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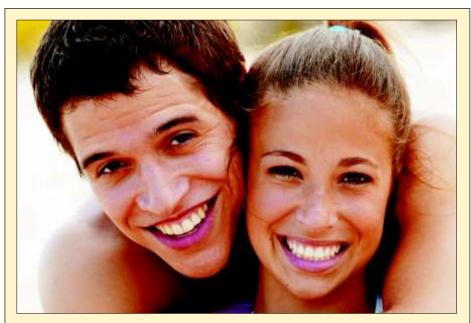


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#### **UNDER THE RADAR**

Meg's Blue green money Former eBay executive Meg Whitman, currently run-



ning first in at least one poll of voter sentiment in her race for the GOP's gubernatorial nomination, gave \$1.15 million to Valley Floor Preservation Partners. That's the group in Telluride, Colorado, that for decades battled La Jolla's Neal Blue over the fate of

Meg Whitman

some 570 acres of open space owned by Blue at the entrance to town. Blue, who owns defense contractor General Atomics with his brother Linden, wanted to build acres of condos and shops there; a majority of the

town's denizens wanted to preserve it as is. Last year, the preservationists won a 6-1 Colorado Supreme Court decision upholding the city's right to condemn the property. This June the land was deeded to the town in exchange for \$50 million, plus interest, paid to Blue, raised partially through public contributions, including Whitman's.

But Whitman, who owns a condo and a ranch near the posh ski resort, is now coming under fire from conservative rivals, who say the contribution shows she is too environmentally friendly, reports the San Jose Mercury News. That forced Whitman to issue a statement saying that despite the Telluride contribution discovered on her foundation's IRS filing - she remains opposed to government condemnation. "She strongly believes that the government should not be able to arbitrarily seize land from private citizens," Tucker Bounds, Whitman's assistant campaign manager, said. Whitman also gave \$200,000 to the Environmental Defense Fund to rescue the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, although she opposed the group's position in public, the paper reported.

Deeper and deeper San Diego City Council president Ben Hueso has been feathering more than just his assembly campaign's nest of late. A recently filed

disclosure statement shows that he's been getting big money for his legal defense fund from special interests with business at city hall. They include Tom Sudberry Jr. of Scripps Highland M/I Development L.P., who gave \$500, and Dale Marquardt

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Ben Hueso

of Marquardt Properties, working on a 24unit apartment project, also a \$500 contributor. Other donations include \$500 from pawnbroker Francisco Anzar of Monte de Piedad; \$500 from Omar Anzar, another pawnbroker, of Anzar Enterprises, Inc.; \$250 from Brian Dinerstein of the Dinerstein Companies; and \$250 from Joshua Vasbinder of DMC Builders Co., Inc.

Since setting up the fund, Hueso's gotten a total of \$15,585, with \$3000 of that coming in during the three months of July, August, and September. During the same period, the fund paid \$1756 to the L.A. law firm of Strumwasser & Woocher and reimbursed Hueso \$2500 for his "initial retainer deposit to attorney."

Hueso set up the fund in early 2008 after he was accused in a confidential complaint to the City's Ethics Commission of "Participation in Municipal Decision Involving Economic Interests," according to records. He was never charged in the case. Under city law, the lifetime of such legal defense funds is supposed to be limited to six months, but Ethics Commission executive director Stacey Fulhorst granted Hueso a six-month extension of time, "because the committee demonstrated that it was making a diligent effort to pay off its debts," according to the minutes of the commission's May 14, 2009 meeting.

#### **Operation hat giveaway** "Our

Border" (ourborder.ning.com), an online social networking website set up by Obama administration border czar Alan Bersin, is having a contest to recruit new members:

"We just want to remind you about the

Membership Challenge that is still taking place!" says a recent email from the oper-



ation, dubbed the "Southwest

Border Civic Network." "This gives you the opportunity to spread the word about Our Border. Whoever invites the most people will WIN a Border Patrol hat signed by [Homeland Security] Secretary [Janet] Napolitano! We have already had 82 new members join the Our Border network since the contest started." The contest ends December 8 ... San Diego district attorney Bonnie Dumanis is helping launch her reelection bid with a campaign fundraiser in the form of a "Holiday Cocktail Reception" on Tuesday, December 15, at the home of Sandy Shapery, located in a luxury apartment in the Shapery Emerald Plaza Building on Broadway across from the courthouse. Backers, according to a recent email, include Sheriff Bill Gore, waging his own election battle, San Diego mayor Jerry Sanders, city attorney Jan Goldsmith, and city councilman Kevin Faulconer.

- Matt Potter

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## **Barnyard Brew**

By Alastair Bland

but today winemaker Ross

Rizzo keeps the vats as decor

to charm the guests. They

are, after all, useless, hope-

lessly infested with Bret-

tanomyces, a notorious genus

of yeast that strips wines of their fruity esters, leaves an

incorrigible scent of barn-

yard, and can wreak havoc

and financial wreckage on

a winery if allowed to thrive uncontrolled. Winemakers

have battled with this bug

learning to love it. World-

wide, and throughout San

Diego County, brewers are

intentionally infecting their

beers - mostly Belgian-

style, barrel-aged beers ----

with Brettanomyces, as sour

But beer makers are

for centuries.

t Bernardo Winery, 50 large redwood vats have resided in the warehouse for more than a century. Until the 1960s they

were used as fermenters, ales, an unlikely favorite, catch on among the beerdrinking elite. Greg Koch,



ments in a method called

"spontaneous fermenta-

tion." Brettanomyces and

several other "spoiling

agents," as winemakers call

them, literally blow on the wind throughout much of

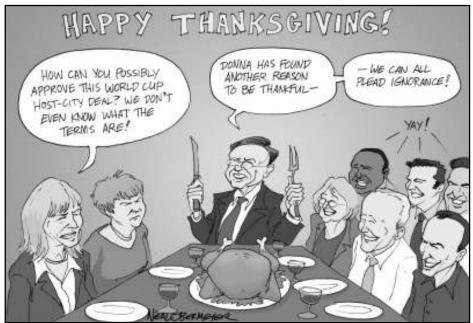
the world, and ales exposed

to these microbes and aged

founder of Stone Brewing Co. in Escondido, hosted the third annual Stone Sour

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**Neal Obermeyer** 



600 guests attended to taste the 90 beers, some as tart as lemonade and most bearing scents of horse, hay, alfalfa, and a general barnyard funk. Koch first encountered

Fest on July 19. More than

sour beers during a 1995 beer-tasting tour in Belgium, where brewers have traditionally left fermenting beer exposed to the ele-



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for months or years in barrels slowly attain sourness and a funky complexity. *Acetobacter* — the creature that makes vinegar — Lac-

#### Where to go for sour beers

- The Lost Abbey, San Marcos
- Ballast Point Brewing Company, Linda Vista (during special events)
- Alpine Beer Company, Alpine (on tap soon)

tobacillus, and Pediococcus contribute to the overall acidity and pungency of the style.

Although Koch loves well-made eye-watering ales, he chooses not to use Brettanomyces in his own facility.

"If you're not careful, these bugs can get into every nook and cranny and infect all your equipment," he says.

Wineries face the same risk. In 2005 at Orfila Vineyards in Escondido, 120 oak barrels were discovered to contain Brettanomyces and had to be scrapped — sold to a hardware chain for use as garden planters, according to the current winemaker, Don Reha. The affected wine was not yet ruined and bore only the faintest scent of Brettanomyces, but it was sold onto the bulk market any-

way. Reha says that French wines often contain souring microbes. The average consumer, he says, won't notice just a trace, but a heavy concentration must be dealt with, either by blending it away or running the wine through a specialized 0.25-micron filter.

Rizzo observes that wine, unlike beer, absorbs the effects of Brettanomyces and its cousins in a usually unfavorable way.

"Wine is much more susceptible to some of these pathogens and bacteria and can easily be turned into a horrible-tasting liquid," he explains. "In beer, these bugs tend to make them 'interesting.' "

But just a trace won't hurt a wine, says Rizzo. Twenty percent of his own wine, in fact, is made in the same room as the winery's infected redwood vats, and Rizzo says these wines contain limited amounts of Brettanomyces, which impart a pleasant toasted-oak flavor. If allowed to thrive, however, the mild effects

Bernardo Winery

could escalate to the "barnyard" level — and eventually "dirty diaper." Beer, too, can be overwhelmed by the essence of Brettanomyces. Colby Chandler, brewer at Ballast Point Brewing Company in Linda Vista, describes such afflicted beers as smelling like goat, and,

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Tasting room at Ballast Point Brewing Company

clearly, brewers who cultivate Brettanomyces in their barrels and bottles are walking a narrow line.

Brettanomyces was first isolated and named in Denmark in 1904 by N. Hjelte Claussen, then director of New Carlsberg Brewery. This was the post-Pasteur era, when the understanding of microbes, "germs," and general sanitization was advancing rapidly. Other yeasts had been isolated too, including Saccharomyces, which became the favorite of beer makers. Putting their new understanding of microbiology to work, brewers gained heightened control over their product by keeping unwanted organisms out of fermenting vats, barrels, and bottles. Brettanomyces, which easily infects wood and can remain dormant in barrels for years, was identified as a leading cause of sour beer and wine, and it became something feared,

#### <u>STRINGERS</u>

#### **Bright Idea**

**Downtown I-5 Bridges** to Be Lit

Downtown San Diego — The San Diego City Council on Tuesday, November 17, unanimously adopted a resolution to authorize the Redevelopment Agency through the Centre City **Development Corpora-**



tion to administer and manage the construction of Interstate 5 streetlight Improvements in Cortez Hill and East Village.

The project involves the installation of 25 streetlights on the sidewalks and walkways of bridges over Interstate 5. The lights will be installed on seven downtown bridges, including four in Cortez Hill on First, Second, Third, and Sixth Avenues; and three in the East Village on J, Island, and Market Streets.

By Nathaniel Uy, 11/21

#### **Of Ball and Bus**

**Too Much Cruising on** Highland Ave.

National City — The Chargers' 31-23 win over the Philadelphia Eagles led National City police to close off some streets on Sunday, November 15, at about 5 p.m. Fans cruising the streets had Chargers flags waving and horns honking. Police cars with flashing lights blocked off Highland Avenue. Several bus routes were diverted and many riders were upset.

"Why did you have to shut the street down? I needed to catch that bus — 929!" shouted Maria Santiago while confronting one of the National City

police officers.

"Too much cruising is going on, so we shut the streets down," responded the officer. "That bus could have gone through our blockade."

"Don't feel too bad," said Aziz Jabbar who was on the corner of Plaza and Highland. "On certain weekends [some people] gather over there at the

Walmart parking lot and have all kinds of fighting. Tonight the cops didn't want anything like that to happen. I normally take the route 962 or the 955. Those had to get diverted too!"

Drivers of cruising cars were eventually told to move on to avoid getting arrested. After an hour, the streets were reopened at around 6 p.m.

By Noel Gallego, 11/18

#### **Prayer for No Rain**

Want to Put Up Tent **This Week** 

Downtown San Diego - Billy McIntosh watched the large white tent rise up against the downtown backdrop of tall buildings and a sky crane on Wednesday, November 18. He has been getting anxious as the nights turn colder in San Diego.

"I lost my job as a construction worker and ran out of unemployment money," said the over-sixfeet-tall Irishman with



graying blond hair. "I also biolost my apartment, and " it's been getting cold liv-  $\frac{R_{e}}{2}$ ing in the streets."

McIntosh and many  $\frac{Z}{2}$ others were watching 🗒 workers from the Veterans Village of San Diego  $\frac{25}{5}$ work on the winter homecontinued on page 8 🔊 CITY LIGHTS CITY LIGHTS CITY LIGHTS

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#### **Barnyard** brew

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hated, and suppressed. Only at select breweries in Belgium and Germany would sourness remain a desired attribute, and for roughly a century, Brettanomyces was blacklisted. Then, just about a decade ago, brewers gave it a second chance, and now *Brett*, as brewers affectionately call it, is a rising star.

White Labs, Inc., in San Diego cultivates more than 50 strains and species of yeasts and bacteria for commercial and home use in brewing and winemaking, including three strains of Brettanomyces and a "sour mix." Neva Parker, the lab's manager, says she has seen the increased demand among brewers for White Labs' souring agents. Parker says that, though beer can gain "complexity" through the tactful use of *Brett*, the fruity esters of wine tend to decay and vanish in its presence. The yeast works very slowly, however; whereas Saccharomyces can fully ferment a batch of beer in just several days, Brettanomyces requires at least six weeks to affect a beer's flavor and turn the sugars into alcohol. Brewer-owner Pat McIlhenney at Alpine Beer Company feels that at least three months is required to make a sour beer, but Tomme Arthur, director of brewery opera-

tions at the Lost Abbey in San Marcos, says that good Brett beers require even longer.

"You can't make a good one in less than six months, and you can't make a great sour beer in less than a year," he says

To Chandler at Ballast Point, who has several barrels of sour fruit beers currently maturing in the cellar, making these beers requires a brewer to think like a winemaker.

"They take up space, and you have to think years ahead in terms of production, where to keep them, when they're ready, and then what to do with them," he says.

In turn, prices can be high. Lost Abbey's sour ales begin at \$15 for a 375-milliliter bottle and top out at \$30 for a 750-milliliter bottle. Still, the beers are selling. When he founded the Lost Abbey in 2006, Arthur made 8 barrels of sour beer. This year he has made 200, and production is on the rise — as is demand for infected barrels. At Bernardo Winery, Rizzo has turned away brewers asking to have his redwood vats, preferring to keep the artifacts as decor. And at Orfila Vineyards, winemaker Reha plans to keep Brettanomyces and its funky cohorts out of his winery, but should a problem arise and the critters turn up, he will likely sell any infected barrels into the sour-beer business.

But some beer aficiona-

dos have their doubts. Author Brian Yaeger, who visited Stone Brewing Co. in March while promoting his 2008 beer-travel book, Red, White and Brew: An Amer*ican Beer Odyssey*, suspects that many brewers are dumping Brettanomyces into their vats for the sake of riding the wagon.

"These beers are trendy and they sell, but just pouring a beer into an infected barrel doesn't make it worth twice as much," says Yaeger. "Funk for the sake of funk doesn't interest me."

Arthur, at Lost Abbey, agrees that there can be "bad" sour beers. They will be either too high on the Acetobacter-vinegar notes and too low on the Brettbarnyard essence or vice versa. Balance, says Arthur, is usually the trick. McIlhenney of Alpine Beer doesn't even care for the horse sweat-barnyard characteristics so revered by others; he will soon be releasing two barrel-aged Brett beers that, if he can manage, will taste like tart cherry pie.

Most brewers predict that sour beers will remain a specialty product — like an expensive party gag. Koch notes that craft beers occupy only 5 percent of the beer market, and sour beers less than 5 percent of that.

"Sour beers are, by their nature, an enthusiast's style, and even enthusiasts don't drink them every day. They'll never go mainstream."

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continued from page 7 less shelter in an empty lot at the corner of 16th Street and Island Avenue. The workers had a goal to complete the tent within a week.

The temporary winter shelter is a joint effort by many organizations, including the City of San Diego, the Veterans Village, and the Alpha Project. The City of San Diego dropped off the tent on Monday. The Veterans Village is providing the work crew to get the structure built. The Alpha Project office will be managing the shelter during its winter operation.

According to the mayor's office, the shelter is not required to open till December 2, but Bob McElroy, president and chief executive of the Alpha Project, wants to open next week.

"I'm praying it doesn't rain," said McElroy. "Otherwise the work will stop and we'll have a problem with the early opening." By Noel Gallego, 11/19

#### **Stupid Alarm**

"That's Out of Our League"

Downtown San Diego — At around 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, a fire alarm started going off at Fahrenheit, a mid-rise condo building located on the 1000 block of Island Avenue. Nearly a dozen residents evacuated

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the building.

Although it was discovered to be a false alarm, the building maintenance person was unable to disarm the system. Soon afterward, homeowners as well as ground-floor retailers became annoyed.

"This is really loud and irritating," said a retailer who had the alarm blaring in his store. "It is turning my customers away. I was concerned at first, but now I just want them to fix it."

A fire engine appeared at the scene around 20 minutes after the alarm began, and firefighters were informed of the malfunctioning alarm. As firefighters performed a sweep of the building, the maintenance man asked for help in disabling the alarm. A fireman was seen trying to assist but then was overheard saying, "That's out of our league." Firefighters then cleared the area and left within a few min-

utes. However, the sound of the alarm was not silenced until almost 4 p.m., when an alarm company support team arrived to turn it off.

A lady standing outside of her second-floor balconv to avoid the noise inside her home said, "Good thing I didn't bother coming downstairs. It wasn't a real fire, anyway. I didn't want to bother with packing my things and getting my cat."

By Nathaniel Uy, 11/20

#### **New! Rapid!** Costly!

**Fast Buses for South Bay** Chula Vista — On Thursday, November 19, residents on the eastern side of Chula Vista received a letter in the mail from the San Diego Association of **Governments concerning** a new rapid transit project.

The South Bay Bus Rapid Transit project is set to create a 21-mile bus route originating at the Otay Mesa border and extending northwest through eastern Chula Vista, eventually ending in downtown.

According to the letter, the new bus route will have limited stops, comfortable vehicles, and fast, frequent service. The letter states that the travel time will be reduced using dedicated "guideways" and bus-only lanes, as well as technology to get through traffic signals more quickly.

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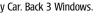
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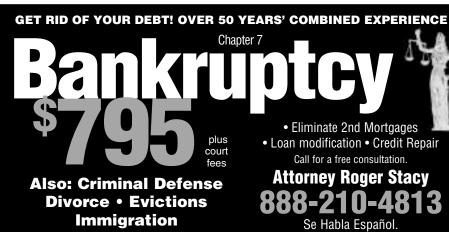
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Construction is set to begin in the next couple of years, and phase one is scheduled to be completed by 2013. Upon completion, the Metropolitan Transit System will operate the route. Phase two will include the addition of I-805 "managed lanes" and increase access for National City residents.

Once finalized, the route will have 12 stations serving major activity centers in downtown San Diego, the South Bay, as well as the Otay Mesa port of entry. It's projected that service can be provided in intervals of ten minutes during peak commute hours.

Funding for phase one will be predominantly from TransNet dollars, which is the regional sales tax approved by voters in 2004. The second phase will use federal, state, and local

TENTION:

#### funding sources.

By Gian Ghio, 11/21

#### Stalled Trolley

Sparks Fly Near Santa Fe Depot

Downtown San Diego — An Orange Line trolley incurred a mechanical problem at about 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 19. The trolley lost power from its overhead electrical source as it was coming into the One America Plaza station.

The trolley came to a stop at Kettner Boulevard and Broadway, blocking street traffic. Several minutes later, cars and other vehicles on Kettner began making U-turns, seeking alternate routes.

A female security guard at the Santa Fe Depot said, "I heard something that sounded like an explosion, and I looked up and saw sparks flying from the wires overhead."

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tem had the problem fixed within about 15 minutes, and by 6:25 p.m. the trolley was on its way. Several Coaster passengers complained to an Amtrak ticket clerk about missing the 6:21 p.m. Coaster because of the delay.

By Steve Horvath, 11/20

#### **Save the Lifeguards**

They'll Take Their Eyes off Victim

*Pacific Beach* — **The most** pressing issue addressed at the November 18 Town Council meeting was the looming likelihood of a reduction in lifeguards. It was pointed out that the city's reported goal of reducing the budget by 17 percent would have a significant impact on lifeguards.

According to Gavin McBride, spokesman for the San Diego Association for Lifeguards, a 17 percent reduction to the lifeguard budget would be equivalent to approximately \$3 million.

"If you take us off beaches, you lose your first line of response," said McBride. "We'd be forced to reduce two-person stations to one-person stations. If we do this, one person is going to have to go get the truck, take his



eyes off the victim, and hope he will be able to find him again .... People will die...it happened in 1983.... They reduced the number of lifeguards...within a week someone drowned." By Carolyn Grace Matteo,

11/19

#### Comments

1. I've been "saved" twice by San Diego life guards. The last time was on a boogie board, and I was caught in a rip current and was in the process of paddling out of it when the idiot life guard "saved" me. I wont go into details, but it was highly embarrassing to me, especially when the 50 13 y/o "Jr Lifeguards" who were there for a training exercise started clapping when we got to the beach. I wanted to die right there on the spot.

> By SurfPuppy619 6 p.m., Nov 19

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arms out from your shoulders in the shape of a cross and then bring your puppy paws together so your arms are in an "O" shape. This means you're "OK" and the LG will go find some other kook to save.

6:45 p.m., Nov 19 3. I like McBride taking a page out of the Dick Cheney fear playbook. Well played, dude. pacificbeacher.com.

By gofurry

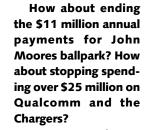
By PacificBeacher 7:22 p.m., Nov 19 4. When the city is finally forced to cut something out of its bloated budget,

they always target the beaches first. Why? Because then everyone gets up in arms

and concerned. Then the politicians can say they tried to cut something, but the public wouldn't allow it.

It's a game played again and again in San Diego. It's dishonest and should stop. But it works so well, so predictably, that it's pulled out year after year.

Instead of cutting \$3 million from lifeguards, how about getting CCDC to pay back the hundreds of millions it "borrowed" from the city?



Nope. It's always the beaches that are targeted.

> By Fred\_Williams 9:41 p.m., Nov 19

#### **Beach Garbage** Cleanup

I'm Having Your Litter Pacific Beach — Take a stroll here, and you're likely to encounter just a few too many empty food containers, cans, bags, party flyers, bottles, and cigarette butts.

"On a good day we probably remove between 100 and 150 pounds of trash from the streets and gutters of Pacific Beach," said P.B. town council president Rick Oldham.

In an effort to combat the growing littering problem in Pacific Beach, the council recently launched a beautification campaign called "Clean PB."

"The idea is to catch the attention of a younger demographic," said Oldham.

The new campaign will feature 8x10 posters on bar windows and trash receptacles (e.g., "Found" next to a picture of some trash). Other posters contain slogans such as, "Back that trash up," "I'm having your litter," and "Use me."

**Town council members** plan to pass out flyers with statistical information such as number of yearly visitors and number of trashcans in the area. They will also hand out free cloth bags with T-shirts that read, "Let's Talk Trash."

By Kathryn Snyder, 11/19

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#### Lemon Power

Published Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009



An attempted mugging at the bus stop near the Lemon Grove trolley station on Monday, November 2, was foiled when the perpetrator slipped on some lemons...near the city's lemon statue.

Cristiana Flores was waiting at the bus stop when an unmasked African-American male in his 20s grabbed her purse and started to run away. Another waiting bus rider, Jeremy Foster, started running after the mugger. The thief didn't get far before he slipped on a few lemons that had either been dropped by someone walking by or had come from the trees growing next to the bus stop. He fell down and dropped the purse.

As Foster closed in on the mugger, he decided to run away so he wouldn't get caught. He left the purse and its contents scattered all over the ground. An accomplice waiting in a nearby black pickup truck aided in his escape before police were called.

Foster was modest about helping Flores, and both declined to have their picture taken. Foster helped pick up the scattered belongings of Flores before catching the next bus to Cuyamaca College.

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#### A *Reader* For The White House

I want to commend you for a marvelous, marvelous article on Mr. Bersin and his pattern of operations over the years ("Obama Taps Alan Bersin to Oversee the Border," Cover Story, November 19). My hope is that the Reader has sent a copy of that to the chief of staff in the White House, because I think Obama is about to make the biggest mistake of his life, which he's not going to recoup from with the U.S.-Mexican relationship. Clyde Wahl

El Cajon

#### Snit, Snivel, Snob

Re "A Snob to the Core" (Letters, November 19).

Funk and Wagnall's defines snob as "One who makes birth, wealth, or education the sole criterion of worth." E. Dunne defines it as someone who expresses knowledge and appreciation for wine. The writer then projects hateful and insulting characteristics upon Barbarella and her husband while exposing his or her own prejudice and ignorance concerning the subject. This hypocrisy-laden rant was punctuated when I read the two words defined *directly* before snob in the dictionary, namely, snit and snivel. If the shoe fits....

> Gene E. Schwartz Pacific Beach

#### **Old Black Crowes**

Happy to see some love for the Black Crowes ("Of Note," November 19), but how about a current picture? The band members have changed *a lot* since this out-of-date photo was taken.

Name Withheld by Request via email

#### Heartfelt Hypothesis

Finally! A "Sheep and Goats" column (November 19) that doesn't rate a church on a star system and that reveals, by implication, what we Theists have known for a half-dozen millennia:

Atheism is a religion.

Atheism is not merely the absence of belief in God. Atheism is a heartfelt belief in the hypothesis that God does not exist. Many Atheists are as zealous of their faith as the most zealous Theists. In the function of worship, Atheism is polytheistic. Atheists worship many gods. Self, the dignity of man, relativism, and hedonism are among the many objects of Atheist veneration. The religious system of Atheism boils down to humanity worshipping humanity and human ideas.

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To all who have placed their faith in Atheism, I present six propositions. I am not seeking to prove these propositions, merely to state them: (1) God exists; (2) God has revealed Himself; (3) God makes sense; (4) God has a plan; (5) You are the object of God's plan; (6) You owe God a hearing.

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> Name Withheld by Request Santee

#### Hope On The Bridge

I want to thank Ed Bedford for the story on Mexico ("México," November 12). I, too, have gone over the "walking" bridge myself for about ten years. It was there that I also met Jorge. Every time I was in TJ, I stopped to talk with him and shared my Delicatos and mescal. This was long before they set up the twin police towers on both sides of the bridge. That young man gave me a lot of hope when I least expected it. Always had a smile and a hello as I was walking to downtown. Thanks again ---you brought back a lot of great memories.

Keith R. via email

#### What Violence?

Thank you for the fair and touching story on Baja and why so many people love it ("México," Cover Story, November 12). The things that writer Ed Bedford fondly remembers are still here. The drug-related violence, though disturbing anywhere — in Mexico or the U.S. — almost without exception does not target or affect those not involved in the drug trade.

It is unfortunate that some fixated media coverage has kept many people away, because Baja if anything might be safer than ever. I'm in my fifth year of living here full-time (and have been a frequent visitor for more than 30 years) and have yet to even witness a crime, although they surely can and do occur in any country. Nor, as someone who's here every day, have I seen any drug-related violence, which some in the U.S. have come to believe is so prevalent here.

Thank you again, and I'd be happy to buy Ed a cerveza down here anytime.

Ron Raposa International Public Relations Representative Playas de Rosarito

#### STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

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And the sign said "Posted, no trespassing." I could see that it was posted, why does it say that? 2 parter: Talking about parens, what about []? I have seen brackets in quotes from old books like [W]here. So confused, cannot even phrase a question. What does it all mean? — jj, moved to Valley Center

Oh, Valley Center can be such a confusing place, what with the sun, the dust. You'll calm down soon. In the meantime, I'm glad to begin to make a dent in your dithering and bring back your usual sharpbrained thinking. Posted. Well, the sign actually left out a word. "Posted Property" is the full phrase. A legal term. It's land enclosed by a wall or fence of some sort beyond which the common man can't go. Often seen on government property, private property, dangerous property. Depending on how long

your wall or fence is and what shape it encloses, there are laws about how many signs you need and where the signs should be placed. "Posted," I guess, is just a shorthand that's developed to save sign-makers room for all the details of legal code sections and threats of what will happen to you if you ignore the warning.

Question number two also involves enclosed stuff. Words this time. Yes, we were talking about parentheses, and no, we never got around to talking about brackets. We didn't figure anybody much cared about them. Once again, we overestimated you all. So, brackets, as you might guess, are close cousins of parens. At one time, parens were formed much like brackets, which accounts for their origin. Their individual distinction arose through the evolution of popular punctuation usage. Brackets came to have two uses, first to enclose a parenthetical thought within a parenthetical thought, probably to keep the reader from getting tangled up in too many parens. The second use is generally to indicate something changed or added to the text by an editor or author. Your "[W]hen" means that in the original text, the W was lowercase, the editor or author having lopped off the beginning of the original sentence in the quoted material. If the editor used a paren instead, the reader might think the punctuation was part of the quoted text. Got it? Good. The Valley Center horizon should be coming into sparkly focus any minute now.

Dear Matthew Alice:

I was paying my bills when a question occurred to me that only you could answer. Why is it that envelopes that come with bills are always marked "Place Stamp Here" or some such message? Do the companies think we think they are going to pay for the mailing?

— Greg, San Diego

You're amazed that some sorehead would intentionally mail a Visa payment without a stamp? That someone would be so peeved at the finance charges he'd figure, "They can make me pay the bill, but they can't make me pay the postage"? Why, even Matthew Alice has had that cheap revenge fantasy.

TRATION BY RICK GEAR

Those instructions are put on the envelopes precisely because people love sticking it to the gas company, the

phone company, department stores, etc., by mailing their bills without stamps. Guess they have visions of their creditors shelling out thousands each week in postage-due payments. Well, fat chance. Ordinarily the postal service intercepts the naked envelopes and whips them back into your mailbox politely requesting that you pay up. And if you leave off your return address hoping to foil that plot, the P.O. will just set your envelope aside until they have time to open it and find your address on your check or bill stub. And then they whip it right back into your mailbox. In either case, your payment is late and, as usual, all you've done is shoot vourself in the foot.

Mattster: Who invented fuzzy dice?

— Fonzie, El Cajon

Criminey, Fonzie! I don't know! Maybe the same guy who sold sea monkeys on the back page of Popular Mechanics. Plain old dice date back to caveman days. So do loaded dice. It's true. Ask any anthropologist. The minute we invented dice, we started to cheat. But for some reason it took us 40,000 years to add the fuzz. They're definitely a '50s phenomenon. This is also the era when Vegas made its nationwide bust-out. Anyway, fuzzy dice, an American classic, come back into fashion every 20 years or so, but the inventor remains unsung.

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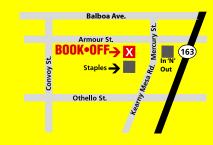
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## Game of the Week

(12) Grossmont (5-5) vs (5) Bonita Vista (7-3) at Southwestern College (Division II) Last year, Bonita Vista had a rough second half of the season, capped by an upset loss to Grossmont. Are the Barons in a better place this season as they look to exact some revenge? With their three losses coming against opposition with a combined 23-5-2 record, it's hard to argue otherwise. Grossmont comes in winner of three straight, and the Foothillers have scored and surrendered an identical 207 points. Another oddity in this one – Bonita Vista has pitched five shutouts and been shut out themselves twice. Winner of this one takes a trip to North County to face Mission Hills on Nov. 27.

### **Best of the Rest**

#### (11) Hoover (6-4) at (6) Mount Miguel (7-2-1) (Division III)

Both teams in this first-round matchup come in heading in different directions. The host Matadors have three wins and one tie in their last four, while the Cardinals finished the regular season 1-4 after an undefeated start. It won't get any easier for Hoover, facing off against a Mt. Miguel team that has not lost in five home games this season. Hoover hasn't won a playoff game since 2006 and Mount Miguel hasn't since 2007. Who can end their drought?

#### (9) Escondido Charter (8-2) at (8) Coronado (6-4) (Division IV)

Coronado's comeback win last week means they get to stay on the island for another week by hosting a playoff game. Dual-threat quarterback Kodie Englehart and the Islanders welcome a Calvin Christian team that has to be playing with a chip on its shoulder after finishing 8-2 and having to travel for their first-round game. In their four years of varsity football, the White Tigers have only made the playoffs once, and haven't

won a playoff game. Both teams come in with a four-

game winning streak.

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## SportingBox by patrick daugherty

## **Resistance Is Futile**



Jim Thorpe

ne looks heavenward and cries out, "What have I ever done that deserves having the Detroit Lions thrust upon me every Thanksgiving?" No answer.

Has Detroit ever fielded a watchable team? If so, has that watchable team appeared in my lifetime? Ultimately, this annual Thanksgiving visitation is the NFL's responsibility. Detroit gets to bore the life out of a continent of football fans, the NFL gets...what, what, what *does* the NFL get?

Thursday will mark the 70th time Detroit has played on Thanksgiving day. It's like an annual reenactment of the plague. As of this writing, there is no end in sight. Mayhap, if we go back and track this joy-killing ritual from its beginning, we can find the spot where everything went wrong.

The first National Football League was formed in 1902 and consisted of three Pennsylvanian teams, all of whom claimed to have won the 1902 professional football championship. The league folded after one season.

All attempts (and there were many) at creating a pro football league failed until 1920, when the American Professional Football Association (APFA) was formed. Two years later, the APFA changed its name to the National Football League.

Jim Thorpe, Carlisle Indian School alumnus, gold-medal winner at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, worldwide sports celebrity, future security guard, alcoholic, Hollywood movie extra, and ditch digger was the first president of the APFA/NFL. It was an unimportant job. Thorpe was already making huge money — \$250 a week — as player-coach for the Canton Bulldogs. He served as nominal president of the new league for one year while playing for Canton. The original NFL teams were: Canton Bulldogs, Cleveland Tigers, Dayton Triangles, Akron Professionals, Rochester Jeffersons, Rock Island Independents, Muncie Flyers, Decatur Staleys, Chicago Cardinals, and Hammond Pros. Upon this rock...

In the league's second year, 1921, eight new teams were enrolled, including the Green Bay Packers and the Tonawanda Kardex of Tonawanda, New York. Unhappily, Tonawanda lost its first game to the Rochester Jeffersons (45-0) and then folded, leaving behind a perfect 0-1 record.

It was a mess — leagues were slapped together and disbanded. Teams came, went, and rose again under new names. In 1922, the Oorang Indians, home-based in LaRue, Ohio (population 775), was a bona fide NFL team. Oorang was an all-Native American team. Their sponsor was not an Indian tribe but a dog kennel: the Oorang Kennel Company, owned by Walter Lingo. Proprietor Lingo had ponied up \$100 for his NFL franchise. The Oorang Indians played one home game in its two years of existence and boasted a player-coach by the name of Jim Thorpe.

The Detroit Lions came out of this mix of sports and P.T. Barnum. The team was founded in 1929 as the Portsmouth Spartans, an independent pro team, and joined the NFL in 1930.

The Spartans were purchased in 1934 by George A. Richards, an automobile dealer and owner of radio stations in Detroit, Cleveland, and Los Angeles. He led a group that acquired the team for \$7900 and immediately moved the franchise to Detroit.

Detroit was then a wasteland of startup NFL franchises having already gone through three (Detroit Heralds, Detroit Panthers, Detroit Wolverines) before the newly named Detroit Lions arrived in town.

The Lions had some good years, all of them before you were born. As things stand today, the Lions have not won an NFL championship in the past 52 years. That long-ago championship season also happens to be the last time Detroit won a playoff game, save for one win during the 1991 playoffs.

Although other football teams played football on Thanksgiving before the Lions did, the game Detroit played on that Thanksgiving of 1934 stuck in the public mind. With good reason — the 10-1 Detroit Lions went up against the undefeated, defending NFL champion Chicago Bears. NBC radio network carried the game coast-to-coast on 94 stations. Although the Lions lost 16 to 13, it was that game — and especially the sold out University of Detroit Stadium — that created the madness that has since infected two generations of American sportspersons.

In 1940, George Richards sold the franchise to Chicago department-store executive Fred Mandel for \$225,000. Eight years later, Mandel sold the team to a group of Detroit area businessmen for \$165,000. William Clay Ford became the Lions' sole owner in 1964 for a lousy \$4.5 million. And then everything went dark.

The 2009 Forbes NFL Franchise Valuations report pegs the Lions as worth \$872 million. Incredibly, four teams are worth less than that. Of course, the Oakland Raiders are last, but I'd argue they're more of a private sanitarium for Al Davis than a football team. The Chargers are 24th at \$917 million.

Enjoy the game.

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By Anthony Gentile



Grossmont players celebrate their upset win over Bonita Vista

## Game of the Week: Grossmont vs Bonita Vista

Posted November 21, 2009, 12:56 a.m. Grossmont came into a Division II first round game against Bonita Vista as the underdog for the second straight year. And for the second year in a row the 12th-seed Foothillers pulled the upset, knocking off 5th-seed Bonita Vista 17-14 Friday night at Southwestern College.

"We loved being placed in the last seed," said Grossmont defensive back Anthony Bowden. "It makes us strive harder and work harder."

The Foothillers defense delivered the upset win by pitching a shutout in the second half. Grossmont (6-5) stopped Bonita Vista (7-4) three times in the fourth quarter, the last of which was a turnover on downs with 24 seconds left to seal the win.

Grossmont's defense also helped the Foothillers take the decisive lead in the third quarter. On the opening drive of the second half, Grossmont defensive back Jonah Green picked off a Bonita Vista pass, and less than a minute later quarterback Tyler Mutter found receiver Cody Sos for a 12-yard touchdown to put the Foothillers ahead.

Both teams' offenses shined early, with the first three drives of the game going for scores. For the rest of the game, defense took over. Following a Bonita Vista fumble deep in Grossmont territory late in the second quarter, the Barons defense forced a bigger turnover. With 3:18 left, Bonita Vista defensive back Jonathon King intercepted Mutter and returned the pick 20 yards for a touchdown.

That play gave the host Barons a four-point lead going into halftime. But it was also their last score of the game.

"Bonita Vista had plenty of chances in the second half. But each time the Grossmont defense was backed up, they responded by stuffing the Barons.

**CIF Quarterfinals Matchups** 

Posted November 21, 2009, 10:58 p.m. All games November 27 at 7 p.m. Division I (1) La Costa Canyon (10-0) vs (8) Torrey Pines (5-5-1) (2) Eastlake (8-0-2) vs (10) El Camino (4-7) (3) Escondido (7-2-1) vs (6) Mira Mesa (7-4) (4) Vista (8-2) vs (12) Fallbrook (3-8-1)

#### **Division II**

(1) Oceanside (10-0) vs (8) Mt. Carmel (5-6)
 (2) Valhalla (8-2) vs (7) Helix (7-4)
 (3) Lincoln (6-3-1) vs (6) Scripps Ranch (6-5)
 (4) Mission Hills (8-2) vs (12) Grossmont (6-5)
 Division III

(1) Cathedral Catholic (9-1) vs (8) El Capitan (7-4)
 (2) Ramona (8-2) vs (7) Steele Canyon (7-3-1)
 (3) Point Loma (7-3) vs (6) Mt. Miguel (8-2-1) (at Mesa College)

(4) Serra (6-4) vs (5) St. Augustine (8-3) **Division IV** 

(1) Mission Bay (10-0) vs (8) Coronado (7-4) (at San Diego High)

(2) Valley Center (9-1) vs (10) La Jolla (5-6)
(3) Madison (9-1) vs (6) Central (9-2)
(4) Santa Fe Christian (9-1) vs (5) Olympian (11-0)
(at Torrey Pines High)

Division V

(1) Francis Parker (8-2) vs (8) Calvin Christian (8-3)
 (2) Christian (6-4) vs (7) Horizon (3-8) (at Granite Hills High)

(3) Bishop's (6-4) vs (11) Foothills Christian (7-4) (at La Jolla High)

(4) La Jolla Country Day (9-1) vs (5) Tri-City Christian (8-2-1)



A trio of carne asada tacos were the halftime meal at Southwestern College

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## **Blessings Few**

*Two and a half hours seem more than too much.* 

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DUNCAN SHEPHERD

n the Thanksgiving menu: Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire, which I was horrified to see is the verbatim title on screen and not just promotional overkill,

would qualify as the year's worst title — a title within a self-referential title, a switch from italic to roman from school, abused and battered at home by her welfare mother, an incestuous rape victim of her absentee father, and oh, HIV-positive. We don't find out all of that at once. It piles up.

Newcomer Gabourey "Gabby" Sidibe, who fills to overflowing the plus-size dimensions of the lead role, is so real-

and back again, or from double quotes to single quotes as your stylebook dictates, plus a pseudonymous auctorial credit — if not for the mitigating circumstance that its original title, Push, the title under which it was shown in January at the Sundance Film Festival, was co-opted a month later by a cheesy science-fiction thriller. (We can have in the same year two films called 9 and Nine, but Push came to shove.) Unevenly photographed, alternately oversaturated and washed-out and glossy and grainy, the film itself is a bit of well-meaning manipulation about a Harlem African-American illiterate obese unwed teenage mother of a Down's daughter, now pregnant again, expelled

istic you cannot even understand her half the time. With better enunciation, the single-named comedienne Mo'Nique, cast against type as the terrorizing mother, represents as nasty a piece of work as you could find outside of Grand Guignol: "I should have aborted your motherfuckin' ass!" No less single-note, the dedicated teacher at an alternative school called Each One Teach One and the caring social worker are reduced to ideals, notwithstanding the irrelevant lesbianism of the lovely first one (Paula Patton) and the Bronx honk of the homely second one (Mariah Carey in a deglamorized makeup-free makeover). Some interesting effects are gotten from the heroine's first-person



Red Cliff

voice-over, interwoven at competitive volume with the dialogue, such that it plays as interior monologue rather than expository narration. The fantasy scenes almost attain a similar musing quality, triggered as they are by the heroine's urgent desire to escape, but the actual content of these fantasies — a red-carpet Hollywood premiere, a mirror reflection of a slender beautiful blonde in place of a fat black, a subtitled blackand-white takeoff on a telecast of De Sica's *Two Women*, etc. — exhibit a consistent inanity which works to rob sympathy from either the film's heroine or its director, Lee Daniels. One or the other. You choose.

Bad Lieutenant, Port of Call: New Orleans has a problematic title as well. The promotional literature, and journalists seem to be falling in line with it, places the colon after the second word, but the title on screen plainly places it after the fifth, and separates the second and third words by vertical position instead of by punctuation. The provenance of the film is likewise problematic. It is nearly but not quite a remake of Abel Ferrara's *Bad Lieutenant* of 1992, at the very least a re-



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location of it from the Big Apple to the Big Easy, perhaps simply a variation on a theme — all the same kinds of badness, drugs, gambling, prostitutes, a blind eye to crime under his nose — but hardly a viable franchise, a continuing series, even assuming there's no shortage of bad lieutenants around the country. (Bad Lieutenant, Port of Call: Duluth.) If the film doesn't match the hellish hyperbole of its namesake, that's not at all a bad thing, a kind of badness that we don't want matched. And vet, not so good if not all the way to downright bad, the German director Werner Herzog now seems more fully assimilated into Hollywood than in his previous commercial venture, Rescue Dawn, more fully erased as a nutball personality, despite some genuinely odd reptile footage: a twitching road-killed alligator and an interested alligator onlooker into whose skin or eyeball the camera earnestly tries to crawl, and later, equally closeup, a couple of hallucinatory iguanas. Not remotely competent as a well-knit policier, and with a final stretch that feels like an extended dream scene from which we keep expecting to wake up, the film holds our interest, scene by scene, through its vivid characters acted with an edge, and particularly through two tense sequences around a lowlevel Mafioso and his pair of musclebound minions. Nicolas Cage, who more than once goes over the top in his psychosis, at all times does painfully well at miming the symptoms of a bad back (tilted shoulders, bent body, a forward lean as if withstanding a galeforce tailwind), the best kind of badness in the film.

Red Cliff, a 3rd-century Chinese war story, is a two-and-a-half-hour reduction of what I understand was twice that long in its native land, released in two parts. Two and a half hours seem more than too much, although any complaints about the mess of it, the incoherent jumble, might invite a challenge from its partisans to sit through the unabridged version before rendering judgment. John Woo, who certainly has his partisans, owns a to me incomprehensible reputation as a "master" (a messer, yes), and it appears doubtful that double the length would do much to redeem the melodramatic performances, the dissolve-happy coy love scene, the infrequent interjection of martial-arts superpowers, or the wildly energetic gear-grinding visual technique of short punchy zooms, hitherand-thither moving cameras, slowmotion, whatnot. It's just possible that in the full cut his characteristic balance of gore and schmaltz, or rather his imbalance favoring gore, might be affected a few degrees in the other

direction. Only the fiercest partisan will want to know. There's one absurd yet amusing ploy to deplete the enemy's arrow supply, sending out straw-padded boats in a fog to be transformed into floating pincushions, and there are impressive arrays of flags, ships, geometric masses of men. In spite of the cast of thousands, the climactic battle comes down to that signature Woo moment when, having found each other amid the chaos, the two principal antagonists hold their weapons to one another's heads.

*The Road*, from the novel by Cormac McCarthy, is a post-apocalyptic road movie of a man, a boy, a gray wasteland, and roving bands of ragtag cannibals whom Mad Max would have blown away with a sneeze. Naturalistic science fiction, it amounts to an anti-2012 (careful what you wish for) from the maker of the Australian anti-Western, *The Proposition*, John Hillcoat, a small-scale spectacle of unrelieved grimness and gloom, short on characters, thin in incident, thick with sallow grimy hairy closeups (Viggo Mortensen and a barely recognizable Robert Duvall among them), a spitting-up of blood here and an upchuck there, a gun held repeatedly to the head of a child. The boy's cultivation of morality and charity, in defiance of his father's stonyhearted defenses, offers a hint of dramatic interest.

New Moon, a vampire movie sprinkled with pop songs, long and slow and slack, is the second installment in "The Twilight Saga" from the best-selling books of Stephenie Meyer. (New director: Chris Weitz.) Whatever may be the attributes that make this franchise a "phenomenon," they seem to ensure that it will also have a significant silly factor: e.g., the extracurricular alignment of Team Edward against Team Jacob. Hardly has the lipsticked bloodsucker (a narcotized Robert Pattinson as Edward) given his human girlfriend the kiss-off for her own good — "Leaving you," he will later allow, "was the hardest thing I've done in a hundred years" - than his only romantic rival (a bulked-up Taylor Lautner as Jacob) turns into a werewolf and, again for her own good, gives her another kiss-off. (Further silliness: he and his bare-chested pack are good werewolves, preving only on bad vampires and leaving humans as well as good vampires untouched.) Kristen Stewart, who looks to my eye a little different, as if possibly she spent summer vacation getting an advanced degree at cosmetology school, makes something palpable of the adolescent tragedy of rejection, quite an achievement in the circumstances.  $\blacksquare$ 

#### MOVIE LISTINGS

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**Bad Lieutenant, Port of Call: New** 

**Orleans** — Reviewed this issue. With Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes, Val Kilmer, Brad Dourif, Fairuza Balk, and Xzibit; directed by Werner Herzog.

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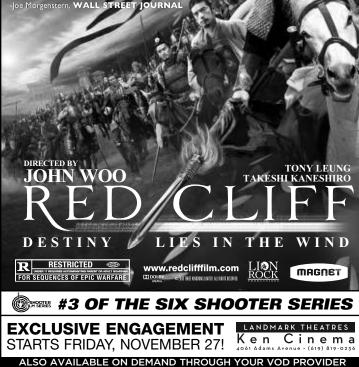
**The Big Lebowski** — There are actually two Lebowskis, a big one and a little one, a multimillionaire philanthropist and a lazy, laid-back bowler, both christened Jeffrey; and when the latter — who prefers to be

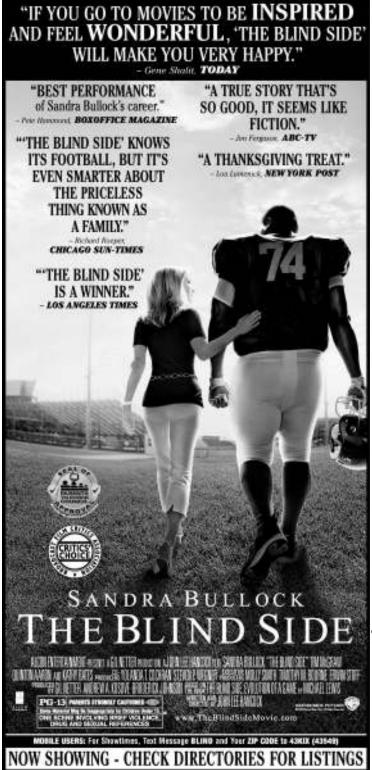
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**"A DELIRIOUS ADVENTURE."** -Lisa Schwarzbaum, ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

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addressed as "the Dude" - is mistaken for the other by a pair of dim-bulb thugs, he is pulled into an apparent kidnapping plot of rapidly deepening complexity: "a lot of ins, a lot of outs, a lot of what-have-yous." The Coen brothers, writer-director Joel and writer-producer Ethan, are here having fun with, among other things, complexity per se. Fun with the very idea of complexity. Fun with the concrete and mountainous evidence of complexity. And one of the richest sources of fun, played off in the sharpest contrast to complexity, is the glorious spectrum of stupidity on exhibit: the dopeaddled but gropingly rational Dude (Jeff Bridges); the big lug who is always absolutely sure he is right in spite of the fact that he has never been right yet (John Goodman); the woolgatherer who falls behind in the slowest of conversations (Steve Buscemi); the several teams of hired "muscle" (all brawn, no brains), one team of which are self-styled Nihilists; the nympho bimbo; the adolescent joyrider who afterwards forgets his corrected homework ("Use a dictionary," "Spelling") in the abandoned car. The complexity is no illusion. It

is right there in front of us in frightening and multiplying detail. It brutally illuminates the stupidity. And at the same time it forms the philosophical foundation for a broad and accepting, if aloof and frosty, view of humankind. The Coens - who better? who else? - are able to make wonderful sport of deadbeats and boneheads from the high ground of diligence and ingenuity. They never play "down" to the audience. They demand effort and intelligence, and they reward these by the truckload: lively characterizations, flavorful dialogue, dense atmosphere, clever and convoluted plotting, rich and well-developed themes, abundant allusions, "in" jokes, grace notes, and red herrings, each element teamed with the others in common purpose. Julianne Moore, David Huddleston, Sam Elliott, Peter Stormare, Ben Gazzara, John Turturro, Iimmie Dale Gilmore, 1998. ★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 11/27 AND 28, 7:30 P.M.)

**The Blind Side** — Soft warm cozy sports story from the maker of *The Rookie*, John Lee Hancock, about a headstrong well-todo 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 min-



imalist as Michael Oher, a future firstround 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 collegefootball coaches as themselves, Nick Saban, Phil Fulmer, Lou Holtz, et al. 2009. ★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN)



Bad Lieutenant

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. ★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6)

**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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

**An Education** — A precocious English schoolgirl of 1961 (a cellist, a Francophile, a





nie Corley; directed by F. Gary Gray. 2009.

MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24)

(FASHION VALLEY 18: MISSION)

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 through out, 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)

Fantastic Mr. Fox — Wes Anderson's stop-motion animated adaptation of the Roald Dahl children's book, with the voices of George Clooney, Meryl Streep, Bill Murray, Owen Wilson. (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION

VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

The Fourth Kind — "Please be advised," Milla Jovovich forewarns the filmgoer straight to the camera, "that some of what vou'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; written and directed by Olatunde Osunsanmi. 2009.

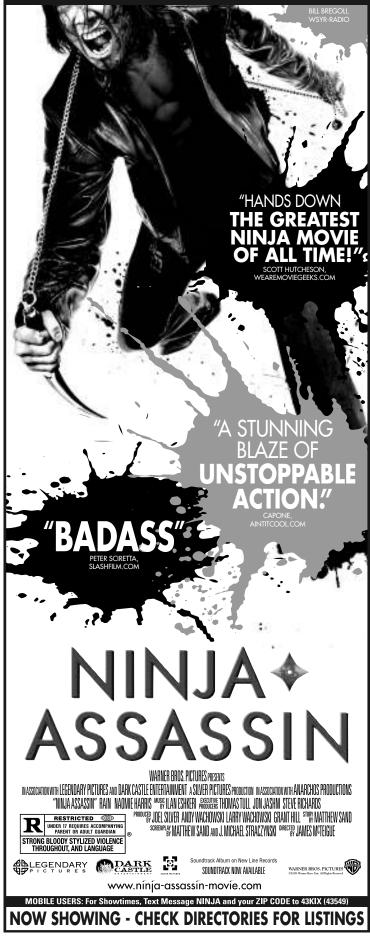
● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HOR-TON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROM-ENADE 24)

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 An**The Maid** — Inside the small world of a long-time live-in domestic in middle-class Chile, unable any longer to keep up with her chores but unable to abide an assistant (i.e., a rival). A portrait of dark psychology in a milky image, matter-of-factly presented by director Sebastián Silva, stolidly, solidly acted by Catalina Saavedra. 2009.  $\star \star$  (KEN. THROUGH 11/26)

**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 supersoldiers and psychic spies, alias Jedi Warriors (thus a new emphasis in the slogan, "Be *All* You Can Be"), and by, in a larger part, George Clooney as his most ardent disciple. It also has Ewan McGregor and



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Kevin Spacey. 2009. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Messenger — Three months from the finish of his tour of duty, a wounded Iraq War vet gets assigned on the home front to the Casualty Notification Team, a recipe for overacting. A muted Samantha Morton almost alone avoids the pitfall. With Ben Foster, Woody Harrelson, Jena Malone, and Steve Buscemi; directed by Oren Moverman, 2009. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

New Moon — Reviewed this issue. With Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Billy Burke, and Michael Sheen: directed by Chris Weitz. ● (CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Ninja Assassin — Action film starring Rain, Naomie Harris, and Rick Yune, directed by James McTeigue.

(CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASH ION VALLEY 18: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6)

Old Dogs — Parenting comedy with Robin Williams, John Travolta, and Seth Green, directed by Walt Becker. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASH-ION VALLEY 18: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.

• (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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

(CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24: POWAY 10)

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Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire - Reviewed this issue. With Gabourey Sidibe, Mo'Nique, Paula Patton, and Mariah Carey; directed by Lee Daniels. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

New Moon

**Red Cliff** — Reviewed this issue With Tony Leung, Takeshi Kaneshiro, Fengyi Zhang, Chiling Lin, and Wei Zhao; directed by John Woo. ★ (KEN, 11/27 THROUGH 12/3)

The Road — Reviewed this issue. With Viggo Mortensen, Kodi Smit-McPhee, Charlize Theron, Robert Duvall, Guy Pearce, and Molly Parker; directed by John Hillcoat. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIS-

SION VALLEY 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

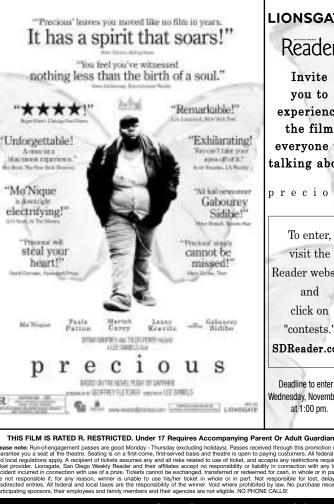
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also — unexpectedly enough, as unexpected as the superstitious Old Country folk tale of the prologue and its old-fashioned 4:3 aspect ratio - a religious film, a film concerned not just with the specific religion of Judaism and its whole exotic lexicon, but with broader religious questions, universal inquiries into life's mysteries: what have I done to deserve this? what have I done with my life? what ought I to do? what am I here for? Joel and Ethan Coen have long and lately devoted themselves to the vast panoply of human stupidity. Stretching out now, stretching back to Barton Fink, they have chosen to reassure us, although "reassure" doesn't sound quite right, that an intelligent, educated, well-meaning, and would-be serious man is no less at a loss. Michael Stuhlbarg, Sari Lennick, Richard Kind, Aaron Wolff, Fred Melamed. 2009

★★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Twilight — Teen vampire romance from the popular series of girls' books by Stephenie Meyer, a sort of *Nancy Drew* — *Vampire Lover*. It merits a modicum of credit for attempting to bring some virgin blood to a tired old genre: the nonnuclear vampire family, having settled in the rural Northwest for maximum privacy and cloud cover,

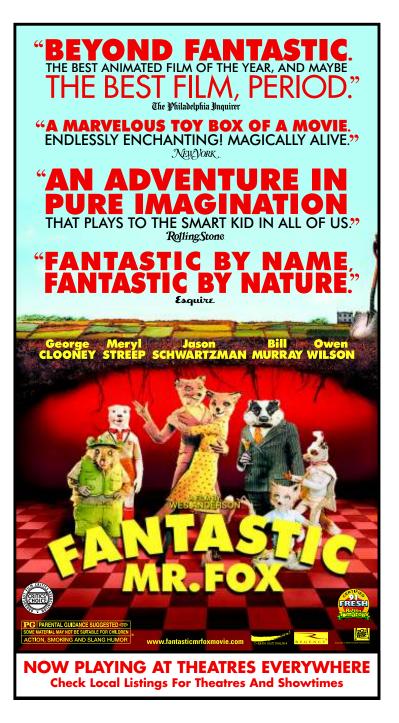


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strive to fit in and stay straight, fancying themselves "vegetarian" for dining only on animal blood instead of human. Because the narrative point of view is that of an ordinary flesh-and-blood high-school girl, we don't witness the gory details of their daily diet. (Exsanguination of deer and rabbit, to say nothing of pet dog and cat, could tend to alienate the audience.) What we mainly witness is the cultivated aura of mystery and danger around the eternal seventeenyear-old adopted son of the family. And the business of being a bloodsucker in the 21st Century takes a distant backseat to the business of campus courtship: the classic pat-

tern of Good Girl meets Bad Boy. He flatteringly lusts after her ("You're like my own personal brand of heroin"), but even more flatteringly he respects her ("I can't ever lose control with you"): a parent's least nightmare, and little wonder that the hearts of schoolgirlish readers, and now moviegoers, might go pitty-pat. Given the general level of innocuousness and salubriousness, we don't expect the frustrated teen sweethearts now or in future installments to explore the engorgement option in Theodore Sturgeon's novella Some of Your Blood, namely menses. (Eeuuww!) But given the fixation on the girl's "scent" and given the old-fashioned proscription against Going Too Far or indeed Going All the Way, that option insistently comes to mind. Kristen Stewart, a cashew head on a pipe-cleaner body, to all appearances unsullied by vanity, does very well with things like adolescent insecurity, crippling self-consciousness, un-voiced feelings, and the scariness of sex; and on those counts Catherine Hardwicke is a sympathetic director. She is less sympathetic in shooting everyone in the cast, human and vampire alike, with a deathly bluish pallor. Robert Pattinson as the bloodthirsting heartthrob, meanwhile, achieves little more than Cornball Cool and requires a lot of slow-motion and a lot of hair gel to help him with it. 2008. ★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)





## **MOVIE SHOWTIMES**

Showtimes subject to change. (Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

#### CENTRAL

#### **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

**Carmel Mountain 14** 11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)

**Astro Boy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 12:30, 2:40) 4:50, 7:00, 9:20; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:25; **A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri.-Sun.; Ninja Assassin (R) Fri.-Sun.; Old Dogs (PG) Fri.-Sun.; Pirate Radio (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:35, 7:25, 10:05; Planet **51** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 12:30, 2:45) 5:10, 7:45, 10:00; **New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 12:55, 1:45, 3:45) 4:45, 6:35, 7:30, 9:35, 10:30; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 2:30) 6:00, 9:30

#### CLAIREMONT

#### Town Square 14

nont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722) The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 11:55, 1:40, 2:40) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 10:55; **A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 6:10, 8:20, 10:30; **An Educa-tion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05; Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri.-Sun.; The Men Who Stare at Goats (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:15); **Ninja Assassin** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; **Old Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:10, 2:10, 3:25) 4:25, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; Planet 51 (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50. 10:00; **New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 11:30, 12:15, 1:30, 2:15, 3:00) 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30, 11:00; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 2:45) 6:05, 9:30

#### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709) The Box (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; The Men Who Stare at Goats (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 6:05, 8:20, 10:30; Pirate Radio (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:20. 7:55, 10:30; 2012 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1.05, 2.10, 3.20) 4.25, 5.30, 6.40, 7.45, 8.50, 10:00; Zombieland (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:00) 4:05, 6:10, 8:10, 10:10

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) The Blind Side; The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day; A Christmas Carol; Couples Retreat; The Fourth Kind; New Moon; Paranormal Activity; Planet 51; The Road; This Is It

#### KENSINGTON

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **The Maid** (NR) Wed.(25) (4:55) 7:15, 9:35; Thu.(26) (2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; **Red Cliff** (R) Fri.(27)-Sun.(29) (1:45) 5:00, 8:15; Mon.(30)-Thu.(03) (5:00) 8:15

#### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386) The Blind Side (PG-13); A Christmas Carol (PG); Couples Retreat (R); Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG); The Men Who Stare at Goats (R); New Moon (PG-13); Ninja Assassin (R); Old Dogs (PG); Planet 51 (PG); A Serious Man (R); This Is It (PG); 2012 (PG-13)

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) The Road (R) Wed.(25) Mon.(30)-Thu.(03) (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; Thu.(26)-Sun.(29) (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Pirate Radio** (R) Wed.(25) Mon.(30)-Thu.(03) (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Thu.(26)-Sun.(29) (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **The Messenger** (R) Wed.(25), Mon.(30)-Thu.(03) (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; Thu.(26)-Sun.(29) (11:10) 1:50, 4.30, 7.10, 9.50; An Education (PG-13) Wed.(25), Mon.(30)-Thu.(03) (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; Thu.(26)-Sun.(29) (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

#### **MIRA MESA**

Mira Mesa 18 10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

#### MISSION HILLS

Cinema under the Stars 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) **The Big Lebowski** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:30

#### **MISSION VALLEY**

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386) The Blind Side (PG-13); The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (Not Rated); Couples Retreat (R); Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG); The Fourth Kind (PG-13); Law Abiding Citizen (R); The Men Who Stare at Goats (R); New Moon (PG-13); Ninja Assassin (R); Old Dogs (PG); Planet 51 (PG); This Is It (PG); 2012 (PG-13)

**Mission Valley 7** 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Old Dogs (PG) (10:30 12:45 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; No 8:00 Tues. 12/1 & Thu. 12/3; Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:00; Ninja Assassin (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45: New Moon (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; The Blind Side (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:30; A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:00 7:30 9:45; 2012 (PG-13) (12:00 3:30) 7:15 10:45; My Little Pony: Twinkle Wish Adventures (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; Chickenfoot Concert Event Tues. 12/1 at 8 pm; George Michael "Live in London" Thu, 12/3 at 8 pm No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun. 11/28-Wed. 12/2

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) The Blind Side (PG-13); The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (Not Rated); A Christmas Carol (PG); Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG); The Fourth Kind (PG-13); The Men Who Stare at Goats (R); New Moon (PG-13); Ninja Assassin (R); Old Dogs (PG); Paranormal Activity (R); Planet 51 (PG); The Road (R); 2012 (PG-13)

#### UPTOWN

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas** 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire (R) Wed.(25), Mon.(30)–Thu.(03): (1:50, 4:25), 7:00, 9:35; Thu.(26)–Sun.(29): (11:15), 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Precious: Based** on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire (R) Wed.(25): (2:50, 5:25), 8:00; Thu.(26): 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00; Fri.(27) & Sat.(28): 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; Sun.(29): 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; Sun.(29): 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00; Mon.(30)–Thu.(03): (2:50, 5:25), 8:00; Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (NR) Wed. (25), Mon. (30)-Thu. (03): (2:20, 4:50), 7:30, 10:00; Thu.(26)–Sun.(29):

(11:50), 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; An Education (PG-13) Wed.(25), Mon.(30)–Thu.(03): (2:30, 5:00), 7:40, 10:10; Thu.(26)-Sun.(29): (12:00), 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; **A Serious Man** (R) Wed.(25), Mon.(30)-Thu.(03); (2:10, 4:40), 7:20, 9:50; Thu.(26)-Sun.(29): (11:40), 2:10, 4.40, 7.20, 9.50

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Call theater for program information.

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#### SANTEE

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#### Palm Promenade 24

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malayas. 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. The human drama, such as it is, strives to be no more than serviceable. As elsewhere in Emmerich's oeuvre (Independence Day, Godzilla, The Day after Tomorrow, chiefly), 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 lit eral 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. John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover, Oliver Platt. 2009. ★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; The Road

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**'A**ccording to Plato, 'The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life,'" observed my pal Bernice. "So, you need to reward these heroic teachers who put up with your little rascals for the better part of the day," she added.

This I knew, but I was getting tripped up on what to do for the teacher holiday gift. Do they really need another "#1 Teacher" mug or a pencil holder? I'm guessing not. So, I turned to my idea friends for some tips.

"I'm a gardener, so it's usually a plant," explained Meg. "Christmastime, a small poinsettia, and in spring, a small clay pot the kids decorated, with some herbs or annuals. Even if the teacher kills the plant, at least it has brought beauty to the world for a few days," she joked.

"A pound box of See's candies [**\$15.60** for a pound of assorted chocolates] is what we

give," said Sarah. "It's a bit decadent, something you never buy for yourself, so it makes it a little special. And it always comes with pretty seasonal wrapping, which makes it festive." See's also offers sugar-free chocolates (sugar-free dark walnuts, **\$13.50** for 10.5 ounces).

"When I was a teacher," Sarah continued, "I received a potholder that a student crocheted for me; and another year, a rose jewelry box. I still use that box for my earrings."

The handmade-gift idea resonated with Nancy. "When it's handmade, it's truly a gift from the student — not just a gift from the parent. And the handmade piece of art helps the child perfect that art. It's very personal, keeps them industrious...what's not to love?"

"One year, the class gave me a book," remembered Erica. "Each student had a page with their picture, and they wrote a little note to me. I still have that book. The nice thing about a gift like that is it doesn't cost anything.

"I also always appreciated gift cards," she added.

"These days, our gift is a certificate to a bookstore or to the restaurant the teachers meet at on Friday night," offered Cathy. "But in past years, when I was broke, I would bring gifts of food. I knew how busy it was to be a teacher, so I'd give banana bread for a quick breakfast on the run or lasagna for a dinner." Do they really need another "#1 Teacher" mug or a pencil

holder?

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But Katie, whose husband is a teacher, said, "Homemade food items are somewhat questionable for teachers to receive. The alltime, universal, can't-go-wrong gift is a gift certificate to a coffeehouse."

Mike, a friend of mine who teaches auto shop at a local high school, seconded Katie's thought. "Of course, any gift is appreciated, but you are assuming the teacher will eat your homemade cookies. This day

and age, you don't know if [the student's] home is clean, and with all the flu-scare talk... Teachers want supplies, a Sharpie or a dryerase-board pen. The funds for supplies for the classroom have disappeared. It used to be that teachers got \$500 to buy supplies for their classrooms. Now, teachers are shelling out that much of their

own money for their classroom. So, gift cards to Office Depot, Staples, or anywhere you can buy supplies would be the best."

Julie, a high school teacher, agreed with Mike. "Teachers spend an extraordinary amount of money on their classrooms," she said. "Clorox wipes for wiping down the desks, hand sanitizers that I'm required to have in my classroom, Post-it notes, Wite-Out — all this stuff adds up."

But the handmade gifts also touch her heart. "Last year some of my students made me presents that represented stories that I had told them during the year."

Birk, a middle school teacher, gives tools to coworkers. "I give a hand-tool to each of the teachers on my team," he said. "Soon they will have a small tool kit for class repairs. A tool bag was the first gift, next a changeable-bit screwdriver, then a small hammer, followed by gloves, and then electrical tape. Pliers or Allen keys will be this year's gift. In a time of budget cuts, maintenance always gets hit early, so teachers love having the tools to do their own quick fixes."

Other ideal gifts, according to Birk, are books related to their subject matter and gift cards, though he let me in on a secret regarding the latter: "Gift cards are often secretly recycled," he said, "received from one kind colleague, then handed off to another deserving coworker."

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by Barbarella

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f you told me five months ago that one day in the near future I'd be standing before 500 people and whipping a world-famous architect with my favorite riding crop (the red-and-black one, of course), I'd have asked for a bite of the brownie you must be eating so that I too could hallucinate some crazy-ass shit. Yet, there I was, in a black rubber corset with red laces, playfully brandishing my stiff whip behind Graham Downes, who had — I suspected intentionally — exceeded his time limit for accepting an award.

I was visiting my in-laws in June when I received an email from my friend Deborah asking if I'd be interested in emceeing "Orchids and Onions," an awards show that honors the best *and* worst designs in San Diego (architecture, public art, landscaping, interior design, etc.). I'd never heard of the San Diego Architectural Foundation's annual fundraising event, but David — who has subscriptions to *Dwell* and *Interior Design* magazines and refers to real estate listings as "porn" — explained the concept and told me that our architect friend Allard received an Orchid for the Kensington live/work lofts in which we used to reside. It was David's enthusiasm that prompted my speedy reply to Deborah's request.

The only complaint was that I hadn't employed my whip often, or hard, enough. Serving as mistress of ceremonies was nothing new to me, but the subject matter was. I'd hosted and presented public events in the past, most of which have involved live music, such as the San Diego Indie Music Festival, the San Diego Music Awards, and a fundraising concert at the Hard Rock Café. At the time I agreed to this gig, my

## DIARY OF A DIVA

## **Fresh Crop**

mastery of architecture ended just beyond the doorway of my condo. Architecture was an abstract idea, something that happened without my having to think about it, like electricity or running water.

I travel in many circles, most of which are populated with bohemian types. I remember my surprise when I discovered that my hipster friend Lloyd was not only an architect, but he had been written up in some of those magazines David gets. It sounded like such a grownup-type job. Since when had my friends become grownups?

I worried about how my ignorance of their world and my flippant nature might clash with the planning and development elite — had I made a mistake by accepting to represent something so *serious?* I'd seen how uptight and self-important people can be about their careers — I've worked for lawyers.

My fears were quelled when I returned to town and met with Deborah and her co-chair, a perky landscape architect who joked self-deprecatingly about being a gardener. Detecting the odor of audaciousness emanating from him, I knew we'd get along fine. Once they confirmed I was the official emcee, I asked to be as involved in the process as possible, partly because I was interested in learning more about the industry and partly because I knew the more familiar I was with the material, the more seamless would be my presentation of it.

A panel of nine jurors had whittled down over 250 nominations to around 40 finalists. The event's committee organized a "jury day," during which all the jurors could tour the sites together. On the eve of the big tour, I was nervous about joining a jury comprising architects, landscape designers, a museum curator, a resident artist, and a city planner — important-sounding titles beyond the reach of my forte. But while I was fretting over how to act around these people, it occurred to me that regardless of industry or prestige, all these "grown-ups" were just that: people. When I thought about it, I realized every career could be distilled down to one of three groups: creators, operators, and fixers. Architects, pilots, and doctors were really only a handful of years of schooling and a few degrees of ambition away from painters, cashiers, and mechanics. A job is a job, and as I gathered from Allard and Lloyd, just because your job sounds overly serious, it doesn't mean you have to be.

It's amazing how much you can learn when you admit to not knowing anything. In one day, I spent 12 hours with Orchids and Onions organizers and jury members touring places the public had nominated as the sweetest and stinkiest designs in town. Many I hadn't heard of, such as Vantage Pointe and the 1906 Lodge in Coronado. Others I was intimately familiar with, such as Hamilton's Children's Garden and Starlite. But I hadn't known that the slats forming the hexagonal entrance at my favorite lounge were made of something called ipe, an ironwood from South America. It hadn't occurred to me how poor a choice it was for landscapers to include so much grass around the Plaza at UTC or how great was the need the children's garden filled for what one juror called "educational and interpretive amenities for San Diego's kids." A veil was lifted, and a new dimension to my beloved city was revealed.

I gleaned even more in deliberations the five-hour meeting during which jurors conceptually dissected each finalist and put it all to a vote. By the time I received a drafted script, I felt competent enough to make edits. Which brings me back to my whipping Graham's ass.

I was thrilled the co-chairs were so receptive to my ideas, especially the one about using a riding crop (substituting for the ol'giant cane of vaudeville fame) to coax any loquacious drones offstage. It was Chris's idea to play Devo's "Whip It" to cue my crop. I had underestimated the kink factor of what I'd presumed would be a stuffy crowd, as the only complaint (from about a dozen people) I received was that I hadn't employed my whip often, or hard, enough. To which my response was, "Consider yourself lucky I didn't know that in advance."

At the after-party, held in one of the many rooms of the bank-turned-nightclub On Broadway, I caught myself taking a keen interest in the decor and the structure of the walls that formed the cozy labyrinthine layout of what used to be vaults and what I imagined were secret back-rooms where diamonds and rubies were once kept. I sidled up to an architect I'd met moments before and said, "Don't you find it interesting that the inside of this place is so neoclassical while the outside appears to be so beauxartsy?" The man seemed to be at a loss for words. Assuming I'd stumped him with the incredible depth of my knowledge, I collected my crop and cocktail from the small table between us and set out to impress his colleagues.

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# **C**rasher

#### WHO YOU CALLIN' CHICKEN?

she had tattooed on her foot. And

she asked for a show of hands so I

would know how many others had

gotten chicken ink. A few people

one of their friends had passed

away several years ago, and in

across their feet.

raised their hands. I found out that

remembrance they all had gotten a

trail of chicken footprints tattooed

When an African-American

woman showed up, she was called

the Chocolate Chicken. When we

spoke, I said, "Can I just call you

"That dog is

being passed

around like a

joint."

C.C. for short?" Because she is a

came up again. She talked about

how hard it would've been to get

the drugs that Jackson's doctor had

been giving him. She said, "I can't

just take needles and medications

over to my friends' house and hook

them up with whatever they want."

Someone yelled, "I got a million -

nurse, the topic of Michael Jackson

#### by Josh Board

headed to La Mesa for a 40th birthday party. The first thing I noticed was the cake in the backyard: it was shaped like a huge Patrón tequila bottle. A woman named Juana told me she made it and explained that she and a friend recently opened a bakery called Sweet Ribbon. I asked about their business, and they told me they started as event planners and branched out from there.

"When we do a wedding," said Juana, "it's not like a mom-and-pop shop that might put it together. We do some platinum weddings...with crystal chandeliers and things you'd see on TLC. We do it all."

One of her friends talked about how they've done events from Temecula to Imperial Beach. I wanted to ask them, "How soon until we can carve into your creative creation?" Instead, I grabbed some chips and salsa.

There was a wide variety of alcohol. I went with a margarita. Someone offered me something called "jungle juice." I said, "Isn't that what Michael Jackson used to serve to kids?" I heard a groan from behind me. I said, "What? Too soon?"

I thought the jungle juice would taste like sangria, which I don't care for, but this was delicious, like a strong grapefruit punch.

Dana, the birthday girl, called everyone "Chicken." And I never did get a straight answer as to why she was called Chicken. When I asked her, she was a bit vague about it. She did show me the chicken feet



Left: Dana (second from right); Right: These people came from Arizona to celebrate Dana's 40th birthday

dollars saying you can." She laughed, then continued, "Seriously, there are rules to even getting that stuff out of the hospital walls."

I found out that Dana's brother Aaron is a hard-core Miami Dolphins fan. I told him I thought the wildcat offense they're running is a joke. We had a great 20-minute football conversation.

A big African-American guy showed up, and Chicken kept introducing him as the guy who helped another friend of theirs load her U-Haul when she moved. I'm not sure anyone at the party knew his real name because I kept hearing him referred to as "the U-Haul guy."

When I took a few photos, Chicken said, "Let me suck in my gut. When you turn 40, things start heading south." She was tall, had long, curly hair, and looked great.

Decorations hanging around the back patio all made jokes about her age: signs that read, "Celebrating 20 a second time" and "18 with 22 years' experience," for example. And, of course, chicken paraphernalia (although I never saw a rubber chicken). When Dana and I were standing near balloons that read, "Sexy Bitch," I said, "Shouldn't

**Cracked windshield?** 

these say 'Old Bitch'?" She looked as if she was about to hit me. I thought, *Too soon*?

All the tables had beautiful centerpieces with roses in vases. One guy pulled one out and handed it to a woman, saying, "Will you accept this rose?" I didn't realize that was a line from some bachelor reality show until someone said it was.

I overheard a few people talking about the craziest things they'd ever done. One guy mentioned a time when he used to steal cars. Another mentioned a brief stint in a Phoenix jail. Chicken heard this and asked the crowd, "Who here has ever been arrested?" I was surprised by the hands that went up. A cute Latina then said, "Who here has crossed the border illegally?" She raised her hand as a few folks laughed.

When I ran into Chicken again, I asked what her favorite joke was with "Why did the chicken cross the road?" She didn't have an answer at first. I figured it was probably like trying to pick your favorite child. She then took a shot of tequila, looked at me, and said, "To get to the other side." I then asked her favorite mention of a chicken in a song lyric. She replied, "Funky Chicken."

I also asked her if she had seen the Chicken Lady sketches on *The Kids in the Hall*. She hadn't. Someone else overheard this and said, "I have a friend with a really bad tic. His head is always going to one side, and he blinks really fast when he does it. He always reminded me of a chicken. I've never told him that, though." I told my girlfriend we'd get Chicken an autographed picture of the San Diego Chicken, but I forgot about looking into that. I loved the idea of him writing, "From one chicken to another."

There were a few dogs running around the backyard. The chihuahua-dachshund mix was picked up by everyone. I heard one guy say, "That dog is being passed around like a joint."

Two FedEx guys were introduced to each other. I heard them discussing their routes and wondered if my stepdad, a letter carrier for 25 years, did this at post-office parties. I also thought about the guy who helped move and load a truck. Do FedEx and UPS drivers hate when their friends ask them to help move?

I overheard a few women talking about how Chicken should change her preferred animal to a cougar, since she's now 40. The conversation turned to the most popular cougars — Demi Moore and Madonna (who is currently dating a 22-year-old).

I ran into Juana again as I was leaving. I was going to say that her daughter was one of the cutest kids ever. She started telling me more about her business: "I forgot to mention...we also do sweet sixteens and *quinceañeras.*" I asked, "Do you do bar mitzvahs?" She paused before saying, "We can."

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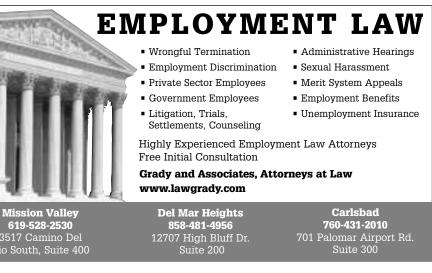
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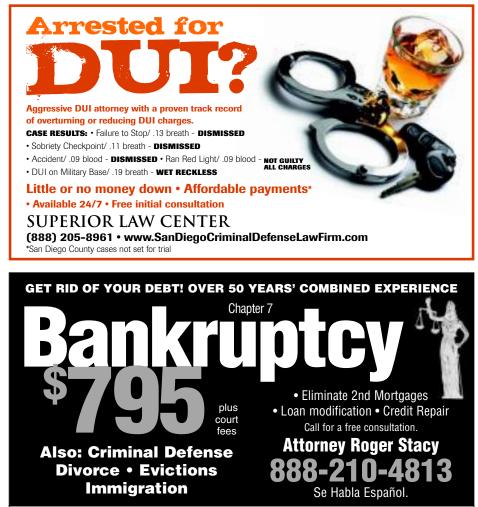
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# To Be Thankful Requires Humility

To be thankful for anything much at all requires humility, I believe. I have little enough of it; in fact, I have a dichotomy common to alcoholics, and that is a combination of both arrogance and self-loathing. Hardly conducive to genuine humility. Another subject almost certainly.

There is never enough *more*. It is an almost constant desire in the human spirit.

It was not until late in life when I heard a definition of Nirvana, the Eastern concept of serenity, bliss, or simply peace. This definition — and I've forgotten where I read it — was prefaced with a quote from (I'm almost sure, but by no means certain) the Buddha/Siddhartha Gautama (in his later version of himself), the ultimate master of this business; that quote: "A man could be born a blind leper in a ring of fire and know only Nirvana." The definition that followed was to the effect that "Nirvana is a state of wanting nothing, rejecting nothing." This, to the western mind at any rate, is quite a trick.

Gratitude — or perhaps my most dramatic introduction to the concept, along with its genuine, unsuspected utility to a materialoriented mind — came in an embarrassing (I'm tempted to say humiliating, but what I really mean is "humbling") way.

I was temporarily homeless; not for long, but long enough. I had wet clothing from having passed out on a lawn with a sprin-

"Start with gratitude for what you do have; the smallest things."

kler timer. Drenched, I was freezing and miserable in, I think, November. Shivering, I lay under someone's stairway in Hillcrest. Pneumonia was a looming possibility, if not hypothermia. At just past dawn, the sky a kind of dirt, salt, and ash, a man descended the above staircase with an armload of clothes. All dry. All my size. Exactly. If I did not weep, I seem to remember doing so. I thanked the man. Then I did something atypical for me at the time: I prayed.

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It is far from my intention to preach, to convert anyone, or

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influence the agnostic; all I can honestly tell you is that from that moment on, having expressed real gratitude (and that's what it was), my life began to improve, by increments but undeniably. It was as if I had uttered a heartfelt invocation to a power greater than my considerable ability to misuse my free will. A god or God — as I've come to spell it.

This is to say nothing of my ability to completely space on gratitude, usually by indulging in self-pity and despair, each of which is the opposite of gratitude. All that comes to mind here is a quote from C.S. Lewis (yes, the Narnia author), who in quite another book pointed out that "There are only two types of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' " This latter allowance of the Deity (if you don't mind the word) is Hell of a selfengineered type - and I don't believe there are many other types. Well, maybe. Even quite possibly, but I am no theologian.

As for Thanksgiving and saying a more elaborate grace over the turkey, and the rest of it, it is not necessarily my idea of gratitude. It qualifies, but I once heard a man say to a whining youth, with regard to the youth's bad luck and poverty and what might be done about it: "Start with gratitude for what you do have; the smallest things. Your life, your breath, your socks even if you have holes in them — you have socks. It's a place to start; a way to open the door a crack to principles larger than

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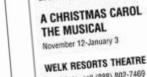
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I have heard much of "gratitude lists" and the like, and they don't sound like bad ideas, not at all; but it seems to me that one can open that crack in the door with an observation of one's own breathing. Then maybe a raising of the face to the sunlight — or the eyes to the stars.

— John Brizzolara

#### This Year, We're Staying Local

It's late October and I am looking for a turkey, which is ironic. A decade ago, when I was a SWF, all I could find were turkeys. For a while, I even dated one. But now that I am looking for a real bird, there are none to be found.

Stan Glen, supervisor for Siesel's Meats, laughs when I phone him to ask if I can order a local, raised-in-San Diego turkey for Thanksgiving. "You're about 40 years too late," he tells me. "But we have some Diestel free-range turkeys you can order for the holidays."

I sigh. "I need a native," I say, and there's a pause on the other end of the line.

"This Thanksgiving, everything I make is going to be raised or grown in San Diego County," I explain. I feel so virtuous saying this. So green. This year, I am putting down my fork and picking up a cause: I'm thinking globally, eating locally, and carrying all my ingredients in reusable shopping bags. Somewhere, Michael Pollan is smiling.

"There used to be a huge turkey industry centered in Ramona," says Stan, "but the last Ramona-brand turkey was sold in 1994. Now you can't get *any* meat that's been raised in San Diego County."

Dick Gilmore, customer-service representative at Siesel's, has been in the meat business since 1958. He tells me that about 35 years ago, the health department wanted to cut down on the flies, because they thought it hurt the tourist industry. "So the head of the health department at the time — J.B. Askew put so many restrictions on the growers, they all went out of business. Now you can't just get in a car and go buy a turkey for the holidays like you think you oughta. They chased them all away."

Defeated, I call local chef Trey Foshee of George's at the Cove for help. A big proponent of sustainable farming, Trey bases his menu on what's

local and in season. "It's spiny lobster season right now," he tells me. "So for Thanksgiving, a nobrainer would be spiny lobster with uni butter." Uni, Trey explains, is another name for sea urchin. "I think uni from San Diego is some of the best in the world. You would be challenging the norm to serve it for Thanksgiving dinner if you were going to invite your in-laws, for example. But when it's fresh, it's delicious." He tells me to go to Catalina Offshore Products, which is one of the biggest uni suppliers in the world.

They are located on Lovelock Street, at the dead end of a narrow alley full of warehouses. My nine-month-old son is with me, asleep, so I lug his car seat up the stairs to the building. The office is smaller than I expect, with a few cubicles, a small TV on the wall playing a sushi slideshow, and a fax



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If interested please contact our Research Recruiter Catherine DeLue at: 858-552-8585 ext. 6740 machine in the corner. A small Asian woman sits at a desk. At first, I think I'm in the wrong place, but after a few minutes, a tall, dark-haired man walks out of the warehouse doors. I explain that I am looking for lobster and uni, and he shakes his head. "You need to order one day in advance," he says in a French accent. He holds up his hands. "We

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M\/02A ©2009 SH already are out today." He introduces himself as Alain Leroy and immediately gives me an uni tutorial. He shows me photos of sea urchins on the walls and tells me how they are cracked open, the long tongues of roe removed carefully, quality graded, and then shipped all over the world. "Come with me," he says. "I will give you a tour. Leave the baby with Keiko — she has seven kids."

Keiko Sellers rolls her eyes at Alain, tells me she only has five children, and then smiles at my sleeping son. Already, they have charmed me.

The warehouse is immaculate. Men in white coveralls are hosing the floor, and immense white tanks, the size of small swimming pools, line the room. Alain reaches into one of the tanks and pulls out a shrimp as long as my hand. "You can eat these raw," he tells me. "It's like tasting the ocean." He reaches into another tank and pulls out the biggest lobster I have ever seen. Its body twists in Alain's hand, and its legs scurry through the air.

"If I bought one of these," I begin, "would you clean it for me?"

"No. You have to do it yourself." Alain grins and then shrugs. "Some people, they freeze the lobster first to put them to sleep. But me, I am cruel. I just drop it into a steaming pot and quick, put on the lid." I must wince because he adds, "But I don't recommend it for a date. The women,

they go, 'Eeww.' " Alain gives a little shriek and waves his hands by his head. I know exactly what he means.

Despite the fact that I need to do some serious research on how to prepare a lobster, I place my order and drive away feeling my spirits lift. Where else can you get lobster and free babysitting?

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www.DiabetesClinicalTrials.com Don't Wait, Participate on their farm, but their milk is shipped to a coop out in Artesia. "Our goal is to have a creamery someday on the farm, but with the dairy industry losing money for eight years straight, we're just treading water right now." He says he and his wife Brenda are lucky to have what they do. "You'd be crazy to start a dairy in San Diego now. The regulations make it impossible." He adds that Hollandia Dairy has a creamery in San Diego County, but their cows are out in the Imperial Valley.

This isn't my only dilemma. In addition to lobster, my menu includes pumpkin soup, roasted root vegetables, mashed potatoes, and applesauce — all found in abundance in San

Diego County. What's tripping me up is that I need to make these dishes without salt, pepper, sugar, and wheat (so no pie — pumpkin or apple — which might just cause my husband to find himself a girlfriend for the holidays). I have already tried (and failed) to make my own cornmeal from dried-out local corn, so there goes my hope for stuffing. And since there is virtually no dairy industry in San Diego, I have to abandon my plan of serving homemade ice cream for dessert. Honestly, I didn't think it would be quite this hard. Is it so wrong to want my house to smell like pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving?

For the time being, I try to console myself

with vegetables and head out to Seabreeze Organic Farm in Del Mar. According to the directions, the farm is right off Carmel Valley Road, past Changes Plastic Surgery and Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. Predictably, a Beemer is on my tail as I turn onto Arroyo Sorrento past a set of McMansions and then up the steepest, narrowest hill I have seen since moving from San Francisco.

As I crest the hill, I gasp at the sea of tract homes spread out below. And yet, right in front of me is most definitely a *farm*, balancing precariously on the side of the hill. I drive through an open gate and a corgi trots out to meet me, while a flock of chickens spring out from a hill of flowers. I start walking to a fence, and a white turkey wanders over, his red wattle swaying. I have already been told — in no uncertain terms — that these birds are not for eating, and as if reading my mind, the turkey glares at me.

Down the hill, lettuces and root vegetables grow in neat rows decorated by tall wildflowers, long-necked squash dangle down from trellises, and near the bottom of the hill, basil, chard, and strawberries grow in towers that look like mini-skyscrapers. I find Stephanie Coughlin, the farm's owner, near a bed of lettuce. She is taking photos for her weekly CSA — short for community-supported agriculture — by which individuals pay \$40-\$60

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To see if you qualify or to learn more about the study, please call Kathleen Parkes: 858-552-8585 ext. 6495 a week in exchange for a delivery of fresh produce harvested that very day. Although her farm is less than two acres, Stephanie supports about 130 families. "This is a completely

independent small farm," Stephanie tells me proudly as she pulls her red hair back from her face. "I don't take anything from anyone." She steps away, tending to her vegetables, peering at leaves and flowers. She moves constantly. "The deck is very stacked against the small farmer." She takes another photo. "I tend to be blunt, but the consumer is really pretty hypocritical. They pick up one book and expect perfection from this *beleaguered* farmer who's been doing this for years and years."

*Oh jeez*, I think, *I am* such a fraud. Me with my Prius and turkey-free holiday, moaning that my CSA doesn't have cranberries. Stephanie's right. I just want what I want when I want it, sea-

Oh jeez, I think, I am such a fraud.

sonality be damned. Really, I'm about as sustainable as a plastic bag.

*Buck up*, I tell myself as I leave the farm. At least grapes grow in San Diego. And if I'm not serving turkey on Thanksgiving, we're going to need a bottle of wine on the table. I head east, towards Orfila Vineyards and Winery, which stretches out in front of the rocky detritus of the Escondido mountains.

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of Orfila's Rhone-style wines for me to taste, including one that he assures me will be perfect with lobster: The Estate Viognier, "Lotus." I also come away with a Merlot that will pair well with roasted vegetables, and the 2006 Estate Petite Syrah, which I know my husband will love. Scott assured me that it could make a wonderful sauce for ice cream (sigh) when reduced.

The tasting room is in an

smells like the inside of a

Scott Ledbetter, the

old building covered

wine barrel.

with ivy, and inside, it

tasting-room manger,

sets up a generous flight

### Do You Have Plaque Psoriasis?

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

#### We need participants:

- 18 years of age or older
- With plaque-type psoriasis

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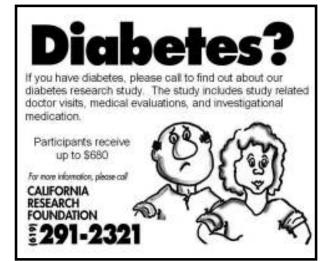
### Do you suffer pain caused by Cancer that has spread to your bones?

Doctors at UCSD are participating in a clinical trial studying the use of a new treatment for palliation (pain relief) of painful bone metastases (tumors) using Magnetic Resonance-Guided Focused Ultrasound Therapy. This is a completely noninvasive (without surgery) therapy to relieve pain. Patients who have been diagnosed with bone metastases and for whom radiation therapy is not an alternative, who have up to three painful bone metastases with one much more painful than the others, and who are able to undergo an MRI imaging exam are eligible to participate in this study.

If you have questions about this study or are interested in participating, you should contact:

Bob Halterman, CCRC UCSD Department of Radiology: 619-543-5830 rhalterman@ucsd.edu





Dr. Henry and his research associates at UCSD are looking for Type 2 Diabetics to participate in a study evaluating the safety and effectiveness of an invest tion compared to placebo. The study drug has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat arthritis, but it has not yet been approved for diabetes.

#### Duration

- · Approximately 55 weeks total: 11 clinical study site visits at the University of California San Diego
- · Some or all of the visits will include: an initial screening visit, vitals, laboratory samples, physical exam, EKG, medical history, quality-of-life questionnaires download blood sugar readings from meter provided
- · Optional sub-study participation for additional compensation

#### Inclusion Criteria:

- Males or Females aged 18-75
- Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- Diabetes controlled with diet and exercise or up to 3 medications, stable or
- B weeks prior to screening (no current use of Byetta, Actos, or Insulin)
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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 CRIPPS 858-784-7867 or visit our website at pearsoncenter.org for more info.



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.

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### Is your current **Schizophrenia** medicine treating all your symptoms?

#### 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.

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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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### Hand Eczema?

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

#### We need participants:

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Rain clouds are

rolling in as I drive away, and there's a chill in the air. For the first time this year, it feels like fall, and I realize I am looking forward to Thanksgiving, to my unconventional feast. As the wine bottles clink in the seat next to me, I chastise myself for being so gloomy about what I can't have this year, instead of focusing on what's right in front of me. The food that comes from our land and ocean is truly incredible. Lobster and sea urchin. Potatoes, pumpkins, and beets. Olive oil and wine. It will be plenty. It will be much more than enough.

– Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

#### Eat What the **Politicians Feed You** This Thanksgiving, some

Americans will be eating turducken, a turkey stuffed with duck that is in turn stuffed with chicken. It started commercially in Louisiana's Cajun country about 25 years ago, spread to much of the Deep South, and now, in what may be a precursor to Civil War II, is invading the North. Why don't they call it ducturchic? Or a "multibird roast," as the prissy English do? I will state right now that I will never eat turducken, and if Turkey and Dubai merge and become Turdubai, I shall not invite the Turd ambassador into my home for dinner. Alas, turducken is

being rammed down our throats. For example, while the U.S., Germany, and France are finally

trying to thwart their upper-crust citizens' tax evasion via Swiss tax and secrecy havens, the head of Switzerland's oldest bank laments that these countries want to "criminalize the elite," who do the stashing. I say that if the elite commit crimes, they deserve criminal penalties. What's so radical about that idea?

In the U.S., the Republicans attack President Obama as a socialist because he wants to set up a government health insurance option. But among many repugnant things, the U.S. government, while Republicans were in the White House, took on ownership of American International Group, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and part of Citigroup during the fall of 2008. Big business is

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### 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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### Eczema **Paid Research** Study

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

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

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

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

Interested? Please call for more details, and spread the word. 858-657-8014 or 858-657-8390 or by email at: ucsddermstudies@gmail.com



promoting — and profiting from — corporate socialism. In San Diego it's called "public-private entrepreneurship."

During last fall's crisis, Wall Street's big investment banks, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, officially became bank holding companies, so they could get cut in on the juice that the Federal Reserve was pouring out. Wall Street investment banks should not — repeat, *not* — be able to get cheap money

from the central bank. In capitalist theory, investment banks are supposed to take on risk. The more we bail out financial institutions whose stupid and corrupt risk-takings backfire, the more we guarantee that such behavior will recur. Last year, an angry congressman asked Federal Reserve head Ben Bernanke and former Treasury chief Hank Paulson if Wall Street should apologize to American taxpayers

for the mess it created. Neither Bernanke nor Paulson would comment — a clear indication of whose pockets they resided in.

Now banks are taking big risks again while official Washington applauds. Banks are still considered "too big to fail." World governments, including the U.S., should have told the banks that "too big to fail" is "too big to manage," and not only that, but "too big, period."

# 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

 ${\scriptstyle \bullet}$  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: San Diego Sports Medicine and Family Health Center • 619-229-3909

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### **Attn: Heavy Drinkers**

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

Is your current alcohol use causing problems with your family, your work, your life? If you want to stop drinking, The Pearson Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Research is conducting a clinical trial to help you reach that goal.

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- making decisions
- Strong feelings of guilt and/or suspicion
  Having unusual experiences such as hearing voices or sounds, or seeing things that aren't real

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

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

### **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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There should have been moves to break up mammoth financial conglomerates and unwind the trillions of dollars of derivatives that brought the world's financial system to the brink. But it's now clear that any financial reform will be modest.

A battle is quietly brewing. Job hunters outnumber job openings six to one — an unprecedented ratio. Main Street wants the economy to recover briskly. But if it does, inflation is likely to erupt, because the Treasury and Fed have created so much liquidity. Ergo, Wall Street wants a soft economy so the Fed will keep distilling korn likker to buoy the stock market, even as the economy wilts and Main

Street suffers. Washington DC is owned by Wall Street. Whom will our politicians accommodate? Silly child.

Gobble your turducken and shut up.

San Diegans are being instructed to dine on the same cuisine. In March, the media-relations team at the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation sent out a news release taking credit for an article it had planted in the New York Times. First, the story bestowed laudations on Mayor Jerry Sanders for two realestate developments that had been underway before he took office. Then the *Times* article asserted that "Sanders, who inherited a city in financial crisis — its

water and sewer systems deteriorating, its pensions underfunded and its municipal bond ratings low — has overseen a turnaround that has helped restore the city's fiscal health." Nonsense. What turnaround? The pension system is worse off than ever, and so are the sewer and water systems.

Keep in mind that the City of San Diego pours money into that **Regional Economic** Development Corporation, whose publicity machine boasted about the role it played planting the false story printed by the Times. Nonetheless, in a speech on September 15, the mayor boasted that the *Times* "reported that San Diego was already a bright spot." Hmm...

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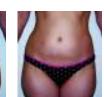
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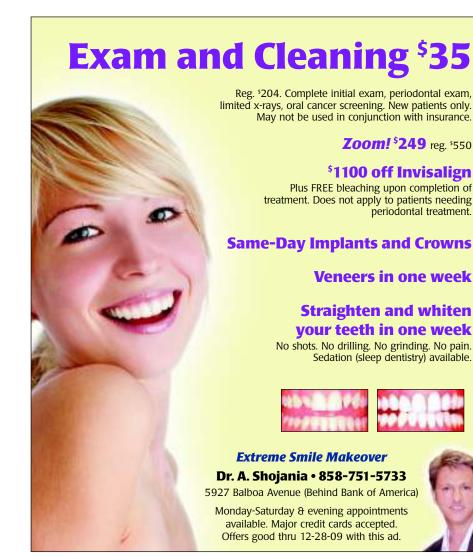
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Sanders went on to denounce "defeatists" who oppose planned developments that will benefit his friends in the real estate industry: the expansion of the convention center, the replacement of city hall, the building of a library in the ballpark district. The mayor asserted that the projects "will be funded by revenues generated by the projects." Ulp! That's what the establishment said about the ballpark, and now it's a yearly drain. Will the library sustain itself with latebook fines? Or the new city hall with trafficticket revenue?

This Thanksgiving, you are being told to eat

shiitake mushrooms with your turducken. — Don Bauder

#### This Is How It's Supposed to Be

The kids chased each other around the coffee table in the living room while I helped carry food from the kitchen to the dining room. This is how it's supposed to be, I thought. Sure, there's the long weekend, the binging, the warm fuzzies generated by the promise of cold weather and hot cocoa, and the whole gratitude thing; but Thanksgiving, I knew, was all about family.

Because we'd always traveled back East to spend the holiday with my in-laws, this was the first Thanksgiving I'd spent with my family since I'd started dating

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David six years earlier. It was also the first time as an adult that I could remember not itching to leave as soon as the pie had been served.

Though I'd moved out of my parents' house when I turned 18, the full weight of adulthood didn't hit me until I turned 21. That was the year my parents split up. Like a supernova, our family's core collapsed and then exploded, and I was but one of the scattered fragments. Heather had just married Sean four months earlier; they lived as newlyweds in Mission Hills. Jane moved into a place in City Heights with her future husband, Simon. Jenny had just moved into a dorm at her college near Compton. I lived in a one-bedroom

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apartment in North Park. Mom stayed in the house, the family's hub in Chula Vista. And Dad had chosen — as the first place he'd ever lived alone — a monastic studio apartment in Point Loma. We were, each of us, for the first time, spinning off into our own orbits.

While adrift out there in the blackness, I gravitated closer to my friends. It's trite but true — friends are the family we choose for ourselves, and I was in the market for one. Thanksgiving wasn't the only event to happen on a Thursday — that was also the one night of the week that Club Hedonism packed the rooms at Rich's in Hillcrest. The year I turned 21, I traded in my fake ID for my real license and looked forward to skipping out on what was certain to be an awkward and fractured family holiday to attend a cohesive celebration with my new family of friends.

Emotions ran high that Turkey Day - my father had only announced his intention to move out two weeks prior to the feast of gratitude. It was understood and accepted that Dad would not be in attendance and that Jane and Simon were leaving early to spend the second half of the day with Simon's family in Coronado. Those of us who were left didn't guite know how to be.

The transition from childhood to adulthood can take years. Post-high school, pre-career, my

sisters and I were all in that awkward inbetween stage; we found it difficult to let go of our established familial labels because we weren't yet sure how to define ourselves, or each other. I compensated for my inability to find a groove at my mother's house by inventing a new identity for myself at the club.

After eating enough to fill me up but not to make me pass out (as I was wont to do as a teen on Thanksgiving), I made my exit from my mother's house. On the drive back to my apartment, I tried to let go of all the tension and uneasiness. Once home, my frown vanished as I applied black eyeliner, red lipstick, and a showgirl's share of glitter to my face.

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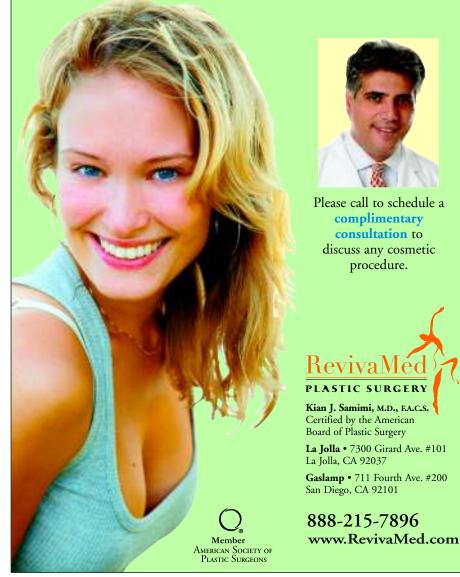






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mix of illegal chemicals for maximum enjoyment, I was welcomed with open arms. This family was consistent; there was no confusion over which role to play, that of rebellious daughter or estranged sister. The rules were simple, and everyone abided by them — have fun or die trying. DJ Jon Bishop kept us on the dance floor, where glow sticks left trails like comets in the dark. Thoughts of my disintegrating home life were replaced by images of rainbows and sparkles; I smiled in ecstasy as I basked in gratitude for being accepted into this dazzling clan.

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altered state, away from the reality of ruptured families and the ugliness of dawn, the sun having stolen away the magic of the night. But time is a wondrous salve, soothing and healing the sting of old wounds. After a handful of years during which we remained in our own private bubbles, the birth of my nephew - my parents' first grandchild seemed to flip a cosmic switch, reversing the gravitational forces on the family from push to pull. With four children

between them, Jane and Heather were drawn back into the familial fold and bonded tighter than before. My parents, though not living together, were on friendly terms, and Dad

present for birthday parties, holidays, or any family gathering. It was a delight to see them all together, gathering round the roasted turkey Sean had placed on the table, along with the ultimate family I have chosen for myself, which is David. As we sat to begin our ritual of going around the table and announcing that for which we are grateful, it occurred to me that we were each not just a part of the whole, but also individual and fully realized shining stars. — Barbarella

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my ancestry) casually said, "Mexico City has too many Jews." "What's wrong with Jews?" I asked. "They're all rich and stingy." I thought of my grandparents.

When they emigrated to New York, they were even poorer than they'd been in Moscow, albeit safer. Joseph and Gussie made their living renting sidewalk space in front of a delicatessen, where, roofless, they sold pickles in the summer heat, the frigid rains, the winter snows. Gussie got pregnant at least 11 times; five children survived, including four daughters - none of whom could cook worth a damn.

Gussie didn't have enough mothering to learn how to cook, and neither did her daughters. The Cossacks burned down her shtetl (rural Jewish village), killing the men and older women, raping the younger women and girls. Orphaned at 11, Gussie made her way to Moscow and found a job as a housecleaner for a Christian family. Joseph met and married her when she was 15, enraptured by her long auburn hair and flashing eyes. When their first child, my Aunt Irma, was an infant, they emigrated to New York. Later, Gussie taught Irma some rudimentary cooking (pot roast, chicken soup, roast chicken for holiday feasts). Irma raised her little sisters and taught them what she'd learned of cooking.

Eventually, all the kids scrabbled their way

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up to the lower middle class. Both grandparents died young, when I was a toddler. I mainly know Grandma Gussie through old black-andwhite photos and a few vague memories — her lifting me up and gutturally singing, "Ich hab ah shaine, klaine maidele..." ("I have a pretty

#### "I'm a writer, not a chef."

little girl"). She scared me. She looked like a witch. She spent more time with my red-haired cousin Marilyn, three months older. (Grandpa Joe made up the difference. Before he died, two months after Gussie, he taught me the alphabet. I was three years, two months old at his death.)

The dead grandparents were Orthodox, their kids secular Jews. Holidays were mainly ritual occasions for the family to get together, not to celebrate anything

special beyond the existence of a holiday. Childhood Thanksgivings, like other family dinners, were ordeals. The cooking was marginal overdone turkey, no stuffing or gravy. The hot-headed Russian Jews were filled with roiling angers that emerged on holidays. Over store-

bought dessert, the grownups would start squabbling, and my cousins and I would make ourselves scarce. The last Thanksgiving at my mother's house, I was 14 and starting to hang out in Greenwich Village. While our relatives argued fiercely about whether or not I was still a virgin, Cousin Marilyn and I snuck off to the bathroom to practice age-appropriate sinning, sharing a cigarette I'd stolen from Aunt Irma's purse.



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I taught myself to cook because I'd tasted good food in New York restaurants and wanted to eat like that at home. I craved international variety. I'd cook Szechuanese one night, Peruvian the next, Italian, French, Mexican... After my husband and I moved to San Francisco, as my skills and self-confidence improved, we often threw dinner parties. Almost all our friends were born somewhere else and had no local family, so eventually I began cooking a venturesome series of "orphans' Thanksgivings," each year with a different ethnic slant.

No mistake, I had become a competitive cook, ego-involved in culinary dazzlement. On our final orphans' Thanksgiving, the guest list included someone I was starting to hate — a pretty young thing with huge gazongas, whom I'll call Abbie. Some of our friends called her "the lacking any intellectual or creative firepower herself — she threw herself at all the guys in the Bay Area film/food/folkmusic cultural mafia. My ex-husband-to-be, not immune to flirtatious gazongas, invited her to Thanksgiving. A temp catering assistant, her contribution to the feast was a "healthy" cannedpumpkin pie in a cardboardy whole-wheat crust made with Wesson oil in lieu of butter. My dessert was an airy blackberry mousse. "How did you get this so smooth?" asked Abbie. "Well, first you purée blackberries in the Cuisi, and then push them through a fine-mesh sieve," I began. "Oh,

wow, that's too much work," she answered. (Her catering career was short-lived.)

A greater triumph came post-dessert. Another friend owned a major folk-music record business, headquartered in El Cerrito (north of Berkeley), where the local restaurants were mainly icky chains. Chris had been a frequent dinner guest over the years. "I would like to finance you to open a restaurant near my office," he said over coffee. "All I want is for you to cook a few of your good peasant dishes every day, nothing fancy." I thought about it. I looked back to the previous day, handwhipping 12 pounds of yam flesh with butter, cream, and brown sugar (amended on T-Day with whipped egg whites, then baked to a pouf). My arms were still aching. "No, Chris," I finally said. "I love cooking, but I don't know

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anything about running a restaurant — and especially, I don't want to stand over a hot stove 15 hours a day. I'm a writer, not a chef." DEFEAT: FLAMING TURKEY

Twelve years later: My secret trick for roasting turkey was the brown bag method. You rub the turkey all over with seasonings and softened butter, slide it into a big brown paper grocery bag (atop a rack), and place it in a cold oven. Then you turn the oven on to 500 degrees. An hour later turn it down to 400. Another hour, down to 300. One hour more done, regardless of the turkey's size.

It always worked until I had to cook Thanksgiving for my new in-laws. Now I was living with TJ, who'd invited his grown son's family, complete with a passel of grandkids, to come up from Southern California for Thanksgiving dinner.

Coming from a family even more dysfunctional than mine, TJ routinely got sick for the holidays - from T-Day to New Year's. He managed to hang on long enough to do the shopping with me three days before T-Day, then took to bed like a Victorian invalid, fortified by many packs of Coors Light. The cooking fell to me — including alien gringo foodstuffs sacred to his family traditions (e.g., celery stalks filled with fake cheddar from a tube). Gary, Tina, and the kids were staying at a beachside motel a couple

of miles from our flat. I advised them to enjoy the wonders of the beach and Golden Gate Park and show up at the house around 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.; I planned to serve dinner at 7:00.

They showed up shortly after noon. Suddenly, I had three strange kiddies calling me Granny and wanting to play with me. And no food ready yet, and TJ barely awake, not up for leading any hikes in the park.

At 3:30, I should have put the brownbagged turkey in the oven and then turned on the heat. Surrounded by my portmanteau grandkids, I turned on the oven — and then they distracted me. At 3:50, I finally got the turkey into the oven. Remember

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Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451? That's the temperature at which paper burns. At 4:30, I smelled something funny and opened the oven door. The bag was aflame; so was the turkey and butter grease that had seeped out through it. TJ and Gary grabbed the kitchen fire extinguisher and sprayed foam all over the oven, including the bird, which pasted the burnt brown bag onto the turkey skin.

Dinner was done an hour later than planned, the turkey finished off conventionally. I gave thanks that the yams, mash, stuffing, and veggies were all fine. And under the ruined skin, the turkey meat was marginally edible ---really no worse than my mom's. After dinner, Gary pulled out his new camera and went at it. TJ was camera-shy, as I am, but Gary caught us on the couch, grandkids crawling all over us like a litter of kittens. A few months later, he sent us a copy. In life, I look and act more like my father's soft-spoken, snarky Polish-Jewish side, but there I was, mahogany-brown hair piled atop my head for comfort while cooking, dark eyes aslant in a grin lifted high by a shelf of prominent Slavic cheekbones — echoing a face mainly remembered through a few old blackand-white photos. Ninety years after my mother's parents arrived in America, it was Grandma Gussie's American granddaughter. — Naomi Wise

The More the Merrier The bowl of fruit salad sits at eye level in front of me. Through the dimpled red glass, I see the slices of bananas and strawberries, chunks of apples, and grapes resting in the sweetness of their combined juices. More than 30 years later, my mouth still waters and a sense of gleeful anticipation wells up in

me as I picture that bowl of fruit salad.

I've never asked my mother why, but in my family we've always opened our Thanksgiving meal with fruit salad pre-served in individual bowls at each place setting. I must have been very young, three, maybe four years old, when that particular bowl of fruit salad burned its way into

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my memory, judging from the low angle from which I'm viewing it. Also, there's only one table in my memory, albeit a long one, with only 20 people around it: my parents and grandma, an aunt, my one younger and 14 older siblings, and I. I couldn't have been more than four, because by the time I turned five, a sis-

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ter-in-law and a baby nephew had joined us. The year after that, another nephew and a niece and a brother-inlaw would join us. And after that, my already large family grew exponentially as my older brothers and sisters married and had kids. The one big table in the dining room became two tables, then three, then a 60-foot table running through three rooms in my parents' colossal old house in Pasadena. Soon the 60-footer was joined by satellite tables in the patio and breakfast room, then another long table on the front porch. One turkey became a turkey and ham, then two turkeys and two hams, then three or four turkeys, a few hams, a leg of lamb, and a beef roast or two.

The biggest Grimm Thanksgiving on record was in 2005, when about 250 people showed up at my sister Margaret's new house. Most of them were directly descended from my parents Bill and Irene Grimm. By that time, they had 15 living children plus their spouses, and they were nearing 120 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. (They now have 126 and 24, respectively.) Almost all of them were there. My 100-year-old grandmother Evelyn Grimm sat at the head of a long table, presiding over four generations of her descendants. The rest of

the crowd was friends of the family. The more the merrier has always been our motto. And everyone was merry, except maybe a neighbor whom my sister had invited. Staring at the throng, he asked her with a mixture of disbelief and disgust in his voice, "You mean to tell me most of the people here are related to you?" "That's right," Mar-

garet said. "There ought to be a law against that," the neighbor said. "There is," she answered, "in China."

What Margaret's crotchety neighbor didn't understand is that Thanksgiving is about being thankful for Life. Think of those Pilgrims. They were grateful for life itself. In my family it's the same. Every new life born is a cause for rejoicing and giving of thanks to the Author of Life.

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vent it. That's why it's fitting that on at least one day of the year we take a day off from toil to gather with family and friends to show gratitude for all we've been given. This year, I'll endeavor to keep these thoughts in mind as I plow into my mom's sausage stuffing, my brother-in-law Pat's rotisserie lamb, my wife Mary's unbelievable brown sugar-walnutcoconut sweet potatoes. And I'll thank God for life and abundance when I take that first bite of fruit salad.

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"What does that make you, the Fonz?" she says. "Let's get a counter stool by one of the juke-



box remotes." "Please Be Prepared to Slide the Counter," says a sign.

"Meaning," says Carla, "to move along so more people can fit in."

Two people do sit down right next to us. "Hey, Mary," Carla calls out — Mary's down at the kitchen end. "How much for the jukebox?"

"A quarter gets you two songs," Mary says. She comes up to see us. "It plays 45s. Little kids stare at them and say, "Why is this CD so big?"

I slide a quarter into the machine. Carla nubbles the little square buttons. "Just not 'My Way,' " I beg. She hits "Born to Be Wild." I choose "Tijuana Jail," since one of the Kingston Trio, Nick Reynolds, hails from this town.

The waitress, Chelsea, brings us menus. It's early, around 11:00. I'm almost tempted to take the allday breakfast (heck, pork chops and two eggs only runs \$7.50), but no. This is all about next Thursday. Dry run. And yes, they have "Baked Turkey" on the menu, "with dressing, gravy, and cranberry sauce, \$8.95." It also comes with mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and a soup or salad. And "Parker House" rolls.

I go for that, but Carla decides she'll have a sliced turkey sandwich with coleslaw (she could have had fries) for \$5.50.

Soup is a choice of tortilla or French onion. "Have the tortilla," says Mary. "It's delicious. Of course, on Thanksgiving, you'll get butternutsquash soup."

She's right about the tortilla soup. It's got chicken and cheese and the tang of the green cilantro floating in it, and those delicious, crunchy tortilla strips. But the real deal is the turkey. Chelsea brings it on a big oval china plate with four or five generous slices of breast covered in a light brown gravy, plus peas, carrots and corn, and a big fat wad of mash, also topped with gravy, and a pot of cranberry sauce. Love the dressing under-

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"What's in it?" I ask. "A little *vino*," Mary says, like it's a state secret.

"This always on the menu?" I ask.

She nods. "We go through two turkeys a day. On Thanksgiving, we'll cook a lot more. We're inviting 50 Marines to have lunch here. My three kids and lots of others will be helping out."

Wow. Turns out they did the same thing last year, only with Navy SEAL trainees.

"Boy, I bet that's appreciated," I say. "It definitely is," says the guy on my right. Rick. "I'm heading for Afghanistan in a few days," he says, "and believe me, we appreciate these gestures."

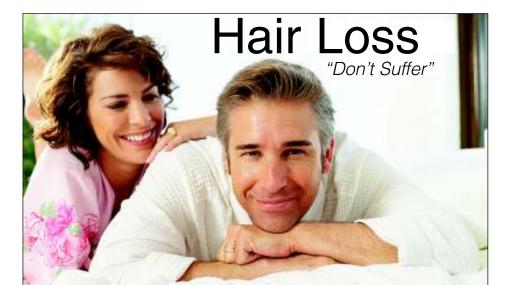
He's a Navy commander, in intelligence. Actually a reservist. Works at IBM. He's already spent a year in Iraq. "I had Thanksgiving 2007 in Baghdad. We ate the turkey, had a good time, and then the mortars started coming in. We hightailed it for the bunkers. And this was in the Green Zone." His wife LeAnn is

getting ready to say

goodbye, again. You can see it in her eyes. "What really helped me last time was I'd send out Halloween things, and Thanksgiving gourds and pumpkins, little Christmas trees, and ornaments. And wherever I was, I would have a card with a flag on it, and I'd pass it around to anybody, and people would write their sentiments, and then I would mail it, so he would feel

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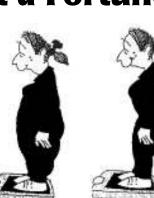
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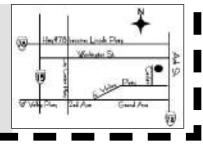
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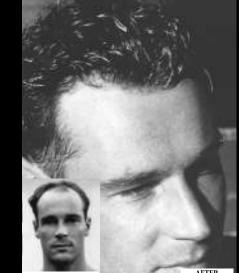
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connected and know how much people cared

about him." "And I would get it through the mail," Rick says. "I would wait all day, until I was in my hootch, and then I'd open it up and read it, with no distractions."

So will this Thanksgiving dinner for Marines mean something to them? "Absolutely," Rick says. "One time, when I was in Japan, a local American family invited a handful of us over to have Thanksgiving dinner. It's just a beautiful thing. I'll always remember that. So these guys, they're going to love

#### this."

"Apple pies?" says Mary. "Chelsea and I made two. They're just out of the oven. Anyone interested?"

Man. I'm starting to remember now. We've been here before. It's a home away from home. Carla and I both order up a slice of pie, "à la mode," with ice cream (\$4.25 each). Oh, yes. It's hot, with baked Granny Smith apples, and a flaky-and-moist crust that's...well, I was going to say "to die for."

"In a way," says Carla, "that's exactly what it is. 'Mom and apple pie' — why all those boys and girls are willing to go. Whatever the politics."

"So we'll come back Thursday?" she asks, as we walk out. "Or would you prefer the \$170 Del?"

I wave the little receipt. It says \$28.16. "White flag," I say. — Ed Bedford

#### Eve and Bernice **Give Thanks**

*Eve*: What I'm grateful for this Thanksgiving is my hubby Patrick's bawdy jokes and funky '70s dance moves and the spontaneous renditions of "Nessun dorma" that burst forth from his soul. My son's pure joy as he races across the soccer

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field and the smile as bright as the moon he shines up at me every day. And the way my daughter's artistic sensibilities overlay everything in her life, from drawing to drama, piano to photography, right down to her graceful ballerina walk.

Bernice: I'm grateful for the 30 minutes I had to wait past my scheduled appointment time to see my newborn's cardiac doctor at Children's Hospital. I mean, I hate those little rooms they stick you into as much as the next patient's mother, but for me, it was 30 minutes to bask in relief while gazing at my baby. I'd recently been to my pediatrician, who reported that she could no longer hear the heart murmur my little girl had displayed at birth. And I'd heard from the EKG tech that everything looked good. I just needed final confirmation from the doctor, who was hung up in the OR. I thought, "My kid's not in the OR. She's right here with me." As I left the hospital, I looked up and saw a Life Flight helicopter touching down. My heart ached for whoever was inside. The whole experience was one of those things that

helps you stop taking good health for granted — at least for a while.

*Eve*: Yes, health — a major blessing. As I sing in choir, next to me sings a blind chorister, her eyes blankly searching the air above her, her hand patting about as she makes any movement. But she is joyful — quick to laugh and always wearing a broad smile. She makes me ashamed of my own demeanor and ashamed of how much I take for granted. The what-if's start hammering me. "What if I couldn't see my son's beaming face as he played sports, or my hubby's funky dance moves? The sweet peas, the California sunsets, my father's twinkling eyes just prior to his jokes; if these were all unknown to me, would I be as joyful?" It gives me pause.

Bernice: I took a plane to Wisconsin last weekend — off to visit family — and ended up sitting next to a young woman dressed in desert fatigues. She told me she was training for deployment to Afghanistan. She held my baby and told me how much she loved kids. As I was getting ready to deplane, she asked, "When I'm over

there, will you email me and tell me how your baby is doing?" It was a powerful moment. I'm opposed to our presence over there, but I understood her intentions: she was going away for me and my baby, sacrificing to protect our way of life. I was grateful for her sacrifice.

*Eve*: I'm also giving thanks this year for visits from my nephew Tom, a new Marine who's stationed in town. I can tell his example of service to country inspires my children, and that makes me proud of them and him. Just getting the kids to think beyond themselves, to think of sacrifice for others, is a beautiful thing.

Bernice: To say nothing of getting me beyond myself... My youngest girl is a challenge — she seems to have held on to the defiant stage longer than anybody. But even that has aspects I'm grateful for: she calls me to my better self. She stretches my sensibilities, makes me actively cultivate gentleness and patience, just so I can get through the day without a battle.

Eve: And of course the holidays always make me grateful and wistful for the family I come





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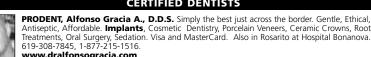


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from. Not that my family's perfect. It's just that this is the time of year when we overlook imperfections and make it all about love, food, and family. I wish I could be with them for Thanksgiving dinner.

*Bernice:* Food is how I like to show love. Knocking myself out with Thanksgiving feast preparations is how I say thanks to Mom and Dad and everybody for all their love over the years.

*Eve:* When I was a child, Thanksgiving was the family gathered around the round dining table, glass-bot-tomed pewter steins filled with apple cider,

Dad's creamed onions and Mom's burntmarshmallow-covered yams. Why were those marshmallows always burnt? These years, the holiday is a potluck gathering with my husband's extended family and friends, multiple tables with autumn leaves as name cards, long serving tables piled high with food, and hours on end of talk, live music, and rowdy kids' games.

*Bernice:* Ha! And don't forget the rowdy adults. My clan is smaller than yours, but it seems like every Thanksgiving, I lose another piece of my grandmother's china the set she left me when she died. Uncle Harry always insists on clearing, and he always stacks the plates too high, and so it's not really a surprise when I survey the damage, but still... And once you get a couple of Jack and Cokes into Harry's wife Aunt Phyllis, her bunions are liable to become the topic of conversation over dessert. Oh, and my husband always ends up on plunger detail at some point during the visit. But I try to accept it and stay humble — I can remember Thanksgivings at Uncle Henry and Aunt Phyllis's

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house, back when I was a teenager. I was too busy worrying about myself to notice if we broke their china or stopped up their toilet, but we always got invited back.

— Eve Kelly

#### What Have You Done for Me Lately?

"How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is, to have a thankless child." — *King Lear* 

Perhaps Shakespeare should have rendered that bit about the serpent as "How common as a horse's hoof" or some such. Children, in my experience, are not naturally grateful. They regard whatever blessings they receive as the normal course of events. You have to train them to say "Thank you," and even then, there is a sad tendency to forget the blessing even as the words hang in the air, to move on to What's Next. You have to threaten them with unspeakable horrors to get them to write thankyou notes. And no power on earth can make them grateful for food they don't like, no matter how many starving Africans you may be tempted to invoke.

And, of course, thankless children grow up into thankless adults. It's right there in the Bible, right after the part where Jesus heals ten lepers. "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, 'Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to

give thanks to God?" " *Lepers*. Their lives were *ruined*, until suddenly, they weren't. But nine out of ten ex-lepers agreed: "What have you done for me lately?"

John Lanchester (or rather, one of his characters) put it neatly (and coldly) in his novel The Debt to Pleasure: "It has not, I think, been sufficiently stressed that gratitude does not exist; the term has come into being to describe an emotion of which ethics teaches us to demand the existence, for the purposes of moral algebra, of making the equations balance...in the space where

to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits..." Duty and obedience — with gratitude! And Lincoln put it this way in 1863: "It has seemed to me fit and proper that [these gracious gifts from God] should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people." The tone is gentler, but "fit and proper" is pretty much another way of saying "right and just," no?

According to these Architects of Thanksgiving, gratitude is something we are *obligated* to have. But emo-

#### "Mass at seven? It'll be great."

'gratitude' is routinely described as existing, there is instead a compound of duty, guilt, and most especially resentment; no action anywhere in the history of the world has ever been undertaken out of gratitude."

I am not quite so chilled as Lanchester's man, but I do think he is on to something. The **Continental Congress** proclaimed a Thanksgiving in 1777, saying, "FOR AS MUCH as it is the indispensable Duty of all Men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligation to him for Benefits received ... " Duty and obligation - with gratitude! George Washington, when he proclaimed a Thanksgiving in 1789, began this way: "Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God,

tions are slippery things; they don't always respond so well to obligation. (Often, they're downright rebellious; this is why Frank Sinatra sounds very much as if he's trying not to laugh when he sings that love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage. Go listen; you can *hear* the smirk.) I think that's why the Architects put duty first. That way, before thanksgiving is a question of gratitude, it is a question of justice. (Is it at all interesting that Aristotle doesn't cover gratitude in his book on *Ethics?*) God gave, and now you owe Him. You *should* feel good about it — it was nice of God, and He didn't have to do it, and life really is pretty fabulous these days, thanks (at least in part) to Him — but even if you don't, the point stands.

Looking this over, I see I have performed a

bit of intellectual sleight-of-hand on my own self, substituting "gratitude" for "thanks" in my attempt to revise the Bard. It's the child who won't give thanks when thanks are due that's painful and vicious; gratitude never enters into it. But! Have another look at those proclamations — it's God this and Providence that, and what about the fact that this most religious of countries has nevertheless managed to secularize a holiday as supremely theistic as Christmas? Here's a claim: we don't much care for obligation on our days off. Sure, Christians go to church on Christmas and Easter, but that's because the church that invented them called them Holy Days of Obligation and put the fear of hell into people who didn't get their ass to Mass. What did the guys behind Thanksgiving have to compete with that? (Well, actually, the nation's birth and its endurance through a bloody Civil War. But still, that was, like, years ago. What have you done for me *lately?*)

At Christmas, we get around the God problem (and its attendant obligations) by invoking The Christmas Spirit<sup>™</sup> of giving, which may or may not have anything to do with the baby Jesus. But what to do with Thanksgiving? It's right there in the name: Thanks. Thanks are given to Someone; duty is a duty to Someone. How to keep God (and the thanks He is owed) out of our turkey and football and fourday weekend? Answer: call in gratitude! Gratitude, being an

emotion - and therefore a slippery, slightly amorphous thing can exist just fine without a specific object. Life is good. We did not make it so. Who did make it so is not all that important; the feeling remains, warm and fuzzy, like the postturkey naps. Or, to take another, smaller-scale but still appropriate example: we may feel grateful to The Wife for making a fabulous Thanksgiving dinner, but damned if we're therefore obliged to do the dishes.

I'll close by shifting holidays yet again, this time to New Year's Day, 1994. I'm a junior in college, visiting a friend for the holidays. We're both Catholics. We go to a party on New Year's Eve. I wind up spilling the better part of my bottle of Maker's Mark into the New Jersey snow, but I still get a fair amount inside me. And, of course, the evening lasts well past midnight. But before we go to bed, my friend turns to me with his impossible charm and arched eyebrows and says, "Mass at seven? It'll be great." I fight through my buzz and say yes, and you know what? It is great. Mind you, I don't feel grateful while I'm there in the church. I feel tired and a little fuzzy. But what I'm doing seems to me fit and proper — giving thanks for the year gone by, imploring blessings for the year to come. It's a sacrifice, offering the first fruits of the day before breakfast and a nap and about nine hours of bowl games. Grateful or no, it makes the New Year mean something.

— Matthew Lickona

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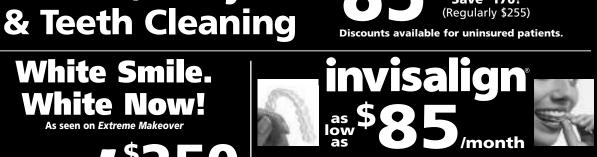
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### Calendar

November 26-December 2

# AND WELCOME TO IT

#### Thursday | 26

#### RUN FOR THE HUNGRY

The Annual Thanksgiving Day 5k and 10k runs begin at Petco Park East (at Imperial and 13th). Proceeds benefit Foodmobile and the San Diego Food Bank, which provide hungry San Diegans a reason to give thanks. See **SPORTS**, page 76.

#### Friday | 27

WRAP IT UP! Personalize holiday gifts with your own hand-printed paper at this workshop with artist Lauren Becker Downey. Use acrylic paint and a variety of stamping techniques to create one-of-a-kind gift wrap and learn about step-and-repeat pattern and design. See **SPECIAL**, page 74.

#### Q: THE 50 GREATEST CHARGERS OF ALL TIME?

Find out the answer during the Chargers' 50th-anniversary block party, promising celebrity and player appearances, a fan fest, interactive games, and more. Music by the Heroes, Super Diamond, Fountains of Wayne,

> and others. See SPECIAL,

page 71.

### Saturday | 28

#### WHO'S THE FAIREST (CHRISTMAS TREE) OF ALL?

Black Friday's come and gone, and now it's time to get decorating! The San Diego Woman's Club hosts a Christmas on Third Avenue shopping event and Festival of Trees. Vote for — and bid to buy — the best-decorated tree in the show. All trees are decorated by local businesses. Live music, food, wine-tastings, and "unique vendors" round out the event. See **SPECIAL**, page 74.

#### SANTA IN RED BOARD SHORTS!

Santa loves the weather in San Diego. He'll arrive early on a pirate ship, courtesy of the Maritime Museum, for a parade and surfing-related photographs. Holiday festivities include live holiday music, entertainment, and crafts for kids. See **SPECIAL**, page 74.

### Sunday | 29

#### **ARTISAN JEWELRY SHOW**

Find unique holiday gifts at Balboa Park's Spanish Village Art Center. The Bead Society of San Diego County's show-and-sale in Gallery 21 showcases original jewelry and items made from polymer clay, metal clay, fiber, and "micro-macramé." See **SPECIAL**, page 70.

#### TIDEPOOLING FOR ALL AT DIKE ROCK

Fall is an excellent time to explore our tidepools because the lower tides reveal wider beaches and pools teeming with native marine life. Learn about ocean critters when Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts tidepooling led by aquarium naturalists. See **OUTDOORS**, page 69.



#### Monday | 30

#### **BOOK PUBLISHING 1-2-3**

Follow a manuscript through the publication process, learn about the children's book market and self-publishing options, and take part in creativity exercises with book editor Laurie Gibson. Bring a pen, paper, and your questions! See **LECTURES**, page 76.

#### SLOW MONEY REINVENTS CAPITALISM

Gather for "Book and a Beer" with author Woody Tasch (*Inquiries into the Nature of Slow Money*), founder of Slow Money, a philosophy based on the same principles of community involvement and environmental responsibility as Slow Food. See **IN PERSON**, page 76.

### Tuesday | 1

#### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE: A NECESSARY TRANSITION

How will we feed ourselves in the future? Learn about the hot topics surrounding the current agricultural system and how to be a part of a sustainable future

with Dave Henson, executive director of Occidental Arts and Ecology Center. See **LECTURES**, page 76.

### Wednesday | 2

#### BUILD

Expect to be thrown "Lewis Carroll–style through the looking glass into a fascinating musical landscape" during this classical-music concert led by composer-violinist and Carlsbad Music Festival artistic director Matt McBane. See **CLASSICAL MUSIC**, page 81.



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#### The Garden Island: Kauai

By Derek Ray

Kauai, the oldest of the Hawaiian Islands, is a treasure overlooked by many travelers to Hawaii. It trails Oahu, Maui, and the Big Island as the first choice for most tourists, but it's a worthy paradise in its own right. I chose Kauai as my first Hawaiian island to visit because of the lush, jungle-like environment that had captivated me for years in photographs. As more of a hiker than a beach enthusiast, I viewed "the garden island" as a dream destination for solitary hikes into wild landscapes.

Kauai's primary attraction for hikers is the Kalalau Trail through the Na Pali State Park, along cliffs that rise starkly above the azure waters of the northwest coast. The hike snakes along the Na Pali cliffs for 11 miles. I chose to cover just the first four-mile stretch of the trail, taking a rest at the nearly deserted Hanakapiai Beach two miles in.

The recent rains had left the trail a bit muddy with the famous red dirt that

locals boast does not come off (they sell red mud "dirt shirts" advertising this). It's better to step into a pool of mud, however, than risk injury by trying to avoid them. I gladly sacrificed my worn shorts and sneakers for the impressive views afforded by this hike.

I took several other hikes into the interior of the island. These were less spectacular than the Kalalau Trail, but each revealed in its own way the diversity of Kauai's natural wonders.

It's also worthwhile to visit the interior of Kauai to check out the spectacular Waimea Canyon, dubbed "the Grand Canyon of the Pacific" by Mark Twain. Further east, Mount Wai'ale is the highest point on the island. The eastern side of the mountain receives 460 inches of rain a year — the wettest place on earth. Each day in Kauai provided a kaleidoscope of weather patterns, shifting from sun to cooling tropical rain.

Capping off my journey was a helicopter ride over the island. This can be a bit pricy, but it was my first ride in a copter, and I couldn't conceive of a better place for the indulgence. The ride was smooth, and any nervousness I had was quickly erased by the breathtaking views over rain forests, waterfalls, and seaside cliffs.

Airborne over Kauai, one sees why it's been dubbed the garden island. It's apparent why Hollywood has chosen *continued on page 68* 

#### Other Adventures

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ahousebythesea: The Magnificent Mile is Chicago's version of the Champs-Elysées — a grand, wide boulevard with exclusive shops, museums, restaurants, and ritzy hotels.



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"Rainbow Season" Arrives with the first rains of late fall. Scattered showers are best for rainbow watching: sunlight refracting and reflecting through the raindrops causes two bows to appear intense circular arc at 42° and a bigger, but weaker, arc at 51° from the antisolar point (the point in the sky diametrically opposed to the sun's position). From November through mid-February, the sun

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never gets higher than 42° above the horizon as seen from San Diego, so (rain and sunlight permitting) the brighter of the two arcs may appear above the horizon at any time of day. In spring and summer, rainbows are never seen in the sky around midday because

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the sun is too high — and the antisolar point is too low.

The Fremont Cottonwoods along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge are now showing their best tawny foliage. You can park at the Old Mission Dam historic site or the Mission Trails Regional Park visitor center and explore the riparian area by way of riverside trails, or by walking, bike riding, or skating along the bike path high above the river's south and east banks. Large cottonwoods can also be seen along other watercourses throughout the San Diego County backcountry, including along the Sweetwater River near Cottonwood Golf Course, and in Cottonwood Valley, east of Pine Valley along Interstate 8.

**December's Full Moon** rises dramatically over the eastern mountains at around 4:15pm some 25 minutes before the time of sunset - on Tuesday, December 1. The same full moon will set about 14 hours later over the ocean at dawn. This is the first of two full moons occurring during the calendar month of December 2009. According to folklore, the second of these full moons in the same calendar month (due December 31) is known as a "blue moon."

Jupiter, the "king" of the planets, appears high in the southern sky after sunset. Note its creamy yellow-white color and unblinking brightness. Aim a small telescope at Jupiter anytime during the next few weeks to see the cloud-beltbanded planet flanked by its four

#### Kauai continued from page 66

movies, from South Pacific to Jurassic Park.

### Monument, Arizona

Canyon, you should check out Sunset Crater National Monument as well. Sunset Crater is just 30 minutes north of Flagstaff, Arizona, on Highway 89. The crater was formed about 1000 years ago, during a series of volcanic eruptions that devastated all life in the area. Today, the volcanic crater is home to animals, cacti, plants, and wildflowers.

Sunset Crater offers you a close look at what a volcano can do with its destructive force. Begin your visit at the Sunset Crater visitors' center, located near the park entrance, where you can view exhibits and learn about the extinct volcano's history. The best time to visit is spring or fall.

After exploring the visitors' center, I recommend taking two trails: the Lava

Galilean satellites, or moons, which were discovered by Galileo in 1609, four centuries ago. Can't see all four moons? That's possible. All you need to do is wait - one or more of the moons could be in transit across the planet Jupiter, or hidden behind the planet, or hidden in the planet's shadow.

"Journey into Nature" Connect with natural open spaces when naturalist leads interpretive walk. Get to know the five diverse ecosystems, 619-668-3281, Saturday, November 28, 9:30am; Sunday, November 29, 9:30am; Wednesday, December 2, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"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. Wednesday, November 25, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"Rattlers and Common Plants" Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous three-mile hike and discusses how to identify rattlesnakes, plants along the trails. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, November 28, 8am; free. Daley Ranch - La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Thanksgiving Day Grand Tour" See it all and work off some calories! Naturalist Rita Ospelt

Kauai as the location for a multitude of

### **Sunset Crater National**

By Bryant Le

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of the week. Go to SDReader.com/travel for more information.

leads 12.3-mile hike at brisk pace following perimeter of Daley Ranch. Expect some steep up- and downhill sections. Not suitable for children. 760-839-4680. Thursday, November 26, 7:30am; free. Daley Ranch - La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

#### Audubon Society Bird Walk

Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, November 28, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road, (CLAIREMONT)

Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915, Saturday, November 28, 8:30am; free. Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 S. Coast Hwy. (CARLSBAD)

Coastal Dune Habitat Restoration Project Volunteers invited to care for this rare, endangered area at Dog Beach. Activities include invasive plant removal, native plant rescue, trail maintenance, litter removal. Tools, supplies provided. Dress in clothes that can get dirty, wear closed shoes. Meet in grassy area near Dog Beach. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, November 28, 9am; free. Dog Beach Ocean Beach, West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

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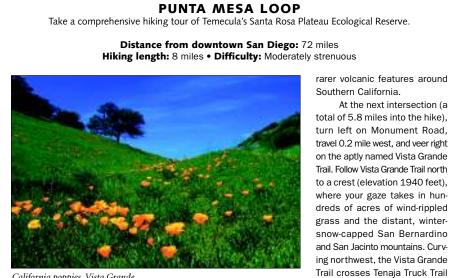
Flow Trail and the Lenox Crater Trail. The latter is more challenging, with steep hills and sharp rocks. Make sure to bring plenty of water.

There's no camping or lodging in the park, but Bonito Campground and Coconino National Forest with full camping accommodations are just minutes away.

The monument is open every day of the year (except Christmas Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. November-April and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May-October. Entrance fee is \$5 per person for a seven-day pass. National Park passes are also accepted.

It's fairly simple to get to the monument. From Flagstaff, follow U.S. 89 north for 14 miles, turn right on the Sunset Crater-Wupatki Loop road, and continue for two miles to the visitors' center.

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Clear, late-autumn skies and cool temperatures inland beckon you to visit southwest Riverside County's premier ecological showplace: Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve. The leisurely half-day Punta Mesa loop hike will introduce you to virtually every attractive natural feature characteristic of Southern California's foothills. Note that the level of protection is higher here than in many other openspace venues; neither dogs nor mountain bikes are allowed on this particular route.

To get there from San Diego, head north on Interstate 15 into Riverside County. Beyond Temecula, stay left on I-15 as you approach the I-15/I-215 split. Proceed about five miles farther to the Clinton Keith Road exit in Murrieta. Then go south on Clinton Keith Road five miles to the Santa Rosa Plateau visitor center, on the left. There's a small charge for parking here.

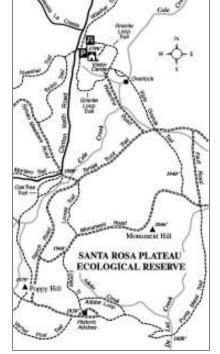
From the visitor center parking lot, follow the dirt road going southeast --- Waterline Road, At 0.8 mile, turn right on Tenaia Truck Trail and traverse its flat. straight course across a treeless plain. At 1.7 mile, near the junction of Ranch House Road, make a left on the narrow Lomas Trail. Ascend a slope dotted with Engelmann oaks, jog right for about 0.2 mile on Monument Road, and then find the continuation of Lomas Trail on the left. You now make a descent into a valley, where the Adobe Loop trail branches left and two adobe buildings set amid towering oaks lie just ahead. Those are the adobes of the former Santa Rosa Ranch. and you won't want to miss visiting them. Constructed around 1845, they are Riverside County's oldest standing structures. Your hike has taken you three miles so far.

After a look at the adobes and a refreshing pause in the shade (if it happens to be a warm Santa Ana day), backtrack 0.1 mile north on Lomas Trail and take the Adobe Loop trail east, down along an oak-filled canyon.

deeply shaded stretch of trail you're going to get on this hike. Soon enough, it's back into the sunshine again as you climb up to a junction with the Punta Mesa Trail. Turn left and follow this deteriorating former fire road a total of two miles — down across De Luz Creek and back uphill, heading north. Flat-topped Mesa de la Punta rises to the south, and Mesa de Burro rises in the east. Both are capped with erosion-resistant basalt, representing some of the

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and be enchanted by fabulous flowers along the trails." 760-436-3944. Saturdays, 10am; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

**Mission Hills Meander** Join Walkabout explorers for great views, picturesque homes and gardens during moderately paced onehour walk over flat terrain. 619-231-7463. Saturday, November 28, 4:30pm; free. Espresso Mío, 1920 Fort Stockton Drive. (MISSION HILLS)

New Trash to Attack! San Diego River Park Foundation's most recent river trash survey uncovered new trash problem area along San Diego River near San Diego Mission. Help clean up the spot. No experience necessary. Tools, supplies provided. Closed shoes required. 619-297-7380. Saturday, November 28, 9am; free. San Diego River cleanup - Mission Valley east, 10981 San Diego Mission Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Tidepooling for All at Dike Rock** Fall and winter are excellent times to explore local tide pools because lower tides reveal wider beaches and pools teeming with native marine life. Learn about ocean critters when Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts tidepooling led by aquarium naturalist. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, November 29, 12:30pm; \$12.2 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)



**"Constellations of Winter"** Local astronomer offers "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show. View real sky through telescopes after show (weather permitting) with San Diego Astronomy Association. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, December 2, 7pm; \$9-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Danger in Wonderland"** Exhibition of artwork by Monica Leon (a.k.a. Danger), along with other artists showing canvas paintings, wood paintings, custom sneakers, glass pieces, body art on models. Art show followed by afterparty with DJ Selektah Reefah and DJ Mateo. Art show free, \$20 for club. 619-320-8483. Saturday, November 28, 6pm; free-\$20. The Kava











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#### What are you reading?

"War as They Knew It: Woody Hayes, Bo Schembechler, and America in a Time of Unrest, by Michael Rosenberg. It's about the Ohio State-Michigan football rivalry during the era of those coaches. I'm from Columbus, so Ohio State, where Haves coached, is in my hometown. It's not just a sports book, though; it's as much about the society on the two campuses as it is about football. The coaches, Hayes and Schembechler, were kind of '50s guys dealing with the '60s youth culture, and the book explores how they had to adapt, how they dealt with anti-war protests. Columbus was a lot more conservative; the University of Michigan was, as far as the protest stuff, like the Berkeley of the Midwest. Also, the book goes into how the coaches added black players — it starts getting into Civil Rights. It's obviously nonfiction,

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### What's That You're Reading?

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but the writer writes it almost like a novel." Compare it to other books you've read. "I'm kind of interested in post-WWII his-

tory; there was so much societal change. It's kind of hard to compare this book to others; I've never seen a sports book set in that particular era that's so well adapted. But other

sports books have also focused on society. There was a great book that came out about Jack Johnson, the first black heavyweight champion, called Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson. That covered the time around the early 1900s, when there was a lot of repression."

Who is your favorite author?

"I really like James Michener. He does a lot of his-

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cocoa, libations, fireworks, holiday booths with games and prizes. 619435-6611. Wednesday, December 2, 4pm. Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO

invited to "unite before the concert for the essential classic face paint and black hairspray." Proceeds support San Diego Body Painters in their quest to compete at North American Body Painting Championship. All ages. 619-988-0900. Friday, November 27, 3:30pm; \$10-\$20. Brick Alley Bar & Grill, 3577 Midway Drive. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

"Motionless" Fashion show organized by fashion show production students at the Art Institute of California — San Diego. Theme of show inspired by photography. VIP entrance: 7pm; general admission: 8pm. Catering by International Culinary School at Art Institute of

torical stuff, like the novel Poland, and growing up, I enjoyed his work." What book has been most life-changing for

you?

it was a project for our literature class in junior high — The Outsiders, by S.E. Hinton. We

went over it for, like, two months, dissecting it, doing scenes from it - I have fond memories of that. It was about societal clash; I believe it took place in Tulsa in the early '60s. There are greasers — some orphan kids being raised by their brother — and they have a culture clash with the wealthier kids, the Socs. Francis Ford Coppola made a movie out of it, and the screenplay followed the book's dialogue almost completely."

San Diego. 619-261-5503. Monday, November 30, 7pm; \$3-\$7. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

(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; Thursdays, 2pm; Fridays, 2pm; Saturdays, 11am; Sundays, 11am; Mondays, 2pm; Tuesdays, 2pm; Wednesdays, 2pm; through Sunday, January 3, \$10-\$20. Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Dreaming in Cuban Hispanic Heritage Month book discussion series concludes with look at

#### What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"I read Rolling Stone. USA Today is almost a digest, but they have a sports section that sometimes has some bright things. I'll get the Union-Tribune if there's a local thing I'm interested in. but they've cut back so much. The L.A. Times is probably one of the best papers for international stuff, and even nationally, they still have the big bureaus. And if someone in the entertainment business passes away and I want to read an obituary, I know they'll have something because it's the paper for that town. When Karl Malden one of our greatest actors ever -passed away, I wanted a more indepth read, and the L.A. Times did almost two full pages."

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Spanish Village Art Center, 1770

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Japanese brush painting exhibition

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ing demonstrations by Kayo Beach,

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Fall Botany Festival Anza-Bor-

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Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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#### Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: Contributions must be received by 5 pm Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event. including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER EVENTS, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SDReader.com by clicking on the events section.

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Richard G. Chase - who died two

years ago - offered for sale. Chase

was a painter in the county

throughout '60s, '70s, '80s, creating

paintings for lobby of San Diego

Grand Hyatt in '90s. 760-749-2325

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Golf Country Club, 10333 Meadow

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ciety's festival takes place at park's visitors' center. Learn about native plants of the Anza-Borrego desert, their role in desert ecology. "Desert gardening guru" Maureen Gilmer on hand for presentation, booksigning (Palm Springs-Style Gardening). Plants suitable for home gardens, plant books, other botanical items for sale. Guided walks in visitors' center garden. Naturalists on hand to answer questions. 760-767-4684. Saturday, November 28, 9am; free. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Drive. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Free-Thought Thanksgiving Join Humanist San Diego for "Thanksgiving edition of Coffee and Conversation," with "usual list of current events, political and religious humor, and camaraderie." Suggested donation: \$5 or more. 619-646-2191. Saturday, November 28, 7pm. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Holiday Gourd Ornaments

Create gourd ornaments when Carol Lang leads workshop. Embellish items with wood burning, paints, dyes, jewelry findings, ribbon, natural materials such as seeds, seed pods. Participants should finish at least two and have materials to complete a third ornament. For all levels of experience. Materials fee: \$15. Registration: 619-223-0058. Friday, November 27, 10am; \$50-\$58. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Holiday of Lights More than 400 lighted, holiday-themed displays for viewing from visitors' cars. Holiday havrides (\$10: November 27, December 4, 11, 18). Admission: \$14 per vehicle (up to five people), \$19 per vehicle with six or more people, \$49 per bus. 858-792-4252. Thursdays, 5:30pm; Fridays, 5:30pm; Saturdays, 5:30pm; Sundays, 5:30pm; Mondays, 5:30pm; Tuesdays, 5:30pm; Wednesdays, 5:30pm; through Sunday, January 3, Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**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. Wednesdays, 10am; 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) **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)

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)

**Q: The 50 Greatest Chargers of All Time?** Find out during Chargers' 50th anniversary block party promising celebrity and player appearances, fan fest, interactive games, more. Music by the Heroes, Super Diamond, Fountains of Wayne, others. Find main gate at Fifth Avenue and J Street. 619-233-5008. Friday, November 27, 5pm; \$35. Gaslamp Quarter. (DOWNTOWN)

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political issues ignored by mainstream media." This month discuss Brad Thor's Last Patriot. "Books are selected from the federal government's book list." 858-534-7323. Wednesday, December 2, 6pm; free. 21 and up. Porter's Pub at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Rooftop Yoga Yoga One leads vinyasa flow mixed-level classes for hotel guests (free) and public (\$15 per class). 619-544-0164. Wednesdays, 9am; 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)

San Diego Veterans Book Fair Military Writers Association authors on hand to sign, discuss their novels. Among the writers: David Lucero (The Sandman). 619-239-2300. Wednesday, December 2, 6pm; free. Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, 2115 Park Boulevard, (BALBOA PARK)

Santa in Red Board Shorts! Santa arrives on a "pirate ship courtesy of the Maritime Museum" for a parade and surfing photographs. Holiday festivities include live holiday music and entertainment. crafts for kids, more, 619-235-4014. Saturday, November 28, 1pm; free. Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, November 29, 10am; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Thursdays on the Coast - On Friday! Self-guided visual and performing art walk (generally offered on last Thursday of month). Local and regional artists display their work throughout village; live art demonstrations; music and theater performances. 760-434-2553. Friday, November 27, 5:30pm; free. New Village Arts Theatre, 2787 B State Street. (CARLSBAD)

**Understanding Modern Turkey** Tackle the country with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, November 26, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK

Watercolor Demonstration Portrait Society artist Sharman Slye plans watercolor demonstrations on portraits. 760-726-7405. Friday, November 27, 11am; Saturday, November 28, 11am; free. 2Spoons Coffee Company, 3829 Plaza Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Where's Lake Hodges Art? Find out during Lake Hodges Artist's Show and Sale, featuring work by weaving and fiber artist Jean Degenfelder and guest artists Julie Brooke, Kellie Delp, Carol Wilson, Pam Ivor, Mary Swann, Valerie Ann Bailey. 760-740-9700. Friday, November 27, 10am; Saturday, November 28, 10am; Sunday, November 29, 10am; free. Degenfelder Studio, 9814 Carson Place. (ESCONDIDO)

Who's the Fairest (Christmas Tree) of All? San Diego Woman's Club hosts Christmas on Third Avenue shopping event and Festival of Trees. Vote for - and bid to buy - best-decorated tree in show. Trees were decorated by local businesses. Live music, food, wine tastings, "unique vendors." 619-436-6777 or 619-234-0510. Saturday, November 28, 9am; free, San Diego Woman's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

Wrap It Up! Personalize holiday gifts with paper you print after workshop with artist Lauren Becker Downey. Use acrylic paint, variety of stamping techniques to create one-of-a-kind gift wrap. Learn about step and repeat, pattern and design. Materials fee: \$10. Registration: 619-223-0058. Friday, November 27, 10am; \$38-\$44. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

#### DANCE

"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), DI Meeshi Anjali plays for dance (8-

9pm; \$10. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA) Latin and Ballroom Dance **Party** Dance party for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays swing, Latin, ballroom, and nightclub. Dance lesson included. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, November 28, 8pm; free-\$7. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255

West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK) Let the Nutcrackers Begin! New West Ballet Theatre offers 30th season production of The Nutcracker. Traditional production boasts professional dancers in leading roles, young local talent in supporting roles. 760-738-4751. Friday, November 27, 7pm; Saturday, November 28, 2pm and 7pm;

11:30pm). All ages. Introductory

lesson for beginners: 8:15pm. Fee for workshop and dance: \$15 gen-

eral, \$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

Argentine Tango Colette Hebert

leads Argentine tango lessons. 619-225-1803. Wednesdays, 7pm;

Mondays, 7pm; through Friday,

December 25. Dance Place San

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Truxtun Rd., Suite 108, (POINT LOMA)

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Sunday, November 29, 2pm; \$20-\$30. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Swing in the Holidays! Firehouse Swing Dance features shag and sugar-push variations workshops (7-8pm). Open swing dancing: 8-11:30pm. Fee for class and dance: \$15; dance only: \$8. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, December 2, 7pm; \$8-\$15. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

The More the Merrier Band makes music, JoAnn Koppany calls for San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. Bring food, beverage to share during optional potluck supper (6:30pm). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm. Wear softsoled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, November 28, 6:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

#### FILM

The Motorcycle Diaries Film Forum and Witness for Peace Southwest host screening of the Walter Salles film chronicling the 1952 road trip taken by Ché Guevara and Alberto Granado. In Spanish with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Sunday, November 29, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Whatever Works Woody Allen's 2009 flick starring Larry David, Evan Rachel Wood, and Patricia Clarkson screens for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, November 30, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

#### FOOD & DRINK

"Good Karma Kitchen" Bring a vegetarian or vegan dish to share during this "pay-it-forward" Thanksgiving potluck. Admission is free with food to share, or make contribution. 619-230-1190. Thursday, November 26, 6pm. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

#### FOR KIDS

"Bullets Outta Guns" City Heights poet Iim Moreno offers after-school poetry workshop for middle and high school students. Participants learn "craft of poetry, microphone skills, and performance skills." 760-802-2449. Tuesdays, 4pm; through Sunday, June 6, free. 12 and up. Upaka Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Discover Mingei! Treasure Hunt" Family program promises exhibition-related treasure hunt with clues encouraging participants to explore museum's exhi-



bitions. Prizes awarded for completing treasure hunt. Admission: \$5 for families, \$3 for individuals. 619-239-0003. Sunday, November 29, noon. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Drawing Winter" Art class led by illustrator/author Lisa Davis DeMattei for kids 6-12 years old. 858-581-9935. Wednesday, December 2, 4pm; free. 6 and up. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard, (CLAIREMONT)

Pokémon City Tournament Participants in each of three POPrecognized age divisions compete for Pokemon TCG booster packs, championship bragging rights. Open to all players, 206-344-3140. Friday, November 27, 9:30am; free. Artifex Entertainment, 9839 Mira Mesa Boulevard. (MIRA MESA)

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#### GALLERIES

#### Beth King: Paintings on Canvas

Opening reception for exhibition of more than two dozen paintings by this "painter's painter." King is said to avoid "representational imagery in her paintings (she classifies them as nonobjective abstractions), yet they are highly personal." Through Monday, February 15. 858-581-9934. Sunday, November 29, 1pm; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH

"North, East, West, South -And Points in Between" Opening reception for exhibit of new work by landscape painter Ken Roberts. Show including plein air paintings and large studio landscape pieces closes Sunday, January 3. 760-765-1676. Saturday, November 28, 4pm; free. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

Winter C-Note Time Annual winter fundraiser opens with C-Note Night festivities. On offer: original artwork donated by members and emerging regional artists, for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Art replaced on walls as pieces are sold. Continues through Sunday, December 13. 619-236-0011. Saturday, November 28, 5pm; free-\$3. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

#### **IN PERSON**

Slow Money "Book and a Beer' gathering with author Woody Tasch (Inquiries into the Nature of Slow Money), founder of Slow Money. "Slow money" concept is based on same principles of community involvement, environmental responsibility as Slow Food. 760-471-4999. Monday, November 30, 6pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Stress-Free Tuesdays" Comedy show by Jabari and Thai Rivera. Host: Byron Bowers. No cover, no drink minimum. 619-708-7975. Tuesday, December 1,

7pm; free. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"Wanderlust" Story slam hosted by So Say We All. 619-282-0437. Saturday, November 28, 8pm; \$5. Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Cartoons and Baseball Harry Katz signs, discusses Herblock: The Life and Work of the Great Political Cartoonist, as well as his Baseball Americana: Treasures from the Library of Congress. 760-632-0488. Wednesday, December 2, 7pm; free. Ducky Waddle's Emporium, 414 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

**Celebrate All Things Chocolate** Susie Norris discusses, signs Chocolate Bliss: Sensuous Recipes, Spa Treatments, and Other Divine Indulgences. Evening promises chocolate tasting. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, December 1, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Chargers from the Past "Legendary" Chargers head coach Don Coryell and running back Chuck Muncie on hand to sign autographs. Fees: \$20 all items except jerseys (\$100). 858-487-0636. Saturday, November 28, 1pm, American Icon Autographs, 11305 Rancho Bernardo Road suite #109. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Pacific Belles in Concert Sweet Adelines women's four-part a cappella chorus presents "humorous romp" through "The 12 Days of Christmas," as well as other seasonal favorites, musical treats from

throughout year, for Free First Wednesdays series. Tickets available on first-come, first-served basis, one hour prior to curtain. 800-988-4253. Wednesday, December 2, 4pm and 7pm; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**Poetry Publication Party** Fête the poets and publication of the 21st edition of Magee Park Poets Anthology. Reception follows reading. Anthology: \$5. 760-602-2012. Wednesday, December 2, 7pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

#### LECTURES

"Book Publishing 1-2-3" Follow a manuscript through publication process, learn about children's book market and selfpublishing options with book editor Laurie Gibson. Creativity exercises promised. Bring pen, paper, questions. 858-573-5007. Monday, November 30, 6:30pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Downtown Sound Bites" Bring your lunch and listen when new San Diego Fire Chief Javier Mainar discusses public safety in an urban environment. Talk hosted by Centre City Development Corporation (located above CVS). 619-235-2222. Tuesday, December 1, 12 noon; free. Downtown Information Center, 193 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fact versus Spin in Science News" How can we tell difference between fact and hype in science coverage? "Exploring Ethics" series continues when panelists Kim Mc-Donald of UCSD Science Communications and David Washburn of Voice of San Diego focus on the question. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, December 2, 5:30pm; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

"Modern Facts on Fertility" Fertility specialist Lori Arnold, M.D., offers overview on latest fertility treatment options. 858-626-6945. Monday, November 30, 6pm; free. Scripps Mende Well Being Center at University Towne Centre, 4305 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Religion and Politics" Reverend Kathleen Owens focuses on "how the Unitarian Universalists' ideals were part of our country's founding principles." Requested donation: \$5.619-298-9978 x8014. Monday, November 30, 6:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"Sustainable Agriculture: A Necessary Transition" How will we feed ourselves in future? Learn about current "hot topics" surrounding our agricultural system, discover ways to be part of solution when Dave Henson, executive director of Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, speaks. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Tuesday, December 1, 6:30pm; \$5. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

What's Up With Medicare? David Weil from Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program talks about anticipated changes to Medicare in 2010. Learn how these changes may affect current coverage. RSVP: 760-730-1471. Wednesday, December 2, 10:30am; free. 18 and up. Cardiovascular Disease Foundation, 3088 Pio Pico Drive. (CARLSBAD)

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

Bolts versus Chiefs San Diego Chargers host Kansas City Chiefs during game broadcast on CBS. 800-745-3000. Sunday, November 29, 1:05pm; \$54-\$98. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Carmel Valley Turkey Trot San Diego Jewish Academy hosts scenic 3.1-mile (5k) course along Highway 56 bike trail and part of academy's cross-country course. Postrace party with costume contest. 858-752-2955. Thursday, November 26, 7am; free-\$29. San Diego Jewish Academy, 11860 Carmel Creek Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Father Joe's Thanksgiving Day 5k Walk/Run Eighth annual fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul Village meal service. Event-day registration: 6:30am. 800-466-3537. Thursday, November 26, 6:30am; free-\$31. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Most Beautiful Ride of the Year? Put on your climbing gear and join Knickerbikers bicyclists for breakfast (8am), followed by 45mile loop around Lake Cuyamaca and back to Pine Valley (9am). Lunch stop at Cuyamaca Restaurant (mile 28). Regrouping approximately every 5 miles. Sag wagon for water refills, snacks, spare clothing. Bring money for food. 619-618-8177. Sunday, November 29, 8am. Major's Coffee Shop, 28870 Old Highway 80. (PINE VALLEY)

Oceanside Turkey Trot Racing on fast course. Open 5k (7am), locals' 5k (8:15am), kids' 1-milers in three age divisions (9:30, 9:45, 10am). Costume contest too. 760-434-7706. Thursday, November 26, 7am; \$25-\$35. Oceanside Civic Center, 300 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Pre-Turkey Ride Bicycle with Knickerbikers around San Diego Bay, through downtown San Diego, National City, Chula Vista via Bay Shore Bikeway, up the strand. Bring money for lunch at ferry landing; take ferry back to start for a 25-miler, or return to start via same route to make it 50 miles. Optional potluck follows. 619-990-9219. Thursday, November 26, 9am. County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN)

Ramona — The Short Way Expect 70 miles of pedaling with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, lunch in Ramona (bring money). 619-255-5360. Sunday, November 29, 8:45am. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Run for the Hungry Annual Thanksgiving Day 10k (7:15am) and 5k (8:15am) starting at Petco Park East (at Imperial and 13th Street). Proceeds benefit Foodmobile and San Diego Food Bank. 619-298-7400. Thursday, November 26, 7:15am: \$15-\$30. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

#### **MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART**

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil-drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steamoperated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. 2040 North Santa Fe Ave., 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

**Bancroft Ranch House Museum** Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts



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and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

#### Barona Cultural Center and Museum 1095 Barona Rd., 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

**Birch Aquarium at Scripps** What makes the seahorse a fish, though it doesn't look like one? How do male seahorses get pregnant, give birth? "There's Something About Seahorses" explores biology, adaptations of these creatures. Exhibit includes more than a dozen species of live seahorses and their relatives, including pipefish, shrimpfish, seadragons. Continues through December 2011.

Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbegong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-3474. (LA JOLLA)

**California Surf Museum** Along with a timeline of surfboards, featured opening exhibit at new location is "Sidewalk Surfers," offering historic look at roots of skateboarding. The skateboard evolved as a method of enjoying feeling of surfing while waves were flat or inaccessible. Display focuses on surfboard shapers and professional riders and their skateboard models over the years. 312 Pier View Way, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

**Campo Depot** State Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Rd., 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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

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

**Coronado Museum of History and Art** Why are Navy SEALs called frogmen? Who were some of the streets of Coronado named after? Find out in "Coronado: We Remember," combining stories, historical vignettes of artifacts, photographs, textiles, documents from archives of Coronado Historical Association. Closes Saturday, May 1.

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

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

**Heritage Museum** An interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park. 14134 Midland Rd., 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum More than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus. 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West, 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

**Japanese Friendship Garden** Pan American Rd., 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library Museum and library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. 2116 Tavern Rd., 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum Located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. La Mesa Boulevard and Spring St., 619-465-7776. (LA MESA) **Magee House Museum** Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. 258 Beech St., 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Mingei International Museum This year's Day of the Dead altar on view through Sunday, November 29 — is dedicated to memory of Octavio Paz, winner of the Nobel Prize for literature; woodworker Sam Maloof and potter Otto Heino are also remembered.

"Fisch Out of Water — Sea Creatures of Arline Fisch" is the designer craftsman's first major installation. The more than 150 objects crocheted from color-coated copper wire are life-sized re-creations of specific jellyfish species and objects suggesting sea anemones and coral. Fisch is professor of art (emerita) at SDSU, where she founded its program in jewelry and metalsmithing in 1961. Through Sunday, May 16.

"Transformed by Fire" is a career-spanning exhibition of 90 objects by June Schwarcz, considered the nation's premier enamelist. Also on view: "Fifty-Six Chinese Hat Boxes — And One Hat!" Exhibition of 56 Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) hatboxes created to hold officials' hats boasts boxes made of wood, lacquer, paper, leather, all from late 19th or early 20th Century. The hat in question is a summer hat. Both exhibits close Wednesday, March 21.

"Sonabai: Another Way of Seeing" continues through Sunday, September 5, 2010. The self-taught artist lived in enforced isolation for 15 years in a remote village in central India, developing an innovative art form that she later taught to other artists. Exhibition includes 33 sculptures by Sonabai and her

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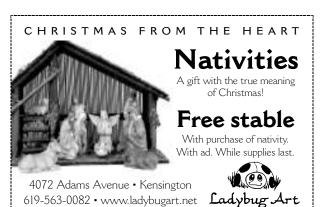
family as well as 38 works by four artists trained by Sonabai. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Museum of Contemporary** Art San Diego, La Jolla "Automatic Cities: The Architectural Imaginary in Contemporary Art" is innovative exhibition mapping influence of architecture on contemporary visual art in an international context. Exhibition sets work by architecturally engaged artists such as Julie Mehretu, Matthew Ritchie, Rachel Whiteread in dialogue with that of emerging practitioners including Catharina van Eetvelde, Jakob Kolding, Sarah Oppenheimer. On view through Sunday, January 31.

"Museums in Miniature: Works by Marcel Duchamp and Joseph Cornell" explores use of collage, assemblage, staged tableaux by Duchamp and Cornell "as plays on the notion of an exhibition space." Closes Sunday, January 31. 700 Prospect St., 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Making Music "Waves of Inspiration: The Legacy of Moog," on view through Friday, April 30, highlights inventor Bob Moog's career, impact it had on world of music. See rare vintage synthesizers, other related Moog instruments and memorabilia from Bob Moog Archives and private collections. Exhibit explores numerous musicians, engineers, colleagues who played vital roles in evolution of Moog sound. Instruments featured trace history of Moog's work.

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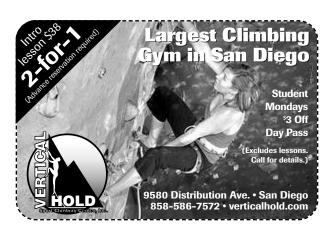
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such as banjos, violins, basses, keyboards, amplifiers, effects pedals, and unusual applications of electrification such as the electric zither. Through March.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. 5790 Armada Dr., 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

National City Depot San Diego Electric Railway Association operates museum in this historic Santa Fe depot with exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 922 West 23rd St., 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

Oceanside Museum of Art San Diego artist Les Perhacs interprets nature through geometry, discovering elements of geometry fused with the chaos of nature. "The Art of Les Perhacs" includes the "Chaos" sculpture series, with each piece made from a single geometric form Perhacs cuts apart to reveal the internal entropy. Closes Friday, January 8.

San Diego NOW: Eight UCSD Visual Artists" presents work by artists James Enos, Jesse Mockrin, Zac Monday, Omar

Pimienta, Lesha Maria Rodriguez, Tim Schwartz, Julia Westerbeke, Suzanne Wright. Diverse mediums used by each artist display "an exciting sampling of approaches from video, to painting, photography, sculpture, and performance.' Closes Sunday, December 6.

Over the past two decades, John Zabrucky has been creating a series of flat relief works celebrating mysteries of technology. "Industrial Alchemy" features "hyperdetailed reliefs...at the intersection of art and science suggesting both the beauty and terror of life in a high-tech world." Closes Sunday, March 28.

"American Dream" — a body of mixed-media work by ceramic artist Gregg Jabs - continues through Sunday, January 10. "By questioning the reality of the American dream, the myth begins to unravel with surprising results." 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

#### Olaf Wieghorst Museum Dis-

plays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists' American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20x20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst's painting Navaios at Castle Creek, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945, 131 Rea Ave., 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

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

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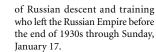
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scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model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

San Diego Museum of Art "Calder Jewelry" boasts approximately 90 works by the famed modernist - including necklaces, bracelets, brooches, earrings and tiaras — demonstrating the artist's love of abstraction and his mastery of this wearable art form. "Conceiving of his objects as 'wearable mobiles,' Calder individually hammered, chiseled, shaped, and composed more than 1800 pieces of jewelry." Closes Sunday, January 3.

"Picasso, Miró, Calder," on view through Sunday, December 6, features works by "three of the greatest artists working in the 20th century." Installation celebrates generosity of museum's donors, boasts "choice selection of the museum's collection of modernist painting and sculpture that has long been out of sight."

"American Artists from the Russian Empire" features nearly 70 paintings and sculptures by many of the best-known artists working in America in the postwar period, including Louise Nevelson, Jules Olitsky, Mark Rothko, Ben Shahn. Take this foray into work by artists



"Oceanic Art: A Celebration of Form" features 97 works of art primarily from Melanesia and Polynesia, as well as objects from Micronesia and Taiwan. Closes Sunday, January 3. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History **Museum** "Darwin: Evolution | Revolution" celebrates life and work of the 19th-century British naturalist with specimens, artifacts, live animals, memorabilia related to Darwin. Exhibition coincides with celebration of bicentenary of Darwin's birth and 150th anniversary of publication of On the Origin of Species. Through Sunday, February 28.

Imagery by National Geographic photographer/author/expedition leader Ralph Lee Hopkins is gathered in "Baja California," continuing through Sunday, January 3. In addition to photographs by Hopkins, images by American and Mexican photographers may be seen.

Also on view: "Fossil Mysteries," a permanent exhibition. From dinosaurs to mastodons, discover the rich fossil history of our region. Current "giant-screen films" are Ocean Oasis: and 3-D Dinosaurs Alive. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Public Library "Subjects of Interest to Young People" provide theme for traveling exhibition of artist books by San Diego Book Arts members. "See the book in a whole new light" through December.



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"Leaves of Gold: An Exhibit of Illuminated Manuscripts" is currently on view in library's Wangenheim Room. "Illuminated manuscripts flourished from the 5th to the 15th Century and are handwritten texts that are supplemented by the addition of decoration, such as decorated initials, borders (marginalia), and miniature illustrations." Highlights of exhibit — continuing through Thursday, December 10 - include a 15th-century book of hours from France, a 13th-century Latin Bible, a Spanish missal from 1615, a highly illuminated 20th-century manuscript of Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, more. 820 E St., 619-236-5800. (EAST VILLAGE)

USS Midway Museum Permanent exhibits include 25 restored aircraft. Former World War II pilots and other veterans share personal stories with guests in front of a restored SBD Dauntless dive bomber on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays. Navy knot-tying demonstrations and activities for youngsters offered most weekends. Self-guided audio tour narrated by former Midway sailors. 910 North Harbor Dr., 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

Veterans Museum and Memorial Center "Japanese Americans in the Military" tells stories of men and women of Japanese descent who have served in U.S. armed forces. Exhibition draws from historical society's photograph and artifact collection. Sections are devoted to Japanese nationals volunteering for service around 1900, heroism of Japanese Americans who served during World War II, stories from home front, differences between segregated armed services and what was later experienced by Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars veterans. Closes Monday, May 31.

Memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel, the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 2115 Park Blvd., 619-239-2300. (BALBOA PARK

Wells Fargo History Museum Museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House. 2733 San Diego Ave., 619-238-3929. (OLD TOWN)

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# The Spontaneous Quartet

*"It's extremely difficult to find people that are compatible both musically and personality-wise."* 

he origins of Quartetto Sorrento date back to the latter half of 2008, when Paula Simmons — violist, concert conductor, and co-owner of the Violin Shop in Sorrento Valley —

received an email from Warren Gref of the California Chamber Orchestra. Gref was putting together a lineup for the upcoming Sunday-afternoon concert

series at the Old Town Theater in Temecula. "I wrote him back and said I have a quartet," says Simmons, when in fact she had nothing of the kind.

Her white lie was particularly daring because she knows how much work can go into putting together a quality quartet. "It's extremely difficult," says Simmons, "to find people that are compatible both musically and personality-wise." As it turned out, she didn't have to look far. Cellist Gordon Grubbs and both violinists — Alyze Dreiling and Greg Lawrence — are all (along with Simmons) members of San Diego's Cabrillo Chamber Orchestra.

One thing that sets Quartetto Sorrento apart from other string quartets is that the two violinists take turns playing the lead. Switching roles



within a string quartet is an unconventional approach, but so far, says Lawrence, "It's been a serendipitous arrangement."

On Friday, November 6, Quartetto Sorrento

played their sixth show as part of the University of San Diego's fall concert series. The concert was held in the French Parlor of USD's Founders Hall. The 75-seat room

is aptly named — parquet floors and gilded marble-top tables glisten beneath crystal chandeliers. The first few rows of chairs were of the cushy, French antique variety (the rest were plastic foldout chairs). Fifteen minutes before showtime, every chair was occupied and people were still lining up at the door. The ticket-taker improvised, dragging in ten or so thronelike chairs to fill up what little space remained in the back of the room.

As intimate and sumptuously appointed as the French Parlor is, one audience member complained that the room was not set up well for a string quartet. People seated in the back rows, she observed, did not have a good view of the musicians. "If you can't see the players," she said, "you might as well get a recording and listen to it at home."



Quartetto Sorrento

The audience, incongruous with the setting, was mostly San Diego casual, in jeans and khakis, although some women wore heels, and a few men wore ties. Concertgoers included USD students from the university's "Introduction to Music" course as well as several musicians who have played with the members of Quartetto Sorrento. The members of Quartetto Sorrento wore black except for red ties for the men and red satin shirts for the women. Simmons snazzed up her outfit with a pair of four-inch platform stilettos, and Grubbs donned black-and-white polka-dotted suspenders.

The evening's program began with "Quartetsatz," an original composition by cellist Gordon Grubbs. In 2006, a botched shoulder replacement rendered Grubbs unable to play his instrument. Desperate to create music, he turned to composing instead. "Quartetsatz," featuring a single movement, embodies what Grubbs describes as a "dark kind of tension," representative of the turmoil he felt when he thought he might never be able to perform again.

The group moved into Mozart's "String Quar-



tet No. 14 in G Major, K387." Mozart composed the piece in 1782 as the first of six string quartets he wrote in honor of Joseph Haydn — the father of both the string quartet and the symphony. As Dreiling introduced the piece, she looked and sounded every bit the part of music professor, reminding her students in the audience to listen for fragmentation and fugal entrances. Once she began to play, however, her cerebral persona fell away.

Claude Debussy's "String Quartet in G Minor, Opus 10" stood out as the evening's most complex piece. Violinist Greg Lawrence said that although his tastes lean toward the German and Italian masters, he has a newfound love for Debussy and considers "opus 10" a "magical" work. In contrast to Dreiling's tranquil style, Lawrence writhes in his chair as he plays, embodying the intensity of the music to such an extent that his feet sometimes leave the ground.

Cellist Grubbs also composed the final piece of the evening, "Junto Otra Vez." Like "Quartetsatz," it was written during the time of his medical tribulations, but "Junto Otra Vez" ("together again") has an optimistic and hopeful mood.

The members of Quartetto Sorrento said that although there were a couple of minor hiccups, the evening was full of some wonderful, spontaneous moments. Spontaneity, says Dreiling, is "one of the major joys of playing with a string quartet."

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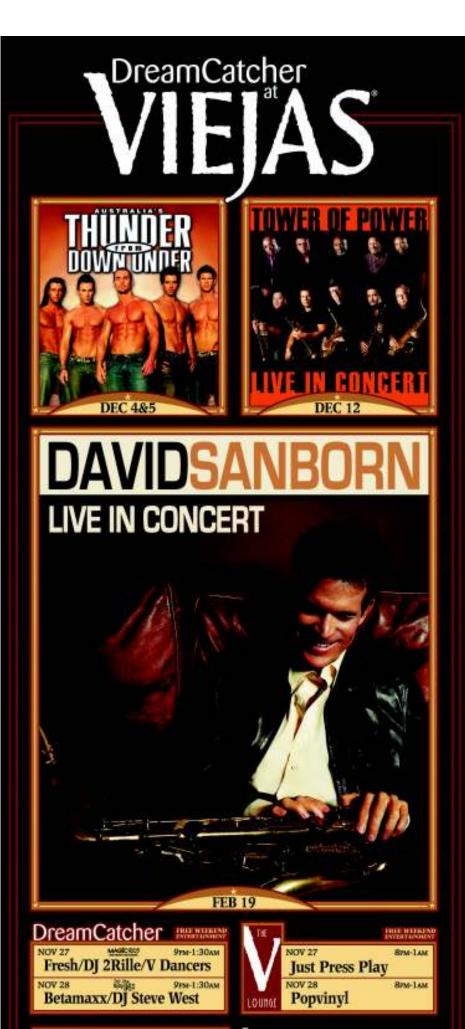
Harp for Lunch? Sonia Olivas performs for mini-concert. 858-454-5872. Monday, November 30, noon; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Holiday Brass** Westwind Brass plans holiday program with traditional Christmas carols, Hanukah music, and "a few surprises." 619-501-3562. Sunday, November 29, 4pm; \$15-\$25. La Mesa First United Methodist Church, 4690 Palm Avenue. (LA MESA)

More Bach East County Youth Symphony Chamber Orchestra plays J.S. Bach's "Concerto for Violin in A Minor" with soloist Jacob Aquino and Bach's "Concerto for Two Violins" with soloists Kimberly Durflinger and Jared Hill. 619-444-0228. Tuesday, December 1, 7pm; \$25. PianoSD.com, 1233 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Welcome Scholarship Winners Three Spreckels Organ Society scholarship recipients join civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, November 29, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)





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ed by former Louis XIV front man Brian Karscig and Anthony Saffery of the U.K. band Cornershop — have just returned from their first U.S. tour opening for the Killers and an appearance at the CMJ

"Taking a step away from a band I've been in to do something new, when you've been working with the same group of friends for a long time, is a pretty scary thing to do. Mix in some debt collectors, relationships, and people and pets close to me passing. When

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music showcase in NYC. "We're still kind of working on establishing who we are as a band," says Karscig.

vou're used to a life of certain people and amenities close to you, then they're gone, it's easy to get inside your head, crawl



Many were surprised at the sudden breakup of Louis XIV, which garnered innumerable articles and toured the world.

into a corner, and stress out." The release party for the band's debut five-track Nailbighter EP is Wednesday, December 9, at the Casbah. "With only 12 shows under our belt," says Karscig, "you can expect spontaneity, unplanned moments of genius and disaster, and probably a wrong note every now and then. But it's real, uninhibited, and still raw and loud, which I think is a good thing to keep."

The current Nervous Wreckords lineup also includes guitarist Lindsay Matheson (Roses on Her Grave), drummer Andy Ridley (Louis XIV, Silent Comedy, Fono), and bassist Shaun Cornell (Louis XIV, Transfer, Dirty Sweet). "We usually fill in the gaps with different talented friends to complete the live show," says Karscig. Others who've played and/or performed with the group include Mark Maigaard (Louis XIV), Ray Suen and Mark Stoermer (the Killers), Steve Smith (Dirty Vegas), Maren Parusel (Wild Weekend), and Matt Molarius (Transfer).

The band heads off soon for a European tour, where Karscig says he'll be more careful than previous trips overseas. "One of my first shows in Germany - I think it was Cologne — I thanked the crowd for being responsible for Heineken, and there was a slew of boos." Heineken is made in the Netherlands.

"The thing is, I don't even really like Heineken. I've kind of always been a fine-wine guy."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Yankee Punkers Since Bumbklaatt formed in 2001, two of the members have lived in Chula Vista and two in Tijuana. To play punk rock usually \$5. Salvador says that bands will still come to TJ, but Yankee punkers won't go



BUMBKLAATT'S PUNK ROCK REVOLUCIÓN

in TJ, they rented an empty building to put on shows.

But there were problems. "We came down to find someone broke in and stole all our equipment," says Bumbklaatt guitarist Ubaldo Salvador. "They took, like, \$900 worth of P.A.... We decided from there to just let someone else own the place and we'd just come down and promote."

They moved to a bar called Doberman's in the Rio area where they would throw one or two shows a month. This was in 2006-'07. When that bar closed, they moved to their current venue, a pool hall called Travieso. "They let us have shows whenever we want. They keep the money from the bar and we keep the door." He says the tickets are

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gigs. "It used to be that at each

show we'd have an equal amount of fans from the U.S. and from Mexico." He said the SoCal fan base started drying up in the summer of '08. Now he says almost no one comes down to see shows at Travieso. "My friends say, 'I hear it's pretty sketchy down there,' or 'I hear you need a passport.' I don't argue with them, but I tell them it's not that bad and they can get by if they just have ID or a birth certificate.

"They are just not getting any tourism down there. Revolución looks like a ghost town. It just doesn't look like a friendly place.... My other guitar player Oscar [Vargas] lives in TJ and works as a glass artist. He had to find a second job teaching."

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Salvador says his Travieso shows are a labor of love. "We usually make enough at the door to give the bands gas money. Rarely do we make anything extra." He says bands that want to play Travieso should contact him via mvspace/klaatt.

He says the last U.S. Bumbklaatt show was at the Casbah in September. "Our drummer Adrian's visa expired. We can't play [in the U.S.] until he gets that worked out."

Salvador savs Tijuana cops still try to shake him down for a cut of the door. "They try and tell you that you have to pay them a percentage of what you make. They write up some cheap-ass receipt that doesn't mean anything. Instead of shaking us down they should support us. It will bring more tourism down there." – Ken Leighton

#### As Seen on TV When

Fox TV airs tonight's episode of its new hit Glee (over two million songs sold online), you may recognize some local ladies in the tough-looking Jane Adams School for Delinquent Girls band, including Emily O'Bannon (drums), Megan Jane (percussion), Alicia Champion (guitar), Sherry Soto (vocals), and DJ Dirty Kurdy on turntables. "They were looking for an all-female band that could

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pass as thugs," says Emily O'Bannon of local alt-rock band Runhoney. "I guess we fit the part! During our scene, we mimicked playing a song ["Bootylicious" by Destiny's Child] during a dance routine for one of their competitions." O'Bannon, who also played drums on an episode of My

"I ended up playing percussion, which was a relief, because they originally had me on keyboards, which I don't play." Though the band didn't have any dialogue during the all-day shoot in June, she says, "They did full makeup and hair for us and provided wardrobe and accessories if what we brought needed a little extra flair." "I think all but one of us

wore our own clothes," says Alicia Champion, whose Fox TV connection asked her to



DELINQUENT GIRL ALICIA CHAMPION

Name Is Earl, works at the new Gossip Grill, operated by Chris Shaw, formerly of the Flame.

"It was nice to release my inner thug," says Megan Jane (Bitter Sober, Veronica May). round up the Delinquent Girls. "They needed a handful of minority-race females with edgy hair and piercings or tattoos who can play a variety of instruments." Other locals who've land-

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ed recent TV gigs include Jon Carter and Sean Cox of Social Green (appearing on the pilot of *The Ex-List*) and death-metallers Jameson (performing one of their own songs on Bones). In addition, famous former neighbor Anya Marina's cover of T.I.'s "Whatever You Like" was heard during the recent controversial threeway sex scene in the teen soap Gossip Girl. – Jay Allen Sanford

#### Cell Phone Serenade "I

am the author of The Source and one of Father Yod's 14 wives," announced Isis Aquarian in an email to me last year. She was inquiring about a "Blurt" concerning High Mountain Tempel, whose songs have included recordings of Father Yod, sexand-veggie cult leader of the Source family, which based their lifestyle around vegetarianism and what Tempel musician Ras Al H'nou describes as "marathon sex magick sessions." "I am inter-

ested in finding out more about what the band did with this energy and how they used Father Yod in it," emailed Isis. "It always amazes me to find out what inspires people from knowing about us." One year

later, High Mountain Tempel are releasing a musical collaboration

with Isis Aquarian, on a split LP with U.K. band Earthling Society called Pilgrimage to Thunderbolt Pagoda.

"While I've never met Isis face to face, we have talked on the phone for hours," says Ras Al H'nou of



AUTHOR-RECORDING ARTIST ISIS AQUARIAN

High Mountain Tempel, who recorded Isis's voice for the album via cell phone. "I have found her to be a person of singular focus and intensity. She isn't shy about describing her legacy from the Source family years, and her reputation for being a 'dragon-lady'.... In a sense, she had to be this way. She was the secretary and archivist for a wild and fearless spiritual leader, [but] she's also sweet, knowledgeable, and kind."

Though the Source family disbanded after Father Yod's death in a 1975 hanggliding accident, members have reunited for concert performances and various written histories of the group. "A documentary is being done on us," says Isis Aquarian, "along with some pretty interesting leads for maybe a TV series." — Jay Allen Sanford

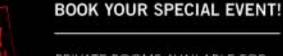
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Danish rock duo the Raveonettes stopped at Solana Beach's Belly Up, bringing their harmonies, fuzz noise, and solid rock 'n' roll to the show.

Sune Rose Wagner and Sharin Foo shared the vocal duties, utilizing a good balance in harmonies between the male and female lead singers. The Raveonettes pulled off

heavier, fuzz-rock guitar noise that could've washed out the sound but instead created a multilayered instrumental backing to the duo's vocals. The sound worked well in Belly Up, with strong bass and sonic depth – never overbearing, never flooded.

The light show added to the music. Their darker sounds build to '50s-era popthemed choruses. The light show often featured white strobe lights during the choruses, leaving the players eclipsed by the light and in silhouette.

Unfortunately, a portion of the crowd took away from the show. Some rowdier, inattentive concertgoers got in an argument that warranted security jostling through the audience. While this mostly affected the opening acts, the crowd was still noisy through the Raveonettes' set. Their large sound and heavy guitars did well to combat that. Overall, they put on a stellar set that may not have been jaw-dropping but was a good exhibition of their sound.

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Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.

Wednesday, 9pm — Westfire. Alternative. 21 and up. Tuesday, 8pm — Izzy & the Kesstronics. With Peg Leg Love. Rock. \$8. 21 and up.

#### Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. Wednesday, 9pm - Buck-O-Nine.

With Skanic and SD High Tide. Reggae/rock/ska. \$10-\$12. 21 and up

Friday, 9pm — The Aggrolites. With guest. Reggae. \$18-\$20. 21 and up.

Saturday, 9pm — The Cured. With Rio and Long Duc Dong. Covers/rock. \$12-\$14. 21 and up.



BY DAVE GOOD

Jazz pianist Mike Wofford once performed with Michael Jackson. Sort of. "This was when it was the Jackson Five," says Wofford. "It was a summer TV show. I'm thinking it was about 1969 or 1970...I'm guessing he was about 12. He was still a kid. He was still Michael."

Wofford was living in Los Angeles at the time, working as a studio musician and plaving in television-studio bands for programs such as The Bill Cosby Show and The Jacksons. "This was 'the Five,' you know, and they'd had those first big hits, and I worked in the band that backed them for several months." Wofford remembers Michael as "in the studio situation with primarily adults, and in those situations he wasn't

probably as outgoing and as confident maybe to chitchat with all of us. He was kind of a shy kid...at this point, it [the Jackson Five] was all still kind of a beautiful success story.'

Talk to any of Wofford's former employers, and you'll hear that Wofford can pretty much play anything pop. jazz. or rock. He was Ella Fitzgerald's music director/pianist for a decade. Phil Spector? "I was on one of those legendary sessions where he shot off a gun." Wofford worked on John Lennon's Rock 'n' Roll. "He was nice.

I talked to him a little bit." Wofford also performed with pop stars Harry Nilsson, Joan Baez, Roger McGuinn, and contemporary jazz leaders such as Chet Baker, Shelly Manne, and Benny Golson.

Now Mike Wofford follows his passion for straight-ahead jazz. How to describe his style? Personal, elegant, ripping at times, but with that mysterious ability to charm sounds from



a piano without appearing to manhandle the keys. Do the heavyweight pop credentials dilute the jazz? "I'm not a purist," he says, "where you have to do one thing or another.'

MIKE WOFFORD: Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute, Saturday, November 28, 8 p.m. 858-454-5872. \$25 members; \$30 nonmembers

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Friday, 8pm — Nite Hawk.



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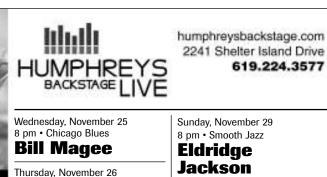
The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Wednesday, 7pm - Japandroids. With Surfer Blood. Garage/rock. \$10-\$12. 21 and up. *Friday*, 8:30pm — The Blackout Party. With Brawley and Bill Cardinal. Country/folk/rock. \$8. 21

Saturday, 8:30pm — The Stranger's Six. With Spell Toronto and the Transit War. Rock. \$10. 21 and up Sunday, 8:30pm - Lualta. With the Shambles, Skelpin', the Shamey Jays, and the Canton Mudders. Indie/rock. Free, 21 and up. Tuesday, 8:30pm — J. Tillman. With Pearly Gate Music, Joel P. West, and guests. Blues/rock. \$10-\$12. 21 and up.

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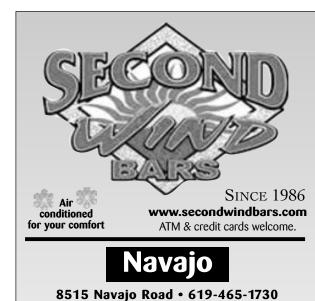
Sunday, 8pm - La Cura. Salsa. \$7. Harrah's Rincon: 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100. Saturday, 8pm — The Clay Colton Band. Alternative/covers/rock. Sunday, 10am — Patrick Yandall. Jazz.

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Java Joe's at Cafe Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360. *Friday*, 8pm — Get Back Loretta. Performing an acoustic set. Acoustic/rock. \$10.

Saturday, 8pm — Larry Robinson.

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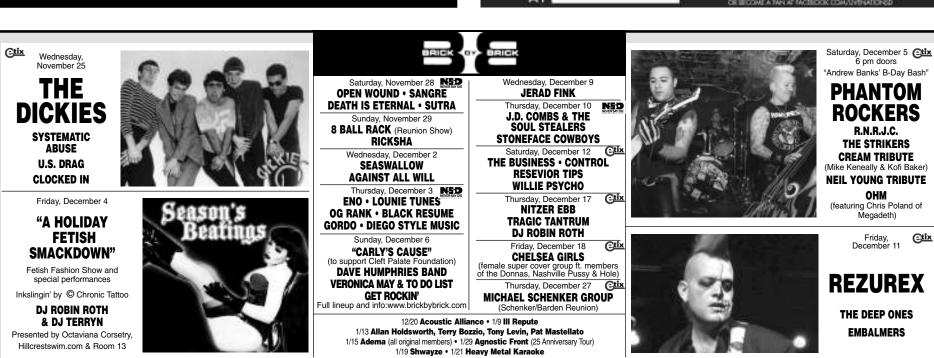
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Wine Cabana: 2539 Congress St., Old Town, 619-574-9463. *Sunday*, 5pm — Bob Bartosik. Jazz. Free.

## **EVERYONE'S A CRITIC**



Raditude CD Review by Matthew Tambio

Each Weezer record produces at least one radio hit. The blue album had "Undone," the green album had "Hash Pipe," and the red album had "Troublemaker." These songs were good but each had the purpose of broadening the band's audience rather than play to their die-hard fans. *Raditude* seems to be

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January 29 — Tom Chapin. January 30 — The California Guitar Trio. about gaining a "tween" fan base, and it goes to juvenile extremes to reach them.

Previous Weezer albums have kept the feel of American rock 'n' roll. When you listened to the records, you'd hear a band being recorded with minimal sound improvement and mixing; that is what made their music authentic. *Raditude* is filled with songs that sound as if they were produced for/by pop stars. In nearly every song, Rivers Cuomo's vocals are auto-tuned to perfection while catchy loops back him the entire way through. A majority of the tracks sound similar, and the tracks that have any resemblance to "normal" Weezer feel slapped together.

What really ruins this album, though, is the final track. On most every Weezer album, the finale gave the listener a sense of accomplishment, a fitting end to the album you'd just listened to. *Raditude*'s finale gives a faint shadow of what was expected, topping off their most unsatisfying effort to date.

This album will likely sell well, Weezer will gain a larger fan base, and many of the tracks will get radio play. True fans, however, will be disappointed, lowering substantially their expectations for the next Weezer album.

February 6 — Eric Bibb. February 9 — Fred Eaglesmith. February 12 — Chris Smither. February 20 — Jack Tempchin. March 5 — Ellis Paul. March 12 — Lucy Kaplansky. May 1 — Neil Innes.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. 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 17 — Haute Chile. December 23 — David Maldonado.

December 26 — Wild Child.

Zippers. January 8, January 9 — The Pete Escovedo Orchestra. 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.

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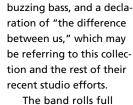
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CD Review by Cesar Esquer Diaz

*Embryonic*, the Flaming Lips' 12th release, is a monster of an album. The Oklahoma trio channeled all the psychedelic guitars and raw sound they could into 18 tracks that sound more in tune with 1990's *In a Priest Driven Ambulance* than any album since, bringing back the propulsive energy that first got them

noticed. Opener "Convinced of the Hex" sets the proceedings in motion, starting off with a guitar scream,





bore until tracks 7 to 10, when they let you take a breather, and it's needed after the sonic assault you've just been through. In this middle section, they take their time laying down Pink Floyd sounds slowly but steadily, leaving you "Powerless."

"The Ego's Last Stand" starts with a steady bass from Michael Ivins, while Wayne Coyne sings in his feathery falsetto, "The only way out is destroy all traces," as if they're trying to leave nothing but these songs in your mind.

"Sagittarius Silver Announcement" recalls Joy Division as they pull into the final stretch of the album that takes you on a rollercoaster of increasing intensity, only slowing before they release everything they have on bombastic closer "Watching the Planets."

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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 Feastival.

**Bar Pink:** 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. *December 3* — The Fresh & Onlys. *December 20* — Nautical Disaster. *February 2* — Fat Skeleton.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. *December 12* — Son Volt. *December 13* — Average White Band. *December 15* — Foreigner. *December 16* — Cross Canadian Ragweed. December 17 — Venice. December 21 — Timothy B. Schmit. December 26 — Cash'd Out. December 27 — Hepcat. December 29 — Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven. January 2 — 40 Oz. to Freedom. January 7 — Robben Ford. January 8 — Pato Banton. 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 2 through 5 — "A Joyful Christmas." December 6 — "A Celtic Christmas Celebration." February 27 — Arturo Sandoval. April 30 — Eddie Palmieri.



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The Joy of Art Brut Concert Review by Stefan Walters

As soon as Art Brut took the Casbah stage, the English quartet launched into a frenetic version of "Formed a Band." their signature song. It got the crowd jumping, but how were they going to keep that momentum going for the rest of the set? This doesn't prove to be a problem for Art Brut.

Mixing tracks from all three of their albums, the band's set list was a brash. raucous selection of

May 15 - Poncho Sanchez Latin

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos

Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.

December 6 — Roxy Monoxide.

December 12 — The Business.

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December 7 — Harper Simon.

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January 13 - Holdsworth, Bozzio,

Jazz Band

4438.

Holiday Show.

their "hits," including several from their latest punk-pop collection Art Brut vs. Satan, which was produced by indie icon Frank Black.

Throughout the set, frontman Eddie Argos half-shouts, half-sings about ex-girlfriends, erectile dysfunction, and — as the song title promises – "DC comics and chocolate milkshakes!"

Before playing recent hit "The Passenger," Eddie explained that he wrote it as a response to the Iggy Pop song of the same name because he "originally thought it was about riding on trains and buses, but it turned out to be about taking heroin with David Bowie." When the crowd applauded, Eddie gave a bemused look and said, "Why are you cheering that?! I much prefer the idea of riding on trains and buses."

With their penchant for comics, shakes, and public transport, Art Brut may not be cool, but they sure can rock, offering a live experience of unadulterated joy.

> Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown, 619-235-0804. December 8 — Morrissev. December 12 — Dave Koz's Smooth

Jazz Christmas Tour. December 29 - The John Mayer Trio March 3 — Tegan and Sara.

East County Performing Arts Center: 210 East Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-2277.

January 17 - Kris Kristofferson. House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. December 4 — Led Zepagain. December 6 — Less Than Jake. December 9 — Skinny Puppy. December 10 — Brett Dennen. December 11 — Sophie 103.7's Green Christmas. December 17 — Zero 7. December 19 — The Aquabats. December 20 - Unwritten Law December 26 — "80s Christmas

Hangover Party." December 29 - Reel Big Fish. January 7 - Sonic Youth. January 8 - Where's the Band Tour. Ianuary 14 - State Radio. January 15 - Umphrey's McGee. January 16 - Between the Buried and Me. January 30 - Tainted Love. January 31 — Nile. February 3 — The Anvil Experience. February 5 — Badfish. February 17 - Medeski Martin & Wood. February 28 — George Thorogood & the Destroyers. March 4 — Rebelution. March 11 - Brandi Carlile. March 28 — HammerFall. April 29 — The Avett Brothers.

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Music <u>Reviews from Our Readers</u>

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**Daygo City Live** 

by 40oz. Chris Pribilo

The Rhythm Lounge

gig was billed as "the

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**Opener Forte** 

rocked the spot with

a Zapp-style talk-box

Way's classic funk cut

joins Roger, DJ Quik,

rendition of One

"Cutie Pie." Forte

and Teddy Riley as

masters of the talk

box, which is a key-

board with a tube

that runs to the per-

Daygo City.

concert" for San

Concert Review

Most of the performers ran their laptop loops through the club's soundman as they rocked the mics.



Gas One from dagosd.com's All Gas, No Breaks radio show was busting me up hosting between acts, and he gave away a lot of stuff. The beer was only \$3 before 10 p.m. I took several of them to the head when Outta Control jumped on stage Beastie Boys-style, guaffing beer while performing their compilation song "Come Correct." The party was on!

The place was packed. The pool tables were full all night, the bar was busy, and the front stage area had a big group of people partying for every act. I don't know if it was a case of the planets aligning on some weird stuff, but the SD hip-hop scene felt like the bizness that night!

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December 5 - Siren's Crush December 7 — The Robin Henkel Band. December 28 — Chet Cannon's Blue Monday Blues Party.

La Paloma: 471 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-7469. January 29, January 30 - George Winston.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497. December 3 — Jenny Scheinman. February 9 - Justin Townes Earle February 11 — Brooklyn Rider. February 16 - Suzanne Vega February 18 — Mauger. March 17 — Kalaman Balogh & the Gypsy Cimalom Band. April 7 - Gretchen Parlato

**Neurosciences Institute:** 10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Iolla December 20 — "The Whole World Is Singing."

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. April 15 - Mark Knopfler.

Rimac Arena: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-8497. December 12 — Holiday Hootenanny.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100. December 3 — Mannheim Steamroller. December 8 through 13 - The Ten Tenors

3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. December 4 — Trans-Siberian Orchestra. December 12 — Aventura. December 19 - Lady Gaga

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. December 2 — Forever the Sickest

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April 21 — Pat Metheny

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Bacchus House: Saturday, 9pm: Therapy. Featuring DJs Bryan Pollard and Detonator. Gothic/ industrial. \$3-\$5. Thursdays, 9pm: Club '80s. With DJs Bryan Pollard and Arzola1 '80s/industrial/underground. 3054 University Ave., North Park. 619-299-2032





Pechanga Resort & Casino:

January 13 — Weezer.

San Diego Sports Arena:



Washington St., Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

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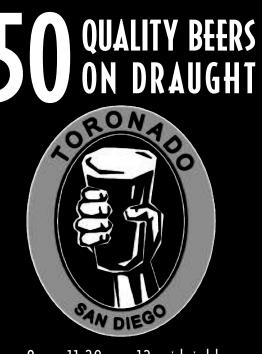
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La Gran Tapa: Tuesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas. Wednesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, 1/2-off select bottles/wine. *Thursday*, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, \$10 pitcher sangria/draft. Horton's Bar & Grill: Monday-Fri-

day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine, \$7 margaritas/cosmopolitans; \$7 potato skins/mozzarella sticks; \$7.50 nachos grande/buffalo wings.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

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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Tivoli Bar: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

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> Wine Steals: Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5

Carriage House Cocktails & **Karaoke:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$1 off draft, \$1 off glass of wine. Saturday, 3pm-close: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm (sushi bar only): 30% off sushi and rolls (excludes sea urchin, giant clam, toro & cocktails). 30% off sake and beer.

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The Kensington Club: Every day, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

#### LA JOLLA

La Jolla Brew House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, house drafts. \$4 house wine. \$5 premiums.

La Jolla Rancherita: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$2.50 domestics, \$2.75 imports.

The Melting Pot: Every day, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

La Sala: Monday, 4-7pm: \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails. 4-10pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. *Tuesday-Fri*day, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails. Sunday, 12-10pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. 4-7pm: \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

# HAPPY HOUR

The Shack Bar & Grill: Every day. 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Shores Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: Five for \$5 menu food/drink specials. Sunday, 3-7pm: \$7 glass, \$25 pitcher red/white sangria.

The Steakhouse at Azul: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beers, \$2 off all wines by the glass, \$6 Appletinis, Lemon Drops, Cosmopolitans, margaritas. 1/2-off all lounge, patio appetizers.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells; 1/2-off appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Whaling Bar & Grill: Monday, 4-7pm: \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails. 4-10pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. Tuesday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails. Sunday, 12-10pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. 4-7pm: \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

Whisknladle: Every day, 5-7pm: \$9 all-you-can-eat tapas.

#### LA MESA

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts. \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glass of wine.

Tarroz Sports Bar: Monday, Wednesday-Sunday, 2-7pm: \$2.50 do mestic beer, tequila shots, \$3 imported beer, \$4 premium drafts.

#### LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperial.

The Calypso Café: Every day, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

#### LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

Tio Leo's: Monday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, margaritas. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

#### 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

#### **MIRA MESA**

**Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine** Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 select pints, \$5 house wine.

The Filling Station: Monday, \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, premium beer \$3.50/pint. Saturday, \$3 Bloody Marys. Sunday, \$3 mimosas.

Mira Mesa Lanes: Monday-Fri*day*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

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#### MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: Friday, 10pmclose: \$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: 1/2off 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

950 Lounge: Wednesday, \$3 wells, beer, house wine.

All American Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

In Cahoots: Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.

#### NATIONAL CITY

Lai Thai Restaurant: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

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Cricket's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$2.75 domestic bottles, wells, \$4 margaritas.

Lips: Sunday, \$5 homojitos. \$10 build-your-own tacos.

Redwing Bar & Grill: Monday-Thursday, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, do-mestic bottles. Friday-Sunday, 10am-

6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. Toronado: Monday, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts. Tuesday-Sunday,

11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts. West Coast Tavern: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. 5 menu items

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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.

The Vine: Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2price entire wine and specialty beer Îist. Winstons: Monday-Saturday, 1-

8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine. OCEANSIDE

#### Hana Japanese Restaurant:

Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails. Harney Sushi: Thursday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PCH Sports Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Saturday, 2-8pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Sunday, 2pmclose: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines.

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Delicias: Every day, 4-6pm: \$5 draft

The Jumping Turtle: Monday,

11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/

pitcher. \$5 cheeseburger w/ fries or

salad. Tuesday, 11am-close: \$2 Corona,

Pacifico, margaritas. 3pm-close: \$2

tacos. Wednesday, 11am-close: \$4 drop

drinks. \$6 monster sandwich w/ fries

or salad. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3

Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. 3-11pm: \$.50

chicken wings. Friday, 5pm-midnight:

\$5 Long Islands. \$5 12-inch two-top-

ping pizza. Saturday, 11am-close: \$3

Orange Patron, Tanqueray. \$5.75

Reuben sandwich w/ fries or salad.

Sunday, 11am-close: \$2.50 Bloody

Marvs. \$5 Hole-in-One ham sandwich

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill:

Monday-Friday, 8am-11am: \$1.50

The Fish Market: Monday-Friday,

3:30-9:30pm: \$3.50 wells, discounted

beer & wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25

smoked trout quesadilla. Saturday-

Sunday, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells, dis-

counted beer & wine. \$.95 oysters,

Pacific Coast Grill: Every day, 4-

7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft,

wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine

Karl Strauss Brewing Company:

Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

Alchemy: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:

\$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's,

Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off

Hamilton's Tavern and Café:

Every day, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

Whistle Stop Bar: Every day, 2-

California Comfort: Every day, 4-

7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells,

Bud's Louisiana Café: Tuesday-

Friday, 1-2:30pm; 4:30-6pm: 1/2-price

wine and beer. Saturday, 4:30-6pm:

JP's Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm:

\$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25

Café Japengo: Monday-Friday, 5-

7pm: \$3 drafts, sake, \$4.50 wells. \$4

chicken spring rolls, duck potstickers,

Gulf Coast Grill: Monday, all

night: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine. Tues-

dav-Sunday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali

Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 do-

mestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3

wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse

wine. 3-5pm: \$1.50 chicken or carnitas

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8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

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house wine. \$5 appetizers.

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house wine.

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wells, drafts, wine.

VISTA

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SOLANA BEACH

drafts, wells.

bottles.

Wine Cabana: Monday, till close: \$5 off Malbec. Tuesday, till 7pm: 1/2price appetizers. Wednesday, Girl's Night Out: complimentary chocolate fondue. *Thursday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, 1/2-price appetizers. Friday, Cabana Magic Show (usually monthly), Saturday, till 7pm: \$3 beers, disco with DJ & PJ. Sunday, till close: \$4 Sangria, live jazz at 5pm.

#### PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Monday-Friday, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

Big Kahuna's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

Costa Brava: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

The Dog: Monday-Thursday, Sun-

day, \$6 pitchers. Hennessey's Tavern: Monday-Fri-

day, 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.

**Moondoggies Pacific Beach:** Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

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

The Boathouse: Every day, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month

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.

Humphrey's Backstage Live: Every day, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items. Excludes holiday/ concert nights.

Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers.

#### POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm; 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles & wine. \$5 appetizers.

#### RANCHO BERNARDO

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Capri Blu: Every day, 3-7pm: 1/2-

price drafts, wells. Carvers: Monday-Friday, 2-6:30pm: \$2.75 beers, \$3.95 wells, \$4.25 house wines, \$4.75 well martinis.

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar &

Restaurant: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2

drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including

pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

# **Ed Does Lunch**

ED BEDFORD

"I'll have what she's having."

he Island in the Sky," reads the Tierrasanta sign. Great. But how come this end of the Island don't have no buses? Okay, a mile back, I got off a buslet, a bum-

pety-bump van that grew — the once-an-hour, daytime-only, weekdays-only #25. Dropped me at Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and Santo. "Closest I can get, buddy," said the driver. So now I've walked a country mile down

into the valley and way up the other side toward Miramar air base, huffing, puffing, and hollow with hunger. Need something to keep me going. Finally, I get to the crest and a road called Portobello Drive. And across Santo, a little shopping cluster. "Tierrasanta Gateway Center." Has to be at least a cup of coffee in there.

And, yes, in the center I see Earthblend Tea and Coffee. I go in and get a \$1.64 coffee and head back outside. Notice this patio a little farther down. "Andiamo!" Huh. Like Italian for *¡Vamonos!* "Let's go!"

And I think: *Why not? Call it a business lunch with myself.* 

Inside, it's white tablecloths and cushiony leather chairs. And a big patio in the courtyard between Andiamo and the building next door with a dozen brown umbrellas and a Spanish fountain (not running). Here inside, we're talking dark concrete floor, cream walls, a few pillars, everything solid and serious. Proper napkins, good linens, heavy stainless cutlery.

This gal named Sarah sets me down at a table near the window. Just behind me, two women talk intently.

"We have to lend \$2 million a month to cover costs," one says, "but my goal is \$4 to \$5 million."

Man. That's the sort of conversation going on at three or four tables around me. Every-

gets, working to be part of the economic recovery, sounds like. I haul out a notebook to try to make my sorry life look important. I spread myself out in the

body's "doing lunch." Strategizing, setting tar-

booth. It's got maroon, cream, and green stripes. And now I'm starting to sweat. This ain't gonna be cheap. Do I have enough dough? Can't look in the wallet, not while everybody's

watching. I kinda blank when Sarah the waitress rattles off the specials. Only thing that registers is they're around \$16, \$20.

Finished, she asks, "Any thoughts?" I must look like a deer in headlights because then she says, "I'll go and get some water and bread."

That I can handle. And here's the funny thing: it's the bread that tells me a lot about this place. It's fresh-baked rosemary focaccia. Rough, tender. And the tomato-basil dip — oh, man: chunky tomato, olive oil, garlic, basil...I don't know what all, but it tastes great. Which means that when Sarah comes back for my order, I'm still *ooh*ing and *aah*ing over the bread.

Okay. There are choices I can just about handle, moneywise. Something like funghi ripieni: "baked, stuffed mushrooms with cream cheese and crabmeat" (\$8.95). Only problem is, it's an appetizer...might not uncrinkle all the corners of my gut. Same with gratinato: "broiled large scallops with Parmesan cheese and butter" (\$9.95).

Salads are within reach. That delicious one you always seem to get at hotel eateries — pear and Gorgonzola salad with pineapple and candied walnuts — is \$10.95. Not bad for a chichi place like this. But the grilled ahi tuna salad's \$15.95. Can't see myself blowing a Jackson on that. The smaller "personal" size pizzas aren't outrageous. The Margherita's \$8.95, while the most interesting one, the prosciutto and figs, with "mozzarella and Gorgonzola over pomodoro [tomato sauce, basically], topped with arugula," is \$9.95.

A "specialty" like involtini (veal medallions rolled with ham and mozzarella and cooked with marsala wine) is \$18.95. *Sigh.* Can't let myself spend that.

Oh, Lord. Here comes Sarah again. "How about some soup?" I ask. They have butternut squash soup for \$3.95 — \$5.95 for the large bowl. I start off with the small. Then I see Theresa, the other server, carrying a beautiful baking dish bubbling with the golden top-cheeses of lasagna.

"I'll have what she's having," I say.

Boy, so-o glad I did. Even though can't believe this — I forgot to ask how much it would be. Turns out it's \$12.95 and wickedly full of cheese and pasta and ground beef, so rich, and it makes a dream team with the golden butternut squash soup and that awesome bread. Sarah brings some more bread. She says the owner, Javier Ugarte, comes from Peru. Wow. Just read on Wikipedia that Lima has been declared the gastronomic capital of all the Americas. That's some street cred.

"You should come Saturday nights," Sarah says. "We have music out on the patio, with groups like High Society Jazz. It's fun." I have a sudden pang. Lawdy. How long since



Javier

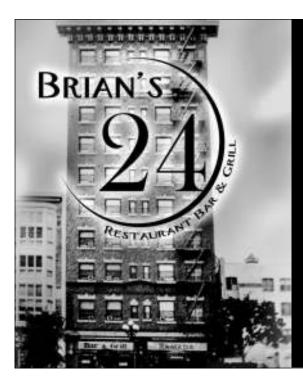
I took Carla to something like that? Right away I order one of the appetizers, stuffed shrimp — "Gulf shrimp stuffed with crushed artichoke, crème fraîche, Parmesan cheese, and smoky amatriciana sauce, \$8.95" — to take home to Carla, along with the rest of the lasagna. That about empties ye olde wallet. But, this is a business lunch. First rule in business: look after your pardners. Jes' hope it survives the cross-country trek I've gotta make to get back to civilization. ■

**The Place:** Andiamo! Ristorante Italiano, 5950 Santo Road, Tierrasanta, 858-277-3501 **Type of Food:** Italian

**Prices:** Butternut squash soup, \$3.99 (cup), \$5.95 (bowl); funghi ripieni (baked, stuffed mushrooms with cream cheese, crabmeat), \$8.95; gratinato (broiled large scallops with Parmesan cheese, butter), \$9.95; pear and Gorgonzola salad (with pineapple, candied walnuts), \$10.95; grilled ahi tuna salad, \$15.95; Margherita small pizza, \$8.95; prosciutto and fig pizza, \$9.95; involtini (veal medallions rolled with ham, mozzarella), \$18.95; lasagna, \$12.95

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#### Alpine

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef-lovers heaven, with a juicy special ground-in-house (so rare-cooked is feasible) Texas burger. Crowded weekends. Moderate to expensive.

#### Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

**Chiki Jai** Avenida Revolución #1388, Tijuana, 664-685-4955. The food's Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but try baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) à *la vizcaína*, trout with olive oil and garlic. Inexpensive to moderate.

**La Escondida** Santa Monica #1, Tijuana, 664-681-4458. House specialties at this hidden mansion are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*); the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (*cabrito tatemado*). Moderate.

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, km. 59, Rosarito, 646-155-0307. The bilingual menu, written on chalkboards, changes nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house, Baja wines. Great breakfasts, lavish Sunday brunch buffet, blissful patio seating. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Original Ortega's** Calle Principal (next to Casa de la Langosta), Puerto Nuevo. The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are fried in lard, finished off on the grill, and served with melted margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Many other starters, entrées, desserts available. Moderate to high, low-moderate specials.

**Los Pelicanos** Calle Cedros #115, Rosarito, 661-612-0445. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little sister, with a shorter menu. It serves good steaks and surf 'n' turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. Moderate.

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and Third, Tijuana. The cart is only here from 6pm to 6am, but from tongue to chicken mole to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, carne asada, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create meals right there. Inexpensive.

#### Balboa Park

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215 Pan American Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-0048. The teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweetish *udon soba* noodle soup with tofu *kitsune*, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab" meat are good and feel Japanese. Inexpensive. The Prado 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. Exquisite setting in the park offers generous portions on a something-for-everyone menu. Top choices: meaty crab cakes, slow-roasted pork loin, banana *tres leches* cake. Mode erate to expensive.

#### Banker's Hill

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is a deli rightly famous for its Original Philadelphia Cheese Steak Sandwich. Inexpensive.

**Avenue 5** 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-542-0394. Chef-owner Colin

MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced California cuisine (and house-made desserts) in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Happy-hour bargains at bar; otherwise high-moderate.

Azuki Sushi Lounge 2321 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-238-4760. Skillful, creative sushi and sashimi in a convivial atmosphere. Don't miss the spicy Pon Hama (yellowtail sashimi with yuzu juice and chili powder) or the fusion-y RU Kidding Me roll, the owner's favorite. Moderate to expensive.

**Cucina Urbana** 505 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-239-2222. Uptown food at neighborhood prices. The creative, playful Italian menu emphasizes light, shareable dishes — mini-bites on through appetizers, pizzas, polentas, and interesting pastas and entreés, with adventurous wines priced only \$7 over retail. Lively, comfortable, noisy. Bar grazing until midnight. Moderate.

Joe's New York-Style Deli 3401 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boar's Head liverwurst is da bomb. Inexpensive.

#### Borrego Springs

La Casa del Zorro 3845 Yaqui Pass Rd., Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers and entrées with subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Very expensive.

#### Carlsbad

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also 4645 Carmel Mountain Rd, Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. It's not Southern so much as SoCal "Q," but the meats are genuinely smoked. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor; ribs come in three versions. Inexpensive to moderate.

Pizza Port 571 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-720-7007. Also 135 N.



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Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the Pizza Carlsbad or the Pizza Solana. Inexpensive.

#### Carmel Mountain

Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Mountain, 858-675-2225. Vickie Pappas (sis of Mary) serves up the Greek classics at this offshoot of Athens Market, with particularly flavorful lamb souvlaki and lamb chops. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### Carmel Valley

**Arterra** 11966 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-369-6032. Local, sustainably raised ingredients in treatments growing bolder over the years, offering treats for both palate and mind. A blithe patio, sushi bar, and happy hour at the booze bar offer more casual (still serious) eats. Expensive-plus.

#### Chollas View

Thai Garden 110 47th St., Chollas View, 619-527-8890. They do Thai here, but cognoscenti come for the Lao cooking. This place is the town's unofficial Lao Embassy, and the *larb* and fresh-pestled green papaya salad are the real thing. (A great place for buying Lao silks, too.) Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. Rustic-looking family-run restaurant offers Italian-American standards, big portions, low prices, late hours. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite" eight-inch pizza. Inexpensive.

**El Dorado Seafood & Grill** 311 Palomar St., Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. Zesty Peruvian dishes include *papa relleno* (creamy potato with a lively beef and raisin filling), *seco de cabrito* (young goat in a complex, herbal stew). Mexican-style seafood served here, too. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### City Heights

**El Borrego Restaurant** 4280 El Cajon BL, City Heights, 619-281-1355. Specializes in fascinating Mexican lamb dishes, including spicy, smoky *mixiote* (lamb cooked inside thin maguey skin) and *pancita*, similar to haggis. Inexpensive.

**Red Sea Restaurant** 4717 University Ave., City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned Ethiopian cuisine served on a porous pancake, *injera*. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is good, the *gored gored* (meat in spicy butter) is excellent. Vibrant veggies, too. Inexpensive.

**Super Cocina** 3627 University Ave., City Heights, 619-584-6244. Mexican housewives prepare specialties for the restaurant. They're complex meat or poultry stews made without border compromises. The dozen entrées change daily from a rotating repertory of about 100. Inexpensive.

**Tom's Chinese BBQ** 4414 University Ave., City Heights, 619-563-8225. The roast ribs, roast pork, and BBQ spare ribs are excellent. So is pork fried rice and the dim sum. But you should also try the pig's rectum, duck's feet,

#### stomach lining, ears, and wiggly small intestines. Inexpensive.

Van Hoa Vietnamese Restaurant 4016 54th St., City Heights, 619-582-2642. They have 20 versions of *pho dac biet* ("special combo") is a good place to start — plus rice and rice vermicelli plates and Vietnamese crepes and spring rolls. Inexpensive.

#### Clairemont

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint 4577 Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-483-9500. Create-your-burger options include horseradish, artichoke hearts, carrots, cranberries, cheeses, and mushrooms. Chop and tuck these into raw burger meat, like a joey into mama roo's pocket. Inexpensive.

**Lightnin' Jack's BBQ** 4705-H Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Mall atmosphere, but hickoryfueled Texas-style pit barbecue turns out tender, moist pork ribs and reasonably smoky brisket. Nice fried catfish, too. Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the tastiest sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### College Area



**Sala Thai** 6161 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-229-9050. Classy atmosphere, tame spicing. You'll have to ask for "hot." Chicken *mussaman* is delicious with taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Health treat: *som tum*, green papaya salad. Inexpensive.

**4.0 Deli** 5844 Montezuma Rd., College Area, 619-281-4040. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a kick-butt Southwestern dressing. Inexpensive.

San Diego Desserts 5987 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-287-8186. What was just a wonderful bakery has expanded to include full sit-down lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunches. Comfort dishes like meatloaf and chicken pie, sandwiches, salads. Good wines, wicked desserts, great patio. Inexpensive to moderate.

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-265-0999. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy. Inexpensive.

#### Coronado

**Bistro d'Asia** 1301 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy Lizard Lounge serves gentled-down dishes from East Asia. Good sushi bar in the Lounge. Moderate.

**Crown Room** Hotel Del, 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6611. In this vaulted dining room, presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. Open only for elaborate





Sunday brunch, with cooking not quite up to the visual grandeur. Expensive.

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-4545. Sidewalk tables, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta - and dog-friendly, too, plus a nice wine list. A good vegetarian special: verdure pasta, with artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives. Inexpensive.

Mexican Village 126 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3111. Old restaurant revives with new (Mexican) owner. Old Coronadans say the signature burritos (filled with tripe, pork and potato, chorizo and eggs, etc.) match even their gilded Korea- and Vietnam-era memories. Inexpensive to moderate.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Ave., Coro-nado, 619-435-2121. Meat and fish choices are prepared simply with generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta is the - that's where the kitchen answer shines. Moderate (pastas) to expensive

Del Mar

Americana 1454 Camino del Mar Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Casual break fast/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.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. Italian seafood, garden setting. Best are the daily specials, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment) and lobster risotto. Save room for dessert, especially if offerings in clude torta alla nonna. High-moderate to expensive.

Poseidon 1670 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-9345. It's all about the glorious seaside view. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood. Dinner dishes mingle Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. Moderate to expensive.

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Manly retro atmosphere, huge portions. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. Expensive.

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th St., Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Pristine Cal ifornia cuisine highlights local produce in deluxe, seasonal dishes that engage the mind along with the palate, e.g., a lemon-pistachio cake that changes as you cut it, crumbling into a berry coulis. High-moderate to expensive.

#### Downtown

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Ave., Down town, 619-230-0382. Mainly plain Tuscan cuisine, highlighted by pleasing vegetarian pastas and risottos featur ing earthy porcini mushrooms. Moderate (pasta) to expensive.

**Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine** 825 and 837 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0101. Skillful, healthful cooking from an ancient high cuisine. Refined entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborately garnished; rose-flavored Persian ice cream is a romantic ending. Moderate.

Beach City Market 3 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-232-2491. Enjoy soupand-sandwich deals like minestrone and the Londonport roast beef sandwich flavored with port, white herbs, and spices; or the Deluxe roast beef with horseradish. Inexpensive.

Café Sevilla 555 Fourth Ave., Down town, 619-233-5979. A loud, convivial tapas bar adjoins a quieter, romantic Spanish restaurant, but you can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar. At both, the choices are varied, interesting, and cosmopolitan. Great sangria. Moderate.

Café de L'Opera 1354 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-0425. Pastry chef Thierry Cahez offers a genuine French feeling and food, in a pâtisserie with exquisite dessert pastries, breakfast crois-sants, and Gallic lunches like mini-pizzas and *croque monsieurs* (toasted cheese sandwich with ham). Inexpensive.

Candelas 416 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza spe cializes in sophisticated, delectable Mexican haute cuisine made with French techniques. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive.

China Too 916 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4283. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." How about decent Bronx-style eat-in/takeout? Cheap but good fare, including huge lunch specials, made with no MSG, minimal cornstarch. Free delivery to a wide area. Inexpensive.

**Downtown Johnny Brown's** 1220 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-232-8414. At this Euro-style sidewalk café, try the spicy grilled breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also salads: taco or Southwest chicken. Inexpensive.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, transported whole hog from the Ould Sod, offers Irish music live most nights. Try the herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty — potato crepes with a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Low-

moderate Greystone 658 Fifth Ave., Down town, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on Prime beef, game meats, lobster, and pastas. Loud. conventioneer-y ambience. Extremely expensive.

Hub Market & Deli 748 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-544-1917, Take-out only, with a hot pastrami sandwich that draws long lines. Breakfast? Try the giant three-egg burrito stuffed with sausages and hash brown patties. Open morning till late night, daily. Inexpensive.

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-237-4900. Fifties-style surf'n' turfer owned by King's Seafood, with fine fish quality, simple fare. Best dishes include New Orleans BBQ shrimp — a buttery, spicy Creole ex-travaganza (available as starter or entrée) — and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Fish moderate, meats expensive.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant Omni Hotel, 675 L St., Downtown, 619-645-6545. Nationwide seafood chain with good, simple, freshfish dishes. Awesome weeknight happy hour offers. Each for under two bucks steamed mussels, chicken satay, a halfpound burger and fries, California rolls, fish cakes, cheese plate. Regular entrées upper-moderate

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-1183. Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusioncuisine seafood are ballast for the real gourmet fare: tropical umbrella drinks. Moderate

Morton's of Chicago 285 J St. Downtown, 619-696-3369. Swanky, manly Chicago steakhouse offers juicy, marbled grain-fed beef in numerous cuts and sizes, wet-aged and grilled to your specification, or good fish. Pricey à la carte sides. Very expensive.

Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 St., Downtown, 619-858-2277. The best dishes tend to be the least ambitious, from the "Simply Grilled and Broiled" section. Or you can gamble on more elaborately composed entrées. Great crab cakes. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive.

Osetra Watergrill 904 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-1800, Las Vegas glitzy decor here. Appetizers tilt Asian but most entrées are Italianate seafood. The restaurant has switched from the endangered Caspian caviar it's named for to a California-farmed sturgeon product (at the same steep tab). Very expensive.

The Palm 615 J St., Downtown, 619-702-6500. The fare features tender dry-aged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Also consider shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes. Very expensive.

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza, Down town, 619-233-7800, Family-friendly menu offers greaseless dishes to suit all tastes. Tofu with eggplant and the Mon-golian Hotpot, a meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage, are among the more authentic choices. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

RA Sushi 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant creates a high-energy atmosphere with loud muand louder decor. The grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus substantial noodle dishes and entrées. Moderate. Super Jr. Market & Deli 1036 Sev

enth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-6367.

Sandwiches include Boar's Head meat. cheeses, and fixings galore. Hot dishes sold by the pound: pork loin, chicken fajitas, honey ham, turkey, catfish, tilapia - all with two side dishes like rice, veggies, baked potato. Inexpensive.

Taka 555 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0555. Top-quality seafood enlivens exquisite sushi, with rice freshly made all evening and savory appetizers like miso-baked cod and mushroomtopped agedashi (lightly fried) tofu. Reserve and go early for quiet. Most dishes inexpensive, but they add up.

#### 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 deliv ery. Inexpensive.

Dirty Del's 499 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-677-3789. A cozy neighbor-hood 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 Vitral Restaurant 815 J St., East Village, 619-236-9420. This huge spiffy room with Petco-facing patio offers creative, deluxe revisions of multi-regional Mexi-classics, backed by an impressive array of house-made masa creations. Huge tequila list, multinational wine list. Expensive mains, but better

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Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Ave., East Village, 619-239-5478. Stick to their Hakka specialties, like the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in the tender centers, resembling meatflavored roasted marshmallows. Mainly inexpensive.

Juice in the Raw 1060 J St., East Village, 619-550-1240. Algae, anyone? This fitness bar serves raw, organic, meal-sized smoothies loaded with stuff like goji berries, almond butter, hemp protein, bee pollen, ground chia seeds, blueberries, plus bars loaded with bluegreen algae from Lake Klamath. Just call it antioxidant central.

**Sole Luna Café** 702 Ash St., East Village, 619-232-0436. Umbrella-strewn terrace is fun. Many items taste straight from Milano, like the breakfast croissant with prosciutto and smoked mozzarella, the Rustico Panino, and the Siciliana salad. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### El Cajon

**Downtown Café** 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. A Mexican-style patio restaurant serving gringo food. Reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, burritos, or Louisiana chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Geno's Barbecue** 291 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted Jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the Ripcurl (hot dog). Inexpensive.

**Greek Town Buffet** 345 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Have gyros, but also try chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken) or start with excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). Don't skip Greek desserts. Inexpensive.

**Paipa's Oasis** Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. The salad bar is surrounded by a Ushaped 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 winebar/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-andmustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts and weekend brunches are strong suits. Moderate to expensive.

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Kick back to reggae with a fresh coconut water and the Jamaican sampler, including luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of fillings. The jerk's way mild. Inexpensive.

**Savory** 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau serves a changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. Moderate.

**Tomiko** 87 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-633-3587. Great sushi, including fabulous *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. Appetizers like salmon tower tartare and drunken black cod are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusiontinged seafood entrées. Moderate.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarellatomato sauce arrays. Moderate.

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. Domestic and imported meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the Caprese sandwich on focaccia bread. 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. **Bistro 221** 221 E. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-737-7398. Simple dishes shine at this genteel bistro, like sophisticated lunch quesadillas and dinner appetizers like Florida gumbo and Maryland crab cake. Moderate.

**El Galeón** 503 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood stars here. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster" in fishermen's terms) are house specialties. Consider a marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish) or savory *albondigas* soup. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-738-9805. In gorgeous surroundings (mansion and garden), Señora Vega offers sophisticated Mexico City cuisine. You'll find interesting appetizers along with entrées featuring complex sauces and a huge bargain-priced Sunday brunch. Inexpensive to moderate.

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 stonewalled patio. Moderate.

#### Fallbrook

**El Parque** 2659 Reche Rd., Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Good combination plates include the tostada with beef taco and the burrito with enchilada. Better yet, on Sunday morning, agricultural workers pour in here for menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Inexpensive.

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297-0660. The only question: which burger? The Buck 'n' Bleu Ribbon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck's on Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck's Lucky Mushroom?

Pasha Mediterranean Grill & **Café** 3614 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-4444. Turkish specialties (including grilled beef cubes over eggplant mashed with garlic and yogurt) distinguish this Turkish-Lebanese *halal* restaurant from generic Middle East-erners, with which it shares a menu of kebabs, shawerma, salads, et al. Loads for vegans. No alcohol. Moderate.

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Some top Basque tapas here include chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed green lip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate.

Pizza Fusion 3827 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-278-0057. Everything's green and organic at this eco-conscious chain. The pizzas are odd-shaped but tasty, with multigrain oval crusts, plenty of veggies, cheese, and sweet Italian sausage or organic steak. Inexpensive

St. Tropez 3805 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest 619-497-0297. Additional locations in Encinitas, Rancho Bernardo, downtown. These bright cafés with indooroutdoor seating offer scores of yummy house-baked breakfast pastries, desserts and good coffee, plus Parisian-style croque monsieur and madame, crepes, quiche, onion soup, sophisticated sandwiches, and panini. Simple French dinners at some branches. Inexpensive.

Terra 3900 Vermont St., Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue

items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather. Moderate.

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.

#### Imperial Beach

Big Kahuna's 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-5224. A mini chain, but with true Hawaijan roots. Go for the baseball-mitt size Big Kahuna Burger or the Killer Kalua pork sand-- the pork comes straight out of the imu, the traditional Hawaiian underground oven. Inexpensive.

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. Great vegan sandwiches on ciabatta or focaccia – the eggplant Baby Greens and the Vegan Fusion (imitation smoked turkey and salami, cheese). But the carnivorous sandwiches are also way better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, house-made soups. Inexpensive.

The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. Also 170 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-8100 (lunch only). The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. Great crab cakes. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

#### Imperial Valley

Owl Café 674 Main St., Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This café, over 50 years old, serves rib-sticking food. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs,



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and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners include roast beef and chickenfried steak. Inexpensive.

#### Kearny Mesa

**B & B Deli & Catering** 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-292-1636. Airmen's Comfort Food Central, offering plate-bursting lunch specials with all the fixin's: roast pork loin, meat loaf, curried chicken, Polish sausage, pepper steak, cabbage rolls. Generous breakfasts, too. Inexpensive.

**Crab Hut** 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1678. A local Vietnamese family runs this friendly, barebones eatery, specializing in Louisianoid fried seafood and boiled seasoned shrimp, crabs, and crawfish. Inexpensive to moderate.

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Tiny, plain setting offering authentic northern Chinese and Szechuan dishes. Ten fish and green-chive dumplings, spicy three-ingredient lo mein (with jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken) and superb jellyfish salad are challenging and exciting. Inexpensive.

Flavor Thai 4768 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the *massaman*, the potato curry. Check out 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.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Company 3904 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. The menu centers on Philly's two cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is more flavorful than a mere hero. For cheese steak, try the luscious "everything" with provolone, unless you're a Philly-born purist. Inexpensive.

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. Hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. Try the delicious Rainbow Salad and outstanding dumplings, especially the seafood ones. The jellyfish salad is a treat for the adventurous. Inexpensive.

Sunrise Super Buffet 3860 Convoy 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.

#### La Jolla

**Barbarella** 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-7373. Nestled in an English garden, you can dine indoors or out enjoying house-baked sourdough and a daily changing eclectic menu, cooked with imagination. Outstanding fresh fruit crepes in season. Moderate. **Clay's La Jolla** 7955 La Jolla Shores Dr., La Jolla, 858-551-3620. With a penthouse view of La Jolla, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. Expensive.

**Come On In** 1030B Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Suave Euro bistro with tree-shaded patio, serving sophisticated breakfasts and healthy lunches like fruit plates and veggie-moz-



zarella sandwiches. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive.

George's at the Cove — Ocean Terrace 1250 Prospect St, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. This informal rooftop eatery has the best view of anywhere of the La Jolla Cove, but the food isn't the fine cuisine of the Dining Room downstairs it's essentially spiffy grazing. Excellent mussels are the sole memorable dish.



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like a whole tasting dinner. Expensive.

Nine-Ten 910 Prospect St., La Jolla,

858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's culinary sophistication is big-city smart,

offering adventurous seasonal cuisine

emphasizing fresh sustainable or or-

ganic ingredients and fresh ideas, with flawless flavor matches. Expensive.

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel

Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-1315. Fresh

seafood specials are available every

night. Excellent pasta with mushrooms

ravioli with quail, and lamb chops.

La Jolla, 858-454-0709. The seasonally

changing menu could be called avant garde Italian, a style that more than

pushes the Italian envelope with inter-

Moderate (pastas) to expensive. Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect St.,

vanity item. High-moderate.

national influences. Desserts are superb Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.

#### La Mesa

Skip the owner's "famous" bean soup, a Mario's de La Mesa 8425 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-9390. Tasty The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift gringo-Mex food. Tamales are rich, pil-lowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding Dr., La Jolla, 858-459-7222. Sea-level ocean view and Chef Bernard Guillas's richer shredded pork scattered with oceanic culinary inventiveness with raisins. Pork also gets loving treatment fresh, exotic ingredients make every visit in the carnitas rojas, browned to the a voyage of discovery. Preparations are barest crisp. Inexpensive. so elaborate, each menu listing reads

#### Lakeside

The Neighbor's Pub and Grub 12169 Woodside Ave., Lakeside, 619-561-8890. A neighborhood place beloved by locals serves until midnight (2am weekends). Big portions of sim-ple, filling food, with standard pub grub and daily specials like meat loaf, roast beef, fish 'n' chips, pork tenderloin. Inexpensive.

#### Linda Vista

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-275-4114, Nice introduction to Cuban cuisine, including lush "Cuban sandwiches" of pork, ham and cheese, and *ropa vieja* ("old clothes") — shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, peppers, tomatoes. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sushi Diner 7530 Mesa College Dr. Linda Vista, 858-565-1179. Most places, you can eat good or cheap. Here, you can eat good and cheap. No surprise that students from Mesa College cram in at lunchtime for rolls, bowls, curries. Inexpensive.

#### Little Italy

The Glass Door Restaurant & Lounge 1835 Columbia St., Little Italy, 619-564-3755. Great bay and city views (especially from roofed balcony tables) draw a lively young crowd that enjoys the loud music and cut-price tasty drinks and grazes during the extended happy hours. Fun scene, not serious cuisine. Happy hour inexpensive, dinners 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.

Po Pazzo 1917 India St., Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted at 1700 degrees, and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the Sicilian steak.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

BY CHEF MARTIN WOESLE Executive Chef, Mille Fleurs

I grew up on a dairy farm, and my mom cooked every day for our family of six. We only went out to eat for very special occasions - first communions, baptisms, weddings, funerals. Otherwise, my mom made a big main meal at lunch. Always, every day, she made fresh soup from what was around. At night we would eat leftovers and cheese. Bread and fruit. All she did was take care of the farm and the family. She even made her own bread. It's great memories of how

things used to be. I've been a chef at Mille Fleurs since 1985,

The pasta dishes and veggies are even better. Expensive.

Puerto la Boca 2060 India St. Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Uncompromised Argentine cooking here, empha-sizing healthy grass-fed grilled beef but also lush seafood, pizzas, and lactovegetarian pastas. Starters include luscious beef or corn empanadas and the filling matambre (rolled beef galantine) Moderate

#### Logan Heights

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Ave., Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. The Estudillo family has been serving Mexican food here for three general tion. Rice, beans, pork tacos (no beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs that's about it. Breakfast/lunch only. Inexpensive.

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Ave., Logan Heights, 619-236-0470. The menu depends on about half of my life. I started cooking when I was 20 and did three years' apprenticeship and trained under French chefs in Germany. At age 24 I did the highest degree of cooking in Germany. Then I worked in Switzerland until I was offered a job in the states.

For me, it was always very normal to use what grows around you and what's in season. It was a natural thing to do, and then I came to the U.S. and found it's so easy to get things shipped from all over the world. Whatever you want, you can get shipped in a day or so. But

what Sister Pee Wee feels like cooking.

You might find big pork ribs with soul-

ful sides or fried chicken or catfish fil-

let with trimmings or chitlins (her spe-

Tamale Cart 1852 National Ave., Lo-

gan Heights, 619-338-9140. The choice

of goodies stuffed in the middle can in-

clude pork, beef, chicken, cheese.

pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. Try

the champurrado drink: milk mixed

with masa, chocolate, and cinnamon.

**Midway District** 

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and

Sports Bar 3770 Hancock St., Mid-

way District, 619-692-1410. Dishes of

Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can make

a meal of appetizers like coxinhas, paste-

les, croquetas, and kube (the Brazilian

version of Lebanon's kibbe). Moderate.

cialty). Inexpensive.

Inexpensive

idea to use the local stuff because it's the best. You can get it all in half a day. First thing in the morning, I go down the road to Chino Farms to get fresh vegetables. Back in the '80s and '90s I was the only chef in town who did that on a daily basis. Very rarely anyone else came by. Now everyone wants Chino's vegetables, but for me, it's nothing new.

I kind of stayed with my

In the past, Mille Fleurs was closed for Thanksgiving but now that we stay open, it's one of the busiest days of the year. Lots of people who don't have family or who

Mira Mesa

Bamboo Hut 9172 Mira Mesa Bl.,

Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. A strip-mall

taste of Hawaiian plate lunch and sushi,

with outdoor wood-roofed patio. Un-

even, but ahi poke, chicken katsu, and

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits

9045 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-

530-1664. Several San Diego locations.

Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's,

you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. The

étouffée (whether of chicken or craw

fish, when available) is surprisingly de-

**Mission Beach** 

Café Joié 3231 Mission BL. Mission

Beach, 858-488-5900. A modest café

and grocery offers Puerto Rican and

cent. Inexpensive

Rainbow Roll are good. Inexpensive,



travel come in. People are just going out more, and I think that Thanksgiving is a tradition that is getting lost. I think that for people who don't cook all year, Thanksgiving is the one day they should do that.

At my home, we do the traditional turkey, but my favorite part is making the stuffing. I put it together myself. Each year it changes a little — what I put in - but everyone always loves it. I put in

> Latin American food and groceries. Inexpensive.

Red Marlin Hvatt 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.

#### **Mission Hills**

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India St., Mission Hills, 619-497-0914. Delicious simple fish cookery in no-frills eatery, plus a fish counter offering restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood including big, buttery oysters. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Saffron Noodles and Saté 3737 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy Thai chicken grilling that gets you. Choice of five sauces, from peanut to sweet pepper.





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## What the Chef Eats

whatever I have in my kitchen. I put in dried apples and apricots, raisins, celery, bread cut into pieces. Of course I use lots of herbs and sage. I also put in the liver of the turkey and the heart. It gives it some nice flavor. For our holiday we do a dinner with the family and the kids. We just celebrate as much as we can.

#### INGREDIENTS

Serves 8 first-course or 4 entrée servings 3 pounds fresh butternut squash, peeled and chopped into 1-inch pieces 4 tablespoons butter 1 cup chopped onion (about 1 medium onion)

Also try delicious, spicy noodle soups, like Tom Yum with shrimp. Inexpensive.

**Mission Valley** 

Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio

South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800.

This cute spot mingles chefs and dishes

from Indonesia and Thailand. Standard

Thai fare, but unique Balinese corn frit-

ters, spicy shrimp, comforting chicken

noodle soup. No reservations on week-

Seau's 1640 Camino del Rio North. Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Vast

sports bar offers 70 TV screens and var-ied pub grub: pizza, hefty burgers,

wings with three sauces, sushi, and Ju-

nior Seau's family recipe of Samoan

teriyaki "plate lunch." Inexpensive to

National City

Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635

Sweetwater Rd., National City, 619-477-8494. Although the Hawaiian-style

kalua pig here isn't cooked in a hole in the ground, it tastes like the real thing and comes with an islander plateload of

cabbage, rice, mac salad, and kimchi

Point-Point Joint 916 E. 8th St., Na-

tional City, 619-474-2866. Dozens of

Filipino dishes are available, from the

familiar (chicken grilled on a bamboo

spit) to more mysterious choices like

kare-kare (peanut butter sauce with

beef and tripe) and dinuguan (pork meat and blood stew). Inexpensive.

Normal Heights

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams

Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-9750.

Fill up on all-day breakfasts including

huge omelets; Philly Steak Heaven (you

choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is a pop

ular lunchtime dish. Inexpensive

ends. Low-moderate.

moderate.

Inexpensive.

1 tablespoon diced garlic 2 tablespoon peeled and diced fresh ginger 1/2 cup flour 6 cups stock (vegetable or chicken) 1/2 cup cream 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground nutmeg 1/4 cup fresh-cut chives 2 teaspoons pumpkin-seed oil 2 tablespoons heavy cream, lightly whipped

#### CINNAMON CROUTONS 1/2 a day-old baguette

#### 4-6 tablespoons butter, melted cinnamon, to taste salt, to taste

#### HOW TO DO IT Cut the butternut squash into one-inch chunks, being sure to remove the

large pot over medium heat and cook the onions until soft, stirring often, being careful not to burn the butter. Add the garlic, the fresh ginger, and the butternut squash. Dust with flour and mix well. Add the chicken or vegetable stock and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer the soup until the butternut squash is very soft (about 20 minutes). Add the cream and nutmeg, and bring the soup again to a boil for one minute. Puree the soup in a blender (blend in batches so it doesn't overflow) or use an immersion blender.

skin. Heat the butter in a

To make the cinna-

mon croutons, preheat the oven to 350° and cut the baguette in ¼-inch size cubes and toss them in melted butter until coated. Arrange the cubed bread on a cookie sheet and place in the oven for about 10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove and dust the croutons with cinnamon and sprinkle with salt. Serve the soup in

warm cups or bowls and decorate with chives, pumpkin-seed oil, and swirls of lightly whipped cream. Serve the fresh warm cinnamon croutons on the side.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to sdreader.com.

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Bl., sauce-fits-all brown gravy. The excel-

# tangy, spicy sauce) is a good value. In-

Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Big, convivial German *Bierstube* with all the usual dishes. Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. Avoid entrées with onelent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Moderate.



101 Café 631 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. Try the Original Cheeseburger with secret sauce. Inexpensive.

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-9999. On the mainly Mexican menu there's a Caribbean chocolate-y, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. Inexpensive.

Oceanside Café 1938 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This lit-tle place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall — a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and cheddar is wicked. Inexpensive.

#### 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.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney St., Old Town, 619-295-3272, Also 301 Mission

Ave., Oceanside, 760-967-1820. These trendy spots draw mainly under-35 scenesters with a DJ turning up the amps, a vast choice of sakes, and a menu of sushi (heavy on the party rolls), Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées. Sushi lower than most, entrées moderate.

Zócalo Grill 2444 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-298-9840. Tropical something for everyone - a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Moderate.

#### **Pacific Beach**



Baleen 1404 Vacation Rd., Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. The menu features seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, in a room with a water view and monkey-motif decor. Very expensive.

Café Athena 1846 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. Sister restaurant, Apollonia Greek Bistro, in UTC. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. The garlicrich Spanish cuisine here includes tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two







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#### North Park

El Comal 3946 Illinois St., North Park, 619-294-8292. Also 262 Third Ave Chula Vista, 619-420-3811 Home cooking from the mainland (Michoacan, Guerrero, others). Stuffed tortilla dishes (no numbered combos) are appetizers or lunches. For entrées, look to casseroles like tongue in tomatillo sauce, tender goat in a lively red "barbecue" sauce, and sweet-spicy mole poblano chicken. Inexpensive

Old World Deli & Café 3930 30th St., North Park, 619-238-0568, Fine mittel-European casual food, with house-made sauerkraut the badge of honor. Try the bounteous sausage platter or the Great Grilled Grueben sandwich. Inexpensive

The Philly Grill 2041 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9437. This tiny café takes Philly cheese steak seriously: delicious thin slabs of rib-eye steak with "fourteen-ingredient seasoning" plus onions, cheese, optional mushrooms - and garlic. Plus a Philly hoagie and an Atkins Lite Philly (on

#### Ocean Beach The Bar-B-Oue House 5025 New

port Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. Genuine "Q" of meats and poultry smoked "low and slow" over oak, then charbroiled. Southern-style sandwich (choice of protein plus coleslaw and



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1025 Carlsbad Village Drive 760-730-0088



## Calendar RESTAURANTS

#### or four; call ahead for larger groups). Moderate.

The Fishery 5040 Cass St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. The Fisherv's menu is extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish 'n' chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées. Moderate to expensive.

Hoboken Pizza & Beer Joint 1459 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-7766. They offer thin-crust East Coast-style pizza or inch-thick, square Sicilian pizza. Crusts are airy and crunchy, and they paddle-slide your slice into the oven to finish it off, fresh and hot. Open late. Inexpensive.

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. Cheerful spin-off of Mission Café serves Latin-Asian-sorta health food. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals and include luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979, You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and California coastal cuisine, e.g., fusion-y tapas, many going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. Sushi bar with friendly chefs takes reservations. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

#### **Point Loma**

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-298-6802. The name is the grade for food, but nice for visiting aunts, with scenic heated patio at wa

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ter's edge and California-Mediterranean comfort food from chef Deborah Scott in laid-back mode, lovely for a sunshiny lunch. Moderate to expensive.

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619 224-3577. The kitchen features seafood. juicy meats, and Prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preshow prix fixe upper-moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive.

#### Rancho Bernardo

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Rd., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171 Brilliant modern takes on French classics. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) bouillabaisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place - and desserts are ravishing, too. Expensive but not exorbitant. 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

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. A great neighborhood French bistro where Philippe Verpiand offers seasonal dishes emphasizing his home region, Provence. Don't miss panisse, a chickpea cake with marshmallow texture. Great cog au vin, slow-baked salmon, crisp-skinned duck confit. Moderate to very expensive.

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Cir-cle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is

Fresh Guacamole

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

#### Solana Beach

Pacific Coast Grill 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. A freeform menu integrates Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into SoCal comfort cooking. Try the Bag of Bones (housesmoked pork ribs) and any fruit creation for dessert. Moderate to expensive.

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Ave., Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Try the La Colo-nia combination: just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla is delicious. Inexpensive.

#### Sorrento Valley

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# **Boughs of Folly**

"He came out backwards, and he's been arsewise ever since."

nd now for something (almost completely) different: for decades, the San Diego Rep staged A Christmas Carol during the holiday season. On the surface, this year's

yuletide production, The Seafarer, by Conor McPherson, couldn't be more different. It takes place today, on Baldoyle, a coastal suburb of North Dublin reputed as a site of

myths and legends. There are no Bob Cratchits or Tiny Tims, but when visitors arrive to play cards on Christmas Eve — with memories of the past and news about a possible future — one of them really means business.

On Christmas Eve morning, all through the Harkin house, the denizens behave as if last night was New Year's Eve; either that, or the living room's a recycling center for used beer bottles. Ivan Curry, a friend, is so hung over he can't stand the sight of food — or couldn't, that is, if he could find his glasses. Richard Harkin's been blind since Halloween (trying to retrieve rolls of wallpaper from a Dumpster, he dove in and banged his head). Nonetheless, Richard wants to lead a charge against the winos spewing urine and vomit on the steps of their home.

Apparently there are degrees of indelicacy at Baldoyle. Richard decries the winos but doesn't think twice about ralphing up a goodly gob of

phlegm and rubbing it into a frayed armrest.

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JEFF SMITH

Along with having to pay his brother constant attention, James "Sharkey" Harkin has all manner of woes. He decided to quit drinking two days

> before Christmas, which, given the epic way family and friends imbibe even on non-holidays, resembles trying to quit smoking in a cigarette factory.

If North Dublin staged A Christmas Carol, Sharkey's become such a "curmudgeonly old bollocks" he could audition for Scrooge. And during the Powers whiskey and Harp lager-swilled Christmas Eve to come, two unwanted visitors - along with Ivan, who may have to stay awhile, since his wife kicked him out and he still can't find his glasses - arrive: volatile Nicky and his stately friend Lockhart. The latter dresses like a CEO and acts like royalty. And might be: the Prince of Darkness, that is.

Dr. Faustus sold his soul to the devil for 24 vears of power and frolic. Twenty-five years ago, Sharkey may have made a similar, though much lower-level, deal during a card game. Not that his life since has rendered unto him earthly glory (or Helen of Troy on a tiger-skin rug). It's been the same since birth, one tromping after another. "Don't mind Sharky's bad humor," brother Richard tells Mr. Lockhart. "He came out back-



Paul James Kruse, Ron Choularton, Armin Shimerman in The Seafare.

#### The Seafarer, by Conor McPherson

San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

Directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg; cast: Sam Woodhouse, Ron Choularton, Paul James Kruse, Armin Shimerman, Robert Townsend; scenic design, Robin Roberts; costume design, Jennifer Brawn Gittings; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, Tom Jones

Playing through December 13; Sunday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday at 2:00 p.m. 619-544-1000.

wards, and his head has been arseways ever since."

If Mr. Lockhart is who we think he is, Sharkey sounds like a viable candidate for the lower depths. Except for a Christmas present from a friend, and a persistent ability to keep trying, he's made "a pig's mickey out of everything" he touches, including a scuffle that may have turned lethal.

In today's tight economic times, the Inferno Dante describes - eternal fires, demons tormenting the damned 24/7 — sounds awfully high maintenance (I mean, heating bills alone must run in the zillions!). So does Sartre's hotel rooms in No Exit (cleaning bills, ditto) and the almost eternal damnation in Stanley Elkin's brilliant Living End.



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The San Diego Rep won't be able to run The Seafarer every Christmas season, and it's too bad. The production, ably directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, is a grungy holiday hoot. Though the mystical effects are hokum (the overhead cloud-sheet and lightning on the walls look man-, not Satanmade), Robin Sanford Roberts's detailed set captures an appropriately lived-in look, by resident simians. Jennifer Brawn Gittings's excellent costumes not only define character, they suggest the weather at the Harkins' — baby, it's cold inside.

Ron Choularton does a fine turn as poor Sharkey. Put upon,

unable to drink his "brains out," Sharkev is ever about to snap. Choularton sustains that difficult edge throughout. As blind Richard, Armin Shimerman's a crotchety master of ceremonies, talking almost nonstop (with stopwatch-precise timing). From his first, hung-over entrance, to his final stroke(s) of luck, Paul James Kruse's Ivan is funny, especially the more Ivan tries to be serious. Robert Townsend's boastful Nicky wears a Versace jacket, drives Sharkey's car, and lives with Sharkey's ex-. You'd think he has it all, but Townsend intimates that, well, maybe not.

Sam Woodhouse, the Rep's artistic director, hasn't performed onstage in some time. It doesn't show. Woodhouse gives Lockhart the right amounts of reserve and — when Eric Lotze's lighting halos him in reds fuming intensity.

How the cast handles the ending is particularly memo-

rable: there may be a point beyond the point of no return. ■

### THEATER LISTINGS

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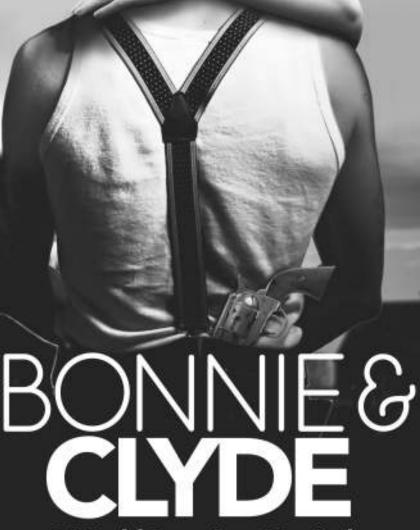
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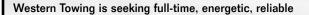
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#### **Amerigo Round**

Although I thoroughly enjoyed Ed Bedford's cover piece on his varied, picturesque treks and sojourns across the border ("México," November 12), it brought home something that's always bewildered and annoyed me. In brief, the name "America" was mentioned more than once to describe not the entire hemisphere but merely the U.S. This misnomer has *always* 

Listen. America's a hemisphere and continent, not

infuriated me.

any one country, regardless of how much more advanced and sophisticated or mighty or what have you the U.S. deems itself to be, or even actually is.

In fact, let's not forget whom it was named after: Amerigo Vespucci, an Italian explorer, for Chrissake. Moreover, the Italians, Spaniards, Portuguese, and French were the first westerners to arrive here, not the English.

My suspicion is this mis-

nomer — which nearly everybody seems to have bought into - stems from some overpowering need to snub and dehumanize the Spanish-speaking Americas to the detriment and exclusion of its people, in favor of some jingoistic, spread-eagle cultural imperative that serves to further divide and antagonize this land — the American con*tinent!* This at a time when so much progress needs to be made toward bridging that ever-widening gap that divides it.

And just for the record ----

I'm not anti-Yankee at all. Not in the least. Truthfully, I love this country with all my heart. It's just that certain things really burn me, and this is one of them, simply because it's wrong and really hinders things rather than helps.

Seriously! The continent is in deep trouble! And as much as we attempt to sweep things under the rug so as to hoodwink the world community at large, needless to say, they're no fools. They know what time it is and can see what's going on. We forget - to our own detriment — the sage words of Gabriela Mistral, that Chilean teacher of teachers, in her trenchant paean in favor of a much-needed Pan-Americanism: "¡América y sólo América!

¡Qué embriaguez para semejante futuro, qué hermosura, qué reinado vasto para la libertad y las excelencias mayores!"

> Raul Martinez via email

Ed Bedford responds: Ye Gods. Raul is right. I totally agree with him. I lecture people on the same thing. Can't believe I fell into that. By the way,

thank the fates Amerigo wasn't a formal guy. Living in North or South or Latin Vespucciland doesn't have the same ring to it.

#### Worth Less

Re "Can Feds Thwart Runaway Pay?" ("City Lights," November 12).

Can they also thwart the runaway pay of musicians, movie actors, professional athletes, etc., who all earn way too much for what they are worth to society?

> Gene Steblev via email continued on page 114

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

#### **Cover Story Published Nov. 18**

By factchecker 2:54 p.m., Nov. 18, 2009

While it's apparent that some in-depth investigating went on for this story, I find it interesting that some basic facts are indeed wrong.

It concludes with saying that Senate Commerce Committee is doing the requisite background checks. Senate Commerce doesn't have iurisdiction over the nominee for the Commissioner of Customs though and would not be performing background checks, Senate Finance does.

By qkruse 4:17 p.m., Nov. 18, 2009

That there is a herd of fat cats that are going to make huge amounts of money from the development on the boarder...when has this not been true of

develpment...the ones who have the interest (financial investment) are going to position themselves to be the shot callers.

Perhaps they will be willing and able to see that they will make more money more quickly if they bring their considerable influence to bare and bring the narcotic/gangbanging to a rapid stop....

By Visduh 7:55 p.m., Nov. 18, 2009

If anyone accepts that even a small portion of the conflicts of interest outlined are true, Bersin is disqual-

ified for this appointment. There is no simple way for him to eliminate those conflicts. (Remember Cheney who sold all his Halliburton stock, yet was endlessly accused of favoring the former employer? Is this any different, other than being worse?) It is time for Bersin to withdraw his name from consideration, and for the Obama administration to insure that Bersin has no further influence on its policies. What do you want to bet that those things will happen?

By SurfPuppy619 8:29

p.m., Nov. 18, 2009

The chances are slim and zero-and slim is out of town. By refriedgringo 11:52

p.m., Nov. 18, 2009 Neither country needs another border crossing. If the existing border crossings were properly run, properly maintained, and properly upgraded as necessary by the government of the United States of America, there would be no waiting to cross.

The border is so entirely mismanaged, it blows my mind every time I wait in the pedestrian line for an

hour and a half to finally get to one of three inspectors on duty while three dozen others stand around and do nothing. It's pathetic. For every good government employee there, you'll find ten that don't care. Another border crossing where the same crap happens will not solve anything.

And Matt Potter, you get an A+ for research, and a C- for how you filtered it into to the story. I know it isn't easy to write something with this amount of research and keep the word count

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within acceptable limits, but I found myself having to go back and figure out your timelines way too often. I can't give you advice on what to do different because I'm struggling with one myself, but smoother would have been that much better and it would have framed your fantastic research much more effectively.

*By calreb1 7:45 p.m., Nov. 19, 2009* 

Thanks Matt for a story

brimming with unsupported allegations. Let's see,Bersin makes legal political contributions. Strike 1. He has legal business interests that he has unfailingly disclosed in accordance with federal law. Strike 2. He is a friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton. Strike 3. He is a friend of our Governor and his wife. Tossed out of the game for conduct unbecoming.

The truth is you cite no legal or regulatory authority to support your insinuations. You do not cite any experts or reliable, credible sources that support your conclusions. Just more indiscriminate red meat for readers of the Onion-Tribute.

Matt, you work for a pulp publication that draws its income from boob implantation and penile augmentation ads. This slice of yellow press is distributed free throughout the County for the intelligentsia to enjoy. Don't take yourself or your pulp press seriously. Few people do.

*By Fred\_Williams 9:31 p.m., Nov. 19, 2009* 

Calreb1, hiding behind a pseudonym, first claims that Matt makes unsubstantiated allegations and lists how Bersin has complied with the disclosure requirements.

Then he makes himself (it could only be a male) look really stupid by conflating the Reader with the UT.

He then goes on to attack the advertisements in the publication.

Uh huh. Guess that makes every-

thing a-okay now, huh? I'm so happy to see there's no possible problem and that we can all go back to ignoring what our so-called leaders do to augment their private interests while serving in a public office.

Yep. Calrep1, you sure did tell off Matt Potter. I'm sure he's shivering in a dark corner someplace, tears rolling down his cheeks, gulping down cheap wine and smoking heroic amounts of crack.

Or maybe we could make another stab at it...San Diego is a cess pool of corruption, and Matt Potter is one of the few who both has the skills and cares enough to try to expose some of the hidden machinations. (BTW: Since I read the Reader online, I don't have the pleasure of seeing those boob implantation ads nearly enough...is there some way the Reader can display those advertisements more prominently on its website?)

#### City Lights, by Susan Luzzaro

Published Nov. 18

By francisco 9:28 a.m., Nov. 20, 2009

Many people warned about this fiasco. Not to mention the way the toll road opened Chula Vista

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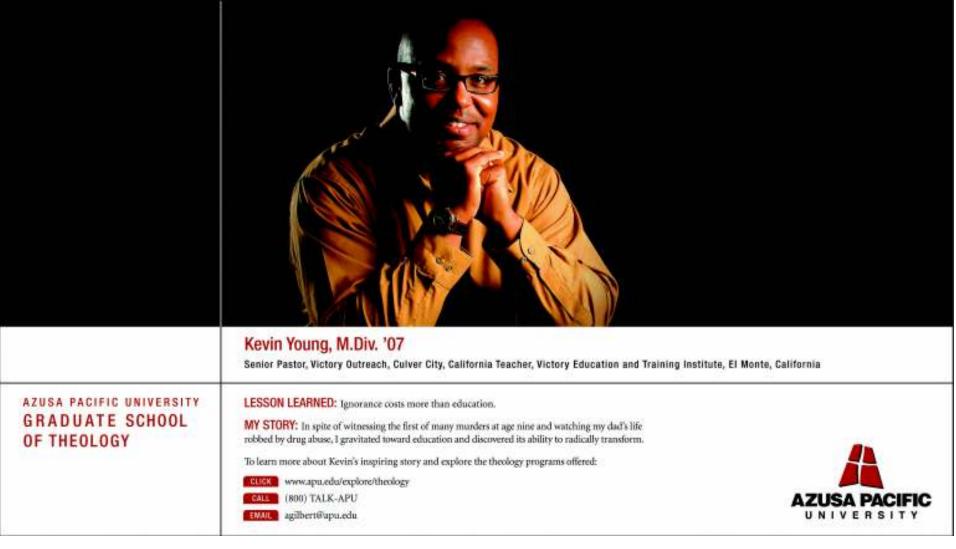


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continued from page 115 up to excessive development...and foreclosures. By anon5 8 p.m., Nov. 20, 2009

Great article. The toll road has been a disaster. However, as a daily traveler from Chula Vista to Mission Valley, traffic has gone down significantly since the opening of the road. A trip that used to be 40-45 is now only 30-35 minutes. I have driven on the road several times and rarely see cars.

Not sure how traffic as been reduced, but it has. Maybe it is all the UPS trucks that no longer travel the 805.

#### **Sheep and Goats Published Nov. 18**

By rickeysays 11:40 p.m., Nov. 18, 2009

Anyone who thinks Atheists somehow don't appreciate the amazing miracle of life and the universe without attributing it to a creator never listened to Carl Sagan.

By refriedgringo 3:13 a.m., Nov. 19, 2009 Ah, atheists. Finally

organized, seeking new

membership, and enjoying fellowship like all other religions. Soon, they'll be passing the plate, singing nonhymns, and bowing their heads in non-prayer. Ayn Rand would be proud.

By Duhbya 4:55 a.m., Nov. 19, 2009

More on Faircloth: (He did not win the election, obviously) http://www.mpbn.net/News/ MaineNews/tabid...

By rickeysays 1:54 p.m., Nov. 19, 2009

Ironic that a religious leader is a "man of the cloth" and the Atheist leader is a

"Faircloth". By PistolPete 2:28 p.m.,

Nov. 19, 2009 Ok. So what about people like me who believe in God, don't feel that Hell is entirely a place you go for everyday indiscretions, doesn't believe in Church, the Bible or organized religion?

To me, the biggest religious joke are people who claim they're Born Again or just simply say they're Christians. They judge my beliefs but I don't judge their beliefs per se. What I mean by that is, I may make fun of them for aiming to be Christian but I don't necessarily doubt their intentions. Doing and saying are two different things. I say I'm going to give up alcohol every year but so far, with the exception of 4 years in prison, I haven't done it yet. Can I call myself an ex-drinker if my intentions are good even though I still consume?

*By Duhbya 2:54 p.m.*, Nov. 19, 2009

Sure, as long as you consider every drink consumed an ex-drink. Works for me!!! (Hic) By JoshBoard 2:54 p.m.,

Nov. 19, 2009

Nice line, rickey. I consider myself an agnostic, but one thing I've always found interesting about hardcore atheists. They are SO SURE that there is no God, and they think it's crazy that religious people believe in a God. They go on about science not proving it and this and that. Yet, they are SO POSITIVE there is no God, yet there's no proof of that. I think it's just as arrogant, to be SURE that you know there's no God, as someone that insists there is (and that their God/religion is the one to follow).



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 $Steve \ Birkenbach$ Machinist

Mira Mesa was 15, and it was after New Year's. A friend had gotten some gin, and we ended up drinking beer, whiskey, and I finished the entire fifth of gin. I was a skinny kid, too. We were walking to the store to get gum, and we almost caused an accident cross ing the street. Someone then called the police, and they rushed me to the hospital. They used charcoal and pumped my stomach. After that, it was a long time before I drank again.



Dan Klausenstock Engineer

San Diego 've been close to death several

times in my life. Poor judgment on my part. Once on a surfing trip on the San Francisco coast 30 years ago. It was 48-degree water. We had to paddle out, and my friend Aaron made it. I was gasping for oxygen and fighting through the pounding white water and waves. A row of huge, ice-cold mountains of water came toward me. If I panicked, I would be dead. For a moment, during the third wave, I thought it was over. I was gasping for breath and thinking of my family being at my burial. There was also a time when I was trying to land a plane on a small dirt strip in Mexico. At night.



Gina Piccolo Artist

Point Loma had this dream that someone was stabbing me in the neck or something. It was weird because I could feel the blood gushing out and everything. And as I was laying there, I was wondering who would take care of my cats. I was okay when I woke up, so...I guess that's not coming close to dying in real life. I actually don't think I've ever had an incident where I felt my life was in danger. Sometimes I'm working on an art project, and I wonder if someone's going to come up behind me and smash my head with a hammer.



Pete Chenard Landscaper

Golden Hill had one when I was surfing 20 years ago in P.B. There was a set of waves that kept knocking me under. I couldn't catch my breath. And after nearly drowning and being completely worn out, I was on my board trying to collect myself, and another surfer ran into me. I had this huge gash on my back that required 20 stitches. That was a fun afternoon in the ocean.



Tim Parsons Manager San Diego

r'm not sure what constitutes an answer to that. I've jumped out of planes. Wouldn't that be coming close to dving? Right up until I open the parachute. I was once mountain climbing and slipped, but that wasn't a big deal. Probably the closest I actually came to dying was when I did a ride-along with a police officer. He pulled someone over for having a taillight out. I was sitting in the car, not even paying much attention because at that point, it was getting rather boring. Gunfire erupted, and one of the bullets hit the window near my head.

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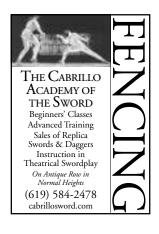
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#### THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

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Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 8. Be thankful, forgive, forget and love one another Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 8. I went on a Cabo cruise just for the food Mary Arana, Encinitas, 8. Happy Thanksgiving Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 8. Love to Eric, Charity, and Abby Eric Cash, Escondido, 8. Eavan's smile is a daddy's heart melter Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 8. A taffeta christmas, On Stage Playhouse, Chula Vista!

#### Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 8. Be nice and play fair Craig Curtis, Escondido, 8. Happy Thanksgiving to all you turkevs! God bless evervone todav! William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 8. Russ and Cari. Thanks for the 'strange' Thanksgiving Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 8. How doth your garden arow Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 8. Happy

Thanksgiving! Lurve u, Carol! Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 8. / love New York

Sara Khwaja, Poway, 8. Happy Thanksgiving to Reader puzzlers Ron Meyer, Santee, 8. Happy Thanksaiving everyone! Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 8. Ain't it sweet? There's no bit of sublime Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 8. Happy Thanksgiving to my astounded pals Michael Panther, Point Loma, 8. The ultimate celery Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 8. Bernardo, 8. I thank god for all Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 8. It is gone

#### Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 8. give thanks by giving to others

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 8. The blind leading the brave Tom Seaman, Alpine, 8. Id est quod id est

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 8. Welcome Bev M.you're famous and your friends are astounded

Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 8. The problem is the way we're looking at the problem Ric Witt, Clairemont, 8. And the capital hill shell game . Samantha Loveira and Matt Palmer, College Area, 8, Rool. bounce, rock, skate!

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 7. Tear down that wall Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 7. Chargers can beat the broncos! L Barling, El Cajon, 7. WWII Army vet gone: DD+12 850th Engineers ANV BN RIP Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 7. Happy Thanksgiving to all Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 7. Got one back! Leslie Chase, Campo, 7. Happy Thanksaivina to all Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 7.

D'oh. foraot to submit last week. Happy Thanksgiving! Manny Faria, Point Loma, 7.

Happy Thanksgiving all puzzlers! Love you pooh!

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 7. Become wealthier and healthier, ride your bike!

Ron Hootman, Santee, 7. "Hoot 101" I miss soupy sales and pookie. Where is the..

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 7. Happy Thanksgiving

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 7. Having a great time here in Vegas! Go Charaers!

Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 7. Good luck I A Lakers Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 7. Gob-

ble! Gobble! Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 7. lt's a

virus

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 7. Happy b-day P.

You want to see Gandhi Jerry Riccio, Rancho his blessings

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#### THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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John Pertle, Santee, 7. John 19-20, He died for you and rose again. Bill Pischke, Ramona, 7. Country French Thanksgiving with good friends mellows orange Don Romero, Ramona, 7. Welcome home Mei Ling. I love you Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 7. I am just getting over the swine flu! Tom Somich, Clairemont, 7. Happy Thankgiving to everyone Carly Stone, San Diego, 7. Glad you're here mom, dad and Aunt Connie Happy Thanksaivina Bob Volimar, La Jolia, 7.

Maybe Santa will have a Reader Tshirt for me

Susan Williams, North Park, 7. Honenone who'd athunk !?

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George Elam, Vista, 6. What

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I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 6.

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Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 6.

Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 6.

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George Jackson, Oceanside,

6. Can't worry about Afghanistan;

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 6.

Faith does not follow miracles; mira-

Gobble gobble Kiera and Bodo!

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 6.

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Henry Romero, San Diego, 6. Early Holiday greetings! Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 6. Mehr licht Ed Summers, Santee, 6. Mystical morning hare veils the risina sun Jennifer Vuksinich, El Caion, 6. Happy Thanksgiving Norman Williams, San Diego, 6. What da fuss??? Bob Carlson, Serra Mesa, 5. Go Chargers beat the Broncos John L. Drehner, North Park, 5. Don't ever ask Mr. Roget,

"What's the good word?" Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 5. / liked this one Joe Musser, Encinitas, 5, Equity abhors a forfeiture Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 5. Go Charaers!

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Kaye Benton, San Diego, 4. Happy Birthday Jan Joseph Gold, San Diego, 4. Shakin' it out boss! Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 4, Hi Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 4. Thanksaiving dinner starts at 3pm Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 4. "Vegetarian" American word for lousv hunter Phil Paradissis, San Diego, 4. Tee me! Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 4. Happy birthday, John Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 4. Horray for Molly's first T-day! Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 4. P-town 4 life Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 4. Pancake hi Misty! Booty

Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 3. Too much of a good thing is wonderful

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Sharon Dang, La Mesa, 3. Hope it's correct this time Andrea Duncan, Valley Center, 3. Remember to give thanks

for your blessings

Raymond Schwartz, Clairmont, 3. Go Bruins! Beat S.C.! Chris Senungetuk, San Diego,

3. Hafa Adia! Chad Griffith, Poway, 2.

Happy Thanksgiving everybody. Thanks Bonnie and Granam

Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 2. Happy Thanksgiving Jeff Newman, La Mesa, 2. /

like cake! Butch Rosser, Chula Vista, 2.

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#### Lucky Tiger, Oceanside, 2.

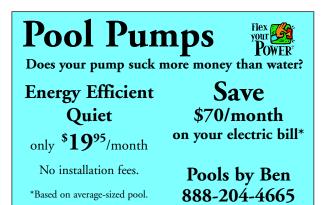
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Clancy Sloan, Clairemont, 2.

Debbi Soriano, El Cajon, 2. /

Nola Whisler, Santee, 2, //uv u

Julie and Jacqueline Angelini,

Love/thanks to Scripps Mercy, Dr.

Patzy and Leah, El Cajon, 2.

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#### EASY:

Aaron Abramson. Williamstown, 8. H- the vette's on the way Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 8. Happy Thanksgiving John Pertle, Santee, 8. You're entitled to your opinion. God loves vou nonetheless Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 8. Hundreds of Magi at the Bonita museum- welcome 3 kings Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 8. Are you as happy as your dog? Don Bowman, Santee, 7. Today! Adopt a turkey instead! Ed Rull, San Diego, 6. Sudoku is fun Nicole Tui, East Lake, 2. Tasty little spider Phil Brockman, Spring Valley, 1. You never forget the 1st time Chris Dobrowolski, San Diego,

1. Cubs will win this year!!!

1. Hi! Son

Christian Espinoza, San Diego,

Lucky Tiger, Oceanside, 1. Give peace a chance - it's all we're sayin

#### **MEDIUM:**

Skully , San Diego, 8. Thankful for Monkeyboy, Kitten, Oldman Steve, Goldmember, R1Rabbit- my friends Betty Archer, La Jolla, 8. I need a T for bedtime! Henry Chung, San Diego, 8. Slower traffic keep to the right, it's the law! Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 7.

Therefore, your heinous comment will be stricken from the record Linda Bible, El Caion, 7. Give thanks!

Kathleen Allegri, Pacific Beach, 5. Thanx 4 the t! go KC Bernie Malihan, Mira Mesa, 5. Tofu + Duck+ Chicken=... Hi Bhurd!

Rhonda Webber, San Diego, 4. Too much time on my hands...

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 2. 81 days till pitchers and catchers report

#### Hans Butikofer, Mission Beach, 2. That was easy M. Elliott, Rancho Bernardo,

2. If it auacks like a duck... 35 years of fun! Elliott Estrine, Poway, 2. Mafcella-your lovely! Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 2. A.T.C. Clancy Sloan, Clairemont, 2. Go Celtics!

Jaclyn Yee, Rancho Penasquitos, 2. I'm thankful for

aood friends and family. Happy Turkev Dav Deloris Clemons, San Diego,

1. I love Rowan, Lucy, Fisher, and Brixton! Michelle Dutra, San Diego, 1. Happy Thanksgiving!

Pierre Gesselin, Poway, 1. Remember to recycle Josie Ranches, San Diego, 1. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 1. So much to be thankful for

Duane D. Tremaine, East Village, 1. Far over the misty

### mountains cool to dungeons deep

HARD: Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 8. Hi, this was hard, but I did it D.B. Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 8. Thankful for family and friends. Dyniese I love you sis Lark Herrick, Alpine, 8. Do you believe in magic?

Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 8. Only 5 hard core Hards! Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 8. Soon they will rumble , soon they

will fall Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 8. Great aame! Keep them comina Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 7. I'm thankful for family, health, love, land. ... And earth Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. Last chance... Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 1. Joi loves big daddy! Rob Welder, El Cajon, 1. Hody

Roadone Wast Posse!

**EVIL:** 

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 8. "Sarah Palin's Extended 15 Minutes of Fame is America's Shame !" Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 8. Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy, but don't eniov too much Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 8. Happy Thanksgiving to all Paul Brugger, Downtown, 8. Dieting I will try, through turkey, gravy and pie Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 8. Not much evil. The shirt really shrinks Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 8. Good luck everybody Thomas Daley, San Diego, 8. Life is not always easy Roger Doughman, San Diego, 8. Turn from evil and do good Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 8. Happy gobble gobble Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 8. Har was evil evil was totally satanic

Dan Holslin, San Diego, 8. The swine flu is snorting too close to home

#### Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 8. Adam goes to LA Disney Hall is

awesome

Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 8. Challenge!

Raymond Land , Escondido, 8. Angela, Jason, and Dustin, I love you!

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 8. Jonathan, do your easy or medium one

Julio Magno, San Diego, 8. Happy Thanksaiving to all Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 8. Hey tortoise right back at ya

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 8. Term limits for us congress! P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 8.

Happy Thanksgiving Martin Mucciarone, Carlsbad,

8. The universe is a number - Pythagoras

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 8. Does Mary Bentley still play domi-

noes? Please call

Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 8. Tis the season..

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 8. I sure appreciate the t-shirt

#### THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

#### indicates T-shirt winner

Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 8. Here's to the NHL, "The last honest Pro Sport"!

Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 8. A little more evil has been good and finished

David Schwartz, Clairemont, 8. This week's puzzle done in my new Reader shirt. Thanks!

Joe Selig, San Diego, 8. Happy Gobble Gobble, Mom! I love you

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 8. Happy Turkey Day!

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 8. save gas - ride the hus Yuko T. , San Diego, 8. We keep winning...Go Saints!!! Harry R. Walker , La Jolla, 8. Great win against Denver! Susan Williams, North Park, 8. Happy Thanksgiving Ric Witt, Clairemont, 8. BEAT THE BRONCOS Mark Xitco, San Diego, 8. Thanks Grace Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 7. Summertime J. Joplin

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 7. Wishing all a happy Thanksaiving Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 7. Trey Anastasio- guyute Steve Koenig, Bay Park, 7. Demon deval subsides to warlock

Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 7. Happy Thanksgiving to all my fine, feathered friends! Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 7.

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Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 6. Happy Thanksgiving, Kiera and Bodo! 🖝 Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 6. This one was easy! Larry Clark, Clairemont, 5. Kathy Grauer. A thing of beauty is a iov forever

George Elam, Vista, 5. Does water cost more than gas? Stuart Hesketh, Escondido, 5.

Hill Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 5. We'll miss you St. Louis! Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 4. Happy Thanksgiving my precious

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Junito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 4. Obamanomics - punish the richcapitalists, ruin the economy, goodbye jobs

Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 3. Carly Fiorina for Senator

Rodney Williams, Tierrasanta, 3. God bless this world!

Terri Okerlund, San Dlego, 2. Happy Thanksaivina!

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Valley, 1. Finally finished all four

Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove,

Arturo Vasquez, San Diego, 1.

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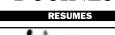
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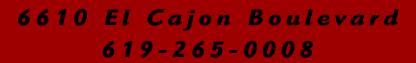
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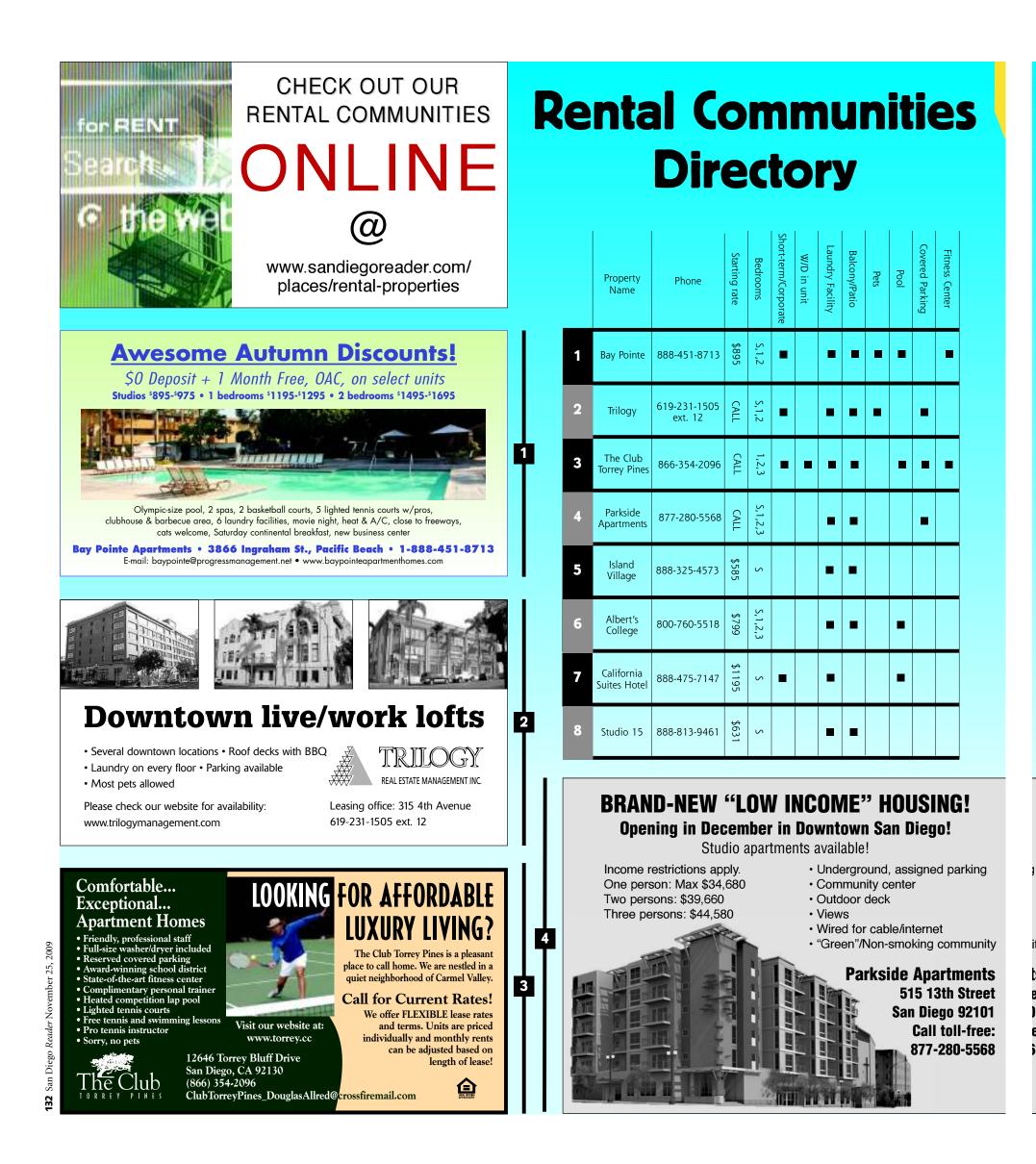
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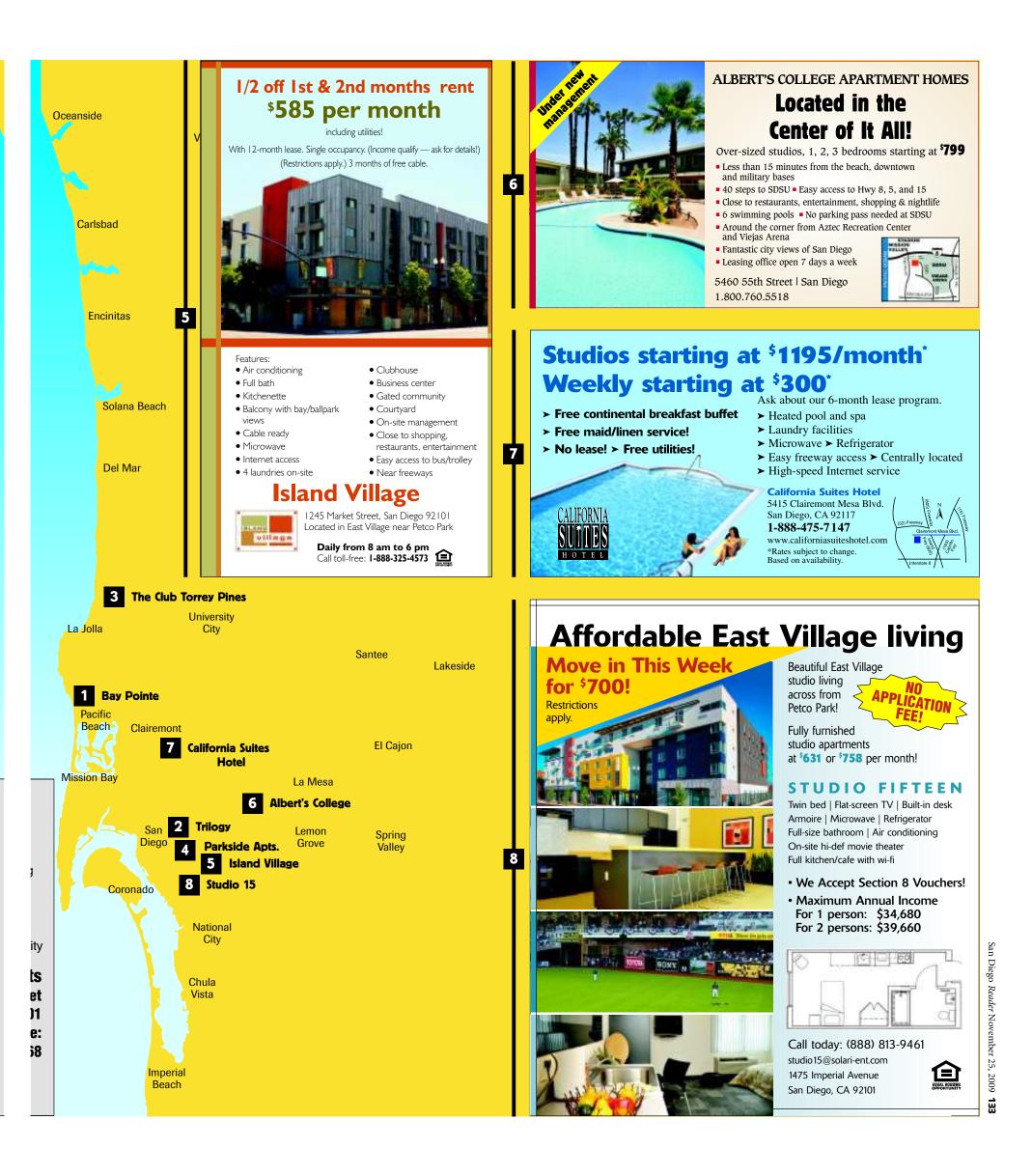
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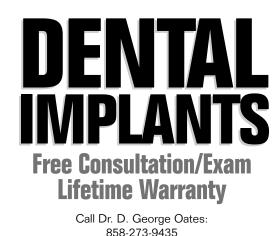
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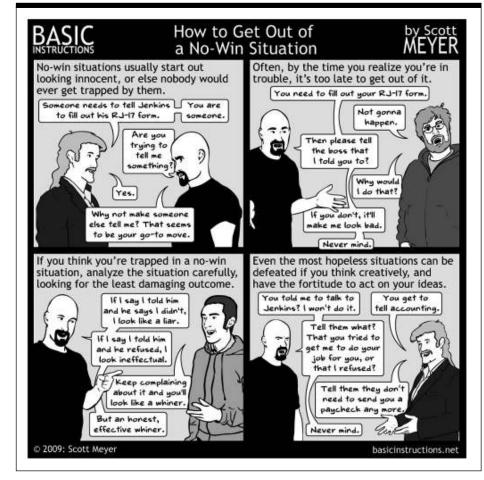
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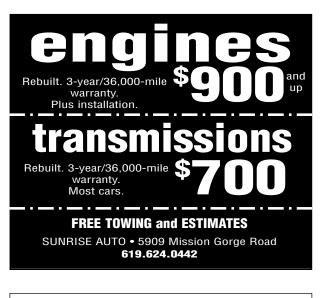
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#### LEAD STORY

- Before Arthur David Horn met his future bride Lynette (a "metaphysical healer") in 1988, he was a tenured professor at Colorado State, with a Ph.D. in anthropology from Yale, teaching a mainstream course in human evolution. With Lynette's guidance (after a revelatory week with her in California's Trinity Mountains, searching for Bigfoot), Horn resigned from Colorado State and sought to remedy his inadequate Ivy League education. At a conference in Denver in September, Horn said he now realizes that humans come from an alien race of shape-shifting reptilians that continue to control civilization through secretive leaders known as the Illuminati.

#### **Can't Possibly Be True**

 Blue Shield California twice refused to pay \$2700 worth of emergency-room claims by Rosalinda Miran-Ramirez, concluding that it was not a "reasonable" decision for her to go to the ER that morning when she awoke to a shirt saturated with blood from what turned out to be a breast tumor. After a KPIX-TV reporter intervened in September, Blue Shield paid the claim. In November 2008, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services returned an infant to her mother's care two weeks after the

woman had, according to police, left her in a toilet bowl. (Three months later, following further investigation, the woman was charged with attempted murder, and the baby was taken away.) - Texas child agency caseworkers assigned a low priority (non-"immediate" risk) after a home visit in May in Arlington revealed that a violent, long-troubled mother routinely left three children (ages 6, 5, and 1) home alone all day while she was at work. In September, the 1-year-old was found dead.

#### Inexplicable

- While state and local government pare budgets by laying off and furloughing workers, retired bureaucrats who receive defined-benefit pensions continue to receive fixed payouts. According to a California organization advocating that government retirement benefits be changed from pensions to 401(k) accounts, one retired fire chief in Northern California gets \$241,000 a year, and a retired small-town city administrator's pension is \$499,674.84 per year, guaranteed.

#### **Unclear on the Concept**

- Among the ramblings on the blog of George Sodini (the gunman who killed three women in a Pennsylvania health club, and then himself, in

August) was his belief that, having once been "saved," he would enter heaven even if he happened to commit mass murder. Sodini attributed the belief to one of his church's pastors, and another church official, deacon Jack Rickard, told the Associated Press that he believes Sodini is in heaven ("once saved, always saved"), though Rickard somehow split the difference: "He'll be in heaven, but he won't have any rewards because he did evil.

- The San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals operates an assistance-dog program under a \$500,000 grant and not only provides the trained dog but also yearly "refresher" sessions to keep the dog sharp. However, client Patricia Frieze told the SF Weekly in September that the organization had asked her whether it could do the refresher course this year by telephone instead of a home visit by a trainer.

#### That Had to Hurt

On Aug. 28, a suicide bomber approached Saudi prince Mohammed bin Nayef, intending to kill them both using a new, mysterious device that an al-Qaeda video had earlier proclaimed would be impossible to detect. The terrorist blew up only himself, though, and security investigators concluded that his "bomb" was a three-inchlong explosive hidden in his rectum. A Transportation Security Administration official downplayed the puny power of such a small device (but its effectiveness in bringing down an airplane is still an open question).

#### **Fine Points of the Law**

- In July, Chuck Bartlett was granted legal possession of his house in Kenai, Alaska, overcoming a squatter's delaying tactics aided by local laws that frustrated eviction despite clear evidence of Bartlett's ownership. (Bartlett waited out the two-month standoff by pitching a tent in his own yard.) The squatter's final, futile challenge involved scribbling an obviously bogus "lease" that, even though Bartlett never signed it (or even saw it), the sheriff had to honor because only a judge, following a formal hearing, can rule it invalid.

- In Raleigh, N.C., in July, Leslie Smith, 62, was arrested after calling the police to report that he had shot a woman who had been living in his house. "She won't get out [of the house]. So I shot her."

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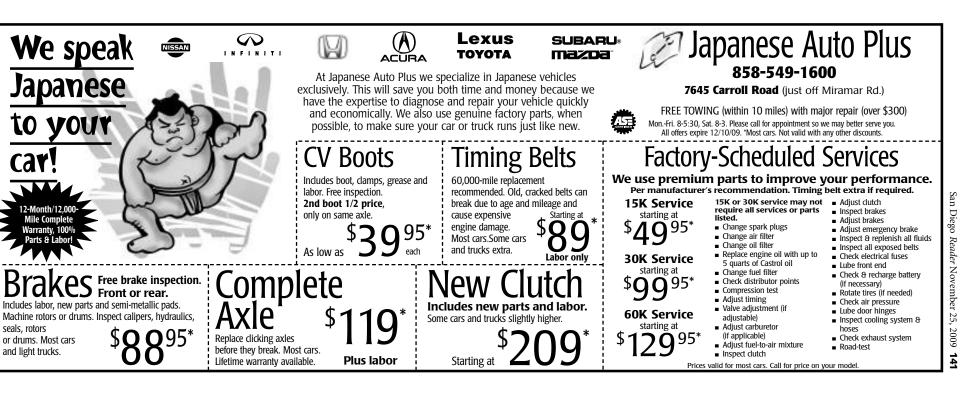
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Steve Sorensen, November 29, 1979

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

Ian Hunter, chief organizer of the project for the Parents and Teachers Organization, says that the idea for a blood list came about last year when a Rancho Santa Fe resident was preparing to undergo open-heart surgery. Neither his doctor nor his family wanted him to receive blood from the San Diego Blood Bank, "So last spring we made the decision to come up with a list. That family was

worried about communicable diseases [specifically AIDS]."

- CITY LIGHTS: "RANCHO BLOOD," Abe Opincar, November 29, 1984

#### **Twenty Years Ago** Dear Matthew Alice:

If you're in a falling elevator, and just before it hits you were to jump in the air, would you be fine? B.C., La Mesa

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- "A SHIRT FOR A SURF HERO," Steve Sorensen, November 23, 1994 relations office adopted a strident tone. "Well if you can't tell me exactly what Mr. Sedaris will be writing — I mean if you can't give me a clear idea of exactly what he's going to do, then I'm afraid we can't help you."

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- CITY LIGHTS: "COMEDIAN IN THE MIST," Abe Opincar, November 24, 1999

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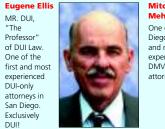


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