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UNDER THE RADAR

Booze and bull In the category of lobbying standouts, there's both Sempra Energy's **Heidi DeJong Barsuglia**, who purportedly mixed it up with ex-GOP assemblyman **Mike Duvall** this summer (they both later denied the hanky-panky), and **Jim Cassie** of Capitol Strategies Group, a contract-lobbying outfit that works for Sempra. Cassie just won first place



Heidi DeJong Barsuglia

for "best storyteller," awarded by Sacramento's *Capitol Weekly*, which asked all 120 California legislators to rate the legislature's 1100 lobbyists in 13 categories. "Some lawmakers demurred from filling out our survey, citing a lack of time, interest or knowledge about the entire lobbying corps," CW said. "But most members and chiefs of staff we spoke to were eager to participate."

In the first nine months of this year, Sempra paid Capitol Strategies \$96,000. Before going to work for the lobbying firm, SDSU grad Cassie retired in 2000 after 30 years at Sempra and its predecessor, San Diego Gas & Electric. Sempra became famous for its role in the 1996 passage of the controversial utility deregulation bill authored by Democrat **Steve Peace** that resulted in the infamous Enron rate manipulation scandal.

Well-known for his appreciation of fine food and drink, Cassie announced this September that he was starting a one-week "internship" at Sacramento's Tuli Bistro, according to California's Capitol, a political website. "Lobbying has been a great job, but there are other things I want to do with my life. And I've always been interested in the cooking part of the restaurant business," he said. **Barry Broad** writes books, **Bob Giroux** raises Shetland ponies and I'm interested in food preparation."

Parties and politics American Medical Response, which has lucrative paramedic and ambulance contracts with the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, National City, and a host of other local government agencies, gave \$2000 to the county Democratic Party on November 6. ... In days of yore, it was illegal for political parties to get financially involved in city politics. Not anymore, as demonstrated by the cool \$10,000 the county Republican Party sank into a so-called member communications effort on October 31 to oppose the recall campaign

against Oceanside city councilman **Jerry Kern**. Big labor, in the form of the firefighters' union, has spent about \$81,000 on the effort to oust Kern in the recall election set for December 8. A pro-Kern group reported collecting \$82,400. The GOP money is in addition to that; it funds mailings targeted to Republicans, as permitted under state law. According to the party's recent filing, contributors to its campaign kitty have included San Francisco-based landfill developer Gregory Canyon, Ltd. (\$2500); Herzog Contracting Corporation of Saint Joseph, Missouri (\$5000); and the state GOP, with a total of \$45,700.



Jerry Kern

Watching the hound dog After a delay, San Diego State University, in response to a request under the state's Public Records Act, has turned over the contract between itself and the nonprofit Watchdog Institute, the experiment in investigative reporting overseen by former *Union-Tribune* editor **Lorie Hearn**. SDSU is waiving \$263.25 a month in rent and a \$157.95 monthly utility bill to house what the contract calls an "instructional research facility" of 175.5 square feet. In return, the university will receive a number of services from the institute, which will make available its "databases to students in the School of Journalism & Media Studies for their course work," the October 7 contract says. The institute will also "offer internships to journalism students," "invite the annual conference of Investigative Reporters and Editors to San Diego," and bring "data boot camps to SDSU for advanced journalism training."

Hearn has a deal to sell stories developed by the institute to the *U-T*. Getting financial details about the deal between the institute and the newspaper will require its own bit of investigative reporting, since the institute hasn't shared them with the public. ... One of ex-San Diego city attorney **Mike Aguirre's** top honchos has found a new job as county counsel for Glenn County, Florida. Before working for Aguirre, **Huston T. Carlyle Jr.** was GOP governor **George Deukmejian's** director of the Office of Planning and Research and assistant city attorney in San Bernardino.



Mike Aguirre

— Matt Potter

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No Cure, No Shutdown (Yet)

By Don Bauder

After an agonizing wait of more than 40 years, science may come up with a treatment for lupus. But the two companies

working together on the promising development are not based in San Diego County. At the same time, a local company, La Jolla Pharmaceutical, which has failed to create a lupus drug, wants to shut down but can't get its shareholders to approve the dissolution.

Lupus is a life-threatening autoimmune disease afflicting up to a million people in the United States, 90 percent of whom are women, mainly in their childbearing years. The disease can attack the skin, joints, heart, lungs, blood, brain, and kidneys.

On November 2, it was announced that Maryland-

based Human Genome Sciences and Great Britain's GlaxoSmithKline may have a drug to relieve symptoms.



It could get regulatory approval next year and reach a billion-dollar market. Human Genome's stock leapt 26 percent the day the news was announced.

Sadly, La Jolla Pharmaceutical has failed in its 20-

year effort to develop a lupus drug, but its shareholders won't vote on a liquidation proposal. It set a special meeting of shareholders for October 30 to vote on the board's recommended dissolution. It was reset to November 6, November 13, and again to November 24, as more than 90 percent of shareholders still have not cast their votes. The company needs a majority.

In February of this year, La Jolla got the devastating

news that its lupus treatment had failed. A month later, Massachusetts-based Biogen Idec got similar news. Its San Diego wing had been developing a lupus treatment that also struck out.

Since 1989, La Jolla Pharmaceutical has been working on a treatment, named Riquent, to combat renal flares, the sometimes-fatal inflammations of the kidneys of lupus patients. This

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He Promised Investors 2% to 6% a Week Rancho Santa Fe residents have come up with some wild frauds in the past...

Crisis Coming in Commercial Real Estate "Of the \$3 trillion of outstanding mortgage debt, \$1.4 trillion is scheduled to mature..."

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Nine Miles of Nothing

By Susan Luzzaro

Conflict has surrounded the South Bay Expressway, the southern extension of State Route 125, since its inception. Prior to groundbreaking in 2003, the privately held four-lane toll road was opposed by community and environmental groups. Since opening, riders have complained about toll hikes, unwarranted notices of toll evasion, and problems with automated toll-collection machines. Caltrans had predicted that 162,000 vehicles a day would travel this road by 2010. But the South Bay Expressway looks like a ghost road. Where are the shoppers,

A three- or four-axle vehicle pays double that, and a five-axle vehicle pays triple.

The expressway's route and toll rates were common threads among comments I heard when I recently spoke with 12 people in an East-Lake shopping center. Some called it the road to nowhere. "It doesn't go anywhere I need to go," said John Markham. "I'd have to travel out of my way to get to it." Others said the cost was too much when you could get to



South Bay Expressway

financial backbone of a toll road, but on the South Bay Expressway freight trucks are a rare sight. Jaime Vasquez, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 542 and a Chula Vista resident, says, "The cost of fuel impacted freight cost tremendously." Instead of adding to expenses by paying a toll, "Companies are going to choose the regular highway to send their

number of Preserve South Bay, a group that fought the toll road. "But that has just not happened." Taylor notes that the expressway "doesn't really take people who live in Chula Vista's bedroom communities to Sorrento Valley, Del Mar, Mission Valley — it just doesn't take them where the major businesses are." Another promise was that the toll road would relieve surface street congestion, and Taylor says initially it did in Bonita, but since the economic downturn, surface traffic has increased again.

The toll road is operated by an Australian outfit, Macquarie Infrastructure Group. Macquarie Infrastructure, which is managed by Macquarie Bank, bought the 35-year toll franchise in 2003. In 2006, a *New York Times* article, titled "Turning Asphalt to Gold," called Macquarie Bank "the envy of Wall Street." According to the story, Macquarie acquires "giant assets by borrowing other people's money, then packages the assets into funds, which are sold to investors through public offerings.... Along the way, it makes a killing on fees."

But the "Macquarie model" came under scrutiny in 2007, when *Fortune* magazine published an article titled "Would You Buy a Bridge From This Man?" In the story, James Chanos, president of Kynikos Association and famous as an

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Harriet Taylor

commuters, and truck drivers that so desperately needed this road?

The South Bay Expressway traverses nine and a half miles of eastern Chula Vista, linking SR 125, northwest of the Sweetwater Reservoir, to State Route 905, which runs south to the Otay Mesa border crossing. The ten-minute trip costs a car, light truck, or motorcycle \$4.50.

the same place on surface streets. Alex Lloyd said simply, "It should be free." One woman, who declined to give her name, said she was canceling her prepaid Fas-Trak account on principle. She said that when she signed up, South Bay Expressway told her there would be no minimum-use charge, and now there is one.

Truck traffic is often the

merchandise." Besides, says Vasquez, SR 125, to which the expressway connects, "gets you over to El Cajon, basically, but most of the shipping heads over to L.A. Those trucks headed for L.A. are going to use the 5 and the 805."

Easing truck traffic on I-805 was one of the biggest promises made, says Harriet Taylor, a founding mem-

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Fair Warning

Single-Story Homes Razed in Minutes

Ocean Beach — Demolition of the buildings at 4868 Santa Cruz Avenue began



Demolition of 4868 Santa Cruz Avenue

November 1. Residents who had lived there for years were given notice at the end of June that work would begin the day after Halloween.

After at least six years of waiting for the money and the permits, it took only minutes to tear down a home. Neighbor Shawn McGinnis said that in the time it took him to smoke a cigarette, the house across from his was leveled.

Lost are the rounded ceilings of these single-story homes. Lost is the mural that used to adorn the back house. Lost is the milk door in the kitchen of the front house where decades ago the milkman would make his deliveries.

By Casey Bollier, 11/11

Solana Reef

Sand vs. Waves

Solana Beach — In an effort to slow erosion at Fletcher Cove, the United States Army Corps of Engineers proposes constructing an artificial offshore reef. The reef's main purpose would be

to prevent heavy storms and high tides from taking sand off the beach and lessening the impact high surf would inflict on the nearby bluffs.

During the November 10 Solana Beach city council meeting, Heather Schlosser of the Army Corps of Engineers delivered a 25-minute presentation.

According to Schlosser, engineers determined the correct size for the reef is approximately 60 feet wide by 270 feet long.

Construction is expected to begin by 2011, that is, after the city council holds a public vote on the project.

Solana Beach

mayor and local surfer Mike Nichols expressed concern that the design shown during Schlosser's presentation might negatively impact the local surf break.

"This design to me, not being a scientist, is rather flat and square and not something that would be conducive to allow waves to peel and break in the way you want them to," said Nichols.

By Dorian Hargrove, 11/16

Coastal Commission Omission

Are They Ready for Abbott Street Floods?

Ocean Beach — City plans for Abbott Street and Saratoga Avenue have been approved by the California Coastal Commission, but one consideration seems to have been



Ocean Beach pier

given short shrift.

There are 15 apartments and four detached buildings slated to be demolished, including

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No cure, no shutdown

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was a potentially lucrative market, because 40 to 45 percent of lupus patients develop kidney disease.

It has been a roller-coaster ride. Early on, the company got a \$4 million boost from Abbott Laboratories, a prestigious maker of health-care products. La Jolla Pharmaceutical stock got as high as \$61.25 in 2000, before the tech stock crash. It also hit highs of \$53.75 in 2001 and \$47.10 in 2002 during a tough bear market.

Investors and speculators kept gobbling up the stock, even though La Jolla's revenues were essentially nil. In its most recent quarterly filing to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the company pointed out, "We have never generated revenue from product sales." Indeed, from its beginning, the company built up a stag-

gering cumulative deficit of \$423 million.

Initially, La Jolla intended to work on autoimmune-related health problems afflicting people suffering strokes, heart attacks, deep vein thrombosis, recurrent fetal loss, and other diseases. But it put substantially all its resources behind the development of Riquent. The company became a one-trick pony.

This made the biotech more vulnerable. In 1999, Abbott pulled out. Beginning in 2003, La Jolla stock gradually declined in a sawtooth pattern. In 1999, 2003, and 2004, when Riquent experienced problems, the stock took big tumbles, but it gradually recovered some of the losses. In early 2007, it spiked up on seemingly good news, then receded.

In early January of this year, La Jolla was tossed what seemed like a lifeline: Novato's BioMarin Pharmaceutical signed a devel-

opment and commercialization pact with the company that over a long period might produce as much as \$289 million. In one day, La Jolla stock jumped from 75 cents a share to \$1.36 on very heavy volume. As euphoria rose, the stock moved up to \$2.31. But BioMarin gave investors a warning: its chief executive stated, "The development history of Riquent has been long and challenging."

A month later came the disastrous news. An independent data-monitoring board that had been analyzing results of a Riquent clinical trial concluded that continuing study of the drug was futile. La Jolla stock had closed February 11 at \$2.31 and closed February 12 at 20 cents, a swoon of 91.3 percent on volume of 37.7 million shares — far, far more than normal. A few days later, the company said it would reduce its workforce, to no one's surprise.

La Jolla lamented, "Riquent was our sole significant asset." Other drugs in the pipeline were of minimal value.

In September, La Jolla issued a proxy statement. It had considered other strategies, such as selling the company, but they had been unsuccessful. "We have terminated substantially all of our management and employees," as well as breaking contractual relationships, said La Jolla. The company looked for "a complete redemption and cancellation of all outstanding shares of stock." If the shareholders approved liquidation, there would be no more trading of the stock anywhere.

After all debts were paid and obligations wound down, the stock was worth somewhere between 2.8 and 4.5 cents a share, and, partly because of possible lawsuits, the stock's value ultimately could even be "substantially

less" than that paltry sum, the proxy warned. The stock drifted down from 25 cents to 8 cents but still traded much higher than the company said it was worth. On Monday of this week, it was changing hands at 7 cents. "Sometimes [stock trading] doesn't make sense," says Gail Sloan, vice president of finance.

In a way, this puts La Jolla stock in the same category as Motors Liquidation Company, which is the old General Motors. It contains the unwanted assets and unsecured claims of the former General Motors. "Management continues to remind investors of its strong belief that there will be no value for the common stockholders in the bankruptcy liquidation process, even under the most optimistic of scenarios," warns Motors Liquidation on its website. The government also states that the shares have no value. But they have been trading

at close to 60 cents. "Some people might think there is some residual value in the [La Jolla] technology," says David Allen of Fallbrook's Palomar Equity Research. More likely, though, is that "it is being played by a small number of speculators." Unscrupulous brokers may be peddling it at these prices to the naive. Or those who have shorted the stock (bet on its decline) may have to buy the stock to cover their shorts for some technical reason. Globally, there is a "huge asset binge" around the world as countries, particularly the United States, spend like drunken sailors and keep interest rates around zero. Commodities, bonds, currencies, and stocks all float upward, buoyed by the liquidity. That permits stocks such as La Jolla Pharmaceutical to trade well above their value, says Allen. "There will be a blow off," he warns. ■

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early critic of Enron, called the Macquarie model a Ponzi scheme. Matthew Davison, a Morgan Stanley analyst, pointed out that Macquarie has an “aggressive structuring” of the debt at the asset level,” which the article said was “akin to a mortgage with a low teaser rate.” Last year, a *Time* magazine story, “End of the Toll Road?,” predicted the future for Macquarie Infrastructure Group: “But with asset prices falling and easy debt a thing of the past, some believe the Macquarie model is in for a shakeup.”

And Macquarie Infrastructure has been shaken up. The company’s end-of-the-year report, given in June 2009, stated that toll-road revenue and traffic have been down across Macquarie’s portfolio. (On the South Bay Expressway, between July and September, traffic was down 13.6 percent.) Macquarie’s year-end report acknowledged that the company has a \$30 billion asset debt. On October 30, Macquarie’s chief executive announced that in order to “create value for security holders,” the company was proposing to stockholders a split in the toll-road portfolio, calling one group of toll roads “mature” and the other group “active.” The “active,” or poorly performing, portfolio includes the South Bay Expressway. Online publication *Tollroadnews* on August 19 said that the South Bay Expressway “is totally written off now — A\$0.00 [Australian dollars].” But even back on April 18, an Australian stock analyst told the *Sydney Morning Herald*, “We basically view [the South Bay Expressway] as worthless.”

When asked by email in mid-October if Macquarie was considering unloading any of its U.S. toll roads, Jane Rotsey, media manager for Macquarie Infrastructure Group, replied: “MIG

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continually looks to create value for security holders through a number of different mechanisms, which in the past has included asset sales. Should an offer be made for a MIG asset it is incumbent on the directors to consider whether it is in the best interests of security holders.”

Greg Hulsizer, chief executive of South Bay Expressway, said in an interview in early October that the expressway has a 35-year franchise and that his company is not going anywhere. Hulsizer said that, like every business, the expressway has been affected by the recession. Although traffic is down from 30,000 cars per day last year to 25,000 to 28,000 this year (22,500 in July–September), Hulsizer is confident that when the economy turns around, the expressway will turn around as well. He was enthusiastic about a new 80-block development in Chula Vista, the Eastern Urban Center, which he expects to contribute to toll-road business. When asked about Macquarie Infrastructure’s financial situation, Hulsizer said he couldn’t comment on that.

Some people say that the South Bay Expressway costs only the person who chooses to ride on it, but people pay for it whether they ride it or not. Public funds are an integral part of this barely traveled road. The cost of the road, \$635 million, was paid partly with private funds, but \$140 million came from a low-interest federal loan. Additionally, in order for the toll road to be viable, two “gap connectors” had to be built at the northern end. The San Diego Association of Government’s website states that the gap connectors cost \$160 million. This money came from a combination of public funds, including sales tax (TransNet, the half-cent local transportation tax) and federal highway funds. Recently, the City of Chula Vista asked

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for \$27 million in stimulus funds to build an interchange at Rock Mountain Road.

The City of Chula Vista also subsidized South Bay Expressway. According to a 2007 *Union-Tribune* article, the City spent \$19.5 million on tollway-related projects, including direct payment of toll costs. (Chula Vista city manager Jim Sandoval was contacted twice but did not respond to questions.)

Chula Vistans may be supporting the South Bay Expressway through local taxes in the future. In December 2008, South Bay Expressway sued Chula Vista for \$10 million, alleging breach of contract. When asked if the suit was resolved, Hulsizer said that South Bay Expressway and Chula Vista were reaching an “amicable” agreement.

Ironically, while the City was being sued, Chula Vista’s Mayor Cheryl Cox nominated the South Bay Expressway for a Transportation Innovation Award, and when *Forbes* magazine called Chula Vista one of the ten most boring cities in the USA, Mayor Cox countered that the South Bay Expressway is the city’s third-best attraction.

Traffic density is another way people pay for the toll road. South Bay Expressway enjoys a noncompete clause with the San Diego Association of Governments, the City of San Diego, the City of Chula Vista, and other agencies. Noncompete clauses protect toll-road revenues by prohibiting enhancements on surrounding freeways that might divert toll-road traffic. According to Hulsizer, the noncompete clause allows safety-related improvements on the I-805 and anything that’s in the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. But, Hulsizer said, “If there were to be a plan to add six lanes on I-805, and there was a negative impact on our revenue, then we would be due compensation.”

There is no doubt that

the South Bay Expressway has been affected by the economic downturn, in particular foreclosures in Chula Vista. However, between 1995 and 2003, Hulsizer was the general manager of another toll road, the 91 Express Lanes in Orange County, that performed poorly even though the economy was strong. Owned by the California Private Transportation Company (CPTC), the 91 Express Lanes ran in the median of State Route 91, the Riverside Freeway.

According to a 2006 background paper prepared for California senator Alan Lowenthal, chairman of the California Senate Transportation and Housing Committee: "Although usage of the [Orange County] toll road increased from 1995 to 1998, the toll road experienced only one profitable year (1998). The CEO of CPTC suggested in a newspaper article that the company would not turn a profit until 2004 unless the company could refinance its debt or find a buyer."

The contract between California Private Transportation Company and Caltrans included a noncompete clause. When Caltrans proposed to make safety improvements on the Riverside Freeway because of an increase in congestion-related accidents, the toll-road operator sued for violation of the noncompete clause. The issues surrounding the noncompete clause were resolved when the Orange County Transportation Authority, a public agency, bought the toll road in January 2003, paying \$207.5 million for a road that had cost the operator \$135 million to build only eight years earlier.

Senator Lowenthal's report concludes, "The long-term implications for the state, for local communities, and for individual users relying on privately-operated transportation facilities as California continues to grow are murky at best." ■

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Hodad's restaurant. The two alleys that border the west and south sides of the property will be eliminated, and half of the alleys will become the property of the new development. The entire alley area will be turfed for pedestrian use and open space.

The new development includes plans for a 12-unit condominium building over a 27-space subterranean garage. There are 14 parking spots for the 15 apartments. The Coastal Commission permit requires that the subterranean parking structure be "water-proof and be designed with a de-watering system."

The permit further states: "The report therefore concludes that over the last several decades there has been no shoreline retreat in front of the site; it has not been subject to significant flooding, erosion damage or wave run-up attack in the past, including the 1982-'83 El Niño winter; and the proposed habitable improvements are above any potential coastal hazard."

It should be noted that during the heavy rains of the 1982-'83 El Niño event, runoff from the hillside above the beach was so extreme that I was able to sail a windsurfer — with center board in place — down Abbott Street from Santa Monica Avenue to Saratoga Avenue. So, the water in Abbott Street was at least 40 inches deep — that's a block uphill from the proposed entrance to the subterranean garage.

By Stephen Scatolini, 11/16

You Say Gauge, I Say Gouge

Gas Pump in Question
Mira Mesa — **On Monday, November 9, I filled up my empty gas tank at a station in Mira Mesa. (The**

tank was so empty, the car had stalled once just before I reached the station.) After I'd filled up, the gauge on the pump indicated that I'd dispensed 12.266 gallons. My car's manual shows the tank holds only 11.9 gallons.

When I arrived home, I logged on to the California Weights and Measures website in order to lodge a complaint.

On Thursday, November 12, I received a phone call from a representative of the agency. He confirmed details and said an inspector would get in touch with me. An inspector called me the next day to say that an investigation had been completed.

Standard procedure is for the inspector to take a five-gallon container to the station, fill it, and compare the gauge to the amount pumped into their calibrated container. The pump passed that test.

Next, the investigator inspected the tag that was placed on the pump at its last inspection, which happened to be in 2007. The seals on the tag had not been tampered with. How could this be? The inspector explained that vehicle manufacturers estimate the fuel capacity of gas tanks, and the difference between actual and stated volume can be up to 20 percent.

By Robert Terra, 11/16

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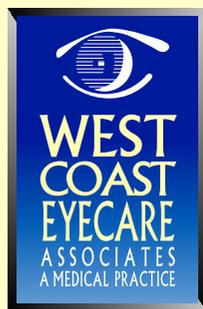
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Mexico Without Fear

Dear Folks @ the Reader,

I was really glad to see Ed Bedford's "México" (Cover Story, November 12) expressing the positives of Tijuana and Baja, Mexico. I, too, fell in love with Tijuana after taking kin on touristy shopping trips there years ago. Yes, it is different now. But that big heart is still alive and well.

We are lucky to have such a great country right next door. The food, the color, the history! Wow! My Spanish is minimal. But I have found that most people are

warm and friendly and want you to enjoy being there. It's not just a money thing to Tijuana's people. They have a genuine love of life! (Here I must add that if you go there and get drunk, abusive, and stupid, you might get a different response.)

I want to mention the Tijuana Wax Museum, an undiscovered gem! It covers Mayans and Aztecs, political figures, folklore, and even some American celebrities. And the mystery of Juan Soldado. It's affordable and close to the entrance to the Tijuana shopping district. And it's worth making a special trip to see!

I say, don't be afraid of Mexico.

Holly Sandy
University Heights

Baja Allure

Re "México" (Cover Story, November 12).

This is by far the best article from any local-type publication I have ever read, and one of the better articles I've read in general. The author, though more versed in the Baja region than myself, captured the essence and allure of the region as experienced by an outsider, a gringo. I guess I feel so strongly because I used to go down there almost every Friday for two years (when I was between the ages of 17 and 19), and not only to get drunk.

During those two years and after, I really appreciated what Mexico has to offer, and I've made a lot of good friends. The cuisine, the culture, the people, the attitude, the sights (no matter how destitute), and, of course, the

good times. It really inspired me to learn more about the area (not necessarily in a scholastic fashion) and to acquaint myself with Spanish-speaking beyond the three years I took in school.

The sense of humor is unparalleled, considering TJ is/was the melting pot of Mexico in terms of its residents relocating; so you get to experience the quick talking of the *chilangos*, all the entertaining slang they use, and just the general good-natured spirit of the people. The people are always so warm and receptive, a very charitable bunch beyond the monetary sense, and all around very pleasant.

In fact, I really appreciate the people and the culture down there more than my own, because, well, the U.S. completely lacks a distinct/ identifying/unifying culture. Despite the woes of its government, Mexico has a lot to offer in many ways; I've always learned something (bad or good) when I've come back from a TJ experience, and it's always for the better. It can be very humbling at times.

I really miss going down there; it's been close to nine months since I took my last expedition. Times are hard everywhere, and even though TJ is cheap, I would still normally spend the same amount down there as I would on an outing in San Diego, given there was more bang for the buck, so to speak. Tijuana, I miss you. ¡Viva Baja!

El Gabacho [Borracho]
via email

Oh, I Get It

Re "East Village Lowdown," "City Lights," November 12.

Now I finally understand the big push to get the new central library built. Our downtown shakers and movers have convinced themselves it will save the East Village. Wasn't that what the ballpark was going to do? It's only costing taxpayers \$10 million annually in debt service. You have to wonder how much the library will add to that.

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It Was Just A Sneaky Plot

The East Village area will recover slowly as the recession fades away and people move in to occupy those empty condos ("East Village Low-down," "City Lights," November 12). And then, if Alex Spanos and Mayor Sanders have their way, the choice of the Petco "tailgate" parking lot as a location for a new Chargers stadium will destroy East Village as a pleasant place to live and/or do business.

It turns out, predictably, that Mayor Sanders and the crafty Alex Spanos never had any intention of considering anywhere but downtown San Diego. The skillfully choreographed dance through pretended alternatives was the usual sham attempt to disguise the fact that a decision had already been made at lunches and other private social venues.

A Google satellite picture of the Qualcomm site taken on an NFL game day will show the many thousands of cars that would have to fit into the MTS/Petco area during a game. How about that inevitable day when a Chargers game and a Padres game are scheduled for the same day? Now, suppose that the convention center is hosting a major gathering, the new library is having a busy day, two or three cruise ships are in port, and tourists are thronging around the Gaslamp Quarter. What if there happens to be a major accident or fire in that area? Any chance that an emergency vehicle could get through? Any chance that a resident could get in or out?

While you have your Google satellite map handy, be sure to compare major highway access to both the Qualcomm and Petco locations.

Should it happen that the voters do get conned into building a downtown stadium for Mr. Spanos and the Chargers, let's demand that the facility be constructed with something akin to oversized Lego blocks. Since Sanders and Spanos agree that major concrete structures such as stadiums and civic buildings have a useful life of no more than 40

years (tell that to the Romans), it would save lots of demolition expense when the stadium is abandoned.

Lyle Davidson
via email

Link Broken

There is a factual error in Mr. Leighton's story ("Buck Howdy's on the Case," "Blurt," November 12). There is not now, nor has there ever been, a *RecallRexford.com* link on the *BuckHowdy.com* website.

There was and is a *Recall-Rexford.com* link on *Steve-Vaus.com*, as I told him when I was interviewed for the story.

I would appreciate a correction.

Steve Vaus
via email

Ken Leighton responds: Mr. Vaus is correct, and I regret the error.

Real Reality

William Sladack's letter ("String 'Em Up," November 12) says nice things about Don Bauder that I agree with. Other than that, "Stringers" does not warrant such criticism, as it is real news written by real people, not "fake" news written by media propagandists. The whole idea is to publish stories of interest to only one neighborhood. Regarding his mention of hedonism, that's the one thing that makes the world not hell. Has he ever considered publishing his own newspaper? Then reporters can be forced to write whatever he wants. Too much of that already in San Diego and worldwide. Not enough real news stringers.

John Kitchin
via email

A Snob To The Core

Madam Barbarella,
Top ten reasons you are a snob.

You assume in "Wine Snobs" ("Diary of a Diva," November 12) that one can be snobbish about one thing (in this case wine) yet not be snobbish in all things. I disagree.

If a person is an insufferable, arrogant, pontificating ass, it is an intrinsic condition that manifests in all matters of opinion or discussion.

Your friend Andrew was

dead-on: "Snobs are people who take things too seriously." May I add, especially *themselves*.

Your friend Kelly also hit the mark, "Snobs are easy to spot because they feel compelled to impart their knowledge on the uneducated."

Note that neither of them restricted their comments to any single focus of human interest.

You conclude after faulty rationalization that you and David are *not* snobs... (Not that there's anything wrong with that!)

I propose, therefore, to put your claimed salt-of-the-earth status to the following test. In it, I tried to emphasize wine, since that was the original topic, but I also felt free to draw upon other comments from your article as seemed appropriate and germane. So here we go: the top ten reasons you may be a snob.

You are a snob if you:

1. Own any wine accessory other than a common corkscrew.

2. Read/memorize droll things to say about a wine, generally imputing human-character traits, e.g., bold, impudent, cheeky, etc.

3. Use the word "bouquet" when describing a wine. In fact, you're a snob if you ever feel the need to describe a wine with more than "Good," "Mmmm," or a nod of the head.

4. Eschew Two Buck Chuck. How gauche!! Never mind the fact that it's won several prestigious blind taste-test awards.

5. Make a big deal in restaurants about testing cork, color, nose, legs, you name it. Of course, sending a bottle back is prima facie evidence of snobbery (boorishness).

6. Know the sommelier's (suhm-uhl-YEY) cup is a tastevin (tahst-VAHN).

7. Memorize the above factoids (including pronunciation) to dazzle the ignorant at some later opportunity.

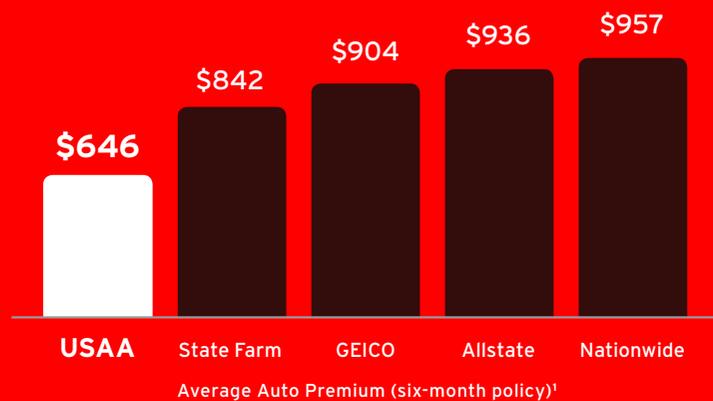
8. Feel immensely superior to anyone having high school education or less.

9. Ditto the poor dumb bastards in the Red States.

10. Refer to yourself as

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What's in the Red Zone?



Top 10 of the Week

Final Regular Season Top 10

Posted November 15, 2009, 7:33 p.m.

Red Zone Top 10: Last week's rank in parentheses

- Oceanside (II) (10-0) (1) – On the search for six
- La Costa Canyon (I) (10-0) (2) – Can they win back-to-back?
- Eastlake (I) (8-0-2) (3) – On a roll headed into postseason
- Cathedral Catholic (III) (9-1) (4) – Still the team to beat in Division III
- Valley Center (IV) (9-1) (5) – Will have a tough time with three-peat
- Mission Bay (IV) (10-0) (6) – Dillon Baxter has Bucs back in title hunt
- Escondido (I) (7-2-1) (7) – Lost two of last three
- Ramona (III) (8-2) (8) – Can they challenge Cathedral?
- Valhalla (II) (8-2) (9) – Have one of section's best passing attacks
- Vista (I) (8-2) (10) – Sleeper in Division I

Just Outside: St. Augustine (III) (7-3), Lincoln (II) (6-3-1), Rancho Bernardo (I) (8-2), Francis Parker (V) (9-1), Olympian (IV) (10-0), Santa Fe Christian (IV) (9-1), Madison (IV) (9-1), Mission Hills (I) (8-2)

Game of the week

Chula Vista at Eastlake

Posted November 14, 2009, 12:36 a.m.

Titans shake off slow start to win Mesa League crown. For the second year in a row, Eastlake and Chula Vista met in the final week of the regular season with a league title at stake. Friday night at Eastlake, the story was pretty much the same, with the Titans winning 28-14 to capture their fourth Mesa League crown in a row. "It's real big," said Eastlake running back Tony Jefferson. "But it's a stepping stone to the next championship that we're trying to get to."

Weekly Scoreboard

11/13 Scoreboard

Posted November 13, 2009, 11:12 p.m.

- at No. 1 Oceanside 52, No. 8 Ramona 6
- at No. 2 La Costa Canyon 30, Torrey Pines 20
- at No. 3 Eastlake 28, Chula Vista 14
- at No. 4 Cathedral Catholic 55, Scripps Ranch 14
- No. 5 Valley Center 49 at San Marcos 7
- No. 6 Mission Bay 42 at University City 15
- at No. 7 Escondido 48, San Pasqual 20
- No. 9 Valhalla 49 at Granite Hills 14
- at No. 10 Vista 46, Rancho Buena Vista 28

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Howdy, Matt:

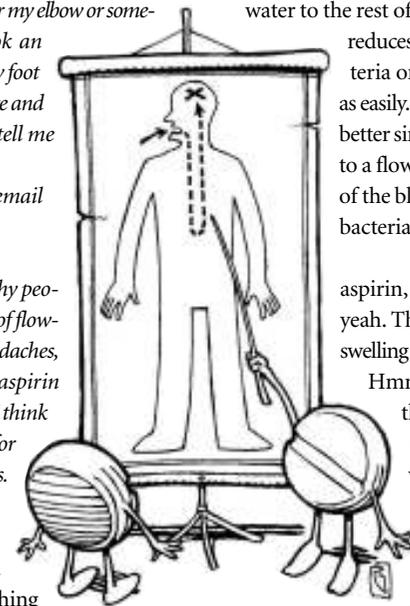
I've always wondered how when I take an aspirin for a headache the aspirin knows to go to my head and not to my foot or my elbow or somewhere else. But if I took an aspirin because I hurt my foot the aspirin would go there and not to my head. Please tell me what's going on.

— Headache Boy, via email

Hey, Matt:

Tell me, tell me please why people put aspirin in a vase of flowers. Flowers don't get headaches, so what the heck does aspirin do for a bunch of roses? I think they're all pretty stupid for putting aspirin in flowers.

— Elena R., via email



Aspirin is tricky stuff.

Actually, it knows nothing about your wounds or pains. Or your roses, for that matter. It just follows its chemical destiny. So, put on your science hat, Headache Boy, it's going to be a bumpy ride.

Since ancient days, people have chewed willow bark to get rid of aches and pains. Nobody knew exactly why until science guys in the 1800s identified salicylic acid as the active ingredient. They formulated a derivative, salicylic acid, and then said the science-guy equivalent of eureka! But when they tried out their new pill, people's headaches went away but they had such bad stomach problems the science guys knew they had to head back to the lab. When they added a chemical from the acetyl group and made a pill they called acetylsalicylic acid, they struck gold. No headaches, fewer stomach problems, no worries that the science guys didn't really know how it worked.

Finally, somebody in the 1970s figured it out. Seems that aspirin loves to bind with an enzyme that produces pain, swelling, and fever in response to an injury or illness. It plugs up holes in the enzyme molecule and blocks chemicals called prostaglandins from being released. Prostaglandins are the thingys that tell your brain, "Ouch, that hurt!" They also cause inflammation, but that's to create a sort of cushion for the injured cells so they won't be damaged further. So, no prostaglandins, no swelling, no pain.

The aspirin gets into your bloodstream and looks for prostaglandins and the enzyme molecules that produce them. When they bump into your headache, they go to work. If you also had a stubbed toe or a bad elbow, they'd take care of that at the same time. Aspirin doesn't know where you hurt and doesn't care.

Scientists aren't quite so sure about Elena's roses. There are two theories, take your pick. Perhaps aspirin enlarges the stem cells that carry water to the rest of the plant. Or maybe aspirin reduces the growth of fungi and bacteria on the stems so they don't rot as easily. Choice number two is maybe better since adding a tiny bit of bleach to a flower vase also prolongs the life of the blooms. Bleach would also kill bacteria.

So, there's the story of aspirin, mighty mighty aspirin. Oh, yeah. The same process that reduces swelling also helps prevent blood clots.

Hmmm... Can you maybe throw the versatile pill in the washing machine to whiten your whites and brighten your colors? Put it in your gas tank to get better mileage?

Hey, Matt:

I've noticed that people are using the term "estate sale" instead of the term I grew up with, "garage sale." What's up with that? I went to an estate sale, and it looked as if the sellers had dragged stuff out of their garage, set up a folding table in front of their garage, left the garage door open, and set up shop. What part of this is stately?

— Jay, Looking for the perfect coffee cup

One man's garage is another man's estate. True, estate sales used to be auctions of high-toned doods from fancy houses. But since you can call your sale of unused exercise equipment and Scrabble games missing five or six letters anything you want, why not add a note of class? When did the sale of anything ever involve the truth? Ever buy a flea at a flea market? A white elephant at a white-elephant sale? Or a garage at a garage sale, for that matter.

Heymatt:

My husband and I have a difference of opinion on something you said in your answer about women talking so much. My husband thinks you are confessing to being a therapist when you say, "because I, a therapist..." But I think you are paraphrasing the "therapy-addled '60s" therapists, rather than speaking for yourself. Please set us straight (from the hip, if you will).

— Patsy, Pacific Beach

As advertised — straight from the hip, I say Patsy wins the nuance prize. I am not now nor have I ever been a therapist. Perhaps I've needed one, what with the elves and all, but anybody who'd come to me to set their life straight (from the hip or otherwise) would be in deep trouble.

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Got a question you need answered? Send an email to heymatt@cts.com or fax to 619-231-0489 or mail to Matthew Alice, c/o the Reader, Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186.

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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Late Night Team Spirit



Time-out for SDSU

Continuing with our colleges of San Diego road tour. Moraga, California, is 20 miles, 20 years, and two climatic zones east of San Francisco. Moraga has a population of 16,000 rich white people and is home to St. Mary's College of California, a small (2500 undergraduate students) Catholic university, member of the Western Athletic Conference, lately known for its successful basketball program.

Tonight, St Mary's plays San Diego State University in the second game of ESPN's experiment with national sleep deprivation, aka ESPN College Hoops Tip-Off Marathon. The network will televise live college basketball continuously for the next 24-plus hours. Our game starts at 11:00 p.m. PST.

At this moment I'm being held in the penalty box of the St. Mary's athletic department media relations office. Said office is located in a double-wide trailer, out the back door of McKeon Pavilion.

I've asked athletic department media relations guy, Rich Davi, for a press pass. He looked up from his desk, insulted that I would make such a request two hours before game-time. He says it's very difficult to get a pass under these circumstances.

Yes, indeed, it's probably true that a mid-night Monday-night game in Moraga usually calls forth a throng of reporters. Davi asks me to take a seat in the trailer lobby. I do, and begin writing notes. Twenty minutes go by (about what I'd figured), and Davi appears and hands over a red press pass.

Normally I'd pay the \$15 for a ticket. I've never liked all the palaver that the sports industrial complex requires in return for a lousy comp. Since I spend my time walking around the arena/stadium/playing field looking at the crowd, looking for a face, for a story, watching the game from every angle I can find, I have no need of a seat. But tonight, for the weirdly compelling rea-

sons that it's been so long since I've used a press pass, coupled with this festive made-for-TV occasion, I decide to acquire the certificate need or no.

And now it's time to take a constitutional around campus. I love small colleges. No moon. Black sky. I walk past and through graceful Spanish colonial-style classrooms, student center, and chapel. Impossibly quiet.

I read what's posted on bulletin boards. Here's one: "Beyond Back and White, the 2009 Diversity Dance." At the Marriott, of course. And another: "St. Mary's College Dance Company is performing *Altered States*, *Fabulous Shoes*." And let's give it up for the winner of the most-depressing-sign-taped-on-an-office-door prize: "Career Options for Liberal and Civic Studies majors: Banker. City Manager. City Planner. Volunteer. Writer. Sales. International Sales. Law Enforcement. Lobbyist. Grant Writer. Real Estate..."

I return to the gym at 10:30. St. Mary's students are here along with the inevitable cluster of males with bare torsos and bare faces painted red. On my right I spy ten SDSU fans. Two wear red wigs, one has donned a Vikings helmet with horns attached, one is inside a green Kermit the Frog-looking costume, and two have on SDSU jerseys.

Meet Marty Presser, 19, business-finance major. There are only two questions to ask. Why? How?

Presser says, "After the great game last year in the semifinals of the NIT and the game at the John Wooden Classic, we felt we had to come up. It's a rivalry now; the games are great. We've got a good team this year. We're excited to see them play."

"We left yesterday at 5:30 p.m., drove into the Bay Area at 2:30 in the morning. [We've been] hanging out with some friends, getting some good food, and playing some football. We've been here since 9 o'clock waiting for the doors to open."

I say, "The game will be over by 1:00, 1:30. What then?"

"We're driving straight home. My buddy has a midterm at 11:00. I got a midterm at 2 o'clock."

I look over to the press section. Apparently they did find one seat for me at the last moment. No doubt the other 40 empty seats are filled in spirit.

Now comes the Aztecs team led by eight men in suits. Dear Reader, you don't want to read about the game. San Diego was beaten every way you can be beaten, save for lethal injection. The agony ended right at 1:00 a.m.

Head coach Steve Fisher was not hands-on tonight. Fisher got up and down from his court-side chair and looked annoyed when called upon. During time-outs, his assistants carried camp stools onto the floor for players and a folding chair for Fisher. Everybody sits down, takes a load off, and Fisher instructs. That's about it. San Diego State 58, St. Mary's 80.

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The Days Dwindle Down

Contemplation is not in Emmerich's makeup.

Through *Independence Day* and *Godzilla*, pre-9/11, and *The Day after Tomorrow* post-9/11, transplanted German filmmaker Roland Emmerich has inched closer to the edge of the abyss for a view of the apocalypse. In *2012*, which in point of fact starts in the year 2009 in an Indian copper mine, he has achieved his fullest view to date. One can say that he has gotten more and more serious without saying that he has yet gotten really serious.

The curious fact that the ancient Mayan calendar runs out in the titular year will need to be shored up with some scientific mumbo-jumbo to do with solar eruptions, rogue neutrinos, an overheated core, a destabilized crust, and blah-bah-de-blah-blah. What it comes down to is what the President of the United States confides behind closed doors at the G8 Sum-

mit of 2010: "The world as we know it will soon come to an end."

Given that the film runs in excess of two and a half hours, this pronouncement opens itself to critical cavils as to the definition of the word "soon." And yet no sense of comfort or complacency can arise from a reflection that as recently as 1998, when the world faced

a similar cataclysm in *Deep Impact*, the occupation of the Oval Office by an African-American, Morgan Freeman, seemed merely another element of science fiction. Science fiction, needless to point out, has a long history of being overtaken by external developments. Perhaps only in certain corners of Fox News will a black President still be classified in that genre, more precisely the subgenre of the alien invader. The black President in *2012*, widowed with an artistic adult daughter who oversees the surreptitious packing-up

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DUNCAN SHEPHERD



2012

of the *Mona Lisa* for safekeeping, is not Barack Obama by name; nonetheless the careworn face, the hoarse voice, and the receding hair of old Danny Glover bespeak the wear and tear of the job: a futuristic vision of Obama at the end of his term. (No explanation is put forth for the continued presence

of an Austrian-accented governor of California.)

The human drama, such as it is, has two principal focal points: John Cusack as an uncelebrated science-fiction writer ("The critics said I was naive, an unabashed optimist") with an ex-wife and two kids under the spell of

a new man around the house, and Chiwetel Ejiofor as a geological adviser and self-appointed populist mouthpiece who has the ear of the President and the ire of the Chief of Staff. The best you can say for either of them is that Ejiofor, with a permanent crinkle in his forehead, makes a good wor-



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rier. Cusack, with his Harry Langdon elevated-eyebrow mask, makes a glib one.

It will give but a tiny taste of the levels of coincidence and contrivance in the film to mention that the geologist happens to be reading, while the planet is actively breaking apart, one of the five hundred copies in print of the novelist's sole published book, *Farewell Atlantis*, when the two of them happen to cross paths in Yellowstone National Park. There is plenty of such stuff to scoff at in the plotting and characterization (the two diverging paths will manage to reconnect at the climax in China), and plenty of howlers in the dialogue, but in candor all such stuff strives to be no more than serviceable. What it strives to serve would of course be the special effects, the tail that wags the dog, the be-all and end-all. 2012 would not want to put up its human drama against, say, that of the little Canadian end-of-the-world indie, *Last Night*, from the same year coincidentally as *Deep Impact*. It would not mind at all putting up its human drama against the latter's: simply par for the course. Contemplation is not in Emmerich's makeup.

Where he seeks to set his film apart, where he seeks its justification, is in the intermittent spectacle of catastrophe: the sky-high eruption of Yellowstone (Old Faithful gone Vesuvius), the toppling of the Washington Monument and St. Peter's Basilica (the Statue of Liberty and the Eiffel Tower would be so old-hat), the block-by-block collapse of Los Angeles (a rented limo outrunning the spreading crevasses and sinkholes, dodging the crumbling high-rises and overpasses), the monster tsunamis that engulf the White House (the President, almost white-face from the fallen ash, crying out to his departed wife, "I'm coming home, Dorothy!") and even, very far from sea level, the Himalayas. All of that is quite something — quite a lot of things — to see. And the plot attempt to update, to technologize, to science-fictionalize the Biblical story of Noah's Ark is something worth trying. Let the critics knock it as naive, unabashedly optimistic. The filmmaker, in exactly those terms, has anticipated them. He has braced himself.

As elsewhere in Emmerich's oeuvre, the degree of glee in the destruction appears more than equal to any shock and awe in it. And a viewer might well rebel at a test of his humanity measured by his willingness to hold his breath for the survival of the star of a Hollywood blockbuster, and never mind the billions who missed the literal boat. Still, in the inadequacy of its response to its chosen subject matter, in its merry refusal to think about the

unthinkable, in its whistling past the graveyard, the film after all seems only human. Strange to say about an FX extravaganza. ■

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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)

Antichrist — Art-house schlock from Danish director Lars von Trier, sort of Ing-



The Blind Side

mar 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

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"), before finally coming to 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. 2009.

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story from the maker of *The Rookie*, John Lee Hancock, about a headstrong well-to-do white Memphis housewife who takes under her wing and under her roof a homeless black gentle giant, an irresistible force meeting an immovable object. Sandra Bullock stays obstinately on the surface of her role, and Quinton Aaron is touchingly minimalist as Michael Oher, a future first-round NFL draft pick. Very late in the game a couple of aspersions are cast on the motives of Oher's adoptive parents, aspersions which, if shown to be even fractionally valid, might have made a more interesting movie. With Tim McGraw, Jae Head, Lily Collins, Kathy Bates, and assorted college-football coaches as themselves, Nick Saban, Phil Fulmer, Lou Holtz, et al. 2009.

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

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The Box — Richard Kelly's 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*. Commingling space exploration, Arthur C. Clarke, Jean-Paul Sartre, body-snatched zombies prone to

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Dead Snow

nosebleeds, and mid-Seventies period trapings, it's an overelaborate and overextended "Monkey 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. The push-button motif admittedly carries a cer-

tain resonance in the atomic age, but the soft smeary image acts as a wet blanket to deaden that or any other resonance. 2009.
★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

A Christmas Carol — Disney's re-do 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 pickax 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. 2009.

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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 — Four guys, three girls, a battalion of Nazi zombies at a snowbound cabin in Norway. (Grieg's "Hall of the Mountain King" behind the pre-credits sequence.) Played decreasingly straight, and

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always played self-consciously. Directed by Tommy Wirkola. 2009.
● (GASLAMP 15)

An Education — A precocious English schoolgirl of 1961 (a cellist, a Francophile, a devotee of the Pre-Raphaelites, a sneaky 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, nightclubs, 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; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 11/20)

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 stumbles 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-

ten and directed by Olatunde Osunsanmi. 2009.

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Gentlemen Broncos — Super-ultra-maxi-quirky comedy of dorks, kooks, freaks. Jared Hess, the director of *Napoleon Dynamite* and *Nacho Libre*, out to top himself, scrapes bottom. The credits sequence of old science-fiction paperback covers creates a hospitable climate; and Jemaine Clement as the swell-headed puffy-haired author of such fiction, a relatively recogniz-

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able and realistic type (repeat: relatively), earns a few laughs; and Halley (daughter of Jules) Feiffer is as individualistic a young woman as she was in *The Squid and the Whale* and *Margot at the Wedding*. The dramatizations of an adolescent boy's fantasy novel, whether in the mind's eye or in an amateur video adaptation, are beyond beyond. With Michael Angarano, Jennifer Coolidge, Mike White, Héctor Jiménez, and Sam Rockwell. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/19)

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 Informant! — Steven Soderbergh, working from fact, details an impenetrable case of corporate skullduggery blown open by an ambiguous black-hatted whistleblower: 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 oversized 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

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which he waits an hour and a half to tug at, 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



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“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.
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Law Abiding Citizen — Disgust with the justice system drives a “brain,” a diabolical 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; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Maid — Sebastián Silva’s character study of a Chilean domestic played by Catalina Saavedra.
(KEN, 11/20 THROUGH 26)

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 super-soldiers 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. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Messenger — Home-front Iraq War movie directed by Oren Moverman, with Ben Foster, Woody Harrelson, Samantha Morton, Jena Malone, Steve Buscemi.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE; OCEANSIDE 16; FROM 11/20)

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, Ivan 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.

★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA, FROM 11/20; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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Pirate Radio

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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Planet 51 — Computer-animated space adventure with the voices of Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Jessica Biel, Justin Long, and Gary Oldman.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 11/20)

Precious — Newcomer Gabby Sidibe as an overweight illiterate unwed teenage mother in Harlem, with Paula Patton and Mariah Carey, directed by Lee Daniels. (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; PLAZA BONITA 14; FROM 11/20)

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, Nachtner, 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 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)

Star Trek — Enjoyable prequel, thirty years after the same-named debut of the series on the big screen. The chaotic and incoherent prologue might somewhat smother the emotional punch of the birth of James Tiberius Kirk at the same moment as his fa-

ther’s death, but the reintroduction of the old familiar characters — the assembly of the changeless crew for the maiden voyage of the U.S.S. Enterprise — can’t help but be fun for initiates. Chris Pine’s Kirk, sounding as though modelled on no weightier a prototype than Christian Slater, starts out an obnoxious punk and fails to advance very far beyond that. Zachary Quinto’s Spock, on the other hand, has some big ears to fill and fills them fully, achieving that elusive goal of undemonstrative intensity. If it’s fair to say that the film, rather than stand on its own, benefits from the groundwork of its forerunners — if it safely and securely goes where others have gone before — it would also be fair to object that the speedy evolution of special effects since the last *Star Trek* outing, seven years previous, serves to render the “ensuing” adventures anticlimactic. Topping what came before — a petty enough creative impulse in the first place —



is in effect topping what came “after.” That may not constitute disrespect, but it constitutes disproportion. Director J.J. Abrams’s preference for the rambling Steadicam and the trembling closeup reveals him further to be a man of trend as opposed to a man of tradition. With its gigantic hands-of-Freddy-Krueger enemy spaceship, its Mad Max-y tattooed heathens, and its gratuitous CG monsters, the film is, by the standards of the franchise, skimpy on ideas, apart from a bit of time-travel abracadabra that enables Spock to be two places and two ages at once. Which is to say, enables Leonard Nimoy to play a part. Karl Urban, Anton Yelchin, Zoe Saldana, John Cho, Simon Pegg, Eric Bana. 2009.

★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 11/19 THROUGH 21, 7:30 P.M.)

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.” (Kenny 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 impression of the amount of work that went into these preparations, and that thanks to the film did not go completely to waste. 2009.

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The Twilight Saga: New Moon — Second in the vampire series from the novels of



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CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

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Town Square 14

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

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Precious (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35

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1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated)

Fri. 3:00p.m. Sat. 11:00, 3:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 3:00; **Amazon (2007)** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Under the Sea** (G) Fri. 1:00, 5:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 5:00; **Whales** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.m.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13) Fri. (1000 1030 100 130 400 430)700 730 1000 1030, Sat. - Sun. (1000 1030 100 130)400 430 700 730 1000 1030, Mon. - Tue. (1000 1030 100 130 400 430)700 730 1000 1030

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)

The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 4:55, 9:40; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:00) 4:10, 6:20, 8:30, 10:35; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:45, 12:30, 1:50, 2:35, 3:20) 4:40, 5:25, 6:10, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 10:20, 11:05 Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 12:30, 1:50, 2:35, 3:20) 4:40, 5:25, 6:10, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 10:20; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 12:20, 2:45, 3:45) 6:00, 7:00, 9:15, 10:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 11:20, 1:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 7:50, 10:20, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 11:20, 1:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 7:50, 10:20, 10:45; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 10:35; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) Fri. (10:20, 1:10, 4:10) 7:10, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 10:40; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 8:05; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri. (10:10, 4:20) 8:10, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:10) 4:20, 8:10, 10:55; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri. (10:40, 1:20, 4:40) 7:15, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:20) 4:40, 7:15, 10:05; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 Fri. 12:00a.m. Sat. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00) 4:00, (4:30) **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:05, 10:45, 11:25, 1:45, 2:10, 2:50) 6:50, 7:25, 7:55, 10:15,

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Blind Side (PG-13); **A Christmas Carol** (PG); **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Twilight (PG-13) 9:00 pm; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Midnight; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) (11:45 2:15) 4:45 7:15 9:45; **Christmas Carol** (PG) (12:45 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 3:15) 6:15; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:30 10:00; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **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

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30 Sun. 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 4:50, 10:10; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 7:20; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (9:45, 10:30, 11:15) 12:05, 12:50, 1:35, 2:20, 3:10, 4:00, 4:40, 5:25, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:20, 10:05, 10:50, 11:30 Sun. (10:30, 11:15) 12:05, 12:50, 1:35, 2:20, 3:10, 4:00, 4:40, 5:25, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:20, 10:05, 10:50; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 3:35, 7:05, 10:35

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denmery Road (888-262-4386)
Astro Boy; **The Blind Side**; **The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day**; **The Box**; **A Christmas Carol**; **The Fourth Kind**; **Law Abiding Citizen**; **The Men Who Stare at Goats**; **Paranormal Activity**; **Planet 51**; **This Is It**; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon**; **2012**; **Where the Wild Things Are**

Rancho Del Rey 16

1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13) Fri. (1000 1045 1130 1255 140 245 350 435)605 645 730 900 940 1030, Sat. - Sun. (1000 1045 1130 1255 140 245 350)435 605 645 730 900 940 1030, Mon. (1230 140 245 345 435)545 645 730 900 940 1030, Tue. 1230 140 245 345 435 545 645 730 900 940 1030; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri. (1020 1145 120 255 410)630 715 925 1010, Sat. - Sun. (1020 1145 120 255)410 630 715 925 1010, Mon. (1235 145 335 440)630 730 925 1020, Tue. 1235 145 335 440 630 730 925 1020; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri. - Sun. (1105 135 355)635 920, Mon. (135 355)635 920, Tue. 135 355 635 920; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri. (1100 145 425)710 955, Sat. - Sun. (1100 145)425 710 955, Mon. (100 410)710 955, Tue. 100 410 710 955; **2012** (PG-13) Fri. - Sun. (1015 1150 200 315)610 700 935 1025; **2012** (PG-13) Mon. (1225 200 350)610 715 935 1040, Tue. 1225 200 350 610 715 935 1040; **The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day** (R) Fri. (1030 130 430)740 1035, Sat. - Sun. (1030 130)430 740 1035, Mon. (125 430)740 1025, Tue. 125 430 740 1025; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri. (1115 155 420)705 930, Sat. - Sun. (1115 155)420 705 930, Mon. (1245 315)705 930, Tue. 1245 315 705 930; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri. - Sun. (330)750, Mon. (500)750, Tue. 500 750; **A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri. - Sun. (1025 1250 345)640 910, Mon. (1250 330)640 910, Tue. 1250 330 640 910; **This Is It** (PG) Fri.

(1110 210 450)725 1000, Sat. - Sun. (1110 210)450 725 1000, Mon. (110 400)720 1000, Tue. 110 400 720 1000; **Astro Boy** (PG) Fri. (1120 150 415)650 915, Sat. - Sun. (1120 150)415 650 915, Mon. (150 415)650 915, Tue. 150 415 650 915; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) Fri. - Sun. (1200)1015, Mon. (130)1015, Tue. 130 1015; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri. - Sun. (1050 115 340)625 905, Mon. (115 340)625 905, Tue. 115 340 625 905

Otay Ranch 12

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The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30 Sun. 1:45,

4:20, 6:50, 9:30; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 4:50, 10:10; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 7:20; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (9:45, 10:30, 11:15) 12:05, 12:50, 1:35, 2:20, 3:10, 4:00, 4:40, 5:25, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:20, 10:05, 10:50, 11:30 Sun. (10:30, 11:15) 12:05, 12:50, 1:35, 2:20, 3:10, 4:00, 4:40, 5:25, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:20, 10:05, 10:50; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 3:35, 7:05, 10:35

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
The Blind Side (PG-13); **A Christmas Carol** (PG); **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13); **Law Abiding Citizen** (R); **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R); **Paranormal Activity** (R); **Planet 51** (PG); **Precious** (R); **This Is It** (PG); **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13); **2012** (PG-13)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) Fri. (1210 255 520)745 1020, Sat. - Sun. (1210 255)520 745 1020; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri. (1130 230 530)830, Sat. - Sun. (1130 230)530 830; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri. (1000 1030 1100 100 130 200 300 400 430 500)600 700 730 800 900 1000 1030 1100,, Sat. - Sun. (1000 1030 1100 100 130 200 300)400 430 500 600 700 730 800 900 1000 1030 1100; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri. (1010 1040 110 140 440)710 740 1010 1040, Sat. - Sun. (1010 1040 110 140)440 710 740 1010 1040; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri. (1150 225 450)715 940, Sat. - Sun. (1150 225)450 715 940; **2012** (PG-13) Fri. (1115 1155 1250 245 355 415)650 720 750 1015 1045, Sat. - Sun. (1115 1155 1250 245 355)415 650 720 750 1015 1045; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri. - Sun. (350)1005; **The Box** (PG-13) Fri. - Sun. (1135)705; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri. (1205 240 525)805 1035, Sat. - Sun. (1205 240)525 805 1035; **This Is It** (PG) Fri. (1140 220 515)755, Sat. - Sun. (1140 220)515 755; **Astro Boy** (PG) Fri. - Sun. (1200); **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri. (410), Sat. - Sun. 410; **Paranormal Activity** (R) Fri. - Sun. 1040

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Twilight (PG-13) 9:00 pm; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Midnight; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) 5:45 8:00 10:15; **2012** (PG-13) 7:00 10:45; **Boondock Saints II** (R) 4:45 7:30 10:30; **The Box** (PG-13) 6:00; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **This Is It** (PG) 5:30 8:15

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Twilight (PG-13) 9:00 pm; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Midnight; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) (10:15 11:15 12:45 2:00 3:00) 4:30 5:30 7:15 8:15 9:45 10:45; **2012** (PG-13) (11:30 12:30 3:15) 4:15 7:00 8:00 10:45; **Boondock Saints II** (R) (10:45 1:45) 4:45 7:45 10:30; **The Box** (PG-13) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:15 10:15; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) (10:00 1:00 3:30) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **This Is It** (PG) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Paranormal Activity** (R) (11:00 1:30 3:45) 6:30

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) Fri. - Tue. (1040 110 350)730 1005; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri. (1100 200 500)800 1100, Sat. (1100 200)500 800 1100, Sun. (1100 200)500 800, Mon. - Tue. (1100 200 500)800; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri. (1000 1030 1200 100 130 230 300 405 430 530)600 700 730 830 900 1000 1030 1130 1200 100, Sat. (1000 1030 1200 100 130 230 300)405 430 530 600 700 730 830 900 1000 1030 1130 1200 100, Sun. (1000 1030 1200 100 130 230 300)405 430 530 600 700 730 830 900 1000 1030, Mon. - Tue. (1030 1200 100 130 230 300 405 430 530)600 700 730 830 900 1000 1030; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri. (1035 1135 135 235 435)645 735 945 1030, Sat. - Sun. (1035 1135 135 235)435 645 735 945 1030, Mon. - Tue. (1035 1135 135 235 435)645 735 945

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2012 — Reviewed this issue. With John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover, and Oliver

Platt; directed by Roland Emmerich.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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, Winnie Jones; directed by Jonathan Parker. 2009.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/19)

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Yes Men Fix the World — Political pranksters Andy Bichbaum and Mike Bo-



Planet 51

1030; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri. (1115 140 425)710 935, Sat. - Sun. (1115 140)425 710 935, Mon. - Tue. (1115 140 425)710 935; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri. (1050 145 430)725 1015, Sat. - Sun. (1050 145)430 725 1015, Mon. - Tue. (1050 145 430)725 1015; **2012** (PG-13) Fri. (1005 1055 1220 125 225 355 505)630 720 835 1000 1050, Sat. - Sun. (1005 1055 1220 125 225 355)505 630 720 835 1000 1050, Mon. - Tue. (1055 1220 125 225 355 505)630 720 835 1000 1050; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri. (1230 255 515)740 1010, Sat. - Sun. (1230 255)515 740 1010, Mon. - Tue. (1230 255 515)740 1010; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri. - Tue. 745 1015; **A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri. (1145 215 450), Sat. - Sun. (1145 215)450, Mon. - Tue. (1145 215 450); **The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day** (R) Fri. (1045 150 445)735 1020, Sat. - Sun. (1045 150)445 735 1020, Mon. - Tue. (1045 150 445)735 1020; **This Is It** (PG) Fri. - Tue. 720 1010; **Astro Boy** (PG) Fri. - Tue. (1130); **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri. (1120 155 440), Sat. - Sun. (1120 155)440, Mon. - Tue. (1120 155 440); **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) Fri. - Tue. (1255 345)705; **Paranormal Activity** (R) Fri. - Tue. 950

VISTA

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive
(760-945-7469)

The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:05, 10:45, 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40) 7:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40 Sun. (10:05, 10:45, 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40) 7:00, 7:40, 10:00; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 12:15, 1:50, 2:35, 4:25, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; **Paranormal Activity** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30p.m.; **Pirate Radio** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:35) 7:20, 10:00; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:50, 12:10, 2:30, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15) 6:05, 6:45, 7:10, 7:30, 8:15, 9:05, 9:50, 10:10, 10:35, 11:20, 12:05 Sun. (9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15) 6:05, 6:45, 7:10, 7:30, 8:15; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (9:45, 11:00, 12:00, 1:05, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30) 6:10, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40, 11:30 Sun. (9:45, 11:00, 12:00, 1:05, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30) 6:10, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:30, 10:10; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:25) 6:45, 9:55

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road
(858-646-9420)



Twilight (PG-13) 9:00 pm; **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG-13) Midnight; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) (10:15 11:45 12:30 2:15 3:00) 4:45 5:30 7:15 8:00 9:45 10:30; **2012** (PG-13) (11:30 3:15) 7:00 10:45; **The Box** (PG-13) 4:15; **The Men Who Stare At Goats** (R) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00; **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) (10:00 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **This Is It** (PG) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) (11:00 1:30); **Paranormal Activity** (R) (11:15 1:45 4:00) 6:15

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



Pirate Radio (R) (10:45 1:30) 4:30 7:30; **An Education** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00; **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) (1:15) 7:00; **Coco before Chanel** (R) (10:30) 4:15; **A Serious Man** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)

Paranormal Activity (R) Fri. 8:40p.m. Sat.-Sun. (4:00) 8:40; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00a.m.

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

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Morse running back James Roberts carries the ball outside

Coronado Steals Win from Morse

Posted November 13, 2009

With the sun setting early on Friday afternoon in Skyline Hills, Coronado made sure the sun didn't set on their playoff hopes. The Islanders came from behind to pull out a wild 22-21 win at Morse.

The final three minutes of the game were frantic. With 3:06 left, Morse lined up to punt ahead 21-14, but the snap went over the head of Tigers punter Karl Michelson and rolled into the endzone. Michelson scooped up the ball but was hit by Coronado quarterback Kodie Englehart and fumbled out of the endzone, resulting in a safety.

"I'm not usually on punt return, but we didn't have enough people so I just came running from the sideline," Englehart said.

Coronado running back Charles Westbrook returned the ensuing free kick to the Morse two-yard line. After the Morse defense stuffed three straight Englehart runs up the middle, Englehart ran to the outside on fourth down and found the end zone with 50 seconds left.

On the game's final drive, Morse moved the ball all the way to the Coronado 25-yard line. But



Coronado running back Chris Page runs the ball outside

with 34 seconds left, Tigers quarterback Malik Ransom fumbled and the Islanders recovered to seal the victory.

Game of the Week: Chula Vista at Eastlake

Posted November 14, 2009

For the second year in a row, Eastlake and Chula Vista met in the final week of the regular season with a league title at stake. Friday night at Eastlake, the story was pretty much the same, with the Titans winning 28-14 to capture their fourth consecutive Mesa League crown.

The Titans (8-0-2, 5-0 Mesa) rode a dominant defensive performance that allowed them to erase a 14-0 halftime deficit. Eastlake kept a Spartans offense that came in averaging 41 points per game out of the end zone.

"They're a very good offense that's playing really well right now," said Eastlake head coach John McFadden. "I'm very proud of our defense."

Defense provided both touchdowns for Chula Vista (6-4, 4-1), and both came in the first quarter. On Eastlake's first two drives, Spartans defensive backs Tyrone Richardson (103 yards) and Aaron Taylor (89 yards) returned interceptions for touchdowns. The pair of pick sixes came two minutes apart and gave Chula Vista an early 14-0 lead.

"I told our quarterback a couple of things I can't repeat," McFadden said, "and then I told him it's going to get better."

After Chula Vista punted to start the second half, Eastlake marched down the field and made it a one-possession game less than four minutes into the third quarter when Jefferson scored from 19 yards out. Following a Spartans interception on the next drive, Eastlake drove 93 yards to tie the game at 14 — another drive capped by a Jefferson scoring run.

Eastlake took the lead early in the fourth — on a four-yard touchdown pass from D'Angelo Barksdale to Fernando Cabico.

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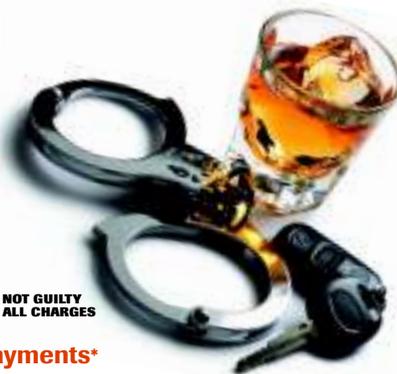
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Ugly Truth



by Barbarella

The truth brings with it a great measure of absolution, always.
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After I broke the news to my mother that David and I would be traveling to the East Coast to celebrate Thanksgiving with my in-laws, one might assume I would be amenable to any request Mom might make in the wake of such a disappointing announcement. But when she asked if my absence on Turkey Day intimated my presence on Christmas, my response was a simple, “No.”

Gone was the ceremonial song-and-dance I once would have given — the “I would love to, but” followed by excuses and legitimate-sounding reasons. I didn’t intend for the truth to spill out; it just sort of happened when I opened my mouth, the way light pours into the kitchen when I open the refrigerator door. I told my mother in a deferential but unyielding tone that I’m not interested in the drama and obligation involved with celebrating the holidays and that I’d rather sit this one out.

“What if you just came for dinner?” Mom asked. “It would be great if the whole family could be together.”

“Wouldn’t work,” I said. “And, anyway, the ‘whole family’ gets together for dinner all the time. Just because I’m not going to be there for Christmas doesn’t mean I’m not going to see you in December...like for your birthday and Jenny’s baby shower. Trust me, there will be plenty of family time.” At this, my mother conceded and let the matter drop.

Over the past few years, I’ve switched from a pattern of delicate circumvention to frill-free frankness, relin-

quishing my usual hemming and hawing to embrace forthrightness. As a result, I am an emancipated woman, freer than ever to live my life according to my own rules.

In retrospect, I realize how silly it was to fib in order to maintain healthy relationships, whether to spare someone’s feelings or to present myself in a more flattering light. Sure, some minor falsifications help aid social interactions — there’s a reason they’re called “pleasantries.” But more often than not, withholding the truth and serving up a dish of details you think your audience might find palatable is more harmful than helpful.

I stumbled into an awkward encounter a few years ago when, while traipsing around my neighborhood, I ran into a friend to whom I had, not more than an hour earlier, told I was too sick to join for dinner. When she saw the guy I was with, it was apparent that I had chosen to lie rather than admit to her that I was hanging out with a person I knew she found offensive. Neither of us mentioned my failed ruse, and after a weird moment of small talk, we went our separate ways.

Later, I kicked myself as I realized I could have truthfully declined her invitation in at least a dozen ways,

such as, “Can’t tonight, but hope to see you soon.” Instead I opted to feign illness, that least creative of lies. As a result, I’m sure that since that day, she has questioned the veracity of everything I say.

Truth requires trust. When I readily impart a truth I know someone might find undesirable, I’m displaying my trust in that person to respect my thoughts and feelings. I wonder if this is why, in many cases, lying seems easier; granting someone a glimpse into the way your mind works is akin to handing that person power over you.

My mother raised me to regard being disliked as dread-worthy as a case of leprosy. Actually, leprosy could be considered the preferable of the two, for no one would fault me for having the condition. As a result of her tutelage, I have mastered the art of coloring information in my present audience’s favorite hue. If the goal is to be liked, it makes sense to avoid divulging what might be considered an ugly truth.

For years I practiced and perfected the art of deflection, but now that I have decided to stop prettying things up in a fallacious tone, I am trusting my family and friends with the inner workings of my mind. Just as I trust them with the truth, they trust me to come from a place of love — to not be *brutally* honest so much as simply honest. An interesting side effect of my frankness is that the more honest I am, the more connected and the less neurotic I feel.

I used to fear others’ reactions to my honesty and stress over how to portray my opinions favorably. But it seems as people pick up on my candidness, they are less likely to question my decisions or take them personally.

Recently I had another occasion to share an undesirable truth over a crowd-pleasing lie. For a few months, my sisters have been talking about going in together

to purchase a place in Tahoe. When they first brought it up (while we were all hanging out at Mom’s house one Saturday), I remained reticent, save for mentioning that it might be a better idea to rent as needed than take on the responsibility of a mortgage. When the topic came up again, I realized this wasn’t just a passing fancy, but something they were seriously considering. Heather referred to it as the “Copake” of the West, invoking our New York City clan’s rural escape. When Mom mentioned it to me the other day on the phone, it was clear she thought I was onboard. As I was not, I felt the need to elucidate.

“Mom, I’m not interested in going on family vacations to Tahoe,” I said.

“But the whole family needs to be together,” she said, employing her “all or none” tactic.

“It sounds great for everyone else,” I said. “The kids can run around while you guys hang out and do whatever. But my idea of vacation doesn’t involve a cabin by the lake in the middle of nowhere, killing time to the backdrop of screaming kids.”

“We could play games,” Mom persisted. “It would be fun and relaxing.”

“Listen, I love spending time with you guys, which I get to do often,” I said. “But if I’m going to skip town, you can bet money that my agenda will include me, David, a nice meal, a bottle of wine, a giant bubble bath, and not much else. Kids are right out.”

Mom laughed. I imagined my bluntness was as refreshing for her to hear as it was for me to say. “Well,” she said, with a smile in her voice, “you can’t blame me for trying.”

“Not at all,” I said. “And Mom? Thanks for not blaming me for saying.” ■

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HALLOWEEN POLICE

by Josh Board

halloween was a complete nightmare for me. I had three parties lined up and the easiest costume in Halloween history. My girlfriend had ordered a Kate Gosselin wig and goofy big sunglasses for herself. I was going to wear jeans, a backward baseball cap, and an Ed Hardy shirt. I wouldn't have minded paying \$50 for a Hardy shirt, but I'd never wear it again. They look so trendy and goofy. I bought an imitation shirt for \$15 and painted "Ed Farty" — by Christina Aguilera. I figured nobody would notice. And if they did and had the sense of humor of Beavis, I'd get a chuckle out of it. The best part of the costume? Being able to wear flip-flops.

The first party was dog-friendly, so we were bringing our maltese dressed in a black-and-white-striped costume — a "bad dog" prisoner. The hat made him look like one of those organ-grinder monkeys.

On the way to the party, the dog puked more than I thought was possible. It was like the girl in *The Exorcist*. When he finished fouling my lap and dashboard, he howled and moaned in pain. We exited off the I-5 in Carlsbad. I called a dog-loving friend, who told me there was a vet nearby. The visit cost us



Center: A severed hand in the beer; Right: Laura, as a roller derby skater, elbows husband Paul

\$500 for X-rays and blood tests, only to find out nothing was wrong.

We skipped the first party and dropped off the dog at my mom's place.

The second party we went to was a disaster. A bunch of college kids in Oceanside had bought a few kegs, and because the party had

"You're almost more annoying than the real Jon Gosselin."

started early, they were getting rowdy while trick-or-treaters were still coming to the door. I heard one of the partiers cursing at the

kids who came to the door. I asked him why he was doing it, and he said, "I don't know. They looked like older kids, and older kids shouldn't go door to door begging for candy."

I mentioned that little kids were coming to the door who were being subjected to inappropriate comments. The guy looked at me and said, "Are you the Halloween police or something? You're almost more annoying than the real Jon Gosselin."

We stayed another 20 minutes before leaving for our last party in Mira Mesa.

Laura and Paul had decorated their house nicely. A neighbor handing out candy saw us looking at our directions and said, "Laura's party is at that house right there. I'm going to be going later. I'll see you there."

In the backyard, they had a

skeleton in a FedEx uniform holding a package. I said, "This looks like a scene from the Tom Hanks movie *Cast Away*."

I found out Paul works for FedEx. I couldn't figure out his costume. Luckily, my girlfriend said, "He's Edward, from *Twilight*." There were a few women who had dressed as *Twilight* characters.

They had music playing, and I heard "Thriller" early on. (I figure that was the most popular song this Halloween.)

Laura rolled over on skates to greet us. She was a roller-derby gal, with the name Boob B. Crusher. Someone commented on the number 00 on her jersey, which was drawn to look like breasts.

Laura looked at me and said, "You should have some hair plugs." As I started to defend my receding hairline, she said, "No, not because of that. Because Jon Gosselin has them. You could've used a Sharpie to make them on your forehead."

Another person chimed in, saying, "Didn't you see that person on the news? I think he was a burglar. He drew with a Sharpie all over his face, and now they're saying it's going to stay marked on his skin."

One person added, "Can you imagine him going to prison with writing all over his face? His cell-mate asks, 'What are you in for?'"

Messing up your face?' Then he'd mess up his face even more."

We then debated how long Sharpie ink stays on your skin.

A man in a penguin costume showed up. It reminded me of one of Elton John's stage outfits. One of the two big dogs at the party, which had been shy most of the evening, charged the penguin man and barked up a storm. The penguin had to take the head off his costume to calm the mutt. His date got to go the easy route: she wore an Eskimo-style jacket.

An older retired couple that lives across the street came over. They were the perfect guests. The guy reads the *Reader* and asked me questions about some of the stories. His wife had brought a bunch of cupcakes on a huge stand. Everyone was talking about how she brings the best cupcakes to parties.

I asked her how the tradition got started, and she said, "When my kids were in school, I'd make them for parties and to take to class. And at holidays, it's always easy to do. I sometimes make pies."

I found out Paul was originally from Boston, and we talked a lot about the Patriots and the Red Sox. He ended up getting into another conversation with someone from back East. They talked about snow

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days that kept them out of school. Paul said, "You always liked when there were 18 days you missed, but you didn't want it to get to 20. If it did, then they'd have you make up all the time during the summer."

A beer-pong game began, and Laura kept claiming a guy named Brian was cheating. I told her I'd mention it in the story so the entire city knows he cheats.

Laura seemed to be getting tipsy, but it didn't seem to affect her skating. An hour later, I heard her joking with someone in another area of the backyard. She had taken the roller skates off and was walking around in socks.

Paul's brother was dressed up as Elvis. As someone commented on his huge sideburns, he took off the sunglasses to show they were attached.

I kept going back to talk to the couple from across the street. They've lived in Mira Mesa since the

'70s, and I grew up there in the '70s and '80s. We reminisced about the days when Mira Mesa Boulevard ended before it reached Sorrento Valley. In fact, there was no place commonly known as Sorrento Valley.

I told him I remembered playing cowboys and Indians and war games out in those canyons. We once found a broken arrowhead, but it wasn't until construction crews started building everything out there that we really started looking. It seemed every few months they'd stop because of Indian artifacts found in the

ground.

He told me he once found fossils that had barnacles on them. He brought them to class and impressed his teacher.

Even though I had some nachos, a few cupcakes, and lots of peanuts, it didn't stop me from slipping a few pieces of Halloween candy into my pockets as I left. ■

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There is the curbside view of the Mexican border: severed heads on nightclub floors, migrant corpses in the mountains, fingers lopped off, armies in pursuit of drug lords, fleeing fugitives, gangs of money-washers, set to the plaintive ballads of *narcocorridistas*.

And then there is another world, unseen by most. In this opposite realm, the right real-estate deal is enough to endow a family dynasty for decades. The players are ensconced in air-conditioned suites far removed from the turmoil in the streets, filled with the prerogatives of privilege and gentle promises of progress.

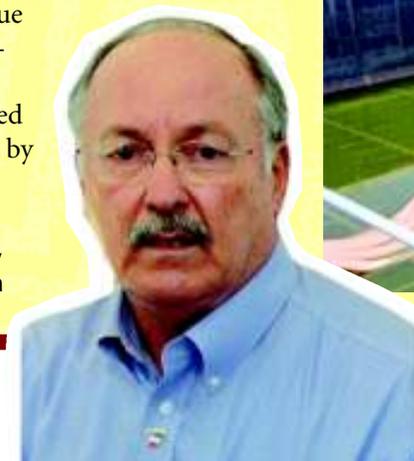
This world was created by the desire by millions to cross the border, in one direction or another — to get a job, score a line of coke, sell a stash of guns, open a factory, flee a crime, smuggle illegal labor, build a power plant, launder drug money.

Finding a way to profit from this traffic is the business of the border barons. They do not judge its morality or concern themselves with its values. Oblivious to the mayhem outside the door, business proceeds smoothly, on both sides of the frontier, cloaked in a velvet curtain of discretion and diplomacy.

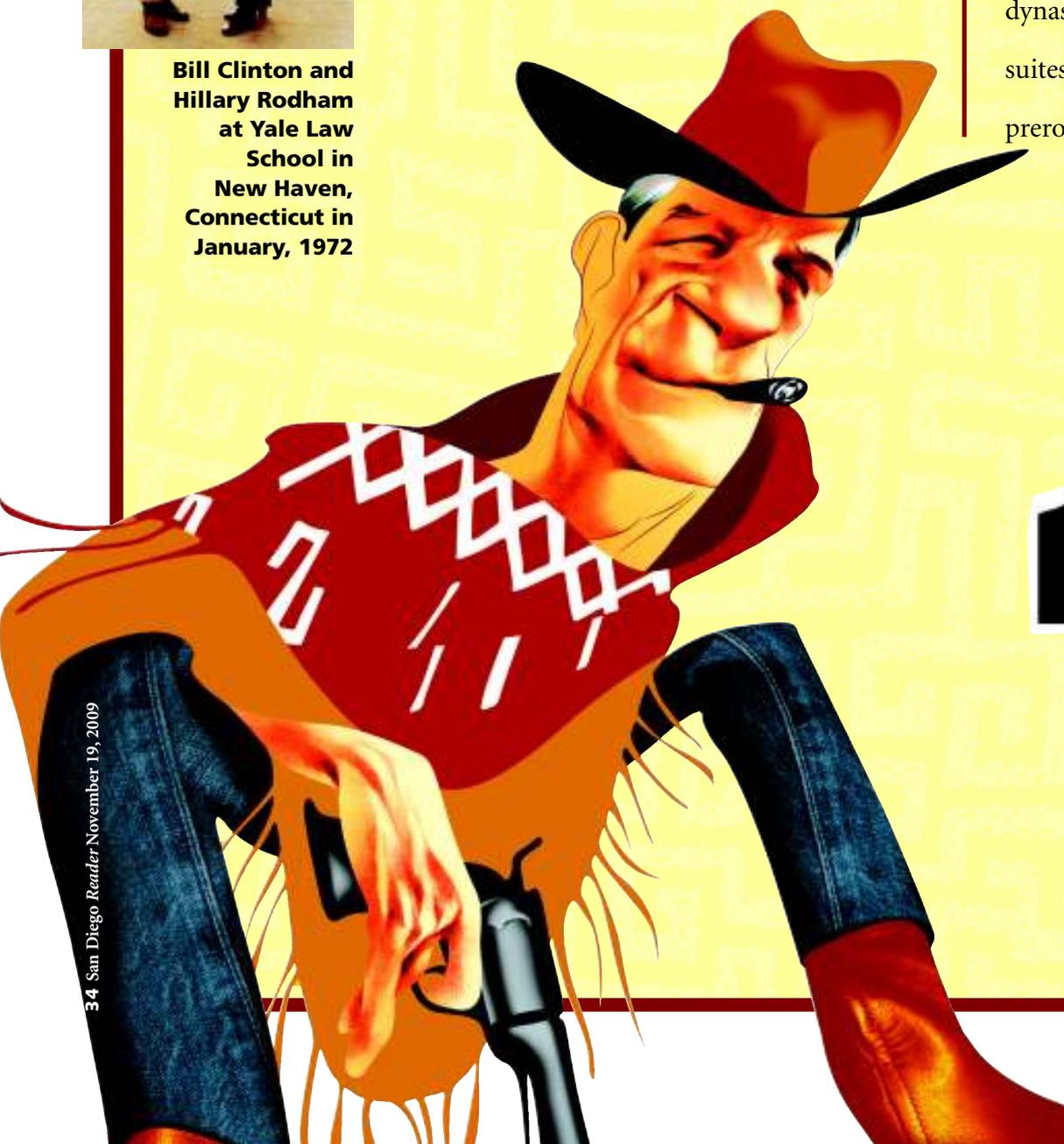
The controlling families, both Americans and Mexicans, are rich. They were born in American hospitals, went to Ivy League schools, wear tailored European suits, are protected from kidnapers by



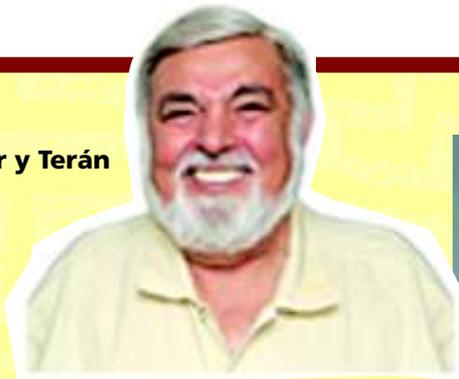
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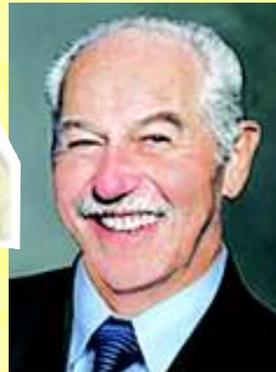
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Bersin the border



Stan Foster



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Pauline Foster

bodyguards, and shuttle through border crossings with no delay.

They have homes in Coronado, La Jolla, Mazatlán, and Luzerne. They know the cops and politicians worth knowing and can spot the next big money-making opportunity because they have been doing it, as have their fathers and grandfathers before them, for as long as they can remember.

Whether their native language is English or Spanish, they use a coded vocabulary, so as not to offend public sensibilities by saying the obvious: the border is a broken but lucrative place for business, and no authority in Mexico or the United States of America will do anything to fix it.

“Treating the border as a shared economic space rather than a clear boundary might permit flexibility in how national regulations are applied to adjacent communities on different sides of the frontier,” says a February 2009 “concept paper” by the Pacific Council on International Policy and the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations, two nonprofit think tanks closely linked to the border moguls.

Translation: we want more border

crossings. Pedestrian bridges, freeway crossings, freight crossings, truck depots. Billions of dollars are made every time a new border crossing is opened and the flow of trade and humanity gushes across the frontier, bathing the owners of adjacent real estate in commerce and cash.

This is a story about a new border crossing, not yet open and still pending United States approval, along the frontier between Mexicali and Calexico, in the desert about 100 miles east of San Diego. It is also about a long-time denizen of the border and its politics, who married into a wealthy San Diego family with deep ties to the border region. He has become a major border player, with a personal financial stake in its development.

On September 22, President Barack Obama nominated Alan Bersin to be commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, known as CBP, one of the most sensitive positions in the government of the United States. As noted on its website, the agency “is one of the Department of

Homeland Security’s largest and most complex components, with a priority mission of keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S.

“It also has a responsibility for securing and facilitating trade and travel while enforcing hundreds of U.S. regulations, including immigration and drug laws.”

Bersin has been a United States Attorney, superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District, and California secretary of education. He is a personal friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton

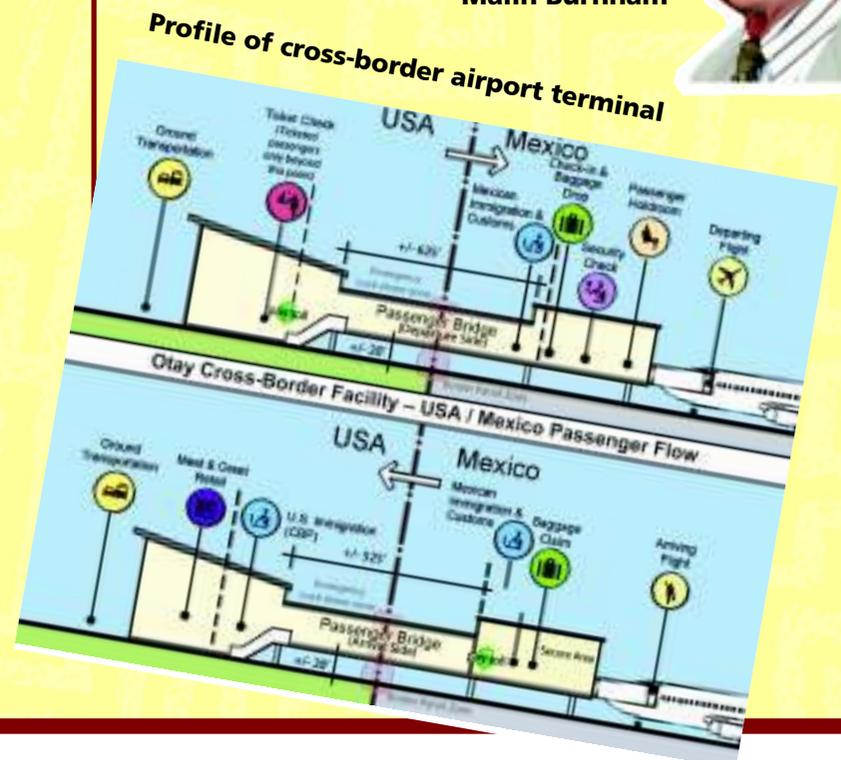
After Oxford, Bersin entered Yale Law, where he was Hillary Clinton’s classmate and married one of her best friends.

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Malin Burnham

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and Arnold and Maria Schwarzenegger and is revered by many other friends of trade along the border.

"He is somebody that knows the border, knows the process," J.B. Manson, chairman of the Greater Nogales and Santa Cruz County Port Authority, said after Bersin's appointment was announced in September. "I believe if he is confirmed it would mean a smooth relationship between trade

and CBP."

"He is a man that is very passionate and understands the balance between trade and security," former Nogales mayor Marco Antonio Lopez Jr., now chief of staff for CBP, told Nogales International.

Alan Bersin has taken an interesting road to the border. But the saga begins long before he was born, with the great grandfather of his wife, Lisa Foster.

Isaac Ratner, a cap maker from New York, came to San Diego for his health in 1921, accompanied by his wife and six children, and established United Cap Works. San Diego was close to the border and filled with sunshine, cheap labor, and Navy contracts.

Ratner began making uniforms and, in the

1930s, civilian menswear. Sons Abe and Nate joined him in the business. After World War II, their downtown factory began turning out a stylish variety of suits, sports coats, and slacks. Business in the postwar era was good, but it would become much better under the direction of Abe's ambitious young son-in-law.

Abe's daughter Pauline met Stanley Foster on a blind date while she was a student at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. The son of a Ukrainian scrap dealer, he ran a downtown furniture store. They married in 1954 and moved to San Diego, where Stan worked his way up the ladder at Ratner Clothing, first in the shipping department, then in

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In 1970, at the age of 42, Stan Foster succeeded 64-year-old Abe Ratner as president of the business and quickly moved to put his stamp on the firm. In 1972, he took the company public. A year earlier he had purchased the Hang Ten trademark for \$2 million, the beginning of a multimillion-dollar licensing bonanza for the firm.

The Ratner company was a creature of the border. It built a 310,000-square-foot

factory in Chula Vista, an easy commute from Tijuana for many of its workers. It also owned the Arizona Slack Co., which operated a plant just across the state border in Yuma, employing hundreds of Hispanic workers, and owned a warehouse in El Paso, Texas, opposite the Mexican city of Ciudad Juárez.

At its peak in the mid-1970s, Ratner Manufacturing, as the company came to be known, was said by *San Diego Magazine* to be the

fifth-largest menswear maker in the country, employing 2500 people, with sales of \$57 million. But the domestic garment industry was rapidly changing.

In April 1977, Foster told a crowd gathered at Ratner's annual shareholder meeting that "the crash in the men's leisure suit market" had been responsible for the first loss in the firm's history, the *Union-Tribune* reported. The next year, the company returned to profitability, but new trade laws and

the lifting of tariffs allowed foreign manufacturers to undercut the cost of goods produced in America.

With Ratner's workforce having shrunk to 500, Isaac Ratner's heirs were worried. Along with other members of the family, Foster had taken the company private again in 1977. In 1989 he bought out his in-laws, merging Ratner Manufacturing into his Foster Investment Corp.

In 1999, one of Isaac's grandsons, Harry Ratner, sued Foster for

fraud, claiming Stan had cheated Harry out of \$16 million by failing to disclose the true value of Hang Ten and Ratner Manufacturing's lucrative real estate before he sold his interest to Foster.

In October 2000, the jury sided with Foster. "There was never anything brought before us to say he did anything illegal," foreman Barry Hudson told the *Union-Tribune*. Foster called the verdict "a vindication." His lawyer, the paper said, "attrib-

uted the company's turnaround to Foster's business savvy."

By then, Foster's personal fortune had expanded dramatically, due in major part to his interests in real estate tied to the border. In a 1991 interview with *San Diego Executive Magazine*, Foster said he acquired his first parcel in Chula Vista, a tomato field, in 1962, and never stopped buying.

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them in the South Bay," the magazine said, adding that the holdings totaled between 1 and 2 million square feet, though Foster "won't give an exact number." His office hallways, the story noted, were "lined with photos of his buildings."

"Companies that take space in buildings such as Foster's are drawn to the area for obvious reasons," the magazine said, including "border access for

businesses with Mexican ties" and "low-cost labor in the South Bay and nearby Mexico."

"Our primary goal was to move our manufacturing facility into Mexico," William Cleveland, vice president of Troxel Cycling, an exercise-equipment maker, told the magazine. "Then it was a question of where to locate our distribution center and offices in relation to Mexico." Troxel leased 10,000 square feet in a

Foster-owned business park, the magazine reported.

Like Foster, his future son-in-law Alan Bersin would be given great opportunity through marriage. Like Foster, he would also prosper in the realm of the border.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 15, 1946, Bersin went to public schools and received a scholarship to Harvard. Though notably short of stature, he was scrappy enough to become an All-Ivy League linebacker. One of his teammates was actor Tommy Lee Jones. Upon graduating in 1968, Bersin went to Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship.

That put him in the company of 22-year-old

Bill Clinton, the future president of the United States. After Oxford, Bersin entered Yale Law, where he was Hillary Clinton's classmate and

downtown Los Angeles law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson.

In 1991, while still in L.A., Bersin met and married second wife

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In 1992, as Bill Clinton ramped up his campaign for the presidency, Alan Bersin and Lisa Foster left their home in Los Angeles and moved to San Diego.

married one of her best friends. They were later divorced, but Bersin's personal and professional bond to Hillary grew deeper as the years progressed. Upon getting his law degree in 1974, Bersin moved west, joining the big

Lisa Foster, a daughter of Stan and Pauline Foster, owners of a large local garment factory and acres of South Bay real estate, with long-standing ties to the Democratic Party and connections along the Mexican border.

to San Diego. Bersin took a sabbatical from Munger Tolles, ostensibly to manage the local Clinton campaign and teach law part-time at the University of San Diego, a Catholic school financially supported by many of the city's

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research study related to

Congestive Heart Failure

VA San Diego and UCSD researchers are conducting a new NIH gene therapy study in patients with congestive heart failure (CHF).

3 Requirements for Participation

- Active duty or retired military **only**
- 18-80 years of age (male or female)
- Diagnosed with heart failure (EF ≤ 35%)

Study-related medical care and tests will be provided at no cost. Participation is expected to last one year. You will receive up to \$200 to cover travel.

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A worldwide research study is now underway to test an investigational treatment for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also known as smoker's cough, chronic bronchitis or emphysema.

You may be eligible to participate in this study if you:

- Are 40 years of age or older
- Have a diagnosis of COPD
- Are a current smoker or were a smoker in the past

In addition to receiving study-related physical exams and laboratory services at no charge, participants will receive study medication and will be monitored by a medical team including the study physician.

Ask your doctor if this study is right for you.

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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

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Clinical Research Study for Birth Control

Synergy is conducting a clinical research study of an investigational oral medication for birth control.

Qualified participants will receive at no cost for up to 12 months:

- Periodic gynecological exams
- Investigational oral birth control medication

Females that are 18-40 years of age, sexually active, and have regular menstrual cycles may be eligible for participation. Compensation up to \$450 is available for time and travel.

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Do You Suffer From Symptoms of Depression?

Have you tried taking **ONE** or **TWO ANTI-DEPRESSANTS** but aren't relieved from your depression symptoms?

If so, please contact us today about our research study of an investigational depression medication.

Qualified participants must:

- Be 18-65 years of age
- Have tried taking one or two anti-depressant treatments without relief from depression symptoms
- Have felt symptoms of depression for at least the past eight weeks

Qualified participants receive:

- All study-related care and study medication at no cost
- Compensation for time and travel

To learn more about this study, please call:

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Study of Phantom Limb Pain Treatment



Have you experienced a unilateral amputation (either above or below the knee, or above or below the elbow)?

Do you currently experience phantom limb pain at least once weekly?

If you answered **yes** to both of these questions and are available to take part in **8 weekly 1.5-hour therapy sessions** with 12- and 24-week follow-up appointments, you may be eligible.

Inclusion criteria:

- adult (18 or over)
- unilateral amputation at or above the wrist or ankle
- living within 50 miles of the VA San Diego
- able to read and speak English

Interested in participating?

Qualified participants will be compensated for participation up to \$160. Participants will be paid \$40 at a pre-treatment interview, end-of-treatment interview, as well as at the 12- and 24-week follow-up interviews. Located at VA San Diego.

To see if you qualify or to learn more about the study, please call Kathleen Parkes: 858-552-8585 ext. 6495

wealthy Democrats, including the Foster family. To many, it appeared Bersin was being groomed for power.

Four months after his inauguration as president, Clinton announced he would make Bersin U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California, the country's busiest port of entry with Mexico. Those familiar with the often-murky world of the border economy took note. "Bersin carries the carpetbagger tag," wrote Tom Blair, a columnist for the *San Diego Union*. "Still a partner in an L.A. firm, he's been here only eight months while teaching one class at USD."

As his father-in-law had done at Ratner,

Bersin shook up the U.S. Attorney's office, firing five top prosecutors. The head of the financial institution fraud task force, Gay Hugo, who had handled the high-profile J. David Dominelli fraud case, quit her job. The *Union-Tribune* later reported that Hugo "was critical of Bersin as she left" but declined to elaborate.

Unlike San Diego U.S. Attorneys of the past, Bersin became a magnet for national publicity, chiefly because of his carefully cultivated association with the economically burgeoning, increasingly troubled border region. In October 1995, Attorney General Janet Reno named him "border czar," ostensibly to run herd on Operation

Gatekeeper, the Clinton Administration's program to stem the growing torrent of illegal immigration.

The job was a public relations bonanza for both Clinton and Bersin; during Bersin's tenure, Washington flooded the San Diego sector with Border Patrol agents, and a host of fences and expensive electronic devices were installed. Bersin boasted that illegal crossings dropped in San Diego. Reality was different. Human traffic was forced east, into the San Diego County back-country and Imperial County, where many of the illegal crossers died of thirst and exposure. Smugglers, known as coyotes, collected ever higher fees to shepherd

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- Are a current smoker or were a smoker in the past

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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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- Otherwise good health

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



For more information, contact eStudySite toll-free at:

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Trying to Manage your TYPE 2 DIABETES?



Do you struggle to control your blood sugar levels? Controlling blood sugar is difficult. New medicines are needed, and study volunteers help make this happen. A new clinical research study is underway. Join us if you struggle with blood sugar control.

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 - Study-related medical care and testing
- Qualified participants may be compensated for time and travel

YOU MAY QUALIFY IF YOU ARE:

- Age 18 to 85
- Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes for at least 3 months
- Not taking insulin or other injectable diabetic medicines
- Struggling to control blood sugar (HbA1c greater than or equal to 7% and less than or equal to 10%)

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a major challenge in their lives.

California Clinical Trials is conducting a medical research study on an investigational medication for schizophrenia.

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Critics said Bersin was spending too much time schmoozing with members of the tightly knit Tijuana business establishment and friends of his father-in-law and not enough looking into money-laundering schemes used by the drug cartels. He called for easier border crossings for business people and trade and was a regular draw at banquets and business tributes on both sides of the border.

In 1997, he endorsed a controversial private real-estate venture called the International Gateway of the Americas, a \$192 million shopping mall, duty-free zone, and hotel to be built on the U.S. side of the border

just west of the existing Tijuana border crossing. The new development was to feature a new opening to Mexico in the form of a pedestrian bridge. The bridge had the support of the city's big financial interests but was criticized by federal law enforcement officials, who believed it would become a nightmare to police.

Bersin's role in pushing the project forward was hailed by a *Union-Tribune* editorial in March 1998. "When the proposed International Gateway of the Americas Project was going nowhere, it was Bersin who stepped in and cut through the red tape to get the border development project on track," the editorial said. "This innovative enter-

prise would transform a blighted area west of the San Ysidro border crossing into a development of duty-free stores, restaurants, a World Trade Center complex, a hotel, and meeting facilities."

Bersin continued to lobby for the project even after he had stepped down as U.S. Attorney in early 1998. In December 1998, a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times* noted, "The campaign crested in September when a parade of boosters, including the head of Tijuana's economic development council and former U.S. Attorney and border czar Alan Bersin, took turns praising likely benefits to the region's economy and image during a

RESEARCH STUDIES



Do you have partial onset seizures due to EPILEPSY?

Consider the SEA study of an investigational antiepileptic drug.

Partial seizures, which affect only one area of the brain, are the most common type of seizure experienced by people with epilepsy. If you or someone you care about is living with epilepsy and continuing to experience partial seizures, even with treatment, you may want to consider a new medical research study evaluating an investigational antiepileptic drug.

To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be 16 to 70 years of age
- Have had at least four partial onset seizures in the last eight weeks
- Not have gone 28 days without a seizure over the last eight weeks
- Have been taking one to two antiepileptic drugs for the last four weeks

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

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We need participants:

- 18 years of age or older
- With three or fewer leg wounds

Qualified participants will receive:

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- Study-related examinations and therapy at no cost
- Compensation for time and travel

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Going, Going, Going Too Often at Night

A 16-week clinical research study is underway to evaluate a marketed oral medication taken daily for **urgent, frequent nighttime urinations in men and women over 18 years of age**. Getting up numerous times at night causes interrupted sleep and subsequent tiredness. If you have been getting up multiple times nightly for at least 3 months, you may have nocturia, or frequent nighttime urination.

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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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.

Participants may receive study-related care at no cost and reimbursement for their time and travel expenses. Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

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

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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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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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RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

The Center for Metabolic Research

Dr. Mudaliar and his associates with UCSD are looking for Type 2 diabetics. This study will test the safety of different doses of an investigational new study drug and to test whether it is effective in the treatment of Type 2 diabetes.

Volunteers who qualify may be compensated up to \$1,250.

Inclusion Criteria:

- Must be 18 to 70 years old and have type 2 diabetes.
- Must be taking only Metformin for type 2 diabetes.
- Must have been on the same dose of Metformin for at least 3 months.

Study Duration:

- Up to 32 weeks (approximately 8 months).
- Approximately 12 clinic site visits. Visits will take approximately 2-3 hours.

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

- Study-related physical exams
- Study medication
- Study-related laboratory tests
- Compensation for time and travel



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meeting of a U.S.–Mexico panel that reviews new border crossings.”

The project drew fierce opposition from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, which stated in a letter that “a requirement to conduct pedestrian inspections at another location at any distance from the existing inspection facility would result in significant disruption of customer service and law enforcement operations.” Ultimately, the pedestrian bridge was dropped from the project, though the mall was allowed to proceed.

Though not widely known to the public, Bersin had a personal financial stake in border real estate held with his father-in-law and other family members. According to an agreement recorded October 2, 1996, Bersin, his wife Lisa, along with Stan and Pauline Foster and Marliskar, a family-related partnership, had formed Otay Terminal, a general partnership.

A disclosure Bersin filed with the Justice Department in Washington, D.C., showed that Otay Terminal owned four properties, including a trucking

facility at 6930 Cactus Court on San Diego’s Otay Mesa, less than 2000 feet from the border with Mexico.

A trust controlled by Foster and his wife Pauline purchased the land on January 14, 1992, for \$880,500, according to county records. Foster built a truck terminal and offices on the parcel, finishing the project on July 20, 1992, a notice of completion says. On January 14, 2003, the partnership sold the property for \$3.5 million.

In a September 1998 interview with the

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Smoking too much pot?

WE WANT TO HELP YOU STOP!

Researchers at the Scripps Research Institute are working to develop treatments to help you quit smoking marijuana. This 12-week program involves medication.

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Type 2 Diabetic Volunteers

Dr. Robert Henry and his associates at the VA Medical Center are looking for Type 2 Diabetic volunteers to evaluate the effects of dapagliflozin compared to placebo on insulin resistance and insulin secretion.

Duration:

Approximately 24 weeks total: 11 clinical study site visits (The visits will include an initial screening visit and 10 clinic visits.)

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

Inclusion Criteria:

- Males or females aged 35 to 70
- Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- A1c 7.0% to 10.0%
- Body Mass Index (BMI) less than or equal to 45 kg/m²
- You must be taking Metformin for at least 12 weeks at a dose of 500mg or greater OR Metformin greater than or equal to 500 mg plus a sulfonylurea (such as Glyburide and Glipizide or Prandin, Januvia)
- If you are a woman of childbearing potential you must agree to use an adequate method of contraception to avoid pregnancy

For more information, please contact Catherine DeLue at 858-552-8585 ext. 6740. Qualified participants will be compensated for participation up to \$1,400.



CLINICAL RESEARCH

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Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling men and women in inpatient and outpatient studies.

Eligible participants may receive all study-related care at no cost, and may be reimbursed for time and travel.

Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, call the Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital Clinical Research Center at **(858) 694-8350**.

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Reader, Bersin said, "It's a partnership in which my wife and I have an interest. I don't know when we made it, but it's something my father-in-law organized. It's a truck — Consolidated Freight — transfer point." The Otay property, he said, was the first piece of real estate acquired by the partnership.

"That's why it's called the Otay partnership.... And then there were other investments made in other properties. Kearny Mesa is one — actually two in Kearny Mesa. I guess there's one in Vista. My wife and I invested in the partnership in cash, that's what the investment was." Bersin said that the Otay Mesa purchase was made in 1992,

"before I was U.S. Attorney," and later put into the Otay Terminal partnership.

In the same interview, Bersin repeated his support for the Gateway project. "Tijuana and San Diego and Customs and INS and GSA are all trying to get — and it's something that I was, that I am supportive of, is to be able to develop the San Ysidro gateway between Tijuana and San Diego so that it reflects the kind of region that we're developing and lets the region, San Diego and Tijuana, take charge of their destiny, because if we wait for federal governments to do it, we will never get the kind of port of entry that we need to build this U.S.–Mexico border

RESEARCH STUDIES

HEAVY DRINKERS NOT SEEKING TREATMENT

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

Investigators at The Scripps Research Institute are currently seeking volunteers who consider themselves to be heavy drinkers and do not have any desire to stop drinking. The purpose of the research is to learn the most effective way of studying predictors of relapse or a return to drinking.



This study does involve taking a medication or placebo for one week and completing one brain imaging (fMRI) session.

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



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.



If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact: **(619) 688-6565** • See our website: www.ari-inc.com

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.

Do you want to quit smoking?

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

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



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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.



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Are you a healthcare professional with an opioid dependence?

Could a monthly investigational medication break the cycle?

Participants may receive, at no charge, study-related:

- Physical exams
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- Study medication



(Vivitrol®, an FDA-approved drug to treat alcoholism, is being investigated to treat opioid dependence.)

All participants will be monitored by a medical team and the study doctor. All information is strictly confidential.

To learn more, please call North County Clinical Research: 760-639-4378

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.**

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and study patches at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may also be provided.

To learn more about this local study, please contact:
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region.”

His role in the project, Bersin said, was “to be part of a border port council that considered it and is recommending it to the U.S. and Mexican authorities. There are federal, state, and local jurisdictions on both sides of the border that are building a regional consensus to get a recommendation. You need a permit to build this cross-border development.

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clear now is that the port of entry that was built in the mid-’70s is not capable of handling the traffic between the two cities.

“We need more lanes and a reconfigured pedestrian area. That’s what customs, INS on this side, working with GSA, is doing. And really what the breakthrough is is that Tijuana and San Diego have agreed on a common development plan.”

Bersin said no conflict of interest arose from his ownership in the Otay Terminal partnership and his role as United States Attorney and border czar. “No, because, first of all, it’s fully disclosed, and it had no bearing on — you know, the requirement is to disclose it.

Frankly, none of the decisions I made as a prosecutor were affected by that.”

But what of Bersin’s advocacy of development-enhancing initiatives for Otay Mesa? Would that represent a conflict? “You can draw that inference, but I didn’t. There [were] much larger purposes involved than promoting a ten percent interest I have in a piece of property there.”

Was his role as border czar compromised? “The obligation is to disclose [the partnership interest]. I don’t think any decision that was made would have anything to do with that piece of property.”

Though the Foster family partnership sold the truck terminal in

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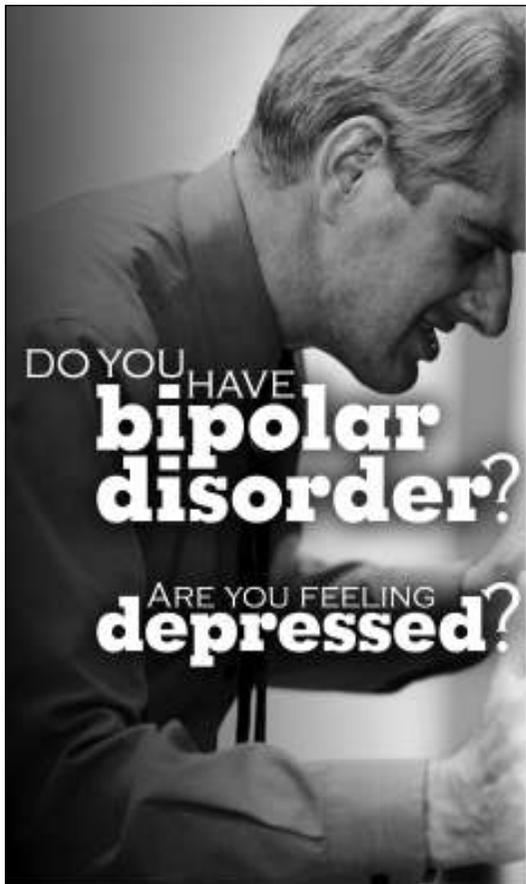
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2003, Bersin and his wife have since acquired major financial stakes in other border-related ventures. A financial disclosure statement Bersin filed with the State of California in March 2006 revealed that he held between \$10,000 and \$100,000 of stock in "SafeMex/International Gateway." He reported the same interest in a similar disclosure made May 9, 2009, with the San Diego County Regional Air-

port Authority.

According to its website, SafeMex sells insurance and emergency travel-assistance plans to foreigners going to Mexico. The company, it says, "was established to better serve travelers to Mexico. These same services are now provided on a worldwide basis." Records show the firm has an office across the street from the now-complete International Gateway border

development.

The founder, chairman, and CEO of SafeMex is Enrique Mier y Terán, a border baron who with his father Juan Mier y Terán is credited with founding the first *maquiladora* — or "twin plant" — Kaynar de Mexico, in 1960, which imported duty-free materials from the United States and exported the finished products back to this country.

A June 1998 profile

in the *Economist* traced Mier y Terán's career:

"One night in 1959, a Mexican teenager was at a party in San Diego in Southern California. Among the cool new American friends 19-year-old Enrique Mier y Terán made that night was a 20-something American who said he was in business.

"What business? 'I have a factory making pin curl clips,' said the American. This was still the 1950s, and the wannabe Rita Hayworths of those days needed something to control their huge hair bangs. Enrique laughed out loud. Offended, his

new friend invited him to visit his factory the next day.

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ica. He paid no Mexican duties on the imported parts because he was in a free-trade zone by the border; and the American customs were persuaded that the plastic parts were going south for 'repair,' which got around American duties on re-entry.

"As the business grew, he got his business father to help him. Thus was born one of the first maquiladora factories along Mexico's border with the United States. Now Mr. Mier y Terán owns an industrial park and a consultancy which advises multinationals around the world how to do

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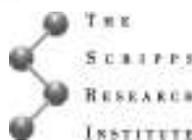
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In May 1984, as opening day approached, *San Diego Tribune* reporters Joe Hughes and Fernando Romero recounted the rampant real-estate speculation boom that had occurred on the mesa as a result of the new crossing.

“There are probably as many rumors of intrigue, hidden ownerships, the mob, get-rich-quick schemes, and public officials gobbling up the good land as there are acres on sprawling Otay Mesa,” they wrote.

“Speculation was hottest when the border gate was being mapped,” they added. “In some instances, land values in eight years shot to \$60,000 an acre from \$6,000 an acre.”

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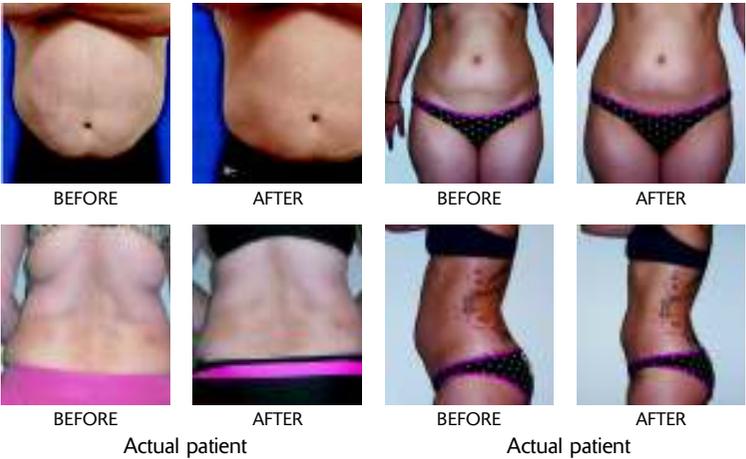


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some of whom may have benefited by their positions. Former Baja California Gov. Roberto de la Madrid, who helped pick the site of the border gate, is often mentioned as a landowner.

"One source said de la Madrid helped Leandro Lozano Franco obtain 120 acres near the gate through a federal land swap and retained an ownership interest in the land. A spokesman for Lozano Franco, who plans a commercial complex on his property, denied that de la Madrid is an owner.

"The former governor, when asked if he has holdings on the mesa, smiled and said political obligations prevent him from com-

menting. 'Why don't you ask me about my health instead?' de la Madrid asked. His

five years in February 1998 when word leaked that he was the front-runner in a secretive

In early 1999, a year after taking over the school district, Bersin created an ad hoc Real Estate Assets Committee and appointed his father-in-law, Stan Foster, to run it.

brother Francisco, once Tijuana's customs chief, also is said to own land."

race to become the next head of the San Diego Unified School District.

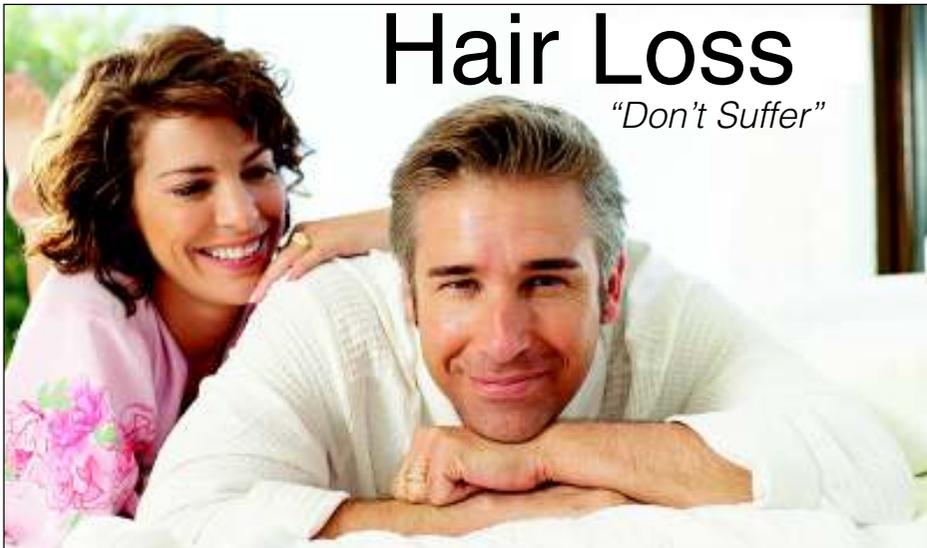
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Wrote the *Union-Tribune's* Valerie Alvord in March 1998: "It was confirmed that [Bersin] was a candidate for the Number 2 and 3 positions in the Justice Department under Attorney General Janet Reno. There was also talk that he might have been considered for the top spot at the U.S. Customs Service after its

commissioner resigned last summer.

"Why he didn't get any of these jobs was the subject of heated speculation in some circles. Those who admire Bersin say he lost out because he was too close to the president and would have been perceived as having a conflict of interest, given the ongoing investigations of Clinton and his top advisers.

"Critics said it was because Bersin was light

in management background, and because he had angered the Latino community in San Diego, partially over Operation Gatekeeper, the government's crack-down at the border."

(In November 2007, the *Reader* filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Clinton presidential library in Little Rock, Arkansas, for records documenting Bersin's performance as U.S. Attorney. Two years later, the

library, citing limited staff and a deluge of FOIA requests, says it can't predict when it will turn over the records. An administrative appeal made to the library in September of this year to expedite delivery of the documents on the grounds that Bersin's nomination as CPB chief made them of immediate and significant public interest was rejected earlier this month.)

Whatever the rea-

son, Bersin was headed not to Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington but to Normal Street, the appellation given San Diego Unified School District headquarters in North Park. But how had he arrived there?

Many saw the hand of his father-in-law Stan Foster and Foster's business allies on the board of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, chief among them downtown real-estate and banking

mogul Malin Burnham, an internationally known yachtsman and longtime friend and business associate of Foster.

In March 1989, the *San Diego Tribune* had revealed that Burnham and Foster were co-investors, along with other San Diego establishment figures, including newspaper publisher Helen Copley, another Bersin backer, in a series of venture capital funds known as Sorrento Ven-

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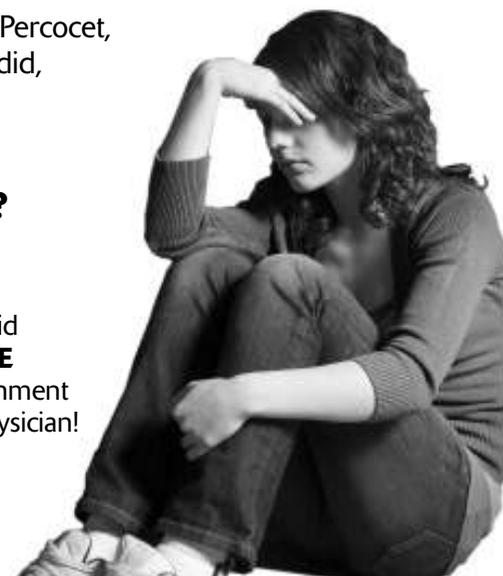
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tures. The two men were also partners in the San Diego Sockers, a professional soccer franchise. Burnham was a member of the selection committee that had pitched Bersin to the board of education.

Burnham and his fellow chamber of commerce members were looking for a tough prosecutor like Bersin to take on the teachers' union, whose members, they argued, were an obstruction to market-oriented education reform. Many also wanted to spin off many district support functions to the private sector.

As early as November 1993, the chamber's Business Roundtable for Education had lobbied for turning over as many as a dozen of the district's worst-performing schools to Education Alternatives Inc., a private company based in Minnesota. Though the plan was not carried out, the chamber lobby continued to push similar ideas, as well as privately run nonprofit charter schools.

Business interests also wanted to develop chunks of the district's portfolio of underutilized real estate into shops and condominiums. Having a trusted ally at the helm of the school district couldn't hurt that agenda.

In early 1999, a year after taking over the school district, Bersin created an ad hoc Real Estate Assets Committee and appointed his father-in-law, Stan Foster, to run it. The group was charged with combing through the district's massive real-estate catalog and choosing which proper-

ties should be sold as surplus.

Members of the panel included developer Morgan Dene Oliver of the firm OliverMcMillan, another

Foster business friend, and Lewis Silverberg, a retired lawyer and Foster associate. Silverberg was a board member of the San Diego Zoo, which coveted the prop-

erty beneath Roosevelt Junior High School, just north of the zoo's main entrance, for future zoo-related expansion.

The committee did not publicize its meet-

ings. When its existence came to light in late 1999, critics said the arrangement reeked of cronyism. Bersin defended the panel, telling the *Union-Tri-*

bune in December 1999, "The notion that there is any conflict... This is part and parcel of the kind of poison that infects public life and makes someone throw

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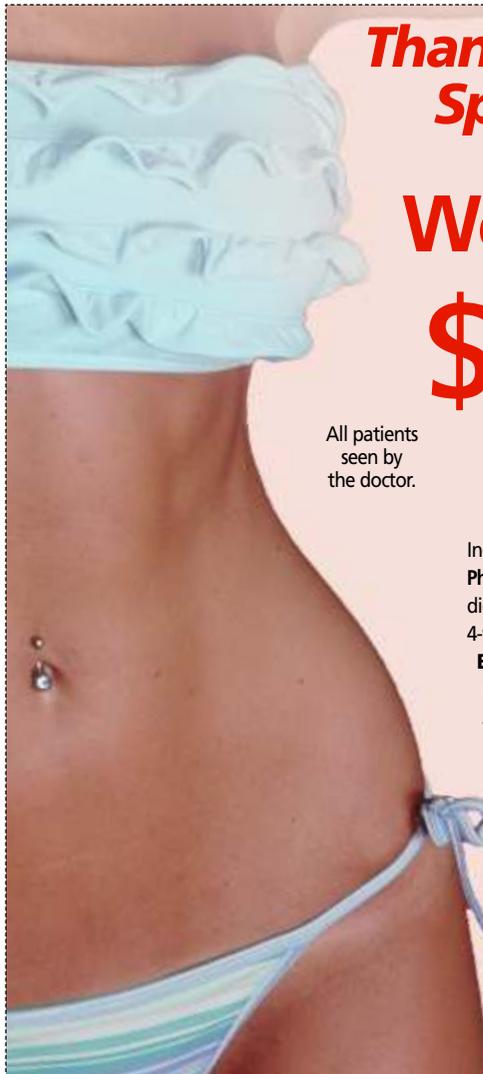
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Though the committee wasn't officially shuttered until 2000, Bersin mothballed the effort and moved on with the rest of his agenda. Most pressing was the effort to defeat the re-election bid of Frances O'Neill Zimmerman, a board of education member

backed by the teachers' union who had become Bersin's chief nemesis and the source of embarrassing leaks highlighting Stan Foster

Zimmerman began running on San Diego television stations, paid for by a group calling itself the Partnership for Student Achievement. "Tell

Pauline Foster gave \$2500 to the Davis campaign; the week before, Bersin gave \$2500. That December, Davis named Bersin's wife Lisa Foster a superior court judge.

and his role on the real-estate committee.

In the late summer of 2000, a series of 30-second spots blasting

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came forward to identify the partners or who had paid for the unprecedented media buy, costing an initial \$545,000.

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Two small nonprofit foundations based on the East Coast that supplied \$160,000 later

turned out to be acting as fronts for yet another billionaire, Democrat and school reformer Eli Broad, a Los Angeles real-estate developer

is a raw exercise in power, impure and simple," wrote *Union-Tribune* columnist Logan Jenkins. "Bersin may be far enough away to deny

Bersin and Schwarzenegger boarded a private plane for Mexico. The pair were headed to Mexicali for a meeting with Eugenio Elorduy Walther.

and Bersin's friend and supporter.

"This TV campaign to assassinate Zimmerman's character

direct involvement, but why would the cleanup hitters be in the partnership's lineup if they weren't acting on

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his behalf?"

Added Jenkins, "This downtown jihad to oust Zimmerman and replace her with Chamber of Commerce favorite Julie Dubick has nothing to do with education." In part due to the commotion generated by the unmasking of the partnership's political fat cats, Zimmerman narrowly won reelection in November 2000.

For Bersin, it was a jarring setback. Backed by the downtown business establishment and the editorial board of the *Union-Tribune*, Bersin would last another four years as superintendent before a newly elected board majority forced him out, but privatization of education was stymied, and Foster's efforts to sell off the district's surplus real estate died.

On November 14, 2001, after a six-week battle with cancer, Stan Foster died at San Diego Hospice. He was 74. The many politicians to whom he had been so generous eulogized him. "He was a dear friend and one of the most decent human beings I ever met," Democratic Gov. Gray Davis was quoted as saying. Republican ex-governor, U.S. Senator, and San Diego mayor Pete Wilson called him "a role model for citizen leadership."

From 1990 until his death, Foster contributed a total of \$55,500 to federal campaigns, almost all to Democrats, with the exception of \$300 to Republican congressman Bill Lowery and \$2000 to the pro-Israel San Diego Community PAC. Through this year, Foster's widow Pauline

has given \$62,400 to campaigns for federal office.

The Foster family contributed thousands more to state candidates, including then-

incumbent Governor Gray Davis. In August 2002, Pauline Foster gave \$2500 to the Davis campaign; the week before, Bersin gave \$2500. That December,

Davis named Bersin's wife Lisa Foster a superior court judge.

In January 2005, the San Diego school board voted to buy out the final year of Bersin's

contract for \$240,000. He soon found another job. That April, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who had ousted Gray Davis in a recall election two years earlier, named

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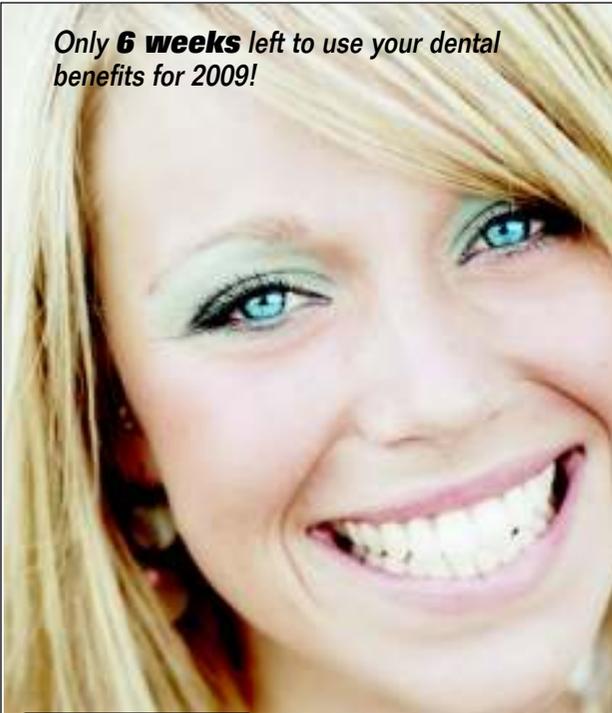
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That September, Bersin and Schwarzenegger boarded a private plane for Mexico. The pair were headed to Mexicali for a meeting with Eugenio Elorduy Walther, governor of Baja California, who was promoting Silicon Border, a 10,000-acre industrial park to be developed by two Americans from San Diego. It was just south of the international boundary, about ten miles west of downtown Mexicali.

Born in a Calexico hospital in November 1940, Elorduy had attended the Army and Navy Academy in Carlsbad, graduating from Jesuit-run Loyola High School in Los Angeles in 1958. He received a

business degree from the Technical Institute of Monterrey and was an early member of Mexico's pro-private enterprise Partido Acción Nacional political party, known as PAN.

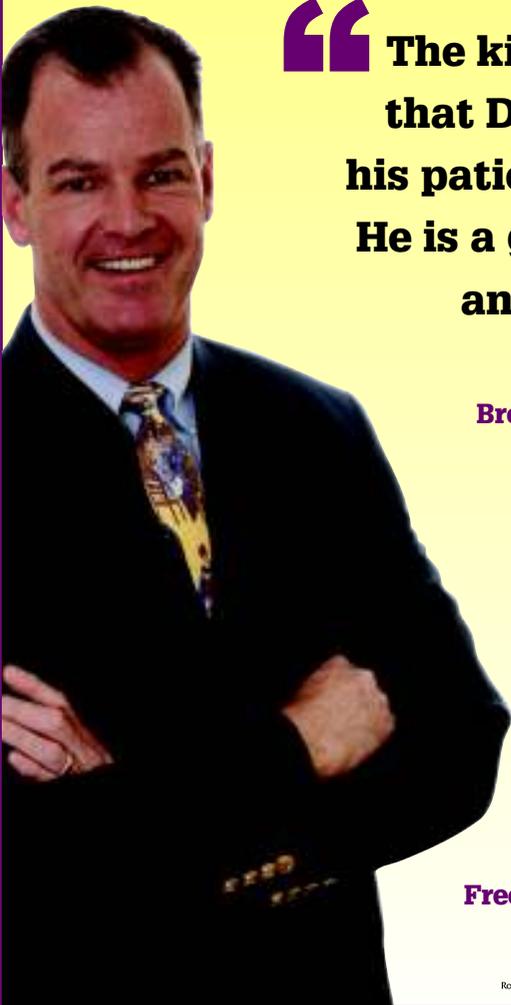
A millionaire Ford dealer from a wealthy old-line family, the six-foot-four Elorduy had longstanding ties to San Diego and its business establishment. He owned a condo in La Jolla and was chairman of San Diego Dialogue's Forum Fronterizo, a secretive group of influential business types from both sides of the border, run out of offices at UCSD Extension. Next to the industrialization of Mexicali, one of Elorduy's top priorities was opening

new border crossings to serve future manufacturing hubs in Baja California.

A little over a month after Elorduy was sworn in as governor on the first of November 2001, Silicon Border Holding Company, LLC was incorporated as a Minnesota limited-liability company on December 10, 2001, according to state records. The incorporation of Silicon Border Land, LLC would follow on May 10, 2004.

The project was officially unveiled on July 14, 2004, at SEMICON West, a semiconductor trade show in San Francisco. "We're acquiring the property right now, and we will finish the design work of the park over the bal-

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ance of this year," Silicon Border cofounder Daniel J. Hill said in a news release. "In early 2005, we will start construction of the industrial park itself."

Elorduy issued a statement of support: "This joint commitment among federal government, state government, and private enterprise is indicative of a growing confidence in Mexico's national economy and its emerging role in a technology-driven global economy."

In December 2004, a company news release said it had obtained "a development grant and an expanded exclusivity agreement" from the Mexican federal and state governments. "The amount of the grant was not disclosed," the firm said, "but a portion comes from Mexico's federal Prosoft program, formed to support technology development throughout the country."

"Every day we are creating more goodwill and good fortune between us," Schwarzenegger said in his statewide radio address after he and Bersin met with Elorduy in September 2005. "And then there is the Silicon Border, a high-tech industrial park in Baja, to attract manufacturing operations that will expand both our economies."

On December 10, 2005, Schwarzenegger again hyped Silicon Border during his radio broadcast, saying, "...It's important to speed up the movement of goods across our border and build new economic partnerships like the one we're creating in high tech, between our Silicon Valley and the

Silicon Border."

At the beginning of 2006, the California governor created the "California/Baja Silicon Border Work Group," run by deputy secretary

of the California Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency, Yolanda Benson. State officials promised to hasten the roadways needed to link up with

those being built for Silicon Border in Mexico.

That January, Elorduy met with the *Union-Tribune's* editorial board. "We need more border crossings," he

said. "To get a border crossing you have to wait 10 to 12 years. It's ridiculous. There are five times more border crossings between Canada and the U.S.

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In May 2006, Elorduy and San Diego's

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Republican mayor Jerry Sanders went to Washington, D.C., to lobby Congress, the Bush White House, and the Inter-American Development Bank on behalf of Mexican industrial projects along the border.

Malin Burnham joined the delegation in Washington. According to a document posted on the Silicon Border website, the group urged creation of a new port of entry between Mexico and the United States sought by Silicon Border.

Burnham had long shared Elorduy's desire for creating new border crossings.

“I've been involved with Mexico for more than 50 years,” Burnham said in an inter-

view this October with Barbara Bry of San Diego News Network, a local website. “I started sailing to Acapulco when I was young, and I have a lot of friends in Mexico, I have active real estate investments and a home in Los Cabos. I like Mexico. Yet many Americans think Mexico is the enemy instead of a neighbor. It's ridiculous. In the long term, we need to get bulldozers and tear down the fence.”

In 2004, he launched a seemingly quixotic quest to lure the 2016 summer Olympic games to the border region. But Burnham said he had a larger goal.

“Winning the bid is perhaps secondary to the catalytic effect it

generates for infrastructure, cultural and civic closeness, housing, cross-border relations and the environment,” Burnham wrote in an August 8, 2004 op-ed piece in the *San Diego Daily Transcript*. “Our bi-national region should be a seamless network of citizens and businesses that connect our economies, infrastructure and environment.”

A few months later in 2005, the real-estate magnate became the leader of a group of “San Diego and Tijuana business executives” pushing for a so-called cross-border terminal linking Tijuana's Rodríguez International Airport with Otay Mesa.

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the *Union-Tribune* in January 2006 after meeting Mexican Undersecretary of Transportation and Communications Aaron Dychter during a trade mission to Mexico City sponsored by the chamber of commerce's Mexico Business Center. "I looked the undersecretary in the eye and asked, 'Will you help us?' and he said, 'Yes. I will be the champion.'"

The idea bore similarities to the International Gateway proposal to build a pedestrian crossing at the downtown Tijuana port of entry backed by Bersin less than a decade earlier. "We're only talking about a terminal, not an airport, on our side of the border," Burnham told the paper. "People

could park on this side and process their tickets and luggage and walk to the Tijuana airport. We think it can make economic sense to an investor."

But the proposal made slow progress. Then, in November 2006, Bersin quit his state education job and was appointed chairman of the San Diego County Airport Authority by Jerry Sanders. To those unfamiliar with Bersin's relationship with Burnham and the border economy, it was yet another surprising career jump.

Sanders spokesman Fred Sainz said of Bersin, "The mayor has a high degree of confidence in his leadership skills and thinks that he's an extraordinary

candidate that can add immeasurably to this important board."

The press aide did not mention that in May and October of that year, San Diegans for City Hall Reform, a campaign committee controlled by Sanders, received a total of \$22,500 from OM Foster, LLC, a real-estate development partnership between Oliver McMillan and the Foster family. Alan Bersin's mother-in-law Pauline Foster personally gave \$500.

In his new role as airport chairman, Bersin spoke favorably of the prospects for the Tijuana-Otay Mesa airport connection. During a March 29, 2007, meeting of the chamber of commerce's Mexico

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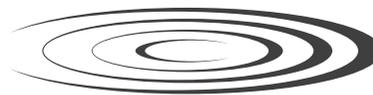
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Then, on June 5, 2008, Bersin joined a unanimous airport board vote endorsing the positive conclusions of a \$385,000 "Cross Border Terminal Market Demand Study" commissioned by the airport authority in March 2007. "Chairperson Bersin requested that staff explore ways in which the Authority could participate in a working group that would move this project forward by supporting the Chamber and the [Economic Development Corporation] in its efforts,"

according to minutes of the meeting. "He also requested that staff explore, while not committing fiscally to the project, how the Authority could support public and private partnerships in its efforts to build the border crossing."

The proposed cross-border terminal has since progressed steadily. This September, promoters of the venture, whose United States backers include Chicago-based billionaire Sam Zell, applied to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for a so-called Presidential Permit, the final federal approval needed to clear the way for construction of the gateway. The public comment period for the application ends this December, accord-

ing to a State Department spokesman.

In late 2007, Bersin joined Malin Burnham on the steering committee of Project Smart Border 2010, an initiative sponsored by the Mexico Business Center. The group said it had hired the Washington lobbying firm of Roberts, Raheb & Gradler, LLC, whose principal, Geoffrey Gradler, was a former aide to indicted Texas Congressman and GOP Majority Leader Tom Delay. Congressional reports show that RR&G was paid \$10,000 to lobby Congress and the Customs and Border Protection agency "to reduce wait times at ports of entry in San Diego County."

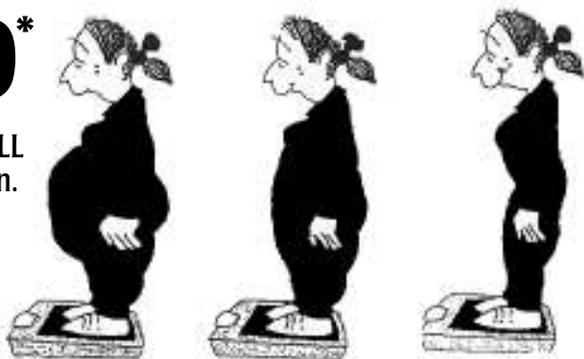
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sion, according to a post on its website: to promote "faster border crossings and new border crossings at Tijuana International Airport (Cross Border Passenger Terminal), Otay II, Imperial County and elsewhere." On the steering committee with Bersin and Burnham was Silicon Border's Daniel J. Hill.

Though it wasn't widely advertised, all three men owned a piece of Silicon Border.

In mid-2007, Bersin and his wife acquired stock in Silicon Border they valued between \$100,000 and \$1 million, according to a state financial statement she filed in 2008.

Bersin still owned the Silicon Border stock

in April 2009, according to a "leaving office" financial disclosure he filed with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority on May 9, 2009. He also reported a stock holding in "Safeway/International Gateway" valued between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

In addition, according to a federally required disclosure report Bersin filed May 15, 2009, with the United States Department of Justice, he served as chairman of the Silicon Border "advisory board" for more than a year, from February 2008 until April 2009, the same month his appointment as the Obama Administration's "border czar" was announced by Homeland Security sec-

retary Janet Napolitano. But Bersin's May 2009 federal disclosure omitted any reference to either the Silicon Border or the SafeMex interests he had previously reported on his state filings.

Then, in a second federal filing dated September 30 of this year, made as a requirement for his nomination to become head of Customs and Border Protection, Bersin disclosed that he still held a direct financial interest in both Silicon Border and SafeMex/International Gateway.

According to the September disclosure, Bersin held a promissory note from "Silicon Border Holding Company LLC" valued between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

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Bersin also held a promissory note from "Enrique Mier y Terán for SafeMex/International Gateway," valued between \$100,000 and \$250,000, the report says. Neither of the notes has paid him greater than \$250, the disclosure says. While not providing details, Silicon Border CEO David J. Hill confirmed in an interview that both Bersin and Malin Burnham had taken direct financial stakes in the project. Bersin's background in the U.S. Department of Justice as the Clinton Administration's border czar in the 1990s came in handy in attracting support for the venture, according to Hill. "He was very helpful in making introductions to the community. He knows border law. He's very smart."

in dealing with issues impacting the Mexico/California border." Also on the board was Eugenio Elorduy, the ex-governor of Baja California who had spearheaded government funding for the project.

Though Bersin's investment in Silicon Border did not make the papers in the United States, Mexico City's *Reforma* newspaper reported in October 2007 that Bersin and Malin Burnham, identified by the paper as "U.S. investors" in Silicon Border, had discussed the project with Mexican economic secretary Eduardo Sojo and representatives of Fernando Maiz, the wealthy head of Maiz Edificacions, a large Mexican construction conglomerate based in

Monterrey.

In November 2007, Silicon Border announced that Maiz's company would become the development's "preferred contractor to design and manage the physical attributes of the Silicon Border Science Park," said to be worth over \$150 million. He was subsequently listed as a member of the project's advisory board, alongside Elorduy and Burnham.

More good news for the project's investors came in May 2008 with the announcement that Q-Cells, a large German maker of solar cells, would build its first American factory at Silicon Border. ING Clarion, a division of ING, a big Dutch multinational bank, agreed to provide

millions in financing.

But there was still the matter of the new border crossing. The crash of the American economy in the fall of 2008 slowed financial activity on both sides of the border, and local, state, and national officials say little progress has been made in Silicon

Border's bid to open a new port of entry in the desert west of Mexicali. According to Robert Allison of the U.S. State Department's Office of Mexican Affairs, no paperwork has been filed for approval of the coveted Presidential Permit needed to allow the project to go forward.

Reached by phone earlier this month, Silicon Border CEO David J. Hill acknowledged that the sour economy had delayed the planned border crossing but vowed that it would be eventually built and opened. "This is a long-term process, but with an enlightened government,

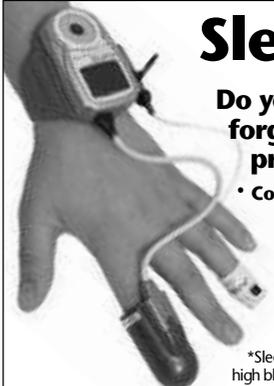
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it could be done within five years," he said, adding that the development's first major tenant, Germany's Q-Cells, had encountered economic setbacks, delaying its move into the industrial park. "We hope to have other companies announced by early next year."

In February 2009, Bersin was named co-chairman of a new binational task force, sponsored by the Mexico City-based Mexican Council on Foreign Relations and the Pacific Council on International Policy, based in Los Angeles.

"Both are invitation-only organizations made up of civic and government leaders," noted a story in the *Union-Tribune*.

"Much of the congestion at the border reflects the fact that the U.S.-Mexico frontier is treated as a 'line' rather than a 'buffer zone' or economic region," according to an outline of the task force's mission published on the Pacific Council's website.

"The Task Force will assess whether there are ways to expedite border crossings to meet local needs that do not materially increase the risk of criminals or terrorists gaining entry.

"It will also consider the degree to which such efforts at facilitation should remain entirely unilateral rather than developed jointly by Mexican and U.S. authorities.

"By and large, we have a fairly chaotic, badly governed, badly managed situation," Andres Rozental, Bersin's co-chairman, told the *Union-Tribune*. A former deputy foreign minister of Mexico, Rozental is currently a highly paid consultant to multinational corporations with Mexican investments.

"We want to look at the border in a more cooperative way, so that rather than being a point of conflict and tension, it becomes more of a point of cooperation and maybe even joint management," said Rozental.

"Any change in administration in either

country provides an opportunity for interested observers and experts to review the bidding," Bersin said.

In addition to Bersin, who resigned from the task force in April 2009 upon joining the Obama Administration, members of the task force included his longtime business associates Malin Burnham, Eugenio Elorduy, and Enrique Mier y Terán. And, according to its final report, released in late October 2009, task force sponsors who provided "financial or organizational support" for the study included Silicon Border and Mier y Terán.

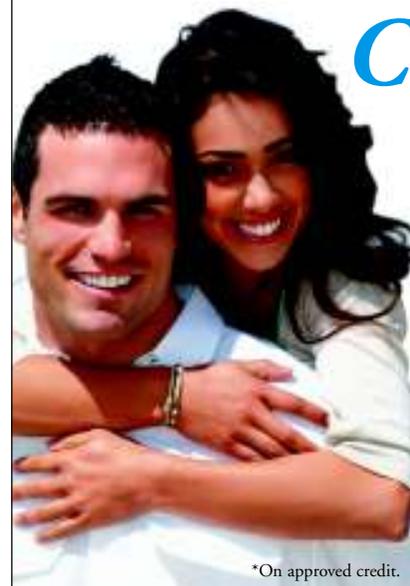
Thus, it was perhaps not surprising that the group's report, entitled "Managing the United States-Mexico Border: Cooperative Solutions to Common Problems," called for increased spending by United States taxpayers on border crossings of the type sought by Silicon Border.

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"Federal spending on ports of entry would have a very high rate of return; for this reason, both countries should make a long-term commitment to fund border infrastructure and (in the short run) disproportionately direct stimulus money toward the ports of entry," the report added.

Alan Bersin, no stranger to the world of border politics, now awaits the Washington version, in the form of confirmation proceedings by the United States Senate. In July of last

year, Bersin contributed \$28,500 to the Democratic National Committee, according to the website *OpenSecrets.org*. Having given \$2300 to the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton in 2007, he gave \$2300 to the campaign of Barack Obama on July 31, 2008. A spokesman for the Senate's Commerce Committee says it is conducting the requisite background checks on the nominee and has not yet scheduled a public hearing at which Bersin is expected to testify. In the meantime, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security says the nominee will not answer any questions posed by the media until he is confirmed. ■

— Matt Potter

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LETTERS

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Madam, I rest my case. You and David are snobs of the first order.

Cheers,

E. Dunne
via email

OCTOBER BLOG WINNER

SECOND PLACE

Author: Kevin B. Staff
Neighborhood: College Area

Entry: "Does God Live in Old Men?"

A few Saturdays ago I helped with the community council's monthly book sale. It kind of shoots the weekend in the ass, but it's one of my few connections with

people in the neighborhood because of my odd work schedule.

After we finished, I got a new coat rack for my Honda Element at the Pep Boys on El Cajon Boulevard. Then I stopped by a little neighborhood park nobody ever uses to move everything around and install it.

The only water source in the park is a single drinking fountain toward the back of the place. The day's work done, I went over to get some water to wash off my hands and feet, not sure whether I'd go home or head out to the beach to catch the sunset and maybe spend the night in my freshly organized ride.

Read the rest at sandiegoreader.com/weblogs/kstaff/2009/oct/30/does-god-live-in-old-men/

Comments from Reader Website

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

City Lights, by Don Bauder Published Nov. 11

By Twister 12:25 p.m., Nov. 12, 2009

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Your Week

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Thursday | 19

SCRIBBLE '08

The Ad Club convenes for a screening of local design-legend Mark Murphy's new film. Murphy, of Murphy Design, will be on hand to offer an "intimate look at eight contemporary artists, examining what inspires them, drives them, and how they keep their art fresh." See **FILM**, page 80.

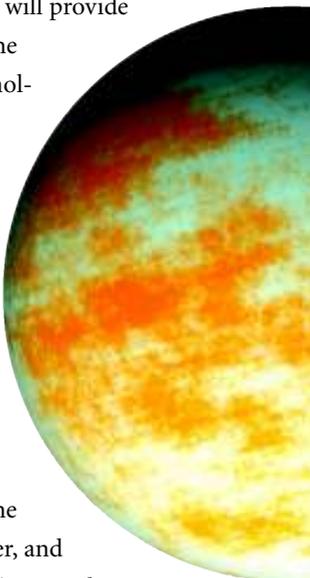
BEASTLY THANKSGIVING

Celebrate the holiday by focusing on food during the Kindernights and Kindermornings program at the San Diego Zoo. Make Thanksgiving napkin rings to take home, listen to the story "Stone Soup," then help whip up a version of your own to taste. See **FOR KIDS**, page 80.

Saturday | 21

T.A.C.O. TIME!

It's an astro extravaganza. T.A.C.O. (for "telescopes and cameras in Oceanside") will provide exhibits of the newest technology from major manufacturers. Visitors can peer into the sky through nearly 20 telescopes trained on the moon, Jupiter, and deep-sky objects such as Orion Nebula. Event concludes with an evening star party at dusk. See **SPECIAL**, page 76.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21: SEAHORSE CELEBRATION

Sunday | 22

THE FINAL BATH

Escondido funeral director and author Amber Lenore Winckler will read from her recently published novel, "a story of those who choose to orchestrate by hand the last rite of passage for the rest of us...the last hands to touch us." Event includes exhibition of work by local artists. See **IN PERSON**, page 81.

TOTALLY TABLESCAPES... MARTHA!

Yearn to set a holiday table that rivals those of Martha Stewart? Floral designer David Root leads this hands-on workshop to create floral napkin rings, votive candleholders, and a floral centerpiece — all to take home for your next dinner party. Bring floral design tools (knife, clippers, scissors, hot-glue gun, wire cutters). See **LECTURES**, page 82.



Monday | 23

ROOFTOP YOGA

Open heart, mind, and stre-e-e-etch under big sky with bay views atop Porto Vista Hotel in Little Italy. Yoga One leads vinyasa flow for practitioners at all levels. Classes held every day of the week. See **SPECIAL**, page 76.

Tuesday | 24

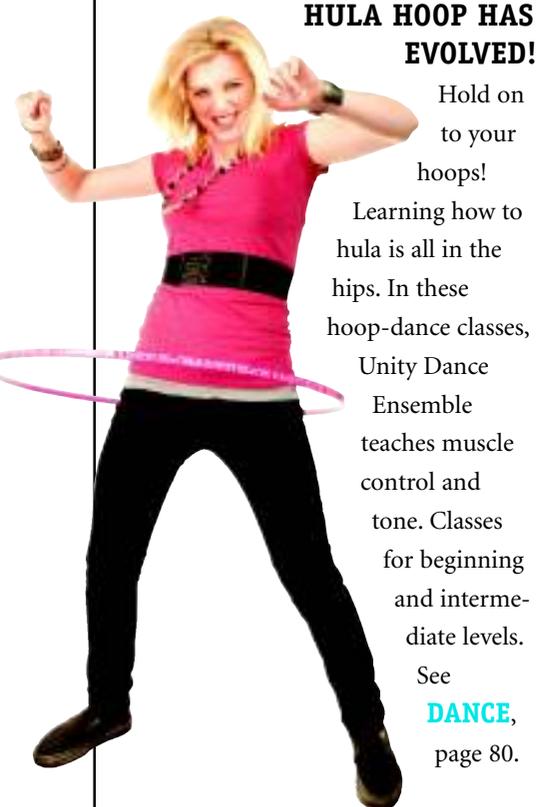
SURREAL

Indulge in the arts with other sophisticates at the San Diego Museum of Art. Art of Élan performs a concert inspired by René Magritte's *The Shadows*. Program includes pieces by Eric Satie and "The Dreams and Prayers of Isaac the Blind" by composer Osvaldo Golijov. See **CLASSICAL MUSIC**, page 77.

Wednesday | 25

"HAZEL'S BACK TO NEW ORLEANS" DANCE

It's a farewell party for "Swing Mom" Hazel Addison, featuring the music of New Orleans and "a bunch of Hazel's personal dance favorites." Learn the basics of swing as well as smooth-style variations. See **DANCE**, page 80.



HULA HOOP HAS EVOLVED!

Hold on to your hoops! Learning how to hula is all in the hips. In these hoop-dance classes, Unity Dance Ensemble teaches muscle control and tone. Classes for beginning and intermediate levels. See **DANCE**, page 80.

Friday | 20

WHAT'S TERROIR?

And where on your glass might you find "legs"? Tasting events (between five and seven wines per class) to be led by award-winning winemakers, sommeliers, and master sommeliers. Classes include "Charles Krug Vertical Tasting," "Paso Robles Blends Panel Discussion," and "Master Sommelier Blind Tasting." See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 80.



SEAHORSE CELEBRATION

View the Birch Aquarium at Scripps' new seahorse exhibit "There's Something about Seahorses," and do a little horsing around of your own during the Family Days program. Learn about raising these unusual fish, and gallop home with a seahorse craft. See **FOR KIDS**, page 80.

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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



Watts Towers and Art Center

By Lisa Duclio

People often conjure up images of the 1965 riots when thinking of the Los Angeles neighborhood Watts. Hopefully, after visiting Watts Towers (or “Nuestro Pueblo,” as its creator Simon Rodia originally referred to it), people will think of this architectural marvel instead. Lucky for us San Diegans, the towers are just a couple hours’ drive away.

I had seen photographs before, but it’s so much more spectacular when you stand in front of the real thing. Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, this unusual piece of American folk art will appeal to art lovers and architecture enthusiasts — as well as those just looking to see something incredible and unique.

Simon Rodia (also known as Sobata Rodia, Sam Rodia, Don Simon, and both Sam and Simon Rodilla) was an Italian immigrant who came to the United States in the late 1890s. He lived and worked in many U.S. cities before set-

tling in Long Beach in 1921. Thus began his 34-year-long “career” creating the towers.

According to the information provided by the Arts Center (which adjoins the Watts Towers and serves as a center for cultural enrichment programs as well as gallery space for rotating art exhibits), Simon Rodia worked many jobs during his lifetime, including tile setter, quarryman, and construction worker.

The Watts Towers are a conglomeration of multiple structures created at different times between 1921 and 1955, conjoined as one piece. There are several smaller towers, or spires, but the three tallest towers (the tallest of which is 99 1/2 feet tall) create an image that reminds me of Gothic cathedrals in Europe or Asian temples you might see in India or Thailand.

Simon Rodia made his “Nuestro Pueblo” out of steel rebar, broken ceramic tiles, sea shells, glass, and other bits and pieces of things he found, some of which were most likely refuse from his day jobs.

The towers went through a series of different owners after Simon Rodia left and were virtually abandoned in 1955. Thanks to the work of a group of local citizens — “The Committee for Simon Rodia’s Towers in Watts” — they were saved from demolition. Currently under the auspices of the Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department, the towers are in the

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Other Adventures



JasonfreakinBang: Lake Morskie Oko in Zakopane, Poland. Zakopane is in southern Poland, near the Slovakian border.



ijoanna: Some of the probably hundreds of seals resting on a semi-sunken ship about three miles off Ensenada.



ahousebythesea: Chicago’s John Hancock Building reaching into the clouds! It is 100 stories and 1127 feet tall and houses offices, restaurants, and about 700 condos.



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process of being restored and so are surrounded by scaffolding — but there's plenty of room to walk around and take photos.

Docent-led tours are available on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, but it's best to call to check for tour times. Admission: general, \$7; seniors and kids (13–17), \$3; under 12, free.

Kobe, Japan

By Valerie Middleton

While Kobe is most commonly known for its tender, succulent cuts of beef, it's also famous for its remarkable recovery after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake of 1995. This massive earthquake, which reduced the city to rubble, took Kobe a mere decade to overcome. Visit Kobe and the only evidence of the earthquake's destruction you'll find are memorials and museums.

Among the reconstructed city's thousands of buildings is the Kobe Port Tower, which completes Kobe's signature skyline. With an observatory and harbor views, the 108-meter hyperboloid structure is undoubtedly the city's most famous landmark.

Kobe Port Tower is located near the harbor in Meriken Park. The park was



devastated in 1995 but has been fully restored. Other notable buildings in Meriken Park include the maritime museum, Hotel Okura Kobe, and Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel.

Kobe Harborland is a shopping, entertainment, and tourist hotspot. Located along the city's port area, these waterfront cafés, restaurants, shops, and amusements (including a ferris wheel) are sure to please.

Kobe's Nada district is known for its sake production — in fact, the Nada district is the world's top producer of the Japanese libation. Visit the Hakutsuru Brewery's Sake Brewery Museum for a thorough sake education and samples.

Kobe has a large assortment of beef restaurants, many of which are excruciatingly expensive. Try A-1 Restaurant for an authentic, high-quality, reasonably priced Kobe beef meal. The cozy eatery's cooks will serve your beef cooked just how you like it, complete with A-1 bibs.

leaves until sometime in December. Most liquidambar in our area regain their light green foliage by late February.

Sycamores, found in San Diego's coastal and foothill canyons as well as in suburban and park landscaping, stand at their autumnal best this time of year. Stroll beneath their crispy, rustling canopies and catch the sunbeams scattering among their mottled trunks and yellow-brown leaves. Some of San Diego's biggest native sycamores reside in Lopez Canyon, a part of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve near Sorrento Valley. Hundreds of sycamores can be also be seen in Marian Bear Park (San Clemente Canyon) along Freeway 52 between University City and Clairemont.

The Moon's Cheshire-Cat Smile returns to the evening sky Thursday evening, November 19. You'll spot its thin crescent shape low in the southwest about 10 or 15 minutes after sunset. On succeeding evenings (after nightfall) observe the moon's thickening crescent, and its increased prominence in the sky through the week-end. On Monday, November 23, the moon will lie close to brilliant Jupiter, high up in the south.

"Nature's Bounty" Learn about food of Native Americans and pioneers and what it took to feed the family during trail guide-led interpretive walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 21, 9:30am; Sunday, November 22, 9:30am; Wednesday, November 25, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"Where's Carmel Mountain?" Chaparral Lands Conservancy hosts "walk through a little-known Noah's Ark of nature." Naturalists lead guided walk through Carmel Mountain Preserve to see chaparral, vernal pools, endangered species. Learn about upcoming habitat restoration project. RSVP: 760-809-9244. Saturday, November 21, 8am; free. Carmel Moun-

tain trailhead, 4730 Fairport Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Billions of Birds! The "migratory beauties are back in the park!" Join Mission Trails birders for "interesting morning of bird watching." 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 21, 8am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Bird Watching Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough starts at first bench on Famosa Boulevard. Bring binoculars if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, November 21, 1pm; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

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Help Restore the Preserve Help install 350 native plants in willow riparian habitat with San Diego Audubon Society. Work gloves, tools, snacks provided. Required reservations: 760-295-1548. Saturday, November 21, 9am; free. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

Know Daley Ranch? Naturalist Katya McLane plans "Introduction to Daley Ranch." Moderate, four-mile hike heads over Boulder Loop with side trip to Ranch House. 760-839-4680. Saturday, November 21, 9am; free. Daley Ranch - La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Rediscover Old Escondido West Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Saturday, November 21, 11am; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Shamanic Hike Take short hike to "power spot to explore shamanic traditions of indigenous people of the Americas." Learn about saging, calling the directions, creating sacred space, accessing energies of nature for healing, insight, and wisdom. Bring blanket to sit on, drum or rattle. 858-484-3219. Sunday, November 22, 3pm; free. Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Tour the Salt Ponds Bus tour with stops on outer dikes leaves parking area approximately every half hour (9am-noon). Audubon Society docents stationed at stops on dikes to dispense information about salt production, habitats, animal life of San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge. 858-273-7800. Saturday, November 21, 9am; free. Salt Works Trailhead, 1470 Bay Boulevard. (CHULA VISTA)

Trash Pickup in López Canyon Help clean trash out of natural areas in López Canyon. 858-538-8066. Sunday, November 22, 9am; free. López Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

Tree Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, November 21, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar? Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, November 21, 9:50am; \$8-\$15. 10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Work Party in Silverwood Sanctuary Help build trails, remove invasive plants. RSVP: 619-443-2998. Saturday, November 21, 9am; free. Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

OUTDOORS

November's and December's Picturesque Sunsets and sunrises are no accident. This is the time of year when high cirrus clouds, often the precursors of storms, sweep through our area

with some regularity. When cirrus or other lofty clouds are present, low-angle sunlight bathes the undersides of these clouds in a bright-orange or crimson luminescence. This effect is most noticeable a half hour to a few minutes before the sun rises and a few minutes to a half hour after the sun sets.

Liquidambar Trees, or sweet gums, the deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, have been putting on an exceptionally colorful show. The leaves of some varieties turn to purple or red; the leaves of other varieties fade to golden yellow. Still other varieties hold on to their green

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"Soulcollage" Laura Hansen leads creation of "personal deck of unique, collaged cards from found and personal images for the primary purpose of self-exploration, self-acceptance, soul-tending." No art experience is necessary. Required reservations: 619-223-0058. Saturday, November 21, 1pm; \$50-\$58. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

"The Zodiac Lounge" What's your astrological sign? Find out during museum's "Art After Dark" party. Astrology, numerology, tarot card readings; henna body art tattoos; music by DJ Stillwell with live video by video performance artist Megan Pogoda. Make a three-dimensional sculpture out of dough. View four current exhibitions. Refreshments provided. Reservations: 760-435-3720. Friday, November 20, 7pm; \$10-\$15. 21 and up. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"Through the Lens of Autism" Benefit photography show boasting photographs taken by kids, teens of Community Coaching Center (CCC) during eight-week photography program. Evening includes sampling of wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres; music; "boutique shopping." Proceeds benefit CCC. 619-291-9463. Saturday, November 21, 2pm; free. Jake's on 6th — A Wine Bar, 3755 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

(Ice) Skating by the Sea Enjoy outdoor ice-skating on rink overlooking Pacific Ocean. Two-hour session on weekends (11am, 2pm) and weekdays (2pm); three-hour session on weekdays (6pm). Schedule changes on December 19. 619-435-6611. Wednesdays, 2pm; through Sunday, January 3, \$10-\$20. Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

2009 Breast Cancer 3-Day The 60-mile, three-day journey raising money for breast cancer research, education, community health programs gets underway. Not participating? Cheer on the walkers when you see them. Closing ceremony is November 22, 4:30pm, Petco Park. 800-996-3DAY. Friday, November 20, 6:30am. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

A Celebration of Gearheads! "Car Lovers Car Show" hosted by Corvettes of San Diego, welcoming all classic, collector, "cool cars and trucks"; all years, foreign, domestic, sports cars, muscle cars, hot rods, customs, antiques. Vehicle entry fee: \$10 per vehicle (includes one barbecue lunch). Bring

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Hot Wheels miniature cars for racing competition. 619-232-0777. Saturday, November 21, 10am. Escondido Elks Lodge, 2430 South Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

All Manner of Fun Knitting Made Easy hosts sale and show, as well as demonstration by Kyung Hee Tae Kwan Do team (11:30am), knitting and crocheting demonstrations, more. 858-573-1396. Saturday, November 21, 10am; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Art Star Series Jolie Goodnight of Hell on Heels Burlesque recreates images from David Russell Talbott's paintings when Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School con-

venes. Bring your art supplies. 619-299-7372. Saturday, November 21, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Books for Sale Bargain books in all categories offered. 619-297-3166. Saturday, November 21, 8am; free. University Heights Library, 4193 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Books to Devour! Edible book contest with categories for those up to 12 years old, 13-17, and adults. Competitors: deliver entry with copy of your book noon to 2pm; viewing and voting from 2:30-3:30pm. Winners announced: 4pm. 760-753-7376. Saturday, November 21, 2:30pm. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Del Mar Antique Show Antique dealers from all over offer antiques, vintage collectibles, decorator items. Antique appraisal booth (\$5 per item). Also on hand: repair and restoration artisans expert in fields of glass, crystal, porcelain, pottery, rugs, jewelry. 800-943-7501. Friday, November 20, 11am; Saturday, November 21, 11am; Sunday, November 22, 11am; \$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Fall Festival Shop, eat, be entertained when over 450 vendor booths showcase wares along Coast Highway during festival. Live music (Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind, Luna Llena, Pink Army, more). Coast Highway 101 closed from D Street to J Street starting at 6am. 760-943-1950.

Sunday, November 22, 9am; free. Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association, 818 South Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

Get to Know Orchids Orchid Festival presented by Palomar Orchid Society is "primarily educational"; learn basics of orchid care, see display showcasing many varieties of orchids. Orchids for sale. 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, November 21, 9am; free-\$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Icy in San Diego? "Fantasy on Ice" promises ice-skating outdoors adjacent to Horton Plaza. Skating sessions last two hours. Fee includes skate rental. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. 619-234-1031. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; Mondays, 10am; Tuesdays, 10am; Wednesdays, 10am; through Sunday, January 10, \$10-\$12. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Is Language Instinctive? Share your ideas with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, November 19, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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)

Light the Night Walk Fundraising walk benefiting Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Participants walk two-mile route carrying illuminated balloons — white

for survivors, red for supporters, gold in memory of those who have passed. Check-in: 5pm; opening ceremony: 6pm; walk: 6:30pm. 858-277-1800. Friday, November 20, 5pm; free. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

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)

National Survivors of Suicide Day "Day of healing for survivors of suicide loss around the U.S. and the world" seeks to help "survivors connect with others who have survived the tragedy of suicide loss and express and understand the powerful emotions they experience." Requested reservations: 858-534-0251. Saturday, November 21, 9am; free. Qualcomm, Inc. Q Auditorium, 6455 Lusk Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Picturesque but Hard to Find? Artists' studios and galleries in Julian area are found on main streets, in hills and valleys, down Banner Grade, in Wynola, in barns, houses, outbuildings. Explore some when 15 artists and four galleries take part in Julian Arts Guild's Open Studio Tour. Most artists will have work for sale. Map: \$10. 760-765-0484. Saturday, November 21, 10am. Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street. (JULIAN)

Put 50 Candles on the Birthday Cake! Fiftieth anniversary tribute to *Surfer Magazine* for California Surf Festival, with *Surfer* editors, publishers, photographers, surf pros presenting magazine history in "variety of media." 760-721-6876. Saturday, November 21, 8pm; \$25-\$35. Grace Theater, 102 North Freeman Street. (OCEANSIDE)

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

T.A.C.O. Time! Astro extravaganza. T.A.C.O. — for "telescopes and cameras in Oceanside" — promises exhibits of newest technology from major manufacturers. Event concludes with evening star party (dusk). Visitor may peer into sky through nearly 20 telescopes trained on moon, Jupiter, deep-sky objects such as Orion Nebula. Astro-photography on exhibit in gallery. 619-925-3794 or 800-483-6287. Saturday, November 21, 10am; free. Oceanside Photo and Telescope, 918 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Talmadge Art Show The 19th annual show/sale features work by 74 artists working in variety of media. Guest artists: Clay Artists of San Diego. 619-559-9082. Sunday, November 22, 10am; free. San Diego Woman's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

Taste the Fruits of Fall Discover various aspects of food production and food systems — including local food, organic farming, small-scale food production — during tour of Lerner Organic Farm, a Valley Center commercial avocado farm. Bring a picnic. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Saturday, November 21, 10am; \$20-\$25. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Unframed! Art sale boasts paintings in variety of styles by 20 artists who have studied with Athenaeum instructor Reed Caldwell. Artists on hand to discuss work, serve refreshments. 619-818-8734. Saturday, November 21, 10am. Athenaeum School of the Arts Studio, 4441 Park Boulevard. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Urban Challenges Enjoy competition, problem solving, teamwork, urban exploration during GO Urban Adventure Race. Teams of two in citywide scavenger hunt must find eight points by solving clues, completing mental and physical challenges. Acceptable modes of transportation: walking, jogging, running, public transportation. Required gear: 757-362-8211. Saturday, November 21, noon; \$35. Marston Point, Laurel Street at Sixth Avenue. (BALBOA PARK)

Watch This! National Association of Watch and Clock show "attracts watch and clock sellers, buyers, and collectors from around the world." Look for parts, books, tools, accessories, watches, clocks. 858-755-1161. Friday, November 20, 9am; Saturday, November 21, 9am; Sun-

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Who Is Dr. Funshine? Caroline Meeks M.D. leads laughter yoga classes on third Wednesday of each month. No floor exercises. 858-483-5100. Thursday, November 19, 2pm; free. LiveWell San Diego, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Haydn Seek" Orchestra Nova musicians and guest cellist Erin Breene celebrate bicentennial of death of "Papa" Haydn with "L'anima de fiosofo" from *Orfeo ed Euridice* overture, "Cello Concerto No. 1," "Symphony No. 45 (Farewell)." 858-350-0290. Friday, November 20, 7:30pm; \$22-\$60. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

"Haydn Seek" Some More! Orchestra Nova musicians and guest cellist Erin Breene celebrate bicentennial of death of "Papa" Haydn with "L'anima de fiosofo" from *Orfeo ed Euridice* overture, "Cello Concerto No. 1," "Symphony No. 45 (Farewell)." 858-350-0290. Saturday, November 21, 8pm; \$30-\$99. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Rhythm, Rhyme, and Ragtime" Classics Philharmonic and guests from Malashock Dance play ragtime and early jazz works by Scott Joplin, Igor Stravinsky, and others for Classics 4 Kids. Composer/author James Woodward appears for performance of his new children's book, *When Rebecca Woogie Came to Town*. 619-231-2311. Sunday, November 22, 2pm; \$10-\$20. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Song of the Earth" Enjoy Mahler's "Das Lied von der Erde" and Barber's "Violin Concerto" when San Diego Symphony presents Jacobs' Masterworks Concert with guest violinist Karen Gomyo,

mezzo soprano Jane Irwin, tenor Anthony Dean Griffey. 619-235-0804. Friday, November 20, 8pm; Saturday, November 21, 8pm; Sunday, November 22, 2pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Surreal" Art of Élan performs concert inspired by *The Shadows* by René Magritte. Program includes pieces by Erik Satie, as well as "The Dreams and Prayers of Isaac the Blind" by composer Osvaldo Golijov. 619-232-7931. Tuesday, November 24, 7pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Apotheosis of Beauty" Amsterdam-based Musica ad Rhenum performs chamber works by Telemann and François Couperin on traverso, violin, viola da gamba, cello, harpsichord for San Diego Early Music Society. 619-291-8246. Friday, November 20, 8pm; \$10-\$25. Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"The Mass Project" The 130-voice La Jolla Symphony Chorus explores spectrum of styles in works by William Byrd, Andre Caplet, Louis Vierne for Sacred Voices series. Guest organist: Jared Jacobson. Introducing "Soliphony" 20-voice a cappella ensemble. 858-534-4637. Sunday, November 22, 4pm; \$10-\$18. Carlsbad Community Church, 3175 Harding Street. (CARLSBAD)

The Mikado San Diego State University's Opera Theater presents performances of the Gilbert and Sullivan Victorian-era British satire. 619-594-1696. Friday, November 20, 7pm; Saturday, November 21, 7pm; Sunday, November 22, 2pm; \$10-\$18. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

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. Saturday, Novem-

ber 21, 7pm; free. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Borromeo String Quartet Ensemble performs for Barbara and William Karatz Chamber Concert Series. 858-454-5872. Thursday, November 19, 7:30pm; \$40-\$45. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate Cecilia Cappella Gloriana chamber choir recital celebrates patron saint of music, as well as birthdays of composers Benjamin Britten and Felix Mendelssohn. 619-291-3055. Sunday, November 22, 6pm; \$15. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

Celebrity Orchestra Series Shanghai Symphony performs Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet" fantasy-overture, the "China Air Suite" by Bao Yuan-Ki, and Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2" during concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Thursday, November 19, 8pm; \$25-\$95. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Sunday, November 22, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Sacred Voices Series The 130-voice La Jolla Symphony Chorus tackles "The Mass Project," exploring spectrum of styles in works by William Byrd, Andre Caplet, Louis Vierne. Guest organist: Jared Jacobson. Introducing "Soliphony" 20-voice a cappella ensemble. 858-534-4637. Saturday, November 21, 7pm; \$10-\$18. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

USD Symphony Fall Concert Continuing celebration of USD's 60th anniversary and homage to Joseph Haydn in commemoration of 200th anniversary of his death. 619-260-4171. Friday, November 20, 8pm; Sunday, November 22, 2pm; \$5-\$10. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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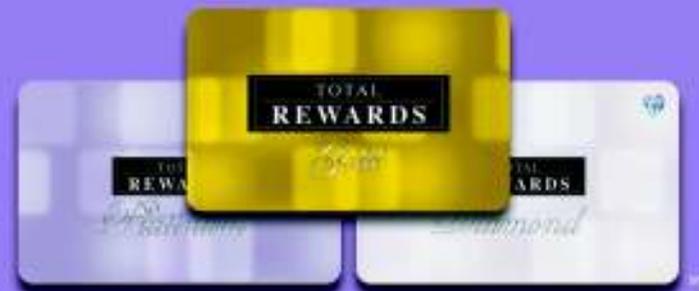
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DANCE

"Energy Strings of Sacred Movement" Danyavaad and the Shimmy Sisters perform for dinner show, promising hookahs, drinks, food, entertainment. 619-884-7707. Saturday, November 21, 8pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

"Hazel's Back to New Orleans" Dance Farewell party for "Swing Mom" Hazel Addison, featuring music of New Orleans plus "bunch of Hazel's personal dance favorites." Evening begins with Lindy 1, eight-count basics; and Lindy 2, smooth-style variations workshops (7-8pm). DJ Meeshi Anjali plays for dance (8-11:30pm). All ages. Introductory lesson for beginners: 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 25, 7pm. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

"Milonga Loca de Amor" Dance the weekend away to Argentine tangos when Matt Kropp plays music. 858-565-9575. Sunday, November 22, 8pm; \$7. 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)

Ballroom and Latin Mixer Shawn Torgerson hosts ballroom, Latin, swing dancing, salsa, tango, and "everything in between." 858-565-9575. Saturday, November 21, 8pm; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Double Workout, Double Fun! Double hoop dance workshop with Unity. Learn "classic ways to flow with two hoops." Questions answered, tips offered. Focus on transitioning between movements and creating seamless double-hoop dance. Borrow a set of double hoops, or bring your own. 858-344-2774. Sunday, November 22, 2pm; \$30. Dance Place San Diego in NTC

Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

English Country Dancing Sharon Green calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6pm. 858-676-9731. Sunday, November 22, 6pm and 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

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 Mania DJ plays contemporary and retro hustle music during NextGen Dance Club party for singles and couples. Workshops with Los Angeles professional Mike Robles and Dancetime teachers; lessons in hustle, cha-cha, salsa. Fee includes two workshops and party. 619-275-3533. Saturday, November 21, 7pm; \$5-\$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

FILM

A Sea Change Movies That Matter screening of documentary offering look at acidification of oceans. Requested donation: \$7. 619-531-8950. Friday, November 20, 7:30pm. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

A Thousand Years of Good Prayers International Film Series continues with Wayne Wang's 2007 film. Screening takes place in room 204; film repeats at 7pm on Ocean-side campus. In English, Mandarin, Persian, with English subtitles. 760-944-4449 x7737. Friday, November 20, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

A Thousand Years of Good Prayers, Again International Film Series continues with Wayne Wang's 2007 film. Screening takes place in room 3601. In English, Mandarin, Persian, with English subtitles. 760-944-4449 x7737. Friday, November 20, 7pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Adoration Atom Egoyan's rumination on loss and identity screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, November 23, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

After the Wedding Susanne Bier's 2006 "feverish epic of reconciliation" screens for Sunday Afternoon at the Movies series. In Danish with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Sunday, November 22, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Scribble '08 Ad Club convenes for screening of new film by "local design legend Mark Murphy of Murphy Design," who will be on hand for film offering "intimate look at eight contemporary artists, examining what inspires them, drives them, and how they keep their art fresh." 619-255-2281. Thursday, November 19, 6pm; \$15-\$30. Ten Stories, 2775 Kurtz St., Suite 2/3. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Sleep Dealer ArtPower's "Border Perspectives" series continues with film "set in a near-future, militarized world marked by closed borders, virtual labor, and a global digital network that joins minds and experiences." Program includes selection of short films by Alex Rivera addressing border issues. 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, November 19, 8pm; \$8. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Festival Continues Day includes "Hot Grom Shorts," a group of short films by "up-and-coming local surf movie makers" (noon). Champagne reception for Hawaii North Shore surf photographer Clark Little (1:30; \$10-\$15). Screening of *The Drifter*, focusing on Encinitas native surfer, "environmentalist Rob Machado's surfing journey to the Indian Ocean" (6:30pm). 760-721-6876. Saturday, November 21, noon; \$8-\$15. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Calling All Cineastes! Avant-garde, experimental, performance films and videos created by artists including Barbara Hammer, Mungo Thomson, Sanford Biggers promised. 619-220-8663. Saturday, November 21, 7pm; \$5. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Consider Ethical Eating Screening of documentary *Food, Inc.*, followed by discussion. 760-724-5198. Sunday, November 22, 2:30pm; free. Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1600 Buena Vista Drive. (VISTA)

More "Hot Grom Shorts"! California Surf Festival closes with short films by emerging young local surf movie makers (noon), followed by "short film featuring San Diego native surfboard shaper

Gary Linden." 760-721-6876. Sunday, November 22, noon; \$8-\$10. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

San Marcos Student Film Festival See films by filmmakers in three categories: kindergarten through 8th grade, high school, college. Screening is outdoors; festival will be rescheduled if rain is falling within one hour of show. Bring a folding chair. Saturday, November 21, 7:30pm; free. San Marcos Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

FOOD & DRINK

Grand Tasting! San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival promises 170 wine and spirit purveyors, with over 700 different wines being poured; 70 of "San Diego's top chefs" presenting gourmet foods, art, "Chef of the Fest" competition, cookbook author signing, more. 858-578-9463. Saturday, November 21, noon; \$125-\$175. 21 and up. Embarcadero Marina Park North, 849 W Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"Savor the Flavor" "Reality Chef Superstars" lead cooking class (11:30am) for San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival. Chef Paul Bartolotta presents "Seafood, Vegetables, and Olive Oil: Their Impact on the Mediterranean Diet and Specifically Traditional Italian Coastal Cuisine" (3pm). Registration: 858-578-9463. Friday, November 20, 11:30am; \$75. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

Get Cooking! San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival continues with cooking classes on November 19. Among the many offerings: "Totally Truffles" (2pm) and "Savoring Perfection" (4:30pm). Registration: 858-578-9463. Thursday, November 19, 2pm; \$50-\$60. San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Le Beaujolais Nouveau Est Arrivé! San Diego French American Chamber of Commerce and Alliance Française host "Beaujolais Nouveau 2009" celebration. At one minute past midnight on third Thursday each November over a million cases of beaujolais nouveau begin their journey all over world from France. Enjoy wine, buffet, French songs. 619-544-1445. Thursday, November 19, 6pm; \$35-

\$55. 21 and up. Bali Hai, 2230 Shelter Island Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Tasty! "Holiday Brunch" is topic for Sam the Cooking Guy's class in conjunction with San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival (1pm). Chef Paul Squicciarini presents "Robert Mondavi Private Selection Wine and Food Pairing" (4:30pm). Registration: 858-578-9463. Thursday, November 19, 2pm; \$60-\$75. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

What's Cooking? Culinary arts students host five-course dinners in Culinary Arts patio dining area near student center. Dinners include appetizer, intermezzo, entrée, dessert, coffee service; vegetarian meals available. Dinners are fundraisers for students to compete in state and national culinary competitions, as well kitchen maintenance, equipment, supplies. Reservations: 619-644-7550 or 619-644-7549. Thursday, November 19; \$15. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

What's Terroir? San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival continues with wine tasting classes led by award-winning winemakers, sommeliers, master sommeliers. All classes are tasting events; guests sample between five and seven wines per class. November 19 promises "Sake and Sushi Tasting," "The Bubbly Girl's Ultimate Party Plan," "Brandt Beef and Big Red Wines."

On November 20, enjoy "Charles Krug Vertical Tasting," "Paso Robles Blends Panel Discussion," "Master Sommelier Blind Tasting." 619-342-7337. Thursday, November 19, 11:30am; Friday, November 20, noon; \$45-\$75. San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

Shawii: It's What's for Dinner! Walk trail to Kumeyaay grinding rocks to grind acorns during Linda Hawley's "Nature Explorers" program, starting at shade structure. Learn how SD's first people lived, played, ate before 1769. Bring flashlights. 619-582-6261. Friday, November 20, 6pm; free-\$5. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Beatrice the Butterfly Through her adventures, "Beatrice learns that it is our unique differences that

make us just like everybody else." Students of Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre present adaptation of Linda Sherry's short story, directed by Vanessa Dinning of Shakespeare Society. 858-481-1055. Thursday, November 19, 5pm; Friday, November 20, 12:30pm and 5pm; Saturday, November 21, 2pm and 5pm; Sunday, November 22, 2pm and 5pm; \$9-\$12. 5 and up. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987-D Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

Santa and the Ho Ho Thief Will Wanda the Witch manage to ruin Christmas? Find out during Big Joe Productions shows. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, November 25, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Beastly Thanksgiving Celebrate Thanksgiving by focusing on food during Kindernights and Kindermornings program. Listen to story *Stone Soup*, then help whip up some stone soup to sample. Make Thanksgiving napkin rings. Fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Friday, November 20, 6:30pm; Saturday, November 21, 9am; \$12-\$15. 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Seahorse Celebration View new seahorse exhibit, "There's Something about Seahorses," and horse around during Family Days program. Learn about raising these unusual fish, and gallop home with a seahorse craft. Included in admission (\$12 general). 858-534-3624. Saturday, November 21, 11am. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

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)

GALLERIES

"Animal Nature" Champagne opening for exhibit of paintings, drawings, digital computer prints by Hyacinthe Kuller-Baron. Through December. RSVP: 760-408-1881. Saturday, November 21, 6pm; free. Computer Arts Gallery, 4985 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

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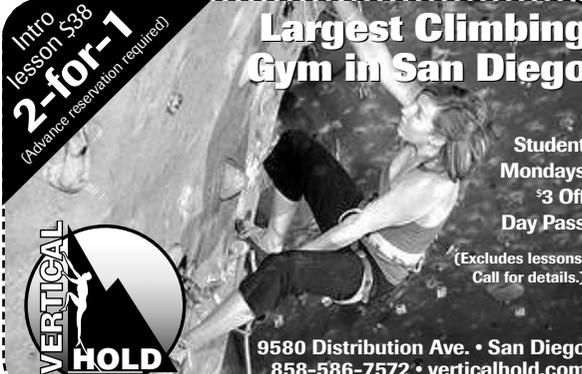


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"Back and Forward" Opening reception for exhibition featuring "diverse art work of former full-time art faculty members." Closes Thursday, December 10. 760-795-6657. Thursday, November 19, 11am; free. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Bigger, Brighter, Bolder" Opening reception for exhibition of work by Kelsey Brookes, on display through Saturday, December 19. 858-454-3409. Friday, November 20, 6pm; free. Quint Contemporary Art, 7739 Drury Lane. (LA JOLLA)

"Next to Nothing" Opening reception for exhibition of oils on canvas, groupings of small works on birch plywood in enamel, large-scale drawings on paper, free-hanging paper cutouts on white paper with sumi ink by Stephen P. Curry. Also opening: "K.V. Tomney: Keeping in Form" and selections from "Erika and Fred Torri Artists' Books Collection: Sol LeWitt." Through December. 858-454-5872. Friday, November 20, 6:30pm; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Recollection" Reception for artists David Hewitt and Ingrid Psuty. Show closes Saturday, December 19. 619-849-2396. Friday, November 20, 5pm; free. Keller Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

"Unzipped" Opening reception for group show of work by artists who live and work in 92024 and 92007 zip codes (Encinitas, Leucadia, Cardiff). Through December. 760-436-1440. Thursday, November 19, 6pm; free. Eric Phleger Gallery, 828 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

IN PERSON

"Dan & Friends" Enjoy night of Spanish romantic guitar when MiraCosta guitar instructor Dan Libertino plays selections from the Baroque to the Beatles in room 204. Program includes flamenco duets with Rob Szajkowski of Alegrias Guitar Duo and Bill Jones. 760-795-6815. Saturday, November 21, 7:30pm; \$8-\$10. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

"Intimate Miracles" Sebastian presents "close-up" magic show. Tickets include two drinks. RSVP: 619-865-2973. Friday, November 20, 8pm; \$20. Wine Cabana, 2539 Congress Street. (OLD TOWN)

"Living Room Heroes" "Wanderlust" provides theme for So Say We All program promising an "all-new, all-music competition." 619-260-1917. Saturday, November 21, 8pm; \$5. Cream, 4496 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Luscious Noise" Multimedia performance experience where live classical music, dance, film converge, created by California Ballet music director-conductor John Stubbs. Performers include members of San Diego Symphony and prima ballerina Denise Dabrowski, performing a solo of "The Dying Swan." 619-595-0300. Sunday, November 22, 7:30pm; \$10-\$20. Anthology, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Mark Twain Tonight!" Veteran actor Hal Holbrook celebrates 55th year of his Tony Award-winning one-man show. 800-988-4253. Saturday, November 21, 8pm; \$31-\$65. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Sight & Sound" Preview night with musical performances by Buddy Akai, Say Vinyl, Joanie Mendenhall; spoken word/video storytellers So Say We All; "spiritual vocalist" Toni Pope. Also on tap: pervasive video projection, photography exhibit by Dan Chusid, live artists, more. Emcee: DJ Steve West. Proceeds benefit Green Scene Gallery. Complimentary beverage with paid admission before 8pm. 619-846-7180. Saturday, November 21, 7pm; \$5. 21 and up. Zagrodnik & Thomas Architects, 3956 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Third Thursdays" Eric Peterson (*Life Is a Sandwich*) discusses, signs books. 619-232-4855. Thursday, November 19, 6:30pm; free. The Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"Shabby Chic Interiors" Designer Rachel Ashwell discusses, signs new book. 858-454-0347. Thursday, November 19, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"Stone Offerings" Local architectural photographer/author Mike

Torrey discusses his new book, subtitled *Machu Picchu's Terraces of Enlightenment*. How, why, when was this place constructed? 858-552-1657. Sunday, November 22, 3pm; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"The Final Bath" Escondido funeral director/author Amber Lenore Winckler reads from her recently published novel (5pm). Event includes exhibition of work by local artists (3-8pm). 760-747-1882. Sunday, November 22, 3pm; free. The Metaphor Café, 258 East 2nd Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Belly-Dance Showcase Jasmina, Lisa, Claudia, Cyrene perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Donation: \$5. 619-699-9845. Thursday, November 19, 8pm; Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Belly-Dancing Show Middle-Earth Ensemble performs Mideast fusion music, with belly-dance performances by Sabrina Fox and Unity. Cover: \$10. 858-488-4200. Sunday, November 22, 8pm; The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Book Fair Romance authors Linda Howard, Linda Winstead Jones, Beverly Barton sign books during benefit for READ/San Diego. 858-486-5280. Saturday, November 21, 4pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Oceanside, 2615 Vista Way. (OCEANSIDE)

California Surf Festival Commences World Surf Champion Nat Young opens festival with

talk on history of surfing, book signing. 760-721-6876. Thursday, November 19, 7pm; \$15-\$20. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Conscious Comedy Explosion Annual "Give Back Party" features comedian Evan Lionel (seen on BET, HBO). Bring canned goods to donate. 619-564-4425. Friday, November 20, 8pm; \$7-\$12. 18 and up. Upaka Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Feed Me, Seymour! Saint Augustine High School collaborates with Coronado School of the Arts to present the musical comedy *Little Shop of Horrors*, about a nerdy florist who finds his chance for success and romance with help of giant man-eating plant named Audrey Jr. 619-895-0531. Thursday, November 19, 7pm; Friday, November 20, 7pm; Saturday, November 21, 1pm; Sunday, November 22, 1pm; \$10. 10 and up. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

Gaslamp Comedy Show Mal Hall hosts stand-up comedy show with performances by Matt Champagne and Shawn Pelofsky. Musician John Hull opens show (7:30pm). 619-338-9300. Thursday, November 19, 7:30pm; \$10. 21 and up. The Bitter End, 770 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Gospel Concert The hundreds of voices of UCSD's Gospel Choir soar together in African-American spirituals, blues, gospel. 858-534-3229. Tuesday, November 24, 8pm; \$5-

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

\$15. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Magee Park Poets Frank Monteson, whose chapbook *A Civic Pageant* won the 2007 Black River Chapbook contest, reads from his work. Open reading follows. 760-602-2026. Sunday, November 22, 2pm; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Mystery and Suspense! John Lamb (*The Treacherous Teddy*) and Michelle Gagnon (*The Gatekeeper*) sign books. 858-268-4747. Sunday, November 22, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Sublime Mysteries Revealed! Zirk Ubu — described as “part circus and part mystery cult” — presents “Adrift.” Piece combines performance art, circus skills, masking, puppetry, storytelling. 619-235-8466. Thursday, November 19, 8pm; Friday, November 20, 8pm; Saturday, November 21, 8pm; Sunday, November 22, 8pm; \$15-\$20. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Travel Writer David Farley signs, discusses his new book, *An Irreverent Curiosity: In Search of the Church's Strangest Relic in Italy's Oddest Town*. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, November 24, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

“A Life of Adventure and Writing” Steve Chapple shows video, slides from his current *Reader's Digest* series “Reefs at Risk,” “Eye of the Hurricane,” “American Serengeti,” and others. 858-552-1657. Saturday, November 21, 4pm; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

“A Season of Desire” Nicolas M. Reveles of San Diego Opera discusses San Diego Opera's upcoming season when Life at Mira Costa group meets in room 1068 (1pm). Jessica H. Jones of Poseidon Resources presents “Desalination 101” (2:30); Poseidon's Carlsbad desalination project is slated to deliver 50 million gallons of water per day by 2012. 760-721-8124. Friday, November 20, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

“Balboa Park: Open Space in City Building” Landscape architect Laura Burnett speaks for Friends of San Diego Architecture. Burnett's local projects include Caltrans District 11 Headquarters in Old Town, and Pawka Green at Scripps Institute of Oceanography. Requested donation: \$5 general, students free. 619-224-8584. Saturday, November 21, 9:30am. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Critical Issues in Latin America Hemispheric leaders, analysts gather for Institute of the Ameri-

cas' annual conference on subjects including China and Latin America, “Drugs and Violence and Democracy” in the region. 858-453-5560. Friday, November 20, 8:30am; \$25. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

“Culture and the Economy of Revolutionary America” Historian Eve Kornfield addresses North San Diego County Genealogical Society. 858-509-4937. Tuesday, November 24, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

“Disaster Preparedness for Animals” Learn to plan for emergencies, what supplies pets need, what to do with pets during evacuations. Class is for people only. Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, November 19, 6:30pm; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

“Dive Into Drip” Kathy Eagle, director of ornamental horticulture at Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino, teaches how to tune up existing irrigation to make it water smart. Gain introduction to drip irrigation, pros and cons of drippers, appropriate applications for drip, demonstration of basic drip system installation. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, November 21, 9am; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

“Drug War Damage 101” Drug Policy Alliance director Ethan Nadelmann divulges “consequences of criminalization of drug use, increasing health-care response to drug addiction, medicinal marijuana and prosecution of patients, prohibition versus decriminalization or legalization.” Hosted by a New Path (Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing). 619-760-1184. Saturday, November 21, 9am; free. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

“Energy and Climate in the Hemisphere” Moderated discussion focuses on “The Road to Copenhagen,” where talks will provide “next major international policy framework for emissions reduction.” 858-453-5560 x125. Thursday, November 19, 8am; \$50.

Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

“How to Conserve Water” Steve Jacobs of Nature Designs focuses on “Improving Your Landscape” when MiraCosta Horticulture Club meets in student center (building 3400). 760-729-8172. Saturday, November 21, 12:45pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

How to Tell an Awakened Buddhist Master from a Psychotic “Journey into the intriguing world of contemporary Buddhism, revolution, the Zen of cooking, and Buddhist logic” with professor Sandra Wawrytko. Suggested donation: \$5. 619-298-9978 x8014. Thursday, November 19, 6:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

“Remaking the Public University in the 21st Century” Current economic crisis has “deepened trends in many regions to privatize state-funded universities and reconfigure their mission as a public service and good along the lines of market-oriented models.” European studies round table in RIMAC Annex explores trend. 858-822-5297. Thursday, November 19, 4pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego's Fishing Industry Join coauthors Kimber M. Quinney and Thomas J. Cesarini as they share stories of San Diego's fishing industry for “Third Thursday Author Series.” Fee: \$35 at door includes lecture, book; pay \$15 for lecture only. Tickets: 619-297-9327. Thursday, November 19, 6pm; \$15-\$35. Adobe Chapel, 3963 Conde Street. (OLD TOWN)

“Totally Tablescapes...Martha!” Yearn to set a holiday table rivaling Martha Stewart? Floral designer David Root leads hands-on workshop to create floral napkin rings, votive candle holders, floral centerpiece, all to take home. Bring floral design tools: knife, clippers, scissors, wire cutters, hot glue gun. Materials fee: \$30. Preregistration required: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, November 22, 2pm; \$25-\$30. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

“Wetland Fishes of Southern California — Natural (and Un-

natural) History” Drew M. Talley, USD assistant professor of marine science and environmental studies, speaks for Friends of Famosa Slough. What do these fish eat? Who eats them? How do they affect the broader ecosystem? Get answers! 619-224-4591. Monday, November 23, 7pm; free. Loma Riviera condominium clubhouse, 3115 Loma Riviera Drive. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

“Why Are We Scam Victims?” Former city attorney and certified fraud examiner Mike Aguirre ponders the question for Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-421-5844. Sunday, November 22, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

2009 Russell Lecture “Influential artist Matthew Ritchie, who engages vast bodies of knowledge with a multiplicity of media and approaches,” is this year's speaker. Ritchie's installations include painting, drawing, sound, projected images, sculptural environments. 858-454-3541. Thursday, November 19, 7pm; free-\$7. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Archaeological Excavations at the Aguilar Serrano Adobe The Old Town adobe's “approximately 40-year existence spanned both the Mexican and early American eras in California.” Although adobe was initially residential, “it operated as the original Jolly Boy Saloon” for much of its existence. Learn of several historic features, artifacts uncovered at site during recent renovations when San Diego Archaeological Society gathers. 858-538-0935. Tuesday, November 24, 7:30pm; free. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Focus on Fashionistas! “Changing the Image of Fashion in San Diego” is topic for panel discussion chronicling “how fashion industry is reshaping San Diego's image.” 619-232-6203. Thursday, November 19, 5:30pm; \$10. 12 and up. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Home Grown: Tool Care Master gardeners Diane Hollister and Pete Ash reveal how “to take care of the gardener's best friends” during seminar hosted by Agri Service Inc. Reservations: 800-262-4167 x4. Saturday, November 21, 1:30pm; free.

El Corazon compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

Immigration Issues A Border Patrol agent and an immigration attorney speak for Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association; Nick Aquilar focuses on Southwest College topics. 619-425-5771. Monday, November 23, 6:45pm; free. MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Making Photos with Mamma In conjunction with astro extraganza, renowned night photographer Dennis Mamma leads seminar sponsored by Canon. Attendees must bring their own cameras and tripods; camera lenses from Canon on loan for imaging section of class. Registration: 619-925-3794 or 800-483-6287. Sunday, November 22, 2pm; free-\$20. Oceanside Photo and Telescope, 918 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

McRight Talk Meet artist Blue McRight during gallery talk in conjunction with her exhibit of drawing, painting, sculpture, installation continuing through December 5. 619-594-5171. Thursday, November 19, 11am; free. University Art Gallery at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

More Hope for Your Career San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meets for talk on “Reinventing One's Writing Career” by Richard Lederer, author of more than 30 books. 760-471-5323. Monday, November 23, 6:30pm; free-\$5. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

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

“San Diego Sites and Sights” Bike historic Old Town, surrounding area during 25-mile outing hosted by Knickerbikers. 619-787-7427. Saturday, November 21, 8:45am; free. Old Town Transit Center, 4005 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

Derby Time! San Diego Hard Corps take on Redwood Rollers during flat track roller derby competition in Wyland Center Hall. 619-589-0890. Saturday, November 21, 7pm; \$7-\$35. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Ride the Fallbrook Hills Join up with San Diego Bicycle Society riders for 75-miler starting in upper parking lot at Third and C. Bring money for deli lunch. 619-561-3846. Sunday, November 22, 8:45am; free. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street. (ENCINITAS)

Sockers versus Cougars! San Diego Sockers host Stockton's team for soccer. 866-799-4625. Friday, November 20, 6:15pm; free-\$19. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Embarcadero Urban Trees 6 Public art exhibit of 30 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorn Street). Artists were supplied with a 12-foot-tall pole placed in a concrete planter to serve as tree's base; artists alter the pole by attaching materials to create their sculptures. 619-686-6200. Along Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

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

House of Pacific Relations International Cottages are open

every Sunday, noon-4pm, presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children around the World* videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 2125 Park Blvd., 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11am, 1pm) and Sundays (noon, 2pm). 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Lane, 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Mingei International Museum North County "Rite and Ritual: Ceremonial Art Across the Cultures" focuses on beauty of objects used for special familial, tribal, community events in traditional cultures such as birth, childhood, initiation, marriage, death, and festivals and in various religious expressions among the world's peoples. Closes Saturday, October 16, 2010. 155 West Grand Ave., 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown "Tara Donovan" features sculptures and installations from past decade. Show traces "ambitious process of this young artist," who takes mass quantities of a single everyday item (tape, plastic cups, straws, pins, toothpicks, buttons) and "assembles them in different

ways." Closes Sunday, February 28. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Picturing the Process: The Photograph as Witness" explores the variety of ways photographers and photographs document people, places, events throughout history. Exhibit from museum's permanent collection closes Saturday, February 6.

"Through the Lens: Selections from MoPA's Education Programs" may be seen through Sunday, January 24, showcasing works created by students who have participated in museum programs.

"Beloved Daughters: Photographs by Fazal Sheikh" includes over 100 photographs focusing on women in India. "Moksha" explores lives of dispossessed widows cast out by their families, denying them legal, economic, human rights. "Ladli" examines perils faced by girls and young women in modern India. Closes Saturday, January 30. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions Ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum is dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement. 2131 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum "San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by

Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna-fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The HMS *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

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

San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature center's building is a "green" facility made from recycled materials, using solar panels, irrigated roof plants, recycled water. Facility features an array of interactive exhibits exploring the natural and cultural history of the San Elijo Lagoon, one of the few remaining coastal wetlands in our area. Guided nature walks offered every Saturday (10-11am). 2710 Manchester Ave., 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

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Which One's Pink? Local progressive rock band ASTRA and musician-producer Rafter Roberts have been included in British music magazine *Mojo* #193 (on newsstands in the

they were working on," said guitarist Richard Vaughn of ASTRA's inclusion on the CD. "They asked if we'd be interested. They thought we'd be a good fit."

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the inside track

U.S. through December), a special-edition issue celebrating the 30th anniversary of Pink Floyd's 1979 album *The Wall*. The magazine comes with a CD of a rerecording of the entire album, with each song interpreted by a different band. ASTRA performs the Roger Waters-penned "Empty Spaces," while Roberts recorded "Happiest Days of Our Lives." ASTRA and Roberts are the first San Diego artists to be included on a *Mojo* compilation CD in the magazine's 16-year history.

"*Mojo* contacted us and our label about this project

ASTRA, which formed in 2006, is signed in England to British indie label Rise



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOOD

THE WEIRDLINGS OF ASTRA

Above Records and in the U.S. to Metal Blade. They released their debut album, *Weirdling*, on June 5.

ASTRA was allowed to choose the track it wanted to record for the *Mojo* album, with the recording costs picked up by Rise Above. The song was recorded at producer Mike Kamoo's Earthling Studios in El Cajon. "A few of our original choices had already been taken by other groups. For instance, our label mates Diagonal swiped the track 'Stop' from under our feet," said Vaughn.

Though ASTRA has built a fan base in the U.S., their biggest market is Europe. Vaughn isn't surprised. "Our label is based in London," he noted. "But we are very happy about the buzz we seem to be getting in Europe, as most of our musical influences — King Crimson to Black Sabbath — are from there."

— Bart Mendoza

Strip to This "I've got to be the first person ever to play Joy Division in that club," says DJ Atari, after being hired with Junior the Disco Punk to bring their club DJ sound to Kearny Mesa strip club Dream Girls on Wednesdays.

The duo, which can be found playing everything from '80s hits to electro- and indie-rock mash-ups and remixes at the AC Lounge, Casbah, Brass Rail, Bar Pink, among others, said they were tapped by Dream Girls management to bring the nightclub atmosphere into the topless bar.

"When I talked to them, I explained that I'm a DJ — I blend music together and create a vibe for the environment I'm in," Junior says. "That environment is usually dance-floor mayhem. I don't do requests. I'm not a radio DJ, so there's no request line."

Both Junior and Atari said management had just one request: play what they would spin at a club during a weekend night.

"We're playing stuff that's never been played in that club before: Björk, Peaches, the Cure, Wu-Tang Clan, the Clash, Donna Summer, the Cars, Devo, Mötley Crüe," Atari says. "You can't forget Mötley Crüe."

The contrast between DJing at a downtown nightclub where almost anything goes — except nudity — and a strip club was evident as soon as they plugged into the sound system. First off, they don't do any announcing. That job remains in the hands of Dream Girls' resident DJ, Rev. Drew.

"Me and Atari will just be shooting the shit and we'll tell him, 'Thirty seconds until the song is over,' and he'll click a button and

he's 'on.' [In a booming voice] 'Theeeeeerreee's Candy Rain on the center stage...'" Junior says.



STRIP-CLUB SPINNERS ATARI AND JUNIOR

"We came in there, and I felt that Drew would think that we were stepping on his toes, and he's been helping us, MCing between the tracks and making the girls deal with the music being different," Atari says. "This is definitely thinking outside the box, and at first [the dancers] were reluctant about us, but over the course of a couple of weeks, they're starting to figure it out and enjoy it."

While the atmosphere is different, Junior and Atari say the concept behind bringing club music to a topless bar, while innovative for San Diego, isn't new.

"A strip club doesn't have to be some gross place. Have you ever been to

Jumbo's Clown Room [in L.A.]?" Atari asks.

"Jumbo's is great. It's like going to Live Wire but with Suicide Girls dancing to Bauhaus and the Cult...or Ratt!" he says.

— Larry Harmon

No Country "There aren't any country music clubs in San Diego that hire bands," says Sarah Petite, "unless you go to Lakeside. And then, it's all Top 40" or what she calls "radio country." A singer-songwriter and guitar player, she fronts Sarah Petite and the Sugar Daddies, this year's winner of a San Diego Music Award for Best Americana or Country band. She cites two clubs that book country bands. "In Lakeside, there's a country bar called the Renegade. And Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel in Santee. In Cahoots," she says of the venerable country music establishment in Mission Valley, "doesn't book live bands anymore."

Petite claims that the majority of the country bands based in San Diego have taken the cover-band route. "Aside from the Top 40 clubs, there really isn't a market here. You have to make your own way," even if that means turning down paying gigs.

"Somebody asked if we wanted to play at their club, and we said, 'No, you don't want to hire us. You want

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Sarah Petite and the Sugar Daddies have worked in the past for local country-radio station KSON as a show opener for national touring acts. The Sugar Daddies work a few festivals, and she says she also travels solo to play

my voice is a little country sounding, and I also have some really old-timey bluegrass stuff. But," she says, "I also have rock and roll."

So, why aren't local clubs hiring live country bands, Top 40 or otherwise? "I'm not sure," she says. "It seems like there should be more clubs. Sometimes, there's a weird stigma about country music. We have fans that don't listen to country radio."

Sarah Petite and the Sugar



SHE'S A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY (SARAH PETITE)

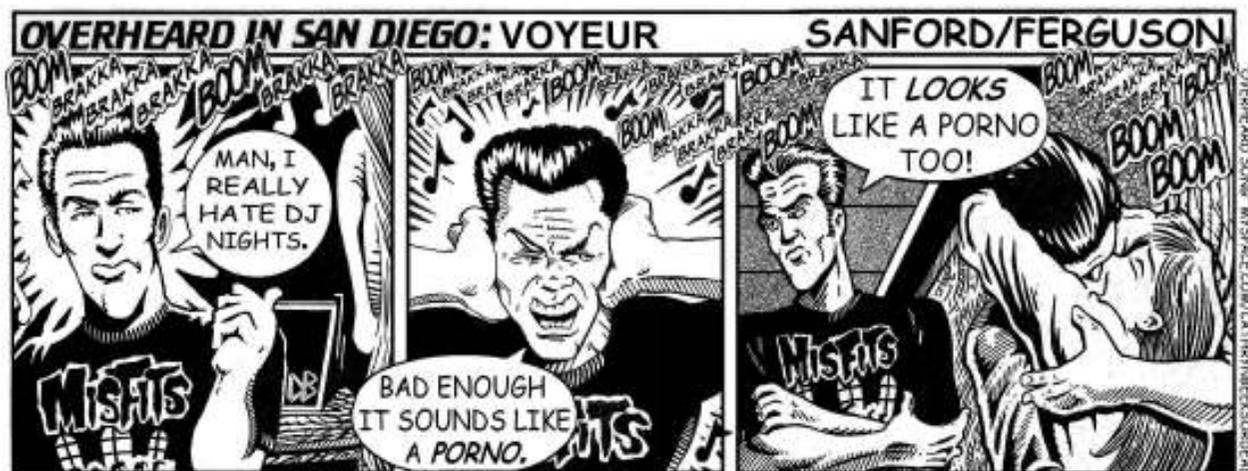
Nashville club dates every few months.

Petite, 30, moved here from Sumner, Washington ("It's a tulip-farming town"), over a decade ago. The Sugar Daddies, a self-described cross between Dolly Parton, Steve Earle, and Tom Petty, have been together for four years as an original country band. But Petite says she'd prefer that her music not be categorized. "I kind of get thrown into country because

Daddies will hold a CD-release party at the Belly Up, Saturday, November 21, for *Doghouse Rose*, produced by Eddie Gore at Insomnia Studios in Nashville.

— Dave Good

Luscious Noise "Whenever I see pop groups perform," says John Stubbs, "I wish that I could see that same level of fun at classical music performances." Stubbs should know — he spends a lot of



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time around classical music. His day job is as a violinist in the San Diego Symphony. On the side, Stubbs is the current music director and conductor of the California Ballet Company.

He plans to put the fun back into classical music with a series of multimedia presentations that he has created for the pop stage at Anthology. For now, he's calling it "Luscious Noise."

"I'm going to have at least 15 musicians onstage there." He says they will perform a movement of chamber music. "And then we'll show a really nice video. Then we'll play another number and show another video." Into that mix, Stubbs plans to intertwine a live dance piece as well. "But the focus is not necessarily on the stage all the time. People can drink, eat, and they can talk," all of which he says is pretty much

verboten at standard classical concerts and dance recitals.

"This is interesting," he says. "When I finally had this epiphany of the kind of thing I wanted to do at Anthology, after the fact, after I'd already come up with this idea, I started finding articles from Berlin and London." He says that classical club nights have been popular in Europe since the early 2000s.

Anthology would like to have Stubbs produce one such classical-multimedia show a month. "I'm open to that. This is my big experiment. I don't know if this is going to work."

A St. Louis native, Stubbs

has been a member of the San Diego Symphony since 1977. He says that his hobby for the past decade has been



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE GOOD

SYMPHONY ROCKS FOR STUBBS

"looking at my industry — classical music — and asking what's going to bring people in. What's going to connect? We're always trying to find new eyes, new ears."

But due to the attrition in classical music audiences in recent years, one wonders if entrepreneurs like Stubbs

aren't really struggling to keep a dying art form alive.

"I have a theory about that," he says. "I've been in the business for over 30 years, and I've been hearing every year that our audiences are graying and that they're going to start dying off soon. And then the next year, all new people show up and they have gray hair." Stubbs finds hope in what he calls the natural inclination to seek out new experience.

"You reach your 30s," he says, "and you realize that maybe rock and roll and Jägermeister aren't all there is to life."

Luscious Noise, an evening of live classical music, film, and dance, will premiere at Anthology on Sunday, November 22.

— Dave Good

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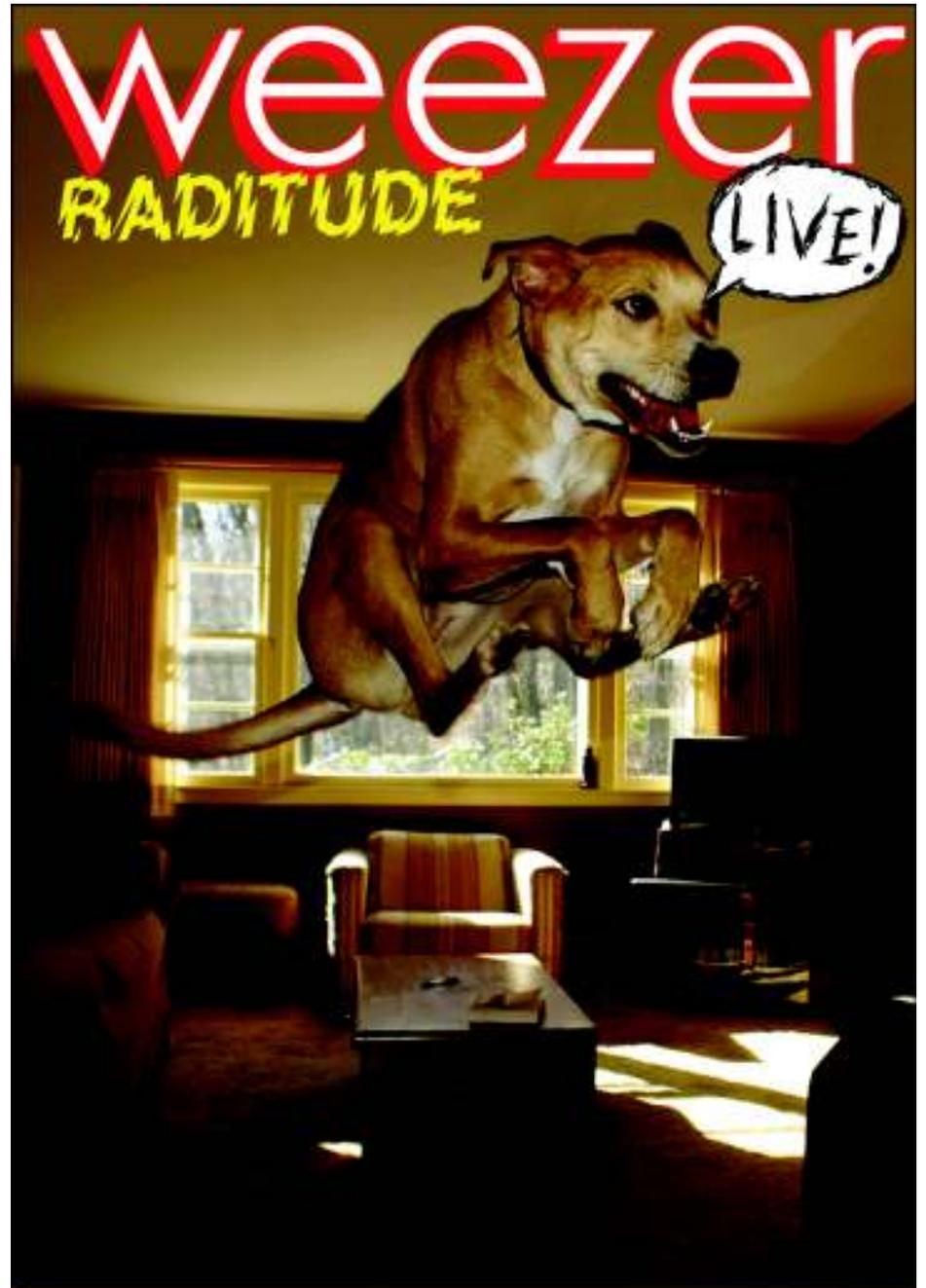
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Thursday 19

SanFran alt-folk band **Thao with the Get Down Stay Down** get down to Casbah tonight. Singer-guitarist Thao Nguyen is a Lilith Fair survivor, deprogrammed



RAEKWON AT BRICK BY BRICK

by Slim Moon and his Kill Rock Stars label. The trio is out to tout their sophomore set, *Know Better Learn Faster*, a propulsive mope-pop collection built around tin beats and a rattling acoustic. It's Thao Nguyen's voice, though, that colors the canvas in striking tones.

Give an ear here: myspace.com/thaomusic. They're on tour with the **Portland Cello Project** and **David Schultz**.... Bay Park nightspot Brick by Brick brings in rapper **Raekwon** "the Chef." The Wu-Tang dude is hip-hopping across the country in support of solo joint *Only Built 4 Cuban Linx...Pt. II*. This is the long-awaited follow-up to his debut, a platinum *Billboard* crossover that put him at the top of the charts in a couple of categories. The club's got a whole bunch more in store on this big ticket, including **Skyzoo**, **Queen Yonasda**, **Daygo Boyz**, **Out of Control**, **Even Keel**, **Balian G Evans**, and **Illitary**.... Radio Room dials up Gabey D'Schiavone's throwback punk act **New American Mob**. We pub'd an interview with this cat a couple of months back. Catch up here: sandiegoreader.com/news/2009/sep/02/blurt3/. With **Anarcock**, **Die Sabotage**, and **Youth Envy**, this one's a locals-only barn-burner.... Soma stages the Atticus Tour, featuring Temecula-based emo-core crew **Finch**, who are set to jet to the Pacific Rim following the show. Screamos **Bless the Fall** headline, while **Drop Dead Gorgeous**, **Of Mice and Men**, and **Let's Get It** warm the

room.... Native Hawaiian uke shredder **Jake Shimabukuro** takes the stage at Anthology. You can check the 33-year-old's chops on his new comprehensive collection *Live*, on which Jake plays an M.J. medley that includes a surreal take on "Thriller."



JAKE SHIMABUKURO AT ANTHOLOGY

Friday 20

House of Blues hosts *How the West Was Won*, featuring **Snoop Dogg**, **Nipsey Hussle**, **Dago Braves**, and the **Hustle Boys**. Snoop's set to drop his tenth set, *Malice in Wonderland*, just in time for Christmas. And the D-o-double-g's been shilling Ditka's NFL *Doghouse* show. Check this bit of embarrassment: youtube.com/watch?v=SsZ7UzqEPw...

The barroom-rocking baby dolls of **Chelsea Girls** are back to kick it at Brick by Brick. These L.A. ladies feature former members of Nashville Pussy, the Donnas, and Hole, and they kill this club. **Electric Dynamite**, **My Elysian**, and **Circa Now** set the stage.... Jazzman **Joe Sample** settles in at Anthology for four sets over two nights. The 70-year-old pianist-composer was one of the masterminds behind avant-jazz troupe the Jazz Crusaders, and he's rolled tape with the cream of the bebop crop.... Oklahoma-based Americana act **Stoney LaRue and the Arsenals** hit O.B. mainstay *Winstons*.... *Fem-bots dance with ro-bots* when electronic novelty act **Alpha Channel** checks in at Ken Club with like-minded locals **Satanic Puppeteer Orchestra**.

Saturday 21

Casbah fills an electro-punk bill Saturday night, propping current, former, and future flavors-of-the-month **Big Pink**, **Crystal Antlers**, and **io echo**, respectively. This month's flavor, U.K. duo the **Big Pink**, have a hot-topic platter, *A Brief History of Love*, out on indie stalwart 4AD. According to the experts at Pitchfork: "a study in the enormity of sound." Okay, moving on, please note that the Big Pink will



CRYSTAL ANTLERS AT CASBAH

spin an in-store DJ set at M-Theory earlier in the day. Have you been supporting your independent record seller?... Young Republican **Whigs** invade Soma with the **Features** and **Dead Trees**. The Whigs are a trio from Athens, GA, that plays greazy Southern-fried garage pop. Yum. They are on the ATO label where they have one in the hopper, *In the Dark*, for early 2010 release. In the mean, satisfy yourself with last year's *Mission Control*, a surefire party platter.... Fullerton-based punk revivalists the **Adolescents** headline a punk-rock riot at Brick by Brick. Fifteen bucks gets you sets by **Channel 3**, **Negative Trend**, and **D.P.I.**.... There's some other stuff: **Revenge Club**, the **Mice**, the **Infants**, and **Gertrudestein** fill a good-time garage punk bill at the Ken...World Beat Center brings in Bob's boys **Julian** and **Stephen Marley** to re-vibe the round room...Grammy-winning nu-classicists **eighth blackbird** alight at the Loft at UCSD...and singer-songwriter **Brenton Wood** brings back "the Oogum Boogum Man" at 4th&B.

Sunday 22

You're going to have to be selective Sunday night, as you got the **Black Crowes** landing at House of Blues behind their new live takes on *Before the Frost...Until the Freeze*, a critical risk that's paying off for the Robinsons.... Last of the true-blue Deltas **B.B. King** and his trusted guitar Lucille roll into Belly Up. Turn to Ron Dhanifu's "Yo, DJ!" selection for more on the living legend.... Queens burrough's **Beatnuts** will rock the mics at Brick by Brick. The hip-hop duo of Juju and Psycho Les are touring in support of this year's *Planet of the Crates*. **Zoolay**, **Miki Vale & Kandy Cole**, and **Brendan B** are also on the bill. (Check out Brick by Brick bogartin' Crawler slots this week!)

Soda Bar draws a draught of indie pop with **Red Pony Clock**, **Paddle Boat**, **Little White Teeth**, and **Black Mamba**. That's, like, the Chex Mix sets of the week.... And it's girls' night at Casbah, as kooky songbirds **Jill Sobule** and **Erin McKeown** take the midtown stage. Sobule's the original "I Kissed a Girl" girl.

Monday 23

Been looking forward to this Monday-nighter at the Ché Café, as the college club gets Kansas indie-folk outfit **Old Canes**, who are out behind

their new Saddle Creek set *Feral Harmonic*. There's a decent piece on Chris Crisci (Appleseed Cast) and the band here: popmatters.com/pm/feature/115328-20-questions-old-canes/. "Customers who bought this also bought Iron & Wine, the *Complete Sixth Season of Curb Your Enthusiasm*, and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid Collector's Edition*." That pretty much sums 'em up.... For you Anti-Monday diehards, Casbah



OLD CANES AT CHE CAFE

cages N.Y.C. post-punks **Elefant** along with local nu-wavers **Long Live Logos** and Latin rock 'n' soul quintet **Lyon Crowns**.

Tuesday 24

I got nada.

Wednesday 25

Vancouver noise-pop duo **Japandroids** and West Palm indie kids **Surfer Blood** wash up at Casbah for the gig to get to this week. Japandroids this year released an indie-crit hit in *Post-Nothing*. Get to their Space page for a taste of frenetic killer "Young Hearts Spark Fire." Surfer Blood play blown smart-pop that imagines Shins with the faders pegged. Their debut long-player *Astro Coast* isn't due to drop till next January, but the quartet killed at *CMJ* last month and have been touring with Art Brut and Jay R. Read more about the up-and-comers here: pitchfork.com/news/36919-rising-surfer-blood/.... From Mexico City, **Café Tacuba's** 20th Anniversary Tour hits House of Blues. The quartet won Grammys on both sides of the border for 2007 breakthrough *Sine*. With no new material, I could write that they're still riding the *Sine* wave, but I won't.

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“I’ve...seen my guardian angel, but the last I saw him was about a year ago.”

I play acoustic rock with a twist of country and a dash of the blues,” says Eddie Jason Coven, who arrived in San Diego in 2004 after a two-year stint as a musician-for-hire throughout Northern California. He worked as a session keyboardist for fledgling hip-hop label FTS Productions and played in area groups such as Azariah’s Dream and A.D. Rox until departing in 2006 to pursue his own projects.

Besides solo performing and recording, Coven plays keyboards in Presence of the Holy, a Led Zep tribute band, and serves as vice president of the San Diego Songwriter’s Guild.

“The guild is a great organization that needs a little modernization,” says Coven. “As VP, I do anything and everything the board of directors and our members ask me to — from setting up, booking, and promoting showcases to overseeing guild songwriting contests.”

Coven’s debut four-song EP *Tiffany* was released in 2008, a period during which he also collaborated with Chris Leyva, Blizzard, Revolution ’89, and Folding Mr. Lincoln. He appears November 20 and 21 at O’Hungry’s in Old Town.

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. My Chemical Romance, *The Black Parade*. “I love theatrical rock and love a good dose of emotion in music. My Chem takes these songs and weaves them into a story, from first track to last, taking you on a journey through the life of a cancer patient who’s in his dying days. The production, arrangement, and orchestration of the material is a pure rock-opera experience.”
2. Lifehouse, *No Name Face*. “I really like the band and the baritone vocals of the lead singer. There’s just something about their first album that, after

all these years, I still listen to it.”

3. The All-American Rejects, *Move Along*. “Great bands seem to be coming out of Oklahoma these days. With the melody, the arrangement of the

songs, and the memorable hooks, this is a great record — especially the first track, ‘Dirty Little Secret.’”

4. Hanson, *The Walk*. “I’ve been infatuated with the music of Hanson for years — truly a band that inspired me to be a musician in the first place, almost 15 years ago. This record takes a different direction than previous, as each brother gets to sing lead on a few tracks, giving you a peek into their individual songwriting capabilities, especially that of youngest brother, Zac. He’s become a great vocalist and an incredible songwriter. I’d totally be rooting for him to go solo.”

5. Reba McEntire, *Greatest Hits*. “I’m a sucker for fiddles, pedal steel, and some good old country music. I’ve been a fan of Reba since I was a small child, growing up under parents and grandparents who always had the radio tuned to a country music station. I love Reba’s vocal range, and her twang.”

BIGGEST INSPIRATION?

“I’m heavily influenced by Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash.”

WHAT WOULD YOUR GRADE-SCHOOL TEACHERS SAY ABOUT YOU?

“They’d say I was a pleasant student but always seemed to have trouble with my peers — not getting along and such. Truth be told, I was bored in most of my classes. I hated school and didn’t like 90 percent of the kids I went to school with. It wasn’t until I joined a band that I found some sense of belonging.”

MUSIC JAY ALLEN SANFORD



Eddie Jason Coven

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YOUR BEST PICKUP LINE?

“I’m a musician looking for groupies. Would you like to join the fan club?”

FIRST PET?

“My first pet was Dusty, a white Labrador retriever, when I was about four years old. I grew up around animals. My parents at one time had seven dogs, two cats, and about a dozen chickens.”

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

“I’m actually not much of a reader; I’m a writer. Last time I read a book was in college, which was almost ten years ago. But I have been reading through the Holy Bible, New King James Version, just opening it up to random books and random chapters.”

BEATLES OR STONES?

“If you would have asked me a couple years ago,

I would have said Stones, hands down. But since then I’ve come to realize what all the fuss was about and really appreciate the music of the Beatles. So, that’s a tough one. But I’m still gonna have to say the Rolling Stones.”

ANY PARANORMAL ENCOUNTERS?

“Since I was young, I’ve always had the ability to see auras, apparitions, and figures. They’ve come to me at different times in my life, and the most vivid was about seven or eight years ago at my cousin’s in Stockton, California. I saw the auras of both my great aunt June and another cousin, who had both passed away in that house. I’ve also seen my guardian angel, but the last I saw him was about a year ago.”

IDEAL SUPERPOWER?

“Time travel would be awesome. I could tell Jimi, Janis, Jim, and Kurt to all get sober for a year, stay home, and stay away from white lighters.” ■

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Thursday, 7:30pm, 9:30pm — Jake Shimabukuro. World. \$24.
Friday, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, Saturday, 7:30pm, 9:30pm — Joe Sample. Jazz. \$26-\$32.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Eve Selis. Acoustic/country/pop. \$18.

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Sunday, 8pm — The Beatnuts. With Zoolay, Miki Vale & Kandy Cole, and Brendan B. Hip-hop. \$15-\$20.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.
Friday, 8pm, Saturday, 8pm — The Hype. Covers/blues/pop.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30pm — Thao and the Get Down Stay Down. With Portland Cello Project and David Schultz. Folk/indie/pop. \$10-\$12.
Friday, 8:30pm — Friendly Fires. With the xx and DJ Edgartronic. Indie/pop. \$12-\$14.
Saturday, 8:30pm — The Big Pink. With Crystal Antlers and io echo. Pop/rock. \$12-\$14.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Erin McKeown. With Jill Sobule. Indie/rock. \$10.
Monday, 8:30pm — Elephant. With DJ Skullcrusher and guests. Alternative/indie/rock. \$12.
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Wednesday, 7pm — Japandroids. With Surfer Blood. Garage/rock. \$10-\$12.

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The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The **Big Pink** take their name from a famous album by the Band, but their music sounds — at first, anyway — as if it has little in common with the American roots music of Robbie Robertson and company. The Big Pink is a London duo made up of **Milo Cordell** and **Robbie Furze**, and they like their melodic pop cloaked in heavy curtains of electronic noise and guitar feedback, supported by thunderous electronic beats.

At one time, Furze played guitar with digital hardcore pioneer Alec Empire. Through his own Merok Records, Cordell was affiliated with the Klaxons and Crystal Castles. In concert, Furze and Cordell fill out their sound with help from members of electronic acts and the drone-metal band Sunn O))),

cert, Furze and Cordell fill out their sound with help from members of electronic acts and the drone-metal band Sunn O))),

The Big Pink has received a lot of press attention in the U.K. such as the past year, and thanks to car-radio-shaking songs like "Dominoes" and "Velvet," they are beginning to generate a lot of buzz stateside. Many critics have compared them to the Jesus and Mary Chain or shoegazer bands like My Bloody Valentine, and I've heard at least one reviewer compare them to Radiohead circa *OK Computer*. Those comparisons are fair, but after a couple of listens to the Big Pink's debut album, *A Brief History of Love*, you might think of another '80s U.K. act that has (perhaps unfairly) never received much critical respect: Depeche Mode. Furze's singing voice isn't as ponderous as Dave Ga-



BIG PINK

han's, but he has a similar kind of emotional reserve in his delivery. And, like Depeche Mode, the Big Pink sweeten their forbidding electronic sounds with radio-friendly hooks.

BIG PINK: The Casbah, Saturday, November 21, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12; \$14 day of show.

Encinitas Library: 540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas, 760-334-0229.
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Sunday, 10am — Jason Weber. Jazz.

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Saturday, 8pm — Self-Made Men, the Amalgamated, the Night Doctors. Reggae/ska.

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Sunday, 7pm — The Black Crowes. Blues/rock. \$42-\$77.



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Airborne Toxic Event

By Neal Bach | Published Friday, Nov. 6, 2009



Glendale group the Henry Clay People delivered a rote workingmen set at House of Blues Tuesday night which was met with audience apathy. It would be novel to see an emerging band display the talent worthy of the buzz being generated about them, but this was not the case with T.H.C.P.

The pop-rock quintet did not have the mix on their side. "This Ain't a Scene" and "Working Part Time" are strong songs that got lost at the H.O.B., and their signature track, "Something in the Water," went unnoticed.

It was not until the end of their set and the inclusion of covers – Billy Joel's "Piano Man" and the interesting if flaccid "Bang the Gong" by T. Rex – that things livened up for T.H.C.P., but by then the near-capacity crowd seemed to be more interested in what was to come.

Los Angelino quintet Airborne Toxic Event bused in to put on a rousing end-of-tour show. The headliners hit their stride early with an athletic version of "Does This Mean You're Moving On?" that inspired all band members to take advantage of the multilevel staging and cinematic backdrops.

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Friday, 5pm — West of 5. Covers/rock.

Friday, 9:30pm — Makai. Covers/standards. \$12.

Saturday, 5pm — Rio Peligroso. Blues/rock.

Saturday, 9:30pm — Detroit Underground. Covers/standards. \$12.

Sunday, 10am — Hank Easton. Jazz.

Sunday, 8pm — T-Fox & the Fox City Band. With Reggie Smith. Jazz. \$12.

Monday, 7pm — Chet Cannon's Blue Monday Blues Party. Blues.

Tuesday, 7pm — Jesse Davis. Jazz. \$5.

Wednesday, 8pm — Bill Magee. Blues/soul/rock. \$5.

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Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360.

Thursday, 8pm — The Gregory Page Show. Acoustic.

Saturday, 8pm — Peter Bolland and Folding Mr. Lincoln. Acoustic/rock/folk.

Sunday, 7:30pm — The Eben Brooks Band. Rock.

Java Jones: 631 Ninth Ave., Downtown.

Friday, 9pm — Carl Durant. Acoustic. Free.

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Saturday, 9pm — The Elevators. Rock.

The Lake Wohlford Café:

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Cowboy Jack Johnson. Acoustic/country/rockabilly. Free.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.

Saturday, 6pm — The Eben Brooks Band. Rock.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.

Saturday, 8pm — eighth blackbird. Chamber/indie/pop.

Lyceum Theatre: 79 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-544-1000.

Monday, noon — The Ian Tordella Jazz Trio. Sponsored by the Athenaeum. Jazz. Free.

Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD.

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McP's Irish Pub and Grill:

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Thursday, 8pm — Jackson/Jesus. Rock.

Friday, 9pm — 4-Way Street. Rock.

Saturday, 9pm — Mystique. Jazz/funk/R&B.

The Metaphor Café: 258 East 2nd Ave., Escondido, 760-747-1882.

Thursday, 7pm — Repillians.

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OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Georgia rockers the **Black Crowes** launched their career on the back of two hit records from their landmark debut album *Shake Your Money Maker*, which includes songs that are as dissimilar to each other as the band's founding members, brothers **Chris** and **Rich Robinson**. "Hard to Handle" is an Otis Redding cover; "She Talks to Angels" is a stoner rock ballad. There was a big audience ready for a band like the Black Crowes (their next album would debut at number one), and not all of that audience was domestic. In 1990 I was at Baja nightclub Cabo Wabo on a tip that Van Halen was going to make a sneak appearance. The story turned out to be bogus, but there was

a DJ spinning American rock records. When he played "Hard to Handle," it set off a call-to-the-dance-floor stampede of international travelers. Who was this band?

The Black Crowes were quickly labeled the hottest rock and roll band of their generation by music critics, and they were right. The Crowes had managed to pick up where the Rolling Stones left off at the end of the '70s, and I don't mean musically. The Robinson brothers were a new Mick and Keith — they'd figured out the Stones' chemistry, and together, via their own bad blood (the two have admitted more than once that they are not on friendly terms), they lit a fire under it. I always thought that the Crowes sounded more Faces than anything, given their ability to change gears from R&B mode to acid-washed rock faster than you can say Rod Stewart. That they come from the Deep South



BLACK CROWES

means almost nothing, not like other great Southern rockers such as Lynyrd Skynyrd or the Allman Brothers; the Black Crowes are a British garage rock band, in spirit and on record.

BLACK CROWES: House of Blues, Sunday, November 22, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$42.50, \$77.50.

Neurosciences Institute:

10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Jolla.

Friday, 7pm — Trio Pa su Mecha. With Son de San Diego. World. \$10-\$15.

The New Morena Club: 1319

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Saturday, 9pm — Argonaut. With Existence 76, Gaveegav, and Dopeshoes. Hip-hop. Free.

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Friday, 9pm — Funkenstein. With DJ Digital Opinion. Disco/hip-hop. Free.

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., College Area, 619-582-6699.

Saturday, 9pm — West of 5. Rock.

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Performance Lab (room D-10): 1140 West Mission Rd., Palomar College.

Thursday, 12:30pm — Arthur Golden. Country/folk. Free.

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Patio Playhouse: 201 East Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-746-6669.

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Patrick's II: 428 F St.,

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Friday, 9pm, Saturday, 9pm — Joey Fender and the 55's. Rock.

Sunday, 9pm — Len Rainey & the

Midnight Players. Blues/jazz.

Monday, 9pm — 145th Street. Blues/funk.

Wednesday, 9pm — The Blue Four. Blues/soul.

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Friday, 8pm — Okay Okay, Children Of Nova, City of Ships. Rock.

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Thursday, 8pm — The Iron Maidens. A tribute to Iron Maiden. Covers/rock. \$15.

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Sunday, 1pm — The Rhythm Masters. Jazz. Free.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
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Friday, 9pm — So Many Wizards. With the Fascination and Hotel St. George. Alternative/punk.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
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Pieces of Jade

CD Review
 by Andrew Hamlin

A novice bassist at 17, a professional bassist at 18, sideman to legendary trumpeter Chet Baker at 20, sideman to legendary pianist Bill Evans at 23, dead in a car wreck at 25: Scott LaFaro became and remains one of the greatest and saddest stories in the history of jazz. In addition to Baker and Evans, LaFaro performed and/or recorded with Ornette Coleman, Paul Bley,

and Stan Getz. His original approach to his instrument still inspires almost 50 years after his funeral.

Pieces of Jade, released in conjunction with *Jade Visions*, the first full-length LaFaro biography, gathers performances previously unreleased in the U.S. Five tunes stem from a 1961 session with Don Friedman on piano and Pete LaRoca on drums. While sometimes rough — LaRoca bangs in early on his "I Hear A Rhapsody" solo to unnerving effect — the trio's virtuosity seems tossed off, casual as a laundry list. Friedman (a pianist with more name recognition in Japan than over here) sprinkles spirals up and down the keyboard, one idea swirling organically into the next at merry tempos. LaFaro often plays straight walking bass, avoiding the bold melodic counterpoint of his work with Evans; but his solos show him at strength, confidently flipping licks between the extremes of his instrument's range.

A lo-fi but fascinating rehearsal tape of Evans and LaFaro, 1960, gives us the album's centerpiece. Over 22 minutes they muse through "My Foolish Heart," telling each other when to go high, low, flat, sharp. They could be poring over blueprints in a skyscraper office, except of course for what comes out. In an interview following the rehearsal tape, Evans confides that he can't accept LaFaro's death. He thinks of his bassist as someone who just isn't here right now. He isn't the only one.

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Trick or Treat, Dirty Sweet!

Concert Review
 by Robert Duffy

East Village hot spot El Dorado Cocktail Lounge played host to Dirty Sweet's sold-out Halloween bash. The band was ghoulified and tuxed-up for the evening and kicked off an 11-song set at 11 p.m.

The quintet stormed their way through songs such as "Crimson," "Beware," and "Sixteen," each one sounding like a potential single — hooky, tuneful, sexy. Their sound is hard to nail down because on one level they hit like Southern rockers, but



there's also a British influence that hints at the Stones, the Beatles, and Marc Bolan. It's blues played by white boys with dirty fingernails who were born in the wrong era. DS belong to a world of seven-inch vinyl and analog studios.

Singer Ryan Koontz fronts the band without trying to play "the star," just doing what comes naturally to him — singing rock songs. He couldn't steal the limelight, as the entire group was outstanding. The bass and drums were locked in that night.

With a new album in the pipeline and after this Halloween performance, it appears that it won't be long before Dirty Sweet takes the world stage.

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Vanguard. Hardcore/metal. \$15.
Saturday, 7pm — The Whigs. With the Features and guests. Pop/rock. \$10.

Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del Rey St., Clairemont, 858-794-9044.
Friday, 7:30pm — Peter Sprague. With Tripp Sprague and Kevyn Lettau. Jazz. \$10-\$15.
Sunday, 7pm — The Antar Martin Quartet. Jazz. \$5-\$10.

The Office: 3936 30th St., North Park, 619-450-6632.
Saturday, 9pm — Genius of Soul. Hip-hop/soul. Free.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Thursday, 9:30pm — Michael

Tiernan. Pop/rock.
Friday, 9:30pm — Joey Harris and the Mentals. Rock/country/blues.
Saturday, 9:30pm — The Nards. Rock.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
Friday, 9pm — The Styletones. Funk/soul.
Saturday, 9pm — Da'Mac. Covers/standards.

Trisler's Wine Bar: 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, Mission Valley, 619-298-1501.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Keith Jacobson. Jazz. Free.

University of California San Diego: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD,

858-534-2230.
Tuesday, 8pm — Justin Nozuka. Blues/pop/rock. \$15.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.
Saturday, 9pm — Siren's Crush. Covers/pop/rock.

WaveHouse Bar & Grill: 3125 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-228-9283.
Saturday, noon — Adrian Vusich Fundraiser. Fundraiser for young son of Adrian Vusich, who was recently killed in an accident on Mission Bay. Featuring Louisiana Mojo Dogs, the Charles Burton Blues Band, Los Sleepers, Will Street Blues Band, the Fooks, Chet

and the Committee, the Kabbs, and Theo & the Zydeco Patrol. Blues/jazz/rock. \$10-\$20.

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Sunday, 5pm — Bob Bartosik. Jazz. Free.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: 2100 Park Bl., Balboa Park, 619-230-1190.
Friday, 7pm — Louisiana Zydeco Shakedown. Featuring Theo and the Zydeco Patrol. Blues/soul/zydeco.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Fat Freddy's Drop. Jazz/reggae/roots. \$12.
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November 28 — Dokken.

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November 28 — Po' Girl.
December 4 — Tom Russell.
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 February 12 — Chris Smither.
 February 20 — Jack Tempchin.
 March 5 — Ellis Paul.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
 November 27 — Colin Hay.
 November 28 — Brian Culbertson.
 December 2 — The Brazilian Jazz Collective.
 December 4 — The Kenny Neal Band.
 December 9 — Tokeli.
 December 11 — Stepping Feet.
 December 12 — Detroit Underground.
 December 16 — Charles McPherson.
 December 17 — Five for Fighting.
 December 18 — Haute Chile.
 December 23 — David Maldonado.
 December 26 — Wild Child.
 January 2 — The Squirrel Nut Zippers.

January 8 — Eric Sardinas.
 January 9 — Karla Bonoff.
 January 14 — The John Jorgenson Quartet.
 January 28 — Janiva Magness.
 January 29, January 30 — The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra.
 February 4 — Dave Davies.
 February 5 — Mark Hummel's Harmonica Blowout.
 February 12 — Al Stewart.
 February 14 — Anthology House Band: Motown Revue.
 February 23, February 24 — Al DiMeola.
 February 25, February 26 — Dave Mason.
 March 5 — Mark Hummel's Harmonica Blowout.
 April 23 — Benny Golson.

Athenaeum School of the Arts Studio: 4441 Park Bl., Normal Heights.
 December 5 — Allan Holdsworth.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
 December 12 — Cool Yule.
 April 21 — Monterey Jazz Festival.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
 February 2 — Fat Skeleton.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
 November 27 — The Aggrolites.
 November 28 — The Cured.
 December 12 — Son Volt.
 December 13 — Average White Band.
 December 15 — Foreigner.
 December 16 — Cross Canadian Ragweed.
 December 17 — Venice.
 December 26 — Cash'd Out.
 December 29 — Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven.
 January 2 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.
 January 7 — Robben Ford.
 January 8 — Pato Banton.
 January 15 — Keb' Mo'.

January 30 — Atomic Punks.
 February 3 — Rhett Miller.
 February 13 — Los Lonely Boys.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
 December 6 — "A Celtic Christmas Celebration."
 February 27 — Arturo Sandoval.
 April 30 — Eddie Palmieri.
 May 15 — Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
 December 12 — The Business.
 December 17 — Nitzer Ebb.
 December 18 — X-Mas Party.
 January 13 — Holdsworth, Bozzio, Levin, and Mastelotto.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North

Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4438.
 April 14 — Arlo Guthrie.

Carlsbad Senior Center: 799 Pine Ave., Carlsbad.
 December 16 — Carlsbad Choraleers Christmas Concert.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
 November 27 — The Blackout Party.
 November 28 — The Stranger's Six.
 November 29 — Lualta.
 December 6 — Stellastarr.
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 November 28 — Benny Goodman
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 Cajon, 619-440-2277.
 January 17 — Kris Kristofferson.
 December 10 — Blue Christmas.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave.,
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November 28 — Papa Roach.
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 December 10 — Brett Dennen.
 December 11 — Sophie 103.7's
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 December 17 — Zero 7.
 December 19 — The Aquabats.
 December 20 — Unwritten Law.
 December 29 — Reel Big Fish.
 January 7 — Sonic Youth.
 January 14 — State Radio.
 January 16 — Between the Buried
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 January 30 — Tainted Love.
 January 31 — Nile.
 February 3 — The Anvil Experience.
 February 5 — Badfish.
 March 11 — Brandi Carlile.

La Paloma: 471 S. Coast Hwy.
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 January 29, January 30 — George
 Winston.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr.,
 UCSD, 858-534-8497.

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 February 11 — Brooklyn Rider.
 February 16 — Suzanne Vega.
 February 18 — Mauger.
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 December 20 — "The Whole World
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Pechanga Resort & Casino:
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 951-693-1819.
 April 15 — Mark Knopfler.

PianoSD.com: 1233 Camino del
 Rio South, Mission Valley.
 December 1 — Olga Reztsova.

Price Center at UCSD: 9500
 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-6467.
 February 10 — Umalali.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100
 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-
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 December 3 — Mannheim
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 November 27 — Kiss.
 December 4 — Trans-Siberian
 Orchestra.
 December 12 — Aventura.
 December 19 — Lady Gaga.

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 Midway District, 619-226-7662.
 November 28 — Impending Doom
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 December 2 — Forever the Sickest
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 December 3 — A Skylit Drive.
 December 4 — Thrice.

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Trouble in the Wind**
 Song: "Mr. Whiskey" (from the CD *All
 My Hopes on a Sailing Boat*)
 Heard by: **Elliott**, North Park



Elliott

When I thought the song was over, it kept going. I'd probably like this song if I was blacked-out drunk...which will probably be soon. I'd describe it as "crap rock." It reminds me of when you're at a party and someone breaks out the acoustic guitar and then everyone is dreading the whole time that person singing and playing guitar. All you want them to do is shut up. I think there were drums, but it's hard to differentiate when you're not into it. The only lyric I really heard was "Mr. Whiskey," and it just made me want to drink more to forget about the song. I see it playing over the ending credits of a really terrible indie movie.

Artist: **Tim and the 23's**
 Song: "Hurricane" (from the CD *dislocated*)
 Heard by: **Aaron Elliott**, City Heights



Aaron

I like how it started off with the rough recording of the guitar in the background. The bass was more in the front, and I thought that was interesting and dynamic. When the guy's voice came in, it was kind of too smooth to go along with the roughness of the guitar. I don't know exactly how to compare it to other types of music, but that's something that I would expect to hear on the radio and then change the station. The chorus was catchy, although the lyric they kept repeating didn't really make sense. Again, it goes back to the type of vocals where they were a little melodic and not coarse at all. I'd probably [rate that song] a 5 or 6 out of 10.

Artist: **AntiQuark**
 Song: "Drawer 4" (from the CD *Skydancer*)
 Heard by: **Rick Tiland**



Rick

I think it's industrial and original. It sounds almost retro '80s with a new-age influence. I liked it a lot, actually. I'd like to know more about the artist and where they're from. I would say they're similar to Rob Zombie, Nine Inch Nails, maybe Tool. I think one of the lyrics was, "Leave my mansion." The person seemed frustrated. Maybe it was a long night at a party and there were still a lot of people at the house and he just wants everyone to get out of his hair. Maybe the mansion is his head. Maybe he's a frustrated artist who's sick of people. I think they're a little bit ahead of their time, so I think they might have some difficulty getting enough mainstream [exposure].

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Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

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Riley's Music Lounge: *Thursdays*: '80s Night. *Fridays*: Hip-Hop Night. *Mondays*: College Night. With guest DJ. 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

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Side Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Ruby Thursdays. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946.

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Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/rock. Free. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

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Stout Public House: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ CC. 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown. 619-702-7933.

Tavern at the Beach: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ D-Skwiz. *Fridays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. *Saturdays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. With DJ MIC-E. *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066.

The Office: *Sundays*, 10:30pm: Club '80s. Featuring DJs Bryan Pollard, Adamnation, MasterBlaster, and Roxanne Redlight. Industrial/underground. Free. 3936 30th St., North Park. 619-450-6632.

Tiki House: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Tunes by Joe Marson. Every Tuesday. 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

Yo, DJ!

Talk About a Star



B.B. King plays the Belly Up Tavern on Sunday, November 22.

For me, being a B.B. King fan goes back to the late '50s. I heard him on an R&B station in the Los Angeles area. I remember the name just stood out: those two Bs...and King, which sounded so authoritative and regal.

I forget the song that I heard. It was that guitar

coming through the little AM radio at the time. It was powerful. I was probably 11 or 12. The signal was hard to get. It was the only station at that time in the L.A. area pumping out R&B and soul music.

King is one of the last Delta blues men alive, playing that indigenous form of American music. I've even followed other people in blues because of him. When I hear his guitar, it's the sweetest thing. You know the truths and the lies of his travels throughout his life. I get a soulful feeling when I hear him.

He's 83 or 84, something like that. I've seen him live many times. The first time, I was overwhelmed. It was in L.A. in the '60s, at the Shrine Auditorium for some blues festival.

[His career is] even more profound for me because I found out he was a radio disc

jockey in Memphis before he became a popular musician. His whole career and situation, it was almost as if he was a mentor to me. And it's what made me want to get into radio.

Fortunately, I was able to reach that dream. And in my career, I made it to KGfJ, that station in L.A. that I first heard B.B. King coming over the airwaves.

I've met King backstage and said hello. Always short conversations. I've never had a chance to interview him or talk to him the way I'd like. He's too busy on the road and always doing something.



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True North: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. *Fridays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. *Sundays*, 10pm: DJ Waly Mayhem. *Mondays*, 10pm: DJ Wonderbread. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

U-31: *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Artistic. With Cros 1. '80s and '90s hip-hop. *Fridays*, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance!

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Whiskey Girl: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. *Mondays*, 9pm: U-Call-It Mondays. With DJ Marc Thrasher. *Tuesdays*, 9pm,

Wednesdays, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 600 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-236-1616.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Sundays*, 9pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Friends Chill. Board games and mellow grooves every Tuesday night. Free. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

The Wit's End: *Fridays*, 5pm: DJ Artistic. 420 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest. 619-294-4848.

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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.

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The New Morena Club: Every day, Noon-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 domestic bottles, wells.

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Monday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

Illume Bistro: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 draft, \$5 wells, wines, \$7 martinis.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

Wine Steals: Wednesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: Monday, \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, premium beer \$3.50/pint. Saturday, \$3 Bloody Marys. Sunday, \$3 mimosas.

Mira Mesa Lanes: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: Friday, 10pm-close: \$2 wells, all drafts.

Sandbar Sports Grill: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. Friday, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Every day, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

All American Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: \$3 draft beer, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails. Sunday, 11am-close: \$3 draft beer, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails.

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.

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.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: Everything 1/2-off.

Triple Crown Pub: Saturday, 12-5pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers. Sunday, 12-2am: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Cricket's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$2.75 domestic bottles, wells, \$4 margaritas.

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West Coast Tavern: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. 5 menu items for \$5 each.

OCEAN BEACH

Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: Tuesday-Sunday, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine; \$4-\$10 food specials.

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OLD TOWN

Harney Sushi: Wednesday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

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PACIFIC BEACH

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-Thursday, 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.

Moray's Lounge: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

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-Thursday, Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

C-Level: Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm: \$3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine. \$5 crispy calamari, ahi tuna poke, steamed Fox River mussels.

POWAY

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Bud's Louisiana Café: Tuesday-Friday, 1-2:30pm; 4:30-6pm: 1/2-price wine and beer. Saturday, 4:30-6pm: 1/2-price wine and beer.

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Café Japengo: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, sake, \$4.50 wells. \$4 chicken spring rolls, duck potstickers, California rolls.

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Back to Kathmandu

Why would a one-time Nepal trekker ever want to eat Nepalese food again? Is it masochism — or is it just that Nepal casts such a powerful spell? You just *know* there must be better food there than the austere vegan fare of the high-country Sherpa inns or the fake-Western restaurant “treats” of Kathmandu. So before I talk about the new Himalayan Cuisine restaurant, I need to talk about Nepal, where the food and culture are not just extensions of India’s, but a different and literally higher world.

There is no region more stunning than the high country of Nepal — not even the highlands of Guatemala, Colombia, and Ecuador, although those come close, and our own Grand Tetons are a worthy contestant in the global beauty contest — and the inner beauty of the people rivals the heart-stopping mountain scenery. Hindus and Buddhists, broken into scores of tribal and ethnic groups who share Nepali as a common trade language, actually get along. Nepalese Buddhists respect Hinduism as the root of Buddhism, and many Hindus regard Gautama — a Hindu-born Nepalese prince — as the tenth incarnation of the god Vishnu, the preserver of life. Even the recent Maoist rebellion against the corrupt monarchy never broke down into tribal warfare (although the Maoists threatened some temples on general principles). An earlier, wiser king decreed, “No proselytizing!” and it is illegal to publicly say, “My religion is better than yours.” Yes, the Gurkhas are mighty-warrior mercenaries, and the long-haired, hide-clad Tibetan tribesmen among the crowd at the Tibetan New Year’s celebration at Bodnath Temple looked, well, wild. For that matter, Thamel’s “Change money? Buy rug? Buy hash?” street hustlers are as pushy as can be. Even so, the country seems suffused in the gentle, tolerant Buddha spirit.

Some 20 years ago, my partner and I spent six weeks in Nepal. In Kathmandu, a city long dependent on the Western tourist industry, it’s hard to find actual Nepalese food, compared to odd



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adaptations of Yankee fare. You can get “Epple Pye” in various spellings (none tasting like Mom’s), water-buffalo burgers, and pizza topped with yak cheese. In those days, only one higher-priced restaurant near the Royal Palace offered the refined cuisine of the Newari, the main Hindu tribe of the Kathmandu Valley, with subtler seasonings than India’s typical spice-riot.

One terrific Tibetan hole-in-the-wall in the funky Thamel served, among other specialties, *momos* — steamed dumplings stuffed with deliciously seasoned, moist, ground water buffalo. (According to Wikipedia, *momos* have since spread all over Kathmandu and the trekking trails as a popular “fast food.”) The *momos* were to haunt me ever after. Maybe a lot of dreary food makes a little very good food taste even better.

We started our trek early in the season to beat the tourist crush. Alas, we began before the yaks started to bear yaklings, hence no yak butter. Instead, there were gallon cans of rancid

Superman-brand mustard oil, carried up months earlier on the last yak-trains of autumn. Up to about 12,000 feet, the nightly menus offered either *daal bhat* (lentils and rice with a side of mustard greens) or noodles mixed with mustard greens fried in that rancid mustard oil with a lot of salt to show hospitality, according to the customs of a land-locked

country where all salt is imported and valuable. (That pricey Himalayan pink salt sold in gourmet catalogs isn’t from here; it’s from Pakistan.) Above that altitude, the fare switched to boiled, unpeeled local potatoes or barley-based “Sherpa stew.”

Our whip-smart 17-year-old guide Baudhuri soon picked up on our foodie-ness and chose inns with the best cooking. After the strenuous crossing of snowy Lamjura Pass (12,000 feet), aided by cloves of raw garlic to chew like Chiclets to help us handle the altitude, we descended to a lush valley (6500 feet) and vegged out at an inn that offered veggie *momos*, filled with al dente mustard greens. Periodically, there were “treats”

DINING REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Himalayan Cuisine

N/A

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HOURS: 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. (until 7:00 Sundays, 10:00 weekends).

PRICES: Appetizers, soups, and salads, \$1–\$7; mains, \$6.50–\$10; desserts mainly \$3. Discount coupons on website.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Nepalese-Indian-Tibetan food, ranging from exotica to steam-table buffet clichés. Sweet and salty lassis (yogurt drinks), chai, soft drinks. Alcohol license pending, no BYOB.

PICK HITS: Tibetan *momos* (both lamb and veg); samosa; *daal* (lentil) soup; Balti Himalayan stir-fry; Malai Kufta (potato-ball curry).

NEED TO KNOW: Star ratings not applicable. Website menu outdated (no more Italian food). Mild spicing, even if you request “hot”; order “911 sauce” on the side. *Daal* soup, rice, and naan bread come with dinner entrées. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans, but some curries include cream. Large groups should reserve, and bring several flashlights to read menus.

Ratings reflect the reviewer’s reaction to food, ambience, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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of Epple Pye (sort of an apple-filled quesadilla rolled up in a whole-wheat *chapatti*) or coarse-grained unleavened whole-wheat pancakes served with delicious rhododendron honey.

One memorable night brought grilled yak rib with real mashed potatoes made with canned milk instead of potato-water. In Pangboche (13,000 feet) the most able Sherpa innkeeper-farmer, with clean sanitary facilities, had treats of home-grown cauliflower, garlic, and dried hot pepper, and he showed me how to use two rocks to grind the seasonings for his *aloo gobi* (cauliflower-potato curry). A pair of old Frenchmen



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Calendar RESTAURANTS

we met on the trail, trekking annually for decades, advised us to skip the “high-altitude garbage dump” of Everest Base Camp and head, instead, for the thrilling Chukhung Valley (at a more breathable 16,000 feet), where surrounded by the great peaks — Everest, Makalu, the glamour-gal twin peaks of Ama Dablam — we’d enjoy an aged Sherpani’s famous slightly leavened pancakes, resembling Breton crêpes, served with warm honey. “Worth the detour,” as *Michelin* would say.

All this background for a mom ’n’ pop (or maybe just pop) place in a mall in La Mesa? Well, the background seems more important than the specifics of the restaurant: that is, you need to adjust your expectations. The food in Nepal,

and at Himalayan Cuisine, is not what you eat at your favorite deluxe tandoori-and-curry North Indian restaurant, with a host of hovering waiters serving the elaborate dishes of the Mughal Empire. This is more of a Tin Fork bargain spot, but I claimed it because I wanted the *momos*. And some of the “Indian” food here does slant Newari — even if the rest runs to routine steam-tray curries and tandoori platters, like those you’ll find at any budget-priced Indian lunch buffet around town.

It’s a clean-looking modest-sized restaurant, replacing a pizzeria in a middle-sized mall. They started out last year as Monsoon Express, serving pizza and some Italian dishes carried over from the previous tenant, along with curries, but no more. (The website, with exciting visuals and music, hasn’t caught up with the change.) The lights are covered with handmade rectangular paper lanterns from the homeland, each different, all ornately beautiful. Beneath those shades, the dinnertime lighting is so dim, we had to borrow a flashlight from the cheerful waitress to read the menu. The owner/maitre d’/chef is from Kathmandu and wears the same kind of peaked cloth cap as Afghanistan’s President Karzai.

We began with veggie

samosas. These are distinct from the Indian version: the pockets are larger (more like whole-wheat cream puffs), and the thicker, chewier, puffed dough seems to be made from the same batter as the restaurant’s *roti* bread, and similarly griddle-cooked, rather than baked. The mildly spicy filling is the classic mashed potatoes and peas (plus crunchy toasted mustard seeds), but seasoned differently, with that Newari subtlety mentioned earlier. (That means: Don’t ask, I don’t know.)

With the dinners comes *daal* (lentil) soup, a thin comforting purée with its own elusive seasonings. Then came the *momos*. I ordered both the lamb and the veggie stuffings. They arrive ten to a plate each, which seemed just right as appetizers for a group of five, but I wish they’d been served before the soup as a separate appetizer course, because they deserve star treatment and empty stomachs to welcome them. Resembling fine, steamed dim sum, they’re not only the best dish at the restaurant, but this restaurant is the only one in San Diego to offer them, far as I know. The batter seems thinner and more delicate than in Kathmandu, like Chinese wonton skins, and like some dim sum, the dumplings are shaped into the traditional small purses. The moist and savory veggie filling

has mild chopped greens (probably cabbage, certainly not mustard greens, thank goddess Tara, “the merciful one”) mingled with onions and perhaps garlic. The ground lamb filling, equally moist, includes onions, probably a touch of garlic for sweetness, and other subtle seasonings (ginger? cilantro?). The stuffing seems a close replica of the water-buffalo filling that bedazzled me in Kathmandu. The dipping sauce was tangy yogurt colored golden with turmeric.

We’d barely started on the *momos* when the rest of our order arrived all at once, way too soon. Understaffed kitchen followed by a rapid deluge of dishes means all the food has probably been sitting on steam tables in the kitchen, or is, at best, reheated. This indicates that the offerings may be better, fresher, at lunch than at dinner.

And there’s one more probable shortcut: Nearly all the curries are based on a tomato-and-onion mixture, a powerful hint that a large potful of this single gravy goes on almost everything, modified as needed (e.g., with cream added for the chicken *tikka masala* and *malai kofta*). The menu does offer a vindaloo, a spicy curry from Goa, some 1100 air-miles southwest of Kathmandu, but I didn’t vet the menu to check for yet more tomato gravy: Given the distance, ordering a

Goan curry in a Nepalese restaurant seems a little like ordering *pasta fagiole* in Stockholm.

The one entrée that escaped the tomato sauce was Balti Himalayan, a mixture of meats, chicken, shrimp, and veggies in a stir-fry with a faintly sweet, coconutty edge. We’d requested our dishes “spicy!” None was, but anticipating this problem, we’d ordered a side of “911 sauce,” a fiery table sauce to daub on at will.

Malai kofta was a decent use of the tomato gravy. This held savory balls made of mashed potatoes, ground cashews, and spices in a creamy coral-colored curry. (BTW, in India, the title of this dish typically applies to curried chunks of pumpkin or winter squash instead of potato.) But the *kelau paneer* (the Nepali name for *mattar paneer*), curried peas with Indian farmer cheese, was scalded to death by the steam. The peas were sweet, but the cheese cubes were desiccated.

Tandoori is wildly popular all over the Indian subcontinent, but it started as a Moghul dish of the Northwest, and the Sikhs remain the subcontinental tandoor-masters, able to time each meat just right. I tend to avoid it in Sikh-less restaurants, but one of my companions hankered for

chicken *tikka masala*, tandoor-cooked chicken-breast chunks in (yes) a creamy tomato curry. The chicken chunks were cardboard-dry.

We ordered *biryani* Buddha-style (“make us one with everything”) — lamb, chicken, shrimp. This rice entrée offered a chance for a change but differed considerably from the aristocratic dish of North Indian restaurants. The classic version is butter-infused baked basmati rice (with caramelized onions and protein of choice, or veggies), very white, but streaked gold on top with precious saffron. This one, apparently reheated, was light brown all over, like fried rice. No saffron scent, either.

We were too full for dessert, but the menu does include mango *kulfi* (ice cream), in addition to the usual sweet suspects. I’m a sucker for pistachio-cardamom flavored *kulfi* but can leave the mango. Besides, we’d already had what I’d come for.

Ratings policy note: Himalayan Cuisine’s unevenness forces me to recognize the need for a common-sense change of policy. Sometimes I’ll steal an inexpensive ethnic restaurant (like this one) from the slaving maw of our Tin Fork, but these mom ’n’ pop shops shouldn’t be subject to a rating system designed for mid-to-upscale eateries. Tin Fork doesn’t have to give star ratings; I shouldn’t either on these steals. The *New York Times* runs short, ratings-free reviews of new, low-priced, or far-out little ethnic restaurants, often focusing on a single specialty done especially well. So, from now on, unless the food’s fantastic at a mom ’n’ pop eatery — say, a Sab-E-Lee or Ba Ren — no rating. ■



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“Great place to celebrate your birthday,” says this guy behind me in line. His name’s Macedonio.

“Been here before?” I ask.

“Oh, yes. Many times.”

“Any recommendations?”

“The quesotaco, surf-and-turf burrito, TJ hot dog with the bacon wrapped around it, rolled tacos stuffed with potato...”

Whoa. I’d stopped in here because I heard this was the first place to bring TJ-style hotdogs to San Diego. Love those things...down there, anyway. So, guess I’ve got to have that. But this is a Thursday night at about 8:00. Place is rockin’, crowded. I knew it was called Lucha Libre, and I knew that was because of the pro wrestling that’s always been the rage in Mexico. But I didn’t know how serious they’d be. The walls are scattered with masks, plastic models of wrestlers, posters, flat screens showing old Mexican wrestling movies featuring gods of the ring

such as El Santo — The Saint — and El Demonio Azul — The Blue Demon. Plus, that golden Champion’s Booth has got my curiosity up.

Uh-oh. My turn already — guy named Joe’s taking orders. Anglo, young. “I was a longtime customer,” he says, “so they gave me a job.” He’s such a taco groupie he’s started his own Facebook page: “The Global Taco Shop Preservation Society.”

I go with a couple of Macedonio’s suggestions. Like, the quesotacos: Last one I had, down in TJ at La Ermita, was beautiful. You lay some cheese on the grill first, then shape it into a tortilla just before it becomes crisp, then stack in the stuffings...

Here, it seems they put an actual tortilla outside the cheese skeleton, then fill it with “marinated steak, topped with more cheese, special sauce, and avocado slices.” It costs \$3.49, \$1 more with shrimp. I almost go for a straight tortilla-wrapped “surf-and-turf” taco (also \$3.49) but decide instead on three rolled tacos with potatoes, including lettuce, pico de gallo, and cheese. Deal at \$2.75.

Oh, God. So many others to choose from. “The Holy Moly burrito,” with grilled chicken breast, mole, rice, *queso panela* cheese, and sour

cream, for \$6. Or the “DDT baked potato” — weird name, but DDT’s the name of a wrestling move; we’re not talking pesticide — \$6.25 worth of spud stuffed with marinated steak, shrimp, bacon, and mushrooms, topped with melted cheese and “super-secret chipotle sauce.”

But I stick with the potato-rolled tacos and a quesotaco. And an iced tea (\$1.35). Joe slides me a red plastic tray with a cardboard basket of chips and three little plastic pots to put different salsas in. Macedonio recommends the cilantro. Oh, yes. Creamy. Beautiful taste, with the brown chipotle-tomatillo sauce. I also get some of the redder “Ibarra.” Macedonio and I head outside to a table on the deck.

“I love this place,” he says. “*Lucha libre* helped us as kids growing up Latino in San Diego. Before we discovered them, all the heroes on TV were white guys. Then we found *lucha libre* on the Tijuana stations. Mexican guys. It was like being home.”

Macedonio’s here with his wife Alicia and Iyari, their 16-year-old daughter. “‘Iyari’ means ‘Heart’ in Huichol,” he says. “We are part Huichol. It’s a tribe in the Sierra Madre, inland from Guadalajara.” Macedonio went to UCSD and started a Chicano comedy troupe, Teatro Izcalli, Theater of the House of Reawakening, which performs in schools and campuses around the country. “There’s nothing more exciting than making people laugh,” Macedonio says. “Now I’m writing a movie called *Four Hundred Feathers*. Looks like it’s going to happen. It’s about Moctezuma’s headdress, which has 400 quetzal feathers, and was taken to a museum in Austria. It’s about these two guys who plot to get it back.”

I’m listening and chewing. The flautas are excellent, with that cheesy-potato taste. But the



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carne asada quesotaco is da bomb. Crispy coatings of cheese, oh-so-tender carne asada with a carbon kick.

“We do the carne asada meat differently,” says one of the owners, José Luis. “We fillet it ourselves and marinate it and cook it on a grill, not a flat plate. So it gets that carbon-barbecue flavor.”

So, how come the wrestling theme? “We want it to be fun, and we all grew up watching the wrestling movies and playing with our plastic wrestlers and wearing the masks.”

“And the Champion’s Booth?” I ask.

“Anybody can use it, but you have to reserve 24 hours ahead of time. When you come, we serve the same food, same price, but on fancy plates, and the same drinks, but in gold-rimmed wine glasses. We treat you like champions. The most fun part is you can hear everybody else saying, ‘Who are those important people?’” ■

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Alpine

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite burning under fresh-cut beef rib is too much to resist — the secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire. Inexpensive.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Café Français La Belle Claude 7th Street #8186-A, Tijuana. A family with their own farm outside town runs this chic Parisian outpost offering farm-made jams and cheeses, *panini*, *ciabattas*, an excellent French-dip sandwich, flaky dessert empanadas, and French pâtisserie to go with the genuine Cuban coffee. Inexpensive.

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993, Ensenada, 646-178-1809. Gourmet Mexican cuisine with unique specialties: Crisp quail with rose petal sauce proves delicious, and seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Moderate.

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10611-A, Tijuana, 664-634-3346. Mexican haute cuisine with inventive combinations. The menu re-frames the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Inexpensive.

Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuauhtémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Bl., next to CESUN Universidad), Tijuana, 664-686-4687. Unusual dishes from Chef Roberto's native Puebla include *huanzontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach" in chocolate mole sauce, and *Dedos de Moctezuma* ("Montezuma's fingers" — cactus stuffed with steak). Moderate.

La Leña Boulevard Agua Caliente #11191, Tijuana, 664-686-2920. Open-grill *charro* food with a peaceful view. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf 'n' turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Moderate.

Lonchería la Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Best food stall in the marketplace? Maybe. Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. Inexpensive.

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 664-685-5070. The house special, *mole poblano*, has complex, delicious house-made mole sauce with an enchilada, eggs, rice, beans, tortillas. Also delicious: stuffed pastries, pork rind *gorditas*. Inexpensive.

Balboa Park

Taco Rey Taco Shop 1870 Fourth Ave., Balboa Park, 619-234-6617. Everyone from garbage-truck drivers to doctors patronizes this sidewalk-seating, canopy-shaded *taquería*. Their breakfast *huevos Mexicanos* and sunset California burritos are great al fresco. Inexpensive.

Banker's Hill

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Also 1430 Union St., Little Italy, 619-294-7001. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by her travels from Paris to Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Uptown location desserts only; downtown offers light grazing meals, too. Moderate.

Hane 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-260-1411. This city branch of legendary Sushi Ota is more comfortable, with bilingual chefs at the counter exercising impeccable craftsmanship, emphasizing pristine rolls and sashimi, not party rolls. The *omakase* sashimi platter offers Ota's most popular and showy creations. Moderate-plus.

Campo

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Pl., Campo, 619-478-2888. The burgers are made from Black Angus beef, so they cost more. But there are deals, too, like the huge The Works omelet and the robust lunchtime homemade soup of the day. Inexpensive.

Cardiff

Besta-Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Dr., Cardiff, 760-753-6707. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you want to fill up. Inexpensive.

Trattoria Positano 2171 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-632-0111. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Upper-moderate.

Carlsbad

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza here. They make the pies with thin, crisp crusts and toppings like meatball or garlic. Maybe their best is the Bronx Special: pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper, and garlic. Inexpensive.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad 640 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-4072. Above-average pub grub, especially the moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, salads, and house-baked brown bread. Noisy interior, serene patio out back. Inexpensive.

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish. Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

Jimmy's 1198 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Also 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-448-8994. Family-friendly restaurants offer a six-page plastic menu of good old-fashioned American food — huge breakfasts, big dinners like steak with all the trimmings, homemade desserts. Inexpensive.

Restaurant el Patio 410 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-9745. Old-fashioned Cal-Mex with nothing new except the Flying Saucer (fried tortilla stacked with beef, tomatoes, and a mound of salad). Otherwise, go for the *chile rellenos*, enchiladas, taco combo, and open-faced chilburgers. Inexpensive to moderate.

City Heights

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-284-4215. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the filling Vietnamese beef-noodle soup meal. Another safe bet is stir-fried

crispy or soft egg noodles with seafood and assorted vegetables. Inexpensive.

Trieu Chau 4653 University Ave., City Heights, 619-280-4204. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffee dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Inexpensive.

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-584-2535. Flower-strewn patio, plush interior, with sandwiches named after navy bases, rich entrées like eggplant Parmesan, chicken with mushrooms, served until midnight weekends. Inexpensive.

Clairemont

Buga Korean BBQ Restaurant 5580 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-560-1010. Aside from the BBQ meats and generous free side dishes, treats include simmered black cod in spicy sauce, miso soup with pork, stone pot *bibimbap* (rice casserole), *mandoo* dumplings. Moderate.

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Coronado

Chez Loma French Bistro 1132 Loma Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0661. In a charming, historic cottage, this bistro offers classic French bourgeois cuisine, plus some lighter, modern dishes. Don't miss Normandy-style onion soup with apple cider. Prix fixe dinners moderate, à la carte expensive.

Clayton's Coffee Shop 979 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5425. The food is all American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, sandwiches both hot and cold. Dinner specials include pork chops

and homemade meat loaf with gravy. Inexpensive.

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. Fun "aloha" atmosphere with a bay view. Herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crust halibut sauced with coconut milk are tasty, and the tender roast beef is USDA Prime. Moderate.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280. Try Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread loaf or corned beef and cabbage with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Raucous inside, but escape on big heated patio. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Mistral 4000 Coronado Bay Rd., Coronado, 619-424-4000. The light, healthful, Mediterranean-style cuisine (northern Italy and southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits grown organically on the resort grounds. Romantic ambience with bay view. Expensive.

Peohe's 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4474. Fabulous seaside venue, silly with Hawaiian decor, featuring steaks and seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. Expensive.

Del Mar

Americana 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Casual breakfast/lunch, serious dinners, with flavors of the American melting pot and summer veggies from the chef's home garden. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Del Mar Rendezvous Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-2669. Longtime restaurateur Mark Sun came out of retirement to try out a new concept of contemporary Asian tapas and Chinese entrées made over with prime ingredients — clean, creative, and greaseless, with a wide choice of wines. Moderate to expensive.

Iris Food and Spirits 2334 Carmel Valley Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-5878. At this comfortable but upscale "neighborhood restaurant" with patio overlooking Del Mar Lagoon's marshy beauty, chef-owner Tommy Golden (ex-Parkhouse and Beach Grass) turns out eclectic, home-tasting Euro-Cal dishes, climaxing in stellar desserts; a well-priced wine list accompanies them. Expensive.

Kitchen 1540 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. Gorgeous seaside resort (renovated in 2008) offers a modern dining room and heated patios to enjoy fine, creative cooking, combining "slow food" craftsmanship and the latest technical tricks to display the bright seasonal flavors of local veg-

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Pacifica del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. Fresh fish and organic produce enliven fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. Extremely noisy bar area. Expensive to very expensive.

Downtown

Alambres Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-2838. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Inexpensive.

Athens Market 109 F St., Downtown, 619-234-1955. Owner Mary Pappas serves huge portions of honest Greek home cooking (lentil soup, *spanakopita*, meaty gyros), in a classy white-tablecloth atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen 333 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-342-0212. Huge, raucous Australian gastro-pub with splashy, fun decor, offering Aussie brews and amusing appetizers. Culinary style resembles California-fusion, but spicier, with exotic homeland ingredients. Moderate, some entrées expensive.

Coffee and Art Photographic Art Gallery 777 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-8458. Come for the curry pies. This South African-run East Village neighborhood coffee place has healthy breakfasts and light lunches in-

side a cool art/photo gallery. But it's the ultra-flaky Brit-made “savory pot pies” that star, especially the beef or veggie curry pies. Inexpensive.

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-1001. Good, fresh Persian cooking, popular with local Persians. Tasty dishes include Khoresh Bademjan (baby eggplant and beef stew), Barg (marinated beef tenderloin with rice), and the vegetarian plate. Kebabs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Inexpensive.

De'Medici Cucina Italiana 815 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7228. Sinatra atmosphere, cool street patio. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive.

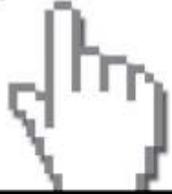
Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-7581. Faux-fusion fare. The lighter dishes are best — not a bad place to graze on appetizers or a mini-pizza when you're starved for a water view. Entrées high-moderate to very expensive.

Gaslamp Pizza 505 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-7542. This joint comes alive around 2am, serving good thin-crust pizzas (vegetarian, BBQ chicken, and chicken pesto are best-o) plus wings, “halapeno peppers” and big salads to revelers seeking post-revel bal-last. Inexpensive.

Georges on Fifth 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers (“lobster martini,” oysters, tuna tartare). Expensive to extreme.

Harbor House 831 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to watch the sailboats over a margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Moderate to expensive.

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Indigo Café 1435 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-6478. Favorite of San Diego Symphony players. Specialty: New Orleans dishes like jambalaya or gumbo. Really good: oyster or shrimp po boy sandwich. Inexpensive to moderate.

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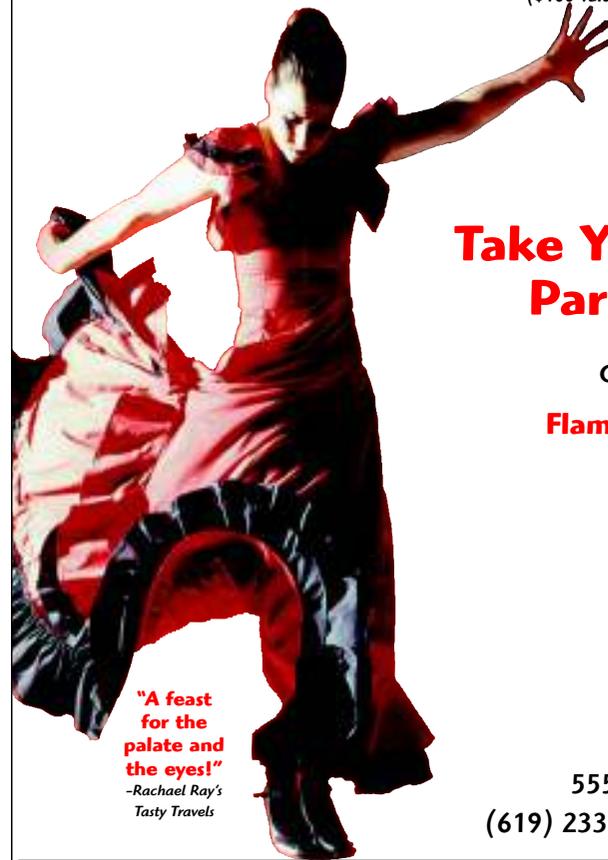
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Mediterranean Café and Lounge 1352 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-2233. They serve a panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food until 3 or 4 am. Best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Inexpensive to moderate.

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza offers an elegant hominess and sense of comfort. The Cal cuisine is good, in-

cluding excellent grilled calamari. Moderate to expensive.

Pauly's Pizza Station 1050 Park Bl., Downtown, 619-231-0300. Pauly hides inside a convenience store at the City College trolley stop, making flavorful, East Coast thin-crust pies with some creative toppings — plus breakfast pizzas and calzones for when Friday night turns into Saturday morning. Open late to very late. Inexpensive.

Pierre's Place 1404 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-727-4700. Toussaint School's student-run restaurant offers pizzas and interesting dishes like Florentine breakfast *panini*, Tuscan chicken *panini*, and the Italian Special (toasted Italian roll with salami, ham *capicola*, provolone). Inexpensive.

Rama 327 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-8424. Ravishing upscale decor and chefs from top Bangkok restaurants offer a special experience. The menu includes some rare authentic

dishes like chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork. Moderate.

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J St., Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes and veggie side dishes tend to be tastier. High-moderate.

Rei Do Gado Churrascaria 939 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8464. Skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue of many meats). The buffet (included in meal price) includes side dishes, salads, fruit, and hot entrées like seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but comfortable flavors. Moderate.

Sidebar Deli 225 Cedar St., Downtown, 619-525-1444. Cal Western students clamor for lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Also breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches, French dip sandwiches, California wraps. Inexpensive.

Soleil @k 660 K St., Downtown, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crabsticks. Moderate to expensive.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-3140. It's DIY grilling here; no minors admitted. You can take the USDA Choice steaks up a notch with spice blends and sauces. Other choices include burgers, chicken, ahi, shrimp, and kebabs. Inexpensive to moderate.

Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Westgate Plaza, 1055 Second Ave., Downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your Aunt Martha for a genteel lunch that looks ritzy, costs little. Best deal is the Friday cioppino:

a tomato-based soup filled with seafoods. Inexpensive.

East Village

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway, East Village, 619-232-6264. From a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage-link sub, portions are generous if not exactly gourmet fare. Free neighborhood delivery. Inexpensive.

Dirty Del's 499 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-677-3789. A cozy neighborhood watering hole near the ballpark has half a dozen tables and half a dozen sports screens, and serves big, interesting sandwiches. Inexpensive.

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market St., East Village, 619-677-2695. Big, noisy sports bar/bowling alley with creative pub grub until 2am nightly. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. Or try a *Panino Cubano* or herb-brined chicken wings. Inexpensive.

El Cajon

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. The salad bar is surrounded by a U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to certified Black Angus prime rib. Moderate.

Encinitas

The Bird House Grill 250 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Savory Turkish cuisine includes generous

plates like Iskender Kebab (gyros, a.k.a. döner kebab with rice, tomato sauce, rich house-made yogurt) and *kofte* (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). Inexpensive.

Firefly 251 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. Spacious wine-bar/restaurant features exciting wine choices and wine-bar snacks. The most popular lunch item is the Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts and weekend brunches are strong suits. Moderate to expensive.

Firenze 162 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., Encinitas, 760-944-9000. Gorgeous rooms and outdoor patio, offering heaping platefuls of multiregional Italian cuisine (including two dozen meatless selections) and affordable Italian and California wines. High-moderate.

El Q'ero 564 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. The fare includes empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. Moderate.

Saint Germain's Café 1010 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Not French, despite the name, but all-American. Omelets are the best-known dish — 14 three-egg (or Eggbeaters by request). Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veggie choices). Inexpensive.

Escondido

A Delight of France 126 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-746-2644. This French bakery is a delight indeed, offering authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including true Parisian-style almond croissants studded with nuts and laced with almond paste. Inexpensive.

La Tapatia 340 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare done low-salt and healthy style in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. Moderate.

Vincent's Sirinos 113 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, like a flavorful veil chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables are the season's best and sensitively treated. Expensive.

Golden Hill

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-231-0716. Also 47th and Market, Chollas View, 619-262-6052. Regular Mex dishes served, but the soaring specialty is Seven Seas Soup, a big bowl of savory red broth clunking with giant crab legs, clams, fish chunks, shrimp, octopus, and vegetables. Inexpensive.

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. Every night's an indoor cookout as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks, burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hillcrest

The Asian Bistro 414 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The adventurous Thai-accented pan-Asian menu is served until 3 am. Don't miss the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

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One free entrée

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6618 Mission Gorge Rd.
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619-584-6461

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With the purchase of one at regular menu price. Up to \$9.99 value. One coupon per table, per visit. Dine-in only. Not combined with any other offers of discounts. Alcohol and tax not included.




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Get 1 free order of steak fries

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312 Ballantyne Street
El Cajon
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10330 Friars Rd. #105
San Diego
619-280-4048

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Free entrée

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1466 Garnet Ave.
Pacific Beach
858-270-4030

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Del Mar
858-720-1168

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Solana Beach
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Any check over \$25. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per table.

6390 El Cajon Blvd.
College Area
619-287-6858

3750 John J. Montgomery Dr.
San Diego
858-292-4716

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San Diego
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Free edamame or miso soup
With purchase of any entrée (except side & Kids' Menu). Good only at Mission Valley. One coupon per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Dine-in or take-out only.

7710 Hazard Center Dr. #D
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5119 Cass Street
Pacific Beach
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309 W. Mission Avenue
Escondido
760-480-1348



Chicken +

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Up to \$10.99. Purchase one adult entrée with two beverages and receive one adult entrée of equal or lesser value free.

3805 Plaza Dr. **Oceanside** 760-630-1551
2855 Midway Dr. **San Diego** 619-224-3347
355 N. Escondido Blvd. **Escondido** 760-741-2568



Sizzler

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50% off yogurt
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12010 Scripps Summit Dr., Ste. B
Scripps Ranch
858-549-9205



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3860 Valley Centre Dr.
Carmel Valley
858-792-1111
423 F St.
Downtown/Gaslamp
619-234-8000



Star of India

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\$5 off
Any purchase of \$20 or more. Excludes beverages.

9978 Scripps Ranch Blvd.
Scripps Ranch
858-695-8088

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Free pizza
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425 S. Melrose Dr.
Vista
760-295-3851



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50% off pizza
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13332 Poway Rd.
Poway
858-679-FAST (3278)

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50% off Nigiri & Sushi rolls
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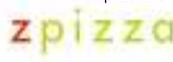
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50% off entrée
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9910 Mira Mesa Blvd. #A
Miramar
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14727 Pomerado Road
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12735 Poway Rd.
Poway
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Free 6" Sub
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Rancho Bernardo
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1061 W. El Norte Pkwy
Escondido
760-480-5662



Pita King

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\$1 off buffet
Limit one per customer.

9187 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
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15% off entire check
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124 Lomas Santa Fe Dr.
Solana Beach
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50% off entrée
Buy one entrée with 2 beverages and receive a second entrée at 50% off.

6625 Flanders Dr.
San Diego
858-200-2101



BOSTON SPORTS CAFE

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Calendar RESTAURANTS

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar 1417 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Modern Mediterranean tapas are most of the menu, cleverly cooked and assembled into interesting bargain-price early-bird dinners some weeknights. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they can add up.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-0119. Nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the street-side casual level. Mainly Sicilian-style tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella), but satisfying. Moderate to expensive.

Celadon 3671 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The entrées offer sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go to the chef's specialty menu to find the rarest. Among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Moderate.

Chipotle 734 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. Several San Diego locations. This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves to the original vision: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades, including fresh-grilled carne asada and *carnitas*. Rock-bottom prices.

Islander Grill 3645 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-297-3929. Exotic food from Guam includes chicken *kelaguen*, a citrus salad resembling ceviche and brilliant coconut shrimp. Stews are flavorful: The saucy pot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam. Inexpensive.

Khyber Pass 523 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. Fascinating Afghani cuisine. Don't miss the out-

standing *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamarod chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Moderate.

Sushi Itto 441 Washington St., Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Also 409 F St., Downtown, 619-237-1037. This is Mexican sushi. Nearly all party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado; most include hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. Inexpensive.

Yakitori Yakyudori 3739 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4189. Yakitori are Japan's little skewers of grilled or fried goodies, each marinated and/or garnished to flatter its nature — great for grazing. Chicken-skin salad, fried tofu, skewered pork with *shiso*, chicken heart, and octopus fritters are among the standouts. Inexpensive to moderate.

the chef's specials like *ho mok* (shrimp, green-shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Inexpensive.

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. Argentine specialties feature healthy, grass-fed, grilled beef, including an Americanized version (minus organ meats) of the *gauchos'* great *parrillada mixta* (mixed grill). Good beef empanada, potatoes. Moderate.

Sunrise Super Buffet 3860 Convo St., Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. Apart from all the meats, fish, shellfish, lobster (on Sundays), and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, and dragon rolls, raw oysters in their shells are a big draw. Beverages included in price. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Bleu Bohème 4090 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-255-4167. Classic French bistro, *très chic* but informal and noisy, emphasizes familiar favorites from the old-fashioned, French-in-America, bourgeois-cuisine restaurant repertoire. High-moderate.

La Jolla

A.R. Valentien 11480 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-777-6635. California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of in-season produce and top-quality meats and seafood; scenic setting. Very expensive.

The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery 7596 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-1640. It's soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half of turkey sandwich (with real house-roasted turkey) and Italian wedding

Imperial Beach

Big Kahuna's 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-5224. A mini chain, but with true Hawaiian roots. Go for the baseball-mitt size Big Kahuna Burger or the Killer Kalua pork sandwich — the pork comes straight out of the *imu*, the traditional Hawaiian underground oven. Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

Crab Hut 4646 Convo St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1678. A local Vietnamese family runs this friendly, bare-bones eatery, specializing in Louisiana-style fried seafood and boiled seasoned shrimp, crabs, and crawfish. Inexpensive to moderate.

Flavor Thai 4768 Convo St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the *massaman*, the potato curry. Check out



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\$2 off entrée

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Downtown San Diego
619-338-9655

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One free lunch

with purchase of another lunch item and two drinks.

1688 S. Melrose Dr.
Vista
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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.

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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
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Two 14" large pizzas \$20.99

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5131 College Ave.
College Area
619-286-4200

5664 Mission Center Rd.
Mission Valley
619-295-9648

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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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\$1 off buffet

Limit one per customer.

9254 Scranton Rd., Ste. 102
San Diego
858-458-2858

Expires 11.26.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

soup will feed you all day for near-nothing. Inexpensive.

George's at the Cove — California Modern 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The California Modern dining room continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious California cuisine based on seasonal ingredients and emphasizing wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. Very expensive.

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-7381. Down-home eatery with a pretty patio, where the ham, steak, and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as are Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries, pecan pancakes, and thin, crisp waffles. For lunch, turkey burgers and the British Burger are popular. Inexpensive.

Jai 2910 La Jolla Village Drive/UCSD Campus, La Jolla, 858-638-7778. Chic Wolfgang Puck spinoff serves refined Asian fusion in beautiful woody setting, and you don't need tickets to L.J. Playhouse to enjoy it — it's all pure, playful pleasure. Expensive.

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Reserve for the garden patio to avoid indoor din. Exquisite, creative Italian dishes include fine sweetbreads, ravioli *al limone*, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart. Moderate to expensive.

The Steakhouse at Azul 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The Brigantine chain's upscale branch offers surf 'n' turf with a sea view. Bright, tender steaks, reliably well-treated seafood. Very expensive.

Zenbu 7660 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-4540. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls. Don't miss the live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood. Upper-moderate to expensive.

La Mesa

Antica Trattoria 5654 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-463-9919. Exuberant Italian food in family-friendly atmosphere. NY expats will rejoice at cooking and hospitality to equal Manhattan favorites. Moderate (pastas) to slightly expensive.

Ciao Bella Caffè Bar e Ristorante 5263 Baltimore Dr., La Mesa, 619-337-0238. Not your ordinary neighborhood Italian joint. Exciting dishes include Penne Ciao Bella (salmon, shrimp, and spinach in a light sauce), *cartoccio* (baked spaghetti with seafood) and San Remo pizza (with sunny-side-up eggs). Moderate.

GIO Bistro & Wine Bar 8384 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The vast garden patio is the main draw, however punishing the wry patio chairs. The hit-or-miss menu of eclectic Cal-Ital-Asian-fusion offers "something for everyone" — but there's no "there" there. High-moderate.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777. This rambling roadhouse reincarnates the Turf Supper Club's DIY communal grill, adding side dishes and desserts to the marinated raw steaks, portobellos, etc. Under 21 from 4 to 7 pm only; no reservations. Open late. Moderate.

Lemon Grove

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Ave., Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. True Tennessee-style barbecue of meats and poultry slow-smoked tender over oak, plus mouthwatering Memphis-style soul food entrées and honest Deep-South sides. Inexpensive.

Taste of Polynesia 6937 Federal Bl., Lemon Grove, 619-466-6199. It's

Samoa here, not Hawaiian, so be prepared for new stuff, like *muli pipi* (roasted turkey tail), *oka* (raw cubes of yellowtail with coconut milk), and corned beef with taro. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Hwy., Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco pink palace at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky flavor. Inexpensive to moderate.

Illume Bistro 675 W. Beech St., Little Italy, 619-550-5600. California grazing cuisine with a Mediterranean accent featuring natural, sustainable, seasonal food products in simple preparations and medium-size portions, designed for sharing. Moderate.

Indigo Grill 1536 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-6802. Deborah Scott expands her original Native-American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

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Puerto la Boca 2060 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Uncompromised Argentine cooking here, emphasizing healthy grass-fed grilled beef but also lush seafood, pizzas, and lacto-vegetarian pastas. Starters include luscious beef or corn empanadas and the filling *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Moderate.

Logan Heights

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Ave., Logan Heights, 619-236-0470. The menu depends on what Sister Pee Wee feels like cooking. You might find big pork ribs with soulful sides or fried chicken or catfish fillet with trimmings or chitlins (her specialty). Inexpensive.

Midway District

Country Kabob 3145 Rosecrans St., Midway District, 619-226-2524. Also 3375 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-563-6300. The star of this reasonably priced Greek place is owner-chef Karim Latif. He's Afghan and learned Greek cooking in NYC. He always has specials, sometimes even "pay what you can." Reliable choice: Number 36, the kobeda kabob. Charbroiled. Inexpensive.

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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.

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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

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Buca di Beppo 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Downtown. Try *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff in vast family-friendly quantities, but you're having fun. Inexpensive to moderate.

Mission Beach

Red Marlin Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-1234. Blissful bay view, with hotel food enlivened by Chef de Cuisine Danny Bannister. Want Kurobuta pork medium-rare? He knows the secret. And his blue crab cake is all crab, minimal filler. Expensive.

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Sausage King 811 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. The German couple who run this place make 34 sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. Inexpensive.

Starlite 3175 India St., Mission Hills, 619-358-9766. The California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages, local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat iron steak are knockouts; so is a toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Nice back-patio seating. Moderate.

Venissimo Cheese 754 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese...fruity, moldy, runny, stinky... Any cheese in the house, same price: around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it. Inexpensive.

National City

Asian Noodle 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-5390. The main dish is Filipino-style chicken soup with egg noodles — a little bland, but filling. *Siopao* (stuffed steamed buns) make a good accompaniment — or try "sweet spaghetti." Inexpensive.

Birrias, Chivos & Cheves 2401 Highland Ave., National City, 619-477-7660. Goat is what you get here, and it's good. Guadalajara style. The taste is rich but not too gamey. Inexpensive.

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-479-6748. The pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Inexpensive.

Normal Heights

Blind Lady Ale House 3416 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-255-2491. The amazing, ever-changing draft ales will bring you here, but the unusual pizzas will help you keep chugging. Original salads, too. Basic draw: the civilized craziness of the place.

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Small room, short menu of fine, authentic mainland cooking including specials like complex house-made mole poblano and Oaxacan black mole, Chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef), or Yucatán seafood stew. Inexpensive.

Jayne's Gastropub 4677 30th St., Normal Heights, 619-563-1011. Clamorous interior, but you'll find sophisticated southern-European appetizers like hummus, fried calamari, and Span-

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North Park

Alexander's 3391 30th St., North Park, 619-281-2539. A spin-off of Old Venice, serving neighborhood-style Italian with Greek touches, including interesting specials and imaginative thin-crust pizzas. Loud, bright interior; sweet, dim back patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Crazee Burger 4201 30th St., North Park, 619-282-6044. You'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads, German sausages, bargain wines, and serious beers. Inexpensive to low moderate.

Hawthorn's Restaurant 2895 University Ave., North Park, 619-295-1688. When this Banker's Hill restaurant moved to new digs here, the change proved positive. Mediterranean-influenced menu choices are fewer but better, with seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. Expensive.

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Ave., North Park, 619-793-4758. Cookies, tarts, pies, custards, puddings, and intricate cakes and ice cream fantasies. The style is rich and often fancy with choices ranging from American favorites to ethereal Euro-style elaborations. Inexpensive.

Marie's Café 3016 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-0142. Old-time

diner serving generous portions. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach

Livingston's Chicken and Mexican Grill 5026 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-224-8088. "Broasted" chicken — pressure cooked in oil — is tastier and less greasy than standard fried chicken. Or try garlicky "potato Jo-Jo's," a California burrito, or pork salsa verde plate. Until midnight weekdays; 2am weekends. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli 4765 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. Virtuous, mainly vegan-prepared dishes include garlic eggplant with beet and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, veggie shepherd's pie, "mango madness." Inexpensive.

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also 3910 30th St., North Park, 619-574-1288. Healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in a tropical setting. A big plus: zero attitude. Top picks are the seafood dishes and the house-made mole sauce with a zillion ingredients. Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Ruby's is part of a themed '40s-diner chain. Red-leatherette-and-chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, and that view to

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Old Town



El Agave 2304 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-220-0692. Serious Mexican food highlighting mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas). Moderate.

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-294-2074. The traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crabmeat, or the scampi dishes. Moderate.

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Broken Yolk Café 1851 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Additional locations in Chula Vista, Carlsbad, and Downtown. Breakfasting P.B.ers love this place for the sundeck, the 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. Inexpensive.

Gringo's 4474 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. This noisy, popular indoor-outdoor venue is better than its name implies, with fresh, skillful cooking of slightly dumbed-down, gentled Mexican cuisine like you might find in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta. Moderate.

JRDN 723 Felspar St., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. Beachfront dining room and patio, with dishes covering the waterfront, ranging from mac 'n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. Chic, relaxed atmosphere, great grazing, youngish crowd. Entrées expensive.

Joe's Crab Shack 4325 Ocean Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. Additional locations in Mission Valley, Oceanside, and Downtown. Buckets of crab or fried or grilled seafood in raucous, kid-friendly atmosphere. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Latin Chef 1142 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-8810. Peruvian and Chinese-Peruvian cuisine cooked with rare, authentic ingredients, including *canchitos* (special toasted corn kernels) to nibble instead of bread. Outstanding *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) and refreshing ceviches. Friendly owner gladly explains the food. Inexpensive.

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. This renowned sushi bar offers pristine seafood, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. And beauty, of course, like the sashimi of a whole small Spanish mackerel bent into the shape of a swelling sail. Moderate to expensive.

Pine Valley

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Old West atmosphere, vintage American food including hefty anytime breakfasts (bulging omelets, chicken-fried steak with eggs). Their burgers are big, their chili is legendary, and the dinner rib-eye steak can make city folks swoon. 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.

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-226-1135. Japanese

and Korean entrées such as *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen) chicken/seafood/beef, Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and spicy Crazy Boy "krab" roll. Inexpensive to moderate.

Rancho Bernardo

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. This deluxe resort restaurant features cutting-edge French and Asian (but not exactly fusion) dishes made with fresh, superb local ingredients and modern "molecular" techniques, producing flavor explosions to thrill culinary adventurers. Very expensive.

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. At this romantic restaurant with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting, the menu offers classic Gallic dishes, but ingredients and execution can be inconsistent night to night. Moderate.

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan, de-spiced for SoCal suburbanites. Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are tasty. Inexpensive.

Rancho Santa Fe

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, the French...actually, anyone with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of Prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Very expensive.

San Marcos

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Also 417 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-434-6777. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu. The Manhattan chowder is tasty, as is their "krab" salad. Moderate.

Santa Ysabel

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. Colorful historic roadhouse draws Harley-riding weekend day-trippers. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a "Texas-sized baked potato," salad, and squaw bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Solana Beach

Beach Grass Café 159 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Also 1476 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-942-2741. Imaginative breakfasts are the specialty (reservations vital on weekends). Lunches and dinners feature uneven multiethnic "coastal cuisine" with good veggies. Moderate to slightly expensive.

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Ave., Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Try the La Colonia combination: just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla is delicious. Inexpensive.

Zinc Café & Market 132 S. Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. Vegetarian menu offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger are tasty, too. Inexpensive.

Tierrasanta

Bud's Louisiana Café 10425 Tierrasanta Bl., Tierrasanta, 858-573-2837. Authentic NOLA favorites cooked by a friendly native, including good okra gumbo and fine roast beef po' boys — to eat in or to go. The white-chocolate bread pudding is a masterpiece. No reservations; no tables for more than six. Low moderate.

University City

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-678-0950. This chain serves one big, fresh meal. Stuff your raw meat and veggies into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hot plate, and add noodles. Inexpensive.

University Heights

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-8661. The most popular lunch at this Greek deli with a patio is lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special — Fridays and Saturdays — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Inexpensive.

Farm House Café 2121 Adams Ave., University Heights, 619-269-9662. At this charming spot in a near-rural corner of the central city, chef-owner Olivier Bioteau serves rustic but sophisticated French cuisine, including creative chocolates for dessert. Dinner moderate, brunch inexpensive to moderate.

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Brothers Back and Forth

Top dog says, "You should do this"; underdog replies, "Sure, someday; right now I'm busy."

Link and younger brother Booth have virtuosic hands. To hear him tell it, Link was "the Stink," the "be all end all," best three-card monte hustler in town. He could "throw" the cards — two hearts, a deuce of spades — and leapfrog them over each other so fast his mark'd get mystified and never pick the deuce. And Booth? He has few rivals as a

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"booster." Give him a thick overcoat. Put him in a classy store. Game over. When he steals, Booth says, he steals "generously." Though how he swiped that ornate, three-panel folding screen would boggle even the gullible.

The African-American brothers are the Tiger Woodses of their respective crafts. But they have street skills, neither of which translates into what Link wants: a legal, "sit-down job with benefits." To reach that status, in Suzan-Lori Parks's *Top Dog/Underdog*, Link works at an arcade playing his namesake, Abraham Lincoln. He sits, as if at the Ford's Theatre, and people pay to assassinate him with a cap pistol.

There are probably several, but it's hard to think of a more demeaning job: a black man dresses as the freer of the slaves — beard, stovepipe hat,

whiteface — and racists gun him down. But typical of Parks's writing, she doesn't comment. Doesn't need to. And the job is part of a much larger texture that resonates like a gong.

Parks does permit herself the occasional potshot, as when Link says people want history "to unfold the way they folded it up. Neatly like a book. Not raggedy and bloody and screaming."

The play's title could refer to Fritz Perls's "top dog/underdog" theory. The Gestalt therapist believed that when a person represses a potential characteristic, it will sabotage the one that displaced it. The "top dog" (i.e., the dominant one, a bit like Freud's superego) makes demands, takes charge, judges; while the repressed "underdog" uses evasive means — passivity, helplessness — to defeat its "master."

"Shoulds" are an example: top dog says, "You should do this" (or even "If you don't, life will cease"); underdog replies, "Sure, someday; right now I'm busy." The two parts aren't separate, Perls argued, but sides of the same coin (Mighty Mouse has Mickey Mouse within him and vice versa, a commentator said). The goal: acknowl-



Johnny Gill in *Top Dog/Underdog*

Top Dog/Underdog, by Suzan-Lori Parks
Arthur Wagner Theatre, UCSD, La Jolla
Directed by Nadine George-Graves; cast: Johnny Gill, Bowman Wright; scenic and costume design, Christine Crook; lighting, Sarah Cogan; sound, David Corsello
Run concluded.

edge their combined existence.

Parks calls Link the "top dog" and Booth the "underdog." The names, Lincoln and Booth — a joke their father played before he abandoned them — define their relation with each other. Lincoln tries to renounce his past (and urges his brother to do the same), and Booth wants to develop a more marketable street skill, throwing

cards. Parks suggests that the world Lincoln tries to join is a con game between the Players and the Played. And if the brothers abandon their "underdog" crafts, "there ain't no winning."

It's fairly easy to schematize *Top Dog/Underdog*, but the play, and the UCSD production that had too brief a run last week, resist categorization. Parks interweaves everything with rhythms



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that also reflect the theme. The play won the Pulitzer for 2002, and it moves in patterns of shock and awe — or shock and entertain. Shocks come fast: a lost job, yet another betrayal, a flashing handgun; the entertainment, dazzling set pieces.

I wish everyone who loves theater could have seen Johnny Gill's tour de force at the top of scene two. Up to this point, his Booth's been just a trash-talking wannabe three-card thrower ("You living in the Third World, fool," older brother Lincoln says). Booth enters in a thick black overcoat, shivering from the cold, humming a song. Then, like a magician with rabbits, he pulls a brand-new shoe

from a sleeve; then its partner. Then another pair. Two belts slither out like snakes. Still humming, Gill chucks the coat and reveals a handsome suit. Off goes the jacket, then the pants, and he's wearing *another* suit. He produces two folded shirts and neckties. Once you're convinced Booth's a genius, he ups the ante. He exits and brings back that folding screen. Part of the play turns on metaphors of changing clothes/changing identities, but Booth's shoplifter-striptease makes the point unforgettably.

Johnny Gill and Bowman Wright made the play not about metaphors, or a clinical study in self-deconstructing super-egos, but about brothers, at once best friends and worst enemies, who can't go on without first going through each other. Gill's

Booth was an artful dodger who wore his dreams on — and, during scene two, in — his sleeve. He spoke with such assurance it was hard to tell fact from myth.

Compared to Gill's spontaneity, Wright's Link at first seemed sluggish. He just slumped in his chair, sipped bourbon "medicine," and spoke as if someone edited his words. But when Link got back in touch with his art, Wright made a 180 degree jolt and became suddenly unrepressed and fully alive.

The playwright wants different kinds of pauses, from breathers to full and lengthy stops. Director Nadine George-Graves honored them so much that the pace often lagged. But she and her actors filled the brothers' sibling rivalry with stark emotional truth. At various points Link and Booth would flip-flop, from top to under, in themselves and with each

other: two coins with two spinning sides, and in the end a sudden, fatal tailspin. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Angels in America, Part II: Perestroika

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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 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.

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DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

Bonnie and Clyde

La Jolla Playhouse presents the world-premiere musical — music by Frank Wildhorn, lyrics by Don Black, book by Ivan Menchell — based on the legendary outlaws. Jeff Calhoun directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20.

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.

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Joyful Noise

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Teresa Byrne (Kitty: a feisty diva with a rocket soprano voice), Jim Chovick (a treat as humble King George II) make valuable contributions. Talented Jason Heil does what he can with Bishop Henry Egerton, the play's wordy villain. David Thayer, who used to work lighting wonders at Lamb's old National City space, devised a minimalist set with marbled, neoclassic columns. Special credit to co-sound designers, Gilmour Smyth and Patrick Duffy.

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prostitutes, an estimated 2000 pirata prostitutes are selling sex without health inspections or licenses, says director Alfredo Gruel Culebro.

The score so far this year: 3 cases of HIV infection, 751 cases of gardnerella, 20 cases of syphilis, 30 cases of condiloma virus, 3 cases of hepatitis type C, 121 cases of human papilloma virus (of which 35 have tested positive for cancer), 39 cases of chlamydia, and

535 cases of candida infection.

Source: Frontera

By T.B. Beaudeau, 11/13

Beauty Bench

Bird Rock to Get

Another in December

La Jolla — This morning I sat on a bench with my organic cup of joe, but this was no typical bench, for it looked as though it belonged in a museum rather than on the sidewalk in Bird Rock. A petite woman soon joined me.

"Isn't this the most beautiful bench you've

ever seen?" I said, running my fingers over the shiny mosaic surface, reading a message woven through the grout: "Do all you can to live at peace with everyone."

The woman said, "It has levels, like [the game] I Spy: every time you walk by, you notice something different."

The bench was dedicated to Joe Parker, a local music lover who often dressed as Mozart while teaching music to kids. Parker's favorite composers and songs were

represented there in glass, stone, and ceramic tile around the bench's edges.

I learned the woman speaking to me was Jane Wheeler, the bench's creator. The benches are part of a "Beautify Bird Rock" program. A new bench will be dedicated in December.

By Carolyn Grace Matteo, 11/16

Good Press

Lost Bag Found in Five Minutes

Tijuana — "While standing in the jewelry store of Jorge Espinosa, I real-

ized that I had a bag on my right shoulder but no bag on my left shoulder," Colleen McAvoy explained. "Suddenly, we realized I must have left it in the yellow taxi which dropped us off nearly...a half hour before. [This bag was] the one with handbag, wallet, passport, camera, etc...."

"Espinosa immediately jumped to our aid," she continued. "He closed his shop and drove us in his own car to where we had gotten the taxi. Espinosa spoke to drivers, found a supervisor who radioed

around, and within five minutes we were told that my bag had been found. In three more minutes, our taxi driver [Guillermo Lizarraga Alvarado] pulled up with my bag, completely intact."

By Noel Gallego, 11/12

Comments

1. Jorge Espinosa became my friend as he became my jewelry repair guy. After I took a lot of little pieces of no consequential value, I took him a broken rope of pearls to be restrung.

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Trust comes slowly.

Which jewelry store in San Diego could I trust to do such fine work and not steal pearls or trade them out?

By *diveeep*
1:17 p.m., Nov 14

2. I highly doubt if any jewelry store manager would close shop to help locate a missing handbag. It would seem that the taxi drivers have ID and numbers so I guess locating the

vehicle would not have been much of problem except for the language barrier of being in another country.

By *Microsoft92114*
3:29 p.m., Nov 14

Eligible Violators

How to Get Beach Smoking Erased from Your Record
Pacific Beach — I was driving through Pacific Beach on Saturday, September 14, when I noticed a small group of people on Garnet Avenue clad in orange vests and armed with trash

tongs. I stopped to chat.

Turned out the group was working to have "quality-of-life crimes" erased from their records. Examples of quality-of-life crimes include drinking or smoking at the beach, walking a dog without a leash, and urinating in public.

"You have to be eligible...can't have any felonies," says Discover PB executive director Andy Hanshaw.

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nity members to understand the impact their crimes have on residents. They'll hear from a trauma nurse and local police officers. Then, for four hours on a Saturday, they'll help clean up the community."

Hanshaw said there are between 25 and 30 eligible violators monthly.

By *Carolyn Grace Matte*,
11/16

Bad Move

Fight in the Alley
East San Diego — Police took a 17-year-old documented East San Diego

gang member into custody on Tuesday, November 10, at about 11:30 p.m. in the 4200 block of 46th Street.

According to a police dispatcher via police radio, a person reported four to six Hispanic males fighting in the alley behind 4230 46th Street. The subjects were seen running westbound through an alley behind Orange Avenue.

San Diego police units found a knife in the alley and detained the 17-year-old subject in the 4100

block of Chamoune Avenue.

By *Steve Horvath*, 11/12

Smoke Signals

San Marcos Pushes Cigarettes out of Parks
San Marcos — "Behavior modification takes time," said a city employee during a November 11 city council meeting. The behavior they would like to modify is to prevent smokers from lighting up in nondesignated areas and flicking their butts in city parks. In 2008, San Marcos approved an ordinance banning smoking

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Councilmember Chris Orlando would like to

modify the ordinance by removing the designated areas and turning the entire park, as well as a hundred-foot area surrounding it, into a smoke-free zone.

Former smoker and Vice Mayor Hal Martin didn't agree. "If they totally outlawed smoking, I would go hide behind a tree, I would hide behind a backstop."

Mayor Jim Desmond requested staff provide data from neighboring cities that decided for an all-out ban on smoking

at city parks.

By Dorian Hargrove, 11/14

Comments

1. **NAZIS! Nothin' but bourgeois, elitist Liberal nazis!**

By PistolPete

11:04 p.m., Nov 14

State Crimes

Exposure, Robbery among Music Students San Diego State — Just before noon on Monday, November 9, a man who had yellow teeth and a strong, musky smell followed a student to a rehearsal room in the

basement of the Music building.

A crime alert issued by SDSU police stated, "After a short conversation, the victim willingly walked with the subject to the SDSU Music building. There, the suspect and the victim continued talking, and after several minutes, the suspect exposed his genitals to the victim."

The perpetrator was described as a white male, 5'5" tall, 35 to 40 years of age, balding, with thin blond hair. He was seen wearing a black, long-

sleeved, button-up shirt over a black T-shirt with silver "Del Mar" lettering, and black pants.

In a separate incident at the Music building, just before 1:00 p.m., two suspicious-looking men were seen and reported by a student practicing in a rehearsal room with limited access. According to a police incident report, property had been stolen from the room in the past, and the student believed that the two men did not belong there.

One of the men was

described as heavysset, tall, 40 to 50 years of age, black hair with a goatee, and wearing a baseball cap. Based on the description of the second suspect, police believe he might be the man reported in the indecent-exposure incident.

By Nathaniel Uy, 11/12

Little Work

Labor Temp Service in Barrio Shut Barrio Logan — Paul Borja wanted to earn some extra income on weekends, but

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when he went to the temporary labor office Monday morning, November 9, he found a "For Sale" sign at the place of business.

Labor Temp Services has closed its doors at 1118 Cesar E. Chavez Parkway.

"This was an easy place to get to via the trolley," said Borja. "It's hard to get to the temp places early in the morning."

Sylvia Rivera still answers the business

phone "Labor Temp Services," but she said, "We are out of business and only working with a few construction crews."

By Noel Gallego, 11/11

Canners' Crisis

Bottle Bill Squeezes Out O.B. Recycling Center Ocean Beach — Last Tuesday morning, November 3, 11 people were in line at the RB Recycling center behind the Rite Aid off Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. Seven of the people were either homeless or didn't have any

transportation.

In December, many "canners" (those who seek out recyclables in alleys and trash bins) and other local residents will have to find another recycling center.

On October 12, Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed bill SB 402, which would have generated additional money for the Bottle Bill.

Local homeless resident George (nickname G1) said that the closing of RB Recycling means that many people cannot

get to the nearest recycling center, close to three miles away.

By Robert Terra, 11/10

Chow House Says "Ciao"

Death of a Downtown Breakfast Joint Downtown San Diego — Lee's Café, long a familiar sight if you could ever manage to find it (738 Fifth Avenue) among its hoity-toity neighbors, has apparently bid adieu to its patrons. The vintage chow house (reportedly established in the



late '60s) was closed up a couple of weeks ago, its walls stripped bare of the Chinese-calendar art and cereal boxes that adorned it.

When I first came to San Diego to stay, some ten years ago, there was a slew of Lee-like, cheap-breakfast joints around town, and you could get eggs and whatever with

coffee for a couple of bucks.

By T.B. Beaudeau, 11/10

Comments

1. I had the Lee's article that the Reader's restaurant guy wrote a few months ago, so that next time I was down there, I was going to go. I ate there last in the early '80s.

By califcomedy

8:22 a.m., Nov 11

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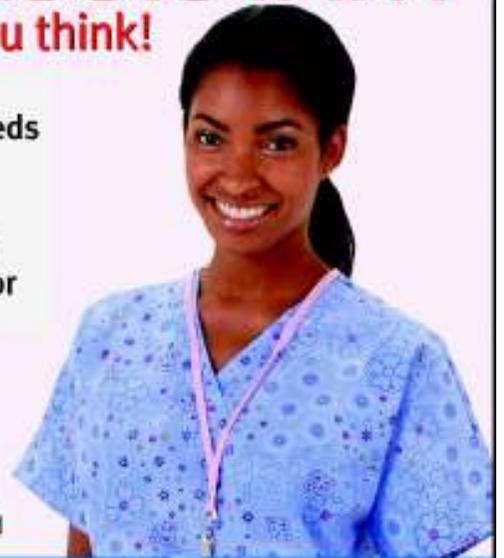


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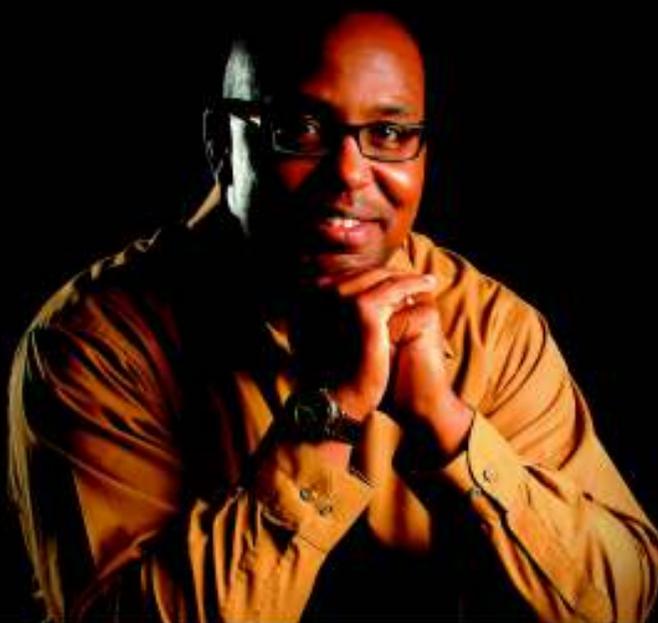


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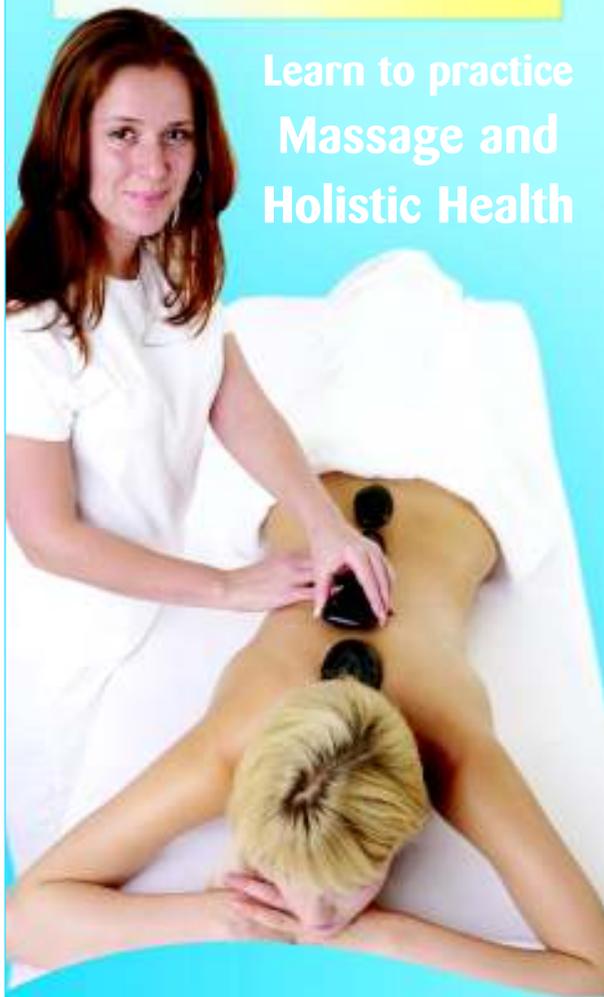
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Kendra Jackson
Business Manager
Phoenix

I didn't go to college right out of high school. Now I'm having to do it in my late 30s and it sucks. I guess there are lots of pros and cons. By going to college now, I'm actually learning something and not just partying. A lot of kids go to college right away and get burned out, too. I'm definitely taking it more seriously going now.



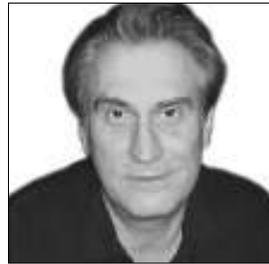
Alisha Kelly
Waitress
Ocean Beach

The fact that I got my bachelor's and never went farther. That was in '98. It was in psychology. I guess working in a bar is the perfect use for it. It's like a pharmacy here with a limited inventory. But we're buying a home, and I'm thinking about going back to school. I wish I would've just gotten the degree out of the way before.



Nick Andrews
Pharmacy student
Carlsbad

There's a story involving an English teacher and a time I ripped the beard off a Santa Claus. Another time my dad walked in on me...oh, no, I got my biggest regret: My dad and brother bought this remote-control car. It was about \$300, and they had to buy all these parts. It was going to be this big family project. When I was running it, it was the first time I had used a controller like that. To turn it one way, you press a button on the side. It's not like a steering wheel. A real car was coming, and my dad told me to turn it left, but I turned it right into the car's wheel. The driver stopped and said sorry. I was paralyzed with fear.



Jerome Tull
Marketing
Hillcrest

There are lots of regrets. It's hard picking one. There were four abortions. And I regret each and every one of them. My biggest might be when I was living in St. Louis and lost my dog Sue in a big storm. I had the dog for 13 years, and it was absolutely heartbreaking to lose her that way.



Rico Orisak
Retired
Kearny Mesa

I guess people are going to answer this with heavy answers. I would say two things I sold: one was a 1957 Seburg jukebox, just like the one you see in *Happy Days*. And, a 1977 Cadillac that I had restored. It was blue and white. We had fixed the upholstery; it was beautiful. We had to move to New York. My mom was dying, and we had to take care of business. I think I got a thousand bucks for the jukebox. It played 45s, and I had my top 100 records in it. I bought it from a guy in Northridge that fixed them up. But during that time, we sold all our material things.



Paul Birkenbach
FedEx
Mira Mesa

I'm a huge Red Sox fan, and in 2004 I had gotten tickets to fly back for games six and seven. They swept in four, so I was only there for the parade. I had gotten autographs of some of the players and the owner, and at one point, extras were going into the park for a movie. One person pulled up and named the agency that sent him, and they just let him in. So many people were doing that, security finally asked if anyone else was supposed to be in. It didn't occur to me until 20 minutes later that I should've said something. They were filming *Fever Pitch* with Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon. And I could've been in it! They even had to rewrite and change the ending because of the Sox winning the World Series.

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Across

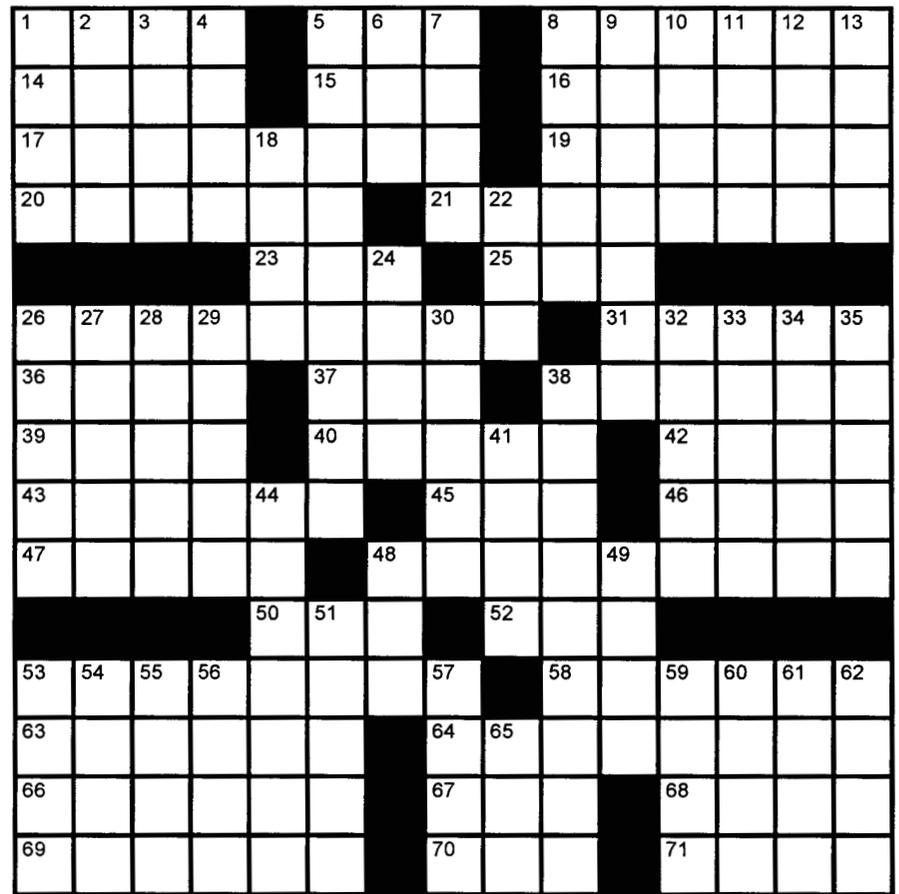
- Clothing lines
- When flowers bloom: Abbr.
- "If ___ broke ..."
- Sector
- Lac contents
- Tenant
- Investigative journalist's output

- Only planet named after a figure in Greek mythology
- Comparatively noisy
- They're not wealthy
- San Francisco's ___ Hill
- Commuter's choice
- TLC VIP
- Bank holdings: Abbr.
- "The Neverending Story" author Michael
- Ewe said it
- F equivalent
- Medical sch. class
- Sports bar amenity
- R&B singer India. ___
- 2006 Owen Wilson title role
- Piggy
- Film composer Nino
- Located
- "Va-va-voom!" recipient
- ___ few rounds
- CPR provider
- Health scare in 2009 news
- Carousing
- Outfielder Minnie
- Scientific name for 53-Across... and this puzzle's theme
- Gridiron play also called a sweep
- Iron ___
- 1930s migrant
- Fly the coop
- Horse course
- John Kerry and others: Abbr.

Down

- "That's a good one!"
- Times on the History Channel
- "Wordplay" star Reagle
- ___-masochist
- React to a slap, perhaps
- Pussy foot?

- Hurry
- Message on a Valentine candy
- Mrs. John Kerry and others
- Straight ___ arrow
- "Ignorance ___ excuse"
- Unaligned: Abbr.
- Julia's role in "Ocean's Eleven"
- Longtime Georgia senator Sam
- Gent on a cent
- Bric-a-___
- Flip decision?
- Ho-hum feeling
- Conform
- Raison ___
- "___ say ..."
- Kind of school
- Chocolate substitute
- Shopworn
- Asparagus piece
- Like some bets
- Lug
- Moves gradually closer
- Actor Linden
- Magazine founder Eric
- "Six ___ ..."
- Disney pirate, 1953
- Prevails
- Where the Capitol Bldg. is
- "A Doll's House" wife
- "This doesn't look good"
- 2010 y 2011, por ejemplo
- Wisecrack
- Has ___ with
- Pop music's Bee ___
- "... good witch ___ bad witch?"



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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Ken A., Ocean Beach, 7. Communist lesbian vegan galleries rock!
Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 7. I love my granddaughters Julia and Talia
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 7. Wow! This crossword was the 8th deadly sin
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 7. Welcome aboard, Mike!
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 7. God is good
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 7. Thank you Flo, for all your help
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 7. "...Now I really hate him"
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 7. Rice caynon fire safe council Nov 18th

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 7. Happy birthday Rachael! Have a great year- Go Vikings!
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 7. Happy birthday to Amber Doosie!
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 7. Mary, Mary, quite contrary
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 7. It's a process; Not an event
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 7. I love New York
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 7. Term limits for US congress!!
Ron Meyer, Santee, 7. Frankie you better stop scratching your head
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 7. I can't feed my muse cos the rent's due

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 7. Halfway to zero...again
Jim Odell, Vista, 7. Thanks Ruby for driving me to the dentist and back!
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 7. Eathan Nadelmann- 11/21 9am 2728 6th ave
☛ **Michael Panther, Point Loma, 7.** Zankify yourself
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 7. Good luck fixing your computer, anthony
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 7. It is gone
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 7. PC cowards fill our cemeteries
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 7. Cats humor us because they know their ancestors ate ours
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 7. Terri- hope you and teve have a fun birthday celebration!

Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 7. Astounding friends is getting harder and harder
Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 7. Two p's in a ppod
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 7. Harry Reid- Just smart enough to be really stupid!
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 7. If you can, help others, if not do no harm. Dalai Lama
Samantha Loveira and Matt Palmer, College Area, 7. I love a happy ending!
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 6. Chargers can beat the Eagles!
L. Barling, El Cajon, 6. Too little too late out of time regretting: RIP dad
Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 6. Can't wait to visit our little cabin in Bear again

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 6. I have doubts
Leslie Chase, Campo, 6. Team orange does it again
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 6. Love the beach- Thanks Tess
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 6. Hi All! I love you!
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 6. Couldn't have done it without you, liza. Love you
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 6. Pooh, I love you with all of my heart!
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 6. Bikes- you get good mileage on a gallon of water
Ron Hootman, Santee, 6. Hoot101: We need the public option; "Government of the people."

Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 6. Happy Thanksgiving! God bless America
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 6. My monster is in your freezer
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 6. 4 of 7 sins
P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 6. Happy Thanksgiving!
John Pertle, Santee, 6. God demonstrates his love in that christ died for us
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 6. Orange Strategy triumphs
Don Romero, Ramona, 6. A toast to productive trips Mei Ling!
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 6. Water on the moon, start the evacuation
Carly Stone, San Diego, 6. Silence is golden but duct tape is silver

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Susan Williams, North Park, 6.
Lots of water on the moon

Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 5.
Go Bolts Go Redskins

Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 5. 1
love my weekends off

George Elam, Vista, 5. *Chargers are rolling now. Go Chargers*

Jacques Glick, El Cajon, 5.
Oops... Missed two letters

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 5.
Look out! Loretta is pressure cooking

Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 5.
Two races 'til San Diego's Jimmy Johnson makes Nascar History

Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 5. *Life is an envelope full of stop signs*

George Jackson, Oceanside, 5. *Don't worry!! Obama will talk to the nasty terrorists*

Emily Marie, North Park, 5.
Love like lightning

Henry Romero, San Diego, 5.
Back to D.C. Next week

Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 5. *I like chocolate*

Norman Williams, San Diego, 5. *What da fuss??*

Bob Carlson, Serra Mesa, 4.
Circled words Lust Sloth Anger Greed

Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 4. *Spongebob is always looking at you*

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 4.
Visits always give pleasure- if not the arrival, the departure

John L. Drehner, North Park, 4. *I'm sure glad it's up*

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 4. *Happy Thanksgiving*

Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 4.
Clever!!!

Joe Musser, Encinitas, 4. *Equity is equality*

Kaye Benton, San Diego, 3.
Happy Birthday Jan

Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 3.
CM puppies! LMNO puppies. Oscar! CM PN

Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 3. *Get well Baby face!*

Sharon Dang, La Mesa, 2.
Thank it such fun!

G.L. Del Campo, Escondido, 2.
Chargers 13-3 in '09

Andrea Duncan, Valley Center, 2. *Drain the swamp in 2010!!*

R. Panaligan, San Diego, 2.
I still love you all!

☛ **Chris Senungetuk, San Diego, 2.** *Hafa Adia!*

Big Lex Torres, San Marcos, 2.
Big all over

Dustin Brown, North Park, 1.
If you shake it more'n twice, you're playing with...

Chad Griffith, Poway, 1. *I got it right, Kate movin' up!*

Andre Desilets, Downtown, 1.
Commercials socks, to many beer and food in a sport...

T.K. Halverstone, Mission Valley, 1. *Tiger cubs rule!*

Ray Hunt, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. *I finally did it*

☛ **Gloria Jacobs, Clairemont, 1.** *Happy Thanksgiving*

Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 1. *A fixer-upper builds brawn and patience*

Isa Lomac McNair, San Diego, 1. *Boycott M. Vick*

Beverly Marcun, Mira Mesa, 1. *Thelma- I did it!!*

Anthony Moffett, Clairmont, 1. *It's your boy*

Jen Newby, Poway, 1. *Happy birthday Robert dear*

☛ **Gigi Oman, La Costa, 1.**
Very interesting

☛ **Joyce Quinn, Point Loma, 1.** *All's well that ends well*

Ray Schwartz, Rancho Bernardo, 1. *Chargers rule!*

Debbi Soriano, El Cajon, 1.
It's not denial, just selective reality

Marjorie Stewart, Point Loma, 1. *Vinny you are the "pug" of my heart*

Zona Wahrenbrock, San Diego, 1. *Very clever*

Katie Whelan, Coronado, 1.
We miss our pie

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 1.
Letting the ocean stay wet and salty

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2) Be one of the first 100 people who submit the correct answers to one of the

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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!

4) Entries must be faxed to **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:

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5) 10 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

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:

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HARD:

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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

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State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

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EASY:

John Pertle, Santee, 7. Romans 5:8

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 7. Happy Thanksgiving give great... and share blessings and good will
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 7. Should doctors' fees be based on outcomes?

Don Bowman, Santee, 6. This is the cat's meow!

Rossinna Ippolito, University Heights, 6. Indexers sin by classifying
Ed Rull, San Diego, 5. Happy Thanksgiving

Tristan Meyers, El Cajon, 4. Come out to see foo u in a...

Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 3. I love sudoku puzzles

Hans Butikofer, Pacific Beach, 2. I'll keep doing it!

Lyly T. Ly, Chula Vista, 2. Thank you Reader for being there weekly

Ron Stoeckel, San Diego, 2.

This is how my wardrobe grows

Hargie Melby, El Cajon, 1. I did it!

Dolores Clemons, San Diego, 1. I love Rowan, Lucy, Fisher, and Brixton!

Marcia Metzger, San Diego, 1. Hello Iv

Nicole Tui, East Lake, 1. Hare, great guy, great dad, great friend

Tammy Uren, Spring Valley, 1. Peanut rocks the house!

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MEDIUM:

Skully, San Diego, 7. Get better Monkeyboy, Oldman Steve, Goldmember, and R1Rabbit- from Kitten

Betty Archer, La Jolla, 7. Hi HRW(LJ)

Henry Chung, San Diego, 7. Snow season is here, can't wait to hit the slopes

Tony Marsh, San Carlos, 7. If you are reading this, I made it again

Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 6. You hate them compared to how much I like them

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 6. Happy Thanksgiving! Gobble gobble

Jeffrey Ross, Chula Vista, 5.

GWAR GWAR GWAR GWAR! I love you Kitten

Alyssa Ketcham, East Village, 4. Is an atheist. You don't mind do you?

Bernie Malihan, Mira Mesa, 4. Prayer for Patrick Zeigler, shot at Fort Hood. Hi Bhurd

Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 4. I Love your brown spider

Jose R Cadava, Spring Valley, 3. T-shirt, black with pocket seems nice

☛ **Rhonda Webber, San Diego, 3.** Skipp, you're the best!

Trisha Alcarese, Banker's Hill, 1. It takes more facial muscles to frown than smile

Margaret Elliott, Rancho Bernardo, 1. Welcome, cousin Debbie! Hope the weather is medium today

Joe Wilson, San Marcos, 1. I'm still an "XL"

Jaelyn yee, Rancho Penasquitos, 1. Don't stress the little stuff, cuz it ain't worth it

HARD:

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 7. Thanks for the t-shirt

D.B. Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 7.

Last Sunday mornin' Sunshine felt like rain. G.A.

Lark Herrick, Alpine, 7. Happy 6th anniversary Jim! I love you

Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 7. Modem malfunction

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 7. A muffled cry, then a sentry's call

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 6. Thanks Dietsch's I can hear again!

Greg Boss, San Diego, 4. Obama is just as much white as he is black

Ray Hunt, Rancho Penasquitos, 4. Billy Ray- you're still the man!

Edvin Shahmoradian, Escondido, 3. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines

Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 1. It is not too hard to get a t-shirt

Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1. Back to hard one

Jeff Rothrock, Carlsbad, 1. RIP Maynard Ferguson and Bill Chase

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 7. "NEWS FLASH!"-ECONOMY won't STABILIZE until "ALL AMERICANS" work again!

Paul Brugger, Downtown, 7.

Talk media entertains, stirs emotions for fiscal gains

Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 7. Almost needed t-f. Good evil.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 7. Only one way not to get older

Thomas Daley, San Diego, 7. A broken clock is right twice a day

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 7. Do not judge and you will not be judged. LK...

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 7. My cat says "hi!" Have a great week.

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 7. Thank you for the t-shirt

Dan Holslin, San Diego, 7. Evil really is not so bad after all

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 7. Long live consilience

Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 7. Feels good

Raymond Land, Escondido, 7. ...And then what?

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 7. Monica, you did it! Stay a while longer

Julio Magno, San Diego, 7. USPS_Ti Hi Jane, Lisa, John, and Ruth

Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 7. Happy birthday Lorie!

Dean McCoy, Vista, 7. Time to relax

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 7. Term limits for US congress

P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 7. Good luck in Reno

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 7. Does Mary Bently still play dominoes? Please call

Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 7. Ethan Nadelmann 11/21 9am 2728 6th ave

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 7. Norv Turner is the ultimate man

Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 7. Happy Birthday Mark!

Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 7. Doing evil just fills right to me, oh yeah!

☛ **David Schwartz, Clairemont, 7.** Com on SHIRT! No Wammies!

Joe Selig, San Diego, 7. Lois wood is sweeter than sugar

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 7. Nice game Chargers, now its time to dispatch the Broncos!

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 7. save gas - ride a bicycle

Yuko T., San Diego, 7. Go Saints!!

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

☛ **Duane D. Tremaine, E. Village, 7.** *The vanished gods to me appear*
Susan Williams, North Park, 7. *November is beautiful in San Diego*
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 7. *Thanks Luke!*
Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 6. *Only you. Platters*

Steve Koenig, Bay Park, 6. *Evil's not evil*
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 6. *OK, now what did I do with that turkey?*
Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 6. *Hi Jake and Jessica. Love, Meme and Pepe*
Ted Tarris, Serra Mesa, 6. *Where's my Nobel peace prize?*

J.G., San Ysidro, 5. *Ana- Happy gobble gobble birthday 11/26*
Belmont Hope, Vista, 5. *Late Reader Delivery*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 5. *Kiera! Bodo! Back in action!*
Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 5. *Be thankful every day*
Larry Clark, Clairemont, 4. *Youngtown, Ohio. "Come heavy or don't come at all."*
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 4. *10% increase! What next?*

Christine Hennes, San Diego, 4. *It's a beautiful day!!*
Stuart Hesketh, Escondido, 4. *hi*
Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 4. *I rock*
☛ **Junito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 3.** *Labor unions, socialism send American workers to unemployment lines.*
Mike Golden, San Diego, 2. *Just a lucky guy*
Rodney Williams, Tierrasanta, 2. *I love you, Mary*

A.E. Cooper, Cardiff, 1. *Married life is wonderful love you Jon Jon*
Roxana Fitch, Tijuana, 1. *Tu llamalo como quieras . . . Jergas de la Habla Hispana*
Char Hinzo, Clairmont, 1. *My first try, hope I win*
Elaine Howell, Escondido, 1. *Hey Alton, Want a t-shirt?*
Rich Maddox, Vista, 1. *Water on the moon!*
Jen Newby, Poway, 1. *Inter caecos regnat luscus*

Terri Okerlund, San Diego, 1. *My first evil!!*
Lucky Romeo, Oceanside, 1. *Can you afford to retire? Ever? Start your own business*
Jacob Stall, Pacific Beach, 1. *Hey Rodger get used to 2nd place*

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Taste the Fruits of Fall. Saturday, Nov. 21, 10am-1pm. Discover aspects of food production and food systems — local food, organic farming, small-scale food production — during tour of Lerner Organic Farm. Bring a picnic. Admission: \$20-\$25. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado, San Diego 92101. Reservations: 619-255-0203.

Shamanic Hike. Sunday, Nov. 22, 3-5pm. Hike to "power spot" to explore shamanic traditions of indigenous people of the Americas." Learn about saging, calling the directions, creating sacred space, accessing energies of nature for healing, insight, and wisdom. Bring blanket, drum or rattle. Free. Penasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Blvd., San Diego 92121. 858-484-3219.

Foundations of Chinese Medical Philosophy. Saturday, Nov. 28, 11am. Luke Klinecicz, OMD. Comparing Oriental Medicine to the Western approach, examining the yin/yang theory, the five elements, three substances and energetic meridians. \$20 suggested donation. Ideal Studio, 540 3rd Avenue, 92101. RedLotusSociety.com.

How to Tell an Awakened Buddhist Master from a Psychotic. Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:30pm. The intriguing world of contemporary Buddhism, revolution, the Zen of cooking, and Buddhist logic. Professor Sandra Wawrytko. Suggested donation: \$5. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street, San Diego 92103. 619-298-9978 x8014.

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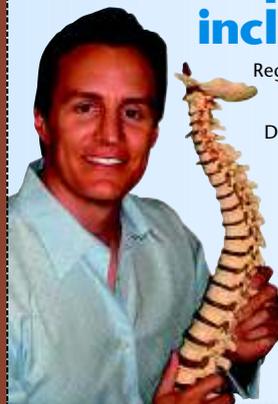
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LEAD STORY

— Beneath the luxury hotels on the Las Vegas Strip is a series of flood tunnels that are home to dozens of people who work odd jobs such as hustling leftover change in casino slot machines. A correspondent for London's *Sun* gained the trust of a few and photographed their "apartments" for a September dispatch, showing well-stocked quarters with scrounged appliances and furniture and one makeshift shower rigged from a water cooler. Amy, who has lived in the tunnels with her husband J.R. for two years, said she "love[s]" the Vegas lifestyle and appears in no hurry to leave her setup. Kathryn (who lives with boyfriend Steven) also appears content except, she says, for the fragrance, the black widow spiders, and the periodic rush of water through their home (threatening any valuables not stacked on crates).

Latest Religious Messages

— David Cerullo came to prominence after purchasing the television studios abandoned by Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker and established what is perhaps the boldest of all Christian "prosperity gospel" ministries (that pays him an annual base salary of \$1.52 million). With his father,

semi-retired Pentecostal preacher Morris Cerullo, they assure followers that the more they give, the more God will return to them. In a recent TV spot, Morris, speaking first in tongues and then addressing the currently credit-challenged: "When you [donate], the windows of heaven...open for you...100 fold." (The on-screen message: "Call now with your \$900 offering and receive God's debt cancellation!")
— In September, a judge in Stuart, Fla., was about to sentence pastor Rodney McGill for real estate fraud, but McGill was undaunted, addressing a courtroom prayer for his enemies: "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, for every witness called against me, I pray cancer in their lives, lupus, brain tumor, pancreatic cancer." The judge then sentenced him to 20 years in prison.

Questionable Judgments

— The cheap-drink Tuesday-night special at the Attic bar in Newcastle, England, in early September was a money-back guarantee at the end of the night to anyone who could still legally drive (measured by the bar's breathalyzer), with the evening's most-alcohol-saturated customer drinking free the following week. The Newcastle City

Council soon convinced the bar it was a bad idea.
— The Department of Homeland Security (relying on a study later termed by the Government Accounting Office to have been rushed and flawed) decided in January that the best place for its new \$700 million research facility on infectious diseases would be in Kansas, which happens to be in the heart of America's "tornado alley." The GAO report, leaked to the *Washington Post* in July, claimed the risk of accidental release of dangerous pathogens is far greater than the department assumed.

Bright Ideas

— Canadian medical appliance manufacturer X4 Labs, which sells a penis-elongating traction device for around \$400, disclosed in August that it is making a solid-gold version on contract for a Saudi businessman. The buyer claimed he required gold only because of allergies but then also ordered it ornamented with diamonds and rubies, according to an August Agence France-Presse report. X4's cachet as a medical-appliance supplier is expected to get the device past Saudi customs, which normally bans sex toys.
— Four people in their early 20s were arrested

in September in Bennington, Vt., after a Chili's restaurant burglar alarm sounded at 4:30 a.m. According to police, the four intended to remove and steal the large chili on the restaurant's sign, using a hacksaw and power drill. However, not possessing a battery-operated drill, they had strung extension cords together running to the nearest outlet they could find, which was 470 feet away, across four lanes of highway and through a Home Depot parking lot.

Fine Points of the Law

— Marine Lance Cpl. Josef Lopez took the Corps' advice and received a smallpox vaccination just before deploying to Iraq, but after nine days in country, he went into a coma with a rare adverse reaction that has left him permanently disabled. However, since he was felled by the vaccine and not "combat," he is ineligible for special disability funds to help seriously wounded troops (for such expenses as modifying a home to accommodate a disability).

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IMPERIAL BEACH. 1 bedroom apartment, stove, refrigerator. \$895-\$995. Feet from the beach. Pets negotiable. Laundry facilities. Off-street parking. Conveniently located. 619-424-9233.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 750 11th Street. \$1100. 1/2 off 1st month! 2 bedroom. Parking, laundry. No pets. 619-423-4610 or www.bbinc.com.

KENSINGTON look-alike. Historical 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Palm-lined street, private park-like yard, double patio. Formal dining room, fireplace, freshly painted, new carpets, laundry, garage. \$1750. Peg Virginia: 619-448-5592, 619-282-7083, 619-855-0377.

KENSINGTON \$1200. Reduced move-in, apartment downstairs, laundry on-site, off-street parking. Pets on approval. 4504 Kensington Drive. www.sdforrent.com. 619-640-7530.

KENSINGTON. \$800. Large 1 bedroom. Very clean, park view. Laundry on site. No pets. \$500 deposit. 4598 39th Street. Call 619-641-0013.

KENSINGTON. \$1295. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Brand-new kitchen. Security building. Near Downtown, Mission Valley and SDSU. Garage available. Sorry, no pets. Call 858-456-2098 or cell: 858-922-5044.

KENSINGTON. 1 bedroom, 1 bath: \$1000. Gated, shared garage parking, onsite laundry, air conditioning. No pets. 4101 Park Place. Call Mike, 858-490-1600.

KENSINGTON. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath triplex. Hardwood floors, upper unit, stove, refrigerator, water/ trash pad. 4162 Monroe Avenue. 619-698-6911. www.goldenmanagement.com

KENSINGTON/ TALMADGE. \$1000. Spacious 2-bedroom, 2-bath apartment. Condo-quality building. Washer/ dryer included. Fireplace. Carport. No pets. 4444 Highland Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1295. Studio. Includes utilities. Block to beach, Starbucks, restaurants. UCSD and Scripps by bus or bicycle. Living room, kitchen. Appliances. Walk-in Closet. Laundry. Pets ok. 858-336-0252.

LA JOLLA. 1 month free! \$1425-\$1450. 2 bedroom. Balcony. Laundry. Close to UCSD, shops. No pets. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive. 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. \$3000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. High-end kitchen. 1 garage, 1 tandem. 2 ocean-view balconies. Panoramic ocean view, large deck. 858-212-2500.

LA JOLLA. Nobel Court offers unmatched luxury amenities. Choose from four spacious and elegantly designed floor plans. Each apartment home is lavish with designer features such as breakfast bar, private balcony or patio, washer/ dryer, more! Hot spa, pool. One bedrooms from \$1224; 2 bedrooms from \$1705. 866-960-6695. www.NobelCourt.com.

LA JOLLA. 6333 La Jolla Boulevard. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath in Villa La Jolla. New paint, very clean, all amenities. Near Beach. \$1500. 619-221-5032.

LA JOLLA. \$2400. Wonderful 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath townhouse in Southpointe, 2-

car garage. Washer/ dryer, wood floors. Fireplace. Large, sunny patio. Westbourne Realtors. 858-488-4800.

LA JOLLA. Ocean Block Apartments. Unequaled location. 1 and 2 bedrooms starting \$1253. Green courtyard, crystal pool, on-site laundry. Walk to surf, sand, sunsets. 858-536-1900.

LA JOLLA. \$2295. 2 plus loft bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Large top-floor unit with loft, pool, balcony, hardwood floors, washer/ dryer. 2 parking. No pets. 4018 Nobel Drive #304. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

LA JOLLA. Ocean view. \$1395. Modern ocean view 1 bedroom in Bird Rock. Large balcony, parking, laundry, controlled access. 5538 La Jolla Boulevard. TPPM, 858-699-3851. www.torreyepinespm.com.

LA JOLLA. Ocean view. \$2400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. This is the rear unit of an oceanfront duplex located at Windansea Beach on the corner of Nautilus Street and Neptune Place. Private patio, washer/ dryer, single-car garage and 20 yards to the beach! 207 Nautilus Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851. www.torreyepinespm.com.

LA JOLLA. Spacious studio, \$895. Great location near La Jolla Village and UCSD. Stove, refrigerator, laundry, parking. 1129 Torrey Pines #9. 619-804-3325.

LA JOLLA. \$1150. Remodeled 1 bedroom apartment. No pets. Fireplace. New carpet/ paint. Appliances. Share patio. Near beach. 8040 La Jolla Shores Drive #D. 619-275-3455.

LA JOLLA SHORES. \$2050. Roomy 2 bedroom, 1 bath in beautiful garden complex near Beach and Tennis Club. Fireplace, parking, hardwood floors and beautiful patios. 7850 El Paseo Grande #7. TPPM, 858-699-3851. www.torreyepinespm.com.

LA JOLLA/ UTC. \$1900. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath apartment. 2 carport parking, balcony, washer/ dryer, pool, fireplace. No pets. 3914 Via Tranquilo. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

LA JOLLA/ UTC. \$1795. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath 2 story condo. Canyon setting, large yard, pool, 1 carport parking, washer/ dryer. No pets. 4308 Caminito Del Zafiro #69. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Coast South Blvd. 1 bedroom apartments. Older building. \$1700- ocean view. \$1400—partial ocean view. Available December 10. Mike Stalsby, 858-456-0407.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$1075. Charming European-style 1 bedrooms. Pool, community laundry, elevator. Walk to the Cove, dining and business district. No pets. 858-459-8254.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, \$820. Clean, quiet complex with pool, spa, community laundry, air conditioning, parking. No pets. Close to shopping. 4850 Williamsburg Lane. www.csapartments@gmail.com. 619-550-6721.

LA MESA. Huge apartment homes in great La Mesa neighborhood. Storage space. Near shopping and public transportation. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1095-\$1250. 2-bedroom townhouse, \$1295. Community pool, laundry, covered parking. 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/news/rent1035.

LA MESA. Parkway Plaza Apartments. Spacious 1, 2 and 3 bedroom floor plans. Deluxe kitchen. Private patio or balcony. Views. Ceiling fans. Pools, barbecue picnic areas. 2 bedrooms from \$1125. 3 bedrooms from \$1600. 888-353-8736, www.ParkwayPlazaLaMesa.com.

LA MESA. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious corner downstairs apartment. Air conditioning, pool, coin laundry. 1 parking. No pets. 8600 Lemon Avenue #2. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

LA MESA. \$1600. \$100 off first month's rent for military families. Large 3- bedroom, 2-bath upstairs apartment. 1-car garage. New carpet, washer/ dryer, refrigerator. Non-smoking. No pets. 619-855-5545.

LA MESA. Mellman Apartments. \$890/ up, 1 bedroom. \$1210/ up, 2 bedroom. Across Grossmont Center, trolley, Costco. Quiet, spacious units. Pools. 8750 Mellman Drive. 619-461-1940.

LA MESA. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Small, fenced yard plus 1-car garage (shared). Pet considered. 6120 Nancy Drive. Manager, 619-820-2584.

LA MESA. \$1375. Large 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse. Great location. Walk to Lake Murray. No pets. 5661 Lake Park Way, #3. Agent 619-469-7790, www.westmanproperties.com.

LA MESA. \$795 studio. Complete remodel! New carpet, paint, kitchen counters! On-site parking and laundry. Close to all! If you can find one better, rent it. 8642 La Mesa Blvd. Jeff, 619-713-1044, or Rachael, 619-804-1044.

LA MESA. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Wood floors! On-site parking and laundry. Garage available. Clean, quiet, secure. Pet friendly. 8465 La Mesa Blvd. Call Rachael, 619-804-1044, or Jeff, 619-713-1044.

LA MESA. Move-in special. Studio, \$795. Onsite laundry. Parking. Easy freeway access. 5027 Guava. Call Tami: 619-244-3115 or 858-490-1600.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Onsite laundry. Pool, gated, parking. New rent: \$835. 1/2 off first month's rent. 4905 73rd Street. Call: 619-697-8458.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with parking, onsite laundry, pool. New rent: \$1025. Also, 1 bedroom, rent: \$825. 5436 Vincetta Court. Call Sarka, 619-417-4964.

LA MESA. 2 bedrooms, \$1000 with 1/2 off first month's rent. Huge patio, air conditioning. Section 8 welcome. Sorry, no pets. Call Faith for appointment to view, 619-713-5971.

LA MESA. Studio, \$780/ month with \$350 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1150. Available now. Storage. No pets. \$25 credit. 5435 Morengo Avenue. Call 619-698-7926. www.villaknollsapts.com.

LA MESA. \$200 off move-in! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1150/ month with \$500 deposit. Storage. No pets. \$25 credit. 5435 Morengo Avenue. Call 619-698-7926. www.villaknollsapts.com.

LA MESA. Upgraded 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Granite counters, tile floors. \$1050/ month plus deposit. No pets. Nonsmoking. 619-379-0770.

LA MESA. 1/2 off 1st! Extra large 1 and 2 bedrooms, \$825/ up. Appliances, A/C, great location near trolley and Downtown La Mesa. 619-804-3325.

LA MESA/ FLETCHER PARKWAY. Super spacious 1 bedrooms starting at \$975 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath at \$1250. **Open house Saturday, 9am-5:30pm.** Award-winning community. Pool, spa. Great location! No pets. 5500 Morro Way. TPPM, 619-466-8444 or 619-884-7900. www.villageaptslamesa.com.

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LA MESA/ MT. HELIX. \$1099. 2 bedroom. \$1199, spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Air conditioning. Laundry. Garages. Balconies. Pool. Pets OK. Espanol. 619-857-0365.

LAKESIDE. Move-in special, 1st month 1/2 off! 1 bedroom, \$685. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. 12560 Laurel Street. northcuttproperties.com. Agent, 858-505-1300.

LAKESIDE. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. 744 square feet. Washer/ dryer. Pool, parking, air conditioning. Rent: \$1090, \$1200. Inquire Garden. Call Mike, 858-490-1600.

LAKESIDE. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$500 move-in special. OAC. Laundry. Parking. Available now. On-site manager, 619-561-4155. 12718 Mapleview Avenue #3. www.amgsd.com. 619-295-1165.

LAKESIDE. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$500 move-in special. OAC. Laundry. Parking. Available now. On-site manager, 619-561-4155. 12718 Mapleview Avenue #7. www.amgsd.com. 619-295-1165.

LAKESIDE. Seniors 55+. 1 bedroom, 1 bath at \$710. Quiet, air conditioning, laundry, parking. Small pet OK. **\$200 off 1st month!** 12133 Rockcrest Road. 619-443-9611.

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LEMON GROVE. Move in today! 2 bedroom, \$950/ month. 1 bedroom, \$750/ month. Quiet, clean, well-located complex. Credit check required. Leave message. 619-916-9187.

LEMON GROVE. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$775. 2 bedrooms, 1 baths, \$975. Great location. Cat welcome. Pool, laundry, parking. Free Wi-Fi. 8413-8427 Broadway. 619-462-6798. www.sdpapartments.com.

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LINDA VISTA. Move-In Special! \$1404 plus \$350 Deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Close to schools and convenient locations. Section 8 welcome. No pets. For details, call 858-715-1770!

LITTLE ITALY. Special \$500 off! \$3200. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse, 1900 square feet. Heart of Little Italy. Underground parking. Washer/ dryer. Dog OK. Vida, 619-665-8269.

MIRA MESA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1264. Near all—on bus line. Section 8 welcome. Sorry, no pets. Call 858-793-0951.

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MISSION BEACH. South. Studio, upstairs. All utilities paid. On-site parking. 2980 Mission Boulevard, south of roller coaster. \$800/ month, lease required. 760-887-2000. appvalleyinn@gmail.com.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$800. Large studio. No pets. Nonsmoking. Parking. Beach side. Appliances. New paint/ carpet. Clean. Prefer 6-month lease. 717 San Fernando Place. 619-275-3455.

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MISSION BEACH. \$2100. Large oceanfront 2 bedroom. Parking or garage, tile floors, all appliances, laundry facility, and large front patio. 4001 Ocean Front Walk. 858-272-9547.

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MISSION HILLS. \$1065. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartment. Spectacular views of San Diego Bay, 1 parking space, no pets. 1767 Torrance Street #206. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice area on hill. Pet OK. Second floor, hardwood. Clean, bright, laundry. Parking. Deposit \$1000. 3786 Keating. 858-613-1069.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 825 square feet. Comes with a garage. Hardwood floors, balcony, on-site laundry. No smoking, no pets. Quiet. 619-298-6436.

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MISSION HILLS. Immaculate 1 bedroom apartment in very private, quiet, well-located complex. Credit check required. Leave message. 619-916-9187.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs. Friars Pointe Complex. Easy access to trolley. Parking permits. Pool/spa/sauna. Small pet with deposit. 619-994-5680.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1025. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, Rancho Mission Villas. Newly remodeled, air, pool, Jacuzzi, tennis, rec center, laundry facilities. Lease. \$800 deposit. 619-818-9059.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1110. Friars Pointe. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Downstairs, carport, pool, spa. Cat OK. 6354 Rancho Mission Road, #501. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1118 per month. Quiet area. Walking distance to all. Close to I-805 Freeway and Adams Ave. Laundry room. 1 assigned parking space. Section 8 welcome. No pets. Call 858-638-7886.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$975. Lovely 2 bedroom near Adams Avenue. Gated, on-site laundry, storage. Parking for 2 cars. 4678 Ohio Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1300. Newly refurbished: paint, carpet and more. Washer/dryer, dishwasher. Near all. No pets. Open house 1pm-4pm. Saturday, 11/21, and Sunday, 11/22. 4557 32nd Street. 858-717-3626.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Studio apartment. Newly remodeled. 400 square feet. Available mid-October. Rent: \$735. 3235 Collier Avenue. Call Mike: 619-640-8834 or 858-490-1600.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry, gated. Quiet complex. Available now. 4511 35th Street #6. www.amgsd.com. 619-295-1165.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs. Parking, close to Adams, downtown. 4575 Idaho Street #3 and #4. www.amgsd.com. 619-295-1165.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. 2 bedroom apartment. Remodeled. New windows/kitchen/bathroom and more. Laundry facilities. Parking space. 4525 34th Street #4. Shore Management. Manager, 619-280-1334.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$500 off 1st month! Extra large 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, \$1395. Custom paint, granite, washer and dryer, pool, spa, fitness. Pets negotiable. 3535 Madison Avenue. 619-384-9219.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1/2 off 1st! Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$925. Upper, appliances, breakfast nook, lots of closet space, laundry. Cat OK. 4733 Utah #8. 619-804-3325.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775 rent, \$700 deposit OAC. 1 bedroom detached cottage, new carpet, no pets, north of Adams Avenue at 4824 Mansfield Street. 619-299-8515.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Move-in special: 1/2 off first month's rent! 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit, \$720. Gated complex, assigned parking. 4563 38th Street #8. Agent, 858-560-1178.

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NORTH PARK. Available now! 2 and 3 bedroom townhomes. 1120 square feet. \$1366 + \$700 deposit. 4343 38th Street #3. Section 8 welcome. No pets. Call 858-715-1770.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhome. \$1102 plus \$600 deposit. Central location. Close to schools and freeways. 4758 35th Street. Section 8 welcome. No pets. Call 858-715-1770.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Deposit \$650. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Quiet, small complex. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. No pets. 4164 Wabash Avenue #2. 619-756-4009. jgstam@cox.net.

NORTH PARK. \$800. 1 bedroom. All amenities. Fine North Park location near shops and bus. 4631 Idaho. 619-461-9415/ 619-521-1901.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedrooms. Gated complex—very clean, quiet. New appliances, carpet and paint. Air conditioning. Off-street parking. 4173 36th Street. \$750 rent. 619-884-6353.

NORTH PARK. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath with great built-in bookshelves and closet space. Laundry on site. \$995. 4613 Alabama Street, #9. Call 619-296-6699. www.centrecity.net.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Spacious downstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath with patio. Newly remodeled. New kitchen cabinets, tile, dishwasher, stove. Gated community. Parking. No pets. 619-298-7724.

NORTH PARK. \$750/month. Available immediately. Very nice 1- bedroom

apartment in small (25- unit) complex. Quiet and secure. Many long-time residents in this complex—we insist on quiet and security. Gated. Manager on site. Laundry on site. Assigned off-street parking. Near public transit. Near freeways. Retail outlets and stores and variety of eateries within walking distance. Call 619-818-8414.

NORTH PARK. \$875. Beautiful, large 1 bedroom apartment. Huge closet. Laundry on site. Gated. Assigned parking. 4077 32nd Street. 1- year lease. Call 619-818-8414.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. Small, quiet complex. Downstairs, new carpet, gated entry, patio, storage. No pets. 4045 Mississippi Street. Agent 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. Large 1 bedroom with dining room. Freshly painted. Lots of storage. Front/rear access. \$750. 4076 30th. No pets/smoking. Garage also available. Call Val 619-507-2613.

NORTH PARK. \$1050/month. Excellent location, near library. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs. No pets. Laundry on site. Available now. 3738 31st. 619-887-8786.

NORTH PARK. 4465 Mississippi Street #4. \$400 off first month! \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhome with garage, washer/dryer. 619-200-1657 or www.bkbinc.com.

NORTH PARK. 1 month free rent! 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1350/month. Washer/dryer, garage, ample closet space. Water/trash included. 619-255-7860. Email: georgiapalms@cgpcinc.com.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, \$775. Water, sewer and trash included. New carpet, linoleum and paint, parking. Section 8 OK. Gated. 4153 Wilson Avenue #1. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. peoplehelpingothers.com.

NORTH PARK. \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment. 1 parking, coin laundry, wall air conditioning. No pets. 4328 Louisiana Street #4. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

NORTH PARK. \$875. \$300 security deposit. 1 bedroom with upgrades, including carpet, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, A/C, ceiling fan, balcony off building. Off street parking, laundry facilities onsite. 4365 Mississippi #6, call for more information, 858-866-5636

NORTH PARK. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$995/month, \$400 deposit. Large apartment, new carpet, ceramic tile floors kitchen through dining room, hall and bath. Upstairs unit, off street parking. Laundry facilities onsite. Cat OK. 4438 Oregon Street #10, call 858-866-5636 for more information.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom upstairs apartment, wood floors. No pets. Nonsmoking. \$750/month plus deposit. Garage available for \$75/month. 4120-B Iowa Street. Available now. 619-669-9953.

NORTH PARK. 1/2 off 1st! Extra large 1 and 2 bedrooms, \$925/up. Gated, private balcony, underground parking, A/C, all appliances, new paint and flooring. 3928 Illinois. 619-843-0796.

NORTH PARK. 1/2 off 1st! Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$975. Stove, refrigerator, ceramic tile flooring, ceiling fans. Great location near all! 4055 Utah Street #6. 619-804-3325.

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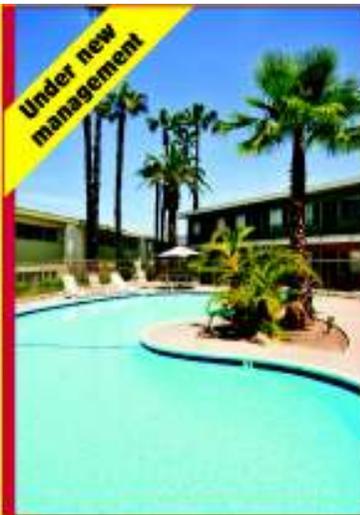


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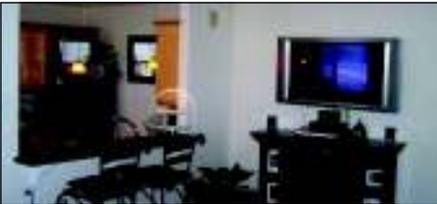
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I thought people would want me to move lumber, but when they called, they wanted to move yard waste or old couches. More calls came. My old truck died, but I decided to buy a new one.”

He hauled the junk to the landfill, but some stuff seemed too good to throw away. ‘I’d see a nice couch or coffee table, and I’d save it in my garage until I had enough for a yard sale.’

After a couple of those, groups started coming up from Tijuana, wanting to buy everything I had. These days, I have a good relationship with the resellers down in TJ, and that’s how I keep my prices low.” Instead of taking everything to the landfill and paying a dumping fee, Siegel says, “We divert things to Mexico, things like washers, dryers, mattresses, and couches. Some we give away, some we sell for very low prices.

And if we can’t get rid of something — say, an old refrigerator — that way, then we’ll take it to a scrap-metal yard. They can remove the Freon and dangerous materials in accordance with state and federal guidelines.”

Siegel lists his prices on his website: a twin, double, or queen mattress costs \$20 (or two for \$30). Stoves, ovens, washers, and dryers cost \$15,

while a refrigerator is \$25. Sofas between six and eight feet go for \$35, and a full truckload of junk is \$99. “A person might have four couches, and if they go for the truckload price, they’ll pay \$99 instead of \$140.” But, he noted, those prices are for curbside pickup; items need to be placed where the truck can pull right up to them, be it driveway, garage, or front yard. “That way, we can get in and out quickly, and it saves you money. If we have to bring things out from the back yard or the house, we’ll charge an extra \$10 to \$20 for the labor.” The only exceptions are mattresses. “For those, I just charge a flat fee as long as I’m getting them out of a residence or the first floor of a building.”

Siegel takes pride in sticking to his posted prices and recommends asking other potential haulers about dump fees. “I’ve had customers say, ‘I was quoted \$35 to remove a couch, but when they got here, they charged an extra \$15 for dump fees.’ And sometimes, haulers will charge more for people living in wealthier ZIP codes.”

Turnaround is usually pretty quick. “If I’m in the neighborhood, I’ll be there in half an hour.”

Rob Wells at JunkMD in La Jolla (858-864-7763, junkmd.com) will haul anything from old furniture to construction debris. “We’ve handled little things like books and lamps, and we’ve

handled big things like sailboats and trailers.” The truck holds nearly 34 cubic yards, “and we charge by the cubic yard, with a \$100 minimum for anything under 1/16 of a truckload,” running up to \$789 for a full load. “For cement and other heavy items like dirt, however, we charge by the bed-load, because there’s a dumping charge [\$151 minimum, \$637 full bed-load].” But, he noted, “If we get clean dirt or cement, we can recycle or repurpose it.”

JunkMD is green that way. The truck runs on biodiesel fuel, and 10 percent of the proceeds from every job goes to San Diego charities such as I Love a Clean San Diego and Make-a-Wish. “We also do a lot of free community hauling for our home base here in La Jolla,” said Wells. “We’re involved in the monthly cleanups for Esther Vitti, chair of the La Jolla Beautification Committee.”

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— "THE HOME-GOING," Judith Moore,
November 21, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

He was not your average Navy man. He liked to paint. He listened to jazz and samba music. He read *A Moveable Feast*, lying in his bunk and imagining such a life for himself. The sailor used to play his flute while on guard duty at Miramar, strolling between buildings in the

pitch dark. He got in trouble for that, eventually. That and going AWOL, without realizing it, when he first arrived. They gave him bread and water in the brig. But he didn't drink beer or buy sex magazines or play loud music on a cassette player. He worked in the photo lab. He had a buddy — he had *one* buddy — who was a painter too.

— "SAILOR'S PARADISE," Mary Lang,
November 22, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

Helen Copley can't be much of a happy camper these days. During the first half of the year, Copley's flagship newspaper, the *Union-Tribune*, lost 3 percent of its average daily circulation, down to about 372,000; Sunday's rate dropped by 1 percent, to about 450,000. Even more painful is the knowledge that other papers in the region had a surprisingly successful first half. In

North County, where the *U-T* had hoped for big gains, daily and Sunday circulation at the competitor *Blade-Citizen* climbed 7 percent.

— CITY LIGHTS: "DOWN, DOWN, DOWN SHE GOES," Judith Moore, November 17, 1994

Ten Years Ago

It's almost Friday evening and I'm sitting in the park across from the Coronado Public Library. The book I'm reading is not riveting my attention in the way one always hopes as a reader. I find my attention being drawn to the flock of squalling birds that arc sucking around me for something. Pigeons.

Now they seem kind of cute, and on the heels of this sentiment I realize, holy shit: *I've turned into one of those old guys in the park!*

— "T.G.I.F.," John Brizzolara, November 18, 1999

Five Years Ago

Call me strange, but the holidays



San Diego Reader, November 22, 1989

make me think of germs. Every year, we have our Thanksgiving feast with husband Patrick's side of the family. The patriarch's home, where the dinner is usually held, crawls with humanity. Hordes of messy, over-stimulated children on a pumpkin-pie high take over the house. Among them, every year, there are quite a few sick kids. "The big germ fest," I call it. Husband Patrick affectionately terms it "sharing the love."

— BEST BUYS, Eve Kelly, November 18, 2004

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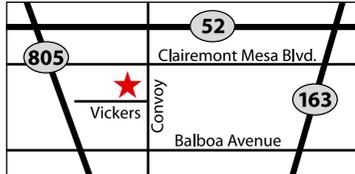
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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Ah, swine flu. Or, maybe not. Maybe just regular flu. Either way, I'm not going to church today. It's as good a time as any to spend some time with the Other Side, the crowd that doesn't do church because they don't believe in God. Or rather, they don't do the part of church that involves worshipping a personal deity. The rest of it, I found, they might be okay with.

"Organizing atheists is like herding cats," goes the old saying. Like cats, the thinking runs, atheists tend to be independent sorts, resistant to group mentalities. Further, it's tricky to organize people around a denial — once you've agreed that there's no God, what is left to do? And what's the point of doing it?

Well, for starters, what about providing refuge and support for an ostracized minority? Jeff Archer is the president of the Atheist Coalition of San Diego, and in 2006 he wrote, "In the U.S., every day is a struggle for atheists. Despite 93 percent of the membership of the National Academy of Science being atheist and numerous great actors, philosophers, artists, and writers also, we are looked down upon by most U.S. citizens, many of whom are minuscule compared to us in the area of intellect." Apparently, intellectual excellence is cold comfort. There is still that basic human desire to belong. That explains the billboard.

The billboard faces the 8 West, just before the Lake Murray exit. Passing motorists see

blue sky, fluffy clouds, and the words, "Don't believe in God? You are not alone. *SanDiegoCoR.org*." Maybe it's because I spend so much time attending various churches, but my first thought was that this was a clever religious outreach. A gentle assurance to the unbeliever that he or she was not alone in an unfeeling universe, that "bidden or not bidden, God is present." *San Diego CoR — Church of Recovery?*

The truth was more earnest: "Nontheists sometimes don't realize there's a community out there for them," says Fred Edwards, national director of the United Coalition of Reason. "We hope this will serve as a beacon." Adds San Diego coordinator Debbie Skomer, "We're choosing to be as open about our values as you are." It's the billboard as secular steeple.

An essay by coalition member Howard Jones stresses, "We aren't proselytizing; we don't expect to 'convert' any believers." But the coalition is made up of nine member organizations, including the aforementioned Atheist Coalition of San

Diego, which seeks, among other things, "to promote atheism...presenting it as a worth-while, life-affirming, and wholesome point of view." And Skomer grants that one of the goals of the billboard is to help member organizations grow their memberships. Even if you're not seeking converts, when you've found the truth, you want to share it.

Another coalition member group, the Humanist Association of San Diego, retains the services of "San Diego's only American Humanist certified Humanist Celebrant for Weddings, Memorials, and other rites of passage rituals." Someone to preside over significant moments, the way a priest is there to baptize and bury. Not the *same* way, of course, but it's hard to miss the quasi-religious connotation of "celebrant."

There are regular gatherings. On Sunday, November 22, the Humanist Fellowship of San Diego will be attending a lecture at the San Diego Central Library given by USD professor Dennis Rohatyn on Voltaire and the Revolt Against Reason. And

the day before, Voltaire gets his own holiday. (The gatherings, says Skomer, are part of the reason behind the coalition. "Recently, the members welcomed Sean Faircloth, executive director for the Secular Coalition for America, the national lobby representing the interests of nontheistic Americans. Typically, a visit like this would have been hosted by only one organization and advertised only to its members. By networking, the groups can have a more meaningful impact in the community.")

The coalition's local event calendar also includes birthday memorials for great atheists who have gone before us: ex-Catholic and Nobel Prize-winner Marie Curie, Mr. Cosmos Carl Sagan. The tribute to Sagan includes this, which reads like the photo-negative account of a saint's final perseverance in the face of death: "Ann Druyan, in the epilogue to Sagan's last book, *Billions and Billions: Thoughts on Life and Death at the Brink of the Millennium* (published posthumously in 1997), gives a moving account of Carl's last days: 'Contrary to the fan-



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tasies of the fundamentalists, there was no deathbed conversion, no last-minute refuge taken in a comforting vision of a heaven or an afterlife. For Carl, what mattered most was what was true, not merely what would make us feel better. Even at this moment when anyone would be forgiven for turning away from the reality of our situation, Carl was unflinching. As we looked deeply into each other's eyes, it was with a shared conviction that our wondrous life together was ending forever."

The billboard went up November 11 and will stay up for a month. There has already

been positive response. "To finally enjoy a community of like-minded people!" writes new member Wendy at the website for the San Diego New Atheists. New member Raul joins in, "I've been skeptical of the 'Invisible Man' in the sky who I had better do what he says or there's a special place in Hell for me that he will send me (...but he loves me!). I saw the *SanDiegoCoR.org* sign the day it came out and want to make friends." Skomer says she has received 58 positive comments so far through the CoR website, including this one: "I am an educated, generous, and compassionate nontheist who has 'led a good life and contributed my share to society.' I am often frustrated by the dominance of religious dogma in our everyday lives and by the lack of outlets for people like me to express their love and compassion for others without having to pretend to believe in something they don't.... Please keep up the good work."

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