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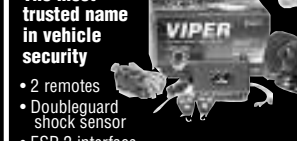
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having to get up at 3:30 in the morning just to get to work, I made more money. Until the economy and the violence. The last three years have been bad. Really bad. Wednesdays, for some reason, I usually come home without a single peseta."

That's when the family, and especially his son — the younger one who has a job as a

waiter — have to pitch so that no one goes hungry.

"I was a waitress," says Juana Ynez. "We met one night when I went for a beer and a dance at the Valentina, across from the Adelita in the Zona Norte. I knew right there that he was serious. And he has been a good father. Yes, I have to help him with his disability, and he has terrible hemorrhoids, sitting on his

patineta [skateboard], but he has not failed us. I love him too much. And every day, *every day*, he goes up to that bridge. After 16 years, that takes courage."

"I don't believe in being sad," Jorge says. "I have life, and I have *las fuerzas* [my powers] to fight for it. And it's mostly good on the bridge. People know me by now, and they buy

Chiclets when they can."

But, man, I'm thinking this guy's a hero. I couldn't do it.

This is when I notice Maricela, the neighbor, near tears. You can see flashes of a beauty that must have floored the guys back in the day. The big eyes, the swept-back hair, the laugh lines that still get exercise — just not now.

"My son, Jesús, is paralyzed," she says. "He dove into a shallow pool in Toluca. We keep hearing about cures, but we can't do anything about it. He has a wheelchair, but an electric one would mean he could be independent. We have no social services to make that happen. It's so different with your government. It cares about people like Jesús."

Wow. I ask if she couldn't get him seen to

in San Diego.

"It is too expensive, even if we could get him across. Thousands of dollars. We're thinking of applying to Cuba because they have excellent programs for para-

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Not today, though. The kids have Groucho

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The other day I was in at Toñico's, the paella place on Jalisco Avenue, up beyond the top of Revolución in the Colonia América section. It's still a cozy Spanish eatery, with great guitar music, serving good paellas. But instead of the Great Old Man, Toñico himself, coming out from the kitchen, it was a gal, really pretty and with a face full of life. "I'm Yolinda, his daughter," she said. "My dad died."

Oh, boy. I flashed back ten years to that

RESEARCH STUDIES



Do you want to quit smoking?

Quitting smoking is one of the most important things you will ever do because:

- You are likely to live longer
- Quitting smoking will lower your chance of having a heart attack, stroke, or cancer
- The people you live with, especially your children, will be healthier
- You will have extra money to spend on things other than cigarettes

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a clinical trial on an investigational vaccine that may help participants quit smoking and maintain smoking cessation. To qualify for this research study, you must be between the ages of 18 and 65 years and smoke an average of 10 cigarettes per day. If you qualify for participation, all research medication and study-related care will be provided at no cost to you. You will receive smoking cessation counseling to help you succeed in your effort to stop smoking.

Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.



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

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Research Opportunities

Do You Have Type 2 Diabetes?

Sunder Mudaliar, M.D., and his associates at the Center for Metabolic Research at the VA San Diego Healthcare System are currently looking for patients for a research study of an investigational drug to determine if adding it to your current Type 2 diabetes medicine can provide better control of your blood sugar.

You may qualify if you are:

- Male or female 18 years of age or older, with Type 2 Diabetes
- Currently taking a stable dose of type 2 diabetes medication
- Have poor blood sugar control
- Have a fasting blood sugar less than 240 mg/dL at office screening
- Have an HbA1C between 7.5% and 9.5% at office screening

Participants will receive a medical screening at no cost by board-certified physicians. Compensation up to \$440 will be provided to participants who qualify for this study.

If interested please contact our Research Recruiter

Catherine DeLue at: 858-552-8585 ext. 6740



Forgetting simple tasks? Memory fading?
Can't seem to complete projects?

If you or someone you know is:

- Male or female • Between the ages of 45 and 90
- Experiencing memory loss? Unable to organize or plan? Forgetting simple tasks?
- In overall good health

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our research study! If you qualify and choose to participate, you may receive an investigational study medication. You will also receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits all at no charge.

Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.




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When your **TYPE 2 DIABETES** is out of control, finding *harmony* is essential.




If you're having trouble controlling your diabetes, consider participating in HARMONY, a research study evaluating an investigational diabetes medication that's taken **only once a week**.

It's estimated that 50% of diabetics in the U.S. struggle to successfully control their blood sugar. The inconvenience of multiple daily treatments can often add to this struggle. Now, the HARMONY program is evaluating the effectiveness of an investigational, long-acting type 2 diabetes medication, which may require less frequent dosings.

To be eligible for this study, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older,
- diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, AND
- having trouble controlling your blood sugar levels.



Qualified participants will receive study treatment as well as study-related medical evaluations and tests at no cost.

To learn more about the HARMONY program, please contact:

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www.HarmonyClinicalTrials.com



Do you suffer from Depression?

Does it feel like nothing matters?

Do you feel lonely and sad most of the time?

If you feel this way, and even if you're on medication, we might be able to help.

Local researchers invite you to take part in a research study. Insurance is not required. Participants will receive treatment for depression and may receive compensation for time and travel. If you're between the ages of 18 and 55 call the confidential recruitment line to learn more and see if you qualify. This may be your first step to feeling better.



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

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Is your current Schizophrenia medicine treating all your symptoms?

If you are still having trouble with expressing emotions, social interactions, finding motivation to complete tasks, or have a reduced interest in family and friends, consider this research study of an investigational medication that is taken with your current antipsychotic.

In recent years, schizophrenia treatments have improved significantly, however, to date, they've shown success in reducing some symptoms more than others. A study is being conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of an investigational medication for its ability to help reduce negative symptoms of schizophrenia, such as a loss or decrease in ability to express emotion or enjoy pleasures in everyday life.

To prequalify for this study, you must: • Be 18 to 55 years of age • Have been diagnosed with schizophrenia for at least two years • Have negative symptoms of schizophrenia • Have been on a stable dose of antipsychotic medication for at least 12 weeks • Not have notable positive symptoms (delusions, unusual thoughts or perceptions) of schizophrenia, AND • Have no history of psychiatric crises, visits to the emergency room, hospitalization, or increased level of care for at least 12 weeks.

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and study medication at no cost. In addition, reimbursement for time and travel may also be provided



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

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Are you suffering from sciatica pain?

If you have **low back pain** combined with a pain through the buttock and down **one leg**, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study of an investigational medication.

Eligibility requirements include (but are not limited to):

- Ages 18 to 65
- Pain present for at least 2 weeks but not lasting for more than 12 weeks



Qualified volunteers may receive the study medication and any study-related procedures at no cost.

To learn more about this study, please talk to your doctor.



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first, best time.

It was my friend Lois's idea, after our first bullfight...

"Go, go!" Carla had said, the day Lois called. My true love refused to see bulls killed as a show, so Lois and her friend Kay and I went to the bullfight. By the time it was over, we were high on the *vino tinto* and the crowds, and, yes, the blood and the heroic trills of the trumpets. As dusk glowed red over Tijuana, we came bowling out of the downtown bullring like blood-drunk Romans. We stood outside, near where they were cutting up the carcass of the last bull. I felt guilt. I felt exhilaration. I didn't feel like going back to América.

"Where to?" I asked.

"There's only one place," Lois said. "Follow me."

She turned left down Agua Caliente, heading toward Revolución. Ten minutes later, we made a left again into scrappy Avenida Jalisco. About a hundred yards up, the lights of Paellas Toñico's shone, a lone commercial building with its own dusty parking lot.

There were five of us now. Me, Lois the librarian, Kay the teacher, a Teutonic straight-backed guy who "worked for the government" at the San Ysidro border, and his beautiful Guatemalan wife. We sat down at the red-clothed tables, surrounded by black-and-white photographs of matadors kneeling in front of befuddled *toros*, or parading shoulder-to-

shoulder into the ring. Soon we were sharing more red wine, from Ensenada's Guadalupe valley, and digging into a pile of yellow-rice paella in a giant iron dish, with *langostas* and shrimp and the pink tongues of shellfish, scattered with electric green peas.

Toñico, the host, Lois told me, was Antonio Joven, a political refugee from the civil war of the 1930s in Spain. A Republican who opposed Franco's fascists. He'd come to Mexico, opened restaurants in Mexicali and Tecate, and finally, here in Tijuana.

I thought that was pretty much all I'd hear about Toñico, until, late in the meal, Toñico himself appeared, portly, middle-aged, looking more like a retired

RESEARCH STUDIES



Participate in Our Research Studies

Do you suffer from Bipolar Depression?



You may be eligible to participate in a clinical trial for the treatment of Bipolar Disorder.

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Embarrassed by Acne?

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We need participants:

- 12-40 years of age with moderate to severe facial acne
- In general good health

Qualified participants will receive:

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- Compensation for participation

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Going, Going, Going Too Often at Night

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To possibly qualify to participate:

- Men or women, 18 years or older and experiencing overactive bladder symptoms with frequency and urgency, especially at night, for at least three months

Qualified participants may receive:

- Study-related examination and consultation by a board-certified physician
- Study-related labs and EKG at no cost
- Study-related medication or placebo (an inactive lookalike pill) at no cost
- Compensation for time and travel

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Eczema Paid Research Study

**Do you have Atopic Dermatitis,
also known as Eczema?
Have you had enough of all
the itching?**

The UCSD Division of Dermatology is enrolling patients with Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema) who have moderate to very severe itching on arms, legs or torso in a research study of an investigational medication.

Participation involves 7 morning study visits over 11 weeks, which include questionnaires, examinations and blood tests.

You will be required to enter data on an electronic diary twice daily.

Financial compensation for time and travel is available for qualified participants.



Interested? Please call for more details, and spread the word.

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Menstrual Migraine Headaches

***Wishing your period
would never come?***

A medical research study is underway to evaluate an investigational oral medication for women 18-34 years of age with regular periods **who have migraine headaches associated with their periods, in at least 2 out of the last 3 cycles**. Periods are tough enough without adding a migraine headache.

To possibly qualify:

- Females, 18-34 years, with regular periods
- Have had migraine headache associated with 2 of your last 3 periods
- Can be using medication at present to treat migraine headaches at a stable dose for at least 2 months

Participants may receive at no cost:

- Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- All study-related medications, labs, and Pap smear
- Compensation for your time and travel

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Depressed, Low energy, Uninterested, Guilt

You are not alone...
1 in 6 people experience depression.

You may be suffering from a severe form of depression if you experience the following symptoms:

- Depressed mood or sadness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in things you normally enjoy
- Trouble sleeping and/or low energy
- Problems with concentration, memory, and/or making decisions
- Strong feelings of guilt and/or suspicion
- Having unusual experiences such as hearing voices or sounds, or seeing things that aren't real

Medical researchers in your area are currently enrolling participants in a clinical study evaluating an investigational drug for the treatment of a severe form of depression. Participants must be 22-75 years old and be experiencing symptoms of depression. Participation will include a confidential evaluation by a psychiatrist, all study-related visits, physical exams, and study drug at no cost.

For more information, please call: **760-639-4378**

bricklayer.

He sat down beside Lois, stared at a red-stained empty wineglass for a long moment, then threw his head back and opened his mouth. With a startling cry, he burst out into a tortured Spanish song. A Gypsy lament, Lois whispered. I couldn't tell if it was flamenco, or something else, but the passion he put into it, with no guitar, nothing to back him, was stunning. His voice echoed off the

walls. It bounced off the Van Gogh sunflower painting, back to the crates of Baja *vino tinto* stacked on the stairs, and down into the lower eating area where two *cumpleaños* — birthday — parties were sitting at long tables. After each story-song, the whole restaurant clapped.

Man. I got caught up in the magic, as that gravelly voice pounded out pain and pathos in words too thick for my

hobbled Spanish to understand. I could see some folks, mostly men, nodding agreement, eyes filling as Toñico sang directly to them. They'd grunt, "Así es." ("That's it.") And "Sí, Señor." And when he hit and held a high note, there were cries of "¡Valiente!"

"Ah," Toñico said. He coughed. "My voice is thick tonight." He took a sip of whisky on ice. "I am from Spain," he said, "but Mexico gave me the cup of life. I was born in

RESEARCH STUDIES

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Are you or someone you know diagnosed with any of the following conditions?

We may currently or in the near future have clinical studies for the following conditions:

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- **Major Depression**
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- **Schizophrenia**

Qualified participants may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study and receive:

- Study-related medical care at no cost • Reimbursement for time and travel
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Zaragoza in Aragón. My father believed in the Republic. He was assassinated by Franco's fascists. I was an electrical technician working with elevators in Barcelona. I too was a liberal. After that, I was forced to seek refuge in France. I lived in Paris. I was pure Republican, not Communist. My uncle, Don Mariano Joven, had been governor of Madrid. He was a marvelous man. He sought political asylum in Mexico, where he flew the *Bandera de Honradez*, the Banner of Honesty. I chose Mexico for asylum because he was here. When I arrived, he said, 'Don't worry anymore. You are in the country of liberty!'

Toñico came to live in northern Mexico "buscando la vida — trying to survive." He brought something with

him. "Ever since I was a child, I was a fanatic about Gypsy music, a fanatic for flamenco. When I came to Mexico, I found out they had it here too. But my flamenco was stronger. I worked [and sang] in the best places in Mexico. For 40 years I have been living off that.

"Pure flamenco is

very hard to sing. There are so many styles. *Canto jondos*, like *soleares*, *siguiriyas*, *cañas*, *carceleras*... In some ways, the bullfight and flamenco resemble each other, because in each it is the *spirit* with which you do it that is important."

Toñico's wife arrived with some coffees. She brought small brandy

RESEARCH STUDIES

Diabetes?

If you have diabetes, please call to find out about our diabetes research study. The study includes study related doctor visits, medical evaluations, and investigational medication.

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Hepatitis C Research Study

If you suffer from chronic Hepatitis C you may be eligible to participate in a research study of an investigational drug for Hepatitis C.

You may be eligible if you have:

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If you qualify, you may receive study-related medical examinations, lab tests, and compensation for time and travel.



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Trying to Manage your TYPE 2 DIABETES?



Researching Diabetes While
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 - Study-related medical care and testing
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YOU MAY QUALIFY IF YOU ARE:

- Age 18 to 85
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Are You a Restless Sleeper?

If you have chronic problems falling asleep and/or staying asleep, you may qualify for a research study and receive an investigational drug for poor sleep.

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

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glasses with them, just as José de Jesús Castillo — J.J. — arrived with his guitar and sat down. Señor Joven put his head down and hummed to himself, tuning his voice, getting himself in the mood. Then he started to sing again, croaky, but concentrated.

“La vida es un libro abierto...”

Life is an open book
Which is going to teach me to live

But after I’m dead
What am I going to care?”

Ten minutes later, J.J. stopped playing. In the emptiness, Señor Joven tapped an empty wine-glass with a fork.

“Una carcelera,” he explained. His tapping was like tapping against prison bars. “A song of the incarcerated.”

“I am the sadness of the Gypsy
Looking only at your face

Don’t come over to me crying
At the bars of the jail place.”

As he sang, his blue eyes stared intensely at me. In *El Norte*, we’re not used to men sharing direct emotions with other men. We feel threatened. I tried not to blink.

“The words of these songs,” he said, “are the landscape of the poor.”

‘Course, Lois, Kay and I, and the government guy and his wife, were blown away by it, probably more than we’d been by the bullfight. Before we tracked out into the night, the Guatemalan wife raised her glass for one last

toast.

“Por el placer de ser,” she said. “To the pleasure of being.”

SONGBIRD: HUMMINGBIRDS AND CACTUS JUICE

It’s turning into one of those days. I was wending my way up Constitución toward Pasaje Rodríguez to see if my friend Willy Clauson felt like a bracing mawnin’ cactus juice. He’s the one who turned me on to this. He used to suffer off/on diabetes, Type Two. But a taxi driver turned *him* on to the cactus cure on his first day back in TJ, a decade ago; he claims he’s been diabetes-free ever since. So I’m a disciple, in this, and with his music too. The man’s an unsung legend, an aging

RESEARCH STUDIES

Clinical Trials for Depression in Children

Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling children with depression into an outpatient clinical trial. If your child is 7 to 17 years of age and showing signs of depression, he or she may be eligible to participate.

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To learn more, call (858) 836-8350.

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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 8 years.

To possibly qualify for the study, must be:

- 18-49 year old females, regularly having periods
- Surgical confirmation of Endometriosis in the last 8 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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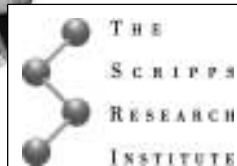
Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment



Investigators at The Scripps Research Institute are currently seeking volunteers who consider themselves to be heavy drinkers and do not have any desire to stop drinking. The purpose of this research is to study the effect of potential medications on factors related to drinking.

Earn money for completing 4 study visits that take place over 3 weeks.

This study does involve taking a medication or placebo for one week.



To find out if you qualify for study participation, please call 858-784-7867 or visit our website at: www.pearsoncenter.org for more information.

Do you experience URINARY STRESS INCONTINENCE?

Characterized by the loss or leakage of urine during activities such as:

- Coughing, laughing or sneezing • Climbing stairs or bending
- Lifting, straining or other stressful activity

If you, or someone you know, are suffering from these symptoms, we are seeking women, 18 years of age or older, to take part in a post-approval study to evaluate the long-term safety and effectiveness of a treatment of stress incontinence. To learn more about the study, please contact:

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Male Military Veterans Needed

Do you suffer from any of the following?

- Nightmares or flashbacks
- Persistent anxiety
- Difficulty sleeping
- Difficulty concentrating



Combat stress reactions affect many veterans. You may be eligible to participate in a study being conducted by researchers in the Department of Psychiatry at UCSD investigating new treatments for individuals suffering from these symptoms.

Active duty military are also eligible if you have had at least one deployment.

You must be between the ages of 18-65, in generally good health, and **not** currently in psychotherapy for combat stress. Other eligibility criteria apply.

For more information and to see if you qualify, please call:
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Sprained ankle pain patch study

Local doctors are currently looking for adults who are experiencing pain due to a recent ankle sprain to help evaluate the pain-relieving capabilities of investigational medicated patches when applied directly to the injured ankle.

To be eligible for this study, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older, AND
- Be experiencing pain from an ankle sprain that occurred **within the past 48 hours**, AND

• **Not have taken any pain medication or used compression to treat your ankle sprain.**

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folksinger who knows Pete Seeger and first brought "La Bamba" up from Veracruz. He created "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" from a traditional Southern revival song. Plus, in his mid-70s now, he's still composing a song a day and recording them, right here in TJ.

It's not just the cactus juice that's brought me down here. It's my anniversary — the lovely Carla and I have been married a dozen years. Now that I've got a little digital Olympus recorder, I thought, *Why not ask Willy to record a love song for Carla? In Spanish.*

I come into the *pasaje*, up to the little museum he runs. But, what? Closed. "He's off for the summer in Swe-

den," says the lady who runs the hair salon down the *pasaje*.

So I figure, seeing as I'm already here, I might as well check in on Marcello, the art-gallery guy. He's an Italian architect and "aristocrat," so the buzz goes, who has set up his "Galería Internacional d'Arte Tijuana" right here, opposite Willy's museum. Last we talked, Marcello was awaiting shipping containers full of art from Italy.

Except, all I see is a rolled-down security door. The lady from the hair salon gives a silent thumbs down. Another dream hits the dust. Or maybe he's moved — let's hope.

Maybe I should go up to Bolería El Shorty's sidewalk shoe-shine booth, join the doctors

and businessmen who frequently gather there at this hour — 10:00 in the morning — food and guitars in hand, for an impromptu singing breakfast. They set themselves up around El Shorty, as he whip-cleans businessmen's shoes. No guitar? No problem. El Shorty can draw a guitar out of his *bolería* — shoeshine stand — quicker than you can draw a six-gun. These guys are good. Surely they could come up with a "Happy Birthday" number for Carla.

So I wander up to Fourth, and there he is, El Shorty, Salvador ("Chava" for, uh, short), sitting like a Swiss Guard in his booth, teaching a kid to play a tune.

"Ah, no," he says, when I ask about the

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do You Have Plaque Psoriasis?

Therapeutics Clinical Research is evaluating the efficacy of two treatment regimens in the treatment of moderate plaque psoriasis.

We need participants:

- 18 years of age or older
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Have you lost your eyelashes because of chemotherapy?

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We need participants:

- 18 years of age or older
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others. "Nobody's coming till tomorrow."

Dang. Maybe I could get some mariachis.

But then I remember being in this pickle before, trying to find something special for Carla, and discovering...hummingbirds...

I was searching out this health place in my favorite part of town, on Niños Héroes. I got there about 2:30 p.m., that sleepy time of the afternoon when shopkeepers sweep out their shops and men talk on street corners like they had all the time in the world and mariachis turn up to wait for the evening's business.

Opposite the Lázaro Cárdenas school I saw the sign, Botánica el Paraíso — Paradise Botanicals. All greens and yellows and reds. It was a place for pharmaceutical roots and natural cures, and also a *fuentes de sodas* — a soda fountain — serving fruit and vegetable drinks.

Inside, a large golden Buddha seemed happy lording it over the soda fountain. The fruit-juice squeezer-gals all wore green. On the other side of the shop, the pharmacy people wore white coats and served as street doctors to a constant little crowd of people coming in for natural cures. Out back, they had actual full-size statues of angels and biblical figures for sale.

Racks of fresh fruit lined the soda fountain's green walls. Pineapples, bananas, oranges, papayas, apples, grapefruit, watermelons, and ones I didn't recognize. Ismael, who stood behind the cash register, said he could make any vegetable or fruit drink I wanted. "People come in every day for drinks," he

said, "to help their liver, or kidneys, or to lower their cholesterol. Diabetics come for a drink of cactus and orange and lime and other fruit. That costs around \$2.50."

I saw they had a tuna *sencillo* (simple) sandwich for three bucks. So I ordered that and a fresh veggie drink and sat down at one of the tables. I couldn't help watching two guys loading cures into boxes. Some were dried fruit, others sticks, others dried herbs. One box was labeled *concha nácar*.

Mother of pearl shells, \$3 each. "You put lemon juice into the shell, stir it around, and apply it to your face," said Pilar, a girl in a white coat, from the herbalists' counter. "It's great for the complexion," she said, "for

healing scars, and for making your face lighter." She had a fruit called *guajes*, which is good for bronchitis, nutmeg to clean out your stomach, "star of the sea" sticks, a remedy for the kidneys, and a marblelike stone you grind to help stimulate circulation.

I was just about to ask Pilar about a stack of little shimmering green things in a glassed-in display when another guy, Amparo, brought out my lunch on an orange tray. The sandwich and a *jugo de verduras* (squished-vegetable juice). I had pretty much finished by the time Pilar finally came over. I pointed to those shiny green things in the cabinet. "What are they?"

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Dead hummingbirds? I asked if they were for regular eating or for curing ills, by, say, grinding up their tiny livers. Pilar laughed. "Only for the ills of the heart. You put one of these in your pocket, when you're going out to persuade somebody to love you. People believe they will help, as an amulet."

I was, well, enchanted. This ranked up there with getting mariachis to sing under a balcony.

As it turned out, though, I didn't buy a hummingbird that day, and I've regretted it ever since. Instead, I got something from my friend Herminia, who sells shell necklaces and silver at a spot near the

border, right where the yellow-cab drivers wait to ambush incoming tourists. Herminia was a woman with the time to teach you things, like how to count in Mixtec — *i, ibi, uni, comé, ng-ng...* — and I've watched her baby grow up in a sling around her shoulder. That day, I bought two silver bangles, and Carla loved them.

But I've never forgotten about the hummingbirds, luminous green, warming in your pocket against your pumping heart.

So here I am, crossing Constitución, heading back to Niños Héroes.

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1995: THE MOBSTER'S MOLL

Even before eating, my friend Joe wanted to leave.

Here's why: we were admiring the view out on the cliff where a colony of trailers sat halfway down the old highway between Tijuana and Ensenada. The mighty Pacific thundered far below. If it hadn't been for the freeways behind us, and the 80-year-old Halfway House restaurant in front of us, and,

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okay, the trailers, we might have been at Cape Horn. It was wild. It was windy.

Joe and I were on our way down to Ensenada to check out the wreck of the SS *Catalina*, which used to run between L.A. and Santa Catalina Island. (These days, the old girl still sits in the mud, still waiting for a rescuer.) We stopped for a snack at this little ol' way station, just 'cause that's what everyone from Old Hollywood used to do — or so they say — and as we pulled up, a gringo lady walking by stopped to say hello. Five minutes on, she invited us to take in the spectacular view from her cliffside trailer's garden, a few yards from the restaurant's buildings.

When we were nearly there, the lady, Karla (not to be confused with my Carla), suddenly called her three dogs, all bitches, Lizzie, Dizzie, and Loco. Dizzie cut across the parking lot to investigate Joe, and Joe held out his hand to greet the canine. *Grrrr — chomp!* Dizzie ignored the hand and clamped her jaws onto Joe's ankle. *"Aargh!"* Joe jumped a yard in the air, kicking. Karla didn't even notice. "Come here, my darlings," she said. "Come to Mama."

And so, back in the restaurant, Joe was not a happy camper. While I tried to get with the spirit of a place where, at various times, Ronald Reagan and Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey are all supposed to have

eaten, drunk, and danced, he was plotting blood and revenge, like maybe launching the damned animal clear off the cliff.

Get some food and drink in him, I figured, and the revenge thing will fade.

Karla came through the restaurant door.

"Don't do it," she said. "We love it here —"

"Your dog bit me," said Joe.

"— but we don't eat the food."

Too late. Joe and I had already ordered.

My beef tacos arrived. I chomped in, and, hey, the meat was *rico*. Dark red picante sauce, plus the juices from the bottom of the pot, squelching with flavor.

Joe had the chile

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relleno and an enchilada. We sat in a sunny tea-room atmosphere, with a few yards of grass outside the windows, and then whoa! That cliff, the massive drop to the great and glorious Pacific.

The restaurant's been in business since 1928, at least. That was the date on the photo inside by the bar. Back then, it looked exactly the same, except for the cars parked outside, Model Ts. The building was and is a white, almost-suburban house, with the restaurant at one end and a dark bar with space for dancing at the other. Old wooden floors and white stone fireplaces. Legend had it that a Señor Gonzales was driving by in his Buick during the Great Depression, came in, talked to the owner, and swapped the place for his Buick. Three generations later, the Gonzaleses still owned it.

"We're all poor-but-proud expatriates here," Karla said, looking down the line of aging American barflies. "I just cannot afford to live in America. Here we get million-dollar ocean views, and at ver-ry reasonable rentals, darling."

We finished up, then followed her to what looked like her permanent spot at the bar. We took our seats. She took a drink from her glass of red wine and lit a cigarette.

She leaned in close to confide, "I've had three loves in my life. But *the* love of my life was Seymor. Like me, Jewish. I'm originally from Israel. But — show you how crazy love is — he was a mobster. He murdered someone for the mob. Went to jail for it for 19 years. When he came out, the mob was

waiting for him — with his fee. Two million dollars. That's when I met him. It was — love! Marvellous! He was...everything. He swept me off my feet. We went every-

where. He had *style*! Then, three years after he got out, he got lung cancer. Died. Even though he didn't smoke! Three beautiful years—"

Karla swallowed




hard. Clearly, the loss was still painful. Me, I wasn't eating a thing, my loaded fork's in a holding pattern. I couldn't believe it. Mob. Murder. Love. Death.

She touched my arm. "You really like the view? Well, you might be able to have my trailer after me. I'm dying too, you see. These." She pointed at her cigarettes.

I stared out through the window to the blue sea.

Teresa Gonzales came over, asking if I wanted dessert. Ice cream, crème caramel?

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But Joe was muttering about rabies and getting back before dark. I gave Karla a goodbye hug.

"Life's a bitch," I said and jumped into Joe's truck.

He rubbed his ankle. "Yeah," he agreed. "A bitch with fangs."

2004: STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

Al Capone and I have something in common.

Popotla.

The connection started when I decided to head for Rosarito. Someone told me about a local *curandera*. I was looking for an herbal remedy for this nervous thing Carla had going. She worried she might be getting allergic to her cats. She was coming out in a

rash. Her grandma used to do something with native plants. She wanted me to find out what was what.

No problemo. Any excuse. So I headed south, and...this is why, despite the problems, I love Baja California: A

It cost me all of two bucks. There were eight people packed into three rows. I was the token gringo. One of the two passengers in the front seat handed the driver sample after sample of sunglasses to try on, hoping to sell him a pair.

"Is Pedro still here?" "You mean 'Loco'?" he said.

hundred yards past the clanging turnstile, I came upon two Customs officers, a man and a woman. She slung her arms around him and planted a big long kiss on his cheek.

Then I was in a yellow-and-white people's *taxi de ruta*, heading for Rosarito. Forty minutes.

"Stop!" said the second passenger sitting up front. The driver pulled alongside a verge bursting with greenery and wildflowers. The passenger jumped out, ran into the grass, swiped a handful, hopped back in. He folded the greenery into his bag and turned around to the rest of us.

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I walked down to where the dirt road ended at a little rock-protected cove. I asked a guy carrying some whopping live crabs, "Is Pedro still here?"

"You mean 'Loco'?" he said. "Sure. Loco just sold me these crabs."

I did mean "Loco." People in Popotla called him that because he didn't care about money. If you're hungry, he'd cook you up a fish, right on the spot. You could hang out at his place as long as you want.

The guy with the crabs gestured over a shoulder, back to where the road dropped down to a horseshoe-shaped bay.

I saw fishing boats hauled up on the sand. Fish piled on a couple of white plastic tables underneath an umbrella.

Red snapper, some calico bass, I thought, and others. I recognized a half-finished-looking mess of a place up on stilts, with sand blowing in from the cove. A guitar sounded

from the dark spaces beneath. A wood fire glowed in a rusty sawn-off oil drum, fish cooking in oil in a big pan on the grill. Out from the shad-

ows stepped the man they call "Loco." Pedro García Barceló. He emerged with his hands outstretched. I hadn't seen him for seven years, but nothing seemed to

have changed. Not his place, his face, his fire, his little paradise. First thing he said was "Ready for some food, my friend?" Was I ready? It was after five, and I hadn't

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huachinangos," he said, "or these *mojarras*. Or that's *cabrilla* — calico bass — cooking on the fire right now. Would you like some of that with some embellishments from the *molcajete*?"

Sounded fine to me. Back at the oil-drum fire, the whole calico was sizzling away. Pedro got me a chair. He set it near the table where the guitarist played in the gloom. Vicente. I listened for a while — the man was good.

Pedro slapped a chunk of the fish into an oil-fried corn tortilla, with cilantro and tomatoes and radishes and fried *cebollitas* (spring onions). No plate, no cutlery, no big deal. I took a bite. Rough, hot, bony but beautiful. Bottom line: it had *flavor*,

the taste you only get if the fish is really fresh. I chomped through the whole thing in two minutes flat.

"Another," said Pedro. By now the fire was the main light. The mottled horizon was blocked by buildings straggling out along the isthmus. The cove went from cheery, scuddy blue to inky black in the space of two tacos. A ghostly white-hulled fishing boat glided out through the bay, headed for open water. Farther south, shore lights glittered, and then the restaurants along Popotla's quarter-mile drag started to turn on their electric lights. Last time I'd been there, I swear they used lanterns.

Cerveza — I remembered where everybody

got it. I walked past where Pedro was pouring bags of ice into open vats, bringing the fish from the tables, to store for the night. Up the dark steps I went, to the little dirt road, and a pool of light, where shadowy figures gathered around Señora Alberta's. She and her husband and sons ran a tiny *tienda*, selling supplies and smokes and beer. Her son Alberto got me a cold *caguama* ("sea turtle") of Tecate for \$2.50. I took it back to Pedro's just as he hauled off the next fish. During the day, he also steamed them in herbs in aluminum wraps, half deep-fried, then laid out flat, surrounded by oil-fried corn tortillas, with cilantro and tomatoes and radishes and fried

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Soon we were all sitting in the smoke, murmuring, listening to Vicente. He sang a song from Peru, while the rest of us chowed down on Pedro's fish tacos, I'd guess you'd call them, passing the *caguamas*, and watching the night waters. It was beautiful — I mean, the whole *feeling* was beautiful. Two miles south, there was Puerto Nuevo, with 35 restaurants all charging tourist rates. But in Popotla, someone like Pedro could still exist, getting fish from his friends when they sailed in, selling them to locals who wanted fresh fish, and cooking up simple meals for people who stopped by and didn't mind roughing it.

"Ah, Popotla," I said.

"No no," Pedro said.

"Not Popotla. Newcomers call it that. This is Rancho Cuevas. There are caves around here. Ancient caves. And — hey. See this?"

He searched around for a moment, then

hauled a piece of volcanic rock off the sand.

"Part of a *molcajete*. I found it out in the bay. It could be 3000 years old. People have been using *molcajetes* and

tejoletes — mortars and pestles — around here longer than that."

It went on like that into the night. Music, talk, just listening to the slap-slap of waves. More

fish. Tossing bones onto the sand. Pedro shoveling out the sand back onto the beach from the little concrete forecourt where we'd gathered. Nick went up to Alberta's *tienda*

and bought a big candle. Except it didn't want to stay alight.

Finally, I had to go. Pedro would only let me pay him \$5.

"Don't forget, get

baptized," said Nick, when we shook hands. He was going to sleep there again. "The only reason they started baby baptisms was because the Black Death in Europe

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"Whatever, man," I said. "Uh, '*Tschüss*'?"

"Sure, means *ciao* in German."

Pedro and I took the shortcut through the big field behind Popotla. We felt our way through the tall dry grasses toward the road, it was so dark out there. "Careful for snakes," he said. Right. Finally we spotted the shadowy silhouette of three cottages clustered together.

"Al Capone," Pedro said. "He built those houses. After the Mexican government closed down Agua Caliente, he

moved here, with his bodyguards. It was 1934."

Who'da thunk it? Al Capone and me, we both loved the same place. Guy can't have been *all* bad.

I stood for 20 minutes or so in the dark, waiting for a *taxi de ruta* to come by, heading north. Thank God, I thought, for people like Pedro.

Then I remembered. Lord. Carla! The *curandera*.

It was about 10:00 by the time I got to Rosarito. No sign of the *curandera*. I had to do *something*, but it was also critical that I didn't get stuck down there for the night. Had to make it back to the line in time for the last trolley. I caught a late *taxi de ruta* from Rosarito.

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So that was what I took back to Carla.

"What did the *curandera* say?" a sleepy Carla asked. It was 2:00 a.m.

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"Okay," Carla said. And suddenly,

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I went into the kitchen and put the limes I'd bought at the last taco place before the line into the fridge.

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out in my mind like landmarks, among them a double murder,

a car bomb, an arson, and a divorce. An unfriendly, unfortunate divorce. For me that was the biggest crime of all.

I don't know why — perhaps for the same reason a moth is drawn to fire — but after years I decided to go back and have a look, to revisit the scenes of the crimes.

I drove a familiar route into my old neighborhood via Regents Road and turned onto Honors Drive, the street of the double murders where 19 years ago — during broad daylight and seemingly out of the blue — a man entered a



one-story, four-bedroom, unassuming home and plunged a butcher knife deep into a daughter, then into her mother.

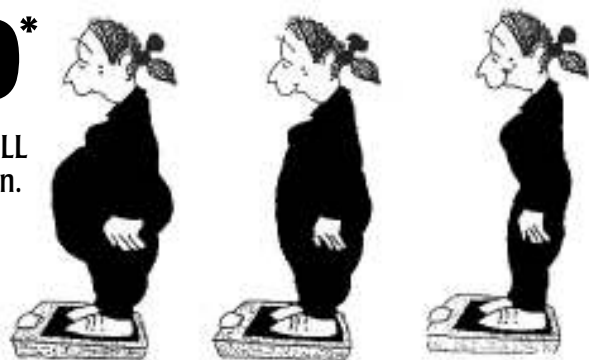
For weeks yellow police tape surrounded the house and squad cars filled the driveway. Passers-by huddled, whispered, and pointed. No one had heard screams, and no one had seen the murderer flee. But he was discovered months later, at his home in Alabama, when, arrested for burglary, his DNA matched semen from one of his previous murders.

My old house — another crime scene — was in the same neighborhood, where my wife and I had raised two sons and I had raised my wine sales company. In those days my sons and I spent hours in the back yard, playing homemade baseball or watching jetliners whisper overhead, trying to identify the aircraft and guess the airlines. When I flew home from business trips in Napa and Sonoma I invariably took a window seat so I could pick out our house in the crowded neighborhood, heartened by

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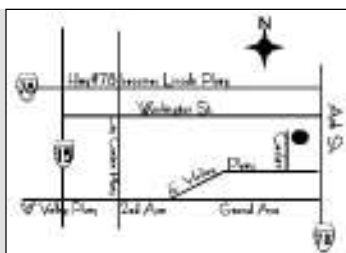
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the thought that maybe my sons were in the backyard looking up.

But now, just blocks away, I stood at the stop sign. I wasn't ready. Not yet, anyway. So I turned towards other University City crime scenes.

I drove north on Genesee, towards the intersection with La Jolla Village Drive, keeping an eye out for the darkened spot of pavement where, in 1989, someone had attempted to blow up Mrs. Rogers's minivan. Mrs. Rogers was the wife of Captain Rogers, who had been the commander of the USS *Vincennes*, which, in the summer before, was patrolling the Persian Gulf when Iranian Airlines Flight 655, with 255 aboard, took off

from a joint civilian/military airport at Bandar Abbas and flew straight at the heavily armed cruiser, disregarding requests to identify itself or to change direction. Captain Rogers, believing he was following defense protocol, gave the order and a missile disintegrated the airliner in the morning air.

Nine months later, Mrs. Rogers, on her way to her teaching job at La Jolla Country Day School, waiting at the stop light, felt a jolt from a pipe bomb attached to the underside of her minivan and saw the flames in her rearview mirror, right there, in the middle of traffic, at the corner of La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee. Mrs.

Rogers escaped — she was the only occupant — and watched from the curb as the family minivan was consumed by flames.

The incident exploded in the international media. As a wine salesman I sometimes was accompanied by winemakers and winery owners as we called on accounts, and I always pointed out the scene of the crime, which they had heard about, and where University City had been in the world's camera. It was never determined if the pipe bomber (bombers?) was attempting murder, retaliation, or a warning, but it was later determined that it was not terrorism but a personal vendetta.

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Now the spot is invisible, obliterated by tires and sunshine and rain, but the landmark of the crime remains in my memory.

More recently, in August 2003, three years after my divorce, while flying home in the night, I saw large flames licking the edge of University City. Environmental arsonists had attempted to halt residential growth by torching the wooden framework of an apart-

ment complex being built near UTC.

Construction cranes toppled, and a 500-gallon fuel tank exploded. In nearby buildings windows cracked and blinds melted. No one was hurt, but hundreds were evacuated. Roads were closed, and a layer of soot blanketed University City.

That night, from my window seat, I watched the 200-foot flames while the world watched on their televisions.

Perhaps you remember the brazen banner hung on the chain-link fence: If You Build It, We Will Burn It. Several members of the Earth Liberation Front, which proudly claimed responsibility for the arson, were harassed and jailed but never charged. In the following months the charred lumber was hauled off, the concrete slab swept clean, and the building project restarted.

I now drove through the completed five-building, five-story complex, and it was like driving through mountains, landmarks of a crime that made no sense.

What the hell, I thought, it wouldn't hurt to return and take a look. So I drove back in the direction of my old house, through other crime scenes. I drove past the Chabad Center that once had been a bank, so convenient to getaway routes that it was robbed annually; down the street where parked cars had been vandalized after a high school football game; past the Mexican restaurant shut down after repeated incidents of food poisoning; near the shopping center that a real estate agent had sold to three parties simultaneously and then absconded with their deposits.

I drove along Governor Drive by the tennis courts that used to be lighted until ten o'clock. I was playing with my new love interest, disguised as

a tennis partner, when my wife clung to the chain-link fence and screamed that the family dog had encountered a skunk, and would I please come home and

chicken pox, and identified jetliners. And where, in our bedroom, after the boys were asleep, my wife and I had made passionate and promising love.

We were on the back

I saw large flames licking the edge of University City.

take care of it. I should have, but I didn't, choosing to finish the set. That was another crime, and so very close to home.

I parked in front of my old house, and the memories rushed out to meet me. This one-story, four-bedroom, unassuming home had been my castle, where I had landscaped the front yard, remodeled a bathroom, replaced the roof, painted inside and out. Where as a family we had started gardens, sung happy birthdays, opened champagne, packed for trips, finished school science projects at the 11th hour, buried hamsters, endured

patio, which my brother and I had tiled, seated on the benches a neighbor had helped me build, next to the wisteria my wife and I had planted. I was smoking a cigarette, and she quietly told me she wanted a divorce. I never asked her why — I didn't feel like arguing anymore — I just nodded. But the scenes of an empty house whooshed through my mind, like the air in a room where the pressure is too high and you open the door.

The perpetrators of this crime were certainly caught and punished. The penalties included separation, divided assets, split custody, alimony, and many, many broken dreams.

I didn't get out of the car but sat there, in front of the old house, and smoked a cigarette, staring at the scene of the crime, now repainted, relandscaped, reinhabited with a new family. You can't help but learn something, right? ■

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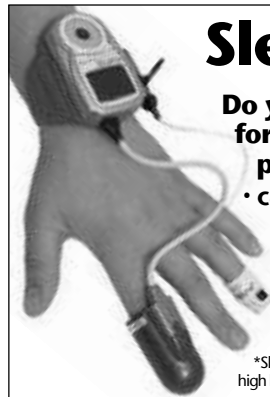
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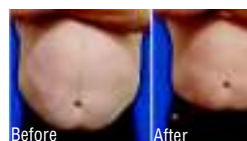
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thermore, the basic rule should be that the story should be of interest to the general public and not just some particular neighborhood. One might compare the interests of Northern California to Southern California, whose considerations are often at odds and of little concern to one another. Similarly, as a North County resident, I am not concerned that some obscure road in some remote area of San Diego County is being widened or otherwise under construction, nor am I curious that a taco restaurant or any other ethnic restaurant no longer

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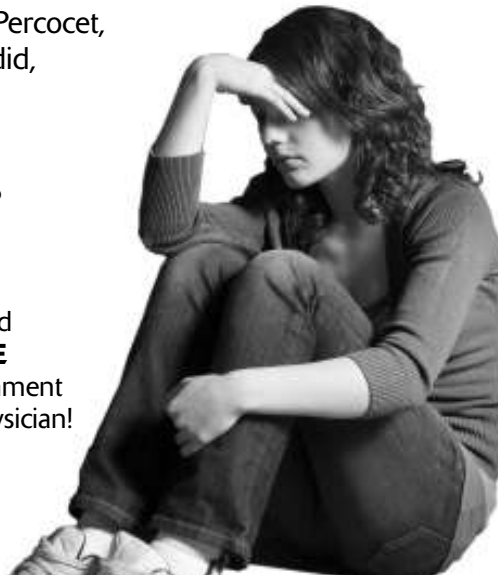
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Cover

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By Fred Williams 9:53 p.m., Nov. 7, 2009

I knew, years ago, a former professional football player working at the same seasonal job making minimum wage plus room and board. He told me how it all came so quick, and left so fast. He was sometimes unable to walk with the unbearable pain in his knees.

He had attended three years of "college" before he turned pro. When the job was over, I helped him fill in his unemployment form. He couldn't read or write.

He was a great guy, admired and pampered for a few years with clothes, cars and women, then dumped. He left San Diego when I lent him enough money for a bus to Texas where he hoped to get a job as a helper on a construction site.

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Shouldn't we invest our money, and the efforts of our most talented hard-working young people, in something more worthy?

By SurfPuppy 619 8:08 a.m., Nov. 8, 2009

Ickey Woods, who played for Cincinnati as a running back lasted a short 4 years in the NFL and was fairly famous, was reduced to selling steaks door to door after he left the NFL.

Pretty sad.

City Lights, by Dave Gregovich

Published Nov. 4

By mrbios 9:19 p.m., Nov. 4, 2009

Great article, long, but very interesting. When I read this I am reminded of how we need to continually take steps to curb pollution from polluting the very fish we eat and soon water that we will be drinking (desal plant) in Carlsbad. It is interesting that DDT showed up in the highest recorded amounts considering that it was banned in the US in the '70s — but is still manufactured in Mexico.

By Harvestmoon 1:29 p.m., Nov. 6, 2009

Amazing article. I think way too often people don't think about what lives "downstream" and how much everything on this planet is interconnected. If this was not

on the cover of the Reader it should have been, thanks so much for calling attention to the plight of our sea creatures. I agree that their existence here in San Diego is one of the greatest things about our city.

By Harvestmoon 1:46 p.m., Nov. 6, 2009

One other thing this article made me remember was reading about how during the holiday season, the ocean around the Seattle area (and probably most US urban areas of course) is flavored with higher than usual amounts of Vanilla and cinnamon! A great example of how these innocuous baking ingredients used in relatively small amounts can even show up in our sewage, let alone the chemicals and pesticides and detergents. I also wonder if the fish feel the constant effects of the caffeine that this article discusses! http://www.seattlepi.com/local/297137_vanilla25.html

City Lights, by Don Bauder

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By Fred_Williams 8:22 p.m., Nov. 5, 2009

George Mitrovich is still in San Diego, doing the same work he did for J. David.

Just like he was hired to give credibility and spread money around for the ponzi scheme, John Moores had

George out as the "people's voice" for his ballpark scam.

George still regularly gets quoted in the local press advocating one or another of the establishment's bad ideas...and he's never called on it.

Don, why was Mitrovich not put in jail too?

By dbauder 9:08 p.m., Nov. 5, 2009

Mitrovich lived rent-free in a home owned by J. David. We always wondered if he had paid taxes on that. This is the kind of thing that often gets settled quietly with the IRS. I don't remember that he claimed he had paid his taxes on this windfall, at least before the J. David crash, but perhaps he did deny it. He did PR as well as community relations for J. David. There was talk he would be named as an unindicted co-conspirator, but as I recall, nothing came of it, or at least those of us covering the story didn't find that out. I question that Mitrovich knew what was going on, but he had to sense that his money tree couldn't keep growing. On the other hand, maybe he didn't sense that....Best, Don Bauder

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ROME THROUGH THE AGES

Come learn about the “Eternal City” as art historian James Grebl leads a “virtual tour” of Rome from its humble pre-historic origins to its Baroque grandeur in the 17th Century.

Lecture will blend architecture, archaeology, historical anecdotes, and more. See **LECTURES**, page 86.

Saturday | 14

PHOTO EXPO WEST

Just because everyone has a camera these days doesn't mean everyone knows how to take a great picture. At this fifth annual photography event, snapshooters can get tips from the experts. See **SPECIAL**, page 77.

CANVAS REMIX

With the holidays on the horizon, why not learn how to make your own gifts? Artist Alisa Burke will share techniques from her book for creating mixed-media home and fashion accessories with canvas and paint. Participants will complete a functional artistic object such as a wallet, placemat, or gift cards. See **LECTURES**, page 84.

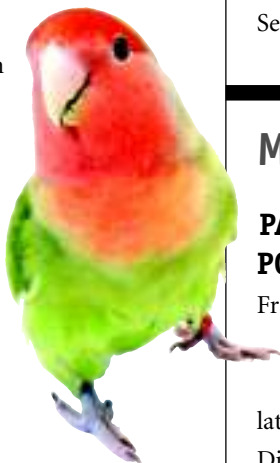
MUTANT FLIES

Most of science fiction is based on natural phenomena. Scientists from the Salk Institute for Biological Studies visit the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center to present real mutant fruit flies in a demonstration of “strange-but-true things that happen in the realm of genetics.” See **FOR KIDS**, page 82.

Sunday | 15

POLLY WANT TO PLAY?

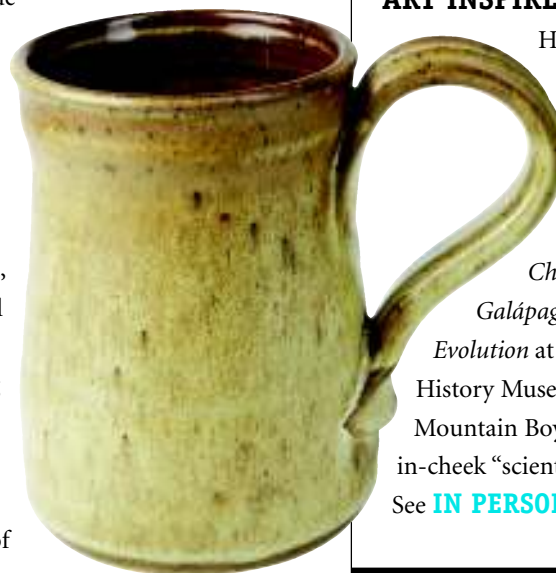
The Parrot Education and Adoption Center hosts a parrot-toy-making workshop with instructions on identifying various parrot play styles, how to make a variety of bird toys, ideas for toy-making materials, and more. See **SPECIAL**, page 77.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14: MUTANT FLIES

FALL POTTERY SALE

The San Diego Potters' Guild hosts a biannual sale of “thousands of pieces of handmade ceramics” by over 40 area potters. During the event, there will be pot-throwing demonstrations (not the hurling of ceramic — making pots using a wheel). See **SPECIAL**, page 76.



Tuesday | 17

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: ART INSPIRED BY DARWIN

How have Darwin and his scientific theories inspired music, photography, and literature? Bette Blaydes Pegas reads from *Chasing a Dream in the Galápagos: A Personal Evolution* at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The Galapagos Mountain Boys will play tongue-in-cheek “scientific gospel” music. See **IN PERSON**, page 83.

Wednesday | 18

CROCODILE VERSUS MONKEY!

Puppet Express presents *The Monkey and the Crocodile*, a story about a clever monkey who outwits the scary reptile. Also on the bill is a puppet rendition of the classic Aesop fable *Country Mouse, City Mouse*. See **FOR KIDS**, page 82.



Friday | 13

WHOLE BEAD SHOW

Beads, beads everywhere! Discover vintage and contemporary pieces made from glass, stone, metal, pearl, amber, porcelain, as well as antique beads, handmade beads, buttons, charms, and more during this bead-centric event at the Scottish Rite Center. See **SPECIAL**, page 80.

TALLEY'S FOLLY

The North Coast Rep has extended its run of Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a man named Matt Friedman who has 97 minutes to woo Sally Talley in a waterlogged boathouse, a latticed Victorian “folly.” See **THEATER**, page 121.

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New Orleans

By Derek Ray

New Orleans is the most unique city in the country. Having grown up there, I may be biased when I say that, but I believe the evidence is apparent. The music — primarily jazz and blues — and the cuisine that have originated here are world-renowned. The European influence on the city, particularly in the French Quarter, has imbued New Orleans with an inimitable charm and history.

Unfortunately, New Orleans may also be the most vulnerable city in the country. The buffer of the wetlands has steadily eroded, leaving the city more susceptible to damage by powerful hurricanes than ever. Hurricane Katrina in 2005 wreaked most damage on the Lower Ninth Ward and the lakefront area.

Key to the recovery of New Orleans are the areas of town most popular with tourists. These came out relatively unscathed. The French Quarter and Garden District were wisely built on higher

ground in anticipation of the inevitable floods caused by the “sunken” nature of the city (N.O. is below sea level) between the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain. Thus, the average tourist may not notice much difference between New Orleans in 2004 and New Orleans in 2009.

You can still hit the world-famous restaurants, hear the same jazz, and take the streetcar (don't call it a trolley) into the exquisite Garden District to view historic homes and mansions protected by architectural preservation ordinances.

You can still begin your day with a café au lait and plate of beignets at Café du Monde and walk out to Jackson Square or to the Mississippi River to take a stroll down Riverwalk. You can even sample a hurricane (the drink) on Bourbon Street (but beware!).

If at all possible, visit during the spring or fall, when the heat and humidity are less intense. Just go — and discover what's made this city a national treasure.

Palawan, the Philippines

By Bryant Le

Palawan is the Philippines' last frontier. Tourism has yet to spoil this elongated island located southwest of Luzon. Setting foot on Palawan, you'll find yourself

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Other Adventures



BonnieMaffei: Day of the Dead street vendor, frying the little fishes from Patzcuaro Lake, Michoacán, Mexico



sanso66: The Lotus Temple in Delhi, India on Christmas day, 2008



ahousebythesea: Kelly Ingram Park, the gateway to Birmingham, Alabama's civil rights district



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in a landscape of lush forests, coves, waterfalls, white-sand beaches, and limestone cliffs surrounded the sea.

We spent two years on this pristine Pacific island, which left us longing for more. Aside from learning a few dozen Filipino words, I have many fond memories because this was the first foreign country that I set foot on.

The origin of the name Palawan follows several myths. Some say that “Palawan” is a corrupted form of the Spanish word *paraguas*, or “umbrella,” reflecting the island’s closed-umbrella shape. Others contend that it was derived from the Chinese words “pa lao yu,” which mean “land of the beautiful harbors.”

A typical route through Palawan might take you from Puerto Princesa (airport and gateway to Palawan) north to Honda, then up the coast to Dumaran, Taytay, El Nido, and Port Barton. From there, you can take a ferry to Busuanga, Paluan, and Calatagan or fly north to Manila. Surprisingly, the southern half of Palawan (south of Puerto Princesa) is relatively unexplored.

Port Barton boasts a tropical rainforest and the famous Pamuyan waterfall. When in Honda Bay, don’t forget to check out the underground rivers that



flow into the sea. In Taytay, take lots of pictures of the scenic Embarcadero River. El Nido is magnificent — this countryside town is surrounded by towering green limestone cliffs.

Hotels with common bath and toilet run around 400 pesos (about \$8.50 U.S.), while resorts will reflect more American prices. During the dry season, you can set up a tent next to a sheltering tree.

One long-lasting memory of Palawan: a palm-fringed beach with coconut trees swaying in the wind, majestic mountain ranges on the horizon, and limestone cliffs rising over the crystal-clear water — the view from my hammock.

Don’t forget *pasalubong*, souvenirs for your friends and loved ones. Avoid traveling during the rainy season, when the weather can make getting around a bit treacherous.

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OUTDOORS

Santa Ana Winds in San Diego County often reach their greatest intensity during November, particularly at the mountain passes, where dry air from a high-pressure area over the interior deserts swoops coastward toward a low-pressure area offshore. The subsiding air warms rapidly while it descends, resulting in 80°-90° temperatures close to the coast. While passing over the mountains, though, the dry air can be surprisingly cool — 60° or less in the daytime.

Extreme Low and High Tides will take place early next week, in concert with the new moon. On Sunday, November 15, the tide crests at +6.3 feet at 7:24am, and then falls to a low of -0.8 feet at 2:19pm. On Monday, the tide level falls from a high of +6.3 feet at 7:56am to a low of -0.9 feet at 2:58pm. Tuesday’s high tide of +6.3 feet at 8:28am drops to -0.8 feet at 3:36pm. During the high-tide episodes, birdwatchers have an opportunity to spot species of rare shorebirds that get pushed to the edges of local bays and coastal marshes by the high water. Beachcombers and tidepoolers, on the other hand, can take advantage of the lowest tides, when more of the shoreline is exposed to light and

air. Beach walkers will enjoy unusually spacious stretches of wet sand, and anyone interested in marine life can spy on anemones, sea stars, mussels, barnacles, crabs, sea cucumbers, and the occasional lobster or octopus in the lowest lying tidepools.

The Very Thin Waning Crescent Moon hovers beside brilliant Venus low in the southeastern sky at dawn on Sunday, November 15. This is the last moon-Venus pairing visible in the sky until similar events start to occur in the evening sky in Spring 2010.

The Annual Leonid Meteor Shower, famous for its outbursts over the period 1998-2002, has now settled down to a modest display of only about 10-20 visible events per hour (as seen under clear, dark skies in a remote mountain or desert locale). This year, for the West Coast, the peak activity is expected Tuesday morning, November 17, from around midnight to 5:30am (dawn). Moon glare will not be a problem this year, since there will be a new moon. All Leonid meteors appear to radiate from the constellation of Leo, which lies high in the south at dawn in November.

“Our Guests — Migrating Mallard Ducks” Learn about annual bird migration when naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads approxi-

mately three-mile hike over several trails. 760-839-4680. Saturday, November 14, 8:30am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

“Rewarding Workout” Naturalist Don Parnell leads “sometimes strenuous, but always interesting” 14-mile hike promising “some of the best hills on the ranch.” Expect to be on trails for about 6 hours; bring snack, minimum of two liters of water. 760-839-4680. Saturday, November 14, 8am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

“Thanksgiving in Mission Trails” Learn about food of Native Americans and pioneers and what it took to feed a family during trail guide-led interpretive walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 14, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

“Walk and Draw” Naturalist Liz Goetz leads slower-paced hike with stops for scenery sketching. 760-839-4680. Thursday, November 12, 2:30pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, November 14, 11am; \$2.

ROAM-○-RAMA

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

DOS PICOS PARK

Hike, picnic, or while away a lazy afternoon at Dos Picos County Park near Ramona.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 38 miles
Hiking length: About 1 mile • **Difficulty:** Easy



Dos Picos Park

Serene Dos Picos County Park, outside Ramona, nestles into East County’s sweet-smelling chaparral hillsides like a dew-drop caught in the hollow of a leaf. The name refers to two prominent mountain peaks nearby, though which ones they are (out of many rocky summits hereabouts) are hard to identify.

Spotted on a recent weekend visit to the park were a few quiet campers, a couple of Tom Sawyer-esque boys making their barefoot acquaintance with the squishy mud on the bottom of the park’s shallow pond, and a gaggle of kids in the youth-group area.

Dos Picos Park packs a lot into its smallish 78-acre site. Here you’ll find perhaps the most impressive spread of picnic tables in all the county, each one perfectly shaded by closely spaced live oaks that are believed to be as much as three centuries old. New play equipment has been installed in the kids’ playground area. The nearby pond is fringed by cattails and bearded with growths of algae — though the

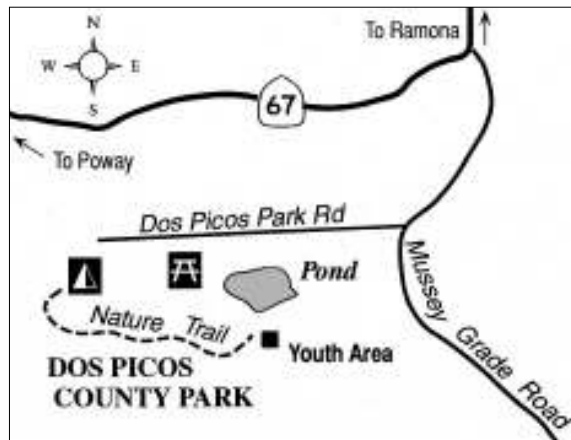
coming rainy season’s runoff and chilly temperatures will likely dispel most of the algae. The pond has ducks and geese cruising for handouts and enjoys occasional visitation by Western grebes and great blue herons. In the oak groves, the gentle tapping of Nuttall’s woodpeckers can be heard.

On foot, you can circumnavigate the park by going west through the camping area to the start of the park’s half-mile-long

Nature Trail. Follow this delightful path, which darts up a ravine and contours across a chaparral-clothed slope, to where it emerges in the youth-group area.

You get to Dos Picos Park by turning south from Highway 67 on Mussey Grade Road. Proceed one mile to Dos Picos Park Road on the right, and follow it one mile west to the park. Current day-use park hours are 9:30 a.m. to sunset, seven days a week (a small parking fee is charged). Camping opportunities are offered year round. Call the park at 760-789-2220 for more information.

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



Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Birding in Lakeside Muddy shorelines bounded by cattail patches and eucalyptus trees provide habitat for herons, egrets, ducks, geese, many others. Check out the avian residents with Audubon Society birders. 619-282-8687. Saturday, November 14, 8am; free. Lindo Lake, 9841 Vine Street. (LAKESIDE)

Commune with Nature Enjoy nature walk winding through the diverse ecosystems of Mission Trails with naturalist trail guide. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 14, 9:30am; Sunday, November 15, 9:30am; Wednesday, November 18, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Re-

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

Discover Magnificent Beauty! Nature walks led by trained naturalist. “Marvel at the reawakening vegetation throughout the reserve and be enchanted by fabulous flowers along the trails.” 760-436-3944. Saturdays, 10am; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Enjoy Lagoon and Shorebirds Walk on level terrain hosted by Canyoneers. 619-255-0245. Sunday, November 15, 9am; free. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Explore Blue Sky Canyoneers’ walk through reserve passes several streams and canyon of large oaks. Park in lot near reserve gate. 619-255-0245. Saturday, Novem-

ber 14, 1pm; free. Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, 16275 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Help Save the River! San Diego River Park Foundation’s Clean and Green Team hosts cleanup on San Diego River. The goal: a trash-free river by 2010. Tools, supplies provided. Park in police department parking lot; meet across street at west end of YMCA parking lot. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, November 14, 9am; free. San Diego Police Department western division, 5215 Gaines Street. (MISSION VALLEY)

Help the Western Snowy Plover San Diego Audubon Society restores nesting habitat for threatened western snowy plover; join group to pick up trash and remove ice plant encroaching on nesting grounds. Wear old clothes,

long pants, boots, or sturdy shoes. Work gloves, tools, snacks, water provided. Meet at entrance of bike path on east side of street just as Marina Way curves to right; park along Marina Way or west of marina at Pepper Park. 619-550-9529 or 858-273-7800 x101. Saturday, November 14, 9am; free. Pepper Park, Tidelands Ave., south terminus. (NATIONAL CITY)

Meet the Salt Marsh Wetland Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough in this salt marsh wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, November 14, 9am; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

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 reading.” Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, November 13, 7am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 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, November 14, 10am. 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, November 14, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Star Party Returns! Resident star gazer leads viewing of stars and planets through “Big Bertha” telescope. Meet in day use parking lot. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 14, 5pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Tidepooling at Hospital Point Fall is an excellent time to explore local tide pools because lower tides reveal wider beaches and pools teeming with native marine life. Learn about ocean critters when Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts tidepooling led by aquarium naturalist. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, November 15, 1:30pm; \$12. 2 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Tracking Walk Easy tracking walk for everyone (beginners and intermediates), starting at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House. Learn to track animals, discover their environments. 858-484-3219. Saturday, November 14, 8am; free. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Walk in the Park Join naturalist Dan Cannon on moderately paced walk through southwest section of ranch; learn about flora and fauna of residents, reserve's recent and ancient history, bit about geology.

760-839-4680. Sunday, November 15, 9am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

SPECIAL

“Art Relief: A Creative Road to Recovery” SDSU's College Students for New Orleans hosts art auction fundraiser; profits help send student volunteers to rebuild

houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Auction boasts works donated by over 35 local artists, live music. 619-672-9110. Saturday, November 14, 6pm; \$7-\$15. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

“Books and Bites” Program sponsored by Warwick's Bookstore promises lunch and discussion with Kate Jacobs, author of *The Friday Night Knitting Club*, who will discuss her latest novel *Knit the*

Season. With purchase of *Knit*, lunch tickets are \$20. Required reservations: 858-454-0347. Friday, November 13, 12:30pm; \$20. Burgundy Grill & Wine Bar, 830 Kline Street. (LA JOLLA)

“Doggie and Me Yoga” Leash Your Fitness boot camp for humans and their dogs hosts class including warm-up walk, 45-minute yoga session, ice cream social. 619-822-3296. Saturday, November 14, 2pm; \$15. 15 and up. The Original

Paw Pleasers, 2525 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

“Get Off the Line” Painter Hyacinthe Kuller-Baron discusses smear techniques using charcoal, hair spray, computers “to achieve great drawings and self-expression.” 760-408-1881. Saturday, November 14, noon; Sunday, November 15, noon; Tuesday, November 17, 4pm; free. Computer Arts Gallery, 4985 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

“Girl's Day In” This “women's expo and lifestyle show” promises fashion, fitness, food, music, financial planning, health, beauty vendors in “indie shopping mall.” Full bar. Visitors encouraged to bring nonperishable food items, clothing for local charities. 619-296-2997. Saturday, November 14, noon; free. Lafayette Hotel & Suites, 2223 El Cajon Blvd. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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"Voices" New monthly music and art series promises "smorgasbord of local creative talent." Musical performances by Heavy Glow and This is Manic. Concurrent live art video projection from Jono, airbrush body painting by Xompany, True Delorenzo on-site caricatures, jewelry by Erin Fader, DJ work by Cris Herrera, more. Attendees have access to upstairs dance party. 619-846-7180. Saturday, November 14, 7:30pm; free-\$10. 21 and up. Onyx/Thin, 852 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"What's in Your Attic?" Poway Stamp Club hosts POWPEX 2009 stamp show with 20 dealers; exhibit of postal history from around world. Free stamps for children. Approximate valuation of stamp collections, postal history, accumulations of other philatelic material. 858-484-8010. Saturday, November 14, 10am; Sunday, November 15, 10am; free. Al Bahr Shrine Cen-

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"Yoga 101" Develop body and mind strength, flexibility, balance during introduction to yoga classes. Fee: \$15 per class, \$20 for three classes. 858-622-9642. Thursdays, 6:30pm; through Thursday, December 17. Akasha Yoga, 3211 Holiday Court #203. (LA JOLLA)

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Read and discuss Mark Twain's classic American novel. 760-839-4601. Tuesday, November 17, 5:30pm. Escondido Library, 239 South Kalmia Street. (ESCONDIDO)

Alexander C. Ennis Memorial Run Event honors memory of Alexander C. Ennis, who died in a motorcycle accident in 2008. Events include early ride (check-in at 7:30am). Beginning at 9am, expect local vendors, live music, barbecue. 760-224-6986. Saturday, November 14, 7:30am; \$10. North County House of Motorcycles, 1725 Hacienda Drive. (VISTA)

All Dolled Up Japanese *anesama* dolls are made of colorful washi papers. Lisa Koide Halverson leads simple, beginner-level *anesama* washi doll class. Materials included. Registration: 619-232-2721. Sunday, November 15, 10am; \$10-\$12. 16 and up. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Book Sale Buy a bag of books for \$3! 858-220-3312. Saturday, November 14, 9am; free. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Books to Good Homes Book sale. 858-581-9935. Saturday, November 14, 10am. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Cake and Cannons Celebrate *Star of India's* 146th birthday with cake, science activity, live music (November 14). Play "real life" version of Battleship board game on two decommissioned naval submarines. Choose your base either on USS *Dolphin* or a Russian Cobra B-39; radio communication

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Cannon battle reenactments planned on *Lynx* and *Californian* historic tall ships; each ship will fire black powder-filled cannons. Reservations: 619-234-9153. Saturday, November 14, 9:30am; Sunday, November 15, 9:30am; free-\$65. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Compost Happens Demonstration on composting and its benefits presented by a ranger and certified master composter. Learn to start composting or how to improve your composting. Bring work gloves. Parking: \$3. 619-787-2810. Sunday, November 15, 9am; free. Louis Stelzer County Park, 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Concentration, Visualization, Meditation Learn techniques for stress reduction, relaxation during free meditation classes, as well as advanced breathing techniques and "essence of yogic philosophy." 619-640-4438. Tuesdays, 7:30pm; through Thursday, December 31, free. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Deep Relaxation Mindful breathing, meditation, movement to calm mind, body. No experience needed. Fee: \$15 per class, \$20 for three classes. 858-622-9642. Fridays, 10:30am; Mondays, 7:45pm; through Monday, December 14. Akasha Yoga, 3211 Holiday Court #203. (LA JOLLA)

Diplomas and Dogs Canine Companions for Independence welcomes public to graduation ceremony — when humans graduate and receive their new, highly skilled assistance dogs. 760-901-4300. Saturday, November 14, noon; free. Mission San Luis Rey, 4070 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Fall Pottery Sale San Diego Potters' Guild hosts biannual sale of "thousands of pieces of handmade ceramics" by over 40 area potters. Pot-throwing demonstrations promised. 619-239-0507. Saturday, November 14, 10am; Sunday, No-

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Get to Know Giambattista Vico Focus on this Italian philosopher/rhetorician/historian/jurist with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, November 12, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Home and Garden Tour Tour four Ramona homes during event hosted by San Vicente Valley Club (10-3:30pm). Vendors offer wares at San Vicente (9am-4:30pm), fashion show/luncheon (noon). 760-445-2343 or 760-789-0634. Saturday, November 14, 10am; \$10. San Vicente Inn and Golf Course, 24157 San Vicente Road. (RAMONA)

KnitNight Gather with fellow fiber artists for social knitting, crochet, spinning. 760-806-6744. Tuesdays, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

Lux at Night Check out artist-in-residence Susan Hauptman’s “enigmatic charcoal self-portraits and still-lives.” Enjoy art, refreshments, music. Suggested donation: \$5. 760-436-6611. Wednesday, November 18, 7pm; 21 and up. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly-Dance Class Doumbek drumming class for all levels taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7pm), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8pm). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6pm; \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Photo Expo West Fifth annual expo for amateurs and professionals alike. Educational seminars on variety of topics, tutorials, live demonstrations. Equipment for sale. 800-403-8084 x111. Saturday, November 14, 9am; Sunday, November 15, 9am; \$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Polly Want to Play? Parrot Education and Adoption Center hosts parrot toy-making workshop with instruction on identifying various parrot play styles, instructions to make a variety of bird toys, ideas for toy-making materials, more. Participants will complete at least two parrot toys. Materials included in fee. 619-287-8200. Sunday, November 15, 1pm; \$30-\$35. 14 and up. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Pregnant? “MyBestBirth” event with Ricki Lake and Abby Epstein. Tickets include screening of *The*

Business of Being Born (7pm) at Krikorian Theater; several local birth professionals join Lake and Epstein for panel discussion afterwards. Reception, goodies, depending upon ticket package purchased. Proceeds benefit Business of Being Born Educational Outreach Project, ICAN, San Diego Birth Network. Tickets: 760-940-BABY. Thursday, November 12, 5:30pm; \$15-\$60. Babies in Bloom, 1988 Hacienda Drive. (VISTA)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, November 14, noon; Sunday, November 15, noon; free. Alexandra’s Bookstore, 3545 Midway Dr., Suite G. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Rooftop Yoga Yoga One leads vinyasa flow mixed-level classes for hotel guests (free) and public (\$15 per class). 619-544-0164. Thurs-

days, 5:30pm; Fridays, 9am; Sundays, 5:30pm; Mondays, 9am; Tuesdays, 5:30pm; Wednesdays, 9am; free-\$15. Porto Vista Hotel & Suites, 1835 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Seasons of the Heart Craft Fair Handcrafted items from nearly 100 vendors. 858-793-5555. Friday, November 13, 10am; Saturday, November 14, 10am; Sunday, November 15, 10am; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

SnowJam! Consumer show boasts “everything about skiing and snowboarding under one roof.” Ski, snowboard equipment experts on hand to talk about latest equipment, changes in technology, selecting gear. 951-587-6266. Friday, November 13, 4pm; Saturday, November 14, 10am; Sunday, November 15, 10am; free-\$15. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Viva Mexico! “The Mexico Promotional Event” at Liberty Station promises exhibitors from throughout Mexico promoting “their destinations” — travel, culture, real estate. 619-584-0829. Saturday, November 14, 10:30am; \$5. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

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Whole Bead Show Discover vintage through contemporary pieces made from glass, stone, metal, pearl, amber, porcelain, as well as antique beads, handmade beads, findings, buttons, charms, beaded jewelry. Tickets good for whole weekend. 800-292-2577. Friday, November 13, 10am; Saturday, November 14, 10am; Sunday, November 15, noon; \$5. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Diana of the Uplands" New City Sinfonia is joined by Christopher Acquavella (mandolin) for local premiere of this mandolin concerto by Australian guitarist, composer Roland Chadwick. Program includes Beethoven's "Symphony No. 2," the "Toccata" by Frescobaldi, "Suite for Strings No. 1" by Arkady Luxemburg. Offering. 619-527-4457. Sunday, November 15, 2pm. Saint Mary Magdalene Church, 1945 Illion Street. (CLAIREMONT)

"Fairy Tales: Music of the Imagination" Camarada Trio performs selections by Reinecke, Schumann, Martinu, and Howard J. Buss for fall concert series. 619-236-5810. Saturday, November 14, 2:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Orphenica Lyra" Enjoy music from Golden Age of Spain published during 16th Century when Dominic Schaner (vihuela) and Amy Schaner (voice) perform selections by Alonso Mudarra, Enriquez de Valderrábano, Miguel de Fuenllana for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2316. Thursday, November 12, 12:30pm; free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

"Sax and Violins" Modern saxophonist John Gross and drummer Billy Mintz join Hutchins Consort for an exploration of multitonics. Program includes Lawrence Groupe's "Luminescence," "Hodie Christus Natus est" by Sweelinck, Grieg's "Holberg Suite," more. 760-632-0554. Saturday, November 14, 7:30pm; \$15-\$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"This Land Is Your Land" Westwind Brass performs classical. Saturday, November 14, 7pm; \$5-\$20. Kassebaum Theatre, 1615 Mater Dei Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Aviv String Quartet ArtPower chamber music series continues with performance of Schuloff's "String Quartet No. 1," the "String Quartet No. 12 in F Major" by Dvořák, the Brahms "String Quartet No. 1 in C Minor." Musicians are Sergey Ostrovsky (violin), Evgenia Epshtein (violin), Shuli Waterman (viola), Rachel Mercer (cello). 858-534-TIXS. Saturday, November 14, 8pm; \$46. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Bach and Beethoven! East County Youth Symphony, conducted by Olga Reztsova, plays "Concerto for Two Violins" by J.S. Bach, Beethoven's "Egmont" overture and "Symphony No. 7." 619-444-0228. Friday, November 13, 7pm; free. El Cajon Elks Lodge #1812, 1400 East Washington Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Chamber Music Recital Enjoy Poulenc's "Sextet for Piano and Winds" and "String Quartet No. 1 in E Flat Major" by Mendelssohn during concert featuring San Diego Symphony String Quartet and several principal wind musicians of San Diego Symphony. 619-235-0804. Tuesday, November 17, 7:30pm; \$25-\$75. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Graduate Forum Top graduate-level composers and performers from UCSD's department of music present their latest music. 858-534-3229. Friday, November 13, 8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Jacobs' Masterworks Concerts San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling are joined by French piano master Jean-Philippe Collard to perform the "Piano Concert No. 4" by Saint-Saëns. Program includes "Symphony No. 5, Reformation" by Mendelssohn and "Till Eulenspiegel" by Strauss. 619-235-0804. Friday, November 13, 8pm and 8pm; Saturday, November 14, 8pm; Sunday, November 15, 2pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Mini-Concert for Lunch Mary Barringer performs on harpsichord. 858-454-5872. Monday, November 16, noon; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

More Bach and Beethoven! East County Youth Symphony, conducted by Olga Reztsova, plays "Concerto for Two Violins" by J.S. Bach, Beethoven's "Egmont" overture and "Symphony No. 7." Required reservations: 619-444-0228. Wednesday, November 18, 10am; East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Sunday, November 15, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Striano Piano Quartet Pianist Joseph Valent, violinist Maya Ginsberg, violist Burt Fisch, cellist Carol Tolbert perform Freidrich Kiel's "Quartet in A minor" and last movement of Fauré's "Quartet in C

minor" for family music program. 858-522-1668. Wednesday, November 18, 7pm; free. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition Finals Students of San Diego Youth Symphony Orchestra compete for opportunity to perform their chosen concerto at Winter Ovation Concert. Finalists include violinists Corrie Bunnell, Jarvis Chang, Annelie Gregory, Carolyn Lee; Dominique Kim (flute), Juhwan "Jay" Shin (clarinet). 619-233-3232. Thursday, November 12, 7pm; free. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

The Pleasure of Your Company Chamber music series continues with recital by flutist Lori Bell and pianist Diane Snodgrass. Reception follows. Donations appreciated. 858-538-8158. Sunday, November 15, 2:30pm; Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Wednesdays at 7 Enjoy works by Edward Jacobs, Schumann, Brahms, and UCSD composer Lei Liang, when UCSD faculty member, pianist Aleck Karis performs. 858-534-3229. Wednesday, November 18, 7pm; \$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

DANCE

"Milonga Nocturna" Dance to "some of the best Argentine tangos" played by Sabah. 858-565-9575. Saturday, November 14, 9pm; \$10. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Argentine Tango Colette Hebert leads Argentine tango lessons. 619-225-1803. Mondays, 7pm; Wednesdays, 7pm; through Friday, December 25. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

Belly Dance with Valentina Learn belly dance fusing "American tribal style," Egyptian cabaret, jazz, hip-hop, modern dance. Classes include drills, choreography. 858-344-2774. Tuesdays, 7:30pm; through Tuesday, December 29, \$10-\$12. Mind Body & Soul Dance Studio, 2971 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

English Country Dancing Judee Pronovost calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6pm. 858-676-9731. Sunday, November 15, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Firehouse Fun Evening begins with Lindy 1, eight-count basics; and Lindy 2, smooth-style variations workshops (7-8pm). DJ Joel Plys plays for dance (8-11:30pm). All ages. Introductory lesson for beginners at 8:15pm. Fee for workshop and dance: \$15 general, \$10 for students. Dance only: adults pay \$8, students pay \$5. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, November 18, 7pm. Firehouse Swing Dance, at

San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

Friday Night Swing Dance Jam Community dances continue with Groove Room (for West coast and blues dancing) and Rhythm Room (for East Coast, Lindy Hop, shag, jitterbug), and more. 858-565-9575. Friday, November 13, 8pm; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Hula Hoop Has Evolved! Hoop dance classes with Unity teach muscle control and tone. Beginning: 7-8pm; intermediate: 8-9pm. 858-344-2774. Thursdays, 7pm; \$10-\$12. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

Hustle Dance Party Hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers with Debra Hampton (\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers). Hustle dance party follows 8pm-midnight (\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers), with beginner lesson 8-8:30pm (included in admission). 760-803-9982. Saturday, November 14, 7pm; \$5-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Blvd., Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

Ranting Banshee Caller is Steven Barlow during San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm. Dances taught and called, 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, November 14, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

So You Think You Can Dance Tour 2009 Check out your favorite dancers when top ten finalists perform live. 858-745-3000. Thursday, November 12, 7:30pm; \$38-\$56. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Swing Dance at Old Fort Rosecrans Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation hosts dance in historic 1919 U.S. Army YMCA Building #138. Fourteen-piece Big Band Entertainers provide 1940s swing dance music; dance lessons offered during band breaks. Costume or semi-formal dress. 619-269-3924. Saturday, November 14, 7pm; \$15-\$25. Naval Base Point Loma, 140 Sylvester Road. (POINT LOMA)

West Coast Swing Jam DJ plays West Coast swing, club mix, and requests for singles, couples. Dance lesson 8pm; open dancing 8:30-10:30pm. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, November 14, 8pm; free-\$7. Pattie Wells' Dance-time Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

FILM

"Sippin' Shorts Social" Night of short films provided by local filmmakers, hosted by Craig Wilson of Mental Eclectic. Program includes *Pure*, *O Is for Addiction*, *Infatuation*, *Deliverance*, *4 Minutes 'till Noon*, *A Devil's [Day] Job*, *Sur-reality*. Before and after, meet filmmakers. RSVP: 619-226-6100. Thursday, November 12, 8:30pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

A Sea Change Movies That Matter screening of documentary offering look at acidification of oceans. Requested donation: \$7. 619-531-8950. Friday, November 13, 7:30pm. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Eat Drink Man Woman Ang Lee's wonderful film screens for series. Free popcorn and soda! 858-581-9637. Wednesday, November 18, 7:30pm; free. 17 and up. North

University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Music Within Story of Richard Pimentel, who finds purpose in "his landmark efforts on behalf of Americans with disabilities." Preshow introduction and post-show discussion led by Andy Friedenberg or Ann Zivotsky. 760-602-2026. Saturday, November 14, 1:30pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Silent Film Festival San Diego and Carlsbad chapters of Hearing Loss Association of America sponsor festival. Roster boasts Charlie Chaplin double feature on November 12. Enjoy (?) a "German Expressionism Marathon" on November 13 and 14. 619-338-7559 x230. Thursday, November 12, 6:30pm; Friday, November 13, 2:30pm and 6:30pm; Saturday, November 14, 2:30pm and 6:30pm; free. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

FOOD & DRINK

"Belgian Beer and Cheese Tasting" San Diego Beer Week wraps up when "beer and cheese guru 'Dr.' Bill" leads participants through several courses of fare "selected from among the best breweries and creameries in Belgium." Pairings focus on Abbey-crafted ales and cheese. 760-471-4999.

Sunday, November 15, 2pm; \$40. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Eating Green: Low-Carbon Footprint" Many factors contribute to calculating carbon footprint of meals. Chef Elizabeth shares three holiday recipes with low carbon impacts: baked turkey breast with salsa, Southwestern potatoes, Mexican brownies. Recipes and tastings provided. 619-255-

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0203. Saturday, November 14, 10am; \$25-\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"San Diego Wine Rave" San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival begins with food and "25 of the edgiest wines and spirits on the market today." 619-342-7337. Wednesday, November 18, 7pm; \$45-\$60. W Hotel, 421 West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Ancient and Subtle Moji Yavari, who hails from northern Iran, plans Persian cooking demonstration of "this ancient and subtle cuisine." 619-588-3718. Saturday, November 14, 2:30pm; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Brewmaster's Lunch Break AleSmith owner and brewmaster Peter Zien joins Stone brewmaster Steve Wagner for "special midday meal" boasting three courses of food, six brews. 760-471-4999. Thursday, November 12, 12:30pm; \$39. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

What Is Bashah? It's a "Belgian black double IPA," of course. Taste this collaborative brew by BrewDog and Stone during "BrewDog Bashah Bash." Also on tap: three other brews from Scotland's rogue brewers. 760-471-4999. Saturday,

November 14, 11am; 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

"Jumping Frogs and More!" Craft jumping frogs and churn butter in Pioneer School House. Meet actor Steve Clugston as Mark Twain. 760-233-7755. Saturday, November 14, 1pm. Escondido Children's Museum, 380 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Life in Mark Twain's Day" Period games for children, blacksmithing and wheelwright demonstrations, hayrides, tours of an 1890 home and the 1888 Santa Fe depot promised at Escondido History Center in Grape Day Park. 760-743-8207. Saturday, November 14, 1pm. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Mood and Color: American Artists from the Russian Empire" Explore, learn about museum's art through child-friendly tours, storytelling, art-making during Family Drop-In Day for families with children 6-12 years old. Included in regular admission (\$12 general). 619-232-7931. Sunday, November 15, 1pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Shanti the Yogi — A Mountain Adventure" Children's yoga workshop with Snam Kaur for children of all ages, parents. Adven-

ture includes "imaginative stories, songs, mantras in motion, and yoga exercises especially for children." 619-291-1924. Saturday, November 14, 3pm; \$10. Sanctuary Studio, 2590 Truxton Road. (POINT LOMA)

"The First Thanksgiving Feast" Learn about foods the Pilgrims and Wampanoag shared, daily life and chores of Pilgrim children, see examples of tools, toys, and games. 858-581-9935. Saturday, November 14, 10:30am; free. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Little Women Center Stage Productions' youth theater group presents musical following adventures of Jo, Meg, Beth, Amy March as they grow up in Civil War America. 800-988-4253. Friday, November 13, 7:30pm; Saturday, November 14, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, November 15, 2pm; \$17. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

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. Sunday, November 15, noon; free. Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

Crocodile Versus Monkey! A clever monkey outwits a crocodile in *The Monkey and the Crocodile*. Bill includes *Country Mouse, City Mouse*. Puppet Express takes stage November 12-15; Eva Kvaas performs November 18-22. 619-544-

9203. Thursday, November 12, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, November 13, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, November 14, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, November 15, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Wednesday, November 18, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Early Ecologist Budding naturalists invited to preschool story time. "Enjoy an imaginative journey into nature through dynamic readings and visits to exhibitions." Recommended for ages 1-5. Included in museum admission (\$13 adults, \$7 children). 619-255-0203. Thursday, November 12, 11am. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Grind Some Acorns! Hear a harvest story, make a Thanksgiving Day craft during "History for Half-Pints" program for kids three to five years old. Reservations: 619-232-6203 x129. Monday, November 16, 10am; \$5. 3 and up. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Kumeyaay Thanksgiving Linda Hawley's "Our Naturehood" program focuses on how SD's first people lived, played, ate before 1769. Acorn-grinding, artifacts, trail walk, craft. For those in kindergarten-6th grade and parents. 619-582-6261. Thursday, November 12, 3pm; free-\$5. 5 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Make and Fly Straw Rockets During family science day. Sessions last 45 minutes, included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, November 14, 12:30pm, 1:30pm and 2:30pm; free-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Mutant Flies! Scientists from Salk Institute for Biological Studies on hand for DNA Day fun. View real mutant fruit flies, learn "strange-but-true things that happen in the realm of genetics and learn more about why we study model organisms" for understanding our genetic machinery. 619-238-1233. Saturday, November 14, 1pm; \$8-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Trouble in River City! Coast Kid's Theatre presents Meredith Willson's musical *The Music Man*. 760-721-9983. Fridays, 7:30pm; Saturdays, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, November 22, \$7-\$15. Star Theatre, 402 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Turkey or Shawii? Preschoolers and parents learn how Kumeyaay prepared foods during Linda Hawley's "Ant-Sized Adventures," promising acorn-grinding, artifacts, trail walk, craft. 619-582-6261. Thursday, November 12, 10am; Friday, November 13, 10am; free-\$5. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Young Adult Author James Owen signs *The Shadow Dragons*,

in which the "Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica" continue. 858-268-4747. Tuesday, November 17, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

GALLERIES

"Border to Border" Opening reception for exhibition of work by El Paso artists; artists on hand will include Exist 1981, Keith Spencer, Miguel Bonilla, Vanessa Michel, Zeque Penya, Jason Lucero, Lorena Romero, Tim Razo. Percentage of art sale proceeds benefit Classics 4 Kids. Closes Tuesday, December 8. 619-298-3830. Saturday, November 14, 7pm; free. 21 and up. Gallery a.k.a., 3830 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Collaborations" Opening reception for this exhibit in which "two or more people or organizations work together." See work by artists including Ellen Dieter, Richard Messenger, Shahla Dorafshan, San Diego Art Department instructors, others through Sunday, November 22. 619-236-0011. Friday, November 13, 6pm; free-\$3. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Fiber: It's Good for Your Art" Opening reception for exhibition of visual and tactile works by members of Fiber Artists' Collective, continuing through Sunday, January 3. 760-795-6120. Saturday,

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"Life Perspective" Ray at Night reception for exhibition in memory of photographer Birgitta White, who was a mentor to many artisans. View White's photographs through November. 619-297-9663. Saturday, November 14, 7pm; free. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Mental Mapping: Photographs in Context" Opening reception for installation by David Wing, continuing through Thursday, December 17. "Wing encourages the viewer to isolate certain moments in his tour of a wide array of moments and landscapes." 619-644-7299. Tuesday, November 17, 7pm; free. Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (GROSSMONT COLLEGE)

"Refraction" Opening reception for PhotoArts Group exhibition, in which artists were "challenged to visually define refraction." Closes Friday, December 4. 760-480-4101. Saturday, November 14, 5:30pm; free. InnerSpace Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Streets" Opening reception for exhibit of work by photographer Robert Gruber. 858-792-9685. Saturday, November 14, 6pm; free. Project X: Art, 320 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

"The DNA of San Diego" Reception for exhibition "mixing science and art featuring individual DNA portraits drawn from a diverse selection of the San Diego community." Event was spearheaded by local artist, scientist Andy Bass. 760-230-2680. Saturday, November 14, 7pm; free. Andrews Gallery, 1002 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

"Doggy (Langue de Bois)" Closing reception for MFA candidate Robert Becraft's exhibit in UCSD's Visual Arts Facility Gallery. 858-822-7755. Friday, November 13, 7pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Artists of the Month Reception for exhibition of work by B.J. Simon (oils), Dave Ombrello (fine art photography), Patrica Watkins (jewelry), and Joan Grine (pastel paintings). Through December. 760-942-3636. Friday, November

13, 5pm; free. Off Track Gallery, 500 Second Street. (ENCINITAS)

Watercolors Artist reception for watercolorist Lynne Crealock. View show through Sunday, December 6. 760-434-8497. Sunday, November 15, 4pm; free. Carlsbad Ocean-side Art League's COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

IN PERSON

"Dare" Enjoy "thrilling display of artistry and daredevil acts" performed by China National Acrobatic Troupe, as well as "gravity-defying stunts." 619-570-1100. Friday, November 13, 7:30pm; \$35-\$150. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"How to Finance Your Divorce Tour" John Cleese — he of Monty Python and *Fawlty Towers* — entertains. 619-220-8497. Wednesday, November 18, 8pm; \$47-\$57. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet the Brewer Richard Norgrove visits from Bear Republic. Will it be Richard the brewmaster or Richard the CEO or both? 760-471-4999. Sunday, November 15, noon. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Night at the Museum: Art Inspired by Darwin" How have Darwin and his scientific theories inspired music, photography, literature? Bette Blaydes Pegas reads from *Chasing a Dream in the Galapagos: A Personal Evolution*, including her essay on Darwin. The Galapagos Mountain Boys play

tongue-in-cheek "scientific gospel" musical homages to Darwin, natural selection, evolution, conservation. 619-255-0203. Tuesday, November 17, 6:30pm; \$10-\$12. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Performance Art Show" Poetry, improv, comedy, and more promised during evening of performance art acts. 619 220 8663. Saturday, November 14, 8pm; \$5. 16 and up. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

"Rhythms of Brazil" World Beat Center plans performance inspired by elements of Brazilian festivals represented in "Rite and Ritual" exhibition. Live percussionists, singers, dancers. Required advance reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Saturday, November 14, 1pm; \$20-\$30. Mingei International Museum North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Stress-Free Tuesdays" Comedy show by Rell Battle and Clayton Thomas, hosted by Byron Bowers. No cover, no drink minimum. 619-708-7975. Tuesday, November 17, 7pm; free. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"The Wild Really Wild West Show" Technomania Circus presents show directed by Ron Lindley, performed by cast of Technomaniacs with guest artists, including "unbelievable circus acts" by Planet Gemini Performance Troupe, more. "All ages show with

adult themes." 619-231-1950. Friday, November 13, 8pm; Saturday, November 14, 8pm; \$10-\$15. The Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Cross-Country Evil Chula Vista author, retired police detective Tom Basinski discusses his book, documenting an S.D. murder case. 619-463-3236. Monday, November 16, 10:30am; free. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #180. (SPRING VALLEY)

Flying Pans: Two Chefs, One World What do chefs do in their free time? Find out when Marine Room chefs Bernard Guillas and Ron Oliver discuss, sign their new book. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, November 18, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

I Still Do Photographer, La Jolla resident Judith Fox discusses, signs her new book, subtitled *Loving and Living with Alzheimer's*. Book is "portrait of a man with Alzheimer's as seen through the loving lens and words of his wife and carepartner." 858-454-0347. Tuesday, November 17, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

NILO Ha Tien San Diego attorney/law professor H. Lawrence Serra discusses his new novel, subtitled *A Novel of Naval Intelligence in Cambodia*. 858-456-1800. Saturday, November 14, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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restaurant founder Su-Mei Yu discusses, signs her new book, subtitled *A Contemporary Guide to Thai Recipes and Traditions for Healthier Living*. 858-755-3735. Sunday, November 15, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Opposite Field Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Jesse Katz visits to discuss, sign his new memoir. 858-454-0347. Monday, November 16, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Art — Order Up! Art show of "dramatic works" by Mark Richmond, who will be on hand to sign works. Art prices: \$5-\$5000. Show continues through Sunday, November 15. 760-967-1820. Thursday, November 12, 7pm; free. Harney Sushi, 301 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Author Bonanza! Signings, discussion by science fiction and suspense author Greg Bear (*Mari-rosa*), thriller author Alan Jacobson (*Crush: A Karen Vail Novel*), and mystery author Martin Limon (*G.I. Bones*). 858-268-4747. Wednesday, November 18, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy

Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Calling All Canines Does your dog have star quality? Photographer Andrew Grant plans "dog casting call" for his next coffee table book of dog photographs. Grant will also sign copies of his latest, *Rover*. 858-454-0347. Saturday, November 14, 10am; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Comedy on the Crest Improv sketch comedy show by members of Comedy Under Construction. 858-550-8088. Wednesdays, 8pm; through Wednesday, November 18, \$5. 14 and up. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Cropper Writers Series Paul Lisicky, author of *Lawnboy* and *Famous Builder*, reads from his newest work, *Lumina Harbor*. 619-260-4783. Friday, November 13, 7pm; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Fantasy Author Brandon Sanderson signs, discusses *The Gathering Storm: Book 12 in Robert Jordan's the Wheel of Time*. 858-268-4747. Sunday, November 15, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Fantasy Time Head to the Galaxy for signings by debut fantasy author John Brown (*Servant of a Dark God*), fantasy author David Farland

(*Chaosbound: The Eighth Book of the Runelords*), and dark fantasy author Larry Correia (*Monster Hunter International*). 858-268-4747. Thursday, November 12, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Gelato Poetry Series Continues Jane Mushinsky reads her poetry followed by open-mike performances. 760-434-1240. Friday, November 13, 7pm; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Laurie Okuma Memorial Reading Writer Ella deCastro Baron reads from her work in Love Library room LL-430. Baron is San Diego City College English and creative writing instructor, author of *Itchy*, *Brown Girl Seeks Employment*. 619-594-5318. Thursday, November 12, 7pm; free. 18 and up. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Meet a Hall of Famer San Diego Charger and Hall of Fame wide receiver Charlie Joiner signs autographs. 858-487-0636. Saturday, November 14, 2pm; \$25-\$45. American Icon Autographs, 11305 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite #109. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Meet a Legend, Buy a Cigar Cigar maker Rocky Patel introduces his new line of cigars and cigar accessories, answers questions, poses for photos. 858-549-4422.

Wednesday, November 18, noon; \$25. 21 and up. Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar, 7094 Miramar Road #113. (MIRA MESA)

New Writing Series Mungo Thomas reads in Visual Arts Center performance space. 858-534-2230. Tuesday, November 17, 6:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Jewish Book Fair Concludes Scott Silverman plans lecture on his book *Tell Me No. I Dare You!* at noon. Concert by Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary) at 5pm. Festival concludes with Israeli author Amos Oz discussing *Rhyming Life and Death* and *The Amos Oz Reader* at 7:30pm. Reservations: 858-362-1348. Thursday, November 12, 5pm; free-\$17. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Thriller Author Brian Haig discusses, signs *The Hunted*. 858-268-4747. Friday, November 13, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Time to Laugh Comedic entertainment by Adam Sank. Two-drink minimum in addition to tickets. 858-638-9000. Friday, November 13, 8pm and 10pm; Saturday, November 14, 8pm and 10pm; \$15. 21 and up. Mad House Com-

edy Club, 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard #106. (MIRA MESA)

Unravalled Improv Show The Unravalled long-form improv troupe improvises an entire play from audience suggestions. 619-220-8663. Saturday, November 14, 8pm; \$5. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

West Coast Funnies Comedy variety show with Kurt Swann combines sketch and stand-up comedy. Headliner is former San Diegan Lamont Ferguson (Comedy Central, Comics Unleashed). Also appearing: Karen Rontowski, Bethany Therese. 760-720-2460. Saturday, November 14, 8pm; \$15-\$20. 18 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

LECTURES

"A Journey Into Tanzania" In July, six members of Women's Global Network trekked to underdeveloped town of Bukoba, Tanzania, to visit women they've helped to start businesses. Joanna Herr, Claire Donahue, Denise Ross plan slide-illustrated lecture to discuss their adventures, share stories of women they met. 917-579-7212. Tuesday, November 17, 6pm; \$49. When in Rome, 1108 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

"Art Talk: Ann Lislegaard" Artist Ann Lislegaard discusses her work on view in "Automatic Cities: The Architectural Imaginary in Contemporary Art" exhibition. "Exploring relationship between architecture and language, Lislegaard's installations are often based on literary sources." Included in regular admission (\$10). 858-454-3541. Saturday, November 14, 2pm. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Building Confidence in Children Suzanne Simpson, founder of Esteem Dreams, speaks for Family Education Series. Face painting, games. Bring canned goods for San Diego Food Bank. RSVP: 858-550-0097 x9. Wednesday, November 18, 5pm; free. Kinderhouse Montessori School, 17025 Via del Campo. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Canvas Remix" Learn techniques for creating mixed-media home and fashion accessories with canvas and paint from artist Alisa Burke, who will share art-making techniques described in her book *Canvas Remix*. Participants complete a functional, artistic object such as a clutch, wallet, place mat, gift cards. 760-839-4120. Saturday, November 14, 10am; \$35-\$45. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

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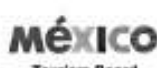
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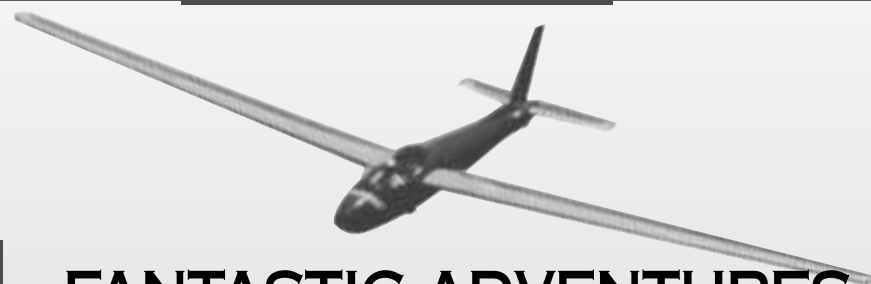
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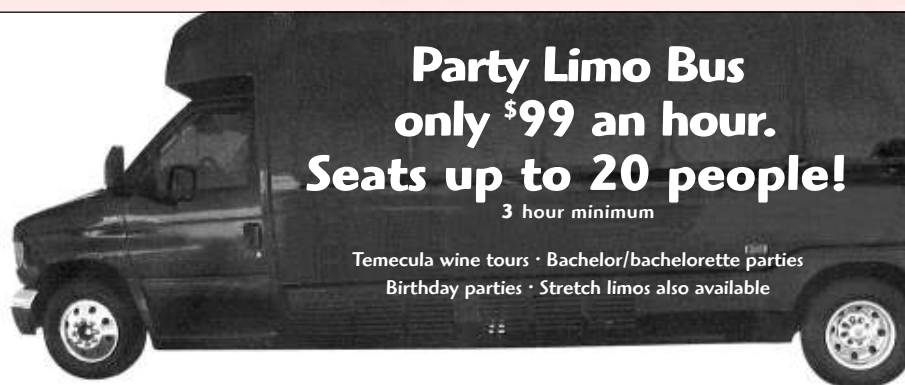


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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Fashioning an Image of Success

Amy Walsh, curator of Dutch and Flemish Paintings at LACMA, discusses "Rembrandt's Portraits of the 1630s" for guest lecture series. 619-239-5548. Wednesday, November 18, 10am. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Forgotten Math for Parents"

Does the word *algebra* strike fear in your heart? During seminar, learn to overcome math fears so homework time with your child isn't scary. Registration: 619-267-8705. Saturday, November 14, 4pm; free. Sylvan Learning of Bonita, 4450 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

"Judaism: Basic Principles and Current Issues"

Discuss basic principles and services; current divisions (orthodox, reform, conservative, eclectic); issues and problems in modern world. Suggested donation: \$5. 619-298-9978 x 8014. Thursday, November 12, 6:30pm; First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"Painting the Postwar World"

Frances K. Pohl, chair of art and art history at Pomona College, examines "The Art of Ben Shahn in the Late 1940s and Early 1950s" for guest lecture series. Pohl is author of two books on Shahn. 619-232-7931. Monday, November 16, 7pm;

\$7-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Rome Through the Ages" Art historian James Grebl leads "virtual tour of Eternal City" during lectures blending art, architecture, archaeology, historical anecdotes, more. Series concludes with look at "Baroque." 858-454-5872. Thursday, November 12, 7:30pm and 7:30pm; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Styling Secrets for the Holidays

Learn "styling secrets for your home during the holiday season." RSVP: 858-560-4404. Sunday, November 15, 3pm; free. Ethan Allen Design Center, 7341 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"The New GI Resistance"

Independent journalist, author Dahr Jamail speaks for Matters of Controversy series about GIs who have embraced arts as tool for resistance, communication, healing. Screening of short film about Combat Paper Project entitled *Iraq, Paper, Scissors* by filmmaker Sara Nesson. Donation. 858-459-4650. Friday, November 13, 7:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"The Plantation of Ulster"

Nancy Kipp addresses British Isles Group sponsored by San Diego Genealogical Society. Learn historical background of how, why thousands of English and Scottish settlers left their homeland to settle in north-

ern Ireland. Nonmembers welcome. 760-476-9289. Wednesday, November 18, 10:30am; free. LDS Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Whole in the Middle of the Bagel"

David Kahan, professor of physical education at SDSU, examines "Jewish Kids and Physical Education." Kahan's research centers on how culture, religion, religiosity influence physical activity behavior. 858-268-3674. Friday, November 13, 7:30pm; free. Congregation Dor Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court. (KEARNY MESA)

"Together Against Torture"

Survivors of Torture International hosts community discussion with Taiga Wanyanja, center coordinator of Mwatikho Torture Survivors Organization in Bungoma Kenya. Learn challenges, successes, what world community can do to help. 619-278-2422. Thursday, November 12, 6:30pm; free. Price Charities, 4305 University Avenue Suite 640. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Uranus — The Queer Planet"

"Uranus has been the planet astrologers have most linked to homosexuality." When San Diego Astrological Society meets, astrologer Jack Fertig examines "transits and aspects of Uranus in our modern history in relation to...development of gay and lesbian communities." 619-307-1636. Friday, November 13, 7:30pm; \$6-\$12. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Violence and Culture" Discussion in conjunction "Off the Beaten Path: Violence, Women, and Art" exhibition in Pepper Canyon Hall room 122. Panelists: moderator Kelli Moore, Farrah Douglas from 5 Women Who Care, artist Cima Rahmankhan, Dep N. Tuany from Water for Sudan, Cindy Mathew from Amnesty International, Dilkhwaz Ahmed from License to Freedom. 858-534-2107. Saturday, November 14, 6pm; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"What Would Darwin Do?"

Science fiction writer Greg Bear joins SDSU Library's celebration of Charles Darwin with lecture focusing on "Fundamentalism in Science and Religion vs. the Search for Scientific Truth" in Love Library room LL-430. 619-594-4991. Wednesday, November 18, 2pm; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Women, Violence, and Activism

The League of Women Voters of San Diego presents "call to action for all of us to unite to end all forms of violence against women." Speakers: Dee Aker, Anne Hoiberg, Caity Riddle, Brian Erickson, Jeanne Mossuto. Fee includes lunch, program. RSVP: 619-223-8074. Tuesday, November 17, 11:30am; \$30. Tom Ham's Lighthouse, 2150 Harbor Island Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"Woodworking in America"

Woodworker Brian Murphy discusses handmade furniture, specifically Stickley and other American furniture makers, as part of Mark Twain Week. 760-480-4101. Saturday, November 14, 2pm. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

The Best Team Ever David (Doc) Noel discusses his recently published book, subtitled *A Novel of America, Chicago, and the 1907 Cubs*, when San Diego Independent Scholars meet in Chancellor's Complex room 111A. Noel is described as a "distinguished public health advocate and celebrated shortstop for the 1959 and 1960 all-star teams of the Skokie Indians Little League in Illinois." 760-751-3094 or 619-296-4055. Saturday, November 14, 1:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Understanding Jonestown and People's Temple

SDSU scholar Dr. Rebecca Moore — who lost two sisters and a nephew in the tragedy — discusses her new book. "People's Temple cannot be fully understood apart from the social and historical context from which the movement emerged." 619-236-5821. Wednesday, November 18, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Between Parent and Child

Fifth annual "Guiding the Lives of Children of Divorce and Separation" seminar explores "what parents can do during and after the litigation/court process to protect and strengthen the parent-child bond." Learn about local resources providing support. Appropriate for parents, co-parents, teachers, ex-

tended family. 619-294-9852. Saturday, November 14, 1:30pm; \$5-\$10. National University, 9388 Lightwave Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Drought-Tolerant Plants See, touch, smell drought-tolerant plants such as salvias, rosemary, California natives during talk by landscape designer Doug Kalal. 619-200-7066. Saturday, November 14, 10am; free. 4S Ranch Library, 10433 Reserve Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Flower Photography

Nature photographer Bob Bretell leads class for artists, garden lovers, photographers who want to take photos of flowers while learning new digital artistic effects, using Bretell's seven-step approach to flower photography. Also discussed: "easy- to-learn techniques and creative ways of adding type to photos" using Adobe Photoshop. Recommended for all levels of photographers with basic understanding of computers. Required reservations: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, November 14, 8:30am; \$65-\$75. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Healing with Sacred Sound

How does vibrational healing work? Trance medium, musician Elivia Melodey leads class "open to all levels of healing practitioners and those who want to experience sacred sound mantras, toning, and singing crystal bowls." 760-745-9176. Friday, November 13,

7:15pm; \$60. Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association, 2975 Washington Circle. (ESCONDIDO)

High-Speed Rail in SD?

Rose Creek Watershed Alliance convenes meeting with representative from California High Speed Rail project, who will present project overview. 858-405-7503. Thursday, November 12, 7pm; free. Standley Park and Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

High-Speed Transit Forum

Learn about design's impact on high-speed rail, maglev trains, personal rapid transit during seminar presented by Design Innovation Institute in Brown Chapel, examining "innovative, alternative transit modalities." 619-299-0431. Thursday, November 12, 6pm; \$8-\$10. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Interested in Genealogy?

One-day beginning and refresher genealogy class offered by North San Diego County Genealogical Society and Carlsbad City Library. Materials provided. 760-434-2931. Saturday, November 14, 9am; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

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humans only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Wednesday, November 18, 6pm; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Microwave the Holidays Home economist Peg Lipscomb presents “Microwave Cooking for the Holidays,” promising “tasting and recipes of easy microwave-cooked holiday foods.” 619-463-3236. Saturday, November 14, 1pm; free. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #180. (SPRING VALLEY)

Music Production Clinic Cake-walk and IK Multimedia demonstrate new line of V-Studio products, latest version of SONAR 8.5 digital audio workstation. Cake-walk will train attendees on music recording, production, mixing techniques. 619-668-8400. Tuesday, November 17, 7pm; free. Guitar Center La Mesa, 8825 Murray Drive. (LA MESA)

Security in a Shaky World Judith Scharfenburg divulges “how to build secure families in a shaky world” for San Diego County Women’s Connection. Learn “practical ways to build security into our children, grandchildren, or to pass along to women we mentor.” Reservations: 858-748-7003 or 610-276-6972. Saturday, November 14, 11:30am; \$22. The Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Spirit Photography Intensive Class exploring “phenomenon of unidentified photographic images” led by Reverend Donna Lopez. “Today, many different energies including orbs, light beings, and elementals are now being captured on film/digital cameras...learn the history behind these images captured on film.” Digital cameras welcome but not required. 760-745-9176. Friday, November 13, 7:15am; \$50-\$60. 18 and up. Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association, 2975 Washington Circle. (ESCONDIDO)

Strummin’ on the Old... Banjo workshop led by Dick Weissman. 619-280-9035. Saturday, November 14, 11am. Old Time Music, 2852 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

UFO Forum Focus on “synchronicity, crash retrievals, China and UFOs, and local sightings” with MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). 760-753-2456. Sunday, November

15, 6pm; free. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

What Next? Hands-on workshop for writers, illustrators needing help with next step for their creative projects hosted by Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators in Hahn School of Nursing. Panel of technology experts examines ways for writers, illustrators to use technology to get and stay connected with editors, agents, writers, illustrators, readers. 619-713-5462. Saturday, November 14, 2pm; \$7-\$9. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

What’s Up with the Multiple Species Conservation Program? Find out when Jared Underwood presents update for California Native Plant Society meeting in room 101. County’s “combination of high biodiversity, large numbers of rare and unique species, and rapid urbanization has led to conflicts between growth and biological conservation.” Bring mystery plants for identification. 619-232-8232. Tuesday, November 17, 6:30pm; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

What’s the Cactus of the Month? Learn about *Thelocactus* when Don Hunt speaks for San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society meeting in room 101. Andrew Wilson focuses on stacked stem *Crassulas* for “succulent of the month” talk. Program includes “Up Close and Personal: Photographing the Plants We Love to Grow” by Irwin Lightston. 858-270-5544. Saturday, November 14, 12:30pm; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Writing Practice “Connect with your creative self through timed writing practice exercises and round-table discussions” led by Maureen Pierre. 760-753-7601. Thursdays, 6pm; through Thursday, December 17, free. 18 and up. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

“Friday Night Live” American Wrestling Alliance presents heavy-weight championship bout between Tommy Wilson and Threat. Championship scramble match with So-Cal Crazy versus Aerial Star versus

Locura. Tag team championships with DJ and Chase Anderson versus Bubba Flair and Rayo Tejano. More matches planned. 619-569-0356. Friday, November 13, 7pm; \$10-\$13. Unity Lodge, 3366 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

“HeadNorth Challenge” The 5k run/walk starts and finishes at Imperial Beach Pier Plaza (7am). The half marathon promises flat, fast, 13.1-mile scenic course from Sunset Park in Coronado to Imperial Beach Pier Plaza (7:30am). 858-350-3193. Sunday, November 15, 7am. Portwood Pier Plaza, Seacoast Drive at Imperial Beach Boulevard. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

“One Mount and Two Lakes Tour” Bicycle to top of Mount Helix, Santee Lakes, Mission Trails Regional Park, and Lake Murray with Knickerbikers. The 35-miler starts in Vons parking lot. Bring money for lunch at Lake Murray Café. 619-466-0359. Sunday, November 15, 9am; free. Vons Market — La Mesa, 5630 Lake Murray Drive. (LA MESA)

Chargers Football San Diego Chargers host Philadelphia Eagles during game broadcast on Fox. 800-745-3000. Sunday, November 15, 1:15pm; \$54-\$98. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Healthy Air Walk American Lung Association’s annual 5k to fund research, education, advocacy for clean air. 619-297-3901. Sunday, November 15, 7:30am; Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

MiracleBabies 5k Family Fun Walk/Run Proceeds benefit MiracleBabies, an organization pro-

viding support for preemies in NICU/neonatal intensive care unit and their families. 888-68-MIRACLE. Sunday, November 15, 10am; \$30. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil-drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. 2040 North Santa Fe Ave., 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum 1095 Barona Rd., 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps What makes the seahorse a fish, though it doesn’t look like one? How do male seahorses get pregnant, give birth? “There’s Something About Seahorses,” opening Saturday, November 14, explores biology, adaptations of these creatures. Exhibit includes more than a dozen species of live seahorses and their relatives, including pipefish, shrimpfish, seadragons. Continues through December 2011.

Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanogra-

phy at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico’s Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. “Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge” examines science behind climate change; “Art of Deception” explores undersea camouflage. “Wonders of Water” waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and

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wobbling sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-3474. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum Along with a timeline of surfboards, featured opening exhibit at new location is "Sidewalk Surfers," offering historic look at roots of skateboarding. The skateboard evolved as a method of enjoying feeling of surfing while waves were flat or inaccessible. Display focuses on surfboard shapers and professional riders and their skateboard models over the years. 312 Pier View Way, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Campo Depot State Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Rd., 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chula Vista Nature Center Interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors 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 mi-

gratory 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 Dr., 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art Why are Navy SEALs called frogmen? Who were some of the streets of Coronado named after? Find out in "Coronado: We Remember," combining stories, historical vignettes of artifacts, photographs, textiles, documents from archives of Coronado Historical Association. Closes Saturday, May 1.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. 1100 Orange Ave., 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)

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 refrigera-

tory car, 1941 caboose. La Mesa Boulevard and Spring St., 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. 258 Beech St., 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Mingei International Museum This year's Day of the Dead altar — on view through Sunday, November 29 — is dedicated to memory of Octavio Paz, winner of the Nobel Prize for literature; woodworker Sam Maloof and potter Otto Heino are also remembered.

"Fisch Out of Water — Sea Creatures of Arline Fisch" is the designer craftsman's first major installation. The more than 150 objects crocheted from color-coated copper wire are life-sized recreations of specific jellyfish species and objects suggesting sea anemones and coral. Fisch is professor of art (emerita) at SDSU, where she founded its program in jewelry and metalsmithing in 1961. Through Sunday, May 16.

"Transformed by Fire" is a career-spanning exhibition of 90 objects by June Schwarcz, considered the nation's premier enamelist. Also on view: "Fifty-Six Chinese Hat Boxes — And One Hat!" Exhibition of 56 Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) hatboxes created to hold officials' hats boasts boxes made of wood, lacquer, paper, leather, all from late 19th or early 20th Century. The hat in question is a summer hat. Both exhibits close Wednesday, March 21.

"Sonabai: Another Way of Seeing" continues through Sunday, September 5, 2010. The self-taught artist lived in enforced isolation for 15 years in a remote village in central India, developing an innovative art form that she later taught to other artists. Exhibition includes 33 sculptures by Sonabai and her family as well as 38 works by four artists trained by Sonabai. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla "Automatic Cities: The Architectural Imaginary in Contemporary Art" is innovative exhibition mapping influence of architecture on contemporary visual art in an inter-

national context. Exhibition sets work by architecturally engaged artists such as Julie Mehretu, Matthew Ritchie, Rachel Whiteread in dialogue with that of emerging practitioners including Catharina van Etvelde, Jakob Kolding, Sarah Oppenheimer. On view through Sunday, January 31.

"Museums in Miniature: Works by Marcel Duchamp and Joseph Cornell" explores use of collage, assemblage, staged tableaux by Duchamp and Cornell "as plays on the notion of an exhibition space." Closes Sunday, January 31. 700 Prospect St., 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

National City Depot San Diego Electric Railway Association operates museum in this historic Santa Fe depot with exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 922 West 23rd St., 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

Oceanside Museum of Art San Diego artist Les Perhacs interprets nature through geometry, discovering elements of geometry fused with the chaos of nature. "The Art of Les Perhacs" includes the "Chaos" sculpture series, with each piece made from a single geometric form Perhacs cuts apart to reveal the internal entropy. Closes Friday, January 8.

Over the past two decades, John Zabrucky has been creating a series of flat relief works celebrating mysteries of technology. "Industrial Alchemy," opening Sunday, November 15, features "hyper-detailed reliefs...at the intersection of art and science suggesting both the beauty and terror of life in a high-tech world." Closes Sunday, March 28.

"American Dream" — a body of mixed-media work by ceramic artist Gregg Jabs — continues through Sunday, January 10. "By questioning the reality of the American dream, the myth begins to unravel with surprising results." 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

San Diego Museum of Art "Calder Jewelry" boasts approximately 90 works by the famed modernist — including necklaces, bracelets, brooches, earrings and tiaras — demonstrating the artist's love of abstraction and his mastery of this wearable art form. "Conceiving of his objects as 'wearable mobiles,' Calder individually hammered, chiseled, shaped, and com-

posed more than 1800 pieces of jewelry." Closes Sunday, January 3.

"Picasso, Miró, Calder," on view through Sunday, December 6, features works by "three of the greatest artists working in the 20th century." Installation celebrates generosity of museum's donors, boasts "choice selection of the museum's collection of modernist painting and sculpture that has long been out of sight."

"American Artists from the Russian Empire" features nearly 70 paintings and sculptures by many of the best-known artists working in America in the postwar period, including Louise Nevelson, Jules Olitsky, Mark Rothko, Ben Shahn. Take this foray into work by artists of Russian descent and training who left the Russian Empire before the end of 1930s through Sunday, January 17.

"Oceanic Art: A Celebration of Form" features 97 works of art primarily from Melanesia and Polynesia, as well as objects from Micronesia and Taiwan. Closes Sunday, January 3. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum "Darwin: Evolution Revolution" celebrates life and work of the 19th-century British naturalist with specimens, artifacts, live animals, memorabilia related to Darwin. Exhibition coincides with celebration of bicentenary of Darwin's birth and 150th anniversary of publication of *On the Origin of Species*. Through Sunday, February 28.

Imagery by *National Geographic* photographer/author/expedition leader Ralph Lee Hopkins is gathered in "Baja California," continuing through Sunday, January 3. In addition to photographs by Hopkins, images by American and Mexican photographers may be seen.

Also on view: "Fossil Mysteries," a permanent exhibition. From dinosaurs to mastodons, discover the rich fossil history of our region. Current "giant-screen films" are *Ocean Oasis*; and 3-D *Dinosaurs Alive*. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Public Library "Subjects of Interest to Young People" provide theme for traveling exhibition of artist books by San Diego Book Arts members. "See the book in a whole new light" through December.

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Buck Howdy's on the Case Steve Vaus has twice been nominated for Grammys for children's records released in 2007 and 2008. He wrote the Jerome's and Barona Casino TV jingles, and he's done studio work for Willie Nelson, Kim

he's all of a sudden interested in local politics." Vaus, as spokesman and organizer of the Rexford recall, has been featured in several articles in the *Union-Tribune* and *North County Times*, and he may be successful: all four of Rexford's

parade. Betty has a reputation for bullying and badgering. Why should somebody be prohibited from participating in the democratic process just because they have a business in town?" Vaus says he will easily get the 5700 signatures needed to oust Rexford.

Vaus performs and records as Buck Howdy, a singing cowboy who sings children's tunes. "The recall is completely separate and apart from [Buck Howdy]. I have ceased all promotional activities in order to work on this."

Or has he?

The website *buckhowdy.com* had a link to *recallrexford.com*. And Poway resident Chris Cruse says residents who supported the website were asked to buy tickets for the Carols by Candlelight concert that Vaus is promoting. The annual fund-raising concert is December 11 and 12 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, and features LeAnn Rimes, the Little River Band, and Buck Howdy. Vaus says the event is a fund-raiser for Rady Children's Hospital.

"Steve is using the recall to go phishing for email addresses for his fund-raiser," says Cruse. Tickets for this year's show range from \$30 to \$100.

— Ken Leighton

Suing San Marcos "We filed a claim today against the city [of San Marcos] on nine different counts," says Matt Hall, operator of the

One of Hall's biggest battles has involved all-age concerts, which began in late 2004. The club's newest entertainment permit, issued



COURT BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Jumping Turtle since February 2003. The lawsuit alleges harassment, intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, civil rights violations, abuse of power, exceeding the city's police power, taking of property without just compensation, and unreasonable permit requirements, such as not being allowed to charge a cover fee. "The city acted, in a lot of ways, unlawfully," said Hall in a phone interview.

The lawsuit further alleges, "Claimants have suffered loss of personal reputation, humiliation, anxiety, fear, and emotional distress as a result of the City's actions."

in April 2009, limits live music to two nights a week and requires security guards to separate minors and adults with a yellow line on the floor, along with issuing colored wristbands to drinkers and red hand stamps for under-21 patrons.

During an April 2009 all-age punk show, over a dozen police cars and a helicopter responded to what sheriff's deputy sergeant Glenn Giannantonio described as a "near-riot," wherein three people were arrested, aged 17, 18, and 28. The lawsuit singles out the deputy for allegedly "harassing customers" and "creating a nuisance and disturbance."

Now, Hall is ready to cut

back on all such events. "Not every show has to be all-ages. First and foremost, we are a bar, and that's what pays the bills. I don't sell cotton candy or Slurpees." Hall also wants to book more local bands.

"We just need to get back to the basics that have brought us success here at the Turtle, without so much focus on metal bands. We'll be doing reggae, blues, straight rock, R&B, and hip-hop." Regarding the latter, Hall says, "There are standards...we don't want to hear [lyrics] about beating up women or 'capping hos.'" The venue hosted a weekly Monday night hip-hop night in 2006 and 2007; by August 2008, only one Thursday per month was allotted for hip-hop.

Booking agent Joe Troutman left the Turtle last month, taking several shows to the Ramona Mainstage. "Joe was...not following Turtle policies," alleges Hall. "He was doing pay-to-play, which is a major policy violation at the Turtle. The majority of his shows drew 95 percent under [age] 21, which is not conducive to our venue."

Troutman replies, "Never has one band been shorted on the deals made with them for the shows. Also, I do not do pay-to-play. If I did, I would have a hell of a lot more people in the room."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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the inside track blur

Carnes, and Randy Travis.

Critics suggest Vaus has found a new way to push his two new albums and an upcoming concert he's promoting: he is spearheading a recall of Poway councilwoman Betty Rexford.

"My husband and I have been involved in Poway since 1984, and we never heard of this guy," says Virginia Hargarten, who supports Rexford. "He's never belonged to any club or been involved in city affairs. It seems like he's doing this just to get his name in the paper. It's interesting that



SINGING COWBOY AND CITY COUNCIL WATCHDOG BUCK HOWDY

her with personal matters.

"People are angry," says Vaus. "I was just the person who stepped in front of the

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Resurrecting the Crucified Formed in Fresno in 1984, the Crucified are considered pioneers of the punk-rock subgenre Christian hardcore. Despite limited exposure of the early Christian hardcore scene, the Crucified had taken the stage with punk hits D.R.I. and G.B.H. in the '80s and heavy-

player and founding member Greg Minier, to talk about the Crucified's resurrection.

"The main reason we started playing again was because we had to buy back the raw tapes to our second record. So, in order to fund that...we decided that we would play some shows, put out some T-shirts and stuff like that." Minier, alluding to the naïveté typical to young bands, said, "We never got statements or anything like that. We were young and pretty stupid back



PUNK-ROCK PREACHERS THE CRUCIFIED

metal band Pantera in the early '90s. The band recorded and toured for nine years before breaking up in '93 due to personal differences.

In June this year, after 16 years off the radar, the Crucified reunited. Their first show was in Diamond Bar, California, at Calvary Chapel, with guest speaker Sonny Sandoval of San Diego born-again rockers P.O.D.

While the band is preparing to leave for Oslo, Norway, to perform at Nordic Fest 2009, I caught up with guitar

then, and we basically got burned on both record contracts that we signed."

As for the future of the band, "Everything else has been left open-ended...just to see what happens. No one is saying yes, and no one is saying no. It's kind of hard with the singer and bass player being here in Southern California and the drummer and myself being up in Fresno. It's hard to even get together and rehearse. But, if there seems to be enough interest and demand, then



maybe we will..."

If the Crucified does stay together and produce new material, "[We] would probably pick up where we left off. Stylistically, it would be the same. I think that's what the fans would want."

The Crucified will play the Epicentre in Mira Mesa on November 14, with xLooking Forwardx, Braveheart, and Death Comes Fast. It will be their first San Diego show in 16 years. The band's *Pillars of Humanity*, originally released in 1991, is set to be rereleased the following day, November 15, on Tooth & Nail Records.

— Adam Crawley

Hey, Dude, It's Buffalo

"I once watched Norton play a blazing version of 'Turkey in the Straw' at a party on a piece-of-shit toy harmonica that was about one inch long," says local musician

Greg Douglass of Norton Buffalo, his friend and former bandmate in the Steve Miller Band. Buffalo died from cancer on October 30.



THAT'S ONE BIG MOUTH-HARP, NORTON

Buffalo was with Miller's group for over 30 years. "I worked with him during the band's commercial peak, from 1977 through 1980," says Douglass. "My first impression of Norton was that he was a bit arrogant, as he certainly wasn't shy about touting his abilities on the harmonica. As

I got to know him better, I realized I was dead wrong. An arrogant person toots his own horn out of insecurity, and Norton was just being a real-

ist.... He had the chops to do anything he wanted."

Beginning in the early '70s, Buffalo performed and recorded with Elvin Bishop, the Doobie Brothers, and Mickey Hart, as well as acting in films such as *The Rose* and *Heaven's Gate*.

"One of the greatest

moments of my musical life," says Douglass, "was doing a 45-minute version of Muddy Waters's 'Mannish Boy' at a great dive called Uncle Charlie's in Corte Madera, California. The band was me on guitar, Tommy Johnston from the Doobie Brothers, Tom Fogerty from Creedence, Mario Cipollina from Huey Lewis's band, and the Starship's Donny Baldwin. We just killed the song, but the real stunner was Norton's extended solo in the middle of the thing. It was the best I ever heard him play, and this is a guy who was never less than amazing."

"It saddens me immensely to know I'll never get another one of those 'Hey, dude, it's Buffalo!' calls out of the blue."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Thursday 12

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LOVVERS AT BAR PINK

A couple more city blocks south, N.Y. psych-jam duo **Blues Control** and U.K. garage punx the **Lovvers** bang the Bar Pink stage.... While 'round downtown, you get the "ga ga" of '90s radio ga

Friday 13

House of Blues has some hits Friday night, as Venice Beach punk perennials **Suicidal Tendencies** (*I'm not crazy — institution! — you're the one that's crazy* etc. etc.) do it on the downtown stage behind like-minded Los Angelinos **Good Guys in Black** and local hits **Sprung Monkey**.... Piano man **Jon Mayer** brings his hot three (with bassist Rufus Reid and veteran drum-

mer Roy McCurdy) to Anthology in support of their new one, *Nightscape*, which has hit the rotation at jazz-radio joint 88.3. Mr. Mayer's got great groove and hits hard on the low end like good bop should. Dig it.... Soda



FREE*STARS AT SODA BAR

Bar sends up another "so long" for Andy Robillard, with **Rafter** and **Free*Stars** doing the honors, and, yeah, Stampona's gonna collect himself after the Phillies' Series drubbing and make the trip for the gig. Go say hi to him and bye to Andy.... Soma

Saturday 14

sets up a sweet locals-only stage for all-agers, with comers **Bedford Grove** and the **New Archaic** as well as **Pullman Standard**, **Westfire**, and the **Cathedrals**.... While **Team Abraham** and **French Semester** *parlais vous* at Bar Pink. The **Dutchess** and the **Duke** will grace the Casbah stage Saturday night. The Seattle-based duo of Jesse Lortz and Kimberly Morrison are out to tout *Sunrise/Sunset*, a new collection culled from the darker, damper tones of West Coast pop. Debut *She's the Dutchess*, *He's the Duke* is a better entry into their acousti-punk songscape. **Greg Ashley**, **Christmas Island**, and **Little Claw** will set the stage for what the club site calls a night of "campfire punk." Nice.... Not so nice, hardcore hip-hoppers **Insane Clown Posse** will ride on 4th&B. The Detroit duo dub what they do "horror-core," and their new one, *Bang Pow Boom*, is their 11th release to date. Really?... Blues Strat slinger **Buddy Guy** will be out at Vieja's Dreamcatcher room. The 73-year-old, five-time Grammy-winner just dropped one of them career collections, *The Definitive Buddy Guy*, via Shout! Factory.... God squad punks the **Crucified** have regrouped to tour this year. They'll be at teen scene Epicentre up in Mira Mesa with **xLooking Forwardx**, **Braveheart**, and **Death Comes Fast**. Check out Adam's interview in this week's "Blurt" for more on the Crucified's resurrection.... House of Blues hosts Interpol's Paul Banks, aka **Julian Plenti**,



BOOM BOOM KID AT KEN CLUB

who will play from his solo go *Julian Plenti Is...Skyscraper*, out now on Matador.... Newgrass hit **Keller Williams** bellies up to Belly Up behind his new folkadelic do *Odd*.... Uptown, **Sunnyside**, **Boom Boom Kid**, **Pop Bottle Bombers**, and **That's Incredible** fill a pop-punk bill at the Ken....while around the bend, Bar Pink plugs in N.Y.C. garage-pop throwbacks **Electric Tickle Machine**. GBV fans take note: you'll like 'em a lot.

Sunday 15

Our own international indie hits **Pinback** roll back into town for a couple sets this week. Rob and Zack et al. will be at Belly Up Sunday night with ex-Dead Milkman **Joe Jack Talcum** and at Casbah Monday with **Bellini** and **Nothingful**.... Some New Yawk power-pop **Fun** comes to Soma Sunday night with O.C. roots-rock revivalists **Dusty Rhodes and the River Band** and electro-pop trio **White Apple Tree**. That's a side-stager, but a kill triple bill, kids.... If ya like it loud: gorecore gang **GWAR** hits House of Blues...Fear Factory industrialists **Divine Heresy** will stack 'em at Brick by Brick behind this year's *Bringer of Plagues*...Canadian hardcore crew **Comeback Kid** will play Epicentre....and Eddie Spaghetti's **Supersuckers** will take the stage at Casbah.

Monday 16

Already tol' ya, **Pinback** at Casbah, Anti-Monday style.

Tuesday 17

Some tough Tuesday tickets to choose between, as Grammy-winning geek-rockers **They Might Be Giants** play Belly Up with Dublin pub-folk band **Guggenheim Grotto**...local indie experimentalists **Tape Deck Mountain** will give up the *Ghost* at Soda Bar — a record-release thing for what could be San Diego's biggest surprise set yet. (Blogworld's licking its chops over TDM)...and Joel Gibb's big band **Hidden Cameras** will crowd the Casbah stage. Gibb calls the Canadian collective's song stylings "gay church folk music." Okay!

Wednesday 18

I'm pushing the ol' word count here, so real quick with the hump-night highlights: **Peter Bjorn and John**, **El Perro Del Mar**, and **Lights On** shine on House of Blues...Soda Bar taps **Joel P. West** and the **Tree Ring**...Disco **Biscuits** rise at 4th&B...**Municipal Waste** hits the curb at Casbah...Minnesota punx the **No No's** dial in at Radio Room...guitar guys **David Lindley**



TAPE DECK MOUNTAIN AT SODA BAR

and **John Hammond** furiously fret at Belly Up...and jazz trumpeter **Gilbert Castellanos** gives it a go at hipster digs Bar Pink. The guy's shows are always on my list of things to do when company comes to town. You know, for the discerning tourist. I'm out.

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Dave Mustaine says, "The NHRA [National Hot Rod Association] heard the song, and they loved it. They wanted to use it."

Megadeth's *Endgame* was released September 15 and features a song about drag racing. "1,320" kicks off with what sounds like a Top Fuel dragster.

"No," says Mustaine. "That's a nitro Funny Car. It's one class up from Top Fuel."

Born in La Mesa and on his own since the age of 15 ("my mom bailed on me"), Mustaine says he has been a diehard fan of the drags since he was a kid. "ESPN heard the song, and they want to use it, too. They asked if we'd be willing to play at a race or be part of a celebrity race, and I'm, like, 'Yes!'"

Dave Mustaine has a reputation as a bad boy of thrash metal, and his commentary has not been limited to his former bandmates in Metallica. He says that's all in the past. The musician once called the Red Devil by his Japanese fans is now clean, sober, and born-again. Megadeth may be darker and angrier than ever on record, but Mustaine has written a book (scheduled for release next year) that reflects the new Dave.

"What got me off before — being mean-spirited and stuff like that — it doesn't really make me feel good anymore. So I'm a little more conscientious about stuff that I say, if it's gonna really do damage to somebody or if it's gonna be..." He stops.

"Laughing with somebody is totally different than laughing at somebody, which is totally different from humiliating somebody. I can laugh at people, I can laugh with them, but I don't like humiliating people anymore. It's just not fun."

After helping launch Metallica in 1981 with his oft-copied guitar style, Mustaine was asked to leave the band under less-than-amicable terms

in 1983. Almost immediately after, he formed Megadeth. What followed was an impressive discography that included 1990's *Rust in Peace*, considered by many to be one of the best metal albums of all time. Mustaine lives with his family in Fallbrook.

TELL US YOUR GUITAR HISTORY.

"When I got my first guitar, I had jumped through somebody's window and stolen a copy of a Les Paul. I lived in Dana Point. I was a teenager at the time. I went to a luthier, and I bought a

Gibson sticker for five bucks. I stuck it on there, lacquered it on there, and buffed the hell out of it, and I played it for a long time. I ended up using it for a cocaine debt because I was being a crazy kid at the time." He says he tried B.C. Rich and ESP and Jackson guitars before ending up at Dean, the company that manufactures his current VMNT signature model.

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO NOW?

"You'd be really surprised what I listen to. I listen to K-WAVE [Christian music and talk] in my car. I listen to 95.7, the country channel; I listen to the jazz station here. That's basically what I listen to: jazz, the country channel, the faith channel. I like listening to NPR radio, too, because my life is based around the current events that are happening in our world. I'm a political singer — probably considered an activist, which I don't think I am — and I don't think I'm a political singer, but that's what I've been called."

TOP THREE ALBUMS OF ALL TIME?

"*Led Zeppelin IV*, the Beatles' *White Album*, and AC/DC's *Let There Be Rock*. That was one of the pivotal records in my life."



Dave Mustaine

FAVORITE LOCAL HANGOUT?

"I like the Hill Street Café [in Oceanside] for breakfast. That place has the best breakfasts in Southern California because it's organic, the service is great, and you can get some of my coffee served to you there." He chuckles. "My wife has a coffee company, and she has a product line for a couple of different celebrities, and I'm one of them."

BEST CONCERT?

"It was at the Led Zeppelin reunion at O2 [London, 2007]. I flew over, went and saw the concert, got food poisoning, and spent the entire night during the concert running up and down the steps. I was down... maybe 15 rows back from the stage so it was where all the friends and family were sitting. And I had to keep walking up and down the stairs and *blehh!* I got my Stairmaster workout in."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT NO ONE WOULD EVER GUESS?

"That I'm nice."

AS THE NUMBER-ONE-RATED GUITARIST IN JOEL MCIVER'S 100 GREATEST METAL GUITARISTS, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR BEGINNERS?

"Well, I'm number one for now, and although I'm honored, I gotta remember that gift came from God, and it's not my doing. I thought it was my doing, and when I had that nerve damage happen to my arm [in 2002], I was dead in the water. Couldn't play anymore. I didn't realize how much I identified my life with the guitar."

"Now, because I've had a chance to put things in perspective, I feel that I've had a pretty good wrestling bout with humility, and that's why, when it comes down to charts, I can honestly say 'for now.' There's so many people out there that are better than me. My advice would be simple: get a Dean, buy the amps that I use, play the strings and the picks that I use. And if you want me to help you, we're opening up an academy at my studio here for young kids, and we're going to give an opportunity in every class for an underprivileged kid to come in here. All I wanna see when we give some of these gift tuitions through the academy here is some good grades. I just want to see some kids who are gonna make San Diego a better place to live." ■

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Missy Andersen

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 7 pm • Chicago Blues
145th Street Blues Band

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Sunday, November 29
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Saturday, 7:30pm — Insane Clown Posse. Rock. \$25-\$35. 21 and up.
Wednesday — The Disco Biscuits. Dance/rock.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Peter Mulvey. Acoustic/folk. \$20.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Thursday, 7:30pm — The Gin Blossoms. With Mike Gardner. Alternative/rock. \$33.
Friday, 9:30pm — Chris Pierce. With Amber Rubarth. Jazz. \$16.

Friday, 7:30pm — Jon Mayer. With Rufus Reid and Roy McCurdy. Jazz. \$24.
Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm — Hiroshima. World. \$42.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Charles McPherson. Jazz. \$18.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
Thursday, 10pm — Lovers. With Blues Control and Weatherbox. Pop/rock. Free. 21 and up.
Friday, 10pm — Team Abraham. With Black Market. Pop/rock. Free. 21 and up.
Saturday, 9pm — Electric Tickle Machine. With DJs Mikey Face and Angie. Garage/pop. Free. 21 and up.
Sunday, 8pm — Lover! Pop. 21 and up.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.
Sunday — Bomba Estereo. Electronica/dub/hip-hop.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 9pm — The Raveonettes. Rock. \$18-\$20. 21 and up.
Friday, 9pm — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations. With guest. Reggae/roots/rock. \$13-\$15. 21 and up.
Saturday, 9pm — Keller Williams. Acoustic/funk/rock. \$20-\$22. 21 and up.
Sunday, 9pm — Pinback. With the Homosexuals. Indie/rock. \$18-\$20. 21 and up.
Monday, 8pm — A Fine Frenzy. With Landon Pigg and Among the Oak and Ash. Alternative. \$15-\$17. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 8pm — They Might Be Giants. Alternative/rock. \$25-\$27. 21

and up.
Wednesday, 8pm — David Lindley and John Hammond. Blues/folk/world. \$27-\$29. 21 and up.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-9300.
Thursday, 9pm — Zank. With Jesse LaMonaca and Donovan Nugent. Rock.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Friday, 7:30pm — Sore Eyes. With Trauma Deville, Her Bed of Thorns, and Dead Record. Rock. \$10. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8pm — JedX. With Authentic Sellout, the Love Jones, Backdrifter, and Band of Good Men. Alternative/punk/rock. \$7. 21 and up.
Sunday, 7pm — Divine Heresy. With Gigan, One Theory, and Under the Stone. Metal. \$15. 21 and up.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.
Friday, 8pm, *Saturday*, 8pm — Laguna.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Friday, 8:30pm — Buraka Som Sistema. Breakbeat. With Syndicate. Rock. \$20. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8:30pm — The Dutchess and the Duke. With Greg Ashley, Christmas Island, and Little Claw. Alternative/indie. \$10. 21 and up.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Russian Circles. With Red Sparowes and Young Widows. Indie/rock. \$15. 21 and up.
Monday, 8:30pm — Pinback. With Bellini and Nothingful. Indie/rock. \$20. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 8:30pm — The Hidden Cameras. With Gentleman Reg. Indie/pop. \$10-\$12. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Municipal

Waste. With Off With Their Heads, Phobia, and Cauldron. Metal/punk. \$14. 21 and up.

Chateau Orleans: 926 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744.
Friday, 6:30pm — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
Thursday, 6pm — The Rhythm Method. Rock.
Friday, 6pm — Restless Natives. Blues/reggae/rock.
Saturday, 3pm — Peter Hall. Blues/rock.
Saturday, 6pm — Eight Twenty Band. Latin/rock.
Sunday, 5pm — Jerome Dawson. Jazz.
Sunday, 2:30pm — Red Lane. Blues/rock.
Wednesday, 6pm — Northstar. Classic rock.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — Zone 4. Covers/rock.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Dr., Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Thursday, 7:30pm — The Rebecca Kleinmann Sextet. Jazz "flavored with tango, flamenco, Gypsy, and Brazilian compositions." \$10.
Friday, 8pm — Jaeryoung Lee. With Bob Magnusson and Kevin Koch. Jazz. \$10-\$15.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Daniel Jackson. With Marshall Hawkins, Mark Nielson, Edward Williams, David Moseby, Sharon Dubois, and Lashaun Lothridge. Jazz. \$10.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Joel Forrester. Joined by Claire Daly, Bert Turetzky, and Duncan Moore. \$10-\$15.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687.
Thursday, 6pm — Chet and the Committee. Open blues jam. Free.

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Friday, 6pm — The Willovelot Band. Blues/soul. Free.

Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa.
Friday, 8pm — Paradigm. With karaoke. Covers/pop/rock. \$10.

Friendly Grounds Coffee House: 9225 Carlton Hills Bl., Santee, 619-249-0519.
Friday, 7pm — Tom Smerk. Acoustic/folk/rock.

Galley at the Marina: 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714.
Saturday, 8pm — Joey and the Sting Rays. Blues/country/rock.

Gordon Biersch Brewery: 5010 Mission Center Rd., Mission Valley, 619-688-1120.
Friday, 8pm — Genius of Soul. Hip-hop/soul. Free.

The Harp: 4935 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168.
Tuesdays, 7pm — Chet and the Committee. Blues. Free. 21 and up.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
Friday, 8pm — Superfreaks. Covers/pop.
Saturday, 6pm — Vietnamese Show. World. \$35-\$55. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8pm — Tyghtship. R&B/soul.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 5500 Grossmont Center Dr., La Mesa, 619-713-6900.
Friday, 9pm — Tony Cummins. World. Free.
Saturday, 9pm — The Stilletes. Rockabilly/roots/jazz. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Thursday, 7pm — Saul Williams. Hip-hop/rap. \$17. 21 and up.
Thursday, 8pm — Third Eye Blind. Alternative/rock. \$35-\$37. 21 and up.
Friday, 8pm — Suicidal Tendencies. With Sprung Monkey and Good Guys in Black. Punk. \$25-\$27. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8pm — Julian Plenti. With I'm in You. Pop/rock. \$12-\$22. 21 and up.
Sunday, 3pm — Selena Gomez. Pop. \$25-\$30.
Sunday, 7:30pm — G.W.A.R. With Job for a Cowboy and the Red Chord. Metal/rock. \$19-\$22.
Wednesday, 8pm — Peter Bjorn & John. Indie/new wave/pop. \$20.

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By Cesar Esquer Diaz, Nov. 8, 2009

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By Matthew Tambino, Nov. 5, 2009

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By Neal Bach, Nov. 6, 2009

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

When the **Raveonettes'** Facebook account announced the release of their new album *In and Out of Control* last month, one disillusioned fan commented, "I don't know how you went from *Lust Lust Lust* to this album." I know what he meant, but I don't think it's that hard to understand what happened. The Raveonettes like to organize their albums around concepts, and the concept behind the new album didn't appeal to this particular fan.

The Danish duo of **Sune Rose Wagner** and **Sharin Foo** recorded their first couple of albums with lots of guitar feedback and all the songs in one key (B-flat minor on the

first, B-flat major on the second). For the third album, *Pretty in Black*, Wagner and Foo shelved the feedback and indulged their love of '50s and '60s pop. The feedback returned with a vengeance on *Lust Lust Lust*, but this time songwriter Wagner combined it with lyrics that were personal meditations about good drugs and bad love. It is the best album of their career so far.

In and Out of Control is partly a return to *Pretty in Black* territory, but this time songwriter Wagner tries to wed the sunny pop sounds to the after-midnight concerns of *Lust Lust Lust*. In practice, this means Wagner and Foo do a lot of sweet harmonizing about suicide and overdoses. It's not a bad idea, but the personal angle is missing and many of the songs feel underdeveloped. One song, "Boys Who Rape (Should All Be Destroyed)"...well,



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it should have been destroyed. Still, the Raveonettes prove they've still got it when they forget about the concept for a minute and just rock out.

RAVEONETTES: *Belly Up*, Thursday, November 12, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$18; \$20 day of show.

Saturday, 7pm — Dawn Mitschele. Acoustic. \$10.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Does anybody remember Lost Sounds from Memphis? Cheery tunes, dark themes, noteworthy members. Alicja Trout played in the Clears; Jay Reatard and **Rich Crook** both came from the post-punk thrash band the Reatards. In 1999, Lost Sounds made '70s garage rock that sounded better than the original. Crook played bass at first but switched to drums (he also drummed for the Reatards). When Lost Sounds dissolved, Crook moved to Chicago with his new band **Lover!** and left drums for lead guitar and vocals. He's like the indie version of Dave Grohl, the Foo Fighter singer-guitarist who first came to fame as Kurt Cobain's drummer. Crook, like

Grohl, says he played guitar long before he learned drums. When he formed Lover! and assigned himself the duties of front man, he says, "I expected to catch hell, but nobody really said anything."

Crook says that Lover! was the result of "being in a miserable job." While he was between bands, Crook was an oil rigger on a platform in the Gulf of Mexico. "I started writing songs in my head," he says. "I wrote a whole album, which for me was ten songs." Having nothing to write on while laying pipe, Crook was forced to commit everything to memory. "I had to keep the radio playing in my head," he says of his songs. "I had to hum them out. I couldn't let it stop." He transcribed his mental notes during after-hours in his bunk and recorded his power-pop masterpieces whenever he got shore leave.

No longer a roughneck, Crook says he still



LOVER!

sometimes writes music in his head. "My songs come from a lot of ridiculous shit," such as when a hook from a bad song gets stuck in your head. "I felt like I should be doing something with that."

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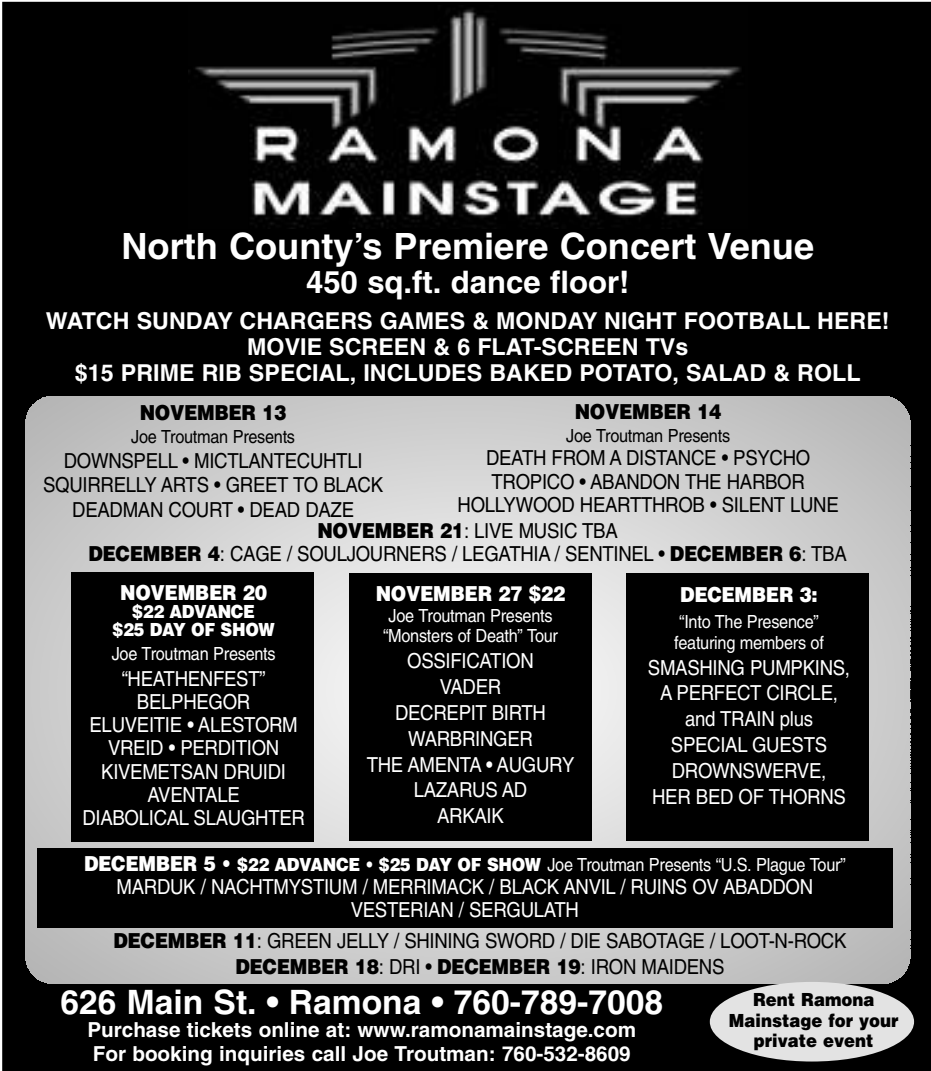
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November 22 — T-Fox & the Fox City Band and Hank Easton.
November 23 — Chet Cannon's Blue Monday Blues Party.
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The Fountain

CD Review
by Robert Duffy

Liverpool's Echo and the Bunnymen present their 11th studio album, *The Fountain*, which is their fifth since reforming in 1997. In a career spanning 30 years, singer Ian McCulloch states that this one's the band's best since *Ocean Rain*. No small

claim, as on that record's release in 1984, McCulloch declared *Ocean Rain* to be "the greatest album ever made."

Although using the Bunnymen name, the band is half of the original lineup. Drummer Pete de Freitas died in a motorcycle crash before their re-formation, and bassist Les Pattison bailed out after '97s *Evergreen*, leaving frontman McCulloch and guitarist Will Sergeant to carry the flag.

The Fountain's highlights include single "I Think I Need It Too," which displays McCulloch's classic baritone and knack for a catchy chorus and Sergeant's unique guitar tone. A surprise gem is "Proxy," venturing away from the band's usual sound with a piano-pop song, complete with "whoa-oh-oh" backup. The record's coda is "The Idolness of Gods," which finishes the record on a high note. "Gods" is a dynamic piano ballad over which McCulloch croons a lithe vocal in hushed tones.

The Fountain is not not the second-greatest record ever made but shimmering reverb from their former selves.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Monsters of Folk: Scary Good

Concert Review
by Julia Bemiss

The curtain rose at Spreckels Theatre and the guys onstage, in suits and ties, got down to the business of folk-rocking out.

Monsters of Folk is Conor Oberst and Mike Mogis of Bright Eyes, Jim James of My Morning Jacket, and M. Ward. Despite the band members' disparate music styles, the Monsters create a cohesive sound that's so seamless it's scary.

The set list included several songs from the band's self-titled debut album, including the breathtaking "Dear God (Sincerely, M.O.F.)," the driving "Say Please," and the old-time-y "The Sandman, the Brakeman, and Me," as well as selections from each band member's catalog.

Ward, James, Mogis, and Oberst switched among acoustic, electric, and bass guitars to piano and synthesizers throughout the evening, with Mogis throwing mandolin, steel guitar, and theremin into the mix.

It was sonically and visually thrilling to experience such masterful musicianship in so streamlined a fashion for over three hours, so much so it almost seemed businesslike in its execution. Unsurprising, considering these Monsters of Folk are pros. And they've got the duds to prove it.



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November 21 — The Eben Brooks Band.
December 3 — Marcus Foster.

Neurosciences Institute: 10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Jolla.
November 20 — Trio Pa su Mecha.
Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
November 19 — Julio Iglesias.

PianoSD.com: 1233 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley.
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November 28 — Impending Doom and Oh Sleeper.
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La Costa Grill: Every day, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$4 wells, house wines, \$1 off call & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

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Twenty/20 Bar & Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

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Fuddruckers: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine. Saturday, 10pm-midnight: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm; 10pm-midnight: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria. 1/2-off seafood bar and appetizers.

Horton's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine, \$7 margaritas/cosmopolitans; \$7 potato skins/mozzarella sticks; \$7.50 nachos grande/buffalo wings.

The Local: Monday, 4pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. \$6 burgers. Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. \$3 lobster/fish tacos. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. Saturday, 8-10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

O'Brothers: Every day, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$5 glass of wine. \$7 sliders with fries.

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

RA Sushi: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; \$1 hot sake, \$2 domestics, \$3 wells, imports, \$4 specialty cocktails and wine, \$5 Kinn with sake.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

Stage Saloon: Every day, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 premium pints, \$4 wells, \$5 cosmo, appetini, margarita; 1/2-price appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, till 6pm: \$3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer, \$4 wells, Bloody Mary, \$5 mimosa.

Suite & Tender: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: Monday-Saturday, 3-8pm: All drinks two for one.

Tivoli Bar: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine. \$2 off appetizers.

EAST VILLAGE

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday-Saturday, 11pm-close: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

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EL CAJON

Flinn Springs Inn: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells. Saturday, 5-9pm: \$14.99 prime rib dinner. Sunday, 4-9pm: Kids eat free.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

ENCINITAS

When in Rome: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: 2-for-1 on all wines by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, 12-4pm: \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or 2 Louisiana hot links + bag of chips. 12-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. All day: \$1 off sir-loin steaks, surf and turf.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, \$4 house margaritas, wells. \$5 appetizers.

HILLCREST

Bangkok Thai Bistro: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer & appetizers.

Café Bleu: Every day, 3-7pm: \$5 wines, specialty cocktails, \$6.50 specialty martinis, food specials.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 Bud Light on tap, \$3 wells. Saturday-Sunday, 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Churasan: Monday, 5-8pm: \$4 large Japanese beers. \$3 appetizers. Monday night football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. Tuesday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$4 large Japanese beers. \$3 appetizers. Sunday, Sunday football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer.

Shogun Kobe Teppan Steak & Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm (sushi bar only): 30% off sushi and rolls (excludes sea urchin, giant clam, toro & cocktails). 30% off sake and beer.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Kensington Cafe: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

Kensington Vine: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine. \$5 appetizers.

LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.

La Jolla Brew House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, house drafts. \$4 house wine. \$5 premiums.

La Jolla Rancherita: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$2.50 domestics, \$2.75 imports.

Roppongi: Every day, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

The Shack Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Steakhouse at Azul: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beers, \$2 off all wines by the glass, \$6 Appletinis, Lemon Drops, Cosmopolitans, margaritas. 1/2-off all lounge, patio appetizers.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells; 1/2-off appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Whaling Bar & Grill: Monday, 4-7pm: \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails. 4-10pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. Tuesday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails. Sunday, 12-10pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. 4-7pm: \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

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LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: *Monday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: *Monday*, \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, premium beer \$3.50/pint. *Saturday*, \$3 Bloody Marys. *Sunday*, \$3 mimosas.

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: *Friday*, 10pm-close: \$2 wells, all drafts.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 cocktails, beer, shots. *Saturday-Sunday*, \$12 Bionic Beavers, \$2.50 kamikazes, \$8 Bud/Bud Light pitchers.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Every day*, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Wednesday*, \$3 wells, beer, house wine.

All American Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

The Little Fish Market Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm, 8:30-close: \$4.25 fish tacos, \$3.75 spicy tuna roll, \$4.50 Cajun shrimp skewers, more.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

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Crazee Burger: *Every day*, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Lips: *Sunday*, \$5 homojitos. \$10 build-your-own tacos.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Monday-Thursdays*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. *Friday-Sunday*, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

Toronado: *Monday*, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

True North: *Monday*, 12pm-close: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Tuesday-Saturday*, 12pm-7pm: \$1 off all beer,

wine, spirits. *Sunday*, 7pm-close: Industry Night, \$3 calls.

West Coast Tavern: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 each for 5 menu items.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. \$2.50 tacos, \$5.25 nachos or wings. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10am-3pm: \$2.50 mimosas. \$5 Manmosas. \$4 screwdrivers, tequila sunrises, greyhounds.

Portugalia: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine; \$4-\$10 food specials.

The Vine: *Every day*, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.

OCEANSIDE

The Flying Bridge: *Every day*, 4pm-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: *Tuesday*, 4-7pm: \$2 cans of Tecate.

OLD TOWN

Wine Cabana: *Monday*, till close: \$5 off Malbec. *Tuesday*, till 7pm: 1/2-price appetizers. *Wednesday*, Girl's Night Out: complimentary chocolate fondue. *Thursday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, 1/2-price appetizers. *Friday*, Cabana Magic Show (usually monthly). *Saturday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, disco with DJ & PJ. *Sunday*, till close: \$4 Sangria, live jazz at 5pm.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Monday-Thursdays*, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. *Friday*, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Two fish tacos for \$7.10. *Saturday-Sunday*, 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

Costa Brava: *Every day*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursdays*, *Sunday*, \$6 pitchers.

Hennessey's Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$1 off house wine, wells, \$3 well shot/\$4 call shot, \$5 drink specials. *Saturday-Sunday*, till 1pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: *Monday-Thursdays*, *Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

The Boathouse: *Every day*, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Monday*, 4-7pm: \$4 calls. *Tuesday*, *Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 pints. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm: \$4 Jäger bombs. *Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$4 Jäger bombs. *Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 calls. *Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$5 Long Island/Long Beach.



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Cavaillon: *Monday-Thursdays*, *Sunday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off glass of wine. \$19.95 two-course menu.

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SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 8am-11am: \$1.50 drafts, wells.

SOLANA BEACH

The Fish Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-9:30pm: \$3.50 wells, discounted beer & wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadilla. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells,

discounted beer & wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadilla.

Pacific Coast Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: *Every day*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Every day*, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine. \$5 appetizers.



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Gobble Well

It's starting to become a new tradition: celebrating Thanksgiving with "dinner out" or with home dinners utilizing restaurant takeout. More and more restaurants have jumped on this cash, uh, turkey. The list below begins with some takeout options for tackling the feast. Then comes a longer list featuring restaurants known for good food, plus some that sound like special fun. By the way, if you're looking for dark-meat turkey as well as breast, most buffets carve whole birds; wherever possible we've included this detail for sit-down dinners as well.

Nearly every restaurant open for T-Day is also likely to serve meals on Christmas Eve or Day, New Year's, Easter, Mom's Day, Songkran, Divali, Eid al-Fitr, and Yom Kippur. (When the fast's finished, folks feel famished!) So clip and save this article if you're looking ahead to eat out on future holidays.

Reserve your T-Day choice today, if not yesterday. Some restaurants may be fully booked already. Many require a credit card number, which may be charged if you're a no-show.

The restaurants listed below are arranged by geographical area, so you need not drive vast distances drowsing from turkey tryptophan. At the end of the detailed list, you'll find groups of restaurants (that I can't vouch for personally) appealing to specific needs and tastes. Most large hotels (check the Yellow Pages), resorts, and gambling casinos also offer Thanksgiving dinners. If you're stuck in a restaurant-starved region, many casual-dining chains serve holiday dinners of their customary quality. (According to a recent *Consumer Reports* survey, Mimi's, with many local branches, is among its readers' favorites of this ilk.)

Prices quoted below do not include tip, tax, or beverages. "Kiddie prices" generally apply to ages 5–12 (sometimes 3–11). Rug rats usually eat free. Most prices are for multicourse meals or all-you-can-eat buffets, but a few are for à la carte entrées only.



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TAKE-HOME FARE

Take-out options range from buying side dishes and desserts, to purchasing a turkey that's more savory than a supermarket-roasted bird, on up to the entire meal. Choices include:

Authentic Flavors, 7004 Carroll Road, Miramar, 858-404-0606. Free-range turkey dinner, \$200 to serve 8–10, \$300 for 12–15. Turkey

only, \$75–\$125. Trimmings only, no turkey, \$200 to serve up to 15. Preorder up to November 20, pick up in Miramar, or get delivery for \$50 more.

Barnes BBQ, 7820 Broadway (at Lemon Grove Avenue), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. BYO bird: Tote a fully thawed raw turkey to the BBQ, and they'll smoke-cook it for you for \$1.25 per pound. (They do this for Christmas, too.) Call no later than November 23 to reserve your smoking time. You can pick it up on Wednesday, along with yummy sides of cornbread, pies, veggies, etc.

D.Z. Akin's, 6930 Alvarado Road, off 70th Street/Lake Murray Boulevard, San Diego, 619-265-0218. Turkey and trimmings, plus breads, rolls, pastries, for pickup on Wednesday. Call day-times for details and prices; order as soon as possible.

Indigo to Go, 1536 India Street (Cedar), San Diego, 619-234-6802. Butternut-squash soup, corn pud-

ding, and Indian bread pudding to go, in oven-ready reheatable containers. Order before November 22, pick up Tuesday or Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Magnolias, Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid Avenue (off Market Street), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. A soul-satisfying Cajun-Creole dinner is yours for \$199 (to feed 10–12), or you can just pick up desserts, such as pecan pie. Call by November 20 to reserve dinner; pick it up hot on T-day.

Mardi Gras Café and Marketplace, 3185 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. Cajun-style marinated deep-fried turkey, \$5 per pound (\$4 per pound if you BYO thawed bird), pick up on Wednesday or early Thursday. Order up to two days before. They can also furnish tasty Louisiana-style side dishes.

Pamplemousse (see North Coast). Gourmet takeout dinners available to pick up on T-Day from this famed destination at \$50 per person for a full meal. Call at least two days before T-day, minimum order for six persons (\$300).

St. Tropez Bakery and Bistro, 858-404-0606. You can get the whole megillah, including roast free-range turkey to feed 8–10 for \$199, or to feed 12–15 at \$299, with all the trimmings and choice of house-baked pies. Turkey alone, \$75 (for 8–10) or \$125 (for 12–15); sides also available separately. Order 72 hours in advance, pick up Wednesday or Thursday at the Miramar location, or get delivery for \$50.

Savory (see North Coast). Take-home dinner serving 15–16 people for \$250, including a roast turkey with all the trimmings and dessert. Whole turkey alone is \$90, a half-gobbler is \$45, side dishes available à la carte. Order by Sunday night, pick up on T-Day.

Whole Foods Market, locations in Hillcrest (619-294-2800) and La Jolla (858- 642-6700) offers full Thanksgiving meals, available for ordering starting November 10, at live stands in the stores, in-store automated kiosks, or over the internet. (Free tasting in Hillcrest, November 14, noon to 3:00.) Get a natural turkey dinner for six (starting at \$100, more for larger groups), a ham dinner, or the turkey-less trimmings for six for \$45. Whole meals for one person (turkey, ham, or vegan) also available. Partly cooked whole natural turkeys are \$3.99 lb., or \$7.99 lb. for organic birds. Pickup available on Wednesday 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. and Thanksgiving Day 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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EAT-OUT FEASTS

North Coast

Arterra, San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-369-6032. Three-course prix-fixe dinner with fresh farm-to-table produce, several choices including boned, smoked free-range turkey roulade (light and dark meat together), sized to give diners nice doggie bags, \$40, kids \$20, 3:00–7:00 p.m.

Dining Room at the Inn, the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1131. Huge buffet in beautiful setting, \$60, kids \$24, under 5 free, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800 for all restaurants. Buffets at Argyle Cafe (on golf course) 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. and California Bistro 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., \$85, kids \$42.50; the Bistro offers kids’ activities and optional kiddie buffet table. Vivace Restaurant, deluxe four-course menu, \$75, kids \$38, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Grand Del Mar, 5200 Grand Del Mar Way, Carmel Valley, 858-314-2000. Addison: four courses, \$98, no kiddie price, 2:00–8:00 p.m. Amaya: three-course meal noon–9:00 p.m., \$65, \$90 with matched wines, \$25 kids. La Capella: brunch buffet (a staffer-mom’s favorite), \$85, \$25 kids, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Kitchen 1540 at L’Auberge Del Mar, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. In newly renovated setting, chef Paul McCabe’s three-course prix-fixe dinner, several selections including dark- and light-meat turkey, \$54, kids \$24, noon–8:00 p.m.

Mille Fleurs, 6009 Paseo Del-

cias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. Chef Martin Woessle’s four-course dinner includes dark- and light-meat turkey, \$55, plus à la carte choices, 1:30–7:00 p.m.

Pacifica Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Chef Chris Idso’s three-course dinner, choice of entrées, \$38 (for turkey) up to \$49, kids \$15, 1:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Pamplemousse Grille, 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. Chef Jeffrey Straus’s magnificent four-course dinner with choice of entrées (turkey is breast only), \$55, kids \$25, 2:00–7:00 p.m.

Rancho Valencia, 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Four-course meal from hotsy-totsy new chef, with several entrée choices, including whole roast turkey, in beautiful surroundings, \$75, kids half-price, toddlers less, noon–8:30 p.m.

Red Tracton’s, 550 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-755-6600. Reserve early — fills up! Traditional Thanksgiving dinner \$31 per person (including dark meat); whole turkey carved at table for \$36 per person (\$27 kids) for tables of four or more (reserve five days ahead), seatings at 2:00, 4:30, 7:00 p.m.

Savory, 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef Pascal Vignau’s three-course meal with choice of entrées, \$39.50–\$46, 11:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m., including dark- and light-meat turkey; à la carte regular menu available after 3:30 p.m.

333 Pacific, 333 North Pacific, Oceanside, 760-433-3333, three-course prix fixe \$50, \$70

with matched wines, kids \$14; mushroom-stuffed turkey breast roulade and five other choices, seaside view, 1:00–7:00 p.m.

North Inland

Bernard’O, 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Taste-ful live music, lovely room, super-chef Patrick Ponsaty’s à la carte menu (\$20–\$28 entrées), 1:30–7:30 p.m.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500. Aragon Ballroom buffet brunch, \$55, kids \$25 (including free pony rides and petting zoo!) to age 14, a famously lavish spread, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Veranda Bar and Grille, 858-675-8555, three-course meal, dark turkey by request, \$46, kids \$25, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. El Bizcocho, four courses, \$75 adult, \$110 with matching wines, kids \$25, 2:00–8:00 p.m. **Wild Animal Park, Nairobi Pavilion**, 760-738-5055 (call 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Buffet dinner \$40, kids \$15 (age 3–11), seatings at noon and 3:00 p.m. Reservations required. Free entry for members; nonmembers pay regular park admission.

La Jolla and Golden Triangle Adobe Restaurant at Estancia La Jolla, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-550-1000. À la carte breakfast 6:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Brunch 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., with optional free-range turkey entrée. Three-course prix fixe, \$48 (kiddie price TBA), 4:00–11:00 p.m. **A.R. Valentien**, Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. Chef Jeff Jackson’s

three-course holiday dinner with four options for every course (including dark meat), beautiful setting, \$75, kids \$30, noon–9:00 p.m.

George’s at the Cove, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. À la carte menu of chef Trey Foshee’s seasonal specials in the dining room, entrées mainly \$30 and up; more casual, moderately priced menu in George’s Bar, 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m., or lunch on the Ocean Terrace, 11:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Buffets at Ocean View Terrace, Whaling Bar, Mediterranean Room, seatings at 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, \$75 adults, \$28 kids. Sky Room four-course prix fixe \$95, 5:00 p.m. (later seating sold out); à la carte lunch 11:00–2:00, including \$42 turkey entrée (light and dark).

Marine Room, 2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-7222. Chef Bernard Guillas’s à la carte holiday menu with a close-up ocean view and adventurous cuisine; turkey breast entrée \$31, noon–7:00 p.m.

Nine-Ten, Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb’s three-course Thanksgiving menu with a choice of entrées including light and dark turkey, \$52, kids \$18, 3:00–8:00 p.m.

Sante, 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. Regular menu with T-Day specials at local Italian favorite, à la carte three courses about \$40 including roast turkey entrée, 11:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

The Shores, 8110 Camino del Oro (at Avenida de la Playa), La Jolla, 858-456-0600. Newly

upgraded food and wine overlooking beach, with buffet \$41, \$19 kids 7–12, or \$3 per year; optional kid-station buffet, 10:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Torreyana Grille, Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Lavish holiday buffet, \$58 including glass of champagne, kids \$20, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Beaches

Atoll at Catamaran Resort, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-539-8635. Brunch buffet, live music, \$43 adults, kids \$21, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. with free sternwheeler cruises until 5:45.

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach, 858-539-7635. Champagne brunch buffet and live music in ballroom, \$40, kids \$20, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., with free sternwheeler cruises.

Baleen, Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road, Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Hot new chef’s buffet in charming indoor-outdoor resort bedecked with monkey-theme decor, bay-side firepits, \$68, kids \$28, noon–7:00 p.m. Casual, lower-priced Barefoot Bar and Grill, 858-274-4630, serving an à la carte menu including turkey entrée; call for details.

Humphrey’s by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Champagne brunch with a marina view and live jazz, \$50, kids \$17, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Island Prime/C-Level Lounge, 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Chef Deborah Scott’s three-course menu in scenic bayside setting, six choices (including turkey breast), \$50, kids \$13. 1:00–7:00

p.m. **Jordan (JRDN)**, 4551 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. À la carte brunch 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (usual dishes); indoor-outdoor oceanside dinner, three courses, \$45, kids \$25, 3:00–8:00 p.m.

Red Marlin, Hyatt Hotel, 1441 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-221-4810. Buffet \$42, kids \$21 (with optional special kiddie buffet) in scenic indoor-outdoor waterside venue, 4:00–9:00 p.m. Ask for parking directions when reserving or face long walk from front entrance. **Thee Bungalow**, 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. Three-course dinner in cozy cottage, four entrée choices (including turkey breast, duck), \$50, kids \$15, 1:00–8:00 p.m.

Mission Valley and the Mesas

94th Aero Squadron, 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. Traditional buffet including one glass of champagne in a fab faux-farmhouse with airport view, \$29, kids \$14, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

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El Fandango, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, 2734 Calhoun Street, Old Town, 619-298-2860. Whole turkey and trimmings, \$23 per person for four or more, \$15 kids, you take home the leftovers; singles and smaller groups get entrée plates for \$23 each, noon–7:00 p.m.



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Spudlicious

“They were called ‘American Fries’ by the first owners in 1983.”

Encinitas. Hour to kill before the Coaster. Spotted these giant ficus trees. They’re the kind you see in *National Geographic*, strangling ancient cities. Then I noticed a little ol’ building huddled under them, and a sign.

“The Potato Shack.”

Huh. Potatoes. I was jes’ hearing they can actually be good for you. As good as broccoli or Brussels sprouts, if you eat ’em right, meaning, *with* skin and *sans* gunk. Packed with vitamin C, B6, high fiber. Plus they’re *from* here, and from Central and South America. Locals have been doing fine eating them for — can you believe? — 7000 years. Baked, skin on, and with, say, olive oil or roasted garlic, they’re a health plus.

I come in past Spuds — the little potato mascot, flanked by a big Stars and Stripes and a red Marine flag — and look for a seat inside ’cause it’s a little chilly on the sidewalk today. Inside’s crowded. Bunch of firemen just about fill one room. The other has patches of everybody, from church guys yakking about how non-Bible songs are creeping into their services, to surfers gathering after a morning on the waves, to this bunch of gals united by one fact: they all have 14-year-old daughters. Lots of laffs.

“How ’bout here?” says Chris, one of the two waitresses. She sits me at a tree trunk. Okay, it’s a table made of a two-inch-thick polished slice of a redwood trunk. Beautiful. She leaves a menu. I order coffee (\$2.25, unlimited refills), then start reading. At 9:00 in the morning, we’re talking breakfast. Even so, I was all set to order a simple, healthy baked potato with garlic when this guy nearby opens up. “Best chicken-fried steak I’ve had, honest!” he calls to

Tracy, the other waitress. “Twice as thick as other places. And I’m from Fresno.”

I search the menu, and there it is, under Specialty Breakfasts. “A” is a choice of top sirloin steak, chicken breast, chicken-fried steak, or two pork chops. All come with two eggs, a pancake or toast, and “American Fries,” \$10.75. “B” is two strips of bacon, one sausage patty, two eggs, fries, and toast (\$7.75).

And “C” is one pancake or two slices of french toast with two eggs, two strips of bacon or one sausage patty (\$7.75). You can replace toast with biscuits and gravy for \$1.50 more.

I signal Chris. “I’ll have the chicken-fried steak with steamed eggs and squaw-bread toast...and American Fries.”

The hell of it is, the menu says the “Plain American Fries are all-you-can-eat! Just ask for seconds!” Also — this is so cool — “At the Potato Shack you can split ANY order at no charge!”

There were plenty of other breakfast possibilities, like three-egg omelets starting at \$6.50 and “Man Hole Cover Size Pancakes” — \$5 for plain, with, like, blueberry or chocolate chip for a couple more bucks. Spuds get a whole page, starting with American Fries. “We dice red potatoes fresh daily, boil, cool, then sauté until golden brown in canola oil that’s cholesterol-free,” unless you want them deep-fried, and you can get that, too. It’s \$5 for a plain plateful (with unlimited refills). Sweet potato fries go for \$6.75. Then, at a buck-20 each, you can add everything from pepper-jack cheese to broccoli to sausage gravy.

Hmm...I ask Chris to add mushrooms and feta cheese to my fries.

It’s a nice, warm place, with some walls

painted butter-yellow and others paneled with dark varnished timber. Military paintings hang above the booths. One is of the first USS *Constellation* (painted for its bicentenary, 1797–1997), all sails set. Another shows the *Enola Gay*, the bomber that dropped the first atom bomb on Hiroshima.

They have painted wooden hanging signs, too: “Do you want to talk to the man in charge, or to the woman who knows what’s going on?” “Children left unattended and running will be towed away at the owner’s expense.”

So, yes, I blow the health thing. But this is one helluva breakfast. The steak smothers the American Fries, the country gravy smothers the breaded steak, and the eggs mess in great. It’s tender, tasty, and plentiful, just as the gent from Fresno said. Plus, those mushrooms and feta certainly tang up my, uh...American Fries? Wow. Wonder if this is part of that “freedom fries” kerfuffle from back in ’03, when the French opposed the Iraq attack.

But, no. “They were called ‘American Fries’ by the first owners in 1983,” says Scott, who’s wandering among his customers. “We just kept the name.” He and his dad Jim are co-owners. “Dad bought it in 1988.” Jim, who coaches high



Scott

school football these days, was a Marine officer in the Vietnam era (that explains the flag outside), and he swore only one thing when he got out: that he’d never buy a restaurant.

Don’t know why, but I leave feeling charged with energy. Blame the potatoes? Who knows, maybe they’re gonna be the new açai.” ■

The Place: *The Potato Shack, 120 West I Street, Encinitas, 760-436-1282*

Type of Food: *American*

Prices: *top sirloin breakfast steak, two eggs, pancake or toast, “American Fries,” \$10.75; chicken breast, chicken-fried steak, or two pork chops with same sides, \$10.75; two strips of bacon, sausage patty, two eggs, fries, and toast, \$7.75; pancake or two slices of french toast, two eggs, two bacon or one sausage patty, \$7.75; three-egg omelet, fries, toast, \$6.50; “Man Hole Cover”—size pancakes, \$5, plain; blueberry, chocolate chip, \$6.25; American Fries, \$5 (unlimited refills); sweet potato fries, \$6.75; baked potato, \$4.50; California chicken lunch sandwich, \$9.50; mahi mahi sandwich, \$9.25; Tuscan salad with teriyaki chicken, \$9.50*

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 <p>50% off frozen yogurt</p> <p>Buy one frozen yogurt and get one of equal or lesser value 50% off. Toppings not included. No stamp cards.</p> <p>5131 College Ave. College Area 619-286-4200</p> <p>5664 Mission Center Rd. Mission Valley 619-295-9648</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>Paradise Yogurt</p>	 <p>50% off Nigiri & Sushi rolls</p> <p>23 Nigiri and 36 sushi rolls to choose from!</p> <p>9869 Carmel Mountain Rd. San Diego 858-484-5300</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>SUSHIMANA Sushihaus</p>	 <p>One free entrée</p> <p>Up to \$10.99. Purchase one adult entrée with two beverages and receive one adult entrée of equal or lesser value free.</p> <p>3805 N. La Jolla Village Dr. Oceanside 760-630-1551</p> <p>2855 Midway Dr. San Diego 619-224-3347</p> <p>355 N. Escondido Blvd. Escondido 760-741-2568</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>Sizzler</p>	 <p>50% off any entrée</p> <p>Buy one entrée and get a second entrée for 50% off.</p> <p>14727 Pomerado Road Poway 858-748-2445</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>CHICKEN PIT DINER Chicken Pit Diner & Filling Station</p>
 <p>Free lunch or dinner</p> <p>With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value & 2 beverages. Up to a \$10 value. Not valid on holidays. One coupon per table. Not valid with any other offers.</p> <p>10330 Friars Rd. #105 San Diego 619-280-4048</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>Jade Thai Cuisine</p>	 <p>Buy two, get one free sushi roll</p> <p>Anytime!</p> <p>12245 Poway Rd. Poway 858-391-3080</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>Izumi Izumi Sushi • Grill • Sake Bar</p>	 <p>Free 6" Sub</p> <p>Purchase any 6" or larger sub, salad or wrap at regular menu price and get a second 6" sub of equal or lesser value FREE! Not valid with any other discounts. One coupon per customer.</p> <p>12233 Poway Road Poway 858-486-7827</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>SAN DIEGO SUBS & SALADS</p>	 <p>\$1 off buffet</p> <p>Limit one per customer.</p> <p>9187 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego 858-874-3663</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>VILLAGE INDIAN CUISINE</p>
 <p>One free entrée</p> <p>Buy one entrée and two beverages and get the second entrée of equal or lesser value FREE. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per table. Excludes lunch specials.</p> <p>6618 Mission Gorge Rd. San Diego 619-584-6461</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>MR. CHICK</p>	 <p>Free entrée</p> <p>Buy one breakfast, lunch or dinner and get a second of equal or lesser value free.</p> <p>1466 Garnet Ave. Pacific Beach 858-270-4030</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>RT's Longboard Grill</p>	 <p>One free yogurt</p> <p>With purchase of yogurt of equal or greater value. Not valid with any other offer.</p> <p>153 N. Highway 101 Solana Beach 858-345-1451</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>Deserted Island Yogurt & More</p>	 <p>One free lunch</p> <p>with purchase of another lunch item and two drinks.</p> <p>1688 S. Melrose Dr. Vista 760-727-2212</p> <p>Expires 11/9/09 • Coupon code: G1FSD8</p> <p>Kabob Culture Kabob Culture</p>

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Alpine

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Rd., Alpine, 619-445-9902. Tasteful, ambitious little trattoria with scenic patio dining. The pizzas are outstanding with airy, silken crusts. Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. Expensive.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico. Big Boy Restaurant Boulevard Agua Caliente #9892, Tijuana, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food and big gringo breakfasts, this Big Boy knock-off draws a cross-section of Baja's big shots. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. La Espadaña Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Tijuana, 664-634-1488. This place does great oven-cooked leg of lamb, tasting like wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its juices with oregano. Terrific flame-grilled beefsteaks, too. Moderate. Mercado Sobre Ruedas Colonia Lucio Blanco (from Tijuana, on toll

road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third), Rosarito. This huge flea market materializes every Sunday (morning to mid-afternoon); food booths offer a carnival of authentic dishes like barbecued mutton, savory Jalisco-style goat stew, street tacos. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Tijuana. Kid for breakfast? You scoop the juices and meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey — like deer or buffalo. Inexpensive. El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 664-686-5640. Steak haven with Old West decor. Entrée price includes soup of roast beef juices, beans, a quesadilla, a salad, two botana (snack) plates, and a beef-liver medley with any cut of steak you want. Or try the parrillada, a multi-meat BBQ sizzling on a tabletop grill. Inexpensive to low-moderate. Tacos el Francés Paseo de Playas de Tijuana #2553, Tijuana. Cisco the cook flaps the cloth open, pulls a tongue out, plonks it on the chopping block. Chop chop chop. Your first cow-tongue quesadilla? Inexpensive. Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252 (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Tijuana, 664-686-1560. Smoke-free, lacto-ovo-vegetarian haven, making their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, salsas, and wheat-gluten-free fake meats. Wonderful juices, breakfast scrambles, excellent soups like the filling caldo tlalpeno. Inexpensive. Banker's Hill Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Ave., 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open eatery offers a panoramic city view with a ca-

sual-chic, romantic ambience and fine modern French cuisine. Expensive. Inn at the Park 3615 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-291-0999. Despite a touch of mango here, chipotle there, it's the nice, conservative, meat-and-potatoes comfort food that the regulars here prefer. Wilder hits include calamari fritto misto, duck breast, and coconut-lime crème brûlée. Moderate.

Bonita

Romesco 4346 Bonita Rd., Bonita, 619-475-8627. Sophisticated Mexican food, including smoked marlin carpaccio, grilled duck breast, escolar. The whole menu is worth exploring, full of surprising treats. Moderate to expensive.

Carlsbad

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, but even better are the owner's mom's kibbe (nut-filled lamb meatball) and rosewater-scented kashta lea dessert. Lovely elevated patio. Moderate-plus. California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. Fresh California cuisine in a luxurious hotel dining room. Moderate to expensive. Nozomi 3050 Pio Pico Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Gorgeous Japanese inn-style premises with food ranging from simple nigiri-zushi to party rolls to fusion grazing dishes and entrées (including genuine Wagyu beef) and back to Japanese standards. Don't miss the ankimo (monkfish liver pâté). Moderate to expensive.

Carmel Valley

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Also 1355 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-1422. Flash-cooked steaks of USDA Prime, topped with butter and parsley, are the hallmark of this chain. Side dishes are à la carte. The broiled tomatoes are a delight. Very expensive.

Chula Vista

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 E. H St., Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain prides itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it's adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." Moderate. Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. The tasty happy-hour specials make a visit worth the trip: Have a 1/2-pound hamburger with french fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Inexpensive. Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Down-home dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Inexpensive.

City Heights

African Spice Restaurant 4348 54th St., City Heights, 619-342-5945. Fascinating Somalian food, just seven dollars — as much rice, salad, spaghetti,

goat meat, beef, chicken (lamb and tilapia when available) as you can fit in your polystyrene box, along with a banana to break up and mix in, Somali-style. Inexpensive. Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4352. The Vietnamese do French baguette sandwiches better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. Inexpensive. Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Ave., City Heights, 619-583-5788. At this gathering place for Somalis, the cuisine combines African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences, emphasizing fish, lamb, and goat meat. Start with a fadareshin, a mixed sampler plate of meats, spaghetti, rice, and veggies. Inexpensive.

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Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-229-9050. Classy atmosphere, tame spicing. You'll have to ask for "hot." Chicken mussaman is delicious with taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Health treat: som tum, green papaya salad. Inexpensive.

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Coronado

1500 Ocean 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-8490. Modern Cal cuisine with a blissful bay view and superb ingredients, so finely cooked you'll be thrilled to eat your veggies. Expensive. Café 1134 1134 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-1134. Interesting omelets, salads, and panini (e.g., roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles) from a local reincarnation of a Left Bank café to hang out, chat, think deep thoughts. Inexpensive. Candelas on the Bay 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-4900. Same serious Mex cuisine as the downtown branch in blissful bayside surroundings, with great happy-hour grazing bargains in the bar. Otherwise expensive. Costa Azul 1031 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3525. Enjoy people-watching on the patio, with tasty Mexican seafood like coconut crunchy shrimp, swordfish tacos, lobster burritos. Higher priced: flat-iron steak with Gorgonzola, baby back ribs, garlic Mexican shrimp. Inexpensive to expensive.

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1441 Highland Avenue
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3860 Valley Centre Dr.
Carmel Valley
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423 F St.
Downtown/Gaslamp
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Free edamame or miso soup

With purchase of any entrée (except side & Kids' Menu). Good only at Scripps Poway. One coupon per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Dine-in or take-out only.

10545 Scripps Poway #A
Scripps Poway
858-536-1020

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391 N. Escondido Blvd.
Escondido
858-545-3736

Dominic's Italian Cuisine

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Free menu item

With the purchase of a lunch or dinner plate & two beverages.

1061 W. El Norte Pkwy
Escondido
760-480-5662

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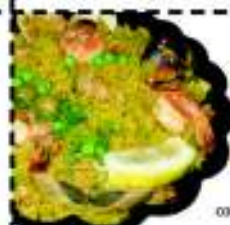
Two 14" large pizzas \$20.99

Two toppings on each pizza. Delivery special. Additional toppings \$1.25 each per pizza. With coupon only.

11255 Camino Ruiz
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Rancho Penasquitos
858-538-6868

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15% off entire check

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124 Lomas Santa Fe Dr.
Solana Beach
858-481-FISH (3474)

Solana Beach Fish House

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Free entrée

With the purchase of one at regular menu prices. Up to \$9.99 value. One coupon per table, per visit. Dine-in only. Not combined with any other offers or discounts. Alcohol and tax not included.

3186 Vista Way
Oceanside
760-433-4668

Hooters of Oceanside

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Scripps Ranch
858-695-0088

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9254 Scranton Rd., Ste. 102
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Free edamame or miso soup

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Mission Valley
619-295-2080

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Poway
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Free entrée

Purchase any entrée and two beverages and receive a second entrée of equal or lesser value FREE. Good for up to two discounts per party of four. Dine-in only. Cannot be combined with any other offer, discount or coupon. No cash value. Not valid with Kids Eat Free. Valid at participating location only. Not valid on holidays.

330 F Street
Chula Vista
619-420-0751

11122 Rancho Carmel Dr.
Carmel Mountain
858-675-9428

Marie Callender's

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Free entrée

With purchase of any entrée & two beverages at regular price. Receive 2nd entrée of equal or lesser value free. Up to \$8 value. Dine-in only. Not valid with breakfast specials, discounts, on holidays or with any other offer. One coupon per table.

9449 Kearny Mesa Rd.
Mira Mesa
858-271-4670

Korita's Restaurant

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\$5 off

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12735 Poway Rd.
Poway
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Kaminski's Sports Lounge

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50% off any breakfast or lunch entrée

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7947 Balboa Avenue
San Diego
858-565-4244

Honey's Cafe

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Buy one frozen yogurt, get one free

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1231 Camino Del Mar
Del Mar
858-720-1168

Seaside

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Spiro's Gyros 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-1225. Watch the sunset sipping Greek wines. Low prices keep Spiro's popular with locals and tourists. Try moussaka or souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Inexpensive.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Ave., Coronado, 619-435-8110. An island of serenity, with gentle dishes cooked with care. The complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all woes, and the calamari in seafood arrays is knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness. Inexpensive to moderate.

Del Mar

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this gracious restaurant serves exquisite versions of the sophisticated Vietnamese dishes of prewar Saigon. Low-moderate.

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Surf 'n' turf by the sea, with a patio overlooking the waves. Menu offers seafood with fusion-y touches, Prime or Choice steaks. Crabby Dungeness crab cake appetizer makes a whole lunch. Lunch and Sunday brunch moderate, dinner expensive.

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. Jewish deli goes multiethnic. Stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Star of India 3860 Valley Centre Dr., Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also 423 F St., Downtown, 619-234-8000. The lunch buffet can lead you by the nose into Punjabi food. Pick among vegetable *pakora* fritters, eggplant with potatoes,

chicken curry masala, *palak paneer* (spinach with curry). Inexpensive to moderate.

Downtown



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Bay Café 1050 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-595-1083. If famished at the ferry landing, you can eat decent burgers, good clam chowder, or other basic fare in the bare-bones interior, or tote it upstairs to a serene bay-view terrace. Inexpensive.

Blue Point 565 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy, noisy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops. Expensive.

Brian's 24 828 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8410. Open 24/7, it has a fabulous peanut butter burger with bacon. Plus a gothic bar with Joan Crawford's heel marks denting it where she danced. And bargain breakfast and lunch specials. Inexpensive to moderate.

Currant Sofia Hotel, 140 W. Broadway, Downtown, 619-702-6309. Parisian-chic brasserie decor with light, seasonal "American brasserie" cuisine that's often uneven but can include a glorious five-onion soup with short ribs and marrow that beats the French

classic, and creative desserts to finish with. Moderate to expensive.

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. The food, served in a classy, comfortable atmosphere, is often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels and, when available, the soft-shell crab. Romantic upstairs dining room. Moderate to expensive.

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-744-2077. Now thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce. Very expensive.

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Dr., Downtown, 619-298-6802. Amazing bay-view venue with delicious steaks and roast beefs, plus chef Deborah Scott's creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Very expensive.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 W. Market St., Downtown, 619-231-9680. The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are smoky, cooked over an oak-fueled fire, although some diners complain of toughness. Good happy-hour deals. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sally's Seafood on the Water One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. Great view, and an appetizer sampler makes delicious grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon. Black cod with miso-orange broth is a sensuous entrée. Expensive.

East Village

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-531-8869. Hipster atmosphere, late-night hours, and thin-crust Connecticut pizzas, which include toppings like mashed

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potato with bacon and cheese, or Little Neck clams. Inexpensive.

Café Chloe 721 Ninth Ave., East Village, 619-232-3242. Parisian atmosphere, creative cooking, e.g., breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle beurre blanc. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include lavender lemonade, root beers, an intelligent wine list. Moderate.

Cowboy Star Restaurant and Butcher Shop 640 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-450-5880. A Western-themed restaurant specializing in great steaks and game meats, where the food is as good as the decor, and the decor is more fun than a rodeo clown. Expensive.

The Mission 1250 J St., East Village, 619-232-7662. Also 2801 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-8992. Eco-conscious big breakfasts and Chino-Latino lunches in arty surroundings are halfway between health nut and old-time diner fare. Great eye-opener: bounteous chicken-apple sausage and egg platter. Inexpensive.

El Cajon

Chen's Golden Palace 530 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-442-2541. A Lao-Chinese family serves mostly basic Chinese cuisine, plus a few Southeast Asian dishes like Thai spicy shrimp noodles — and good fish 'n' chips. Inexpensive.

Palms Family Restaurant 1255 E. Main St., El Cajon. Traditional Middle Eastern eatery and social center for Iraqis, Syrians. Which means excellent food, especially appetizers like eggplant and tabbouleh. Mideast videos. Inexpensive.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and

sausage), smoky but uneven in texture. Good fried catfish, fried green tomatoes, ham breakfast. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Encinitas

El Callejon Restaurant 345 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. Great atmosphere in a hacienda with multiple rooms and patio spaces, serving zesty mainland Mexican cooking with unusual dishes like shrimp *zarandeados* with sauce of chiles, beef in cilantro sauce, and a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. Moderate.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán 290 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Also 248 Main St., Vista, 760-758-4531. The food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Their specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up by the plate or by the pound. Open late weekends. Inexpensive.

Kealani's 137 W. D St., Encinitas, 760-942-5642. At any hour the food is Hawaiian "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig — zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork. Inexpensive.

The Original 101 Diner 552 First St., Encinitas, 760-753-2123. The down-home cooking includes all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top-sirloin steak and eggs. A bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo, or try spinach salad. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Centre City Café 2680 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-489-6011. Classic American fare, including exemplary chicken-fried steak with a crackly crust and smooth, peppery cream gravy. USDA Choice steaks offered at rock-

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

BASIL-MARINATED STRAWBERRIES

BY WILLIAM BRADLEY

Executive Chef, Addison

Back when I started, I worked in an Italian restaurant in Bonita. I did it for the money. But, eventually, I fell in love with cooking — the ability to express myself in food was something I was in awe of. When I took my first job working for James Boyce in the French system, that's when I knew I wanted to be a chef.

I worked with Chef Boyce at Mary Elaine's at the Phoenician in Arizona. That place set the

tone for my career, which was to work at the highest level and be the best I could be. There were so many amazing people working at Mary Elaine's that every day was memorable for me.

Now at Addison, I make sure I surround myself with chefs that are driving towards the same goal: to be the best.

Being a chef isn't a job but a way of life. There are so many more layers to being a chef than just cooking. You have to

be a teacher, a mentor, a leader. I'm responsible for things like making sure the lemons are perfect, and that everyone walking into our restaurant feels welcome.

When it comes to the cooking, it's all about extracting the flavors. Food is all about taste. We're caught up in an era where food is such a visual challenge — like, how many things can you put on a plate that don't make any sense. My philosophy is that it's all



about how it tastes. There is a lot of pressure on chefs these days. But I love it. I love that we've come so far with American food.

When I'm not working, my fiancée and I share cooking. We do simple things. Like, we love to do grilled lamb,

bottom prices. Huge portions, low prices.

O-Nami North County Fair, 240 E. Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. Also Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North, 619-295-9774. These Japanese buffets offer fresh, artful dishes, including *sumomono* (cucumber salad), teriyakis, sashimis, and sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll, tempura shrimp, guacamole roll, veggies, green tea ice cream. Moderate.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-740-5963. Recipes are from all of Europe for breads with great textures and depths of flavor. A treat: breakfast on the front

porch with cup of espresso and scones. Inexpensive.

Sand Crab Café 2229 Micro Pl., Escondido, 760-480-2722. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked in a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Margarine's the dip, but you can BYO butter and they'll melt it. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Krakatoa 1128 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. Ghost-ridden coffee house and neighborhood hangout of-

fers garden seating and light eating, mainly breakfast or lunch sandwiches named after the volcanoes of the world (get it?). Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth St., Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. A narrow, overcrowded room with a long menu offering a familiar regional Italian potpourri, including reliable veal in a brandy cream sauce, "straw and hay" pesto pasta, shellfish pasta. Moderate.

Baja Betty's 1421 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-269-8510. Extensive

cocktail, margarita, and tequila list and regular Cal-Mex food in a lively atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here — lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads and meats, rich and complex but mildly seasoned. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. Moderate.

Ciro's Pizzeria 1202 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-2476. Also 534 Market St., Downtown, 619-696-0405. This small pizza parlor has that "back East" feel about it: old-time photos of base-



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What the Chef Eats

roasted lemon chicken with rice. My fiancée is half Greek, so we do a lot of Mediterranean dishes — olive oil, tomato, citrus, salads, and fruit. We use whole foods. This recipe for marinated strawberries is an ideal topping for ice cream and sorbets.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups water
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 basil leaves, whole
- 2 baskets fresh strawberries

HOW TO DO IT

Place water, sugar, and basil leaves in a small pot. Bring mixture to a boil. Remove from heat and

cover with plastic wrap. Let liquid cool down and steep for 5 minutes. Wash the strawberries. Remove green stems and cut berries lengthwise in half. Remove plastic wrap from syrup mixture and discard basil leaves. Add strawberries to syrup mixture and place in a

refrigerator for one hour to marinate. To assemble, spoon one ladle of strawberries and syrup mixture each into four chilled bowls and serve.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to sreader.com.

ball fields, New York City. Best combo: chicken bacon pesto. Inexpensive.

Jimmy Carter's Café 3172 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery at the edge of Balboa Park has Indian breakfasts — try chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Good Mexican and decent Chinese food, too. Inexpensive.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. In Chef Deborah Scott's cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest. Good choices include mussels in chipotle cream sauce; spicy, sweet-sour layered jerk chicken; and the signature Skirts on Fire — a tender, grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Extremely noisy. Moderate.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. Several San Diego locations. The carne asada burritos are rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with carne asada. Inexpensive.

Saigon on Fifth 3900 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. Urbane, French-tinged cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Hue. Distinctive house specialties include a smoked oyster omelet, coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell, and *bún*, a refreshing spicy noodle salad. Low-moderate.

Imperial Beach

Lydia's Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. Easygoing dancing/eatery (since 1957) offers sporadically available entrée platter of *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) and filling snacks like taquitos *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream). Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

China Max 4698 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. Local Asians flock here for authentic Hong Kong cooking, including seafood in live tanks (black cod, Dungeness crab, abalone), dim sum daily, superb Peking Duck. Even homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Inexpensive to exorbitant, mainly moderate.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant 3709 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Among the best Chinese restaurants in the county, local Asians go here for family dinners, dim sum, and Hong Kong specialties. Mainly moderate, with splurges like live fish and Peking duck balanced by down-home dishes. Inexpensive.

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Additional locations in Poway, Encinitas, and Vista. The Apple Pancake is a batter-filled, five-egg puffed-up paradise with slices from two Granny Smith apples. The German Pancake or Dutch Baby are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the filling mushroom omelet. Inexpensive.

Suzuya Japanese BBQ 5447 Kearny Villa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-0611. Japanese BBQ — called *yakiniku*, similar to Korean BBQ (minus the free side dishes) — offers cook-it-yourself over tabletop grills. Kobe boneless short ribs and tongue are the superstars here. Japanese tapas, noodles, tempura, etc. fill out the bill. Inexpensive.

Tofu House 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. Korean tofu dishes, flavorful and healthy, but with meat, too. Try *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Inexpensive.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican

and Latin American food and groceries. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for seasonal California cuisine. Early-bird three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive.

La Jolla

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Bl., La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Great Cove view, with best food at breakfast/brunch: Coast Toast, the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with orange flavor. Coffee is excellent. Moderate to expensive.

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Solid food, like the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian stout) or the roasted potato. Best of all, the hefty, low-cholesterol buffalo burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even “miniatures,” plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Moderate.

Pannikin Coffee & Tea 7467 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Additional locations in Del Mar and Encinitas. Cute cottage decor. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and breakfast burrito. For lunch try chicken

curry or fresh, generous “pannwiches” like ham or tuna. Inexpensive.

Tapenade 7612 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Major French chef Jean-Michel Diot presides at this bistro featuring sunny Provençal flavors, where the dishes balance creativity and rigorous technique. Some bargain early-bird dinners. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive (and worth it).

Whisknadle 1044 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-551-7575. This kitchen bakes its own bread and makes charcuterie/salumi from scratch. Among the pleasures are roasted bone marrow, chorizo-and-date fritters, pristine “simply grilled” sustainable fish, and delicate *panna cotta*. Moderate to expensive.

La Mesa

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth St., La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This “Burgers and Brew” bar is a real '50s place with burgers and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. On Sundays (1 to 7pm only), their ten-ounce New York steak,

fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat. Inexpensive.

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-433-0180. Comfort food in generous quantities. All the omelets are four-egggers, with sides like biscuits and gravy. Evening meals include meat loaf, liver and onions, stuffed pork chops, whole (head-on) fish. Inexpensive.

West Coast Barbecue 6126 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-3663. Pit-smoked Texas-style “Q,” but more like the Bushes of Crawford than the soulful South. Best bets are full-flavored ribs, chicken wings, and authentic Texas bean-free chili with classic fixins. Low-moderate.

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café 6792 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-582-4024. A bike museum with food offers tasty toasted *panini* and cold sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

The Calypso Café 576 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. The cuisine is French, ranging from warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. Mussels are the specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Upper-moderate.

Lincoln Park

Batter Up! 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-3333. Casual, family-friendly small sports bar (beer only) with big patio offers fried seafood, thick sandwiches, and juicy Angus burgers with creative dressings, all well above the pub-grub norm. Inexpensive.

Linda Vista

Sab-E-Lee 2405 Ulric St., Linda Vista, 858-650-6868. Tiny eatery serv-

ing authentic, fiery, fabulous food from northeast Thailand, as spicy as you want. Don't miss onion-rich *tom yum* soup or amazing liver salad. Look for “Linda Vista Food” awning. Cash only, BYO, no reservations, waits at prime-time. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Anthology 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. User-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) in huge, chic jazz nightclub. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water.

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-233-5757. Wet-aged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with “Continental” sauces, milk-fed calf's liver, plus some seafood and poultry. The chef is one of a few who can manage Beef Wellington correctly. Very expensive.

Logan Heights

La Doña 1784 Newport Ave., Logan Heights, 619-233-4939. This historic café serves home cooking, Mexican style, with super-spicy salsa and meals

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like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans, *chicharrones*, *pozole*, and menudo. Inexpensive.

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main St., Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Several San Diego locations. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-296-2060. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll throw in a bottle of red wine. Inexpensive.

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-223-5501. N'awlins-style food to eat in, to go, or to have catered at your party. Deli-grocery also sells the ingredients, including ready-made roux, Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage in season. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q 6904 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-2333. Texas-style "Q" featuring marinade-mopped meats and poultry smoked "low and slow" over mesquite until tender, with picnic-fare sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Hospitable chef-owner Kim Trang makes excellent *pho bo* (beef noodle soup) but also offers hundreds of other items, all cooked home style. Inexpensive.

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. Vegetarian cuisine of South India, centering on stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp, crepe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, fritata-like *uttapams*. (Try the last with the delicious, not-too-spicy chili-onion stuffing.) Inexpensive.

Super Buffet 8998 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*. The fresh sashimi — such as salmon or tuna — is scrumptious. Don't miss the chicken feet. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

Jake's Tiki Bar at Mission Bay Deli 1548 Quivira Way, Mission Beach, 619-223-5056. This everyday deli does the usual sandwiches, burgers, and dogs for boatyard crews — but on Sunday afternoon don't miss the scene at the palapa with beer and live music. It's one of this town's best-kept secrets. Deli daily till dusk. Inexpensive.

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. Service till midnight or later. Moderate.

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. The menu is devoted to the "fruits

of the sea" and includes a seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy fish 'n' chips platter. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Izakaya Masa 928 Ft. Stockton Dr., Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. Friendly spot serves interesting Japanese tapas. Among the hits: crunchy, spicy *chuka kuraage* (jellyfish salad); fried oysters (*kaki*); ethereal fried tofu in broth; and *kara-age* (spicy fried chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken 3731 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-0177. Saffron Noodles and Saté is sit-down, all about Thai noodles and saté. Next door, take-out only, owner Su-Mei Yu serves skewered grilled chicken marinated in garlic, ginger, and spices. Delicious green curry, too. Inexpensive.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. English pub grub is bluff and plainspoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing). Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

All American Grill 7510 Hazard Center Dr., Mission Valley, 619-296-9600. This huge indoor-outdoor sports pub offers genuinely good food from a wood-fired oven and grill. The gifted chef highlights seasonal American ingredients (many local) in creative mini-pizzas, grazes, hearty entrées, smart desserts. Muted TV's sound turns on for game Sundays. Low moderate.

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. Or try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Healthy Swedish food amidst Nordic housewares: meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich,

the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. Inexpensive.

National City

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-474-5546. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut) and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

McDini's 105 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-6771. Open continuously since 1890 in various locations, now under a new owner who spiffed up the room. The eats are hearty diner-style food like Irish breakfasts, meat loaf sandwiches, roast beef. Inexpensive to moderate.

North Park

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th St., North Park, 619-295-1720. The ultimate is Lefty's "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, 8-pound monster that needs one hour "make and bake" time. They do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

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Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475-C Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. Tempting dishes delivered to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. The sushi chefs have the panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls and spider rolls are tasty too. Inexpensive to moderate.

Karinya Thai 825 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. Try *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup), a meal in itself served over a charcoal fire at your table, or *pad talay*, sautéed seafoods in spicy sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont St., Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. P.B.'s most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold Mex/Asian/Cajun flavors. Salmon

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Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast, adding your choices of granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-226-6100. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. Moderate.

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-223-3030. Vintage waterside eatery serves seafood and steaks of uneven quality. Start with clams on the half-shell or clam chowder. Coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure; finfish fare less well. Low-moderate.

Solare Ristorante Lounge 2820 Roosevelt Rd., NTC Promenade, Point Loma, 619-270-9670. Northern Italian cuisine with Asian-fusion touches like a sea bream carpaccio with lychees. The chef cooks from scratch with mainly local or organic ingredients, including Brandt beef. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive.

Solana Beach

California Pizza Kitchen 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Additional locations in Mission Valley, Carmel Mountain, University City, Vista, Chula Vista. The Original BBQ Chicken Pizza, the chain's first hit, is their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Angels in America, Part II: Perestroika

Palomar College stages the second half of Tony Kushner's epic drama about the Prophet of the New Millennium. Michael Mufson directed. PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION RD., SAN MARCOS. 7PM FRIDAYS, 7PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

Bent

Martin Sherman's horrific drama (1979) is actually a love story as doomed as Romeo and Juliet. In 1934, after the "Night of the Long Knives" — in which Ernst Rohm, an openly gay male, was murdered — Nazi Germany began a persecution of homosexuals as well as Jews. Given his knack for negotiating, young Max might be the one person to survive even a hellhole like Dachau. He cares nothing about friends or dignity and will make unthinkable deals to keep alive. At the concentration camp where, like Sisyphus, they haul stones back and forth, Max meets young Horst. Their mutual attraction becomes fatal and, in a deeper sense, transcending. Opening night of Diversionary and Ion Theatre's co-production could have used more polish. The pacing was on the slow side, and the leads, though capably done by Charlie Reuter (Horst) and Michael Zlotnik (Max) weren't fully realized (versatile Chris Buess, as flamboyant dancer Rudy, and Walter Ritter



Godspell

as closet gay Uncle Freddie, were in top form, however). But the harrowing drama, which I don't think San Diego has seen in decades, still has deep dramatic bite.

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

Boston Marriage

Like many women of the era, Anna and Claire live together, in turn-of-the-century New England. Thanks to Anna's "protector" (i.e., lover), they behave like aristocrats. But when Claire has eyes for a young woman, the arrangement resembles a house of cards. David Mamet's critics said he couldn't write roles for women. His response, *Boston Marriage*, shows not only that he can, but can also write ornate, Wildean dialogue leap-years from

his macho, *American Buffalo* grunt-fest. And be funny (Anna's as arch as his male leads; told she's an "evil old bitch," she ripostes, "I'm NOT OLD!"). Compass Theatre's staging was high on production values — Adam Lindsay's blushing rose, late-Victorian parlor (with chintz even inside picture frames!), and Lisa Burgess's opulent costumes exude the period. But the cast — Anne Marie Houghtailing (Anna), Ravenna Fahey (Claire), and Michelle Brooks (the put-upon maid) — needed a few more rehearsals to convert elegant banter into comfortable expression. Don Loper's smart direction gave every indication they will.

Worth a try.

COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

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SAVILLE THEATRE AT SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE, 14TH AND C ST., DOWNTOWN. 619-388-3676. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH NOVEMBER 15.

A Christmas Carol: The Musical
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WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM TUESDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 3.

Dog Act
The apocalypse came and went, part bang, part whimper. Now everything's fragments, including language — malapropisms coined from fuzzy memories. Through this post-apocalyptic world (a metaphor for post-deconstruction?) travels a humble vaudeville troupe: Roz(etta) Stone and her dog (actually a man named Dog who strums a mean guitar). As they seek a mystical "China," they confront evil scavengers and potentially vile vaudevillians, Vera Similitude and Jo-Jo the Baby Face Liar. Though the plot of Liz Duffy Adams's fantasy is predictable, the imagination behind it's a stunner: the seasons quake into place; Shakespeare, Abbott and Costello, Billie Holiday, and

Spike Jones make cameos; Roz talks a dazzling, cross-purposed poetry; and all tell tall tales. To open its new space in Rolando (former Cygnet Theatre home), Moxie Theatre reprised its popular production. The new version sports the original cast (Liv Kellgren, Jason Conors, Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson, Jo Anne Glover, in top form) and, under Delicia Turner Sonnenberg's smart direction, makes for a funny, wildly theatrical show. 858-598-7620.
Critic's pick.
MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BLVD., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

An Evening of One-Acts
Mesa College Theatre Company performs *The Man Who Couldn't Dance*, *Loyalties*, and *The Problem*. MESA COLLEGE, 7250 MESA COLLEGE DR., KEARNY MESA. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY.

The Foreigner
Moonlight Stage Productions opens its winter season with Larry Shue's very funny comedy about Charlie Baker. He's so shy he pretends to be from another country. Kathy Brombacher directed.
AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM AND 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM, 7:30PM, AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 29.

Godspell
Lamb's Players presents this musical, by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak, telling parables of Jesus as found in the gospel of Matthew. Robert Smyth directed. 619-437-0600.
HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

Hansel and Gretel
Lyric Opera San Diego presents Engelbert Humperdink's musical, based on the children's fairy tale. LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVE., SUITE 1, NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 2:30PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Holiday Memories
Scripps Ranch Theatre presents one-acts based on short stories by Truman Capote, "The Thanksgiv-

ing Visitor" and "A Christmas Memory." Katie Rodda directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 12.

Into the Woods
San Diego State Theatre presents Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning musical about what happens when fairy tales don't end happily ever after.
DON POWELL THEATRE AT SDSU, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., SDSU. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

Jonathan McMurtry's Shakespeare
The Moonlight Cultural Foundation's WordsWork Play Reading Series hosts an evening of Shakespeare performed by Jonathan McMurtry, back by popular demand from his appearance last year. Admission is free. A discussion will follow.
AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM MONDAY.

Joyful Noise
Tim Slover's "historical backstage drama," which Lamb's Players premiered ten years ago, still has too many notes. Scenes need compression, the dramaturgy's formulaic. But the play's dovetailing stories — of a "fallen" mezzo-soprano and the politics behind Handel's composing ("compiling," actually) of the *Messiah* in 1741 — allow the company to sport Jeanne Reith's remarkable period costumes and fill in some of the script's blanks with lively theatricality. Co-directors

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Worth a try:
LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-

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Picasso at the Lapin Agile
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Sherlock Holmes’ Excellent Adventure
Coronado Playhouse stages James Barry’s parody of the master detective’s indubitable acumen. Nick Reeves and Judah Buxton codirected.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 29.

Side Show
Hart Performance Inc. presents the musical, based on a true story, about conjoined twins who seek their fortune in vaudeville. Shaun T. Evans directed. 619-944-7574.
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 2PM AND 7PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 29.

Talley’s Folly
The North Coast Rep has extended its run of Lanford Wilson’s “waltz,” and rightly so. It’s a month after D-Day. Change is in the air, and Matt Friedman knows it. He’ll make the ultimate risk: propose to Sally Talley, the “radical old maid” — actually she’s 31 — and nurse’s aide in Lebanon, Missouri. Although

they’re as antithetical as Jack Sprat and his Mrs. (he’s Jewish, her family’s anti-Semitic), Matt’s convinced Sally’s his soul mate. He has, he tells the audience, 97 minutes to woo her in the waterlogged boat-house, a latticed Victorian “folly.” The play won a Pulitzer Prize, in part because Wilson uncovers surprising similarities beneath a surface crammed with opposites. On Marty Burnett’s excellent set, David Ellenstein and Amy Biedel perform a kind of dance on eggshells. Both fine individually, the actors blend together as well as their characters don’t: Matt with dogged persistence, Sally with believable (even insurmountable) objections.

Critic’s pick:
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH NOVEMBER 15.

Top Dog/Underdog
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bled upbringings. Nadine George-Graves directed.
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The projected \$320 million facility will be built adjacent to the Encina Power Station in Carlsbad. When completed in 2012, the 50-million-gallon-per-day plant will supply about 10 percent of the San Diego region's drinking-water needs. In addition to Carlsbad, water

agencies in 12 surrounding cities plan on using water from the facility.

By Michael Mullenxiex, 11/6

For Cliff Sitters

\$43,000 for 15 benches Point Loma — At the November 2 meeting of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council, members approved 15 benches along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard.

Community members walked the park trail from Adair Street to Ladera Street to determine where benches are needed. The



committee came back to the council with a recommendation for 20 locations. The council approved the recommendations.

The committee rejected the bench design put forward by the Park and Recreation Department,

stating that the benches would not stand up to the harsh marine environment and were not aesthetically proper for the park's master-plan guidelines.

The bench committee recommended and the council approved benches

made with ipe, a tropical hardwood usually sourced from Brazil.

The cost of installing 15 ipe wood benches that conform to ADA guidelines is \$43,000. Currently, the Park and Rec Department has \$20,000 available for benches.

By Stephen Scatolini, 11/6

Comments

1. Google finds "heavy duty park bench" prices maxing out at \$800 each including thermoplastic coatings that should be good enough for 20 years by the sea.

Some heavy duty benches cost less than \$200 and come with three-year warranties.

Why are the taxpayers charged almost three thousand dollars each?

By Fred Williams

11:51 p.m., Nov. 5

Lemon Power

Purse snatcher stopped Lemon Grove — An attempted mugging at the bus stop near the Lemon Grove trolley station on Monday, November 2, was foiled when the per-

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petrator slipped on some lemons...near the city's lemon statue.

Cristiana Flores was waiting at the bus stop when an unmasked African-American male in his 20s grabbed her purse and started to run away. Another waiting bus rider, Jeremy Foster, started running after the mugger. The thief didn't get far before he slipped on a few lemons that had either been dropped by someone walking by or had

come from the trees growing next to the bus stop.

By Microsoft92114, 11/4

The Anti-Sonic Burger

Reader bloggers join debate *Vista* — On Monday, November 2, the second Sonic Drive-In in San Diego County opened for business on the corner of Broadway and South Santa Fe Avenue. Like the Santee location, this time North County folks went nutso for the 1950s-style restaurant's roller-skating carhops and car-win-

dow service. The city opened an auxiliary lot to hold all the waiting cars. When the restaurant opened at 5:30 a.m., the line was out to the street.

Down the street, within view of Sonic, Pepper Tree Frosty is one of the oldest hamburger stands in the county. Family-owned since 1960, second-generation owner Danny Villaseñor said his Monday was busy. "We called in everyone we could to work." Villaseñor says he got Sonic's overflow along

with his regulars. "There was even an anti-Sonic crowd," he said.

By Ken Harrison, 11/4

Comments

1. Sonic is popular out here because 9 out of 10 transplants agree — In'n'Out suuuuuuuuucks!

By PistolPete

9:42 a.m., Nov. 4

2. I disagree with you Pistol Pete. Ate at Sonic and it was horrible! In & Out is overrated but so much better.

Here's wishing continued success to Pep-



Danny Villaseñor at Pepper Tree Frosty

per Tree Frosty

By abbeyrd 9:48 a.m., Nov. 4

3. Steak'n Shake kicks both Sonic's and In'n-Out's asses. I noticed

that In'n'Out employees are waaaaaaay too friendly. Then again, I'm from Chitown so I expect a lit-

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tle attitude to come from someone slingin' burgers for minimum wage.

By PistolPete
10:44 a.m., Nov. 4

4. In N Out Burger is the best burger made today. It is 100% fresh, everything is fresh - the buns are made daily on location, the french fries are made daily on loca-tion from real spuds, the milkshakes use REAL ice cream, the meat is never frozen

and is always fresh. Nothing can touch In N Out.

My favorite restau-rant is "The Waffle House", which are huge in the midwest, south and east coast, but there is not a single one in California.

By SurfPuppy619
12:24 p.m., Nov. 4

5. You can take a drive over to the Phoenix area to get your WH fix. I think there are about 5 or 6 in the area. We go when visiting a cousin in the area. If

you're up in L.A., check out Roscoe's chicken and waffles. Better than WH. Unless something has changed, In-N-Out buns aren't made on site but are made fresh every day in their com-missary in Baldwin Park. That's where all their ingredients are shipped from.

By gardenparty
1:41 p.m., Nov. 4

6. In'n'Out reminds me of Scientology...

By PistolPete
2:02 p.m., Nov. 4

7. The In'n'Out Double-

Double animal style is my favorite fast food burger. Second would be a burger from one of the two original Tommy's (the original franchise on Rampart and Beverly in Los Angeles is the best), although most of their franchise locations aren't as good.

But the best take-out hamburgers come from the individually owned Greek char-broiled places. I haven't seen one in San Diego, but they have quite a

few of them in Los Angeles.

By refriedgringo
2:19 p.m., Nov. 4

8. Hodad's. Classic Malt Shop. Hamburger Mary's (before it closed).

There are a couple of Greek places that have killer burgers. Georgia's and Olympic Cafe both have killer burgers.

By tikiicult 2:44 p.m., Nov. 4

Tijuana Turnaround?

Zona Norte patrols stepped up
Tijuana—A recent increase in early-morning police

patrols in Zona Norte has been noticed by this reporter, and the police substation at the juncture of Constitución and Calle-jón Coahuila has reopened after being closed for sev-eral months. The substa-tion serves the notorious nightclub district in the area, and its steel cages are repositories for the area's local muggers, drunks, dope dealers, and ne'er-do-wells.

Between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m., patrols are number-ing perhaps 20 officers,

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especially on the corners of Coahuila and Revolución, Constitución and Coahuila, and Constitución and First Street. The resumption of patrols seems to have coincided with the capture of suspects in a spate of police murders...or perhaps it's the uptick in muggings.

The increase of police did little to save the life of a man murdered outside the Trope Bar on the corner of Coahuila and Revolución last Thursday,

October 29.

By T.B. Beaudeau, 11/3

Comments

1. C'mon, please! The holding pens are for "muggers, drunks, dope dealers, and general ne'er-do-wells"? I was in there once myself and I am nothing of the sort.

By realtijuana_blogspot

11:31 p.m., Nov. 5

Shield for All

Health care a right?

Mission Valley — Protesters demanding that Blue Shield stop lobbying

against health-care reform blocked an entrance to an office of the California insurance company on Monday, November 2. Company officials initially refused to meet the protesters, saying — through police — that they might negotiate over the phone.

Jerry Malamud, a 79-year-old protester who joined two others to block the office's entrance, said he supported an extension of the federal Medicare program to all Americans.

"I have Medicare,"



Malamud said. "They've replaced two of my hips, they've replaced two cataracts, they've given me good health care."

Police eventually arrested Malamud and the two other protesters who joined him in blocking the Blue Shield

entrance.

By Shane Finneran, 11/3

Comments

1. Good, I'm glad these idiots were arrested. Protestors cannot block entrances or impede traffic.

Health insurance is a privilege, not a right. Why can't people understand this?

By jmtrudeau

11:31 a.m., Nov. 4

2. I agree with you, jm...does anyone have any idea how much we have to PAY for our health insurance



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every month?

By magicsfive

11:37 a.m., Nov. 4

3. Well, peeps, health insurance premiums are steep, but HMO plans are cost effective if you have chronic health issues. We are fortunately covered through a city job, and pay approximately \$440 or \$500 per month (could be more, need to check on that figure).

As it stands, health

insurance is a privilege you have to pay for, and pay into, but IMO, healthCARE should be a right of every citizen, if we have any interest in more than the image of a just and civilized 'first world' society.

By SDaniels

12:51 p.m., Nov. 4

Tech-heavy Headquarters

Where to watch TV in Escondido

Escondido — "When you want to watch a Charger



football game, you should just go over to the new police and fire headquarters because they have the latest in audio technology," Escondido mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler said during the October 28 city council meeting. The statement came as Pfeiler intro-

duced an agenda item to grant Gould Electric Inc. an additional \$845,576 to the \$6,517,000 contract approved back in April 2008.

The supplemental cash will go toward the "purchase, installation, and maintenance of audio and visual equipment" for Escondido's new police and fire downtown headquarters. The equipment includes a state-of-the-art sound system, computers, and 52-inch flat-screen televisions that will be used to keep track of the

coverage from news stations.

"Eight hundred and forty-five thousand dollars, that's a lot of money," said councilmember Sam Abed after the staff presentation.

Police and fire representatives told the council that the cost for the system comes in far less than the cost other cities in the state have spent for similar purposes.

The city council unanimously approved the change order.

By Dorian Hargrove, 11/2

Comments

1. This is amazing that these clowns would be purchasing this type of high-end consumer electronics.

Shows you how out of touch these clowns are with reality (and why the gov is bankrupt).

By SurfPuppy619

11:43 a.m., Nov. 6

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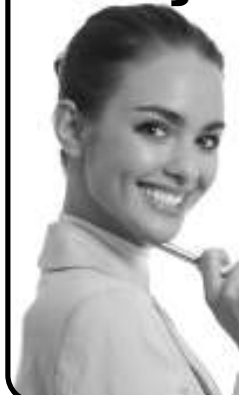
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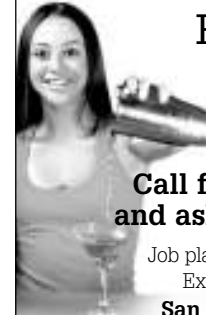
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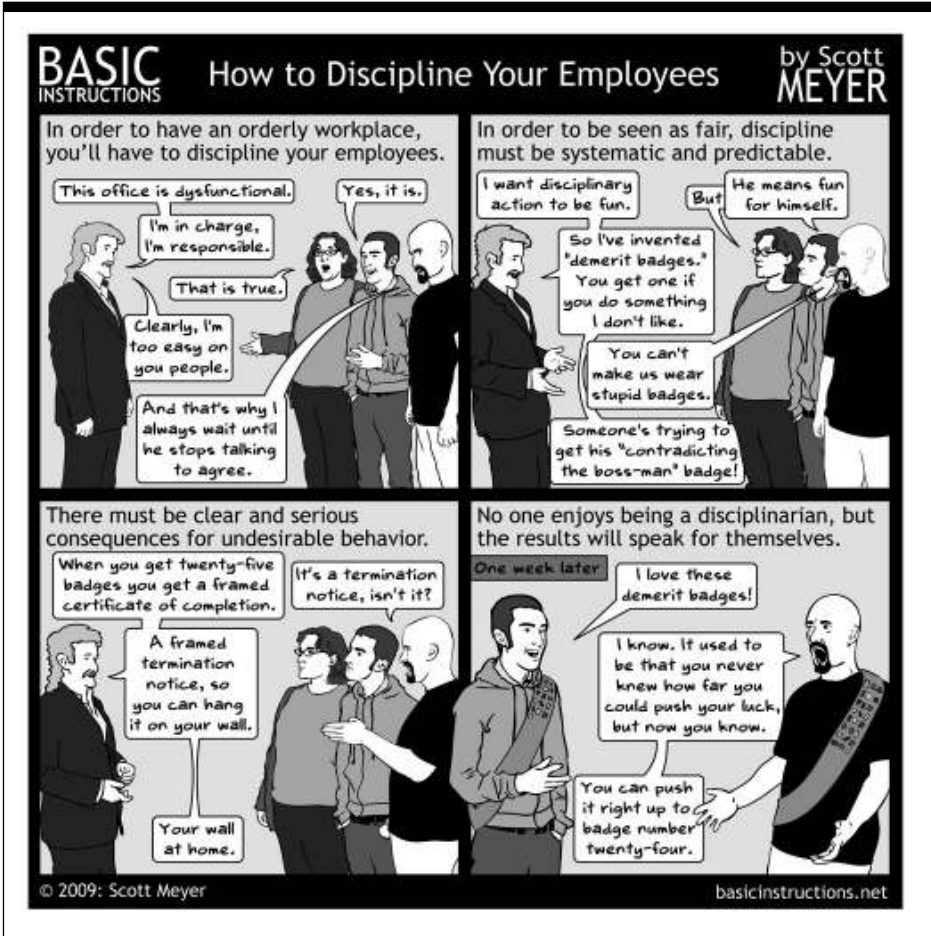
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2) Be one of the first 100 people who submit the correct answers to the puzzle and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). This is optional, but it's a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

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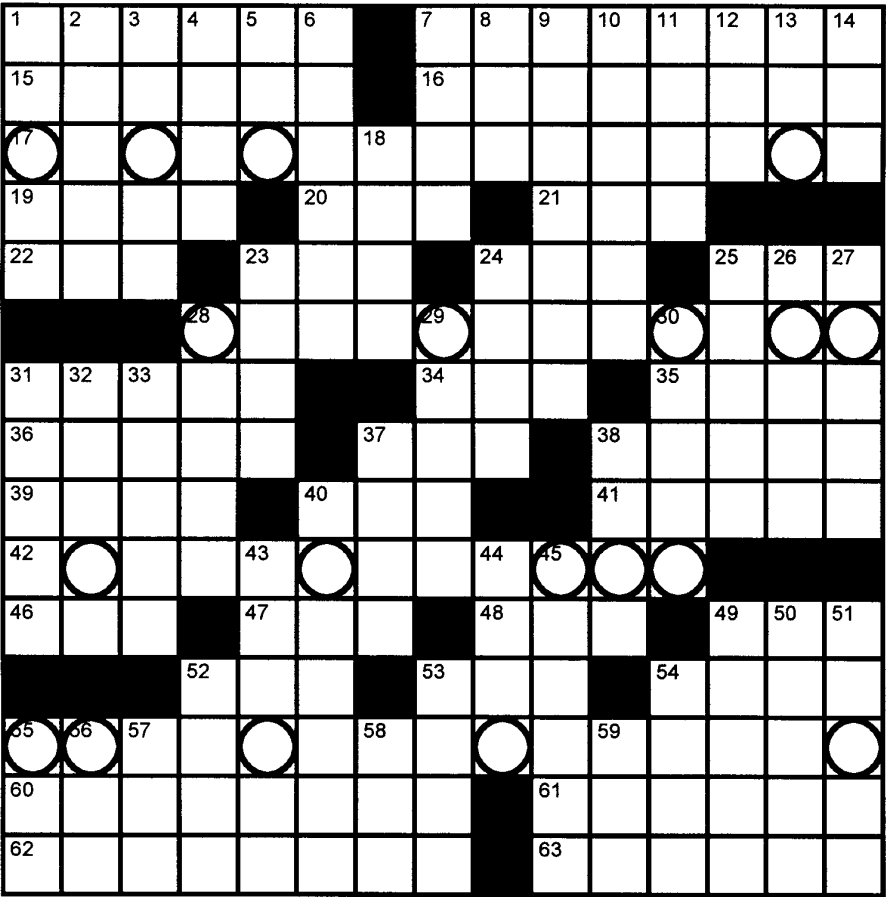
- Brand whose ad mascot speaks with a Groucho Marx voice
- Offer?
- Tuba sound
- Board
- Sinful novelist?
- Slope

- Trophy shape
- Chinese cookware
- Grasp
- ____ Beta Kappa
- Printer problem
- Dandy dresser
- Sinful actress?
- Not well, perhaps
- Extra NBA periods
- Say ____ (refuse)
- They may be proper
- Hosp. employees
- Quashed
- Bush not seen much these days
- Droop
- "Old MacDonald" refrain
- Sinful judge?
- Little green men, for short
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" writer Harper
- Sort
- Union inits. since 1886
- Suffix with client
- Bother
- Quito's land: Abbr.
- Sinful president?
- Spaghetti ____
- Surface
- Danger in old homes
- Attacked with zeal

Down

- Electrical units
- Sarge's superior
- Stubborn as ____
- Bar in a grill
- "____ in Icarus" (1979 French thriller)
- "Happy Days" role
- "Without delay"
- Hog heaven?

- Shipping routes
- Poise
- Belt
- ____ Balls (snack brand)
- Cousin ____ of "The Addams Family"
- Commandment word
- Naturalist who appears on the California quarter
- Third degrees?
- Super Bowl III champs
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" screenwriter Horton
- First Holy Roman emperor
- Stereo receiver button
- Mister abroad
- The vowel sound in "dude"
- Studio sign
- Amazed
- Like some diets
- Aaron and Raymond
- Broccoli ____
- Go after
- Show contempt for
- Barkin and Burstyn
- Six Flags attraction
- Fielded a baseball
- Without ____ in the world
- Truffles et al.
- Weighed down
- Pop singer Sands
- "It's too bad, really"
- Alt.
- "Today" rival, initially
- Coll. dorm figures
- Sun or moon, to bards
- ____-Magnon man
- Genre of rock's Fall Out Boy



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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☞ indicates T-shirt winner.

Ken A., Ocean Beach, 6. Put Cyanide in the week
Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 6. CPHS '74 35th reunion!
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 6. I made it! Didn't need the internet either
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 6. Hi JC
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 6. Duplex is rented
Eric Cash, Escondido, 6. Eavan has a firm grip on her daddy's heart
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. Rest in peace
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 6. Evidently Mr. Ringo's an educated man...
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 6. Joann Jenkins, hi to everyone if your still reading this!

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 6. News flash: Becky Lewis rocks Halloween party!! Hey Brandon and...
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 6. Submitted by my avatar
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 6. They don't get much easier than this
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 6. Free at last!
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 6. Go Chargers! Eat the Eagles!
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 6. I love New York
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 6. Term limits for U.S. Congress

Ron Meyer, Santee, 6. Jessica keep up the hard work in school xoxoxo
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 6. So I'm unplugged and I'm flogging the grind
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 6. Happy birthday Joey- another year alive!
Jim Odell, Vista, 6. Ooooh! Another good one
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 6. One puzzle at a time
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 6. It happened in the future!
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 6. Surrender, Dorthy! - Badwich
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 6. On vacation in Punta Cana, see you next week
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 6. Thank you Veterans!

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 6. Delenda est ummah
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 6. If you expect the unexpected, the unexpected becomes expected
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 6. Dennis- Thanks for a fabulous 40 years, Anne was right
Duane Tremaine, East Village, 6. I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul
Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 6. Out of suffering comes gifts of fathomless dimension
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6. Damn the Damn Yankees
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 6. GOP Halloween: no hand outs for you!
Samantha Loveira and Matt Palmer, College Area, 6. Welcome to California, Vienna! Visit your auntie more often please!

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 5. Forgive, don't forget
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 5. Chargers can beat the Giants!
L. Barling, El Cajon, 5. It's time to stop repeating tired excuses and perpetuating problems
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 5. Only 100 days till pitchers and catchers report!
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 5. Am I too late?
Leslie Chase, Campo, 5. Team orange does it again!
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Courmoyer, Chula Vista, 5. Baseball is over till next yr- bummer
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 5. Hi Al! Love ya!
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 5. B.V. and K.P. it was nice hearing from you

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 5. Pooh, I love you and Boo!
Ron Hootman, Santee, 5. Hoot101 "never heard a word of scorm"
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 5. Health-care Reform means less services at higher cost
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 5. Hoy! Gising!
Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 5. Happiest birthdays: Beth, Ron Sr., Ron Jr., Cathy — Love Suzie
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 5. Imm Reader t-shirt
P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 5. Dark too early
John Pertle, Santee, 5. John 3:16-18 Romans5:8; John 20; Acts 16:31; Acts 4:12;
Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 5. Fun puzzle today

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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Bill Pischke, Ramona, 5.
Orange and one are the same — Happy Birthday Danika
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 5.
My dream match up, Chargers vs. Eagles
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 5.
Six love
Carly Stone, San Diego, 5.
Missed you terribly my love
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 5. *God, give me patience, and I want it right now*
Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 4.
Willie O’ was a great man and player — I saw it

D. Asencio Jr., Ramona, 4. *Its great to see L.T. Smiling*
Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 4.
Go take some anger management classes!
George Elam, Vista, 4. *Hope Chris leaving puts some fire under the Bolts*
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 4.
Sasha owns all
Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 4.
Life’s a circus and only the clowns will survive it
Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 4. *Drew: Great job!!! Grand dad*
Henry Romero, San Diego, 4.
Zorro and Abbie rocked!

Ed Summers, Santee, 4. *In all his deepest dreams the gypsy flies — all man. . .*
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 4.
Happy Thanksgiving!
Norman Williams, San Diego, 4.
What da fuss????
Chris Baker, Huntington Beach, 3. *Why not?*
John L. Drehner, North Park, 3. *Anonymous authors don’t have book signings*
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 3. *Thanks to all our veterans!*
Joseph Gold, San Diego, 3.
The puzzlemeister is a cerebral masochist
Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 3.
That was a blast

Lance Grucela, Pacific Beach, 3. *Waria BAM!*
Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 3. *The house will come in 2010*
Dorothy Kruse, Carlsbad, 3.
Really easy- for a change
Joe Musser, Encinitas, 3. *Equity does not stoop to pick up pennies*
Phil Paradissis, San Diego, 3.
Why worry!
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 3.
Vote out the incumbants
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 3.
Happy Birthday Kimberly, my love.
Wishing the best of everything
Jean B. Rolfes, San Diego, 3. *I love the Reader*
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 3. *If 1st 2nd 3rd are wrong, try try again!*

Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 2. *Life is uncertian- have a dessert first*
Kaye Benton, San Diego, 2.
Happy Thanksgiving!
Dan Denike, La Mesa, 2. *T-shirt time*
Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 2. *Things are starting to come together!*
F.A. Naly, El Cajon, 2. *Fun in the sun*
D Schick, Oceanside, 2. *I hope a "L" t-shirt isn't "too" large*
Bert Watton, San Diego, 2.
Polka dots rock!
Robin Coulthard, Lakeside, 1.
Iain great job
Kathy Law, La Mesa, 1. *Al are you still looking? Love to all. Bill/me*

Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1. *That was easy!*
Peter Mound, Santee, 1. *Main-taing the 1980’s aganda*
John Newlin, Vista, 1. *Scrub Jays Rock!*
R. Panaligan, San Diego, 1. *I love you all*
Jenna West and Rhiana Keiser, City Heights, 1. *Ginger, ftw! Poo Rat, ftw!*
Chris Senungetuk, San Diego, 1. *Hafa Adail*
Julie Simons, City Heights, 1.
Happy birthday Tyler
Tom Stam, Lakeside, 1. *Try this one Atom D.*
Ella Summers, Normal Heights, 1. *One voice can change the world*

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3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

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6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
7) Late entries will not be considered.
8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

				5	1		2	3
	6		2			1		
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MEDIUM:

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HARD:

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Personal Message:

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EASY:

6	4	1	9	5	2	7	3	8
5	9	2	3	8	7	1	4	6
7	3	8	1	4	6	5	9	2
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4	8	6	5	1	9	2	7	3
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8	6	7	2	9	4	3	1	5
1	2	3	7	6	5	4	8	9
9	5	4	8	3	1	6	2	7

MEDIUM:

2	9	6	4	8	7	3	5	1
5	4	3	6	9	1	2	7	8
7	1	8	3	2	5	6	4	9
9	5	1	8	7	3	4	6	2
8	3	7	2	6	4	1	9	5
4	6	2	1	5	9	7	8	3
1	2	9	7	4	8	5	3	6
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HARD:

8	5	7	6	2	3	9	4	1
1	3	9	7	5	4	6	8	2
2	4	6	1	9	8	5	3	7
6	8	5	2	7	1	3	9	4
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EVIL:

5	6	9	8	2	4	7	1	3
7	1	4	3	6	5	8	9	2
3	8	2	7	1	9	6	4	5
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6	3	8	9	5	2	4	7	1
9	7	5	4	3	1	2	8	6

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EASY:

Aaron Abramson, Williamstown, 6. Sorry the Phillies lost!
John Pertle, Santee, 6. John 14:6
Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 6. Thank you veterans and all who bravely serve our country
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 6. Thank you veterans!
Don Bowman, Santee, 5. Two man race! Do you come in second to last?
☛ **M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 5.** 35 years of marriage = 35 t-shirts?
Rossinna Ippolito, University Heights, 5. Indexers do it word-by-word
Jaclyn Yee, Rancho Peñasquitos, 5. Got my shirt, thanks! One month 'til bday in Vegas!
Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 3. Happy birthday Fawna!

Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1. Settled for easy this time; others were tough
Harvey Mozer, La Mesa, 1. Wishing won't make it so!
Robert Pippert, Teirrasanta, 1. Lacosta Limousine sucks real bad
Joe Wilson, San Marcos, 1. It's all good!

MEDIUM:

Skully, San Diego, 6. Goldmember, silly boy...
Monkeyboy we miss you — kitten and SDM
Betty Archer, La Jolla, 6. Hi Mary!
Henry Chung, San Diego, 6. Nothing like late night Sudoku!
Tony Marsh, San Carlos, 6. Late, due to illness
☛ **Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 5.** Before I even met them I liked them
Linda Bible, El Cajon, 5. Think positive!

Jeoffry Ross, Chula Vista, 4. Hope you have fun in Phoenix, kitten. Smoochie Boochies
Jose R. Cadava, Spring Valley, 2. Make my (M) t-shirt with name Jose Thank you
Rhonda Webber, San Diego, 2. Hi Skipp! Love you baby!
Eric Anderson, Elfin Forest, 1. Congrats! David Gibson "Clean the Stream"
Crissy Ann, San Diego, 1. I love your brown spider
Victoria Hill, Lemon Grove, 1. I love you Buckaroo!
Tristan Meyers, El Cajon, 1. IDK my BFF Jill!

HARD:

Lark Herrick, Alpine, 6. Whats the secret?
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 6. Torches flare but the mist won't yield
Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 6. Maybe a t this week!
Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 5. Be nice and smile- pass it on!
John Strauch, Point Loma, 4. Hike the county and beyond with Monday Maniacs!

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 2. Yankees bought a world series ring — how sad
Kodukso, Poway, 1. I am hopping around levels every week now...
Ricl Czapiewicz, El Cajon, 1. Have a great day!
Jackson Sutton Clark, Coronado, 1. Happy birthday Jill

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 6. Save "Millions" endangered species - AMERICAN WORKERS - from "GREEDY" EMPLOYERS/POLITICOS!
Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 6. Yippee, t-shirt time! 29th time was a charm! Hello Bob!
Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 6. Together we will rock on in more ways with love
Paul Brugger, Downtown, 6. Spoke too soon, Packers swoon, Favre prevailed, Rodgers failed
Clyde Christie, East Village, 6. Glenn Beck... A True American Patriot CoxCh37at2and11pm

Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 6. I am late
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. Rest in peace
Thomas Daley, San Diego, 6. Yes you can
Roger Doughman, San Diego, 6. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments MT...
Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 6. Just a doodle away!
Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 6. Reader because of you I look forward to Wednesdays!
Dan Holslin, San Diego, 6. "I always live without knowing" Richard Feynman
Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 6. 20 years from fall of communism in Central Europe. Unbelievable
Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 6. Im lost for words
Raymond Land, Escondido, 6. Another chance for fame, glory and a tee shirt
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 6. "Evil" is too easy this week
☛ **Julio Magno, San Diego, 6.** USPS sudoku expert. Hi Eileen

Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 6. Drink coffee! Do dumb things faster with more energy!
Dean McCoy, Vista, 6. two people shorten a road
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 6. Term limits for US Congress
P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 6. Are the turkeys getting nervous?
Martin Mucciarone, Carlsbad, 6. I am not a number I am a free man
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 6. Does Mary Bentley still play dominoes? Please call.
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 6. Come hear Ethan Nadelmann 11/21 2728 6th ave
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 6. Happy belated Saxophone Day!
Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 6. Better late than never.
Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 6. I do evil just so it can not do me, yeaar!
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 6. Recuperate percipitously, grandma!
Joe Selig, San Diego, 6. BBQ, Kauai, Winslow Homer, and love

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 6.
A day off in the middle of the week, Wow!
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 6.
Don't forget - hire a vet.
Duane D. Tremaine, E. Village, 6.
The credit belongs to he who is in the arena...

Harry R. Walker , La Jolla, 6.
Glenn (LJ) get my stingray fixed asap
Susan Williams, North Park, 6.
Finshed this in the dentist's chair
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6. Nancy
Pelosi is a comatose-y
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 6.
Thanks Mary!

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 5. *Ami-gos*
Steve Koenig, Bay Park, 5.
Go- Stimulus!
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 5. *Ahh, but do evil people consider themselves to be evil?*
Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 5.
Hi Jake and Jessie. Love you. Pepe
J.G., San Ysidro, 4. *November birthdays: Jim O, Jose B, Dinah R, Ana G.*

Belmont Hope, Vista, 4. *Minnie dog rules!*
Deborah Schultz, El Cajon, 4.
I'm back!
☛ **Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 4.** *Go green Properly inflated tires yeild higher*
☛ **Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 3.**
Here's to forever memories with family in Oahu and Kauai
Henry Romero, San Diego, 3.
Go Bears!

Edvin Shahmoradian, Escondido, 3. *"life is a state of mind"*
Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 3.
Rob Welder's got nothing on me!
Junito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 2.
Capitalism made the USA the leader of the free world
Minda McDorman, North Park, 2. *Tootskies! (make me mamlade)*
Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 2.
Vole for Carly

Leetri Dang, San Diego, 1.
Stop. Think. Choices you'll make effects your lifes! Success!!
Larry Gach, Rancho Bernardo, 1. *This one's for you, Ruth.*
Rodney Williams, Tierrasanta, 1. *God bless our troops!*

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Foundations of Chinese Medical Philosophy. Saturday, Nov. 28, 11am. Luke Klinecicz, OMD. Comparing Oriental Medicine to the Western approach, examining the yin/yang theory, five elements, three substances and energetic meridians. \$20 suggested donation. Ideal Studio, 540 3rd Avenue, 92101. RedLotusSociety.com.

Cold and Flu Remedies. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30-8pm. Find out what exactly colds and flu are all about and what you can do to help prevent or counter their intrusion into your busy life! Admission \$15. Holistic Hands, 3960 Park Boulevard, Suite E, San Diego 92103. 619-325-8338. www.holistichands.org.

Healing with Sacred Sound. Friday, Nov. 13, 7:15pm. Trance medium/musician Elivia Melodey leads class "open to all levels of healing practitioners and those who want to experience sacred sound mantras, toning, and singing crystal bowls." Admission \$60. Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association, 2975 Washington Circle, Escondido 92029. 760-745-9176.

Children's Yoga Workshop. Snatam Kaur, Saturday Nov. 14, 3pm. Songs, stories, mantras and movement to build a fun Yoga experience for more peace and higher self-esteem in your child. Sacred Chant concert in the evening. \$10. Sanctuary Studio, 2590 Truxton Rd. (Liberty Station), Point Loma. www.SnatamTickets.com.

Dance Meditation. Mondays and Thursdays at noon. An embodiment practice bringing awareness into each of our body parts, moving, breathing, grounding dance while exploring movement in relation to the rhythms of flowing, staccato, chaos, lyrical and stillness. Ideal Studio, 540 3rd Avenue, 92101. RedLotusSociety.com.

Snatam Kaur Sacred Chant Concert. Saturday, Nov. 14, 7pm. Angelic voices, uplifting beats and peaceful melodies with world's most popular New Age artist. Opening act by local Yoga celebrity Bhava Ram. \$30-\$50. With afternoon children's Yoga workshop. McMillin Event Center, 2875 Dewey Rd. (Liberty Station), Point Loma. www.SnatamTickets.com.

Eating Green: Low-Carbon Footprint. Saturday, Nov. 14, 10am-12:30pm. Chef Elizabeth shares three holiday recipes with low carbon impacts. Recipes and tastings provided. Admission \$25-\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado, San Diego 92101. 619-255-0203.

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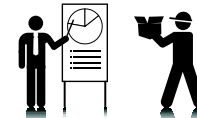
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LEAD STORY

— What is believed to be the world's only commercial lounge openly serving cocaine operates in La Paz, Bolivia, though the owners of "Route 36" have to change locations from time to time, depending on the moods of the bribed authorities. An August dispatch in London's *Guardian* reported that a nearly pure gram costs the equivalent of about \$14 (\$22 for "premium"), served by waiters in an empty CD case, with straws, but bar drinks are also available. Route 36 is well known to backpacking tourists. Recalled one waiter, "We had some Australians; they stayed here for four days. [T]he only time they left was to go to the ATM."

Police Follies

— In Jericho, Ark., alleged harassment by cops got so bad, according to an Associated Press report, that the fire chief went to court twice in the same day in August to complain about speed traps. The chief's charge angered the seven officers attending the hearing, and a courtroom scuffle ensued, resulting in the chief's being shot in the back and hospitalized. WMC-TV reported

that the shooter has not been charged but that an arrest warrant has been issued for the chief, who was then fired by the mayor. The police force has been disbanded by the Crittenden County sheriff, and all firefighters have resigned. — George Vera, who weighs nearly 600 pounds, was booked into jail in Houston in August and was in custody for more than 24 hours before he informed cops that they had missed finding the 9 mm handgun and two clips that were hidden in his rolls of fat.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

— In September, in downtown Longview, Wash., a 23-year-old man held up a sign offering to be kicked in the groin for \$5. He made one sale before police, acting on a complaint, made him move on. — Police in Broome, Australia, reported in September that a five-year feud between two rival camel-ride vendors in the Cable Beach resort area had erupted again, this time involving allegations of camel theft and tossed camel dung. — In July, as the legal brothel business declined precipitously in Germany, owners adopted such gimmicks as free shoe-polishing and discounts

for retirees. However, when several brothels began offering flat-rate plans (based on restaurants' all-you-can-eat model), police cracked down, judging them as a little too excessive.

— The Spanish toymaker Berjuan has introduced a doll that suckles from a halter worn by young girls who want to mimic their breast-feeding mothers. The Bebe Gloton is not expected to be available in the U.S. until 2010 but is being shown worldwide on YouTube.

— The Brazilian company Petsmiling has created a prototype DoggieLoveDoll in three sizes, designed as a "mountable," anatomically correct sex partner for male dogs. It was introduced at the Pet South America fair in São Paulo in July, according to Associated Press photos.

Science on the Cutting Edge

— Sharron Thornton had been blinded nine years ago from a severe reaction to medication that caused her mucus membranes, including the eye's lens, to die and shed (and caused her also to lose hair, skin, and nails, though the latter three grew back). In a revolutionary procedure, the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the

University of Miami (Fla.) had the idea to shore up her eye with a piece of her tooth and jawbone (the cuspid, or "eye tooth") so that a prosthetic lens could be implanted. That was only part of it: the tooth portion, with the implanted lens, had to be micro-sculpted and implanted first into Thornton's chest for access to nutrients. Thornton's vision is now 20/70 without eyeglasses.

— Malcolm Darby, 70, awoke from surgery following a stroke in Oakham, England, last year to find that he had near-perfect vision (after having worn eyeglasses since age 2) but later discovered that he no longer spoke or understood French.

— Calvin Inman, 15, of Rockwood, Tenn., has an annoying case of what one ophthalmologist called "haemolacria," or bloody tears. The boy seems to bleed uncontrollably from the eyes up to three times a day, according to a September ABC News report, but so far, specialists, employing ultrasound, an MRI, and a CT scan, are unable to determine the cause.

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PACIFIC BEACH/ CROWN POINT. \$1285. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large, upstairs. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, coin laundry, shared courtyard, garage space. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 12/10/09. 3711 Ingraham. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH/ CROWN POINT. \$1285. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large upstairs front unit. Quiet area, coin laundry, garage space. Available 12/10/09. 1768 Thomas. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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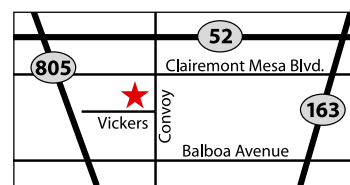
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Thirty Years Ago

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STEVE & STEVE at State Square Pan on November 3 - What happened to Rick? Hope you got home okay! 4 Ski Bums DEKM.

RACINE SKIER: What do you think of the three CrowMen in La Jolla? They're not scoring any points, are they? HI IM GR.

KIM, Price Club checker. You're one of the most lovely, sexy, sophisticated, alluring girls I've ever seen. Just wanted to let you know! Wholesale Member.

— CLASSIFIEDS, November 15, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

To say the scene at Election Central this past election day was organized chaos would be kind: there was nothing organized about it. Held at the Holiday Inn Embarcadero, the County Registrar of Voters' annual bash for the media, candidates, and

politically inspired public — who gather to mingle while obtaining the latest vote tallies — was so overcrowded this year that Mayor Hedgecock lambasted conditions on a television interview, and city councilman Mike Gotch insists, "Ain't no way there will ever be an Election Central at the Holiday Inn again."

— CITY LIGHTS: "NUTS TO SUITES,"

Thomas K. Arnold, November 15, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

DENISE V.: please call me. I'm getting married. Your sister, Christy. DUN: working through hard times brings people even closer together. Thanks for working. "L" word Borrego Bound Beauty. EARTH MUFFIN: imagine Bryan Ferry blaring (I'd sing along, but my voice cracks). The dog sleeping. I listen to you breathe. If I make you breakfast, will you always be mine? Laidlaw hath no end. Yours. REMEMBER OAXACA? The radish festival? The bug bed? The killer cactus? Remember cheese, chicken, crackers, and Corona? You should.

Let's do it again, Banana.

— CLASSIFIEDS, November 16, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

Mrs. Frederick brought one of two dishes to our church potluck. They were spoken of as "Mrs. Frederick's famous Swedish meatballs" and "Mrs. Frederick's famous sweet-and-sour pork-u-pines." The pork-u-pines' "pines" or "quills" were rice Mrs. Frederick blended into ground pork. As the pork cooked, fat melted; pork shrank away from the rice, which left rice grains sticking out of the meatballs. For serving, Mrs. Frederick nestled her pork-u-pines shoulder-to-shoulder in baking pans, where the little meatballs looked, as Calvary Episcopal ladies were wont to say, "for all the world like baby porcupines."

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LOAF," Judith Moore, November 10, 1994

Ten Years Ago

Well-heeled San Diegans continue to give generously to their political

causes of choice in the months leading up to election year 2000. The *Union-Tribune's* David Copley has given \$1000 to Congressman Brian Bilbray. Downtown steakhouse owner Laurel Rainwater also gave Bilbray \$1000. Controversial port commissioner David Malcolm has contributed \$1000 to the reelection campaign of Redlands Republican congressman Jerry Lewis, a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. Fat-loss queen Jenny Craig kicked in \$1000 to the Northern Lights Political Action Committee, run by Senate Appropriations Committee chairman Ted Stevens of Alaska. Her husband, Sid, gave \$1000 to George W. Bush's presidential campaign, as did radio talk-show host and ex-San Diego mayor Roger Hedgecock and wife Cindy, who gave a combined \$2000.

— CITY LIGHTS: "FAT AND LEAN,"

Matt Potter, November 11, 1999

Five Years Ago

The *U-T* could find no consolation



San Diego Reader, November 10, 1994

for its electoral defeats in the latest readership numbers released this month by the Audit Bureau of Circulation. Daily circulation fell 3.7 percent to 339,032. Sunday was down 2.9 percent to 433,973. That inspired a gloating story in the *North County Times*, which reported that its own circulation "leapt" 2.5 percent on Sundays and .9 percent daily.

— CITY LIGHTS: "LAST STANDS,"

Matt Potter, November 11, 2004

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The diversity carried through to the congregation. Young men in suits, middle-aged men in long-sleeve Ts; black women, Hispanic men; young mothers and old-timers crooning along with the praise rock. "Amazing Love, how can it be/ that You, my King, would die for me?"
The muted black dress shoes belonged to Van Cleef. They poked out from beneath his creased blue pants, which disappeared under the squared-off bottom of his crisp, white button-down shirt, the kind with little red

epaulets to indicate his status as an officer of the Salvation Army. "For the past few weeks, we've been looking at spiritual disciplines," he explained between songs. "There is kind of an ebb and flow — tending to the inner life that no one can see, and then letting the inner life shine out and affect everyday life around us. For the next three weeks, we're going to be talking about what happens outside because of what's gone on on the inside."
Before that, we heard announcements and prayers from Van Cleef's wife Lisa (herself an officer and the church's executive pastor). "Next week is third week — what do we bring on third week? Money for world services — all your dimes, nickels, quarters, and pennies.... We have a lot of people out with flus and colds...give them a call, let them know you care.... Clarissa's mom died this week.... Father, we thank You for answers to prayer. To know that Clara is in Your arms right now, enjoying a healthy body...is an answer to prayer."

More songs, and then Van Cleef spoke up over a repeated riff from the rhythm guitar: "Sunday was part one of Ready, Set, Go — 'Ready' here meaning that we need to prepare people for an encounter with God through our interactions."
The guitarist, Joshua Sneed, took a turn of his own, speaking over the throb and thump of bass and drum. "If you can buy it, it can't be worth much in the long run," he pronounced. "If you can pay for it, don't even bother wanting it. If they sell it, you don't want it." And bang, back into the music.
The band stepped off, and Van Cleef put down his guitar and picked up a Bible. "Isaiah 1: 18–20. I like this — no one can argue with one of the old prophets. 'Come on, man,' he says. 'Let's sit down. Let's argue this out. This is God's message: if your sins are blood red, they'll be snow white. If you willingly obey God, you will feast like kings. If you're willful and stubborn, you'll die like dogs.' Christian people have...a personal story

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underwent the transformation. The "Ready" interaction that "prepared people for an encounter with God" was this same "arguing it out." In this passage from Isaiah, he said, God was promising freedom from the bondage of sin ("there's a whole new way it can be"), blessings ("a 'God's kingdom economy' blessing"), and the kind of love that would keep you from dying alone and isolated (the way a dog dies).
His eyes welled up and his voice cracked as he spoke over the closing music, inviting souls to kneel before the stage. "I believe there are people in this room today who want to inherit the friendship of God the Father, and to be standing...oh, to be standing...with all the saints. I can't wait."
What happens when we die?
"I do believe that heaven is our home," said Van Cleef.
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