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UNDER THE RADAR

Gamblers The Barona Band of Mission Indians hosted a high-powered group of state



GOP legislators at the tribe's Barona Resort and Casino on July 9, according to a recent lobbyist disclosure filing. Senators **Tom Harman**, **Dennis Hollingsworth**, **Mark Wyland**, and **John Benoit**, along with Assembly members **Joel Anderson**, **Nathan Fletcher**, **Martin**

Garrick, Kevin Jeffries, Paul Cook, and Diane Harkey, each received a meal from the tribe worth \$97.51, as did Hollingsworth staffer Jerry VanDeWeghe and Harkey district director Jody Vaughn. Probably not by coincidence, the next day a fund-raiser for fellow Republican senator Jeff Denham's bid for lieutenant governor was scheduled at the resort. Minimum donation for that was \$1500, according to *Capitol Weekly*'s fund-raising calendar.

Barona has become a popular place for fundraising. On July 23, Democratic assemblywoman Norma Torres had one there. And on October 17 and 18 of last year, Speaker Karen Bass had her Fall Golf Classic in the same place. Democrats also got their share of tribal meal freebies, if on a slightly smaller scale than the Republicans. On July 29, Speaker Bass chowed down at the Barona Italian Cucina for \$61.67. On August 5, Assemblyman Hector De La Torre got a meal worth just \$9.68 at the tribe's Sage Café. On August 12, Assemblyman Ted Lieu received a meal there valued at \$7.21.... Campaign fundraising by putative gubernatorial candidate Jerry **Brown** took on a local cast last week, with the Sycuan Indian tribe contributing a total of \$25,000 to the ex-governor and current state attorney general. And Majestic Realty, the City of Industry-based company owned by Ed Roski, who is developing an L.A.-area stadium that may eventually house the Chargers, just happened to kick in the same amount on the same day, Monday, November 23.

Meanwhile, over on the right, Poway contractor **Doug Barnhart**, now chairman of J. Reese Construction, gave \$10,000 to conservative GOP candidate **Steve Poizner**. And **Robert Horowitz** of Rancho Santa Fe, an investor and consultant, contributed \$5000.

One for the books For a little while, it sounded like great news. San Diego's county library system was named to a national list of "Star Libraries," compiled by *Library Journal*. The publication rated libraries coast to coast by circulation numbers, visits, "program attendance," and public internet computer use, based on data provided by the Institute of Museum

and Library Services. San Diego got five stars and 989 points in the November 2009 results, but that soon drew criticism.

"In the LJ Index calculations, San Diego County's incredibly high score (889% above the group average!) for Public Internet Use cancels relatively low scores for Circulation (48% below), Visits (29% below), and Program Attendance (20% below)," wrote **Thomas J. Hennen Jr.** — a librarian from Racine, Wisconsin, who runs his own library ratings service — in a comment posted on the *Library Journal*'s website on November 23. Hennen noted that San Diego's reported internet-use sessions were 16.5 million and that the real number was likely closer to 1.5 million. "For 16.5 million sessions to be correct, on average, all visitors had to have used the Internet terminals an aver-

age of 4.2 times every time they visited the library! That is highly unlikely." Then he posed the question, "How does this affect the LJ Index Star Libraries roster? With the more reasonable 1.5 million number, wouldn't San Diego's score fall from 989 to 450?

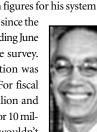
Rather than 5 Stars for being 4th ranked out of 36 libraries, they would fall

to 22nd ranked and no stars." That brought a next-day response from

Library Journal's **Rebecca Miller** acknowledging a problem. "While the circumstances are embarrassing for San Diego County Library," she wrote, "the LJ Index did precisely one of the things it was designed to do: shine a spotlight on inaccurate data so it can be corrected."

Interviewed this week, county library director **José Aponte** acknowledged the error but says that circulation figures for his system have

grown considerably since the 12-month period ending June 2007 covered by the survey. Then, total circulation was about 4.9 million. For fiscal 2009, it was 8.3 million and is currently headed for 10 million, he reports. "I wouldn't be surprised that today we



be surprised that today we José Aponte are an all-star library." As for

the cause of the original reporting issue, Aponte adds, "The library made a good-faith effort to meet the protocol as directed by the state's data coordinator." **Ira Bray**, the data coordinator at the state library, agrees. "It was something I should have caught. The fault is mine. It was human error."

- Matt Potter

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War at La Jolla Farms

By Don Bauder

ife should be peaceful at La Jolla Farms, that tony area of 100 superluxury homes adjacent to Torrey Pines State Park.

But war has broken out there. One resident controls a local biotech. A former resident says she was fraudulently induced to put her life savings in the company. She has sued. Defendants say it's premature for her to say she has lost her money; the company has cleaned house and rebounded, they assert.

Kathleen (Kitty) Jennings has filed a suit in superior court, claiming that she was wooed into investing \$1.6 million in a privately held company named Biocept because of misrepresentations, primarily by the company's former chief executive, Gordon Janko, and Jennings's La Jolla Farms neighbor, Claire Reiss, the major shareholder. Jennings says that she



Kathleen Jennings

talked face-to-face with Reiss only about twice a year — at the La Jolla Farms Christ-

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mas and Fourth of July parties. One time, the socially prominent Reiss exulted that the company was on the verge of releasing a breakthrough product that would rake in money and she was offering her friends the chance to make a buck on "confidential" information, according to the suit. The company is focused on developing a diagnostic technology for the detection of Down syndrome in the first trimester of preg-



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nancy, as well as early identification of certain cancers.

After Reiss gave Jennings the initial pitch, Janko gave her what she considers a fraudulent song and dance about Biocept's looming success, according to the suit. Reiss and others, including *continued on page 8*

Play the Sneaky Development Game

By E.A. Barrera

n Orange County developer who led the effort to delay San Diego's general plan update until his own project could be

approved is one step away from his goal.

On October 23, the San Diego Planning Commission voted 5–2 in support of the Merriam Mountains project, a 2700-residential-unit, master-planned community proposed along Interstate 15, north of Escondido.

The 2327-acre project is owned by 21 individual property owners, whose land has been optioned for purchase by Stonegate Development Corporation of Laguna Hills. Stonegate's president, Gordon Youde, has promoted the project.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has final say over Merriam Mountains, and the board is scheduled





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The county currently operates under a plan approved in 1979, when the county's population was less than 2 million people. The population is now over 3 million, and it's expected to reach 4 million by 2030.

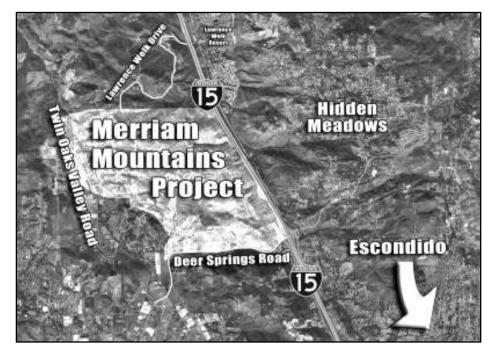
Critics have charged a direct



Bill Horn

should not be done," says former California state senator Jim Mills. "The supervisors have not been sincere in the GP-2020 process. These delays are not by chance. Their campaigns are funded by developer money, and they want as many development projects as possible approved before any changes to the current general plan are in place."

Both General Plan 2020 and the Merriam Mountains development were conceptualized in the late 1990s. In the fall of 1998, an advisory Steering Committee, created by the board of supervisors and



to discuss and possibly approve the project at its December 9, 2009 meeting.

The board also has the final say on when and how the county's land-use plan will

correlation between the delays in approving General Plan 2020 and the length of time it has taken Merriam Mountains to be approved.

"Merriam Mountains

made up of the chairs of the county's 18 community planning groups, began the process of configuring the new general plan.

Where would future hous-

ing be located? How would traffic congestion be addressed? Where would San Diego's jobs of the future be built? These decisions are all ultimately the domain of the general plan - and more to the point, the decision of the five members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

Soon after GP-2020's process started, plans to develop Merriam Mountains into a residential and commercial community began to form. The original conceptual plan featured 435 residential lots within five villages on 1962 acres of land. Stonegate pushed to have the entire development area given its own special classification. The developers wanted

a specific planning amendment for their project that would allow them to create

Gary Pryor

zoning and density standards.

their own

In 2002, a series of memos was uncovered during a lawsuit deposition by former San Diego city attorney Mike Aguirre (on an unrelated matter regarding political redistricting, while Aguirre was in private practice). The memos were written between June 2000 and April 2001. They revealed that Gordon Youde, president of Stonegate Development Corporation, had worked to delay GP-2020, attempting to gain approval for Merriam Mountains before the land-use-plan update could be enacted.

"At this point in time, Stonegate Development is the premier entity capable of countering Plan 2020 and getting projects approved prior to enactment of Plan 2020," wrote Youde on November 14, 2000, to Merriam Mountains Property Owners,"Interested Parties," and Escondido continued on page 8

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Beachfront Betterment

Lighted Walkways for Las Playas *Tijuana* — **Big renovations**

have begun in Las Playas de Tijuana. The aged break-



water is being rehabilitated with new pedestrian walkways to accommodate surfers, swimmers, and beachcombers. About 600 feet of walkway is being shored up and resurfaced, plus a retro-style boardwalk is being constructed along the littoral.

Municipal honcho Carlos Ceseño Gámez said that years of accrued damage to the walkways will be repaired with a more resilient material that will require less maintenance.

Every year during the rainy season, the breakwater takes a beating, and much of its infrastructure needs replacement in order to ensure the safety of beachgoers and residents in the area. New lighting will illuminate the beachside walkways. Source: Frontera

By T.B. Beaudeau, 11/28

Bad Potluck

Fire Ruins Thanksgiving Plans

Logan Heights — A fire broke out at the church on the corner of 30th Street and National Avenue at around 10 a.m. Thursday, November 26.

The fire at Iglesia Pentecostes Jesucristo spread to the Ideal Market liquor store next door. A Power Tires tire store and a document-storage facility are on the same block of 30th Street as the church, but crews were able to keep the fire from spreading.

"Wow, it was a crazy Thanksgiving morning here," said Jackie Lopez while gawking at the firefighters at work.

No one was at the church when the fire broke out, but about 100 people were expected a short time later for a Thanksgiving potluck meal.

The fire was reported at about 9:45 in the morning. Firefighters believe it started in a back room of the church.

By Noel Gallego, 11/28

Tents Aplenty

One for St. Vincent's Downtown San Diego - Billy McIntosh walked from 16th Street and turned down on Commercial on Thursday, November 19. He had recently seen one cold-weather tent shelter built in the area, now he encountered another white tent going up at 14th Street.

"Wow, it looks like



Planned St. Vincent de Paul high-rise

another shelter for us," said McIntosh, who is homeless after losing his construction job and running out of unemployment insurance.

"Don't get confused between the tents," said Lisa Huff from St. Vincent de Paul Village in an interview phone call. "Our tent is for the relocation of \mathcal{S} [some of] our...clients continued on page 11

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chief financial officer Jennifer Crittenden, didn't curb his hyper-enthusiasm. Email correspondence shows that Reiss promised Jennings she would return her money but later reneged.

The suit charges Biocept, Reiss, Janko, Crittenden, and others with fraudulent misrepresentation and concealment, breach of fiduciary duty, and corporate waste, among several things. Defense attorney Christopher McGrath won't comment. "The lawsuit is at a very early stage," he says. The company is known to have directors' and officers' liability insurance.

Reiss doesn't want to comment about the suit, other than to say, "That lady [Jennings] will regret she did this." Reiss's late husband was a prominent biotech investor/scientist and had served on Biocept's board. Reiss appears to have put \$30 million to \$40 million in Biocept. "The [financial] problems occurred last year. The company is doing beautifully. Her [Jennings's] investment is worth a lot."

But Jennings says she never received an audited financial statement. Says her lawyer, Erwin Shustak, "It is just a question of time before [Biocept's] money runs out."

The suit charges that in its 12-year history, the company burned through \$84 million of money raised from investors "and has failed to generate any meaningful revenue or launch any products or technologies into the market."

"Janko misappropriated a large portion of the company's monies and assets to finance his own lavish lifestyle," including milliondollar homes and luxury cars, according to the suit. Records indicate he owned four homes during the 2003–2008 years in which he headed the company, but it's possible some were rentals. Also, he had accumulated personal wealth as a result of a corporate buyout before he joined Biocept.

The suit also charges that he owned a company that provided services to Biocept. I have tried unsuccessfully to reach Janko at several locations. Crittenden would not answer my questions.

Claire Reiss contacted Kitty Jennings in late 2007, according to the suit. Jennings, a divorcée with three teenage sons, paid \$5.33 a share for Biocept stock, and Janko told her the shares would be worth \$15 each in a short period of time, the suit charges. She was assured that the company would launch a prenatal diagnostic device by late 2008 or early 2009, and it would enjoy a \$100 million market, according to the suit. She was also told that Food and Drug Administration approval for the product would not be nec-



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essary; the company had 100 patents, and big pharmaceutical companies coveted Biocept's technology. All those claims were false, according to the suit. In addition, she was *not* told that Johnson & Johnson, perhaps the most successful health-care colossus, was in direct competition with Biocept.

Then commenced a series of emails between Jennings and Reiss. On August 7 of last year, Reiss said, "If what I hoped will not come through by next year, I will personally buy your shares from you...I never want to see my friends lose money because they know me." But on September 9, Reiss emailed, "I can't afford to buy your shares right now." Jennings, citing health problems, begged her a second time to relent.

In those emails, Reiss admitted to Jennings that Janko did not tell the truth in hyping Biocept's immediate prospects. In August of 2008, Reiss said Janko "is a great salesman and that is it." She lamented his "country club style." She told how she was lining up investor votes for his ouster.

Jennings wrote back to



say, "Remember, you ultimately control the company because you control the money."

By mid-August, the company was talking to Stephen Coutts, a San Diego biotech executive who has a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Harvard and a master's of business administration from New York University (although for 11 years he was head of research and development for La Jolla Pharmaceutical, which failed in its attempt to bring out a product). On August 17, Coutts said in an email to a former Biocept official that "no products [are] ready for commercialization" and there is "no apparent market analysis or financial modeling." Coutts would not comment to me.

In early fall of 2008, a lawyer representing Biocept told Janko that if he didn't depart, the company might go out of business — one reason the lawsuit says Biocept was almost insolvent by mid-2008.

Coutts was named chief executive on October 6, 2008. Reiss then thanked the departing Janko for his five years as chief executive. The company went about correcting its deficiencies and raising more investor funds. On July 1 of this year, Biocept named to its board one of San Diego's most distinguished businesspersons, M. Faye Wilson, a banker who was instrumental in the founding of Home Depot and served as both a senior officer and board member of that huge retailer. Wilson had invested funds in Biocept in 2008 and had helped recruit Coutts. Other investment funds have come in to the company.

She won't comment on the suit but says, "I am pleased with the progress the company is making and excited about the prospects for the company. It is solvent, has adequate funding — very good angel support."

Jennings can clearly show that she was fed hype that didn't pan out. But did that constitute fraud? And can she show that she has lost money at this point?

Sneaky game

development consultant David R. Shibley.

Shibley was working with property owners and developers involved in the GP-2020 process through a political organization called Save Our Land Values (SOLV). After viewing an early draft of GP-2020, Youde explained his opposition to the plan in a memo to Shibley.

"We were aghast!" wrote Youde on June 14, 2000. "The map designates the entire Merriam Mountains as one dwelling unit for 40 acres! These designations eliminate any development potential."

In that June 14, 2000 memo, Youde told Shibley that he'd met with then–San *continued on page 10*



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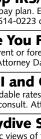
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Sneaky game

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Diego Department of Planning and Land Use director Gary Pryor on June 5, 2000, and was advised that Stonegate would need a general plan amendment to get the project approved.

"Mr. Prior [*sic*] suggested we needed to review the Plan 2020 designation for Merriam Mountains, as the Planning Department would be hard pressed to recommend a plan for approval by the Board of Supervisors that is not consistent with what they are proposing in Plan 2020," wrote Youde.

In a November 14, 2000 memo, Youde told Shibley that Stonegate had contacted the individual supervisors, formally requesting that the project's zoning be changed from one dwelling unit per 40 acres to a generalized, specific planning area designation. That designation "gives us the planning flexibility to create a master planned community and set our own lot sizes and use designations," wrote Youde.

According to county spokesperson Gig Conaughton, a specific plan "allows for a more specific development program than identified under existing general plan and zoning designations. And although it does allow you to designate your own density, density is still reviewed for appropriateness under the California Environmental Quality Act. Specific Plans are common in the county for large projects."

Stonegate's efforts involved direct contact with the individual supervisors and their staffs. In the June 14, 2000 memo, Youde described a meeting with Chris Brown, then Supervisor Bill Horn's deputy for land-use matters.

"The most frightening thing he [Brown] said is that some kind of compromise would be worked out on the

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Merriam Mountains land use designation," wrote Youde. "What kind of compromise would work for us? One unit per twenty acres? No. One unit per ten acres? No. One unit for five acres? No."

In October 2000, at a meeting of the Alpine Community Planning Group, Pryor said developers and property owners would be smart to get their projects completed and built before General Plan 2020 was set in place.

"A plan for an undeveloped piece of property is subject to new restrictions under GP-2020. But if there are sticks in the ground — if a vested project has been established, or a building raised on a property—then those structures will not be subject to GP-2020."

Under the original General Plan 2020 maps-known as the Alternative III maps and drawn by the planning group leaders on the Steering Committee - future landuse and zoning decisions would have been made using population density. Rules regarding future development would have been stricter and less open to the individual discretion of the supervisors.

However, on January 10,

2001, the board of supervisors rejected Alternative III. The board then created a new advisory body, titled the Interest Group Committee. This was a selected group of developer and environmental leaders who met monthly to craft new zoning maps and landuse goals for the region.

But in the nine years since the Interest Group Committee was created, no plan has been brought to the supervisors for approval. This has further fueled critics' charges that no plan will be in place until major projects, including Merriam Mountains, are approved.

"The Board has been dragging its feet on General Plan 2020 so projects could get approved and into the pipeline," noted former San Diego Planning Commissioner David Kreitzer."[Supervisor Ron] Roberts said the original zoning proposed under the Alternative III maps was unacceptable. They were afraid of lawsuits by property rights groups."

Youde bluntly told Shibley and the property owners on November 14, 2000, of the estimated costs involved in putting pressure on the supervisors and county staff.

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"Stonegate is presently paying the political consultants and land use attorney fees to protect you from the effects of Plan 2020. In addition to processing a project under the existing General Plan, Stonegate has submitted a letter on behalf of each of you requesting suitable density in the event Plan 2020 is successful," wrote Youde, who placed the costs of their efforts at close to \$200,000 at that time.

After Stonegate's efforts proved successful, Youde dispatched another memo.

"PLAN 2020 DERAILED!!" begins the February 28, 2001 memo."Due to the concerted effort of David Shibley of the SOLV [Save Our Land Values] GROUP and hundreds of angry landowners, the Board of Supervisors squelched Alternative III of the General Plan 2020 update," wrote Youde. "It is well known at the Planning Department that it was our initial submittal to Planning that unearthed Plan 2020 and we sounded the alarm that led to the organization to oppose Plan 2020...[now] we are able to sell [our] plan directly to the Supervisors on a one-to-one basis and insure political support...."

Youde felt confident Stonegate's efforts were beginning to show results. Two months before the board of supervisors eliminated the Alternative III maps and formed the Interest Group Committee, Youde applauded Save Our Land Values for its work. He even asked the property owners to send money to Save Our Land Values.

Save Our Land Values was not the only entity Youde suggested the developers assist in their attempt to delay the General Plan 2020 process. The supervisors themselves were also described as beneficiaries of Stonegate's political efforts, specifically North County supervisor Bill Horn, who represents the area that includes Merriam Mountains.

"Support Bill Horn! Without Supervisor Bill Horn and his strong advocacy of property rights, we would have no

chance at all. Mr. Horn has announced his intention to run for re-election to the Board of Supervisors and expects a challenge from the environmentalist lobby. We are including a campaign contribution envelope for your use. We are supporting Mr. Horn to the maximum extent permitted under the law," wrote Youde in his February 28, 2001 memo.

Three months later on June 1, 2001, Youde wrote to the property owners that Stonegate had organized "two tables of supporters" at Horn's May 22 reelection campaign fund-raiser.

"The fundraiser was very successful and raised over \$200,000," said Youde. "That gives Supervisor Horn a substantial war chest and dissuades challengers from attempting to unseat him."

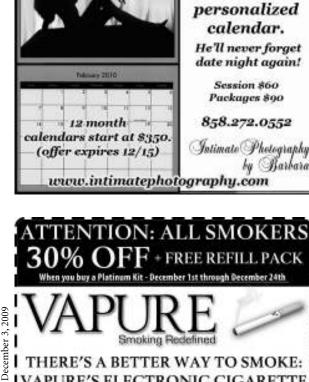
In the aftermath of the defeat of the Alternative III maps, Save Our Land Values earned a seat at the table of the Interest Group Committee. Shibley has actively participated in the committee's meetings since then.

Former San Diego Sierra Club president Eric Bowlby served on the Interest Group Committee for four years. Bowlby said the central problem with the makeup of the committee was that development and real estate consultants serving on the committee were also representing projects seeking approval.

"The conflict of interest was acute, and there was no denial of the conflict of interest," says Bowlby. "There were consultants working on their own specific projects and shaping the new maps to accommodate those projects."

The Merriam Mountains development project still requires formal approval by the board of supervisors. But as early as August 2001, Youde felt confident the board would support it.

Youde wrote to Shibley on August 23, 2001, "In this process we expect to be turned down at all local levels and ultimately approved by the Board of Supervisors."





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at work on the site.

"I've seen the building model of the new shelter," said Steven Howes, a year-and-a-half-long resident of the Bishop Maher Center (the building that's to be replaced on the St. Vincent de Paul property). "It's a cross between an office building and a hotel. It's going to be pretty cool, but in January of next year, we will move to the tent with wood walls."

By Noel Gallego, 11/28

Dregs Net

Fugitives Nabbed at Border San Ysidro — U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the San Ysidro port of entry arrested five wanted fugitives between

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ifornia, on September 2, 2009. He also was wanted by the California Department of Corrections for a parole violation. Becerril, a U.S. citizen, is a resident of Lamont, California. He was arrested and booked into the San Diego County Central Jail.

The other fugitives captured by CBP officers at the San Ysidro border crossing, all U.S. citizens, included a 25-year-old female wanted for battery, a 25-

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Bersin Bared

I'm calling to compliment Matt Potter on his great, great article on Bersin that I read today in the Reader ("Obama Taps Alan Bersin to Oversee the Border," Cover Story, November 19). It's fabulous. I would just like to thank him for pointing out facts about the history of what went on. Congratulations on a great piece of investigative reporting. Barbara Henriksen La Mesa

Hodads Lives!

Some members of our beloved Hodads community have expressed concerns that a new development of unit condominiums will be taking over our current building. That is not true.

We here at Hodads would like the opportunity to clarify that our current location at 5010 Newport Avenue is not in jeopardy and is not slated to be demolished. I believe there was some confusion with regards to the article by Stephen Scatolini published Monday, November 16, 2009 [on the Reader's

website], when he said that the City plans to develop the parcel of land at Abbott Street and Saratoga Avenue, "including the old Hodads restaurant at the beach" (in the 1970s, that is). Many people were concerned that the current Hodads was scheduled for demolition. The area slated for demolition has been vacant for so many years that it's probable that people may not get the reference to Dempsey's or Larry's Sandbar, let alone Hodads, which held the real estate at Abbott Street and Saratoga Avenue over three decades ago.

Although Hodads was delighted to have honorable mention in the "Coastal Commission Omission" article, we felt the need to clarify the facts.

> Celeste Abbott via email

Culture Clash

Letter writer El Gabacho (Borracho), writing about Mexico (November 19), appreciates "the people and the culture down there more than my own, because, well, the U.S. completely lacks a distinct/identifying/unifying culture."

Which explains why it is emulated in every corner of the world. Not to mention the tens of millions who have moved here because they, unlike you, understand what makes America, well, America.

If you love Mexico so much (I've been to TJ several times and deep into Baja more than once — and I do love the people), why don't you move there and try to do something about "the woes of its government"?

Or would "mañana" be a little too close to culturally incorrect?

> Danny via email

Grimms Not Grim

The article "Annual Dysfunctional Family Thanksgiving Dinner" (Cover Story, November 25) was typical of most Thanksgiving dinners: way too much to digest and most of it not very good.

It's not hard, guys. Thanksgiving is a self-defining event. No need for smug, wordsmithed tales of angst and dysfunction.

For my money, Ernie Grimm ("The More the Merrier") nailed it with his simple account of a decent family meeting in thanks thanks for each other and for their bounty. A finer tradition could not be sought.

"There's no happiness without gratitude." (Not my line; heard it once on the radio.) It seems to me that the Grimm family has recognized that simple truth and follows its inexorable path.

I'd be proud to be invited to Ernie's house for Thanksgiving dinner. An invitation from any of the other contributors would garner a "regrets" RSVP.

> E. Dunne via email

Don't Fritter

I was very surprised to not see many comments regarding the story of "Ex Pros" (Cover Story, November 5), because the story was as interesting as it was sad. A lot of these continued on page 60



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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hi, Matt: I've never heard of there being tornados in England or Greece or anywhere else except the United States. Is this true? Why would it be true? I can't figure out why they would only appear in Iowa and Texas and not in New York City or London. — Broadband, via email

December 7, 2006, must have been a busy news day in the U.S., since we didn't hear anything about the tornado that hit northwest London, injured six, and smooshed more than 100 buildings. The U.S.'s Tornado Alley might be world famous, but every state has had at least one recorded tornado, including Alaska. And Europe, from Finland to Italy, has had them too. Ditto Russia and Australia. Theoretically, a tornado can appear anywhere on the globe as long as the right temperature, humidity, and wind conditions exist. The central Midwest just happens to be in a spot where differing weather fronts are most likely to smash into each other and produce a circulating storm big enough to create tornadoes. NOAA says we have about 1000 tornadoes a year in the U.S.

London isn't the only city that's been hit. The Tornado Alley cities of St. Louis and Oklahoma City are also targets. But it does seem that cities are hit less frequently than, say, rural trailer parks and housing developments, and that's for a couple of reasons. When we say "city," we're mostly thinking of the downtown core, full of tall buildings and the trendiest bars. This makes up only a tiny dot within the whole tornado area. Low odds a tornado will hit any particular speck of land. And there's also a chance that the heat radiated off big buildings in every city center or the jagged outline of the buildings might disrupt a small tornado and deflect it. But that's just a science-guy guess.

Our Tornado Alley stretches from the eastern Rockies to Texas to the Dakotas, and east to the Appalachian Mountains. All those places that people came from before they moved to San Diego.

Matt: Used to be when we had old-fashioned coffee shops, regular coffee was in pots with brown handles and decaf in pots with orange handles. I guess there are still a few around. Anyway, why orange for decaf? — Anonymous, via email Before the invention of the barista, the suave color orange was the color for decaf. Not an arbitrary choice by coffeepot makers. A merchandising brainstorm from the coffee moguls, natch. Remember Sanka? Since the 1920s, the quintessential decaf product. To stand out on the market shelf, Sanka's label was orange. Then some bright bulb in the sales force came up with the idea of giving coffeeshop owners new orange handles for their Sanka pots so waitresses wouldn't mistakenly pour a high-voltage cup of java for a low-voltage customer. The idea worked so well that today we identify orange handles with any decaf product, and it's lost its Sanka connection. Not many marketing ideas work too well, but this is one of them that

Additional Aspirin Headaches Why, why am I always the target of wise guys? *Oh, okay, Matt. You can dish it out but you can't take it?* Well, um, maybe. So, anyway, Dr. Jimmy (that's Ph.D. type) was compelled to fill what he saw as crucial gaps in last week's aspirin answer:

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Yo, Matt: [Y]ou neglected to mention that it was the good chemists at Bayer who put the acetyl in acetylsalicylic acid, thus creating Bayer Aspirin. Further, "Aspirin" was (and in parts of the world, I believe, still is) a Bayer trademark, although in English it's entered common use...in a class with kleenex and jello. [T]his is some important information! After all, as Seekers After Truth know, there is no knowledge greater than that which can win you a bar bet now and again.

Finally, Yr Hmble & Ob't Srv't offers a bit of technical clarification, edit[ing] your own words. "Seems that aspirin loves to bind to a particular protein, an enzyme called cyclooxygenase (or COX). COX drives a key step in the biochemical pathway that leads to the production of chemicals called prostaglandins; block COX, and you block prostaglandin manufacture. Prostaglandins... send signals to nerves, which the brain interprets as 'Ouch!' and they can induce inflammation, which leads to localized infiltration and activation of white blood cells. Block the production of prostaglandins, and pain and swelling are diminished."

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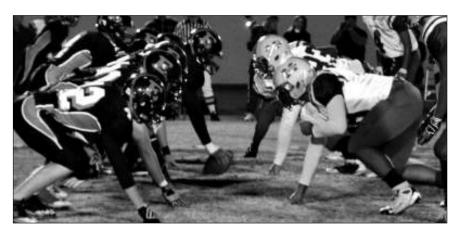
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By Anthony Gentile



The line of scrimmage between the Escondido offense and the Mira Mesa defense

Game of the Week: Mira Mesa at Escondido

Posted November 28, 2009

In a matchup that featured two of the section's best rushers. Mira Mesa's Damien Williams had a terrific quarter. The rest of the game belonged to Ricky Seale and third-seed Escondido, who knocked off the sixth-seed Marauders 47-21 in the Division I quarterfinals on Friday night.

"This is pretty big. There's a lot of talk about us not being worthy of a top-four seed, and we just came out and did what we need to do," said Escondido linebacker Eric Robertson.

Escondido (8-2-1) came out strong and led 14-0 after the first quarter, courtesy of a pair of Seale rushing touchdowns. The second score came at the end of an eight-minute drive.

Williams woke Mira Mesa (7-5) up less than a minute into the second quarter with a 75-yard touchdown run. Late in the second quarter, Escondido drove for scores twice, only to see those scores answered with big plays from Williams — a 95-yard kickoff return and a 57yard touchdown catch in the final seconds of the half.

After halftime, the Cougars defense shut out Williams and the Mira Mesa offense, and the Cougars offense found the endzone on their first two drives of the second half to take control of the game.

The Red Zone is thankful for... Posted November 26, 2009

Defending champs

La Costa Canyon (Division I), Oceanside (II), Cathedral Catholic (III), Valley Center (IV), Francis Parker (V) are all alive in the playoffs. Star rushers

A quartet of senior runners makes the section's 2009 running back class one of the best ever. And the four Division I talents are great in different ways - Mission Bay's Dillon Baxter (USC) has elusiveness, Escondido's Ricky Seale (undecided) has power, Eastlake's Tony Jefferson (UCLA) has explosiveness, and Scripps

Ranch's Brennan Clay (Oklahoma) has lightning speed.

Natural grass

Although turf is probably a change for the best, there is just something about the smell of recently cut grass at kickoff that makes things better.

The Dirty 30

Oceanside has dominated the section with five straight Division II titles, and this year the Pirates represented San Diego well with their win over national powerhouse Long Beach Poly. And they do it with barely more than 30 players. **Rivalries**

From city championships to the Holy Bowl to league foes that just don't like each other, the

emotion that comes with rivalry games leaves most of them as toss-ups. Will we get any rivalries in the final weeks of the season? Zachary McKay

McKay, a junior running back at Valhalla, stands 3'4" and weighs 75 pounds? The smallest player in the section wears the number 1/2.

State Bowl hopes

If they win out, Oceanside and Francis Parker have legitimate chances to represent Southern California in the State Bowls next month — La Costa Canyon could factor in the equation, too.



Escondido running back Ricky Seale shakes off the tackle of a Mira Mesa defender

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t's a winter tradition: husband on the roof in the rain, pulling leaves out of the gutters and trying not to fall to his death. So far, he's been successful. I hate to make him do it, but, as Tory Marino at Elite Window Washing (619-634-9580, ewindowwashing.com) says, "If you don't get your gutters cleaned, then the debris from leaves and pine needles and the debris from your roof will build up. The gutters will start to sag from the weight. Eventually, you'll have to replace them. And if the downspout gets clogged so badly that it can't be flushed out, it too will have to be replaced."

Marino knows, because Elite doesn't do just

windows. "A 2000square-foot home might have 130 lineal feet of gutter and might take us around five hours to clean at \$3 to \$5 per lineal foot, depending on how bad the gut-

ters are. If there is over an inch of sediment in the gutter,

we'll take a gutter scoop — it's like a hardplastic hand shovel — and remove the sediment manually. If there's only a half-inch or less of sediment, we'll use a pressure washer to flush the sediment through the drains. If the downspout is clogged, I have a tool that looks like an umbrella handle that I put on my pressure wand. I feed it in from the ground up, and the pressurized water flushes things out pretty well. Then we start cleaning the gutters by hand, using rags and a cleaning solution. It whitens up the exteriors of the gutter — and it makes dark colors brighten up, too."

For future protection, Elite can install "a product called Rainflow [\$10-\$15 per lineal foot]. It's not a gutter guard or gutter screen...something that sits on top and changes the look of your house; it's inserted into the gutter. It looks like fiberglass-mesh insulation, and it strains out debris. Leaves and pine needles will stay on top of the mesh during the rain, but after the rain stops and they dry out, the wind should blow them off. It comes with a lifetime guarantee, and if you have it in, your gutter should need only minor maintenance every five or six years. All I would need to do is take the Rainflow out at your gutter's high spot and send pressurized water toward the downspout to flush out any dirt. A homeowner could even do it with a hose."

That is, if I wanted to send my homeowner

"You don't want to send debris

down the downspout."

up there. I have some scary-hilarious visions of Patrick teetering like a circus clown, 20 feet up. "We follow OSHA ladder-safety guidelines," Marino assured me. "When the ladder is fully extended, it should rest at a 45-degree angle from the house. And there's the three-point rule: you must have three points of contact with the ladder at all times. Both feet and one hand."

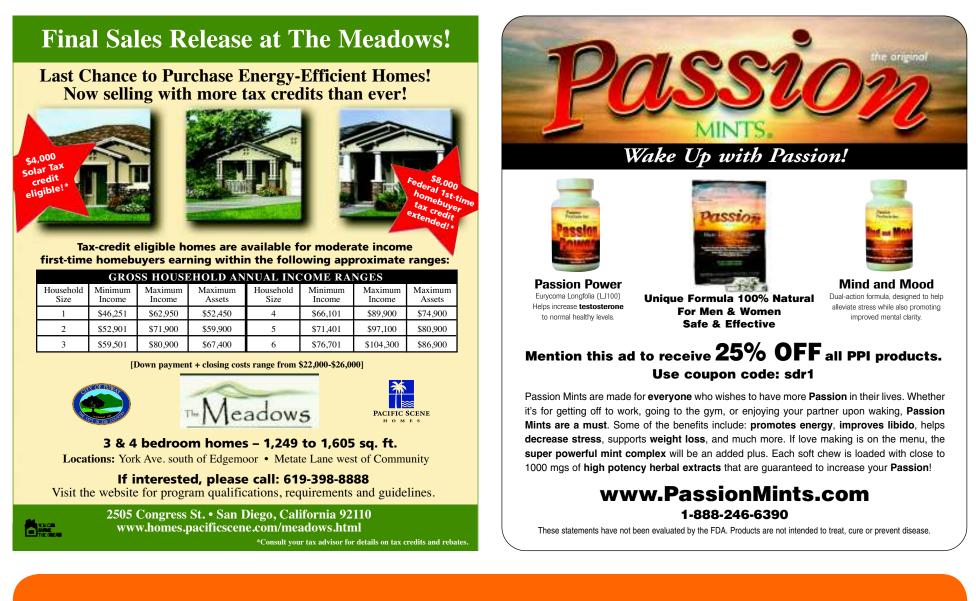
Like Marino, Jim Hamilton at Any & All Rain Gutter Cleaners (619-444-0041, raingut*tercleaners.com*) is a stickler for safety. "We work from the roof, and if a roof has any kind of pitch, we'll use a harness. And there's always a ground guy and a roof guy in communication." Unlike Marino, Hamilton doesn't put anything into (or on top of) his gutters. "We used to install gutter screens but found that the leaves lay on top of the screen and biodegraded to form a sort of lid. When the water hit it, it skipped right over the gutter and onto the ground. And when the leaves finish decomposing, they drop through the screen as sediment....

"We've been doing this for 16 years," continued Hamilton. "When we started, we scooped gutters by hand or we used blowers, but we found it didn't work for downspouts and roof drains. So, we've devised a water-jetting system; when we're through, you could eat out of these gutters. We use a high-volume, low-pressure treatment. The machines on our trucks push eight gallons per minute - most washers only get two and the higher volume carries everything downstream." But not to the downspout. "You don't want to send debris down the downspout. Some of them go underground, and you risk getting impacted sediment down there that will impede water flow. We block the downspout, blow everything out of the gutter into a receptacle, then unblock the spout and blast water through." For that, "We use a spinning roto-jet nozzle that we can crank up to 4000 psi or down to 200 psi as needed."

Hamilton's prices start at around \$175 per house and go up from there, depending on size. "We perform a flow test; if we see leaking at the seams, we'll seal them. If necessary, we'll readjust spikes to improve the angle of flow. We remove debris, clear the roof, and do a free pressure rinse of the home's exterior."

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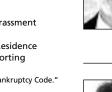












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Armored — Heist thriller with Columbus Short, Laurence Fishburne, and Matt Dillon, directed by Nimrod Antal. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY FANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/4)

Bad Lieutenant, Port of Call: New

Orleans - Nearly but not quite a remake of Abel Ferrara's Bad Lieutenant of 1992, at the very least a relocation 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 yet, 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 previ-



ous 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 close-up, 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. 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 gale-force tailwind), the best kind of badness in the film. Eva Mendes, Val Kilmer, Brad Dourif, Fairuza Balk, Xzibit. 2009.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/4)

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 minimalist 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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10;

FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Brothers — American transplant of Susanne Bier's Danish home-front war drama, with Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman, and Tobey Maguire, directed by Jim Sheridan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/4)

Capitalism: A Love Story — Michael Moore's overview of the American economy is, needless to say, not a love story. "Capitalism is an evil, and you cannot regulate evil." In other words, Capitalism: A Horror Story, the moral of which might best be summed



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up as capitalism, no; democracy, yes - a tricky distinction for simpletons who think the only alternative to capitalism is totalitarian communism. Moore's shtick as the schlumpy crusader, the Lieutenant Columbo of the Radical Left, has gotten a little tired, or maybe it's just Moore himself who has gotten tired, but in any case he now seems less funny and less inclined to be so than in the past. And as the wit and the invention have thinned, the whine and the sneer in his voice have proportionately thickened. He has still dug up some treasures of found footage (an educational documentary on the fall of Ancient Rome, a Ronald Reagan cowboy film, a newsreel of the near-death FDR proposing his Second Bill of Rights), and he engineers some amusing juxtapositions in the editing room, yet the vast bulk of his movie divides into arbitrary anecdotes of human interest, on the one hand, and on the other a rehash of a subject already well and recently covered, the Meltdown and the Bailout. More simply, economics is by nature a dull subject on screen, and Moore has managed insufficiently to enliven it. 2009. ★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 12/4)

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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGH-LANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME- AMC OTAY RANCH 12 Churla Vista (888) AMC-4FUN

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Kristen Bell, Faizon Love, Kali Hawk, and Jean Reno; directed by Peter Billingsley. 2009. • (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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An Education — A precocious English schoolgirl of 1961 (a cellist, a Francophile, a devotee of the Pre-Raphaelites, a sneaky smoker for sophistication), on track for Oxford, gets rerouted by a shady older man who shows her the finer things of life: a Ravel concert, a Christie's auction, nightclubs, Paris. The foreseeable end is a bit of a slog, but the film in the early stages is very good on the pretensions of intelligent youth, and very good on the heady intoxication of growing up fast. Peter Sarsgaard's British accent is hit-and-miss; and the prim schoolmarm of Olivia Williams, a beauty disguised in eyeglasses and pulled-back hair, is strictly stock; and the comic portraits of the heroine's hidebound dad, a same-aged fumbling suitor, and a blond bimbo (Alfred Molina, Matthew Beard, Rosamund Pike, in order) are sharp but narrow. Keeping things fully alive throughout, however, is Carey Mulligan in the lead, showing off, among her other talents, the freshest smile since Eleanor Powell: plenty of teeth with a demure downturn at the corners of the mouth. And Sally Hawkins, back to reality from the giddy heights of *Happy-Go-Lucky*, has a tiny but vital part to play. With Cara Seymour, Dominic Cooper, Emma Thompson; directed by Lone Scherfig. 2009.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Everybody's Fine — Rueful road movie, an American resetting of a Giuseppe Tornatore tearjerker, in which an ailing widower takes off cross-country in his all-brown wardrobe, New York to Chicago to Denver to Vegas, to visit individually the scattered adult children who can't make time to visit him collectively, uncovering lessons along the way on life's disappointments and deceptions. Kate Beckinsale, Sam Rockwell, and Drew Barrymore do not have much the look of siblings, but Robert De Niro has the





look of a lonely man, and the film is cleanly photographed and, till a late and little attempt at feel-good, keenly observed. Directed by Kirk Jones. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/4)

Fantastic Mr. Fox — Wes Anderson's wised-up children's film, a labor-intensive stop-motion animated adaptation of the Roald Dahl animal tale (reportedly he never visited the London set, but directed from Paris by E-mail) about a vulpine sophisticate who moves up in the world — out of a hole and into a tree — but can't escape his animal nature. (See him, for example, drop the act and rip into his food before regaining his composure: "Dinner was pitch-perfect.") Though the droll result has its charms, such as the use of "cuss" as an all-purpose cussword, as in "I sure the cuss hope so," it's not so much for children as a



group or adults as a group as it is specifically for devotees of Anderson, who is able to pursue with puppets and miniature sets his standard visual predilections: squaredup and flattened compositions, lateral action and tracking shots, a clump-clump editing rhythm. On the eclectic soundtrack (the Rolling Stones, the Beach Boys, the Wellingtons, Burl Ives), the director resorts to thievery from the film scores of Georges Delerue, like Scorsese in *Casino*, for the moments of peak emotion. With the voices of George Clooney, Meryl Streep, Jason Schwartzman, Eric Anderson, Bill Murray, Michael Gambon. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION WARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Fourth Kind — "Please be advised," Milla Jovovich forewarns the filmgoer straight to the camera, "that some of what you're about to see is extremely disturbing." Purported docudrama, more accurately documalarkey, about a whispery psychologist, as interpreted by Jovovich, who stumbles on a case of serial alien abductions in Nome, Alaska, though the film is half over before she puts a name to it. The blend of badly acted "re-enactments" and "actual video," sometimes sharing a split-screen, is laughably unconvincing. With Elias Koteas, Will Patton, and Hakeem Kae-Kazim; written and directed by Olatunde Osunsanmi. 2009.

• (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Inglourious Basterds - Quentin Tarantino takes no more than the risible title from Enzo G. Castellari's Dirty Dozen knockoff of 1978, and respells, misspells, that. (Did he ponder Basturds as possibly funnier?) Much of the movie, a revisionist revisitation of the French theater of operations in the Second World War, is unapologetically, unsanctimoniously silly. Yet the revisions give you plenty to chew on. You need no extraordinary expertise to realize that Tarantino has played fast and loose with the facts of how and when the Third Reich fell, has indeed set sail into a parallel universe. The size of the falsification (a Big Lie about the foremost perpetrator of the Big Lie) is the difference between just another sneaky Hollywood falsification and a brazen joke on all such falsifications. It perhaps goes without saying that Tarantino's treatment of Nazis is not motivated by any sense of horror and outrage (never mind sanctimony) over the philosophy of Arvan supremacy, the death camps, and so on, much less by any desire to "understand," but solely by the need of a universally acceptable villain. He wants to do nothing more to Nazis, nothing worse, than to conventionalize them, fictionalize them. Knowingly nudging his depiction beyond the silly and into the campy, he lures you onto the battlefield of aesthetics, safely away from

politics. Once there, he's got you where he wants you. Where his movie can better repel attack. In the end — at the close of two and a half hours — it stands as arguably his best-made to date, scene after scene meticulously shaped and timed, not to mention gleamingly photographed by Robert Richardson. While he is serious where it counts - the architectonic solidity, the painstaking precision, the creative flair, of the camera angles and compositions - he is also funny wherever he chooses, picking his spots and racking up an impressive ratio of successes to attempts. Brad Pitt, Christoph Waltz, Mélanie Laurent, Daniel Brühl, Diane Kruger. 2009. ★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 12/4)

Law Abiding Citizen — Disgust with the justice system drives a "brain," a diabolical omnipotent technological wizard, to punish the people who insufficiently punished the people who raped and murdered his wife and daughter. The humble flatfoot hits the nail on the head: "Un-fucking-believable." With Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler, Bruce McGill, Colm Meaney, Leslie Bibb, and Annie Corley; directed by F. Gary Gray. 2009. • (PALM PROMENADE 24)

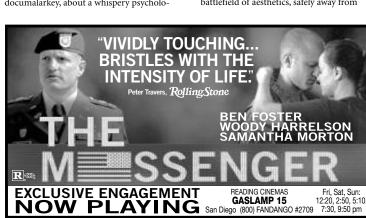
The Men Who Stare at Goats - The first film directed by character actor Grant Heslov has a promising premise (paranormal military research), plenty of script troubles (an investigative reporter's blathering narration, the disruptive channelswitching between periods twenty years apart, a sputtery and rudderless last act), and a couple of tickling performances by Jeff Bridges as the hippie-haired architect of the New Earth Army, a new breed of supersoldiers and psychic spies, alias Jedi Warriors (thus a new emphasis in the slogan, "Be All You Can Be"), and by, in a larger part, George Clooney as his most ardent disciple. It also has Ewan McGregor and Kevin Spacev. 2009. ★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 12/4; LA JOLLA VIL-LAGE, THROUGH 12/3)

New Moon — Second installment in "The Twilight Saga" from the best-selling girls' books by Stephenie Meyer, a vampire movie sprinkled with pop songs, long and slow and slack. (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, preying only on bad vampires and leaving humans as well as good vampires untouched.) Kristen Stewart, who looks now 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. With Billy Burke, Michael Sheen, Dakota Fanning. 2009. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS









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Oh My God — Documentary by Peter Rodger on religious beliefs around the world. (KEN, FROM 12/4)

Old Dogs — Parenting comedy with Robin Williams, John Travolta, and Seth Green, directed by Walt Becker. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER 10: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14)

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)

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; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VIL-LAGE)

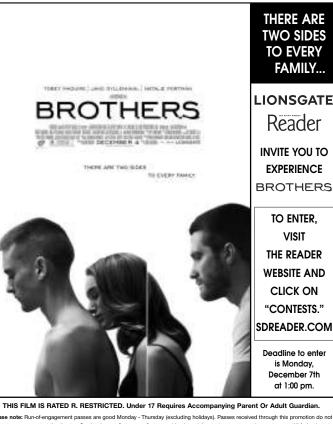
Precious: Based on the Novel Push **by Sapphire** — A bit of well-meaning manipulation, unevenly photographed, alternately oversaturated and washed-out and glossy and grainy, centered around a Harlem African-American illiterate obese unwed teenage mother of a Down's daughter, now pregnant again, expelled from school, abused and battered at home by her welfare mother, an incestuous rape victim of her absentee father, and oh, HIV-posi-

tive. We don't find out all of that at once. It piles up. Some interesting effects are gotten from the heroine's first-person 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 black-andwhite 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. With Gabourey Sidibe, Mo'Nique, Paula Patton, and Mariah Carey. 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Red Cliff - Third-century Chinese was story, a two-and-a-half-hour reduction of what was twice that long in its native land, released there 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 an unwarrantable 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 ener-getic gear-grinding visual technique of short punchy zooms, hither-and-thither moving cameras, slow-motion, 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. Tony Leung, Takeshi Kaneshiro, Fengyi Zhang, Chiling Lin, Wei Zhao. 2008. ★ (KEN)

The Road — From the novel by Cormac McCarthy, 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,



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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 spittingup 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 stony-hearted defenses, offers a hint of dramatic interest. With Kodi Smit-McPhee, Charlize Theron, Guy Pearce, Molly Parker. 2009. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIS-SION VALEY 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 eye of the caricaturist. They demonstrate an acute and excruciating body awareness, the girth, the ear hair, the sebaceous cyst on the neck, the protagonist's half squat at the classroom blackboard, his outthrust butt. his pant cuffs riding up to his calves. And their subtly bulging face shots and torso shots, fronted and centered, approach the freak-show aura of the photographs of Diane Arbus. The parade of surnames has a Dickensian grotesquerie all its own: Gopnik, Finkle, Marshak, Nachtner, Schlutz, seldom a simple Shapiro. And the three rabbis of three different generations are hilariously ineffectual in three different ways. But to complain that the character portraits are not rounded, are slanted, would be to complain that a caricaturist is not a classicist, that Daumier is not Ingres. This is, it bears stressing at this point, a personal film. It is also - unexpectedly enough, as unexpected as the superstitious Old Country folk tale of the prologue and its old-fashioned 4:3 aspect ratio - a religious film, a film concerned not just with the specific religion of Judaism and its whole exotic lexicon, but with broader religious questions, universal inquiries into life's mysteries: what have I done to deserve this? what have I done with my life? what ought I to do? what am I here for? Joel and Ethan Coen have long and lately devoted themselves to the vast panoply of human stupidity. Stretching out now, stretching back to Bar-

on the brink of his bar mitzvah. The film-

makers bring to their subject the unkind

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DAN WHITWORTH Writer and reformed projectionist

Neglected Russian filmmaker Larisa Shepitkov's debut *Wings* stars Maya Bulgakova as a former Soviet fighter pilot now serving as a school administrator in the early 1960s. Disappointed with her career, family, and friends, Bulgakova dreams of her days in the air as Shepitkov slowly reveals the details of her wartime experience. Bulgakova's performance is subtle yet stunning.

Luis Buñuel's The Milky Way seems to be a bizarre fantasy concocted by a master surrealist. It details the pilgrimage of two modern Spanish men who seem to become unstuck in time. En route, they encounter a series of characters that espouse some truly unusual religious beliefs. The catch is, every single idea expressed from gnosticism to freethinking - is historically accurate. DVD extras include a documentary that examines Buñuel's paradoxical relationship with religion.

WINGS/THE ASCENT (Russia) 1966, Criterion/Eclipse List price: \$29.95 (two discs) THE MILKY WAY (Spain) 1969, Criterion List price: \$29.95



GEANNCARLO HUSSEIN LUGO-VILLARINO Cinephile

For some of us, movies are more than just mere entertainment; they represent a mirror in which our deepest hidden emotions are reflected. Love is the simplest feeling to experience but the most difficult to explain, and when your own understanding of love has wounded you, certain movies can help you bleed willingly. In my case, I'm thankful to director Richard Linklater for providing us with two cinematic gems. In Before Sunrise, his mastery integrates well with the electric chemistry between Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy, whose brilliant performances made a simple conversation between strangers into an unforgettable journey.

And just when you think this film could not be repeated, or even worse, ruined by a sequel, nine years later we're taken for another memorable walk in *Before Sunset*. Only this time, both characters have grown together with you, helping you bleed joyfully in the name of love.

BEFORE SUNRISE (USA) 1995, Turner Home Entertainment List price: \$14.98 BEFORE SUNSET (USA) 2005, Warner Home Entertainment List price: \$19.98



WILLIAM A. NERICCIO Professor, English literature, SDSU

While most people watch *The Pillow Book* for the legions of beautiful (and awful) nude bodies captured by Peter Greenaway's unique eye and camera, I am thankful for this cinematic masterpiece for being the most thoughtful meditation on the relationship between literature and photography ever filmed; that it also evocatively probes the conflicts/attractions of Chinese and Japanese cultures is just gravy.

Soderbergh's Traffic repeated images of fear and loathing that make it harder and harder for both Americans and Mexicans to see each other as anything other than cartoons. But back in 1958, Orson Welles's Touch of Evil figured out the border, giving us an ironic nightmare world where the line between good and evil and Mexico and the U.S. is purposely blurred. David Lynch's Blue Velvet owes its semiotic DNA to the marvelous imagination of Welles, each director a subterranean pathologist of human psyches on the verge, on the border.

THE PILLOW BOOK (England) 1996, Sony Pictures List price: \$24.96 TOUCH OF EVIL (USA) 1958, Universal List price: \$26.98 (two discs)

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ton 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.

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Strip — Indie comedy of early adulthood, with Rodney Scott, Billy Aaron Brown, and Dave Foley, written and directed by Jameel Khan. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/4) **Transylmania** — Horror spoof with Patrick Cavanaugh, James DeBello, and Jennifer Lyons, directed by David and Scott Hillenbrand. (HORTON PLAZA 14; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 12/4)

2012 — Roland Emmerich's widest view of disaster to date: the sky-high eruption of Yellowstone (Old Faithful gone Vesuvius), the toppling of the Washington Monument and St. Peter's Basilica (the Statue of Liberty and the Eiffel Tower would be so old-hat), the block-by-block collapse of Los Angeles (a rented limo outrunning the spreading

crevasses and sinkholes, dodging the crumbling high-rises and overpasses), the monster tsunamis that engulf the White House and even, very far from sea level, the Himalayas. All of that is quite something quite a lot of things — to see. And the plot attempt to update, to technologize, to science-fictionalize the Biblical story of Noah's Ark is something worth trying. 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 literal boat. Still, in the inadequacy of its response to its chosen subject matter, in its merry refusal to think about the unthinkable, in its whistling past the graveyard, the film after all seems only human. Strange to say about an FX extravaganza. John Cusack, Chiwetel Eijofor, Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover, Oliver Platt. 2009. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Where the Wild Things Are — A very realistic live-action little boy, acting out at suppertime and running away from home in a Halloween animal costume, sails across the sea to an all-brown imaginary land of giant hirsute Muppets, where he confronts hard truths about his own irrationality and

impracticality. Spike Jonze's free-hand adaptation of the sketchy Maurice Sendak children's picture book is aimed more at the knowing adult than at the tot, but even the knowing may gag on urpy imagery that, for all its painstaking detail and unstinting production, continually recalls such indigestibles as The Neverending Story and Labyrinth. With Max Records, Catherine Keener, and the voices of James Gandolfini, Chris Cooper, Catherine O'Hara, Paul Dano, and Forest Whitaker. 2009. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 12/4)

Zombieland — Nerdy, neurotic Jesse Eisenberg, the unlikeliest Texan, narrates a postmodern post-apocalyptic road trip through a population of secondhand flesheating zombies, in the company of the only three surviving humans east of Bill Murray's mansion in Beverly Hills: the Twinkie craving Woody Harrelson and two scamming sisters, Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin. Smart-ass comedy, not to say smart, forgetful as it is of its own rules and logic. Directed by Ruben Fleischer. 2009. ● (GASLAMP 15: LA PALOMA, FROM 12/4)

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No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) Armored (PG-13) Fri. (11:15) 12:10, 1:45, 2:40, 4:15, 5:10, 6:45, 7:35, 9:15, 10:00, 11:35 Sat. (11:15) 12:05, 1:45, 2:40, 4:15, 5:10, 6:45, 7:35, 9:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:15) 12:10, 1:45, 2:40, 4:15, 5:10, 6:45, 7:35, 9:15, 10:00; The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 12:30, 1:20, 3:30, 4:20, 6:30, 7:20, 9:40, 10:30; The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05; **Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; A Christmas Carol (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15) 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, 10:35 Sun. (10:15) 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Everybody's Fine (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 2:35. 5:05, 7:30, 9:45; The Fourth Kind (PG-13) Fri 4:35, 9:25, 11:45 Sat.-Sun. 4:35, 9:25; The Men Who Stare at Goats (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00. 6:55: New Moon (PG-13) Fri -Sun 12:05, 3:10, 6:15, 9:30 Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:00, 1:40, 4:05, 4:40, 7:00, 7:40, 10:10, 10:50 Sun (10:30) 1:00, 1:40, 4:05, 4:40, 7:00, 7:40, 10:10; Ninia Assassin (R) Fri. (10:55, 11:40) 1:30. 2:15, 4:05, 4:50, 6:35, 7:25, 9:10, 10:15, 11:40 Sat. (10:55) 1:30, 2:15, 4:05, 4:50, 6:35, 7:25, 9:10, 10:15 Sun. (10:55, 11:40) 1:30, 2:15, 4:05, 4:50, 6:35, 7:25, 9:10, 10:15; Old Dogs (PG) Fri. (11:45) 12:35, 2:05, 3:00, 4:25, 5:25, 6:50, 7:55, 9:20, 10:15, 11:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 12:35, 2:05, 3:00, 4:25, 5:25, 6:50, 7:55, 9:20, 10:15 Planet 51 (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:25) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:40 Sun. (10:25) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; **The Road** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; 2012 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun (11:10) 2:45, 6:20, 9:50

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire (R) Fri. & Mon.-Thu. (1:50) (4:30) 7:10, 9:50, Sat. & Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **An Education** Fri. & Mon.-Thu. (2:10) (4:50) 7:30, 10:05 Sat. & Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Bad Lieutenant, Port of**

Call: New Orleans (NR) Fri. & Mon.-Thu. (1:40) (4:20) 7:00, 9:40, No 7:00 pm show Wed., 12/09/09; Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **The Strip** (PG-13) Fri. & Mon-Thu. (2:20) (5:00) 7:40, 10:10 Sat. & Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10, Special Appearance! Director Jameel Khan & Actor Dave Foley Sat. 12/05/09; **A Serious Man** (R) Fri & Mon - Thu (2.00) (4.40), 7.20, 10.00. Sat. & Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

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

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Armored (PG-13) Fri. (1230 250 520)800 1030, Sat - Sun (1230 250)520 800 1030, Mon Thu. (1230 250 520)800 1030; **Brothers** (R) Fri. - Thu. (1250 350)720 1010, **Everybody's** Fine (PG-13) Fri. (1220 245 510)750 1015, Sat. Sun. (1220 245)510 750 1015, Mon. - Thu (1220 245 510)750 1015; **Transylmania** (R) Fri. (1210 235 500)730 955, Sat. - Sun. (1210 235)500 730 955, Mon. - Thu. (1210 235 500)730 955, **2012** (PG-13) Fri. - Thu. (1200 325)650 950 1015; The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri. (100 140 405 440)700 740 1000 1040, Sat. Sun. (100 140)405 440 700 740 1000 1040, Mon. - Thu, (100 140 405 440)700 740 1000 1040; A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) Fri. (1205 225 450)715 935, Sat. - Sun. (1205 225)450 715 935, Mon. - Thu. (1205 225 450)715 935; **Cou**ples Retreat (PG-13) Fri. (1205 240 515)750 1025, Sat. - Sun. (1205 240)515 750 1025, Mon - Thu. (1205 240 515)750 1025; **Fantastic Mr.**

Fox (PG) Fri. (1210 230 450)710 930, Sat. Sun. (1210 230)450 710 930, Mon. - Thu. $(1210\ 230\ 450)710\ 930;$ New Moon (PG-13)Fri. - Thu. (1240 340)640 940, New Moon (PG-13) Fri. (100 130 400 430)700 730 1000 1030, Sat. - Sun. (100 130)400 430 700 730 1000 1030, Mon. - Thu. (100 130 400 430)700 730 1000 1030; **Ninja Assassin** (R) Fri. (1240 305 530)755 1020, Sat. - Sun. (1240 305)530 755 1020, Mon. - Thu. (1240 305 530)755 1020; **Old Dogs** (PG) Fri. (1200 1230 220 255 445 510)710 735 930, Sat. - Sun. (1200 1230 220 255)445 510 710 735 930, Mon. - Thu (1200 1230 220 255 445 510)710 735 930; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri. (1220 245 520)745 1010, Sat. - Sun. (1220 245)520 745 1010, Mon. -

Thu. (1220 245 520)745 1010; Precious Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire $\left(R\right)$ Fri. (1215 250 525)800 1035, Sat. - Sun. (1215 250)525 800 1035, Mon. - Thu. (1215 250 525)800 1035

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710

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

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Armored (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05 The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 3:00, 3:30) 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45; Brothers (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:45) 7:55, 10:50 Sat. Sun. (1:05) 4:45, 7:55, 10:50; **A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri. 7:25, 10:10, (11:55, 5:00) 2:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:55) 2:25, 5:00, 7:25, 10:10; Every-body's Fine (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:20) 7:05, 9:45; Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri. 7:35, 9:55, (12:40, 5:20) 3:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:35) 6:55, 10:20; **New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 12:35, 3:10, 3:40) 6:50, 7:20, 7:50, 10:00, 10:25, 10:55; **Ninja As**sassin (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:50) 8:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:50, 8:00, 10:35; Old Dogs (PG) Fri. (12:20, 12:55, 2:40, 3:25, 4:55) 7:10 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 12:55, 2:40, 3:25) 4:55, 7:10, 9:40; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; 2012 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:25) 7:00, 10:30

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Blind Side (PG-13); New Moon (PG-13); Old Dogs (PG); 2012 (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA Chula Vista 10

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



Everybody's Fine (PG-13) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; Armored (PG-13) (12:00 2:45) 5:30 7:45 10:15; Old Dogs (PG) ((11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; Ninja Assassin (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:45 8:15 10:45: New Moon (PG-(12.50 5.00) 5.45 8115 10.45, **New Moor** (13 13) (11:00 1:00 2:00) 4:00 5:00 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; No 1:00 Sat.; No 7:00 Thu.; **The Blind** Side (PG-13) (11:15 2:15) 4:45 7:45 10:30; Planet 51 (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:15; **A Christmas Carol 3D** (PG) (11:45 2:30) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **2012** (PG-13) (11:30 3:15) 7:15 10:45; Olivia & Curious George Double-Feature (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386) Armored (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:40) 1:05, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40 Sun. 1:05, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:25, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45; **A** Christmas Carol (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Everybody's Fine (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:15) 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri-Sun. 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; New **Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:20, 1:30, 3:25, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30; **Ninja Assas**sin (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Old Dogs (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:25, 6:45, 9:10; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 3:05, 6:40, 10:05

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386) Armored (PG-13); The Blind Side (PG-13); Brothers (R); A Christmas Carol (PG); Everybody's Fine (PG-13); Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG); The Fourth Kind (PG-13); Law Abiding Citizen (R); New Moon (PG-13); Ninja Assassin (R); Old Dogs (PG); Planet 51 (PG); Transylmania (Not Rated); 2012 (PG-13)



Rancho Del Rey 16 1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386) Armored (PG-13); The Blind Side (PG-13); Brothers (R); A Christmas Carol (PG); Everybody's Fine (PG-13); Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG); The Fourth Kind (PG-13); New Moon (PG-13); Ninja Assassin (R); Old Dogs (PG); Planet 51 (PG); Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire (R); 2012 (PG-13)

NORTH INLAND ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16 350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK **River Village 6** 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Brothers (PG-13) (11:15 1:45) 4:15 7:00 9:30; Everybody's Fine (PG-13) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 7:45 10:15; Old Dogs (PG) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; Ninja Assassin (R) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **New Moon** (PG-13)(11:00 2:00) 5:00 8:00 10:45; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00; Olivia & Curious George Double-Feature (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu. No 11 am-3:45 pm shows Mon.-Thu.

POWAY

Poway 10 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Brothers (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Everybody's Fine (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:15 7:30 9:45; Armored (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Old Dogs** (PG) (11:30 2:00) 4:30 7:00 9:15; No 7:00 Sat.; **Fan**tastic Mr. Fox (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:30; Ninja Assassin (R) ((10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; New Moon (PG-13) (10:00 1:00) 4:15 7:15 10:15; The Blind Side (PG-13) (10:30 1:45) 4:45 7:45 10:45: A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; 2012 (PG-13) (12:00 3:30) 7:00 10:15; Olivia & Curious George Double-Feature (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18 1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

VISTA

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

Armored (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:15, 5:35) 7:55, 10:10; The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40) 7:05, 7:45, 9:50, 10:35; Brothers (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:05; **A Christmas Carol** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; **Every**body's Fine (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; Hermie & Friends: A Fruitcake Christmas (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. (10:00a.m.); New Moon (PG-13)

Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 12:20, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30) 6:45, 7:30, 9:40, 10:20; **Ninja Assassin** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:25; **Old Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:25, 1:10, 2:45, 3:25 5:45) 7:20, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25; **Planet 51** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 3:10) 7:00, 10:20

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:55, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10 Sun. (11:10, 1:55, 4:45) 7:30; Brothers (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:15, 9:45 Sun (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:15; New Moon (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00; Old Dogs (PG) Fri. (11:25, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. (11:25, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8 El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Brothers (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Old Dogs (PG) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; Ninja Assassin (R) (10:15 12:45



STARTS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 CHECK LOCAL LISTINGS FOR THEATERS AND SHOWTIMES SORRY, NO PASSES ACCEPTED FOR THIS ENGAGEMENT

3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; No 8:15 Mon.; New Moon (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; The Blind Side (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:45 7:45 10:30; Planet 51 (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:15 7:30 9:45; A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:30; **2012** (PG-13) (12:00 3:30) 7:15 10:45; No 7:15 Mon.; **Olivia** & Curious George Double-Feature (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; Creed Concert Event 8 pm Mon. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Flower Hill 4 2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



Everybody's Fine (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire** (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Pirate Ra**dio (R) (11:00) 4:30 10:15; An Education (PG-13) (1:45) 7:30 No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma 471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469) Capitalism: A Love Story (R) Fri. 6:15p.m. Sat.-Sun. (3:30) 6:15; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. (12:00p.m.); Zombieland (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:00p.m

LA COSTA

La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



Old Dogs (PG) (10:15 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15: No 12:30 & 3:00 Thu.: Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:00; New Moon (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **2012** (PG-13) (12:00 3:45) 7:15 10:30; No 7:15 Thu.; A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) (10:30 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:30; No 5:45 & 8:15 Thu.; Olivia & Curious George Double-Feature (G) 10:30 am Sat. Sun. only

No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13 College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)



Everybody's Fine (PG-13) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 7:45 10:00; Will also play at 10:00 am Wed. 12/9 only; **Brothers** (PG-13) (11:15 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:00; Armored (PG-13) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; Old Dogs (PG) (11:00 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) (11:45 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; Ninja Assassin (R) (12.15 2.45) 5.15 7.45 10.15: New Moon (PG-13) (11:00 12:00 2:00 3:00) 5:00 m 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) ∪ (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:15; **Planet 51** (PG) ∪ (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:15; **A Christmas** Carol 3D (PG) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; 2012 (PG-13)(11:30 3:15) 7:15 10:45; Boondock Saints 2 (R) (12:45) 4:15 7:15 10:15: No 7:15 Mon : Olivia & Curious George Double-Feature (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; Creed Concert Event 8 pm Mon. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Call theater for program information.

Crasher

AMY WALLEN WILL GIVE YOU CRICKETS

by Josh Board

B. I drove by the Swedenborgian Church around the corner from my place in Normal Heights, I saw people entering for some event that included balloons and a huge cake. It was a safe assumption that this was a party and not a religious gathering.

I got home, parked, grabbed my camera, and headed over. As I made the trek, I thought, *If there is a God, I wonder how bad it looks that it takes a party to get me to enter a church.*

Instead of the collection plate that's passed around during services, it cost me \$15 at the door. Considering there was a great variety of catered food, the entry fee was worth it: one table had cold cuts, fruits, and various cheeses, and another table had a large assortment of wines and cheeses.

And the stories people told they were not the normal stories I hear when I'm at a party. The event, called Dime Stories, has been going on for years, and I had found my way to their fifth birthday celebration. Local writers come up with a piece that's three minutes long. It can be any type of short story; the only requirement is that it be told within three minutes.

Author Amy Wallen runs these



Left: Sue Norberg reading her story "Shaving My Legs"; Right: Alex (middle), Simon (right)

gatherings with an iron fist...well, a plastic timer. That may sound a bit harsh, but if you don't rein these writers in, you might end up listening to a story that's longer than you want to hear.

I talked to a tall guy named Simon, who told me it was his 68th birthday. I asked if he played basketball and found out he wrote a story to tell about the Harlem Glo-

"I don't want anyone seeing me with a whole plate."

betrotters. He told me that when he was younger, he saw a movie they did and read stories about them. I told him I had just finished reading the Pete Maravich biography. Since he hadn't read it, I told him I'd give him the book.

Every time I walked by writers who were discussing things they were writing, it was always something interesting. And nobody was pretentious. It was a great crowd.

I went over to talk with Amy and had a plate full of food. She reached over and grabbed a carrot off the table. I said, "It's easier to use a plate." She smiled and said, "I just pick at the food. I don't want anyone seeing me with a whole plate." As she looked around at the crowd, she guessed, "Maybe they're doing the same thing, and that's why they're all just hovering around it."

I didn't care what people thought as I grabbed two more brownies and headed in a different direction.

Most of the people were dressed up. I did see a guy who

had a T-shirt with the Pink Floyd prism going into a trailer. I tried figuring out what it meant but had no clue. I finally asked him, and he said something about the shirt's design belonging to a bluegrass band. I told him about a band someone told me about called "Hayseed Dixie." They do bluegrass versions of AC/DC songs. He had heard about them. Both of us discussed the hundreds of T-shirts we have from bands we like.

After an hour of socializing and eating, we sat down in the pews and got ready to listen to the stories.

Amy went over the rules, playing the sound effects that let you know your time is almost up. If you go over three minutes, the crowd is treated to the sound of crickets as you try to finish.

One guy, who looked a little like Alan Arkin, read his story fast. I had the feeling he was trying to fit it all in under three minutes. And he did.

One woman read a story about her first car. She wanted a Volvo but ended up with a Buick Electra that had an eight-track stereo. She said the air conditioning didn't work, and in Las Vegas, there were times when it was hotter than Satan's crotch.

As she finished her funny piece, Amy got ready to introduce

the next reader. She suggested others should try to work "Satan's crotch" into their stories.

One woman got the threeminute buzzer going with a story she read about a sister who had contracted cancer. I felt horrible that time ran out on such a sad, powerful piece.

Before Simon got up to read his story on the Globetrotters, I told him he should have "Sweet Georgia Brown" playing in the background. I then thought about going home and getting my basketball, to spin it on my finger while he read. I figured that would take away from his story, which was interesting. He talked about innercity kids playing basketball and rich people that go to the games.

A guy named Alex got up and read a story he wrote about King Kong. It had the crowd in stitches. He would sarcastically talk about all the damage King Kong would do, and the people capturing him would talk about how that's the perfect creature to bring into a big, crowded city. The best line was when he talked about the heat in the forest as they searched for King Kong. He said, "It was hotter than Satan's crotch. But it was a dry crotch." The crowd erupted in laughter.

When I talked to him later and told him how great his story was,





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he said, "I'm like a poor man's Orson Welles."

Someone else told me he was part of a group called the Drunk Poets Society. which meets at Winstons in 0.B.

The funniest story of the evening was told by a woman who wrote about going to the bathroom at work and having her boss sit in the stall next to her. People often talk about the Seinfeld where Elaine was in the bathroom and ran out of toilet paper. Well, the story told on this night was ten times funnier.

When she finished I went to grab a glass of wine. I talked a young guy into

opening up the champagne. He looked at the bottle for a second, and I said, "Do you know how to open it?" He smiled and said, "Of course. I'm Irish.'

I talked to the woman who wrote the bathroom story, telling her it was the best of the evening. I asked her how hard it was to edit it down to three minutes. She told me an interesting story about the editing process and how Playgirl bought a story from her but edited out the part in which the woman has an orgasm.

After finishing my glass of champagne and hearing a few more stories, I ran home and got my Pete Maravich

book. Because so many people had stories to read, I had plenty of time. When I returned, I handed the book to Simon and as he thanked me and started to talk basketball, I overheard a woman onstage talking about finding a locust shell on a plum tree.

I left the church wondering where these talented writers come up with such interesting short stories.

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DECEMBER 2, 2007: During his radio broadcast of the San Diego Chargers' victory over the

Kansas City Chiefs, announcer Hank Bauer gave a shout-out to Charger fan Alfred Silva, who was

battling cancer. (Silva's brother-in-law Jim Muse Jr. golfed with Bauer and had put in the request.)

NUTS

By March of 2008, Silva had succumbed. But when he was laid to rest at Singing Hills, it was in a powder blue coffin trimmed with gold — Charger colors. His body was dressed in a jersey honoring his favorite player, Lance Alworth. (Not, however, the jersey that Alworth signed for Silva with his old Bambi nickname; *that* one still hangs, under glass, on the wall in the Silva home.) On his feet, his Charger shoes; on his head, his Charger hat. "It was awesome," recalled his son Armando during a recent tailgate party in the Qualcomm Stadium parking lot. "He was ready to go up and watch some more football."

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Armando, now 26 and living in Lemon Grove, also wore an Alworth jersev to the funeral. His was a \$350 NFL authentic throwback from 1963; its royal blue darker, its weave tighter, and its fabric heftier than the current version. "These are supposedly the game-play jerseys," he explained, "made to NFL specifications, all that good stuff." He bought it for the occasion, along with a pair of Nike Air Jordans he found at Foot Locker. "They just matched too perfectly" — the blue and gold just a hair richer and deeper than the shades used today. "I saw them the week of Dad's funeral, and I had to grab 'em."

Fandom is a Silva tradition; Alfred had grown up being taken to Chargers games at Balboa Stadium by his father. "They were diehards," said Armando, "and I was born into that and grew into that. There was no other way to be. It's in the blood." Armando and Alfred attended at least two games a season — "someone would have two tickets, and me and him would jump all over it, whatever it took." Then, four years ago, Dad found he had the wherewithal to



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buy season tickets — a dream fulfilled before the end. These days, Armando comes to games — and the tailgates that precede them — with his mother Shelia and his cousins Troy and Matt. "Whoever else comes along, it's always us." And they all wear their jerseys.

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It's 10:30 on the morning of September 27, and it feels a mite early to be seeing a middleaged woman in a laceup Chargers-themed corset-shirt-thingy. But what are you going to do? Game time (against the Miami Dolphins) is 1:15, and the tailgates are already dropped in the parking lot surrounding Qualcomm, and so a gal's gonna wear her party gear on the trolley ride in from La Mesa, even if it's not the standard combination of short shorts and a jersey.

Jerseys: here at the Grossmont trolley stop there are 14, some fitted, some stretched by the belly beneath, but mostly baggy and big. Navy, white, and powder blue, full of minor variations that reflect both status and era (more on this later). Linebacker Shawne

Merriman (#56) and tight end Antonio Gates (#85) get three apiece, two feature wide receiver Vincent Jackson's #83, and only one honors quarterback Philip Rivers (#17). One woman wears quarterback Drew Brees's #9, even though he's currently playing for the New Orleans Saints.

After we board, a couple laments to the passenger across from them that they named their first child Ryan. "It was just Ryan," insists the wife. "It had nothing to do with Ryan Leaf!" — the franchise quarterback who proved to be San Diego's draft debacle of 1998. And lo and behold, they named their next child Andrew, right around the time Drew Brees came on the scene in 2001.

At the San Diego State stop, a bunch of Dolphins jerseys climb onboard; more than a few bear quarterback Dan Marino's name and number. Marino retired in '99. Sure, he was one of the greats, but the preponderance of #13s gives a nostalgic feel to the fandom: remember when?

A young man leans over toward his girlfriend. "You know why you see so many jerseys from other teams?" he

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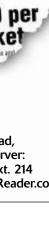
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Eligible Violators

By Carolyn Grace Matteo, Published Monday, Nov. 16, 2009



I was driving through Pacific Beach on Saturday, September 14, when I noticed a small group of people on Garnet Avenue clad in orange vests and armed with trash tongs. I stopped to chat.

Turned out the group was working to have "quality-of-life crimes" erased from their records. Examples of quality-of-life crimes include drinking or smoking at the beach, walking a dog without a leash, and urinating in public.

"You have to be eligible...can't have any felonies...but the violation gets removed from your record once you complete the program," says Discover PB executive director Andy Hanshaw.

For those interested, the program has two parts, according to Hanshaw. "For two hours on a Thursday evening, offenders meet with community members to understand the impact their crimes have on residents. They'll hear from a trauma nurse and local police officers. Then, for four hours on a Saturday, they'll help clean up the community."

Hanshaw said there are between 25 and 30 eligible violators monthly. The program is a partnership with Discover PB, the city attorney, and the Park & Recreation Department.

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asks. "Because who wants to live in Pittsburgh? Tennessee? New England? Nobody. Who wants to live in San Diego? Everybody" even if it means coming here and then rooting for the boys from somewhere else. "Greatest city in the world," finishes the young man. "Fuck, yeah," affirms his girl, and they bump fists.

The trolley slopes down into Mission Valley, cuts over top of Interstate 8, and finally pulls into the Qualcomm station. Below, in the vast, pale gray parking lot, a city of shade tents sprawls out in every direction from the high walls of the stadium. The roofs are as uniform as any ancient Italian village, but where Assisi goes with red tile, Chargertown chooses

blue nylon. Dozens of flagpoles poke up from the roofline: Old Glory and the California Republic, but mostly the San Diego Chargers. Out at the edge of the lot, rows of RVs form a sort of outer wall, a line of defense against the enemy fans as they drive in (or out).

The selling begins when you hit the bottom of the ramp leading from the trolley station into the lot: \$5 for a game-day magazine, \$10 for a team yearbook, and \$17 for a Charger Girls calendar. A couple of the Girls, already suited up in their cheerfully fleshy uniforms, make their way past the rows of tailgaters arms full of calendars as they head for the signing booth inside the Bud Light Power Party zone. Inside, just past



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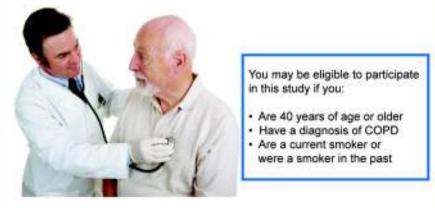
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Participants must be:

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If your child qualifies, your child will come to the clinic for two visits, and will receive:

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For more information on this study please call: 858-505-8672

Study of Phantom Limb Pain Treatment



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Inclusion criteria:

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

Interested in participating?

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

To see if you qualify or to learn more about the study, please call Kathleen Parkes: 858-552-8585 ext. 6495 the scaffolding supporting the 20-foot TV screens (What's on? Football. Did you have to ask?), a cover band rasps its way through ZZ Top's "Sharp Dressed Man." Next to them, a mobile Carl's Jr. sells burgers, etc.; a few tents down, you can get a 20ounce Bud Select draft for \$7. (You can get 16ounce Bud Chelada for the same price: Budweiser and Clamato, premixed in the can.)

The zone is also where you'll find sportscaster Jim Laslavic sitting on a raised stage under the tent for Rock 105.3 (San Diego's Chargers Station/ This is why we ROCK!), gazing off into the middle distance and talking intently into his headset. Later, during the game, the JumboTron will show ads for *Chargers* Gameday (every Sunday morning on KFMB-TV) and Football Night in San Diego on NBC 7/39, as well as the *Chargers Power Hour* (Thursday nights from 5:00 to 7:00 on XTRA sports radio 1360 AM). The setup seems happily symbiotic: the Chargers need the local coverage to help sell tickets (the team narrowly avoided blacking out the game against the Raiders on September 14), and the local media gets to hitch its cart to a celebrated corporate enterprise that garners national attention.

Hopping on the Brandwagon

Besides the Bud Light Power Party zone, a trip to a Chargers game will acquaint you with Jerome's Furniture (Jerome's Best Seat in the House), Pepsi Max (Punt-Pass-Kick Challenge), San Diego County Credit Union (Field Goal Challenge), Union Bank (free Chargers' checks!), and the Brigantine (Greatest

Chargers/Chargers moments poll), plus Gatorade, Amtrak, and Carl's Jr. (replay sponsors). That's not a comprehensive list; that's just what sticks in memory. Who woulda thunk that an event held in **Qualcomm Stadium** could feel so corporatized? Attending a football game is better than watching it on TV in all sorts of ways. (Watching Philip Rivers heave a pass 43 yards downfield

RESEARCH STUDIES

PARANOIA, DELUSIONS, DISORGANIZED THOUGHTS, HALLUCINATIONS

If you are having trouble controlling your symptoms, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study evaluating an investigational medication for people with schizophrenia.

You (or someone you know) may be able to participate in the STEP study if you:

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

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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).
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17.83 RESEARCH to Vince Jackson, for example, you get a sense of the strength and precision involved that just doesn't come through when the little figures are performing on the screen.) But on TV, you don't notice the commercials so much.

Outside the Power Party zone, the masses are having an unbranded blast. A couple sits on beach chairs behind their truck; perched on the cooler between them are two buckets of chicken wings, a tub of Red Vines, a couple of Bud Lights, and a radio. That's all it takes for a party, but, of course, many people go in for a bit more. Rod Prida meets a bunch of his friends — all club-level season-ticket holders -

at pretty much the same spot every home game, next to a strip of sidewalk between the stadium and the Porta Pottis behind the scoreboard. "We normally get here about three hours before game time, so that we can get our spot and have a couple of beers before the game. The menu changes every week. That guy over there owns the Barbecue Pit, so he'll bring food from there. Or we'll do brats. This week, it's carne asada" — heaps of it, cooked on a tabletop grill, chopped with a jumbo cleaver, and stuffed into burritos with canned beans, homemade guacamole, and maybe some habanero salsa. It's far more meat than the

group can eat; as game time approaches, they start offering it to fortunate strangers as they pass by. "Want a burrito?"

Sometimes, if the traffic leaving the stadium is heavy, they'll have a follow-up session after the game, "just to socialize and scream at Norv" — Turner, the Chargers' coach. Last week, the Chargers mounted a comeback against the Baltimore Ravens that was squelched when running back Darren Sproles got dropped behind the line of scrimmage on a fourth-and-two by linebacker Ray Lewis. "I think that was Norv's crappy coaching more than anything. With ten seconds left in the half, he went for the field

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What will you be asked to do? You will be asked to consume a nutritional drink once every day for a period of 6 months. During this time, you will be regularly monitored and tested by study staff for any changes in your memory and thinking abilities.

To be eligible to participate in this study, you must be:

- Clinically diagnosed with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease
- Taking an FDA-approved medication for Alzheimer's disease (Aricept, Exelon, Razadyne, and/or Namenda) for the past 4 months
- 50 years of age or older
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You may be eligible to participate in this study if you:

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

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Ask your doctor if this study is right for you. For more information, call:

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

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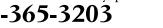
If so, please contact us today about our research study of an investigational depression medication.

Qualified participants must:

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

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goal on third down instead of running another play. And then, on the last play of the game, he tried to run the ball. We were throwing the ball all day; why change?"

Especially considering the team's running game this year. "I think we're favored by four today," says Prida. "It was at six, but now it's down to four — LT is out again, and that probably lowered the point spread." The game-day magazine lists LaDainian Tomlinson as the starting running back for the day, but the ankle he twisted two weeks back against the Oakland Raiders is proving more troublesome than anticipated. And Sproles hasn't been able to pick up the slack. "I think we're 30th out of 32 teams with the run this year. That's not good — without the threat of the run, the defense can tee off on Rivers. And running increases time of possession; when you run the ball, you can run the clock down."

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Part of the reason Prida knows these stats is because he's a fan. Another part is because he participates in the Pacific Seafood football pool. Every Friday, he and 41 others pick a winner for each of that weekend's 13 games. Then he assigns a point value to each game: 13 points for the most certain victory, 12 for the next most certain, and so on, all the way down

to 1. If your team wins, you get those points. Every member contributes \$80 per season; first place for a given week takes home \$130, second gets \$65, and third gets \$21.

After week six, Charger Rod was running 24th with 508 total points; poolmate Mike Fleming was three spots ahead with 513. Fleming has been in the Pacific pool for the past ten years, minus a two-year break when he couldn't seem to put together a winning week. Just before the action got started on week seven, I sat down with him to hear how he made his picks. "I look at the standings on NFL.com, and that's pretty much it," he began. "Some people will check the

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injury reports and the stats, but they don't necessarily win because of it.

"Usually, if it's a close game" - with no clear favorite — "then I'll go with home field advantage. I give home field a high priority some places, you just don't win there. You don't win in Denver or Pittsburgh. And you go with the hot teams though you take a risk picking these 5-0 teams, because eventually they're going to lose. Denver is going to be going to Baltimore pretty soon, and they'll be due to lose." (As it happened, he was

right — on November 1, Baltimore handed Denver their first loss of the season.) "And Detroit, at 0–6? They're due to win." (Right again: September 27 saw the Lions defeat the Washington Redskins for their first win of the season.)

But unless you're a coldhearted gambling machine, love tends to muck up even the most levelheaded process. "Last year, the Chargers went 8–8, so that means I lost eight of my games" — Fleming won't bet against his boys. "They were highpoint-value losses too, because they had all that talent" — they should

have won! "They just didn't put it together. And I like Chicago, but they cost me a lot of points last year. Right now, I have emotional attachments to New Orleans — I like Brees — and Minnesota, because I think Brett Favre's coming out of retirement is a great story. And I like Peyton Manning in Indianapolis. I can't stand his brother Eli, because I'm a Charger fan," and Eli slipped away from San Diego to New York, where he led the Giants to the championship. "But I did pick him to win this Sunday, even though I'll be rooting

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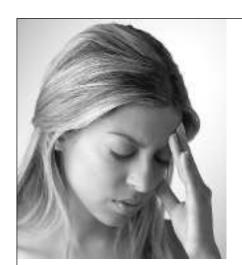
To possibly qualify for the study you must be:

- 1) a healthy, naturally postmenopausal woman
- 2) presently on or off hormones
- 3) in a heterosexual relationship for at least 1 year
- 3) bothered by your decreased sexual desire, which you have experienced for at least 6 months

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

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symptoms with frequency and

- symptoms with frequency and urgency, especially at night, for at least three months
- Qualified participants may receive: • Study-related examination and consultation by a board-certified physician
- Study-related labs and EKG at no cost
- Study-related medication or placebo (an inactive look-alike pill) at no cost
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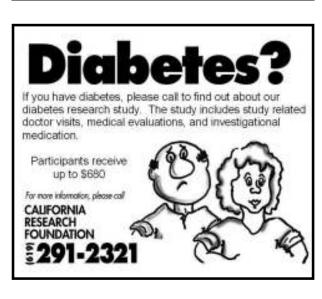
Sometimes, however, antipathy is enough to govern the bet. "Washington is due to lose again," observed Fleming, "but I picked Washington over Philadelphia this week, because Philadelphia gave a win to the Oakland Raiders. So I don't like them right now: 'You can't beat the team I hate? Then I hate you.' How's that for emotional involvement? It's different from baseball there, you're looking at 162 games. In football, you've got 16 games, and you can be done for the season if you lose 5, the way New England did last year. They went 11-5 and didn't make the play-offs. Your game is on Sunday or Monday, and you have five or six days until the

next game. You read the paper, and you listen to the radio, and each day the anticipation gets bigger. Then your game is played, and it's either tragic or phenomenal, and then it builds toward the next week."

At least, if you're a fan. Like Prida, Fleming is frustrated with Coach Turner, and emotion is a big part of the problem. "He's a monotone, flatline emotionality coach. Football's an emotional game; you've got to fire those guys up. The Chargers haven't scored a touchdown in their opening drive in something like 20 games. That's the coach. Always coming from behind defeats the troops."

* * * Back to the parking lot,

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Congestive research study **Heart Failure** related to

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

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- Active duty or retired military only
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khammond@ucsd.edu or call 888-354-9349 and Dr. Hammond's research coordinator will contact you. pre-Miami. "Do you want a taco?" asks Jadette Lowery as I admire the array of food spread out across the tailgate of her pickup truck. "These are dolphin tacos," she says with a smile, gesturing at the pile of battered fish warming in tinfoil atop a nearby kettle grill. "Last week, for the Ravens, we had Cornish game hens." She's kidding about the dolphin, and she's quick to note that "for the Broncos, we'll just have chicken - no horsemeat." Together with her friend Mary Kingsley, she has been up since 4:00 a.m. preparing the spread: Mexican rice with cactus, homemade pico de gallo, shredded cabbage, sliced lime, refried beans, shredded cheese, and all that battered fish. Come to think of it. I do want a taco.

A few minutes later, Lowery and Kingsley carry plates full of food to their crowd, gathered under a couple of shade tents. I wander down the gentle slope of the lot toward the row of limousines in the section cordoned off by blue plastic flags. Six fans gather under a tent set up next to a Chrysler 300 stretch job. (One local service offers you eight hours of such service — including drinks! - for \$749.) Past the limos is section H2, surrounded by a chain-link fence — the broad uniformity of Qualcomm gets properly carved up come game day (location, etc.) — and just inside the fence is where the Silvas have set up camp. When Dad first nailed down his season tickets, the Silvas did their tailgating in the lot's RV

section, but for the past two seasons, they've been here.

A long black beach chair emblazoned with the Chargers' logo sits empty in the shade, a tribute to the man who bought the tickets and found the spot before he passed. More chairs line the left side of the tent;

tables with warming travs line the right. Today's feast includes tri-tip slathered in a sweet sauce, intensely yellow egg salad, beans, and chicken grilled onsite, skewered between chunks of tomatoes and onions. Armando takes a bite, and a tomato explodes all over his

shorts. "No more tomatoes!" he exclaims. "But at least the jersey is clean, so I'm still good."

Armando packed the truck at home and unloaded it upon arrival; his mother Shelia got everything ready beforehand. "Put in something about how they always fight in the

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morning before the game," pleaded Troy. "Him telling her to hurry up; her telling him to shut up."

"They always lie to us about when they're leaving," complains Shelia. "They'll say they're leaving an hour before they are, just so we're ready."

"And she's still half an hour late!" marvels Armando.

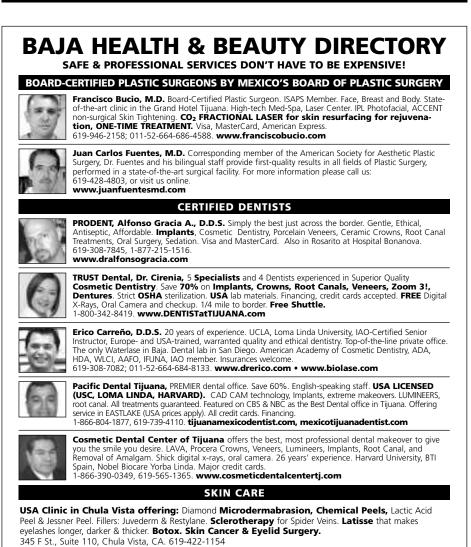
Shelia wears a girlcut powder blue #21 jersey — Tomlinson's number. But these days, she's thinking about #83, Vince Jackson. "I love LT, but there's somebody new I'm checking out," she says. "I saw him on a video clip, where they were doing a fund-raiser for kids. The Chargers giving back; that caught my attention. And then when I looked at him, I said, 'Oh, yeah.' I just need to find the right female jersey."

Troy is wearing Antonio Gates's #85, also in powder blue, while his brother Matt wears Merriman's #56 in navy. "If I bought a new one," he says, "it'd be Antonio Cromartie [cornerback, #31] because he's the best, the fuckin' best. But I can't see spending the money. Maybe when this one starts tearing up. I'd love to get it autographed, then hang it up and never wear it again."

Shawne Merriman was recently arrested for allegedly assaulting reality television personality Tila Tequila. However, no charges were ever

filed, and the case is now closed — and the episode doesn't seem to have hurt his popularity. Besides Matt's, I see a host of Merriman jerseys at the game, many of them on women. Still, says Armando, fanhood goes only so far. "Say Vincent Jackson got traded away. I think he's a talent, but at the same time, the guy's got some DUIs and off-thefield issues he needs to resolve. When I was a kid, I idolized all these guys. Those are the guys I looked up to. I've got a nephew — he's only six years old, but I'm shaping him toward being a Charger fan, and I don't want him looking up to people that way. 'Oh, it's cool that he excels on the field, so don't worry about off the field. He

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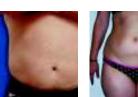
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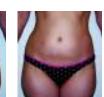
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The Chargers are Armando's team, but his loyalties to this or that player once he leaves the squad depend on circumstance. He still likes Drew Brees, who got shipped out because general manager A.J. Smith wanted Philip Rivers. "I think he handled being traded correctly and that we didn't do as well as we could have. But I root against the Giants because they have Eli Manning," who famously stated that he wouldn't play for San Diego if they drafted him. "Can't stand the guy."

And if the Chargers pulled up stakes and moved out of town? "It'd break my heart. I'd almost root for people to beat them."

The Silvas count themselves among the surprising number of tailgaters who watch football on TV while they prepare to watch football in the stadium. A Honda generator thrums away in one corner of their setup, pumping electricity to a flat-screen Polaroid TV, a Pioneer receiver, and a DirecTV box borrowed from one of the attendees. Armando's cousin Troy points the satellite dish between two particular houses on the southern ridge above Mission Valley, searching for the signal. "You have to aim it there," says Armando. "We learned this from all the people we studied."

The day grooves toward its midpoint. There is beer, and there is football, and there is family. There is also Jackie from Sycuan, clad in Alyssa Milano jeans with Charger bolts on the back pockets. "We have a Sycuan skybox," she explains, "but Shelia's brother was married to my sister, and so we've been in the same family for years. When her husband

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passed away, I stepped up and bought his ticket and started coming here" for the pregame warm-up. "This is better; it's more family-oriented. They introduce me to people as Auntie Jackie."

* * * After a sandwich, a skewer, and some more wandering, it's time to head inside — past the guy selling Filet o' Fish signs, past the cutout of the Simpsons sea captain holding a dolphin and roaring, "Arrrr — they blow." (In his other hand, he grips a dead cat by the neck; the caption reads, "This cat ain't so wild," a reference to Miami's optionheavy Wildcat offense.) Through security, listening to the recorded

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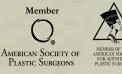
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Yes it is. The kids and the mariachis depart the field, and here come the Charger Girls, lining up to form a corridor leading out from the mouth of an inflatable Chargerdome. "And here come your AFC West San Diego Chargers," cries the announcer, and boom go the cannons and whoosh go the rockets up above even where I'm sitting. As each starter hears his

name, he trots out through the corridor, and a great cheer goes up, and two more rockets burst in the heavens. Darren Sproles gets the biggest shout of the

bunch, but the fans are happy to see everyone, happy to shout and whoop, happy to revel in the spectacle. When the Coast Guard sends two Jayhawk helicopters buzzing over the stadium after the national anthem, it seems only right that they should be here. When Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy Train" starts up before

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the kickoff, it seems perfectly natural (though it does get a bit old after the fifth or sixth goround).

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fumbles on the goal line after carving through our defense, I get my first taste of bedlam. It's great. Even though the crowd up here seems as if it's half Miami fans, the shouting is almost tangible. I get it again when the Chargers finally punch in a touchdown with 2:02 left in the third quarter, the cannons firing. A dolphin's chirp sounds over the PA. "Hear that?" a father asks his son. "That's Flipper, caught in the net."

Of course, there's a fair amount of standing around between plays and even more between quarters. Time for a distraction. "Now, we call your attention to the west end zone," booms the announcer. "California Girls!" And there they are, golden pompoms glittering in the sun so that you can follapsing into an artful arrangement as the song comes to a close. (Here, the reader may be tempted to think that I just dipped into my Big *Book of Gerunds* and picked a dozen or so at

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low 'em even from way up here: the Charger Girls, our very own professional cheerleaders, twirling, kicking, bending, thrusting, shaking, swiveling, stretching, jumping, throwing their hair from hither to yon and back again, and colrandom. But I didn't.) An older dude a few rows below me, his tanned torso uncomplicated by any sort of shirt, dances along; no one seems to mind. The announcer comes back on, beaming. "The hottest dance team in

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the NFL: your Charger Girls!" and the fans applaud.

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By the fourth quarter, the score is 16–6 San Diego, and the fans start trickling out to beat the traffic. A comeback seems unlikely; Dolphins quarterback Chad Pennington has been gone since the second quarter with a shoulder injury, and backup Chad Henne seems overwhelmed. Final score: Chargers 23, Dolphins 13.

* * * A few weeks later, I head back down to the Q for a follow-up session with the Silvas, this time for a Monday-night game against the Denver Broncos. They get there around noon; kickoff is at 5:30 p.m. Shelia had to go to work this morning instead of prepping the food, so Troy picks up pollo asada from Tortilleria Salsa Market in El Cajon. "It's a tortilla place, but they also do all this. Everything is made fresh today," he assures me — the salsa, the guacamole, etc. The marinated thighs await the portable grill. Armando made the rice and picked up beans.

Once things are set up, Shelia breaks out a plastic water bottle filled with Patrón, pours a round, and raises a toast to the Chargers. After that, the group switches to Coors Light, Fat Tire, and blue Captain Morgan coconut rum Jell-O shots stored in individual salsa containers.

The team is coming off a tough loss in Pittsburgh that left them 2–2, and the Broncos are undefeated. Hopes are high, but it's tough to hear the trio of Denver fans chanting, "Five and oh! Five and oh!" as they walk past. "How'd last season work out for you?" calls Armando, reminding them of the team's spectacular collapse. (Denver was the first team in NFL history to be up three games in their division with three weeks left in the season, only to lose all three games and surrender the division title to San Diego.) Even so, the swagger belongs to Denver.

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this year," says

Armando. "We're Super Bowl contenders." Or at least, we were supposed to be. "That's what this city wants and has been waiting for, and that's why we're bellyaching now. We're dissatisfied. We have these high expectations, maybe because we've been a bottom-of-the-barrel kind of team for so long - my whole life." We did go to the Super Bowl in '94, of course, but once there, they got stomped by San Francisco, 49–26. "My mom and dad lucked out; they got to go to the Super Bowl and everything. But we got taken

out; it was not a proud place to be wearing your jersey."

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says Laurie. Anyway: "My poor brothers and dad. When the Raiders had their Super Bowl in San Diego in 2003, they

"The fates are against us: Denver wins 34-23."

has joined the Silvas today, has an even sadder story. "My dad is an original season-ticket holder for Oakland ... "

"Don't put that in there," jokes Armando. "Raiders fans don't get invited to the tailgate. You see how she had to dress" — blue Charger jacket, yellow shorts. "I'm all spirited!"

didn't win tickets in the raffle. They flew down here and stood outside with a sign. They got one offer that my dad almost took, but in the end, he didn't."

"My dad went out and bought a Tampa Bay Buccaneers hat, just because of that game," comments Armando. "He's never owned any-

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thing but Chargers and Padres hats. I was, like, 'What the hell?' He said, 'They beat the Raiders!' "

Laurie says she hasn't gotten any family static over her attendance in Charger blue. "I told my dad. He hates the Broncos. I think he'd rather see the Chargers win."

"It's complicated," agrees Armando.

Talk turns to the players and what's gone wrong. Armando says he keeps track with "Chargers.com, ESPN, whatever I can get my hands on. ESPN kind of stays on the TV all day. I think Norv's kind of got to get it in gear. I understand that everyone coaches in their own way, but I'd like to see some more passion out of him. I think LT is back from his injuries; it's just that our offensive line can't open any holes. Yes, he's older, and he seems to go out of bounds more, but you can't blame the guy. He's been getting beat up for 11-plus years. And for the first 5 or 6 years of his career, we were horrible, and we rode him. We ran him 40 times a game, and he was a superstar for us. So I think he deserves respect."

The couple in the next space wanders over and joins in the conversation: Rob and Jennifer Hyk from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They're here to see our team win. "We came to San Diego on our honeymoon eight years ago," explains Jennifer, "and while we were here, we came to a Chargers game and a Padres game. He's been a Chargers fan ever since. We have a nine-monthold son, and I really

liked the name Dane. He didn't want the name; he said, 'People will say you named him after LT.' But after labor, he said, 'If you want to name him Apple Turnover, I would be down with it.' So we named him Dane, and when he went to work, people gave him crap. It turns out he was born on the 21st," LT's num-

ber. "We didn't do it on purpose. But, yeah, we've got Chargers onesies and all that kind of stuff. My mom's staying with him right now we didn't bring him to

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get his forehead signed or anything."

It's a good story, but the whole time, I'm thinking: "Wow. A Chargers game on your honeymoon. Are you that rare creature, the Happy Football Wife?" "At our house, you either absorb it or you're miserable. I enjoy it. What I didn't realize was that DirecTV was a

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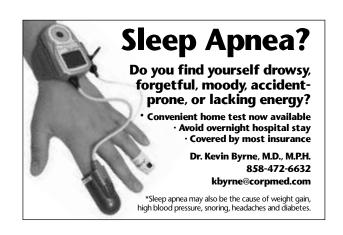
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you have to swear to me that if we lose, you will not be grumpy and ruin the rest of the vacation.' He said, 'No, no, no — I won't. But we're going to win.' I thought, 'Oh, God.' " But she's smiling as she says it.

A little later, she sidles up to me and offers, almost in a hush, "When you see all the merchandise, all the passion that people invest in the team, and then you hear about owners moving teams, blacking it out if they don't get their money from luxury boxes...it makes me want to vomit. If you added up what people here have spent...they want to get every last penny out of the fans."

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eBay," he says. "It was a 'best offer' jersey." He's hesitant to discuss the price in front of his wife, but, he says, "It was under \$100. I've got a Rivers and a Cromartie and a Tomlinson — that one cost me the most. They're all sewn." He's also got two "San Diego Chargers scrub caps — a buddy of mine who's a Browns fan found them for me. I'm a nurse

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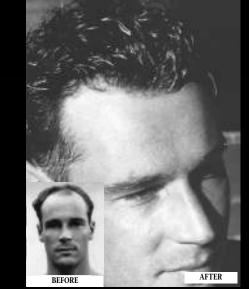


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though it does make a good story.

There's a reason Rob has the SuperFan package. "The NFL has become something of a monster for me," he admits. "I've found a way to make the NFL season last for 12 months out of the year. There aren't 24 hours that go by when I'm not on the Union-Tri*bune* website, reading everything from Nick Canepa, Tim Sullivan, Kevin Acee. Acee probably thinks I'm some kind of stalker; I like to air my dirty laundry over the internet, and I've emailed him. He's replied a couple of times."

night!' " It's hard to tell

if he's entirely serious,

If the NFL is a monster for Rob, then it's a monster with lightning bolts coming out of its ears. "Everyone in South Dakota thinks I'm crazy for traveling out of state on the opening weekend of pheasant season — we may be the only state that gets to shoot its state bird. I said, 'No — I'm going to a football game.' Next weekend, I'll be shooting our state bird, and on my way back home, I'll be listening to Josh Lewin and Hank Bauer call the game on Sirius satellite radio. I'm a pretty rabid fan. Satellite radio is on a three-second delay, and so I'll pause my live television and restart it so that I can watch it with the San Diego radio call." Eventually, the

group gets itself fed and then settles down to a few hands of poker. They even bring out a proper table for the occasion. Everyone's feeling pretty cheerful by this point, but the fates are against us: Denver wins 34-23.

* * *

After the game, Armando was so low that he couldn't bring himself to talk to the Hyks. "I just kind of sat there," he recalls, "and waited for everybody to get ready and drove home. Even the next day, people were coming over, and I was saving, 'You don't want to talk to me right now.' But if we win, I'm on top of the world."

— Matthew Lickona

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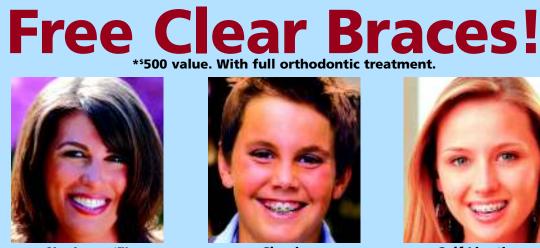
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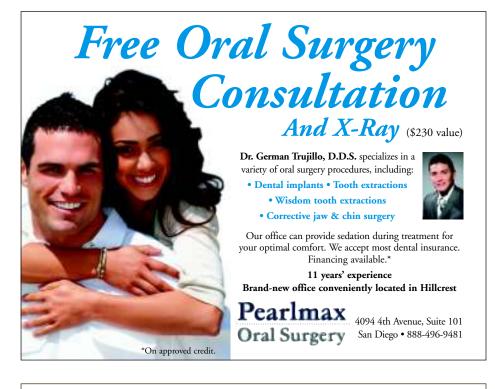
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ball players deserved better than what they ended up getting, and I thank Ron Mix for trying to help them.

I have, in fact, previously met Ron Mix, and years ago we ran laps and did sprints together at Point Loma High School track after-hours. He was and is a gentleman and a scholar. And a good and faithful husband to his lucky wife, darn it!

I have also suffered the deleterious effects of past overindulgences in athletics, and just like a lot of the people in the story, I limp too. After years of pounding the pavement running, my knees are whacked. But there are ways to manage the pain, which may include regular cortisone shots, exercise therapy, and doses of hyaluronic acid injections, which rebuild the synovial joint fluid. With proper pain management, medical care, and a good attitude, it is possible to get around all right, despite the past.

These up-and-coming stars should be careful and make sure they are taking care of themselves financially too. Have a trusted professional guide them; seek financial counseling and advice. Try and get a grip on all the women who will throw themselves at these guys. Just like these players are disciplined athletically, they also need to keep their fly zippered up too. Unfortunately, there are a number of gold diggers out there just looking for a vulnerable target (and wallet). This is an unfortunate fact of this kind of life — so many players get played.

Not to end on a gloomy note, because there is so much innate talent here, and that's a glorious thing. It may sound clichéd, but to one to whom so much has been given, so much should be expected. The hard part is just making sure it all doesn't just go to waste or get uselessly frittered away. G. Powell via email

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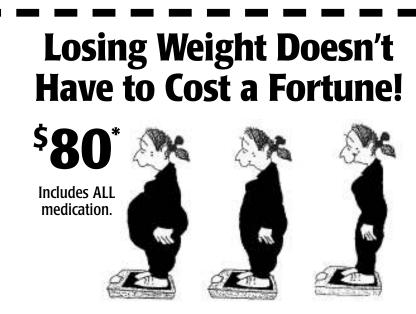
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With regards to tattoos, I could never get one. The process seems too painful. You couldn't get anywhere near my feet with a needle either.. too ticklish. This sounds corny, but I always thought it would be funny to get a tattoo of Herve Villechaize, of Fantasy Island and James Bond villain fame.

Happy 40th, Chicken. ;-)

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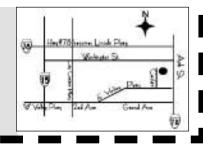


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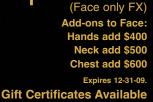
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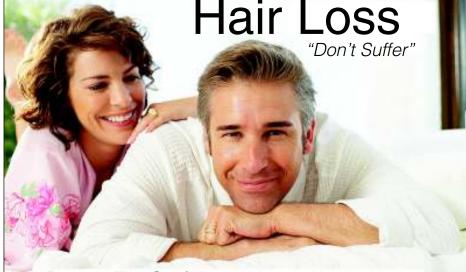
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Calendar

December 3-December 9

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Thursday | 3

DESPERATELY SEEKING UNIQUE ART OBJECTS?

Six days after Black Friday and holiday shopping is well under way. Find original gifts at the semiannual glass and pottery sale, where all items on offer — ceramic sculpture, blown glass, stained glass, fused and slumped glass, metalwork, jewelry, photography, and pottery — were created by Palomar College students. See **SPECIAL**, page 70.

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

Come see the next generation of choreography at this annual dance concert choreographed and performed by Grossmont College dance students showcasing a variety of dance genres including ballet, jazz, modern, and hip-hop. See **DANCE**, page 73.

Friday | 4

BLACK NATIVITY: THE MUSICAL

Common Ground stages its popular



retelling of the birth of Jesus with such diversified genres as gospel music, hiphop beats,

ballet,

crunk dance, spoken word, rap, and praise and worship. Directed by Hassan El-Amin. See **THEATER**, page 112.

DECEMBER NIGHTS

Balboa Park hosts its annual holiday gala with music, dance, shopping, and international cuisine. There's the Santa Lucia Procession at the San Diego Museum of Man, gift shopping at museum stores and Spanish Village, music and dance presentations by the San Diego Junior Theatre and the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, and much more. See **SPECIAL**, page 70.

Saturday | 5

BREAKFAST WITH SAINT NICHOLAS — AND ART!

Enjoy breakfast with St. Nicholas — who will have a surprise for each child — and shop signature crafts such as the All Souls' Mice Collection at All Souls' Episcopal Church. Art jewelry by Sandra Francour Designs and Zapata. See **FOR KIDS**, page 76.

FABLES, FRIENDS, AND FRUITCAKE!

The citizens of 19thcentury San Diego would like to take you

with them as they tell stories, gossip about each other, visit each other's homes, and attempt to dispose of a fruitcake. These comedic performances are a part of an immersive tour about Old Town where the audience will stroll the area and meet the characters who live there.

See **SPECIAL**, page 69.

Sunday | 6 HANUKKAH HAPPENING! This party for people of all faiths and



ages promises Hanukkah crafts, Hanukkah foods, a silent auction, carnival games for kids, and Hanukkah presents for sale. See **SPECIAL**, page 70.

HAVE YOURSELF A "REPUR-POSED" LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Create an ornament out of recycled materials during the family-day program at the Oceanside Museum of Art.

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required. See **FOR KIDS**, page 76.

Monday | 7

VIDEO VIEWS ON WOMEN, CREATIVITY, AND FRIVOLITY

The film series at La Jolla Library continues with an examination of the theme of creativity with work by sculptor Anne Mudge, master craftsman Don Madison, artist Viviana Lombrozo, and the techniques used by a chef to assemble a foot-tall sandwich. "Art and the Creative Process" instructor France-Marie Haeger presents the program. See **FILM**, page 73.

Tuesday | 8

MEET NUBS

Local author and U.S. Marine Brian



Dennis and his Iraqi dog of war Nubs visit Warwick's Bookstore to discuss and

sign Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle. See **IN PERSON**, page 78.

Wednesday | 9

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WINE? Janene Roberts and John Alonge visit

the Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffeehouse

in Seaport Village to talk about local vineyards, the best local wines, and their books: *Wine Tasting in Southern California* and *The Wine Heretic's Bible*. See **IN PERSON**, page 78.



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Snow Ski Hawaii **By Christian Cullen**

To relieve the tedium of relaxing on the white or black sand beaches of the Big Island, let me suggest a ski trip. Most people hang their jaws in disbelief when informed there's not only ski-able snow, but a commercial ski-and-snowboard operation on the island.

Mauna Kea looms 13,796 feet above the resorts and surf of this otherwise lush paradise, and that altitude means snow. The thin air at the summit makes this a perfect location for telescopes, and Mauna Kea boasts a baker's dozen of observatories

To get there from either Hilo or Kona, find Saddle Road (Hwy 200) and continue uphill until you reach the 28mile mark. Turn toward the mountain, making sure to stop at the visitor center at 10,000 feet for an hour to avoid altitude sickness. If you drive like Hunter Thompson (and I do), you can get from the beach to the visitor center in under an hour; if you stick to the speed limit, 90 minutes.

Depending on the conditions, the

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ing in Montpelier, Vermont





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ski runs can be over two miles long and drop 4500 feet in elevation. Views are spectacular, ranging from the surrounding moonscape to the all-encompassing ocean 60 miles away. A full day of skiing, including equipment rental, starts at \$300. That's a little steep, but it does include bragging rights.

Tulum Mayan Ruins in Quintana Roo, Mexico

By Jan Austin

Tulum is the name of a pre-Columbian walled city located on cliffs overlooking the turquoise sea at the east end of the Yucatán Peninsula. Perhaps the bestpreserved Mayan coastal site, Tulum is the Mayan word for "fence" or "wall." Tulum faced the rising sun and was



believed to be a place for worship of a descending god.

A two-hour drive south from Cancún, the ruins are open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is 35 to 40 pesos. Guided tours are available, or you can opt to stroll around on your own.

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Other Adventures



BonnieMaffei: Path from the doorway to the island, the "Portara," to Naxos Town, Naxos, Cyclades, Greece







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Earliest Sunset (4:43pm from San Diego) occurs Sunday, December 6,

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tilt of Earth's axis. Early December is a good time to view the setting sun from the spectacular vantage point of Cabrillo National Monument at the tip of Point Loma. During most

fins of granitic rock that soar

along the canvon wall. Smoke

trees and desert-willow shrubs

begin to appear. At 4.5 miles

(and after nearly 1500 feet of

elevation gain) you reach the

upper end of Harper Canyon, and

discover the broad expanse of

Harper Flat. Curiously, Harper

Canyon drains most, but not all

of Harper Flat, a clear indication

of ongoing tectonic activity in the

plan to make camp in Harper

Flat, there are several options

for further exploration or travel

at your leisure. Peak 2628 lies

directly to the north (scramble

up 400 vertical feet), offering

superb views of both Harper Flat

and landmarks to the north, includ-

ing the Santa Rosa Mountains and the Salton Sea. The whole of

Harper Flat is rich in archaeolog-

ical evidence of Indian use, and

can be easily investigated on foot. This article contains infor-

mation about a publicly owned

recreation or wilderness area.

Trails and pathways are not nec-

essarily marked. Conditions can

change rapidly. Hikers should be

properly equipped and have safety

and navigational skills. The Reader

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sibility for any adverse experience.

If you are backpacking and

region.

closing time of 5pm Shorebird-Watching enters its

of the year, you can't do that since

sunset occurs well after the park's

most agreeable season this month, with migrant and resident birds sharing common winter grounds. Egrets, herons, terns, and a variety of other species provide endless entertainment as they go about the business of fishing and feeding in San Diego County's coastal wetlands. Publicly accessible wetlands include the following (listed north to south): San Luis Rev River mouth, Buena Vista Lagoon, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Diego River flood channel (south of Sea World Drive), Sweetwater River marsh, southwest San Diego Bay, and Tijuana River Estuary. Many of the same birds can also be seen on the shores of inland reservoirs such as Lake Murray and Lake Miramar.

Exceptionally High and Low Tides are set to occur on several days in early December. These tides closely coincide with the full moon (which was December 1). On Wednesday, December 2, a peak high tide of +6.7 feet occurs at 8:08am. Thursday's high tide of +6.7 peaks at 8:51am. Friday's high tide of +6.5 feet peaks at 9:37am. Saturday's high tide of +6.2 feet crests at 10:27am. There are at least

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Plan on two or three hours to see the ruins, and allow time to swim or soak up the sun at the beach below. Tulum can be hot and crowded, so plan to arrive early in the day. Be sure to bring sunscreen, a hat, and drinking water.

Havana, Cuba By Dominic DeGrazier

Cuba thrives on foreigners bringing in money to have the "Cuban experience": sip a mojito, smoke a Cuban cigar, meet a Cuban girlfriend/boyfriend (this term is used loosely — pun intended), and essentially be in a dream world where everything is at one's fingertips.

Though Havana is one city, its various worlds will fascinate, seduce, sadden, and perplex the visitor all at the same time.

Things to do: Walk around Havana Vieja (Havana's old town) for a day or two — hunt for the best mojito at places like La Bodeguita del Medio, Hemingway's hangout, or walk through some stunning architecture among decayed structures. Spend a night absorbing the dance show and glamour at the Tropicana Cabaret. Take a tour through the Partagas Cigar Factory. Meander around the Museo de la Rev-

two consequences of such high tides. If any strong winter storm happens to arrive from the west during these peak tides, some flooding of low-lying coastal areas around San Diego is likely. On the brighter side, birdwatchers have an opportunity to spot species of rare shorebirds that get pushed to the edges of local bays and coastal marshes by the high water. Several exceptionally low tides will also occur within the same string of early December dates. On Wednesday, December 2, the tide falls to -1.5 feet at 3:22pm. On Thursday, the tide drops to -1.5 feet at 4:08pm. On Friday, a low tide of -1.3 feet occurs at 4:56pm. On Saturday, the tide drops to -1.0 foot at 5:47pm.

The first two or three low-tide oc-

casions are good for exploring ma-

rine life in the tidepool areas along

San Diego County's coastline. The

last low-tide episode mentioned

The Red Planet Mars increas-

ingly becomes a prominent late

night and early morning object in

December. The distance between

Earth and Mars is currently nar-

rowing. By late January 2010 Mars

will be at opposition to the sun

(180° away from the sun), and

therefore closest to Earth within a

two-year span. In early December

Mars rises over the east horizon at

around 10pm; by the end of the

year it rises before 8pm.

takes place well after sunset.

Balboa Park Architectural Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

California Native Plant Soci-

Chaparral and Oaks Enjoy beauty of chaparral, the acornstudded canopy of oaks during trail guide-led naturalist hike.

"Discover Daley Ranch" Meet naturalist William Sherrard for moderately paced seven-mile hike. 760-839-4680. Tuesday, December 8, 7am; free. Daley Ranch - La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive, (ESCONDIDO)

"Stanley Peak Vista" Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads approximately six-mile hike to top of 2000-foothigh Stanley Peak to take advantage of its 360-degree views of surrounding area. Hike is moderately strenuous, 760-839-4680, Saturday, December 5, 7:30am; free. Dalev Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Tours San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours highlighting Spanish Colonial Revival buildings constructed for 1915 and 1935 International Expositions in Balboa Park. Tours start in front of Museum of Man. 619-232-1385. Saturday, December 5, 10am; \$8-\$15. 10 and up. San Diego Museum of

ety Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, December 6, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)



olución to see pictures of Fidel's revolution that overthrew Batista's dictatorship in 1959.

Where to eat: *Paladares* — private homes that have sectioned off one room as a restaurant — are numerous in Havana. One of the most well known, visited by queens and movie stars, is La Guardia, located on Concordia Street 418, Centro Habana.

Where to stay: Among a few other quality hotels, Hotel Santa Isabel offers all a visitor could want and more. Cost: around \$130 per night, depending on room and time of year.

Travel restrictions: Americans are prohibited to spend money in (and effectively prohibited from traveling to) Cuba. Travel is permitted when one is visiting Cuban relatives or is traveling with a general or specific license (these can be obtained for a variety of reasons, including humanitarian travel and freelance journalism).

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Barrel cactus, Harper Canyon

long and leisurely ramble up Athe sinuous course of Harper Canvon in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park leads hikers to Harper Flat, a four-square-mile valley hidden from casual view by rockstrewn ridges and peaks. The reward for the trek, which takes about three hours for each direction, is the sense of splendid isolation you get all along the way and at the destination itself. Note that there's no water available on the route, and navigational skills may be required (using map and compass, and/or GPS equipment).

To get to the starting point, first drive out to the central part of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, east of Julian on Highway 78. At mile 87.1 on Highway 78 (about 28 miles east of Julian), turn south onto the dirt road leading to Harper Canyon and the "Cactus Garden." Proceed 1.6 miles, turn right on Kane Springs Road, and drive 0.1 mile west to the Harper Canyon access road that leads south toward Harper Canyon's mouth. Unless you have a sturdy off-road vehicle, Kane Spring Road is the spot to park your car and start hiking on that road.

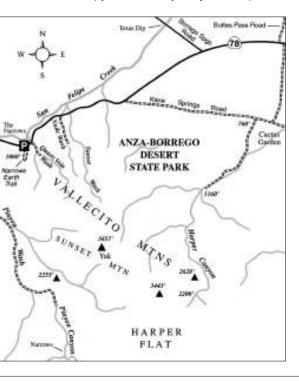
In the first mile south of Kane Springs Road, you skirt the Cactus Garden, an area where most common species of cactus in the Anza-Borrego Desert area are represented — especially the barrel cactus. Some barrel specimens near the road are seven feet tall.

Beyond the road end, about two miles in, the walls of Harper Canyon narrow, then widen again as tributary canyons split off on

both sides. A more descriptive name for Harper Canvon would be "Ironwood Canvon." Hundreds of slow-growing ironwood trees line the sandy canyon floor for three miles, providing welcome, if somewhat thin, shade during the middle of the day. Want to confirm that these trees have an ironlike aspect? Just try knocking on their wood

Desert lavender also grows abundantly in Harper Canyon. Starting after the first rains in December or January, the shrub's tiny purple blossoms exude an ineffable, perfumelike aroma.

At about 3.5 miles, the canyon narrows, and you climb over the bases of some sharply eroded



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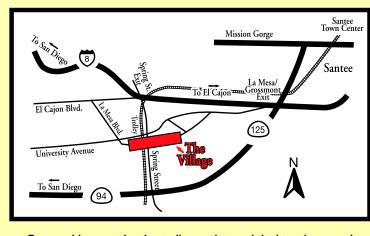
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Learn about native plants, park's geological aspects, critters thriving in the large open space. 619-668-3281. Saturday, December 5, 9:30am; Sunday, December 6, 9:30am; Wednesday, December 9, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Create a Demonstration Habitat Help San Diego Flyway Cities Coalition transform Shawn Canyon into an urban refuge for wildlife and people. Volunteers will plant native plants for benefit of resident and migratory birds. Tools, supplies provided. RSVP: 858-273-7800 x101. Saturday, December 5, 9am; free. Ruffin Canyon Natural Pre-



serve at Shawn Canyon, 9274 Shawn Avenue. (MISSION VALLEY)

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

Gaze Through a Telescope Search for a shooting star or Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) in MiraCosta College's baseball field. Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday, December 4, 8pm; Saturday, December 5, 8pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Guided Nature Walk Learn about birds and plants of the area during outing beginning at "comfort station" on west side of park (5250 Regents Road). Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9961. Saturday, December 5, 9:30am; free. Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Genesee Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

In Search of Mistletoe and Poison Oak! Naturalist Linda King leads moderately paced (and colorful) nature walk with chance to see mistletoe, California holly, yellow sycamores, red poison oak. Learn about native plants, their uses. 858-484-3219. Sunday, December 6, 8am; free. Mercy Road staging area, Mercy Road at Black Mountain Road. (MIRA MESA)



Nature Tour of Salt Ponds See birds, learn about salt production during guided walking tour of a portion of salt ponds in San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge led by San Diego Audubon. 858-273-7800. Sunday, December 6, 9am; free. 8 and up. Salt Works Trailhead, 1470 Bay Boulevard. (CHULA VISTA)

Nature Walk with Views! Ranger-led walk along 1.5-mile Wooten Loop–Riparian Trail with views of Stelzer Ridge and Wildcat Canyon, returning through shaded oak- and sycamore-lined trail along Stelzer Creek. Expect easy to moderate hike on unpaved, maintained trail. Parking: \$3. 619-787-2810. Saturday, December 5, 8am; free. Louis Stelzer County Park, 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Support Your Local Least Tern Rich Breisch leads bird walk "to get to know some of the shorebirds and waterfowl that depend on Mission Bay, an essential habitat for the migrating birds of the Pacific Flyway."

After bird walk, join work party. San Diego Audubon Society invites volunteers to maintain nesting site for endangered California least terns in Mariner's Point, part of Bonita Cove on Mission Bay (9am). Help clear nesting site of invasive plants so terns may use site for nesting and rearing young. Wear work clothes. If you have them, bring work gloves, weeding tools, clippers. 858-273-7800 x103. Saturday, December 5, 7am; free. Bonita Cove, 1100 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

Three-Loop Hike Naturalist Rita Ospelt leads brisk hike on Boulder Loop, continuing on to Jack Creek Meadow Loop, finishing up on Sage Trail Loop. Lots of different scenery. Total distance: ten miles. Not suitable for children. 760-839-4680. Sunday, December 6, 7:45am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

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Windswept Vegetation! Join Canyoneers for moderately paced two-mile round-trip hike on Bayside Trail, boasting the aforementioned vegetation, chaparral scrub forests, remnants of World War II defense installations. Return walk — all uphill — at your own pace. Meet group on sidewalk next to lighthouse. Parking: \$5 per car. 619-255-0245. Sunday, December 6, 10am. Cabrillo National Monument, 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive. (POINT LOMA)

SPECIAL

"A Friendly Village Christmas" Take in marching bands, classic cars, floats, dancers, and of course Santa during Fallbrook Christmas Parade. Route: Main Street at Ammunition Rd., proceeding north on Main to Ivy Street. 760-728-5845. Saturday, December 5, 5pm; free. Downtown Fallbrook, Main Avenue and Alvarado Street. (FALLBROOK)

"Ayurveda for Winter" Workshop with yoga instructor/ ayurvedic practitioner Haunani Chong. 619-640-4438. Sunday, December 6, 2:30pm; \$30-\$35. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Ball-Jointed Doll Mini-Con" See "individually owned and exquisitely detailed" dolls during event. "This growing hobby of customized and fully articulated resin dolls originated in Japan"; dolls "range in size from three inches to over two feet tall." Dealers selling outfits, wigs, doll accessories; displays; photobooth for doll photography. Doll costume contest with fairies and steampunk theme. Email questions: sdbidcon@hotmail.com. Saturday. December 5, noon; \$25. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH

"Christmas by Lamplight" Step back in time! Nearly 20 costumed performers will entertain as guests move from building to building at Escondido History Center, learning local history, holiday customs. Music, refreshments promised. Park in Woodward parking lot just north of Grape Day Park. Tours begin continuously (6-8pm). 760-743-8207. Friday, December 4, 6pm; free-\$10. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Entre Nous" Meet up with Deborah of Alliance Française for two hours of French conversation. RSVP: 858-550-0144. Friday, December 4, 10am; free-\$5. Ópera Patisseries Fines, 9254 Scranton Rd., Suite 101. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

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"Festive Feast: Shakespearean Christmas" San Diego Shakespeare Society hosts "evening of fun, food, and games, all with an Elizabethan flavor." Christmas music by Vox Nobili Renaissance choral group. RSVP: 619-229-8387. Sunday, December 6, 6pm; \$55. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Performance & Cocktails" Gather for pre-Bonnie & Clyde mixer to "mingle with like-minded individuals" and enjoy hosted drinks and appetizers from Karl Strauss Brewerv, music by FM 94.9 DJ Michael Halloran. La Jolla Playhouse managing director Michael Rosenberg provides background information on the show. 858-550-1010. Saturday, December 5, 6pm; \$40. Peter Lik Gallery, 1205 Prospect Street, Suite C. (LA JOLLA)

"Season's GreeNings" It's theme for 2009 Encinitas Holiday Parade, beginning with tree lighting ceremony in Lumberyard Shopping Center courtyard (5pm). Parade steps off at 5:30pm, heading south along Coast Highway 101 from D Street to J Street. Parade entries judged in categories including "most environmentally beautiful,""most unusual use of recycled material," "best use of alternative energy," others. 760-633-2740. Saturday, December 5, 5pm; free. The Lumberyard Shopping Center, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

"The Gift of Art" Opening reception for "an assemblage of finely crafted gifts of art" by Susie Reneau and friends. View these "enchanting, exquisite...festive, finely crafted" gifts through Thursday, December 24. 619-233-7963. Saturday, December 5, 6pm; free. Women's History Museum, 2323 Broadway, Suite 107. (GOLDEN HILL)

"The Great Contraction, 1929-33" San Diego Great Books group gathers to discuss this chapter from A Monetary History of the United States, 1867-1960 by Milton Friedman and Anna Jacobson Schwartz. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, December 5, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Through the Lens of Autism"

Benefit photography show boasting photographs taken by kids, teens of Community Coaching Center (CCC) during eight-week photography program. Evening includes sampling of wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres; music; "boutique shopping." Proceeds benefit CCC. 858-792-9685. Saturday, December 5, 7pm; free. Mabuno Gallery, 414 North Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

"We Are One — Somos Uno" World March for Peace and Nonviolence San Diego-Tijuana events promise "call for nonviolence at the border." Afterward, march to border for more binational events in Tijuana. 760-208-2597. Thursday, December 3, 1pm; free. César Chávez Community Center and Larsen Field, 455 Sycamore Road. (SAN YSIDRO

"Yoga Nidra" Three-part "Conscious Deep Relaxation Workshop" with instructor Rama Deva. Fee: \$20 per class, \$50 for full series. 619-640-4438. Saturdays, 4pm; through Saturday, December 19, Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

(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. Thursdays, 2pm; Fridays, 2pm; Saturdays, 11am;

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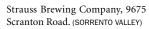
Sundays, 11am; Mondays, 2pm; Tuesdays, 2pm; Wednesdays, 2pm; through Sunday, January 3, \$10-\$20. Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

(Yogi) Meet and Greet Open house in "donation-based yoga studio" includes hoop dance by Aesha Shapiro, AcroYoga by Francisco Urquidi, refreshments. 619-607-5102. Wednesday, December 9, 6pm; free. SD Yoga Loft, 740 13th St., Studio 503, (EAST VILLAGE)

Art. Wine. and Cheese! View contemporary watercolor paintings by Joan Merrick. Bring a nonperishable food item to contribute to San Diego Food Bank. 619-750-5227. Friday, December 4, 5pm. 2034 India Street (between Grape Street and Hawthorne Street). (LITTLE ITALY)

Ask the Horticulturist Enjoy informative tour through garden with horticulturist David Yetz. Bring your questions, Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Sunday, December 6, 1:30pm; free. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Carmel Valley Artists Show and Sale Wares including blown glass, various forms of jewelry, wood crafts, ceramics on offer during 46th annual winter sale. Classical guitarist Mark Alan Langford performs, 760-945-6922, Saturday, December 5, 9:30am; free. Karl



Chairs for Charity Interior design students at Palomar College plan auction benefiting Moment by Moment organization. Raffle and live auction of unique chairs. Donation: \$10. 760-744-1150 x2210. Tuesday, December 8, 6:30pm. Sage Grill, 1506 Encinitas Boulevard. (ENCINITAS)

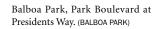
Christmas Surf Faire Enjoy live music, food, vendor booths with surf products. 760-752-3271. Saturday, December 5, 9am; Sunday, December 6, 9am. Woody Resin Surf Products, 1075 Linda Vista Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

December Nights Balboa Park hosts annual holiday tradition with music, dance, shopping, international cuisine at House of Pacific Relations Cottages. Santa Lucia Procession at San Diego Museum of Man; gift shopping at museum stores and with artisans of Spanish Village; music and dance presentations by San Diego Junior Theatre, San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, more. Bon Temps Social Club returns to Plaza de Panama stage with Cajun/zydeco bands, dancers. Del Cerro Baptist Church hosts "Christmas Story Tree" production at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Select museums open their doors to visitors free of charge. 619-239-0512. Friday, December 4, 5pm; Saturday, December 5, noon.

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Hanukkah Happening! The 26th annual party "for people of all faiths and ages" promises Hanukkah crafts, Hanukkah foods, silent auction, carnival games for kids, sale of Hanukkah presents. 858-457-3030. Sunday, December 6, 11am; \$2. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Head to Toe Women's Expo Weekend of fashion shows, salon and spa services, clothing, accessories, home decor, culinary demonstrations. 619-491-0677. Friday, December 4, 10am; Saturday, December 5, 10am; Sunday, December 6, 10am; free-\$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

High-Energy Djembe Class Tam tam mandingue drumming classes taught by Ali Thomas for beginning-level drummers. Fee: \$40 for four classes; \$12 single class. Rental drums available for drop-ins. 619-825-9921. Monday, December 7, 6:30pm; \$12-\$40. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Holiday Wonderland Celebrate season with holiday entertainment, activities encompassing entire downtown Del Mar area. On offer: samples from over 20 local restaurants, "the famous cakewalk," horse and carriage rides, live music, visit from Santa, fun zone, arts and crafts. 858-755-1179. Sunday, December 6, 1pm; \$20-\$25. Americana, 1454 Camino del Mar. (DEL MAR)

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Holiday in the Garden Stroll garden glowing with holiday lights, "join in the season's merry making." Holiday gifts for sale. Crafts, cookie decorating, face painting for children (activities: \$1 each). Music, warm holiday punch, seasonal tamales. 619-660-0614 x 10. Friday, December 4, 4pm; free-\$3. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Holiday of Lights More than 400 lighted, holiday-themed displays for viewing from visitors' cars. Holiday hayrides (\$10; 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)

Homes for the Holidays Best Friends Animal Society hosts holiday home tour boasting five homes to visit and holiday marketplace with work by more than 20 local artists and designers. 619-518-8663. Saturday, December 5, 10am; 825-\$30. Point Loma Holiday Home Tour, 3725 Oleander Drive. (POINT LOMA)

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 Christmas. 619-234-1031. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Mondays, 10am; Tuesdays, 10am; Mondays, 10am; Tuesdays, 10am; Wednessdays, 10am; through Sunday, January 10, \$10-\$12. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Jingle Paws Walk with or without a companion animal during event benefiting El Cajon Animal Shelter. Also promised: Santa's village, playground and animal adoption village (10am-1pm); photographs for Santa and pet (\$5), agility course, hay bale maze, more. 619-447-3535. Saturday, December 5, 8am; \$15-\$50. Wells Park Center, 1153 East Madison Avenue. (EL CAJON)

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)

North Park Toyland Parade The 46th annual parade promises dance troupes, classic cars, marching bands, fire trucks, Santa on a sledge and more, all rolling down University Avenue between Idaho and Iowa Streets. 619-233-5008. Saturday, December 5, 11am; free. North Park, University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets). (NORTH PARK)

Plein Air Exhibit Reception for exhibit of recent work by San Diego Plein Air Painters Meetup Group. View art by Brian Belfield, Betty Blount, Rod Lingren, Tricia De Luna, Jeff Remmer, Louise Sackett through Sunday, January 31. 858-755-1404. Saturday, December 5, 2pm; free. Solana Beach Library, 157 Stevens Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Prohibition Repeal Party Raise your glass to celebrate 76th anniversary of repeal of Prohibition during "Silent Sunday" prohibition cocktail party. Also planned: silent film screening courtesy of Citizen Video; performance by Melly Frances. 619-255-0616. Sunday, December 6, 8pm; 21 and up. Alchemy, 1503 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Lectures on "How to Cope with Holiday Stress," astrology, mind-body balance. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, December 5, noon; Sunday, December 6, noon; free. Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Dr., suite G. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

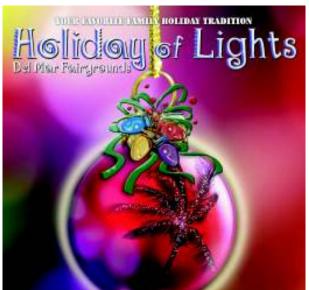
Rooftop Yoga Yoga One leads vinyasa flow mixed-level classes for hotel guests (free) and public (\$15 per class). 619-544-0164. Thursdays, 5:30pm; Fridays, 9am; Sundays, 5:30pm; Mondays, 9am; Tuesdays, 5:30pm; Wednesdays, 9am; free-\$15. Porto Vista Hotel & Suites, 1835 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Santa on the Ferry! Santa rides San Diego Harbor Excursion ferry to Coronado for 34th annual open house and parade. Visit Santa, play on mountain of snow (4-8pm); arts and crafts, live holiday music, hot cocoa and cookies (4-6pm). 619-435-8895. Friday, December 4, 4pm. The Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street. (CORONADO)

Support Your Local Olde Community Church Proceeds from Lakeside Historical Society's 21st annual holiday home tour help preserve the church, built in 1895. Self-guided tour features log cabin home, 1940s cottage remodel, a homesteader cabin, a 1904 and 1956 combination home (once the Foster's Dairy farmhand's dormitory), a 1912 historic commercial building. 619-561-1886. Saturday, December 5, 10am; \$15. Lakeside Historical Society, 9906 Maine Avenue. (LAKESIDE)

Tam Tam Mandingue Djembe! Drumming classes taught by Ali Thomas for beginning- and intermediate-level drummers. Fee: \$40 for four classes; \$12 single class. Rental drums available for dropins. 619-825-9921. Thursday, December 3, 8pm; \$12-\$40. Well Within Traditional Healing Arts, 555 2nd Street. (ENCINITAS)

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

"A Mediterranean Christmas" Boston Camerata early music ensemble, assisted by Sharq Arab-American Ensemble, performs for San Diego Early Music Society. Listen for Christmas narrative in Spanish, retold using songs, chants. Instrumental pieces from Spain, Italy, southern France, North Africa, the Holy Land. 619-291-

8246. Sunday, December 6, 7pm; \$10-\$35. Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Handel's Messiah Sing-Along" This community singalong with full orchestra benefits Mt. Carmel High School Choir. "Even solos will be sung by the audience!" Bring or borrow vocal score. 858-484-9144. Monday, December 7, 7pm; \$7-\$10. Mt. Carmel High School, 9550 Carmel Mountain Road. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"Lessons and Carols" Through readings from Old and New Testaments accompanied by beautiful choral music provided by the USD Concert Choir and Choral Scholars, guests "invited to reflect on the birth of Jesus in the context of its significance in salvation history." In Founders Chapel, Founders Hall. Required reservations: 619-260-7936. Friday, December 4, 7:30pm; Sunday, December 6, 2pm; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"WinterFest" The Palomar/Pacific Concert Band joined by Palomar Dance Ensemble to perform holiday favorites including music and ballet scenes from *The Nutcracker, Swan Lake, Babes in Toyland,* and "Festive Sounds of Hanukkah." 760-744-1150 x2453. Saturday, December 5, 2pm; \$8-\$12. Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

Lilith Premiere performance of new experimental opera by UCSD composer Anthony Davis, with libretto by Allan Havis. Davis's wife Cynthia and son Jonah take lead roles. 858-534-TIXS. Friday, December 4, 7pm; \$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Advent Choral Concert Enjoy John Rutter's "Gloria" and "The Christmas Story" by W. Ron Nelson when Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale present concert. Soloists include bass-baritone Christopher Stephens, organist Robert Plimpton. Reception follows. Offering. 619-297-4366. Sunday, December 6, 7pm. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Camera Lucida UCSD's chamber music series features faculty musicians with principal players from San Diego Symphony playing selections by Bach, Webern, Andrieu, Ravel. 858-534-TIXS. Monday, December 7, 8pm; \$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at

UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Campanile Ringers Handbell Choir Clairemont Lutheran Church's handbell choir performs traditional winter holiday music for family music program. 858-522-1668. Wednesday, December 9, 7pm; free. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Choir and Organ Recital San Diego Children's Choir joins civic organist Carol Williams for "some Christmas music." 619-702-8138. Sunday, December 6, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Classical Christmas Concert Fallbrook Music Society presents third annual Christmas concert with William Chunestudy Men's Chorus and Chamber Music Ensemble Camarada performing music from 16th Century to present. Program boasts traditional and historical Christmas music in a variety of styles; groups perform separately and together. 760-451-8644. Sunday, December 6, 3pm; \$10-\$30. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, 2400 South Stagecoach Drive. (FALLBROOK)

December Nights Concerts La Jolla Renaissance Singers "offer a unique program of Renaissance vocals in keeping with the holiday season" (5pm) on December 4. Pacific Camerata choral group per-

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forms special holiday music program (7pm). Courtly Noyse performs on December 5. 619-232-7931. Friday, December 4, 5pm; Saturday, December 5, 5pm; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Enjoy English Renaissance Music Tallis Scholars plan "varied and fascinating program," including Josquin's mass honoring the Virgin Mary, for Saint James Music Series. 858-459-3421 x109. Saturday, December 5, 4pm; \$25. Saint James bythe-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Favorites and Novelties! USD Chamber Music Ensembles present varied program of chamber music in French Parlor, Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. Tuesday, December 8, 7:30pm; \$5-\$10. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Holiday Concert Coastal Communities Concert Band joined by singers Michael Ruhl and Lillian Palmer, a bell choir, and more during benefit for Meals-on-Wheels of Greater San Diego. 760-736-9900. Sunday, December 6, 2pm; \$12-\$15. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

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Stunning, Often Controversial Enjoy Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" when La Jolla Symphony and Chorus perform this piece commissioned by Jackie Kennedy for opening of the Kennedy Center. Guest artists include Ken Anderson (as the Celebrant), North Coast Singers, members of UCSD Gospel Choir, Jazz Ensemble. Expect "frequent interruption and commentary from the 'congregation." 858-534-4637. Friday, December 4, 8pm; Saturday, December 5, 8pm; Sunday, December 6, 3pm; \$32-\$36. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Symphony Tackles Beethoven

San Diego Master Chorale performs Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9, Choral" with San Diego Symphony for Jacobs' Masterworks series. Guests include Erin Wall (soprano), Kelley O'Connor (mezzo soprano), Robert Breault (tenor), Nathaniel Webster (baritone). 619-235-0804. Friday, December 4, 8pm; Saturday, December 5, 8pm; Sunday, December 6, 2pm; \$20-

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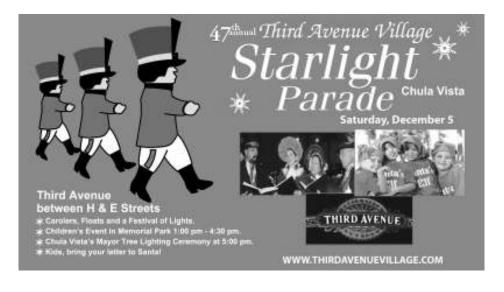
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DANCE

"Belly-Dance Nights" Bellydance showcase featuring Sabrina, Delilah, Alioth Lotus, Sabrina Fox. Live drumming by Frank Lazzaro and Cairo Beats. 619-282-0437. Wednesday, December 9, 9pm; \$5. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Breaking Boundaries" Annual dance concert choreographed and performed by Grossmont College dance students showcases variety of dance genres including ballet, jazz, modern, hip-hop. 619-644-7766. Thursday, December 3, 7:30pm; Friday, December 4, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 5, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, December 6, 2pm; \$10-\$12. Stagehouse Theatre, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

"Milonga Loca de Amor" Dance the weekend away to Argentine tangos when Matt Kropp plays music. 858-565-9575. Sunday, December 6, 8pm; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"Shapes and Reflections 2009" MiraCosta's dance program celebrates "rich dance heritage and diversity," with performances of ballet, jazz, modern, tap, hip hop, ballroom, world dance forms. Program includes Starry Eyed, 1940 Dreams, Rueda de Casino — Cuban Salsa, Consuming Love, Playin' in Traffic, more. 760-795-6815. Friday. December 4. 7:30pm; Saturday, December 5, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, December 6, 2pm; \$8-\$12. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Nutcrackers Here and There Scripps Performing Arts Academy presents full-length version of *The Nutcracker* with cast of 170 children from ages 3 to 18, set to music by Tchaikovsky. 858-586-7834. Saturday, December 5, 2pm; Sunday, December 6, 2pm; \$25-\$47. Scripps Ranch High School, 10410 Treena Street. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

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

Cha-Cha Workshop Jonathan Roberts from *Dancing With the Stars* leads workshop with question-and-answer session. Required registration: 858-451-3775. Sunday, December 6, 2pm; \$20-\$25. 10 and up. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Clara and Company California Ballet presents excerpts from *The Nutcracker* in school's Kassebaum Theatre. 619-704-1140. Saturday, December 5, 7pm; \$5-\$20. 3 and up. Mater Dei Catholic High School, 1615 Mater Dei Drive. (CHULA VISTA) **Clara and Leaping Cossacks!** San Diego Ballet Company performs *The Nutcracker* with over 100 dancers reveling in Tchaikovsky's score, performed by Grossmont Symphony Orchestra. Direction by Robin Sherertz-Morgan and Javier Velasco. 619-440-2277. Friday, December 4, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 5, 2:30pm; \$22-\$52. East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Clara, Soldiers, Mice... San Diego Academy of Ballet presents *The Nutcracker*. American Ballet Theater dancers Gillian Murphy, Gennadi Saveliev, Hee Seo in lead roles. 800-988-4253. Friday, December 4, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 5, 1pm and 7pm. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

English Country Dancing Chris Page calls for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, December 6, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Holiday Ballroom, Latin, Swing Dance Celebrate season with bit of ballroom dancing. Evening promises performances, refreshments, dancing. "Dress to impress in your holiday attire." 858-565-9575. Saturday, December 5, 8pm; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

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Pick of the Lizard Martha Wild calls to music by this band during contradance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, December 4, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Tango? Tango lessons — performance and social — led by Florentino Guizar. Open dancing: 8pm. 858-735-4159. Mondays, 6:30pm; \$10. 21 and up. Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Veils, Fans, Swords! Zorba Stars dancers perform belly-dance stage show. Greek buffet, full bar, live music, open dancing after show. Reservations recommended: 619-422-8853. Friday, December 4, 6:30pm; Saturday, December 5, 6:30pm; \$15. Zorba's Greek Buffet, 100 Broadway. (CHULA VISTA)

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viana Lombrozo, and techniques used by a chef to assemble a foottall sandwich. France-Marie Haeger, "Art and the Creative Process" instructor, presents program. 858-454-0268. Monday, December 7, 5:30pm; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Dynasty Winter sports season arrives with screening of annual Warren Miller film, a global tour of China, Alaska, Norway, Colorado, British Columbia, more. 760-720-2460. Sunday, December 6, 4pm and 7pm; \$18. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Fall of the Republic Alex Jones's film, subtitled The Presidency of Barack Obama, screens for San Diegans for 9/11 Truth. Donation: \$5. 619-222-2120. Saturday, December 5, 6:30pm; 12 and up. San Diego County Health Building, 3851 Rosecrans Street, (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Mediterraneo International Film Series features 1991 Italian film by Gabriele Salvatores. Screening takes place in room 204; film repeats at 7pm on Oceanside campus. In Italian with English subtitles. 760-944-4449 x7737. Friday, December 4, 1pm; free. Mira-Costa College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue, (CARDIFF)

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Italian film by Gabriele Salvatores. Screening takes place in room 3601. In Italian with English subtitles. 760-944-4449 x7737. Friday, December 4, 7pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

The 800-Mile Wall Screening of film, subtitled The Deadly Reality of Border Security. Discussion follows. Requested donation: one gallon of water. 619-233-4114. Thursday, December 3, 6pm. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue, (EMERALD HILLS)

The Law of Human Gravity "Quirky, dark comedy" by David Sims premieres (9pm), following appearance by Trio Gadjo performing music from their original soundtrack for film, 830-313-3209. Wednesday, December 9, 8pm; free. 21 and up. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Get Stoked for Snow Teton Gravity's newest film, Re: Session, "documents an incredible season when nothing was taken for granted and the cameras didn't roll unless they were capturing the biggest lines, brightest athletes, and most extraordinary locations." Tickets: 858-534-0684. Friday, December 4, 8pm; \$5-\$10. Price Center at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Fond of Flautas? Qualifying events have been held, now "Jose's World Flauta-Eating Championship" takes place, "expected to draw the world's top competitive eaters." First prize: \$2000! Registration: 858-454-7655. Sunday, December 6, 4:30pm; free. Jose's Courtroom, 1037 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Local, Organic — and Slow! "Slow Food" holiday party promises artisanal four-course holiday dinner prepared by Stone chef Jason Seibert. Evening includes guest speaker, video screening of 2009 events including the Terra Madre Conference. 760-471-4999. Monday, December 7, 6pm; \$65. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

"Bullets Outta Guns" City Heights poet Jim 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. Tues-

days, 4pm; through Sunday, June 6, free. 12 and up. Upaka Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Jungle Beasts and Bells" Meet a jungle animal, make a jingle-belljungle-animal craft, decorate some holiday cookies to snack on during Kindernights and Kindermornings program. Fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Saturday, December 5, 9am; \$12-\$15.3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive, (BALBOA PARK)

"Shall We Dance?" J*Company Youth Theatre continues season with Rodgers and Hammerstein's The King and I, which won Tony Award for best musical in 1951. Score includes well-loved tunes such as "I Whistle a Happy Tune" and "Getting to Know You." Reservations: 858-362-1348. Thursday, December 3, 7pm; Saturday, December 5, 8pm; Sunday, December 6, 4:30pm; Wednesday, December 9, 7pm; \$13-\$17. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive, (LA JOLLA)

Camel Lot: A Christmas Musical Rock Academy's kindergarten through 6th grade students present musical and dance presentation "about a little girl whose dream takes us to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve." 619-764-5200. Wednesday, December 9, 1pm; free. The Rock Academy, 2277 Rosecrans Street, (POINT LOMA)

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

Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Art! Partake of breakfast with St. Nicholas - who will have "a surprise for each child" - and shop 'signature crafts such as the All Souls' Mice Collection," this year featuring Saint Joseph. Art jewelry by Sandra Francour Designs and Zapata, Breakfast hours: 8:30-11am; art for sale until 3pm. Admission: free for art show; breakfast; \$6 general, \$4 for those under 12.619-223-6394. Saturday, December 5, 8:30am. All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Can't Catch Me! Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales present Adventures of the Gingerbread Man. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, December 9, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK

Christmas Variety Show Balboa Park Puppet Guild members perform for December Nights festivities. 619-544-9203. Friday, December 4, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm; Saturday, December 5, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West, (BALBOA PARK

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Have Yourself a "Repurposed" Little Christmas Create an ornament out of recycled materials during family day program. "Engage your imagination as vou repurpose objects such as feathers, plastic materials, beads, and wood by gluing them together to design a small sculpture or ornament." Materials provided. No experience required. Docent tours geared for kids (1:30, 2:30pm). 760-435-3720. Sunday, December 6, 1pm; free. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

It's Magic! Young magicians' workshop for kids 5-11 years old on first Saturday of each month. Participants watch a kids-only magic show, receive easy-to-learn magic trick. Magicians will demonstrate how to perform the magic trick. Reservations: 619-696-5072. Saturday, December 5, 10:30am; \$2. 5 and up. Village Magic, 851 West Harbor Drive, Suite E. (DOWNTOWN)

Pet Pals Kids Club Kids 6-13 have "fun with other animal-loving kids." Required reservations: 619-243-3432. Saturday, December 5, 10am; \$15. 6 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

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Tots and Tales Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Tuesday, December 8, 10:30am; \$3. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

GALLERIES

"Assembly Required" Reception for exhibition of assemblage by Michael McAlister, who says "in the end, my art is about man and woman, flesh and blood, bone and spirit." Through December. 760-230-2680. Saturday, December 5, 7pm; free. Andrews Gallery, 1002 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

"Black White" Opening reception - wear black and/or white for exhibition of mixed media works rendered in "pure palette of black and white" by Alfred Harris, Jerry Iverson, Greg Murr, Joshua Jensen-Nagle, Jane Woolverton. Back Gallery features paintings. original works on paper by Stephen Pentak and Bob Nugent; featured sculpture artist is Matt Devine. View through Sunday, January 17. 858-793-4442. Thursday, December 3, 6pm; free. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery, 415 South Cedros Avenue #160. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Led Zeppelin: The Exhibition" Reception for Neal Preston, considered "one of the most highly respected photographers in the history of rock and roll." View selection of rare Led Zeppelin photos which have never been publicly exhibited, along with his classic photos of the band, through Friday, December 25. 858-350-3777. Saturday, December 5,6pm; free. Morrison Hotel Gallery, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

"Traditions" Reception for artists whose 100 original watercolor paintings are on exhibit through December. Juror was Carol Cottone-Kolthoff. 619-876-4550. Friday, December 4, 5pm; free. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road #105. (POINT LOMA)

Creative Compound Group exhibition by local artists, "providing unique and affordable products to the public," including painting, photography, jewelry, paper goods. 858-342-1498. Saturday, December 5, 7pm; free. 21 and up. Suture, 655 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

IN PERSON

"A Warm Winter's Night" The Palomar Women's Chorus "warms the soul with traditional holiday

fare reflecting cultural influences from around the world." 760-744-1150 x2453. Friday, December 4, 8pm; \$5. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

"Calling the Cloud-Gatherers (Wet Poetry)" Who are the rain gods/goddesses in your culture, and what are their stories? What is your favorite rain poem? Bring a few poems or short written pieces for open poetry event. "If you are an author with books to sell, bring them with you" for holiday book sale. 760-480-4101. Sunday, December 6, 1pm; free. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Christmas at the Rock" Advent Christmas concert, worship. Future of Forestry joined by Josiah James, Urban Rescue. 619-226-ROCK. Thursday, December 3, 7pm; free. Rock Church, 2277 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

"I Love Orange Chicken" Comedian Jo Koy — seen on *Chelsea Lately* show — entertains. 800-585-3737. Saturday, December 5, 7:30pm; \$25. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

"Merry and Bright" Christmas concert by Sweet Adeline chorus, "known for its high-level vocal performing skills, energetic choreography, and gorgeous costumes." Tickets: 619-685-3385. Wednesday, December 9, 7:30pm; \$20. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY) **"Stanza"** Open-mike event. 858-354-6294. Sunday, December 6, 7pm; free. Thumbprint Gallery, 2637 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"Through the Eyes of a Child" San Diego Women's Chorus plans 22nd annual holiday concert, promising "songs of joy and peace." Concerts are ASL-interpreted. 619-291-3366. Saturday, December 5, 7:30pm; Sunday, December 6, 3pm; free-\$15. Mission Hills United Church of Christ, 4070 Jackdaw Street. (MISSION HILLS)

(Comedic) Room with a View Comedy by Cate Gary, Howard Richmond, Mike Pace. Dinner seating: 7pm; comedy show: 8pm. Fee includes four-course dinner and show. Reservations: 760-436-5544. Sunday, December 6, 7pm; \$39. 21 and up. Ki's Restaurant, 2591 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (CARDIFF)

Desert Lost Mystery novelist Betty Webb signs books. 858-268-4747. Monday, December 7, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Swimming from Under My Father Acclaimed actor Michael O'Keefe reads from his new collection of poetry. O'Keefe's best-known film role is Danny Noonan in *Caddyshack*; he is a practicing Zen Buddhist, became a Zen priest in 1996. 858-456-1800. Friday, December 4, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Elf on the Shelf Carol Aebersold signs book, subtitled *A Christmas Tradition*, which she





DOWNTOWN

4th & B: Ministry of Sound with Yves LaRock, Jabba and Zoo Brazil. Dance.

The Field Irish Pub: Double New Year's Party Irish Style. Irish New Year's at 4 pm. No cover. American New Year's Eve dinner packages available. Live Irish music.

Hard Rock Hotel San Diego: NYE 2010 – 3 floors, 4 venues, 12 DJs, 1 all-access ticket. VIP room packages available. Visit www.hardrockhotelsd.com/nye2010 or call (619) 702-3000 for more information.

Hilton Gaslamp: Karaoke and dancing. All-inclusive package: 1 night accommodations for 2, hors d'oeuvres, party favors, champagne toast and entertainment provided by "Musically Yours". \$299 per couple. For reservations call (619) 231-4040.

House of Blues: NYE 2010. Presented by Victory Nightlife.

Onyx/Thin: Featuring DJs: Rags, RJ Diggs, Ramsey and special guests. Three rooms of music, huge midnight celebration and champagne toast, dancers, high-tech visuals, hosted cocktail hour. For more info, bottle service and VIP reservations contact Charlissa Dodge at (619) 235-6699 or Charlissa@onyxroom.com. Early arrival and advance tickets suggested. Pre-sale tickets: onyxroom.com/clubzone.com/newyearseve.com/Mileage in P.B. Doors open at 8 pm. 21+.

Patrick's II: New Year's Eve Blowout. Ring in 2010 on the dance floor with the Dennis Jones Blues Band. Hats, horns, noisemakers, food, fun, and a champagne toast at midnight. \$25 in advance.

Café Sevilla: New Year's Eve Flamenco Dinner Show Extravaganza, Tapas Bar: 2 seatings. Restaurant: 3 seatings. Club Sevilla dinner show and dance party.

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina: Kaskade with Christopher Lawrence, Mark Farina, Joachim Garraud and guests. Electronica/Trance/House.

The Shout! House: Prime Rib Buffet, dessert, guaranteed seat, champagne toast, souvenir champagne glass, party favors, live entertainment all night long! Dinner, party packages and bottle service available.

EL CAJON

VFW Hall: New Year's Eve Mobster Bash. Featuring Dannicus live. Acoustic/Metal/Rock.

LA JOLLA

The Steakhouse at Azul La Jolla: USDA prime steaks, fresh seafood and more. All 100 feet above La Jolla Cove. Reserve now: (858) 454-9616 or azul-lajolla.com.

PACIFIC BEACH

T23 Hotel hosts JRDN NYE 2010: DJ Coop Da Loop, DJ Smoke, DJ Quendi and DJ Flesch. Ticket includes dinner buffet and dancing. Dinner 8-11 pm. \$75/person before December 30. Reserve tickets at (858) 270-5736.

Tango Del Rey: Just off I-5. Mardi Gras party, two bands, Cajun food, samba dancers, lots of beads. Discount if purchased by December 10. (858) 794-9044 or www.tangodelrey.com.

POINT LOMA

The Pearl: Party at the Pearl Hotel. Dinner for two for \$99 or 10 pm-1:30 am no cover party with DJ Dex Diego. Room packages available. (619) 226-6100 or www.thepearlsd.com.

RAMONA

Molly Malone's: Coldfire. Rock.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: Seasonal menu and a special three-course menu. Two seatings: 6 and 8:30 pm. Call for reservations.

VALLEY CENTER

Harrah's Rincón: "Hit It Big in 2010." Featuring Diva Soul, Federal Funk and the Superfreaks. Covers/pop/rock.



penned with daughter Chanda Bell. 858-755-2100. Thursday, December 3, 2pm. Geppetto's Toys — Flower Hill, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

The Last Aria Opera-singing chef Elizabeth Podsiadlo demonstrates creation of Amaretto pound cake, reads from and signs her latest book, performs with tenor Jef Olson and pianist John Danke. 760-753-7376. Thursday, December 3, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Best Local Wine? Janene Roberts and John Alonge talk about local vineyards, best local wines, where to find them. They will also sign their books: *Wine Tasting in Southern California* and *The Wine Heretics' Bible*. 619-232-4855. Wednesday, December 9, 7pm; free. The Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Bring Your Fairies and Elves! Mark Roberts signs "his 2009 collection." 760-746-1400. Saturday, December 5, 1pm; free. Canterbury Gardens & Gifts, 2402 South Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Chat Up an Author Holiday party promises open warehouse shopping, presentations by authors

including Jay Vavra (*San Diego Bay: A Call for Conservation*), Gary Mitrovich (*East of San Diego: The Lost History of the East San Diego Police Department 1912-1923*), Joey Seymour (*San Diego's Finest Athletes: Five Exceptional Lives*), others. Sample dishes, drinks from Sunbelt's new cookbooks. RSVP by December 1: 619-258-4911. Thursday, December 3, 4pm; free. Sunbelt Publications, 1256 Fayette Street. (EL CAJON)

Cocktails and Crafts Night Seeking a hostess gift? Maria Hunt signs *The Bubbly Bar: Champagne and Sparkling Wine Cocktails for Every Occasion.* "Create a custom gift wrap and personalized gift tag." 858-454-0347. Thursday, December 3, 6pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Focus on Greatness Author Behnam Bakhshandeh plans onehour talk, then signs his new book, *Conspiracy for Greatness*. 858-320-0090. Thursday, December 3, 7pm; free. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 5820 Oberlin Drive #108. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Four Calling Nenes! Celebrate "Christmas Hawaiian-style" with Frank Leong and the Moonlight Beach Serenaders; hear carols sung in Hawaiian and English, interpreted through hula. 760-753-7376. Sunday, December 6, 2pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

SINGLES

Hearing Handbells? Traditional handbell choir concerts for "December Nights." San Diego Harmony Ringers perform on December 4; St. Mark's Carillion Hand Bell Choir takes stage on December 5. 619-232-6203. Friday, December 4, 6:30pm and 7:45pm; Saturday, December 5, 6:30pm and 7:45pm; free. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

How Does Santa Know... Who is naughty or nice? *The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition* co-author Carol Aebersold signs books. 619-294-8878. Thursday, December 3, 10am. Geppetto's Toys — Fashion Valley, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

It's the Little Things... Jerry Seinfeld returns for stand-up comedy. 619-570-1100. Friday, December 4, 7pm; Saturday, December 5, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$48-\$78. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet Nubs Local author Major Brian Dennis and his "Iraqi dog of war" Nubs visit shop to discuss, sign *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle.* 858-454-0347. Tuesday, December 8, 7pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Mesa College Guitar Ensemble Concert by many performers, including music faculty and music student performers. 858-581-9935. Wednesday, December 9, 6:30pm; free. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT) More Pet Talks Richard Lederer plans talk, signing of his new books *A Treasury for Dog Lovers* and *A Treasury for Cat Lovers*. Books available for purchase. 858-581-9935. Monday, December 7, 6:30pm; free. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Mysterious Holiday Party Guests at this year's party include Karl Alexander (Jaclyn the Ripper), Emily Brightwell (Mrs. Jeffries and the Yuletide Weddings), Hannah Dennison (The Exposé!), Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl (Beautiful Creatures), Nancy Holder (Possessions), Linda O. Johnston (Howl Deadly), Tim Maleeny (Jump), Cindy Pon (Silver Phoenix: Beyond the Kingdom of Xia), Harry Turtledove (Liberating Atlantis), E. Van Lowe (Never Slow Dance with a Zombie), Mary Gold (Silverstein & Me). 858-268-4747. Saturday, December 5, 5pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

On Dating and Dysfunction Phil Torcivia releases his new book, *Such a Nice Guy.* 760-942-2104. Monday, December 7, 7pm. 3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro, 897 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Palomar/Pacific Coast Concert Band Enjoy debut of this symphonic wind/brass/percussion ensemble during concert with "multimedia presentations" of music from *The Nutcracker, Babes in Toyland*, and "Festive Sounds of Hanukah." 760-744-1150 x2453. Saturday, December 5, 2pm; \$8-\$12. Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

Poetry Ruckus at the Duck! Twenty local poets perform their work. Featured guest is "bard of the courtroom" Belinda Rachman, Esquire. 760-632-0488. Wednesday, December 9, 7pm; free. Ducky Waddle's Emporium, 414 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

Rising Star Comic Book Artists! Kat Rocha and Josh Finney — creators of indie comic books *Utopiates* and *Titanium Rain* — on hand to sign books. 619-291-5264. Saturday, December 5, 1pm; free. Rising Sun Creations, 1620 Camino de la Reina, Suite D. (MISSION VALLEY)

Up-and-Coming Comedy "Stress-Free Tuesdays" comedy show by G King and Sarah Tiana, hosted by Byron Bowers. No cover, no drink minimum. 619-708-7975. Tuesday, December 8, 7pm; free. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

What's a Chautauqua? Find out when historian, writer William "Charlie" Chin portrays a Chinese-American character called Uncle Toisan, whose life spans period from Chinese Exclusion Act to post-civil rights era and emergence of Asian-American consciousness. After "Uncle Toisan: A Chautauqua Performance," Chin answers audience questions in character, then as himself, all in Manchester Executive Conference Center Auditorium. 619-298-6363. Saturday, December 5, 7:30pm; \$10. 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

LECTURES

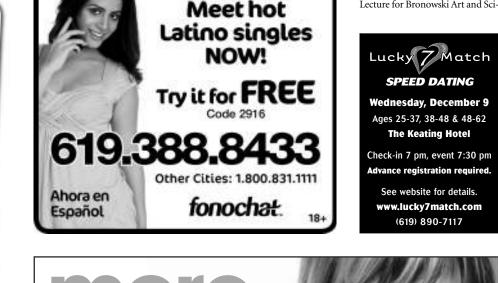
"Forgotten Math for Parents" When did you last add fractions or do a percentage problem? Participants move from station to station to refresh math skills during class guided by Sylvan teachers. 619-267-8705. Saturday, December 5, 10am; free. Borders Books and Music — National City, 3030 Plaza Bonita Road. (NATIONAL CITY)

"Journey with a Baja Burro" Author Graham Mackintosh discusses his 1000-mile trek down padres' trail with his trusty burro named Mission, for LIFE at Mira-Costa (in room 1068). Aubrey Kuan focuses on "MiraCosta's Foreign Students" at 2:30pm. 760-721-8124. Friday, December 4, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Preparing for Disasters for Seniors" What should you do in an emergency or natural disaster? American Red Cross presentation specifically geared towards older adults. 619-583-3300. Wednesday, December 9, 12:45pm; free. College Avenue Older Adult Center, 4855 College Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Really Reliable Recall" Frustrated your pooch won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, December 5, 9am; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Uncanny and Visual Culture" Lecture for Bronowski Art and Sci-







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ence Forum by UCSD art history in the visual arts professor John Welchman, who is said to combine "roles of modernist art historian and contemporary critic with work in visual-cultural studies." 858-442-3030. Thursday, December 3, 6:30pm; free, Burnham Institute for Medical Research, 10905 Road to the Cure. (LA JOLLA)

"Verdi's Nabucco: A Composer's First Success" Nicolas Reveles of San Diego Opera speaks about Verdi's opera based on Biblical story of Nebuchadnezzar. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Tuesday, December 8, 7:30pm; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"We Live Inside" Group art show of UCSD's first-year MFA students in UCSD's Visual Arts Facility Gallery (just off Russell Lane). Presentation of temporal pieces in VAF performance space. 858-534-2862. Thursday, December 3, 8pm; Friday, December 4, 6pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

ADHD Ignorant? Educator/developmental pediatrician Dr. Walt Karniski leads public forum for parents, local professionals focusing on "academic needs of children with ADHD and other learning differences." RSVP: 866-949-2896. Tuesday, December 8, 7pm; free. San Diego Marriott La Jolla, 4240 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Art Amongst the Petrified! Pastel Society of San Diego meets for talk by local artist/teacher Susan Roden, who "will discuss her participation in the artist-in-residence program in Petrified Forest National Park." 619-470-7117. Sunday, December 6, 2pm: free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Explore Your Creativity Learn simple clay hand-building techniques to make sculpture, vessels for your home or garden when Cheryl Tall leads clay classes (Tuesdays, 10:30am or 2:30pm). Tall also plans painting and mixed-media classes divulging techniques such as acrylic painting, glazing, stippling, stamping, collage (Thursdays). Fee: \$140 for four classes. 760-479-0399. Thursdays, 10:30am, 10:30am and 2:30pm; Thursdays; Tuesdays, 10:30am and 2:30pm; through Thursday, January 28, 18 and up. Cheryl Tall Art Studio, 1114 N. Coast Hwy. 101 Suite 2. (LEUCADIA)

Expressive Arts Playshop Workshop for cancer patients, caregivers promising hands-on art making, guided imagery, journaling. No art experience necessary. Led by Alessandra Colfi. Registration: 858-822-5240. Tuesday, December 8, 1pm; free. 18 and up. Moores UCSD Cancer Center, 3855 Health Sciences Drive. (LA JOLLA)

SINGLES



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Gifts from the Kitchen Learn to prepare pumpkin-seed brittle, herbes de Provence, herb bread with creamy herbed butter, caramel-chocolate layered fudge from opera-singing chef Elizabeth. Recipes, tastings. Pre-registration required: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, December 5, 1:30pm; \$25-\$30. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Know Huichol Folk Art? Institute of the Americas unveils a Huichol yarn painting entitled The History, Gods, Myths, Rituals, and Future of the Huichol Indians, on indefinite loan from Eugene Garfield. Evening includes presentation on culture of Mexico's Huichol Indians, traditions making their art unique. 858-453-5560. Thursday, December 3, 6:30pm; free. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Master Your Muck Certified professional organizer/image consultant/syndicated columnist/author Kathi Burns (How to Master Your Muck) demonstrates "how to set goals, get control of ... paper flow and email box." 760-753-7376. Saturday, December 5, 10am; free. 12 and up. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Simply Succulent Wreath Making Learn to make a living wreath using succulents when Elizabeth Ramos leads class; wreaths may last several years. Fee includes materials. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday. December 5, noon; \$45-\$55. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuvamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

UCSD Artists' Forum Meet artists included in "San Diego NOW: Eight UCSD Visual Artists" exhibition during forum moderated by Ernest Silva. Learn "their methodologies and techniques and what they see as the future of art in San Diego." 760-435-3720. Thursday, December 3, 7pm; free-\$5. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Use What You Own Certified "interior redesigner" Maru Willson offers quick, easy holiday decorating tips. Decorate with what you eat, create "semi-homemade gifts," more. 760-435-5600. Saturday, December 5, 2pm; free. Oceanside Library, 330 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Water-Smart Edibles Horticulturist David Yetz presents "informative and delicious exploration of fruit that can be grown in a water-conserving landscape." Enjoy samples, see some of the plants. Learn proper planting, drip irrigation, maintenance. 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, December 5, 10am; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Writing Practice "Connect with your creative self through timed writing practice exercises and round-table discussions" led by Maureen Pierre, 760-753-7601. Thursdays, 6pm; through Thursday, December 17, free. 18 and up.

Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

"Friday Night Live" American Wrestling Alliance presents matches including heavyweight championship bout between "The Mirror Image" Ricky Mandell and Matt Twizted. Triple-threat championship: SoCal Crazy versus Todd Chandler versus "The Nomad" Damon Divine; tag-team championship between DJ and Chase Anderson versus the Drunken Luchadors, others. 619-569-0356. Friday, December 4, 7pm; \$8-\$10. Unity Lodge, 3366 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Backcountry Bikin' San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists head out for 80-mile adventure to Valley Center, Lilac, more. Bring money for lunch in Valley Center. 619-688-6536. Sunday, December 6, 8:45am. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Biking with Didier Join Alliance Française bicycling group for sixmile flat and easy ride along Mission Bay and oceanfront. Ride begins in Crown Point south parking lot (facing Fiesta Bay at intersection of 3500 Crown Point Dr., La Cima Dr., Corona Oriente Road), Nonmembers: donation. 858-550-0144. Sunday, December 6, 9:30am, 3700 Crown Point Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

In Search of the Black Sea Turtle Paddle silent kayaks over warm, shallow waters of South Bay, pass over eel grass beds to look for backs and heads of turtles rising to breathe during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. Learn biology of these sea creatures, story of San Diego's turtles. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Saturday, December 5, 9am; \$20-\$65, 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Jingle Bell Horse Show 858-794-1171. Thursday, December 3, 8am; Friday, December 4, 8am; Saturday, December 5, 8am; Sunday, December 6, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Sockers versus Dynamite! San Diego Sockers host Denver's team for soccer match. 866-799-4625. Saturday, December 5, 6:15pm; free-\$19. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Stone Brewery Biking Explore quiet roads of Escondido with Knickerbiker bicyclists. The 30mile ride is followed by brewery tour if at least ten people reserve a spot. RSVP: 760-747-8622. Sunday, December 6, 9:30am. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Bonita Museum and Cultural **Center** Seventeenth annual "Magi Exhibit" continues through

Wednesday, January 6. During Korean War, Harris Teller lifted spirits of men in ship's sick bay with display of porcelain nativity set he bought in Pusan Bay. Teller has since collected over 700 sets, and continues to acquire and donate new Magi each year.

Museum features exhibits of local history and fine arts, striving "to preserve and celebrate the spirit of Bonita in its two spacious galleries." Stories of Bonita's 100 year history are told with artifacts, photographs. Displays include Native American culture, lemon orchard period, events of the flood of 1916, and transformation of family life by technology. 4355 Bonita Rd., 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum "Quint: Three Decades of Contemporary Art," a survey of artists represented by Quint Contemporary Art, explores "how the vision of one local gallery has contributed to the commonwealth" and documents "changes seen in the artistic community of San Diego, in the art world, and for each individual artist as they have found their notoriety and artistic voice," Exhibition features paintings, sculptures, installations, drawings and prints by artists such as Jean Lowe, Sol Lewitt, Mel Bochner, Kim MacConnel, Julian Opie, Ryan McGinness, Manny Farber, and Patricia Patterson.

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340 North Escondido Blvd., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

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

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours

on Saturdays (11am, 1pm) and Sundays (noon, 2pm). 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Lane, 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. Witherby Street and Hancock St., 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown

"Tara Donovan" features sculptures and installations from past decade. Show traces "ambitious process of this young artist," who takes mass quantities of a single everyday item (tape, plastic cups, straws, pins, toothpicks, buttons) and "assembles them in different ways." Closes Sunday, February 28. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

Museum of San Diego History

"100 Years of Art," continuing through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The

museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK

San Diego Air and Space Museum "The Da Vinci Experience" reveals how Leonardo Da Vinci's conceptual designs for many technological wonders were centuries ahead of their time. "For the past 50 years a group of Florentine artisans have pored over Da Vinci's notes and drawings in an attempt to faithfully create replicas of his many inventions, relying solely on materials that were available in 15th-century Italy. The result is over two dozen fully functional models, 11 of which are fullsized." The interactive models are displayed with a facsimile of relevant Leonardo Da Vinci drawing. Closes Sunday, January 3.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which 'saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS

Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens through-

out the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Rd., 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Timken Museum of Art Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18thand 19th-century American paintings, and Russian icons. Saint Bartholomew, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

Valley Center History Museum

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

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

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Sunshine Band with the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow. "The music is electronic and danceable, but the subject even louder. "I started out as a sheltered but fierce gringo from the suburbs of Philadelphia,"



matter includes taboos, from pansexuality to promiscuity, profanity, gender bending, sacrificing virgins, and extrasays Beringer. "I majored in sociology at a small Quaker liberal arts college, but I was always an artist and activist at heart, and I've always known my calling is to somehow mix art and activism."

After moving to San Diego in 2000, Beringer says, "I fell in love with Latino culture and developed a passion for border issues. I lived in my pickup truck for seven months while working as a social worker for the county, showering at 24 Hour Fitness gym and eating mostly peanut butter and jelly while I saved enough money to put a studio together.

"Twelve thousand dollars later, I moved out of my truck and into an apartment with room for a music studio."

In the past three years, Mono Mono has played almost 200 venues and events in the U.S., including the House of Blues, San Diego Latino Film Festival, the San Diego Pride Festival, as well as in Mexico at the Corona Music Fest, the International Festival of Electronic Music, the Forum Jai Alai, Victor's Bar, and Cafe Luna.

"Venue managers are sometimes horrified when they see me launch my massive hurricane of confetti, streamers, and foam. But drink sales are usually high, and cleanup is easy and quick, at least if you have a big broom, so I almost always get asked back. Sometimes things get a little rowdy, but I've never had a notable injury to report." "At present, my show is completely soft, stainless, and dry. Or, at the very least, it evaporates quickly." — Jay Allen Sanford being practically dead." The group's first local hookup was with Larger Than Life guitarist Devin Schlichting.



GO WEST, YOUNG MEN (INSIDE SWITCH)

The Big Switch "There were maybe two venues in Harrisonburg for people to play," says Inside Switch singer-guitarist Peter Hicks, who with bandmate and brother David Hicks (bass) moved the entire band from Virginia to San Diego last year. "I spent all my savings from working while finishing college — about \$1000 — on the move out here. It was daunting, dropping everything, including a good job. It took me about two months to find work [in San Diego], with the recession being in full swing and the job market "I met him when we worked with disabled kids and pulled him in on the project. We first set up in Mission Valley, but since we spent all our time drinking in P.B., we just decided to move there. Devin lives with us now, and we all work as a big happy family out of our house." The band also includes drummer Steven Owens. "Our first local gigs were for private parties and for a charity downtown."

So why move to San Diego rather than L.A., Nashville, Austin, or someplace musically akin? "We fell in love with the culture when visiting San Diego," says Peter. "Plus, we really wanted to try and be a part of something special with local flavor, rather than being just another act in a hugely saturated market. We also felt the bipolar qualities of our music suits the eclectic scene in San Diego, from soft piano ballads to harder alternative guitar-driven rock."

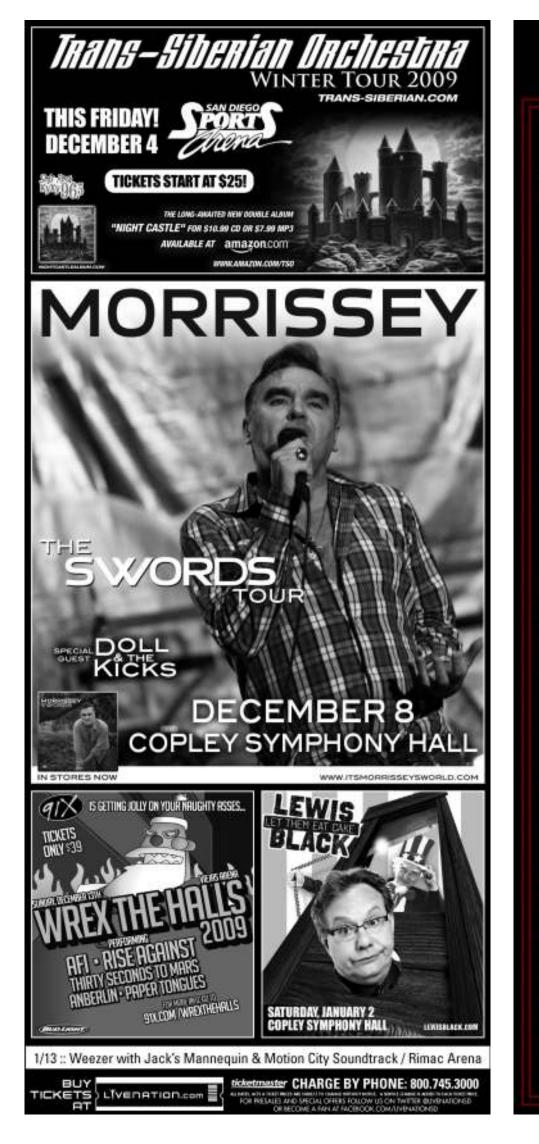
Inside Switch, seen around town at O'Connell's and Brick by Brick, are currently recording their debut album at Capricorn Studios. — Jay Allen Sanford

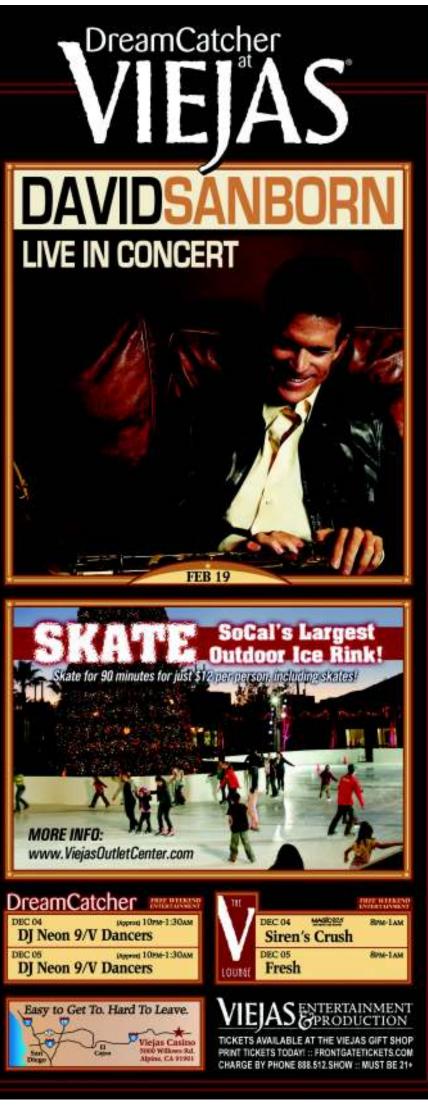
Radio Kaos "I've done a lot of wild rock-star interviews," savs Kaos Tom, who hosts The Kaos Nation Show. a live video broadcast program at *aiiradio.net*. Regarding Metal Mike Saunders of the Angry Samoans, he says, "I would ask him a question, a relatively simple question, and he would go on for 10 minutes. After about 45 minutes and only four questions, I said, 'Hey, thank you for the interview,' and walked away." Returning around 15 minutes later, Tom says, "He was still answering my question, without me even being there."

As for lead Sex Pistol Johnny Rotten, "I met him out back at 91X. This was when they got into the 2006 music awards, and he started

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telling about how they wanted to charge him \$25,000 dollars to present this award to him. He told them to fuck off."

Rotten also told him of an impromptu surfing trip. "From what Johnny told me, they decided to eat some [mu]shrooms first. Johnny said, 'Now, Kaos, I'm not a



KAOS TOM ON SURFING WITH JOHNNY ROTTEN

morning."

Before embracing Kaos,

Tom interned at Rock 105.3 and KGB-FM. He also worked

behind the scenes with JD

Romance, Elephant Army,

and Canobliss, covering jobs

ranging from roadie to man-

ager. Beginning in January,

The Kaos Nation Show will

stream live on Tuesday after-

noons, while archived inter-

— Jay Allen Sanford

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surfer - I'm a singer, and that was a bad idea.' We started laughing our asses off."

Tom was less successful interviewing Motörhead front man Lemmy. "Everyone knows you can't understand a single word he says. Besides, I waited around for about nine hours to do the interview, and by then I was drunk off my ass.... It was one in the

Record-Release Roundup Crown City Sessions is the second fulllength from the Riders, whose studio posse included Dire Straits producer Guy Fletcher and saxophonist Buddy Leach (George Thorogood and the Destroyers). "It was recorded on a rented mobile unit," says front man Tom Cusimano, "in a little house on Coronado Island, aka Crown City, which was set to be demolished at

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the end of the summer." Copies will be available when the band plays an acoustic set at Wine Steals in Cardiff on Thursday, December 3.

Hocus debuts their Better Than You album on December 4 with a release party at the Soda Bar. "We've got some go-go dancers who've been wanting to dance for us, so hopefully they'll be ready for the show," says Hocus honcho Lando Martinez, who retired from the U.S. Navy in 2008 after serving 20 years. "Tell the doorman you're there for Hocus, and you'll get a free copy of the album."

The Nervous Wreckords, featuring ex-members of Louis XIV, are having a release party for their Nailbighter EP on December 9 at the Casbah. "We don't do any covers at the moment, but we have tossed a couple around," says Wreckords center Brian

Karscig. "As far as special guests go, a lot of friends were involved in making this record, so I guess you just never know who may show up."

Tristeza's new album Fate Unfolds will be available (on vinyl) when the band plays the Casbah on December 12. Digital distribution will begin



later this month. Spanish guitarist David Maldonado has a CD-release

Anthology.

hands up in the air and wave 'em like you just don't care." party set for December 23 at Ristband, with Roxy Monoxide guitarist Dave The Bully Blinders play a Gladish, release their debut

release party for their City of Dirt album at the Casbah on December 16, along with Marquez (also debuting a new CD). According to William Talls, "Special guests that will be there are the KneeHighs, Parker Edison, and maybe a surprise appearance from Charlie Sheen. We promise

not to ask you to throw your

nine-song album in late December. "We were originally called the Hired Gun All-Stars," says Gladish, "but that name was a little pretentious."

Astra Kelly, whose last record was in 2004, has a release party for her new EP Battling the Sun scheduled for January 23 at the Ruby Room. "The new songs have a really cool vibe that I haven't touched upon before in my set," says Kelly. "Local artist Billy Martinez, who did the EP cover art, will be there doing live artwork."

Also slated for January are new albums from blues rocker JAC, San Francisco guitar whiz Kenny Eng, jazzy singer-guitarist Steph Johnson, and Zeppelin-esque bar belters Superunloader.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Crawler This Week In Music

Thursday 5

SanFran psych-pop band the Fresh & Onlys will bring the ampersand to Bar Pink tonight. The Onlys spill Nuggets-era vocals - complete with haunting female backup - over jangly garagerock chord progressions, a sound reminiscent of their Haight & Ashbury ancestors. Fans of Thee Oh Sees and Skygreen Leopards would do well to wrap their paws around the new Woodsist (who else) disc Grey-Eyed Girls. With Austin rock-n-soul risers Woven Bones and DJ Mario O spinning some vinyl, these are the sets to catch tonight ... Little Dragon's a Swedish electro-soul outfit with a Japanese female singer. They are out to tout this year's closer-to-trip-hop disc Machine Dreams. The Dragons swoop down on Casbah with Pollyn and DJ Blacq Shampoo.... Ken Club stages psychrock sets by Red Octopus, Radio Moscow, and Nebula.... And acousti-punk quartet the Canton Mudders kick the Tin Can Ale House with Tiny Frank and the Morning on Fire fo' free.

Friday

Girls' new bed-sit collection Album stokes '50s and '60s vocal pop with unwieldy guitar tones and lo-fi "whatever." The numbers make for straight-ahead sing-alongs about busted affairs and broken dreams, but Christopher Owens who insists on citing the Everlys as his heaviest influence - has a voice that takes some getting used to. Once you do, though, you'll uncover one of the more charming (and rocking) pop collections to come out this year. Their Bay Area buds the Morning Benders split this hot ticket at the Loft on UCSD campus.... On the downhill side of campus, the struggling students at Ché Café have booked a benefit to keep the collective solvent, and even though Abe Vigoda will NOT make the scene as previously planned, it's still a killer bill and cause with the

Beaters (ex-Sess), Blessure Grave, No Paws (No Lions), and the Preteens.... Soma stages Irvine alt-rockers Thrice, which has a new one called *Beggars*. (Apropos title for the Vagrant label.) Dear Hunter and the Bled set the Arena

MARTINIS



area stage.... Else: Swamp-boogie cat Kenny Neal wades into Anthology...trip-hop trio Digable Planets orbit O.B. nightspot Winstons...and very heavy-metal hits Casbah with Baroness and Earthless. Get yer plugz at the bar.

Saturday

Cold Cave creepy Wesley Eisold is bringing indie geeks and klub kids together 'round his new Matador platter *Love Comes Close*, one of the most infectious synth-pop

discs I ever heard, and I hate the shizz. But -BUT — it's dark, and Wesley was, once upon a time, front man for killer Philly hardcores Some Girls. Cold Cave plays Casbah Saturday with Nite Jewel and Ale Mania.... Hollyweird's heavy-beats bad boy Mickey Avalon will be down at 4th&B behind a slew of new singles, including Billy Squier staple "Stroke Me (explicit version)." Of course it is, Mick.... Utter mentionables: L.A. psych-pop act Lemon Sun join our MICKEY AVAI ON AT 4TH & B own wild-weekender

Maren Parusel at Soda Bar...the Dirty Santas deliver naughty rock to Radio Room. The Aversions and End of Power up first...'Round the bend at Bar Pink, the princess of Pioneertown, **Linnzi** Zaorski, unwraps her Christmas collection. She'll be in town for a couple of nights at the North Park hotspot...and **Modern Rifles** shoot up Tin Can Ale House. Swim Party sets the stage at the Banker's Hill bar.

Sunday **6**

One of the o-riginal ska-punks, Angelo Moore (aka Dr. Madd Vibe) and his refurbished band **Fishbone**, will visit House of Blues Sunday night. They're

Sunday night. They're looking to dish their new CD/DVD discs, *Fishbone Live (in Bordeaux)*. The likeminded **Less Than Jake** headlines the gig **Cage** and the **Swellers** are also on

the bill.... From the mainstream side of

Manhattan, **Stellastarr** shines on Casbahh with local up-and-comers **Transfer**. Look for Transfer's new radio-ready set *Future Selves* to get the boys some national notice. Good luck with that.

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SYMPHONY HALL

Monday

Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up gives you **Harper Simon**, son of Paul. The young Mr. Simon this year released his self-titled debut via his own imprint Tulsi Records. It's a folk-pop affair that does Dad proud. Give a listen here: *myspace.com/harpersimon*. The **Chapin Sisters** and **Farmer Dave** will set the Middletown mainstay's stage.

Tuesday

Pompadoured pop star **Morrissey** will grace the stage at Copley Symphony Hall Tuesday night. Do *not* mess with Moz's hair. Last month in Liverpool, the singer walked offstage after a plastic bottle hit him in the hairdo. And this just a week after he collapsed onstage in Swindon. All's well, though, my little mope-pop idolaters, as the Smiths mythmaker has made the leap overseas for the U.S. leg behind his new b-side and rarities record *Swords*. *Whew*.... Not your cup of Earl Grey? Belly Up books Brazilian bossa

nova babydoll **Bebel Gilberto**...and Radio Room dials up Echo Park indie kids **Woah Hunx**, the **Cowabunga Babes** from Austin, and our own **Christmas Island** and **Braaiins!**



The "In Solvent See" tour hits House of Blues as Canadian electro-industrial act **Skinny Puppy** howls along with Nebraskan death-metal dudes **Vverevvolf Grehv** (feat. Dapose of the Faint). Puppy's new disc, *In Solvent See*, their 13th, isn't due to drop till early next year, but you're sure to get a sneak peek Wednesday night.... Punk pioneers **Kevin Seconds** (7 Seconds), **Greg Attonito** (Bouncing Souls), and **Kepi Ghoulie** (Groovie Ghoulies)

are gonna folk shit up at campus club Ché Café.... Brian Karscig and his **Nervous Wreckords** will play a CD-release thing at Casbah for their debut EP *Nailbighter*. Local lounge lizards **Apes of Wrath** and the minimal-



KINNY PUPPY AT HOUSE OF BLUES

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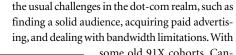
hen Chris Cantore signed off from his shift at 91X on December 14, 2007, he told listeners that he was unsure if he would be returning to the job after a two-

week vacation. Cantore's on-air partner of two years, Jennifer White, had departed a month before for her own morning show

on Sophie 103.7. There were rumors that *Cantore in the Morning*, which had been on 91X for 11 years, would be replaced with the Los Angeles–based syndicated *Adam Carolla Show*, which had already replaced the *Howard Stern Show* in many markets after Stern went to Sirius Radio. The rumor, and Cantore's termination, turned out to be true.

Cantore returned to the airwaves via cyberspace on May 5, 2008, with a new show hosted by San Diego–based *X1FM.com*, broadcasting on both satellite radio and online as an audio-visual program. In conjunction with X1, he became house DJ at the W Hotel downtown. It was a short-lived return, as he was let go from X1 three months later after a format change. On his My-Space page, Cantore's blog entry on the matter was titled "Déjà vu."

In 2008 Cantore was on the ground floor of a



new venture, LegitRadio.com, which proved to have

MUSIC MICHAEL HEMMINGSON some old 91X cohorts, Cantore relaunched LegitRadio in spring of 2009 and is on air daily from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

In early 2009, Cantore opened an office in the East Village for Cantore Creative, a media PR agency with clients such as Street Scene, the Gaslamp's Haunted Hotel, Sombrero Mexican Food, Ono Sushi, and the San Diego Film Festival. He also DJs every second Saturday of the month at the A/C Lounge in University Heights.

TOP FIVE IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Pinback, *Autumn of the Seraphs*. "My musical mantra before a surf session. Specifically, 'Subbing for Eden.'"

2. Sigur Rós, *Gobbledigook*. "Dare I say it's my favorite Sigur Rós album to date?"

The Hold Steady, *Stay Positive*. "Favorite album title of 2008, and another strong outing for the Hold Steady. J Mascis cameo? Nice."
 Beck, *Modern Guilt*. "My favorite Beck record

since Sea Change."





5. *Thomas the Train*, narrated by Ringo Starr. "Puts my son Nico right to sleep."

SEXIEST LOCAL PERFORMER?

"John Reis of the Night Marchers. Because you were expecting me to say Tristan Prettyman, Anya Marina, or Kristin Gundred."

ONE THING THAT SUCKS ON A LIVE SHOW...

"Now that I'm doing my show live on camera with instant-messaging from listeners and viewers, I'd say getting called out for pit-stains, man-boobs, and crotch-adjustments grows tiresome."

EARLIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

"Sitting in a big, comfy rocking chair and listening to my dad's vinyl collection — original pressings! Specifically, the Beatles, the Doors, Jimi, and Janis. I was also fond of my Fisher-Price record player. 'Puff the Magic Dragon.' Go figure."

MOST-RECURRING DREAM?

"My teeth crumbling in my mouth. I'm told it has to do with financial pressure. Damn recession."

WHAT DID YOU DO PROM NIGHT?

"I did not attend prom. Depressed, I went to a strip club — April's in North Hollywood — with another dateless loser."

TOP-FIVE WORST JOBS?

 "Glazing hams at Honeybaked Hams."
 "Rolling churros at the Valley Indoor Swap Meet."

- 3. "Wiping sweat off tanning beds."
- 4. "With a grout knife, scraping seagull crap off the benches at Shamu Stadium."
- 5. "Caltrans. Donning an orange vest, picking up trash on the side of the freeway. Long story." ■







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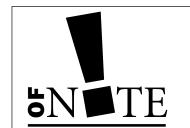
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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

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Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Friday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm — The Kenny Neal Band. Blues. \$18. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Tokeli Band. Latin/jazz. \$12.

Athenaeum School of the Arts Studio: 4441 Park Bl., Normal Heights.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I first met Shayde Sartin when he was playing bass in a San Francisco garage rock band called the Hotwire Titans. Later I would occasionally run into him at the record store where he worked. If I was trying to research some hyped-up new band, he would know all about it and also turn me on to some act that was way more obscure — and usually better than the one I had asked about. Over the years I've seen Sartin's name come up in connection with a number of San Francisco bands in a variety of styles: psychedelic singer-songwriter Kelley Stoltz, freak-folkers Skygreen Leopards, and indie popsters the Papercuts, among others. I haven't seen Sartin in a long time, but over the past year or two I've often read his name in the growing press coverage about his latest band, the Fresh & Onlys.

The Fresh & Onlys started as a recording project between Sartin and Tim Cohen, who used to be in the experimental band Black Fiction. After hearing some of their home-recorded music. Stoltz put out the first Fresh & Onlys single on his label. That was in early 2008.

Since then, Sartin and Cohen have put out two albums, opened for the likes of Stephen Malkmus, and generally received rave reviews everywhere.

The Fresh & Onlys sound like a mix of all the music I've name-dropped so far, and probably much of the music Sartin and I talked about

Pop/rock.



at the record store. All these disparate sounds shouldn't mix well, but the Fresh & Onlys bind them all together with a gritty rock 'n' roll spirit with a gift for melody.

FRESH & ONLYS: Bar Pink, Thursday, December 3, 10 p.m. 619-564-7194.

Indonesian Gamelan Ensemble. World, Free.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.

Friday, 8pm — The Elevators.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Thursday, 8:30pm — Little Dragon. With guests. Electronic. \$14. 21 and up. Sunday, 8:30pm — Stellastarr. With the Postelles. Rock. \$14-\$15. 21 and up. Monday, 8:30pm - Harper Simon. With the Chapin Sisters. Country/folk. \$10. 21 and up. Tuesday, 8:30pm — Danko Jones. With Genghis Con Job and Die Sabotage. Rock. \$8. 21 and up. Wednesday, 8:30pm - The Nervous Wreckords CD-Release Party. Featuring the Apes of Wrath, Maystar, and Mata León. Rock. \$10. 21 and up.

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9845.

Sunday, 6pm — The Eben Brooks Band, Rock.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown, 619-235-0804. Tuesday, 8pm - Morrissey.

The Covote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695 Saturday, 6pm — The Robin

Henkel Band. Blues/funk/jazz. Free. Cuyamaca College: 900

Rancho San Diego Parkway,

Cuyamaca College, 619-660-4000. *Thursday*, 7pm — Afro-Cuban Jazz Ensemble. With Ritmo Caribe. Jazz/salsa. \$8-\$10.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344. Sunday, 9pm, Monday, 9pm -FX5. Covers/standards/dance.

Dirtbag Music: 1135 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. Friday, 8pm — Given Life. Hardcore/metal/rock. Free.



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BY DAVE GOOD

The major eons of rock: In the '60s it was psychedelic, folk rock, and the British invasion. The 1970s were punk and new wave. The '80s gave us glam and big-hair rock. and the '90s belonged first to grunge and then to indie. The current decade has been about file sharing, rock-music hybrids, the revival of garage and punk, and what may eventually be tagged as the first generation of a new flavor: I'll call it disposable rock.

"Everything is instant," emailed a friend of mine in the music industry last week. "[These days] I don't have songs or albums that remind me of a time anymore." I agree, but I'm not sure that this notion of a new

New York's finest indie export since the Strokes. Despite the buzz, their star never burned as brightly, perhaps in part because at the time stellastarr was

on.

vet another melodramatic hipster band informed by '80s pop in a veritable sea of same. They were part of the new and growing generation of rockers who were denied the kinds of sales generated by significant radio play and instead made their bones through constant touring. I hear a crisp Cars



thing in the mix these days, with strong rock intent and timing and with some witty har-monizing between **Shawn Christensen** and Amanda Tanner. Disposable? Yes. But bad? No, and you can hear the real band now.

stellastarr: The Casbah. Sunday. December 6, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$14 advance; \$15 day of show.

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Saturday, 6:30pm — Lee Coulter.

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Friday, 8pm — Carlos Olmeda.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Thursday, 6pm — Chet and the Committee. Open blues jam. Free.

Elementary Institute of Science: 608 51st St., Encanto,

619-263-2302. Wednesday, 3pm — African American Musicians Heritage Foundation: The 19th Annual Requiem. Featuring Tomcat Courtney, Deeiha Marie, Eddie Ellis, John Phillips, Dennis Jackson, Dennis Dawson, Daniel Jackson, Gary Thompson, Winfred Stewart, Earl Vaultes, Rick James, and Lisa Hightower. Country/folk/rock. \$25.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204

Friday, 9pm — Washing Matilda. Covers/standards. Free. 21 and up. Saturday, 9pm — Wickhauser. Rock. Free. 21 and up.

The Flying Bridge: 1105 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, 760-722-0081.

Saturday, 8pm — Reggae Sunday. Featuring Mystic Tree, DJ Vex, and Steel Foundation. Reggae. \$10. 21 and up.

Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa. Sunday, 8pm - Orquesta La Cura.

Salsa, \$7.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.

Friday, 8pm — The Clay Colton Band. Alternative/covers/rock. Saturday, 8pm - Diva Soul. Covers/pop/rock. Sunday, 3pm and 7pm Vietnamese Concert. Featuring Truong Vu, Nhu Ouvnh, Duv Truong, Tam Doan, Manh Quynh, Huong Thuy, Thai Chau, Huong Lan, Quang Le, Ngoc Ha, Giao

Linh and Tuan Vu, and the Keys Band. World. \$35-\$55.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. Friday, 7pm - Led Zepagain. With Fan Halen. Covers/rock. \$12-\$32. 21 and up. Sunday, 11am — Gospel Brunch Gospel. \$38. Sunday, 7pm — Less Than Jake. With Fishbone, Cage, and the Swellers. Punk/ska. \$17-\$20. Wednesday, 8pm — Skinny Puppy. Electronic/experimental/industrial. \$22-\$40. 21 and up.

Humphrey's Backstage

Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Saturday, 9pm - Siren's Crush Covers/pop/rock. Monday, 7pm — The Robin Henkel Band. Blues/funk/jazz. \$5-\$8.

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Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10): 1140 West Mission Rd., Palomar College. Thursday, 8pm — The Palomar Electronic Music Ensemble. Electronic \$5

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077. Thursday, 9pm - Chris James & Patrick Rynn. Rock. Friday, 5pm — Chris James & Patrick Rynn. Rock. Friday, 9pm — Delta Heat. Blues/swing/R&B. Saturday, 9pm — The Burnsville Band. Blues. Sunday, 9pm — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B. Monday, 9pm — Chet and the Committee. Blues. Wednesday, 9pm — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues.

Portugalia: 4839 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. Friday, 8pm - Danyavaad & the Shimmy Sisters. Middle Eastern lounge and Indian fusion. \$10.

Pounders: 125 West Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-739-1288. Friday, 9pm, Saturday, 9pm - Stone Wolf. Covers/rock.

Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147. Friday, 7pm - Buddy Akai. With the Atoms, the New Archaic, and the Color of Glass. Free admission with donation of unopened toy. Electronic/noise/rock. Free

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466

Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030 Friday, 9pm - Nemesis. Grunge/ metal/rock.

Saturday, 9pm — Pushin Rope. Bluegrass/country/punk

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-284-3323 Thursday, 9pm — Bill Cardinal & the Canyon Band. With Peewee Moore and Shaun T. Morgan. Country/rock. \$5. 21 and up.

Renegade Inn: 14335 Old Highway 80, El Cajon, 619-561-8105.

Friday, 9pm, Saturday, 9pm — The California Rangers. Bluegrass/ country/roots. Free.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.

Thursday, 7:30pm - Mannheim Steamroller. Jazz/pop. \$32-\$72. Tuesday, 7pm, Wednesday, 7pm The Ten Tenors. Performing holiday music. Covers/jazz/rock. \$15-\$72.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District,

619-224-4171. Friday, 8pm — Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Classical/rock.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown. Sunday, 1pm — Good Mojo. Covers/rock. Free.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. Friday, 9:30pm — The Dirty Legs. Rock. \$5. 21 and up. Saturday, 9pm — Lemon Sun. With Maren Parusel, Lion Cut, and the New Assembly, Indie/rock, \$5, 21 and up.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. *Thursday*, 6:30pm — A Skylit Drive. With Casino Madrid, Deadbeat Nightlife, Forever Days Forgotten, and a Shattered Hope. Metal. \$12. Friday, 7pm — Thrice. With the Dear Hunter and guests. Rock. \$22. Sunday, 6pm — Craig Owens. With Johnny Craig, Mark Rose, Tommy Simms, and Misdelphia. Indie/rock. \$12.21 and up.

South Park Bar & Grill: 1946 Fern St., South Park, 619-696-0096. Sunday, 6pm — A Shift to the Left. Jazz.

Star of India: 3860 Valley Centre Dr., Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Saturday, 8pm — Tim Flannery & Friends. Country/folk. \$30. 21 and

Temple Adat Shalom: 15905 Pomerado Rd., Poway Sunday, 4pm — Rick Recht. Rock.

\$10-\$36 Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth

Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-955-8525. Tuesday, 9pm — Jon Ji. With the Flowerthief, Covers/jazz/soul, Free, Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda

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With the Chosen Few. Reggae/ska.

Saturday, 9pm - Ratz. A tribute to

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4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown,

December 11 — Gerardo Ortiz.

December 20 - Reggae Sunday.

December 12 — Frankie Beverly &

V Lounge: 5000 Willows Rd.,

Friday, 8pm — Siren's Crush.

Ratt. Covers/rock.

Alpine, 619-445-5400.

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619-231-4343.

Maze

They're pretty good. I like that type of music - punk rock. I go to a lot of the local punk shows and they'd probably fit in there. I'd compare them to the Dead Kennedys a little bit.

I'm not sure what the song was about, but the music was all right. I think they could probably get on the radio. I'd describe the mood of the song as hyper. That would be a good song to go along with a sport; something fast-paced. I'd give that song an 8 or a 9 [out of 10].

Artist: Ryan Hiller

Song: "Follow the Leader" (from the CD The P.u.r.e. Project)

Heard by: Frankie Mercado, Normal Heights



musicians, but their funk/gospel sound kind of reminds me of a lot of stuff from the '90s When he's showing off his vocal skills and the Frankie entire band is doing it

something you would hear at a church. He had good lyrics — it wasn't like he was preaching gospel. It just had that Christianrock sound. They have a really excellent bass player. I don't really see them making it far past the local level. I could see them being a house band for a bar or something. I could see that song playing in the background at a dark, dank coffee shop. Based on the quality and the work they put into [the song], I'd give it a 7 out of 10.

Artist: Josh Damigo

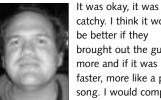
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Song: "She's So Bad for Me" (from the CD Raw) Heard by: Ken Burt, Old Town



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Ken

catchy. I think it would be better if they brought out the guitars more and if it was faster, more like a punk song. I would compare them to Jack Johnson. It was all acoustic. There

would be an audience for that at a coffee shop. Their lyrics were mostly about "Why are you doing this to me?" and stuff like that. I could definitely hear that in the indie scene. I listen to more underground stuff like Suicide Commando, Psyclon Nine, and Wumpscut. I could hear that song being played on 94.9.

St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. December 13 — John Gorka. December 19 - David Arkenstone January 7 — Al Kooper. January 8 — Tom Rush January 14 - David "Honeyboy" Edwards. January 23 - Barry McGuire. January 29 — Tom Chapin. January 30 - The California Guitar Trio. February 6 — Eric Bibb. February 9 - Fred Eaglesmith. February 12 — Chris Smither.

December 17 — Five for Fighting. December 18 — Haute Chile. December 23 — David Maldonado. December 26 — Wild Child January 2 — The Squirrel Nut Zippers. January 8 — 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 11 — Tommy Emmanuel. 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 March 13 — Ladysmith Black Mambazo. April 23 — Benny Golson. May 15 — Richie Havens. 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 20 — Nautical Disaster. February 2 — Fat Skeleton.



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AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. December 11 — Stepping Feet.



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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 1 — Del tha Funky Homosapien. *Ianuary* 2 - 40 Oz. to Freedom. January 6 — New Acoustic Generation. January 7 — Robben Ford. January 8 — Pato Banton. January 15 — Keb' Mo'. January 20 — Cowboy Mouth. January 22, January 23 -Ozomatli. January 30 - Atomic Punks. Birch North Park Theatre:

2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836. February 27 — Arturo Sandoval. April 30 — Eddie Palmieri. May 15 — Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. December 12 — The Business. December 17 — Nitzer Ebb. December 18 — X-Mas Party. December 20 — Acoustic Alliance. January 13 - Holdsworth, Bozzio, Levin, and Mastelotto.



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December 16 - Carlsbad Choraleers Christmas Concert The Casbah: 2501 Kettner BL.

Little Italy, 619-232-4355. December 10 — Moving Units. December 19 - Los Straitjackets.

Chalice Unitarian Universalist Church: 2324

Miller Ave., Escondido. December 13 — "Randi's Damn Jingle Ball."

Chateau Orleans: 926 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744 December 11 — Robin Henkel.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr. UCSD, 858-534-2311. January 6 — Dizzy Jaguars.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown, 619-235-0804. December 12 - Dave Koz's Smooth Jazz Christmas Tour. December 29 — The John Mayer Trio. March 3 — Tegan and Sara.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600. June 4 — Tim McGraw

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Dr., Downtown, 858-270-7467. December 11 — Gerardo Balestrieri.

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

January 17 - Kris Kristofferson

Gaslamp Quarter: , Downtown. December 10 - Blue Christmas

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December 31 — "Hit It Big in 2010."

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. 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. December 31 — NYE 2010. 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 &

Java Joe's at Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360. December 11 - The Mashtis. December 12 — Katie Leigh.

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December 13 — Happy Ron's Open-Mike Night. December 17 — Rob Deez. December 18 - Get Back Loretta. December 19 — The Gregory Page Show.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497. 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.

MiraCosta College Theatre: One Barnard Dr., Oceanside, 760-795-6815.

December 11 --- "Winter Sing & Swing."

Neurosciences Institute:

10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Iolla.

December 20 — "The Whole World Is Singing."

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. April 15 — Mark Knopfler

Performing Arts Workshop: 1105 Second St., Encinitas. December 19 — Annual Sound Healing Yuletide Concert.

Price Center at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-6467. February 10 - Umalali.

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Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. December 11 — All That Remains. December 19 — Saosin. January 23 - Anti-Flag

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church: 3725 30th St., North Park, 619-298-2130. December 12 - Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Ave., East Village, 619-235-8466. January 5 - Margaret Noble

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Break Up **CD** Review by Andrew Hamlin

First bold and underlined rule when approaching the new Scarlett Johansson and Pete Yorn duo disc: forget Serge Gainsbourg and Jane Birkin. I mean. remember Serge

Gainsbourg and Jane Birkin if you want to. They were great. You should thank them. Jane's still alive. But they don't have anything to do with this record. You wouldn't know that from reading any other review of this record.

With that out of the way, here's to Pete Yorn. He gives Scarlett an easygoing-er setting than the straight-backed declarations of her debut Anywhere I Lay My Head (an unfairly slagged album you ought to own). Back when she had to explain herself to people, the actress complained, "I'm so tired of hearing casting directors ask if I have a sore throat." Yorn casts that "sore" throat against all kinds of soothing things, from adroit banio ping to polite electronic squishes. He sings along, too, for encompassing warmth in the more copacetic moments of this (strictly for-therecord) couple's coupling.

Music **Reviews from Our Readers**

Humbua

CD Review by Michael Lee

Two years have passed since the Arctic Monkeys' sophomore disc Favourite Worst Nightmare, so was Humbug worth the wait? On the first listen, it seems lavered, structured. safe...mature. Happens to the best of us. Or perhaps that was the hand of Josh Homme (Oueens of the Stone Age, Eagles of Death Metal), who the Mon-

keys employed for much of the production. But listen again. beyond the indulgent, cheeky lyrics and cocky English attitude and there are some killer tunes. "My



Propeller" and "Crying Lightning" are radiofriendly, but also lyrically poetic ("Your pastimes consisted of the strange, twisted, and deranged"), while "Pretty Visitors" might just be their finest song to date, with a frenetic drum-driven verse spilling into a chanting chorus with organ.

Humbug doesn't match the edge of their first album. That punk-tinged frantic pace has given way to a slower, more methodic approach, but the Arctic Monkeys' clever lyrics and engaging melodies make it a worthy listen. It's a solid 7 out of 10.

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CONCERT REVIEWS Cha-Cha-Cha, It's the Supersuckers Bu Trade Chandler (Published Tuesday, Non-



The Supersuckers took the stage just after 11 p.m. for a Sunday-night set at the Casbah. The band began with their signature barrage of near-deafening tunes "Bad Bad Bad" and "I Want the Drugs," to which the packed house pumped their fists and sang along.

Replacing guitarist Rontrose Heathman was "Metal" Marty Chandler, or "the new guy," as frontman Eddie Spaghetti described him, and Chandler didn't miss a

blistering note. "Scotzilla" Churilla pounded the skins with precision, keeping the crowd moving to the beat of new tunes "I'm a Fucking Genius" and "Anything Else" from their latest release Get It Together.

Midway through the show, Dan "Thunder" Bolton traded in his sunburst Les Paul and grabbed "the four-strings of frustration," aka the bass, as described by their frontman, to play a set of country rockers. After tweaking the bass strings, a pretty young lady made her way over to Dan and planted a kiss on his cheek. "If you keep your instrument in tune, girls will kiss you," proclaimed Dan.

Eddie, the consummate showman, made sure the audience knew when to hoot and holler, ending country tunes such as "Double-Wide" and "Creepy Jackalope Eye" by chanting "cha-cha-cha," ensuring audience participation. After almost two hours, they closed with Suckers favorites "Born with a Tail" and "Fisticuffs" as well as Thin Lizzy's "Jailbreak." Liquor was spilled, fists were raised, and demons were released into the San Diego night at yet another no-holds-barred Supersuckers show.

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Electric Sexv Concert Review by Katharyne Harmacker

My previous experience of Detroit cult act Electric Six was in the U.K., in the cavernous surroundings of Hull University, where the sextet played to frenzied students.

It was a more subdued Dick Valentine and band that took the stage at Casbah to whoops of "Detroit!" from the crowd.

"You're a caricature of vourselves!" taunted

frontman Valentine before delivering dance-punk favorites "Gay Bar" and "Danger! High Voltage."

The crowded floor

In the middle of the set was a surprising, touching rendition of the INXS ballad "Never Tear Us Apart" — a lighters-up moment that got everyone swaying.

Electric Six are a motley bunch, with Valentine flaunting a shabby charisma in his pinstripe suit alongside guitarist "the White Wolf," who was broodingly handsome in slick white. They were received well by their fans, and after a triumphant encore, made a final farewell promise to return.



moshed and sang along to the set, which included some catchy tunes from their new album Kill.



Sonic Crowd Control **Concert Review** by Nick Peterson

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

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Raveonettes pulled off heavier, fuzz-rock quitar noise that could've washed out the sound but instead created a multilay-

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ered 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 pop-themed choruses. The light show often featured white strobe lights during the choruses, leaving the players eclipsed by the light and in silhouette.

The crowd was noisy through the Raveonettes' set, but the band's large sound and heavy guitars did well to combat that. Overall, they put on a stellar set that was a good exhibition of their sound.

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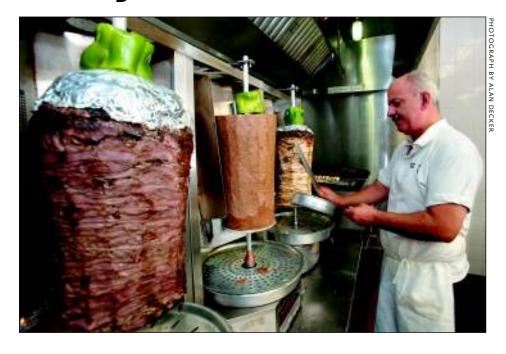
Word spread from foodblog to foodblog until it reached my friend Lynne, who reads loads of 'em. She emailed me: "This place sounds interesting." The encomiums were for a newish Middle Eastern restaurant in La Mesa, and I followed an internet trail paved with raves until landing at the blogger I trust most: mmm-yoso, who had particularly glowing praise for the falafel made from scratch.

That meant "get serious." I've tasted (and left over) vast amounts of awful falafel (small chickpea patties). Nutritionally, they're fabulous, but they can be as parched as the desert, too often made from the same packaged dry mixes you see on supermarket shelves — or, at best, with garbanzo flour. In my experience, the only good falafel proved highly perishable: A Lebanese-Jordanian restaurant in Hillcrest named Ranoush made the best ever, including a memorable stuffed version, but swiftly went out of business. The good die young.

So I hit Mystic Grill's website. I liked the menu and loved the prices—mezze topping out at \$4, entrées mainly under \$10, and weirdly enough, a 14-inch pizza with two toppings for (*gulp*) \$5. And presto, our flying carpets landed us there — a posse of Lynne and Mark, long, tall Scottish Sue, and slim Jennifer, with the long auburn hair and pale skin of an Aubrey Beardsley faerie. In its previous incarnation, Mystic was a pizzeria, obviously named after Julia Roberts's early film comedy, bright, and white, with large, framed touristic Italian scenery paintings on the wall, flanking the inevitable large-screen muted TV, tuned to not sports, but a food channel!

Now a counter over a glassed-in pastry case (full of goodies savory and sweet) fronts an open kitchen. All the hard surfaces make sound reverberate. You order and simultaneously pay at the counter, where you also pick up paper plates, napkins, water, and silverware to bring to a naked table.

Everything about the place says "mom 'n' pop startup," but this is no amateur operation. The quietly cordial Jordanian counterman-chef, Mario Elkhairi, set my "brain-dar" beeping — giving me



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the sense of an ample, active intelligence at work. When I phoned to fact-check a few days after dinner, I learned that Elkhairi is a lifelong professional chef. After coming to America, he worked for ten

years in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, cooking Tex-Mex and Cajun. He moved to San Diego five years ago, and I was hardly surprised to learn he'd been a cook at Ranoush, previous home of great falafel. Now

previous home of great falafel. Now he does double-duty at Mystic as front man and chef de cuisine to owner and head chef Kamal.

That midweek night, the eatery enjoyed a flow of neighborhood folk who appeared to be regulars. About half were whatever-hyphen-American (Anglo, Latin, Pacific Islander, et al.), plus a slow, steady stream of young dudes getting takeout five-buck pizzas. The other half were Middle Eastern, mainly in ordinary casual clothing, but partway through our dinner, a quartet of men of various raiment strode in, led by a tall, dark-skinned, black-bearded guy with one dead eye, wearing a full green caftan who soon was laughing with Mario as he placed the order for his table.

> We began with an assortment of mezze (spelled "Maza" on this menu). The falafel, six to a plate, justified the blog raves. They're indeed made "from scratch," starting with

soaking dry garbanzo beans until soft, then puréeing them with seasonings before frying. They had crackling-crisp surfaces and moist, jade-colored, grainy-smooth centers imbued with the subtle flavors of puréed herbs and spices — garlic, parsley, onions, celery, cardamom. "Oh, wow!" Jennifer exclaimed. "It's like a completely different dish from the usual dry ones." The patties came with a ramekin of *labneh*, condensed yogurt so creamy that even a yogurt-hater could love it. Next night, I found that the sole leftover patty, gently nuked

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HOURS: Daily, 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. PRICES: Appetizers, \$2-\$4; salads and sandwiches, \$5–\$12; pastas and entrées, \$9–\$12; pizza, \$5 (two toppings); desserts, \$1-\$4. CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Middle Eastern appetizers, salads, wraps, entrées, and pastries (plus American pizza), with halal meats, fine ingredients (Prime-grade beef, never-frozen young chicken, etc.). No alcohol. **PICK HITS:** Falafel, kibbeh, spinach pie, "Baba Ganuge," grilled trout, lamb shank, dessert pastries. Chef's picks: chicken shawarma, pasta Alfredo with topping of choice. Other good guesses: Fatoosh Mediterranean salad (spelled "Fatosh" here), shrimp kabob or grilled shrimp, kufta kabobs.

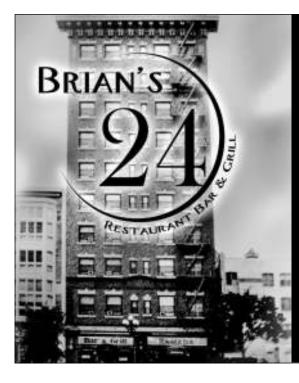
NEED TO KNOW: No star-rating applicable at this price level, but best dishes are excellent, well worth the trip. No reservations, very busy Friday and Saturday nights. Order and pay at the counter, serve-yourself paper plates, silverware, and water; hot food brought to table. Pizzas to-go only, unless you order additional food. Bright, plain, noisy room. Eight vegan choices (appetizers, salads, wraps).

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warm, regained all its fresh-made textural virtues. (They're worth ordering to go.)

More seductive *labneh*, this time sprinkled with minced green herbs, came with the equally mindaltering *kibbeh*, another dish that the knights of



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the Mystic kitchen are rescuing from the evils it too often endures - or inflicts on eaters. A kibbeh consists of an oval about the size of a small avocado with a thin shell of soaked crushed bulgur wheat surrounding a filling of chopped meat (in this case, USDA Prime ground beef) studded with a few pine nuts and gently seasoned with a Middle Eastern spice mix called Seven Spices. These meat torpedoes are usually awful, with ample potential for greasiness, dryness, and sheer wearisome weightiness. But Mystic's kibbeh provided an "aha!" moment, where I finally understood why Middle Easterners love these patties: done right, they have all the virtues of top-notch German schnitzel - but are better seasoned. You cr-r-runch through a crisp toasty crust into a mound of lean, moist meat, with periodic surprises of buttery pine nuts. Yeah, bring it on!

Lynne, especially, loved the "Baba Ganuge" (as this menu spells it), a smooth spread of roasted eggplant with tahini, lemon, and garlic, topped with a slick of olive oil flecked with dried hot red pepper and served with pita triangles for scooping.

Spinach pie was another of mmm-yoso's recommendations, seconded in person by a rave from a regular solo customer who returned to the counter to buy a dessert after finishing her *kibbeh* and grilled-trout dinner.

Approximately the size of a Cinnabon roll, the pies have a puffy enclosing crust and a tender tart-green filling seasoned with chopped sautéed onions, extra-virgin olive oil, and plenty of lemon juice. "Usually I don't like spinach," said Scottish Sue, "but this is really *quite all right!*"

Not every appetizer was equal to those first tastes. With both the meat pie and the cheese pie, you have a choice of an enclosed tart shell — a heavier shell than the spinach pie's, Mario says - or a flat, open-face rendition, a thin layer that tops — alas — flabby all-American mainstream pizza crust, like those on the five-buck pizzas. On pizza crust, the oregano-sprinkled ordinary mozzarella cheese makes for a halfcocked pizza slice. Might as well go for the whole pizza and get toppings and marinara, too. (In the enclosed tart-crust version, which they make less often, you'd get more gooey cheese and sometimes additional cheeses besides mozzarella.)

The finely minced beef filling on the pizza crust is moistened with sour cooked-down fresh tomatoes and flecked with Seven Spices. (The full-crust tart doesn't include tomato.) Mario prefers the pizza version because "We make it fresh, by the order." But I found this Levantine concoction on pizza dough as unsettling as a bagel topped with foie gras, or a brioche with pastrami and sauerkraut. Instead, I wished I'd ordered "Fatosh" (as it's spelled here), a refreshing salad of cukes, tomatoes, onions, red and green bell peppers, and pita croutons

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soaked in Mediterranean vinaigrette, the Middle Eastern version of Italian *panzanella*, and perhaps the age-old ancestor of Caesar salad.

By the time we finished our appetizers, we were ready for desserts. But not yet - we'd ordered entrées, too, Mark having gone to the counter with our list of choices and specifications. "I'm not sure he registered it when I ordered the lamb kebab rare," Mark said. Well, Mario sort of did: the larger chunks had a pink flush left at the center, which by Middle Eastern standards is ultra-rare. The smaller pieces were done-to-death, of course. Good herbs, but desert-on-aplate.

This and all other entrées came with a pool of pleasant hummus, pita triangles, a heap of flawless rice pilaf, and another heap of fresh salad dotted with feta cheese, sparsely dressed.

Trout with a touch of lemongarlic sauce was grilled just right—crisp-skinned, tender. We also ordered grilled shrimp, but it never arrived. Out of shrimp that night? Unlike kosher dietary rules, Islamic rules allow shellfish, so that wasn't it. Maybe we were just ordering too much, and Mario decided we shouldn't face that many dishes? Intelligent can sometimes mean "I know better" stubborn. A Mystic riddle.

When Mario delivered the lamb shank, he said, winking, "I made it myself, just for you." The shank had been long and slowly braised in its own juices with onions and seasonings, the meat flavorful but shreddy, perhaps because every molecule of surface fat had been removed. Tasty, but none of us ate much — I guess we love the fat of the lamb.

Nearly all entrées are also available served atop a green salad; several are available as pita-wrap sandwiches with lettuce, tomatoes, onion, and pickles, or mixed into pasta (the most expensive dishes, those). The menu also includes shawarma of chicken, beef, gyros, or combos thereof (no lamb), while additional kebab choices include chicken, beef, shrimp, salmon, and kuftas (sausage-shaped meatballs) of ground chicken, beef, or lamb with complex spice mixes like those in the *kibbeh*.

Mario particularly recommends the chicken-breast shawarma." If you try our chicken shawarma, you won't believe it." he said. "We have the best chicken shawarma in the whole country. Most restaurants use frozen chicken; ours is fresh. We're using baby chicken breast, from a small, young chicken, hand-slaughtered halal-style, not machineslaughtered. It's seasoned with lemon juice, garlic, cardamom, coriander, and nutmeg. Exquisite!" He's also especially fond of the pastas, particularly those with Alfredo sauce (marinara is the alternate sauce), which can be topped with chicken or beef shawarma, gyros, seafoods, or combos thereof. Alfredo with Seven-Spices-seasoned grilled shrimp sounds like something I'd really want to eat.

And, yes, we also got a \$5 Mystic pizza, the mozzarella seasoned with Middle Eastern *za'atar* spices (oregano and thyme) and topped with gyro meat and mushrooms (plus \$1.50 extra for artichoke hearts). It was regular, pretty-bad American pizza, about on a par with the Julia Roberts comedy, with the usual underdone, glutinous crust. It's available as a sit-down entrée only when you order more dishes solo, it's to-go. (That keeps the local teens from colonizing all the tables.)

The pastry case holds savory mini-pies on the left and desserts on the right. That evening, baklava variations were the only sweet choices, in pistachio, walnut, and almond versions. The pistachio is almost totally nuts, all crunchy, only a bit sweet between top and bottom layers of filo. The walnut was my friends' least favorite, but I really warmed up to the leftovers over the next two days of breakfasts: the low-key filling consists of ground walnuts, slightly sweetened and held together by butter and flour or fine crumbs, studded with larger nut pieces, and with just a little syrup. The almond baklava, my friends' overwhelming favorite, is more of the standard splashy rendition, dripping syrup — indulgent but not disgustingly sweet. At the restaurant, I didn't get even a taste - my friends managed to cut it into four pieces for our fivesome and gobbled them all up to the last filo flake. (No blame. I had mine later.)

I ordered a Turkish coffee to go with dessert. "Are you sure? VERY strong Arab coffee!" said Mario. I was sure. "All right, it

will take me five or seven minutes." Time came and went. Mark returned to the counter. "Five, six more minutes," said Mario. We finished desserts and grew restive, ready to leave. Mario had just brewed a big pot of sweet tea for the tableful of men that included the bearded guy in the caftan. He poured me a splash into a paper cup. It was super-hot. "We need to get home," I told him. "Can I exchange my Turkish coffee for a piece of almond baklava?" (The coffee is \$3, the baklava \$1 apiece.) He was happy to make the trade. He did not want to make Turkish coffee for me or maybe anyone else. (Well, it is sort of a pain.) He gave me not just the single piece I asked for, nor the three-pieces priced equivalent to the coffee I'd paid for, but four pieces. "An extra, because you had to wait so long," he said, with a smile as sweet as baklava.

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Babbo Grande's Place

"The meatballs used to weigh 5 1/3 ounces, but people said they were too much."

erge and Danielle. Always liked them. They were Uptown's crêpe royalty. They had this uptown crêperie called Deli France.

So, today I've come back. Boy. Be so mad if they're gone. Call it the Crêpes of Wrath, heh heh...but yes! The place is still here, except with a new name. And someone has put in some beautiful varnished woodwork on the outside. Inside,

they've knocked through walls and doubled the size. Plus, I see a plant-filled patio out back, one that's "dog friendly," it says. But I stay inside. Cream and earthy colors on the walls are easy on the eye. So is Marilyn Monroe. Posters of her and *The Godfather* hang on the wall. The other wall's filled with a nice big mural of balustrades and green countryside and a church dome. Chainhung lights dangle above the tables. The tables and chairs are really smart, all varnished bamboo, and all built by the older guy sitting in a corner where — talk about *The Godfather* — people seem to be coming to be introduced, to get work orders, and talk business.

He's Carmen, the owner. " 'Babbo Grande' means 'Big Daddy,' " says Ray, the waiter who shows me to a seat. "He's had the place about two years. He's a carpenter as well."

It's around 1:00 in the afternoon, but jeez, got up late and was hoping they'd still be serving breakfast. "Oh, no problem," says Ray. "We do breakfast from 7:30 in the morning till 10:00 at night." He pours me a coffee in a classy glass cup and leaves the menu open at "breakfast." Ooh. Lots of goodies, like the Bear: ham, sausage, bacon, and home fries, going for seven buckeroos. Or the breakfast special of ham, sausage, or bacon with eggs, home fries, toast, \$5. A deal. Or the "Al Caponcho," a Mexican-leaning dish, a scrambled-



got his own special, too, the "Carmen Scramble," with bell peppers, onions, home fries, and toast (\$7). Breakfast crêpes, like the Benedict (poached eggs, ham, cheese, under hol-

eggs-and-cheese crêpe with salsa (\$6). Carmen's

and aise) are up there a bit at \$10, and a mega-crêpe called "the Lumberjack," with scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, bacon, cheese, hollandaise *and* mornay sauce, plus home fries, goes for \$13. Frittatas, basically open-faced omelets, are all \$9.

So, I'm doing my usual "on the one hand…" dithering when Ray pipes up. "There's breakfast, or, if you were interested in lunch, we have…"

He turns back to the first page with a flourish. Wow. I blink, rub eyes, look again. It's a bunch

of lunches — "Weekday Features" — all at \$5 a plate. Mondays and Fridays, it's "traditional spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, garlic bread, and mixed-greens salad." Tuesday is a plate of "pasta pesto" with onions, mushrooms, garlic bread, and mixed-greens salad. Wednesday is beef stroganoff with mushrooms, sour cream, wine sauce, and the same bread and salad sides. Today, Thursday, is "pasta primavera with fresh veggies, olive oil, Parmesan cheese," and bread and salad. For \$3 extra, you can add meatballs, sausage, chicken, or prosciutto. This all happens 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

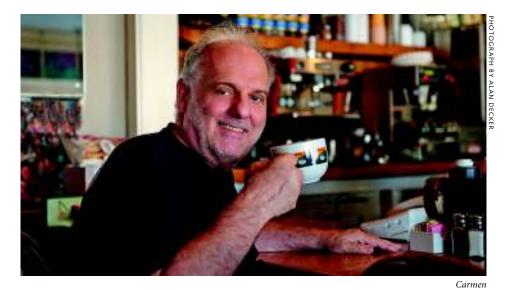
Just as I look up, Tony, one of Carmen's sons, passes by with a plateload of two huge meatballs, no pasta, no bread. Three-inch monsters.

"I can see size matters here," says a customer at the next table — Mike, who ordered them.

"What *is* that?" I ask. "Actually, it's a 'Carmen's Meatball Sub,' "Mike

says, "but I'm diabetic, so I told them to hold the bun."

And now Carmen speaks up. "I'm diabetic



too. Also, 1'm completely vegetarian." He says these meatballs he makes weigh 4 $^{1}/_{4}$ ounces. "They used to weigh 5 $^{1}/_{3}$ ounces, but people said they were too much. Even now, you add the sauce and cheese, you're up to 8–9 ounces."

Hmm... What a deal. I'm tempted. But can't resist trying the straight \$5 lunch. I order the pasta primavera. Looks like I'm eating vegetarian too. Nice big plate of garlicky pasta mixed in with steamed broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, mushrooms, a salad on the side, and a crispy-tender chunk of garlic toast. Steamed broccoli and cauliflower ain't usually my thing, but the flavor carries them through.

What the heck, I've only spent five bucks, plus \$1.50 on an endless coffee. Could do with something sweet. So, I order up a "Sidewalk Crêpe," the cheapest of all the crêpes at \$7 (and Carmen says he hired back Serge and Danielle's crêpe chef, Alfonso, so I know it's gonna be good). It's stuffed with strawberry jam, topped with whipped cream and powdered sugar. For \$2 more you get a dollop of vanilla ice cream. Oh, man, tender is the bite.

I'm just about wrapping it up when a crowd of kids and women and men appear through a side door carrying a big square birthday cake. "Happy birthday, Grandpal" says a little girl, Cara. "My granddaughter," Carmen says. He's 64 today. "And this is my wife, Diane. Forty-six years married. Our family is from Sicily, near Palermo." He introduces his son. "This is Carmen," he says. And his grandson. "This is —"

"Carmen?" I say. ■

The Place: *Babbo Grande*, 1731 University Avenue, Hillcrest (619-269-8038) **Type of Food:** Italian-American

Prices: Breakfast special (Monday to Friday), ham, sausage, or bacon with eggs, home fries, toast, \$5; the Bear breakfast (ham, sausage, bacon, home fries), \$7; "Al Caponcho" (scrambled eggs, cheese crêpe with salsa), \$6; Carmen scramble (eggs, bell peppers, onions, home fries, toast), \$7; Benedict breakfast crêpe (poached eggs, ham, cheese, hollandaise), \$10; "the Lumberjack" (scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, bacon, cheese, hollandaise, mornay sauce), \$13. All frittatas, \$9; "weekday features" (Monday to Friday daily lunch specials) include spaghetti, pasta pesto, beef stroganoff, pasta primavera, all \$5 a plate, including garlic toast and salad (add meatballs, sausage, chicken, or prosciutto for \$3) **Hours:** 7:30 a.m.–10:00 p.m., seven days

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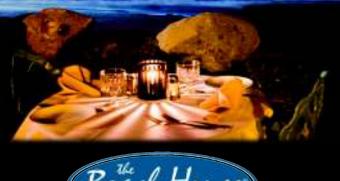
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Manzanilla Boulevard Teniente Azueta #139, Ensenada, 646-175-7073. Sophisticated "nuevo" Mexican cuisine at this Euro-style bistro features seasonal menus with fresh-caught seafood, locally grown vegetables, and mesquite smoke from the wood-burn-ing grill. A spectacular rib-eye steak tender and intensely beefy, is a constant. Moderate.

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Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, Tijuana, 664-685-8579. This café may have the best tortas (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese chopped salad, tomato slices, freshscooped avocado. Inexpensive. Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel

(south end of Blvd. Benito Juárez),

Rosarito, 661-612-1111, This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town Somewhat expensive for the area.

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Hexagone 495 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-236-0467. This urban spin-off of Rancho Bernardo's French Market Grille offers provincial "bourgeois cuisine" (snails, frog legs, bouillabaisse) nearly identical to that of the mother ship — including the inconsistent nightly quality. Moderate to expensive. Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Ave.,

Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176, All-day breakfasts and sandwiches, and at din ner, while there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Bay Park

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Borrego Springs

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Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. The most authentic dishes come from the Specialties section of the menu, including a good pork in green chile sauce, enchiladas, and *chilaquiles*. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

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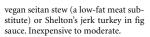
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Spices Thai Café 3810 Valley Centre Dr., Carmel Valley, 858-259-0889. Additional locations in Mira Mesa and Rancho Bernardo. Not only elegant, but the food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Inexpensive to moderate.

Chollas View

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Zorba's Greek Buffet 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. Fam-ilies are here for the buffet, spooning up the spanakopita (spinach in flaky pastry), dolmas (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (egg-plant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Inexpensive.

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Croce's 802 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-4355. Live music comes free with dinner. Seasonal, creative menu, but simple dishes are best here, like the shrimp carbonara fettuccine in white garlic cream sauce. Fun people-watching from window tables. Expensive. Jsix 616 J St., Downtown, 619-531-8744. The chef's charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. Waitstaff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are better — rib eye and Angus short ribs, especially. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive.

Maryjane's Coffee Shop Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-764-6950. Back to the '50s with frozen peas and instant-tasting mash. The meaty meat loaf may improve on Mom's, but the chicken pot pie is barely better than Morton's. Moderate.

Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-6550. Pleasant dishes include mussels *marinière*, Cajun seafood pasta, seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood).

Operacaffe 835 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-6538. True Tuscan cuisine, not austere but simple and sensual, priced for a song — with salads to sing about, unique Florentine home dishes, and sublime seasonal specials. This one's for us, not conventioneers. Low-moderate.

Organic to Go 1143 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-0086. Lunch for most is a lunge at the salad bar, but they make a cheddar albacore tuna melt, a toasted meat loaf sandwich, and a vegan Thai-style veggie wrap. Other interesting dishes include mango-chutney-curry chicken salad sandwich. Inexpensive.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-595-7959. The glory days have passed, but starters (mozzarella campagnola, fritto misto) still shine, and pastas can be excellent. Osso buco with marrow is best entrée. Try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Expensive on up.

Roy's Marriott Hotel, 333 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-239-7697. Also

8670 Genesee Ave., La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain, serving Pacific Rim fusion and sushi on a daily changing, seafood-oriented menu. End with the signature chocolate soufflé. Very expensive.

Royal India 329 Market St., Downtown, 619-269-9999. Standard North Indian Sikh menu. The lunch buffet costs a bit more than rock bottom, but is a decent deal if you care about flav vor — none of the dishes have that sludgy sameness that mars cheaper buffets. Moderate to expensive.

Sadaf 828 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0008. Also 613 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-551-0643. Good Persian food, better at the more adult-oriented L.J. branch. Try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Suite & Tender Hotel Sè, 1047 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-3003. Celeb chef Christopher Lee officially presides — phoning it in from Manhattan. Cocktails are more creative than the corporate, Vegas-created "pick hits" menu. Fine raw bar and surf 'n' turf combos won't rock your world. Expensive.

Tabule 535 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0048. Offshoot of popular Tijuana restaurant offers eclectic, Mexican-based global fusion including fine steaks, duck, seafood, in unexpected preparations — with glimpses of the owner's native Persia and Southeast Asia. Long menu is made for play, no boredom. Low-moderate to expensive.

Toscana Café and Wine Bar 238 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-5788. This clubby bistro/coffee/wine place offers reasonable breakfasts with or ganic coffees, lunch specials, and elegant happy-hour specials on bites, wines, upscale beers. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vela 1 Park Boulevard (at Harbor Drive), Downtown, 619-564-3333.

"Farm to fork" local-grown dinners include surprise international luxury ingredients, and first week of the month offers a bargain prix fixe exploring a national cuisine. Vibrant starters and lush desserts could make a great grazing meal with a view. Expensive, but not very.

East Village

La Casita 1247 C St., East Village, 619-531-0044. Some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Most delicious is watching Anglo city-hallers trying to love the house-made menudo (tripe soup). Inexpensive.

J. Wok 744 Market St., East Village, 619-231-1088. Brave attempt to fuse Asian and American foods. Eat on the sidewalk or inside under *The Tiger* (a great mural by local artist Mark Richmond). Try the "Modern Mix" side of the menu — with, say Korean BBQ getting the Philly treatment — or the "Traditional" side, with standards like pad thai. Open daily, lunch till late. Inexpensive.

Lotus Thai 906 Market St., East Village, 619-595-0115. Also 3761 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. The chefs are from northwest Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a zestiness, a love of strong citruses and herbs — evokes the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Low-moderate.

Neighborhood 777 G St., East Village, 619-446-0002. This mainly malepatronized, rackety gastro-pub's menu centers on fine half-pound burgers, plus steak tartare, sweet potato fries with bleu cheese curls, creative deviled eggs, mac 'n' cheese, and big, interesting salads. Inexpensive to very lowmoderate. **Pokéz Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine** 947 E St., East Village, 619-702-7160. Hipster atmosphere and mainly Mexican vegetarian fare (with some carnivore dishes like steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Inexpensive.

Zanzibar Café 707 G St., East Village, 619-230-0125. Also 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Casual food until 11pm or later. The threeegg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon, and the indulgent blueberry buttermilk pancakes. Inexpensive.

El Cajon

Ali Baba Restaurant 421 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-442-3622. Chaldean specialties served until midnight, in a "sheik's oasis" atmosphere, offering airy house-baked bread, kebabs, lamb shanks, yummy "potato pie," and a "Feast for Three" that will feed five. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hacienda Casa Blanca 700 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Old California-style family-friendly Mexican atmosphere and food, including lively *camarones al tequila* and *enchiladas suizas* in tangy green sauce. Brunch and all-day buffet Sundays. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Hammurabi Family Restaurant 401 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-401-3200. This Chaldean eatery in Iraqi-rich El Cajon offers exotica like stuffed honeycombs and intestines, along with comforting kebabs, marinated lamb shank, crushed wheat pie stuffed with beef, and baklava. Inexpensive to expensive.

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. By day, the fare centers on fresh Chinese dim sum (finger food) offered by cart and by menu. At night, multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a pan-Asian panoply. Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées).

Encinitas

Bubby's Gelato 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. Sandwiches include intriguing Mediterranean combinations. Gelati are twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs and feature bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First St., Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. Huge menu highlighted by Vietnamese house specialties and seafood also includes a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes. Moderate.

Potato Shack Café 120 W. I St., Encinitas, 760-436-1282. American fries (served all you can eat), french fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu. Lunch runs to deli sandwiches (with potatoes) or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Inexpensive.

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-

517 N. Coast Hwy, 101, Enclinitas, 700-436-5001. The focus is vegan and vegetarian, but they've added fish and a garlicky chicken pizza. Most popular item: falafel burger (made of garbanzo beans) on a bun with melted cheese. Inexpensive.

Swami's Café 1163 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. There are standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black-bean burrito, but the emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Inexpensive.



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Escondido

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-489 6420. Omelets are light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around mounds of elab orate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, potato casseroles, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Dr., Escondido, 760-746-1444. The margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food is a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. A pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. Also 2121 El Cajon Blvd., North Park, 619-294-9417. Real

New York pizza, with just-right sauce and crusts thin enough to fold in a V and eat on the run. Better yet: get a whole pie to enjoy at leisure. Neighborhood delivery available. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant 1220 Cleveland Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. Also 5420 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-573-0000. Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawerma, etc.). Hillcrest branch offers more authentic Lebanese flavors. Inexpensive to moderate

Café Bleu 530 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-1717, French-accented, wine-friendly seasonal cuisine with lo cal produce and grazing options to accompany international wines, including fine mushroom vol-au-vent, short ribs with vanilla sauce. Happy-hour bargains, Sunday \$25 three-course dinner, otherwise moderate/expensive.

Café on Park 3831 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. The place looks trendy, but don't expect PC food. Plates overflow with hearty American fodder. Breakfast especially popular, with huge elaborate scrambles and the prize plate of '49er miners who struck gold: the Hangtown Fry, marinated oysters in scrambled eggs. Moderate.

Crest Café 425 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is both the boast and the cuisine, including Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, steamed veggie basket, and 11 types of burger (in-cluding salmon). Open early to midnight, daily. Inexpensive.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Quick service until 2:30am from a huge menu of vaguely Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Consider fried pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage, curry-tinged Singapore-style rice noodles, shrimp with lobster sauce, scallion ginger chicken. Inexpensive. Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Ave., Hill-

crest, 619-682-4054. Kazumi's simple but imaginative rolls are distinctively

seasoned to flatter the particular fish's flavor. For families, the Ultimate Boat is a huge, encyclopedic platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. Witty staffers treat you like din-ner guests. Start with chicken or shrimp b'stila in cinnamon-dusted phyllo. Lamb Tagine with honey, nuts, and fruit and Chicken Tagine with olives and lemon are standouts. Moderate.

Ortega's Bistro 141 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the Baja Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling. Fun margarita variations. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive).

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu high-lights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime-grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream

mashed potatoes and gravy. Moderate to very expensive.

Whole Foods Market 711 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. Also 8825 Villa La Jolla Dr., La Jolla, 858-642-6700. Gourmet organic grocery eat-in/take-out selections offer healthy plates like Emerald Mushrooms salad and couscous studded with almonds. raisins, scrambled egg, and veggies. Inexpensive to moderate.

Imperial Beach

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. The fish 'n' chips dish is generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo is a good value. Inexpensive.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Sea coast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Serious gastronomy, low price. Weekend breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Pol-

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ish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Creative dinner fare varies nightly. Inexpensive to moderate.

Julian

Jeremy's on the Hill 4354 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1587. What a sur-prise — out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned, California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and bison steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kearny Mesa

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by Yankee flying aces, offering classic American fare and mighty cocktails. Moderate.

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Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. Pass by Ni-jiya's steam trays and heat lamps and go straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious Japanese chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like a sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing noodle soups, but there are more ele gant house specialties, including the Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. Inexpensive to moderate.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. Try the Korean BBQ marinated short ribs or thick marbled slices of sirloin, which come with a bevy of small accompaniment dishes. Adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). Moderate.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Local Chinese come here for Shanghai seafood dishes or clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Open to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate.

Spice House Café 9035 Clairemont lesa Bl., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1028 Greek-American cuisine, mainly. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or tangy tomato sauce, but some guys find relief with the Hangover Omelet. Other choices: Portuguese sausage with three eggs and the Italian sausage frittata. Inexpensive.

La Jolla

Adobe el Restaurante 9700 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-550-1000. California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with local produce and something for every taste. Moderately expensive.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-0077. Bond-trader atmosphere, prole prices. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Inexpensive. Cliff Hanger Café 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr., La Jolla, 858-452-9858. Spectacular ocean view. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there are generous half-pound

hamburgers. Inexpensive. La Jolla Rancherita 7404 La Jolla Bl. La Jolla, 858-459-5877 When local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February). here's one place that does them right. The juicy critters come with two meltedbutter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. Moderate.

Marrakesh 634 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-454-2500. A dramatic Moroccan restaurant with tented ceilings and low-banquette "sheik" seating offers fivecourse prix fixe dinners with superb lentil soup, salad, chicken-filled phyllo pie, entrée, and orange-flower perfumed almond baklava. Best entrées: lamb with honey (when available), chicken with olives, duck. Moderate. Roppongi 875 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-5252. Gorgeous interior, large, heated street patio, Euro-Asian fusion menu with tapas and sushi as well as entrées. The treats of any size add up to expensive.

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456



0600. The hotel restaurant with close up sea views serves "Neighborhood American Cuisine" with a fun wine list. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive happy-hours bites 4 to 6pm Sky Room La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-3744. After renovation in 2007, Sky Room is now modern, sleek, and quietly chic, with a simplified menu of California cuisine and slightly lower (still steep) prices. The romantic, panoramic view remains, of course. Expensive.

La Taverna 927 Silverado St., La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Italian home-style, including chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage. If the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Moderate

Truluck's The Aventine, 8990 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-453-2583. Florida-based surf 'n' turf chain offers irony-free retro '50s décor and dinners featuring crustaceans (including seasonal stone crabs), other seafood, and natural meats - all carelessly cooked, but the meals are piled high with starches. Towering sweet desserts, fun wines. Moderate to very expensive.

La Mesa

Himalayan Cuisine 7918 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-2503. Nepalese-Indian-Tibetan food, ranging from high-country exotica to steam-table buffet clichés — but subtly different from standard Punjabi renditions. Worth the detour: Tibetan momos (steamed dumplings) resembling fine dim sum, stuffed with beautifully seasoned lean lamb or gentle greens. Also: Nepalese samosas. Inexpensive.

Jitters Coffee 8201 La Mesa BL. La Mesa, 619-460-4800. This small corner café is a local morning favorite. Flyin' Hawaiian waffle has macadamias, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream, but "plain" standards like the breakfast burrito are plain good. Lunches offer homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads. Inexpensive.

Lemon Grove

Charley's Famous Hamburgers 8213 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. An old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps. The menu is a long list of ham-burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebabs. Inexpensive

Leucadia

La Especial Norte 604 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. It's famed for superb soups — the Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the eggplant soup includes airy little croutons of puffed relleno batter. Inexpensive.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. Standard but generous breakfast and lunch fare in an old-time atmosphere has kept the place hum-ming since the 1950s. Specials named after local characters. Inexpensive.

Lincoln Park

Magnolias 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. Soul food from Louisiana: the fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Lowmoderate

Little Italy

Just Burgers 2034 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-234-7900. Juicy, healthy, grass-fed beef from happy healthy



cows, with a wide choice of burger garnishes. Not cheap, but congratulations you're PC. Inexpensive-moderate.

Pappalecco 1602 State St., Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Copy of a café in Pisa that three brothers created there, and now here. Meals are mostly saladcharcuterie-cheese combos. One delicious combo: the Rustico, varied Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India St., Little Italy, 619-702 6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. Succulent veal is expertly grilled, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are zesty. Moderate.

Logan Heights

La Fachada 20 25th St., Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. Open until 3am (and 24 hours on weekends), this restaurant serves both Mexican and Anglo food. Good Western omelet breakfast, great Mexican seafood soups and fun outdoor eating evenings until 11 pm. Inexpensive.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Ave. Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. The specialty is fruits - in drinks, salads, and combos like pico de gallo (rooster's beak) with fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber dusted with cayenne). Also meat sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Bull's BBQ 1129 W. Morena Bl., Midway District, 619-276-2855. Genuine BBQ, tender meats, and poultry dryrubbed with spices, smoked over mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Master-piece dish: dark, spicy, filé gumbo, served with a spectacularly moist jalapeño-spiked corn muffin. Patio seating. Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Classic North Indian menu specializing in tandoori dishes. Numerous vegan and vegetarian choices, too. Buffet lunch daily and some dinners. Inexpensive.

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. Uneven, but ahi poke, chicken katsu, and Rainbow Roll are good. Inexpensive. Gateway to India 9520 Black

Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566 5522. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families coming for the allvou-can-eat buffet of Puniabi and Gujarati specialties, including aloo curry, chhole (garbanzo beans), bengan bartha (eggplant), and sensational Asianmango desserts. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-9060, Eco-conscious breakfasts and lunches. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. on St. Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Familiar comfort fare, like the Southwest burger (avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa) or the Monte Cristo sandwich. Owner does magic card tricks around 6pm some evenings. Inexpensive.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299 0333. The deep-fried taquitos are their top-selling item. But try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South Mission Valley, 619-819-1017, Hot French dip is great and burgers are gen erous. Better yet, breakfast around the clock. Inexpensive to moderate.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-298-1866. Also Escondido, Pacific Beach, Fashion Valley, Chula Vista. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with Angus top sirloins. Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

The Barbecue Pit 920 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-2244. Rustic timber, knotty pine, animal heads on the walls, and meats cooked true Southern BBQ style, over oak. Inexpensive.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Ave., National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Many are very good - marinated baby octopuses, mussels topped with melted cheese, roast beef au jus. Plus groaning salad bars, adequate sushi. Inexpensive.

North Park

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295 0156. Now, as in the '30s, chicken pie comes with chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by



mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert. Inexpensive.

Sea Rocket Bistro 3382 30th St., North Park, 619-255-7049. It's easy being green with a menu of sustainable, mainly local seafood and produce. Sea urchin bisque and grilled fresh sardines are top picks, along with plump, seared Baja scallops, and any dish with Carlsbad mussels. Noisy room. Moderate.

Urban Solace 3823 30th St., North Park, 619-295-6464. American comfort food with a faint Southern accent, including, sweet potato fries, a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and rare is reasonably safe). Great "bluegrass brunches" with live music. Moderate.

Zensei Sushi 3396 30th St., North Park, 619-546-6171. The sushi is well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The party rolls (like Stuffed Tomato or Honeymooners) may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Moderate.

Ocean Beach

Roots 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-9000. Tiny vegan-organic eatery offers crunchy wraps like the Thai Peanut and the Arti (artichoke hearts, feta cheese). Interesting sandwiches include portobello mushroom with tomato and provolone on ciabatta or the Avo (avocado, onion, and tomato). Inexpensive to moderate.

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. Lunchtime specials give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo like chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice. Other specials include *yaki soba, champon* noodle soup, and the chicken bowl. Inexpensive.



Azafran 1001 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. Cuban cuisine. Try the house-baked breads, the tender roast pork with garlicky *mojo* sauce, or the traditional Cuban pressed sandwich oozing ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles. Inexpensive. Hill Street Cafe & Gallery 524 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in O'side, including Cajun chicken for lunch and breakfasts of tofu/spinach scramble and *pan perdu* (to us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. 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.

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs St., Old Town, 619-295-2343. The culinary pick hits of all the Americas including superb Chilean empanadas and *pastel de choclo* corn pudding, Peru's herbal *seco de cordero* meat stew, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal*. Moderate.

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The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. Classic French dishes — pâté, ratatouille, calf's liver — in a homey atmosphere. Start off with escargots or mussels and hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Fine dessert pastries and cheese plate. Moderate to expensive.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. Classy Chinese all-you-can-eatarama offers great surf 'n' turf possibilities, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or crab and roast duck. Or choose mayonnaise mussels or caramel-y Japanese charcoal-grilled eel (unagi) on rice. Inexpensive.

Kono's 704 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. Chow down on a patio on the pier at this inside-outside café, the prototypical California surfer hangout. Tourists and locals alike flock here for generous breakfasts and burgers. Inexpensive.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Right on the boardwalk with sea view, the prime rib, surf 'n' turf, and tournedos are fine. To beat the big prices, try the beach burger or seared ahi Caesar salad. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive.

Point Loma

Roseville 1125 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-450-6800. Chef Amy DiBiase invokes French classics but with twists and local produce, e.g., asparagus subbing for frisée in a bistro salad with pancetta and egg or flawless duck confit that's France's answer to Peking duck. Expensive.

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Ramona

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Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena PL, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. Authentic Hong Kong cuisine, beautiful setting. Daytime dim sum includes irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to "gold cup" dishes. Try the sea bass with pine nuts. Moderate, with some expensive specialties.

Scripps Ranch

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Rd., Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon sandwich, their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich — all original. Inexpensive.

Solana Beach

Nobu Gourmet Japanese Restaurant 315 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The friendly sushi bar of our local, not-famous Nobu offers fine classic sushi and sashimi, or settle into a booth for a standard Japanese dinner. Try monkfish liver påté and *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup. Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive.

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Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, University City, 858-450-3355. Chic scene where men with Bentleys and glam gals nibble above-average sushi and Asian fusion, especially on jam-packed Thursday nights. Best bet: graze on appetizers and creative party rolls. No reservations for sushi bar, so come early. Very expensive.

University Heights

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Better Than the Movie

Clyde wonders why he gets second billing: why aren't they "Clyde and Bonnie"?

must admit a bias. Long before way back when, the Pacific Theatre in Santa Cruz audiencetested movies on Tuesday nights. A bunch of us went for free and filled out questionnaires af-

ter. We kissed a lot of frogs but also saw *Bonnie and Clyde* without fanfare. Imagine seeing THAT movie, minus the hype or critical backlash that followed! Gene Hackman,

Estelle Parsons — brand new. Michael J. Pollard's runny nose, and Flatt and Scruggs' score demanding a new pedestal in your pantheon. Plus the shoot-'em-up finale, in which — unlike 98 percent of the movies made before it, and for the first time since *Shane* — bullets actually hurt people.

So, I'm biased. Or was, actually. The La Jolla Playhouse's *Bonnie and Clyde* won't erase memories of the movie. But on its own terms it's already a most promising world premiere.

You can often tell when a new musical's in trouble by how it oversells songs (aka the Clobber 'em with Show-Stoppers Syndrome). *Bonnie and Clyde* does the opposite. The story's the star. Only rarely, as when Mare Winningham sings a simple, heart-storming rendition of "The Devil" ("when did the devil take my girl away?"), does the production pause, albeit briefly, to acknowledge a performance.



It's almost frustrating, in fact, when the Preacher (Michael Lanning) belts the rousing "God's Arms Are Always Open," and you can't thank him with applause. But in Jeff Calhoun's

always-inventive direction, the scene is double-coded: while the preacher and his choir proclaim redemption, Clyde Barrow resumes his life of crime, with no fallback "Plan B."

Frank Wildhorn's memorable songs, from rockabilly to gospel, often function like cameos. Parts and snippets recur throughout. They recall the past or — in "The Long Arm of the Law," which vows to do in the outlaws — prefigure the violent ending. Sometimes a fragment will bully into a scene. By the end of Act One, it's as if no moment can be private; songs hem in the title characters.

Clyde wonders why he gets second billing: why aren't they "Clyde and Bonnie"? She says because it doesn't trip off the tongue. The musical makes a similar reversal, turning the movie inside out. One could almost rename it *Bonnie and Clyde and Blanche and Emma and the Sheriff, and Ted, and etc.*, since Ivan Menchell's book develops many characters in detail, the women in particular. Act One pits motives against moral





Stark Sands, Laura Osnes in Bonnie and Clyde

Bonnie and Clyde, book by Ivan Menchell, music by Frank Wildhorn, lyrics by Don Black La Jolla Playhouse, Mandell Weiss Theatre, UCSD Directed by Jeff Calhoun; cast: Stark Sands, Laura Osnes, Mare Winningham, Melissa van der Schyff,

Wayne Duval, Michael Lanning, Chris Peluso, Mike Sears, Daniel Coney; scenic and costume design, Tobin Ost; lighting, Michael Gilliam; sound, Brian Ronan; musical director, John McDaniel

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consequences (a bit too many, in fact; tightening needed here). Act Two shows the effects of the crime spree on others as well as the duo.

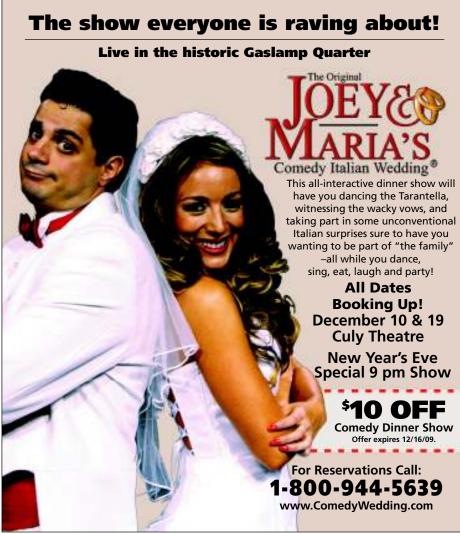
This egalitarian take rebalances and demystifies the story, but it slights the central pair. Did Bonnie Parker embrace crime simply because her "Short Order World" bored her to tears? Was Clyde just a recidivist? It's clear they want to break away from dusty, Depression-wracked Texas but less clear how they find freedom in their escape.

The movie solves the problem structurally: the couple begins in love but, owing to Clyde's per-

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formance troubles, not lovers. It's almost mathematical: as their sexual and emotional intimacy grows, so does the number of people closing in on them. As if trying to steer clear of the movie, the musical mentions Clyde's initial impotence and then drops it. The book conveys the sense throughout that, if the movie did it, the musical won't - or can't. But this avoidance behavior results in missed opportunities.

On the plus side, the minimalist production never tries to be cinematic, hopping from scene to scene with TV-commercial speed. Instead the director stresses the book's inherent theatricality, which frees it from the movie and keeps the stage vitally alive.

Tobin Ost's set and Michael

Gilliam's lighting build in claustrophobia. The stage is a proscenium-high, chippedwhite-paint stockyard, similar to those around Dallas and Fort Worth. Planked panels rise to reveal not cattle chutes but open spaces, though even these feel closed. And by Act Two, the stage picture shrinks, as if a permanent cloudbank rolled in.

One of the musical's most striking features: vocal authenticity. The accents are so true, it's as if the casting director asked each auditioning actor to pronounce "Lubbock." Those who messed up received a curt "thank you." Wearing Ost's equally accurate costumes, Wayne Duvall's Sheriff (though he verges on a cigar-chomping stereotype), Claybourne Elder's underdeveloped Buck, Mare Winningham's rock-solid Emma, and especially Melissa van der Schyff's wonderful Blanche turn West Texas twang into a kind of music.

Neither Stark Sands nor Laura Osnes is a Hollywood star, vet. Their obvious talent and antsy, youthful energy provide motives where the script just offers labels. Their first song together, "The World Will Remember Me," could be prophetic.

THEATER LISTINGS

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Bonnie and Clyde

La Jolla Playhouse presents the world-premiere musical - music by Frank Wildhorn, lyrics by Don Black, book by Ivan Menchell based on the legendary outlaws. Jeff Calhoun directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD, 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRI-DAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20

Camino Real

UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Tennessee Williams' desolation row, home of "broken-down heroes, withered beauties, lost lovers, blocked poets, and a boxing champ whose heart no longer works." Adam Arian directed. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-2230, 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH DECEMBER 5

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The Old Globe Theatre renews its holiday tradition with the musical - book and lyrics by Tim othy Mason, music by Mel Marvin — based on the popular children's story. Benjamin Endsley Klein directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, 619-234-5623. 7PM THURSDAYS; 7PM FRIDAYS; 11AM 2PM, AND 8PM SATURDAYS: 11AM. 2PM, AND 5PM SUNDAYS; 7PM TUES-DAYS: 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 27

The Eight: Reindeer Monologues

Compass Theatre's fundraiser is "a dark, dark Christmas comedy," in which one of Santa's reindeer accuses him of sexual harassment. Jerry Pilato directed. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. 7:30PM FRI-DAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUN-DAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20.

Hansel and Gretel

Lyric Opera San Diego presents Engelbert Humperdink's musical, based on the children's fairy tale. LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO, 2891 UNIVER-SITY AVE., SUITE 1, NORTH PARK, 619-239-8836, 2:30PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Holiday Memories

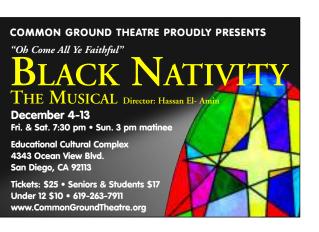
Scripps Ranch Theatre presents one-acts based on short stories by Truman Capote, "The Thanksgiving Visitor" and "A Christmas Memory," Katie Rodda directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 12.

It Had to Be You

Broadway Theater concludes its 2009 season with Renee Taylor's fairy-tale fantasy" about how Theda Blau, unemployed health nut, takes charge of her life. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROAD-WAY, VISTA. 760-806-7905. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20

It's a Wonderful Life

In Cygnet Theatre's annual holiday show, you not only watch the familiar story of George Bailey, you



also watch how it's made in a 1947 radio studio: announcers, actors reading their lines, flashing applause signs, even a commercial for Lux soap. The story's still a grabber: what would life be like without George, whose selfless generosity prompts him to abandon his dreams for those of others? The radio frames the familiar parts. Then a change happens toward the end. The fiction trumps the fact. As George undergoes an existential identity crisis, the actors - and the radio studio — fall away and the characters emerge. The story leaps forward, and how it's being made disappears. Along the way, the show's a treat, especially Scott Paulson's ingenious sounds, made from unlikely objects, and Tom Andrew's Craig Noel Award-winning performance as George.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN, 619-337-1525. 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 27

Lamb's Players

Festival of Christmas For its annual holiday show, Lamb's Players presents a world premiere by Kerry Meads. Set in a 1970s recording studio, the play includes music from the era and the season. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR ANGE AVE., CORONADO, 619-437-0600, 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRI-DAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 6PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUES DAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 27

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The New Century

Diversionary Theatre presents Paul Rudnick's "outrageous and poignant stories" about a lewish matron, a flamboyant aging homosexual, and a Midwestern craftswoman. Igor Goldin directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 2.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile

They never met. Or if they did, Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein didn't recognize each other. Steve Martin's one-act asks: but what if they did? And at the Monmartre



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We'll decorate the Christmas tree when all the family's here,

bar where Picasso doodled to buy drinks. The result's a series of sketches, many just silly (you could say the real star of the show is Steve Martin), while a few build a sense of something brand-new — Einstein's relativity theory, Picasso's painting "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon" — on the horizon. New Village Arts director Dana Case treats the play more like Saturday Night Live than a 1904 period piece: "wild and crazy" trumps historical grounding. In this staging the characters are often more props than people (they don't converse, just set each other up for a joke). Amid some thin performances, Tom Zohar stands out as young Einstein, a naive savant, and Eddie Yaroch as Gaston, a voice of practicality amid the high-falutin'. Tim Wallace's set. the rose-colored interior of the Lapin Agile, begins abstract (blocking out a third of the audience), then fans open. Everything for a laugh, directorial choices expose the play's slightness. But it is, nonetheless, often genuinely funny fluff. Worth a try.

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For decades the San Diego Rep staged A Christmas Carol during yuletide. On the surface, this year's production, Conor McPherson's dramatic comedy, couldn't be more different. It takes place today at Baldovle, a coastal suburb of North Dublin. There are no 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. He's Mr. Lockhart. He dresses like a CEO and acts like royalty: the Prince of Darkness, that is. The Rep's production, ably directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, is a grungy holiday hoot. Though some mystical effects are hokum, the performances are quite good: Ron Choularton as poor Sharkey (who has made a "pig's mickey out of everything"), Armin Shimmerman's crotchety Richard, Paul James Cruse's always-funny

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year-old female wanted on a drug charge, and two males (aged 36 and 34) who were wanted on probation violations.

By Steve Horvath, 11/25

Tough on Tucanes

Officials Want Island Penal Colony Used *Tijuana* — This week, the secretary of public security, Julián Leyzaola Pérez, called for the revival of the death penalty in Mexico for convicted cop killers. Leyzaola said that those

who kill police should receive 40- to 60-year sentences. For those in law enforcement who aid and abet crime, he wants to triple the current penalties.

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Leyzaola also called for increased use of the penal colony on Isla María Madre (off the west coast of Mexico) to house prisoners facing long sentences. Leyzaola wants to isolate the worst offenders on the island prison to prevent them from having the ability to run their operations while



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Los Tucanes de Tijuana

their lyrics. Leyzaola is asking the public to refuse buying their music.

A recent survey by Tijuana's Frontera newspaper found that 52 percent of Tijuana citizens had a family member who was a crime victim in 2009.

Forty-nine percent of citizens polled supported increased penalties, including the implementation of the death penalty; 85 percent felt that penalties for public officials and police officers involved in criminal activity should be more severe.

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Sources: La Segunda, Frontera

By T.B. Beaudeau, 11/26

In Bad Faith

Pediatrician Murdered by 16-Year-Old *Tijuana* — Investigators say the murder of pedi-

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When the doctor called for some detail work, the lad volunteered himself as contractor, bringing with him a friend named Fernando to assist in the murder and robbery.

Upon arriving at the doctor's house, the duo stabbed the doctor to death in the kitchen, then absconded with jewelry, cash, and the doctor's vehicles. The doctor's blood-spattered body was discovered by his son.

Alejandro was captured while driving the doctor's

Nissan Xterra around his neighborhood. Upon being taken into custody, he confessed to the murder and robbery. His partner remains at large.

By T.B. Beaudeau, 11/25

Inconvenient Death

Trolley Hits, Kills Bicyclist

Emerald Hills — The eastbound Orange Line trolley leaving Lemon Grove at 4:44 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, collided with a bicycle rider at the Greenwood Cemetery grade crossing. The bicyclist died at the scene. Police immediately closed off the area for investigation.

"I'm sorry, folks. We have a delay because of the accident on the tracks," said Vincent Castro, the Orange Line operator at the Massachusetts Avenue station. "We will be stopping at the 47th Street trolley station, and there will be a 'bus bridge' to the 32nd and Commercial station. You also have a choice of taking the bus at the Euclid Avenue trolley station." Fortunately, MTS bus route 4, which follows a parallel path westward to the 12th and Imperial trolley station, arrived at Euclid Avenue trolley station at the same time. There was a mass exodus of riders who did not want to wait for the bus bridge at 47th Street.

"I don't want to be late for my work at 6:00," said Phillip Jackson as he ran from the trolley to the route 4 bus. The bus was packed with people like sardines in a can, but Jackson left the bus at 16th and Imperial Avenue and ran to his worksite just as the Saint Vincent de Paul bell struck the 6 o'clock hour.

By Noel Gallego, 11/25 **Comments**

1. I feel sorry for bike riders in general since they don't have a chance when hitting something as big as a trolley. The cemetery setting is not a surprise. Condolences to the family of the bicylist.

By mh91945 4:12 p.m., Nov 25 2. We need to better and encourage commuters on bike by building safer bike paths. Cyclists are helping to save our environment! By SDaniels

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> By Microsoft92114 10:02 a.m., Nov 27

Riding the Storm Out Grim City Budget Forecast Downtown San Diego — During the November 23 city council meeting, representatives from the mayor's office and the office of the Independent Budget Analyst presented the city's fiscal year 2010 First Quarter Budget Monitoring Report. The report, according to the city's financial manager Angela Colton, marked the first time the city strayed from using prior-year budgets to appropriate funds for existing city contracts, and it's the first time the city is including prior-year commitments in the current fiscal-year budget.

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revealed that because of the new process, city expenditures have exceeded current-year fiscal budget expectations by more than \$39 million; \$31.5 million of that will be paid from prior-year funds. The remaining \$7.5 million gets tacked on to the current budget deficit.

"Revenues are projected to be \$50.4 million, 4 percent under budget," Colton said. "This is due to the continued slowdown in the economy. It is almost entirely due to sales tax and tran-

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council president Ben Hueso cut the feed from her microphone, reminded her to stay on topic, and to cease from using profanity while addressing the council. During one agenda item, Ramirez accused councilmember Tony Young of discriminating against Mexicans, which resulted in Hueso ejecting her from council chambers.

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As Ramirez approached the podium for a discussion to declare December 1 as Nonprofit Management Solutions Day,

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"Again, being censored," responded Ramirez. "I know they are pulling your cord again, Mr. Hueso. I have no strings around my neck. I'm no one's...puppet...I'm nobody's butt-kisser."

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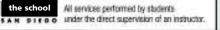
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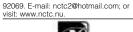
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Across

1. Julie of TV and film

- 6. Young of music
- 10. Marry 14. "Me
- big mouth!" 15. Jacqueline hubby and others
- 16. Obama cabinet member Duncan
- 17. Safe place

- 18. Eric of "Troy" 19. Point out 20. Hailed vehicle
- 22. Like some modern
- restaurants
- 24. "Night" author Wiesel
- 28. Actress Suvari 31. Wombs
- 32. Its stock symbol is HOG 35. ____-Kettering Institute
- 36. Game pieces
- 37 Its stock symbol is BUD
- 44. Barfly
- 45. Snowboarder White
- 47. Its stock symbol is BKS
- 53. Parcel out
- 54. Melted hielo
- 55 Nitwit
- 56. Wilson's "Wedding Crashers" costar
- 58. Nutrition fig.
- 60. Coating of frost
- 61. Concert equipment
- 64. Loosens (up)
- 69. Wonder's " She
- Lovely" 70. Take a chance
- 71. Novelist Jong
- 72. Places to graze
- 73. Copied

Down

- 74. Massachusetts governor Patrick
- 1. "That feels s-o-o-o good!"
- 2. Kind of sequencing
- 3. Word that often ends in
- "ly": Abbr.
- 4. Lady of Fr.
- 5. Harmonize
- 6. Caught in the act
- 7. Silent
- trouble!" 8. "Boy, am ____
- 9. Aspiring atty.'s exam
- 10. Reno and Jackson
- 11. Start of a cry by Juliet
- 12. One who makes rounds

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Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 9. What do you do between Thanksgiving and Christmas? Work out

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 9. If Chicagoans spoke latin, their team would be the Ursi!

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 9. Special delivery Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 9.

Love to all

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Eric Cash, Escondido, 9. Eavan's Daddy sure is thankful she is here. Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9. / hate everybody except my Bartender

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 9. What can I say ... Rosie's pies were amazingly yummy

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 9. What'd you do wrong again, Ken? William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 9. Happy birthday to Joanne from Bill and Al Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 9. / love New York Sara Khwaja, Poway, 9. Yeh! We act rain! Ron Meyer, Santee, 9. Hunny that was the best turkey ever I love you

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 9. My world's on hold the tale will go untold Jim Odell, Vista, 9. Something

seems fishy around here Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 9.

Why would you edit out "to be grateful"?

- 13. "_____ say more?"
 21. Grammy winner ____ say more?"
- Winehouse 23. 1963 Paul Newman film
- 24. Confused comments
- 25 ___ land
- 26. In a chemistry joke, what a female has that a male lacks
- 27. "In the Valley of ____ (2007 film)
- 29. "Hello" sticker
- 30. Declare
- 33. Compass heading 34. Like Brahms' Piano Trio
- No. 1
- 38. "What's the ____ ?" 39. 1998 National League
- MVP
- 40. SEAL's org. 41. Like racehorses
- 42. Baja tourist city
- 43. Ship's bottom
- 46. Court divider
- 47. Philosopher Pascal
- 48. Barnard graduate
- 49. Webster's shelfmate
- 50. To the _____ degree
- 51. Drank slowly 52. Old man
- 53. "Sk8er Boi" singer
- Lavigne
- 57. Zippo
- 59. Floored
- 62. Plan (out)
- 63. Historic leader?
- 65. "____ you asleep?" 66. Hudson or Missouri: Abbr.
- 67. It bought Motown Records in 1988 68. Mineo of movies

Michael Panther, Point Loma,

9. Pickles Weather Systems is our

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 9.

Jerry Riccio, Rancho

buildings? Cinderelevator!

Eric Sandouist, Allied

Joshua 1: As I was with Moses, so

Bernardo, 9. Who wears glass

slippers and goes up and down

Gardens, 9. What is the offical

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 9. Eat a

Tom Seaman, Alpine, 9. Dance

as if no one who could have you

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del

Mar, 9. Hey Sandy, Thanks for the

Gayle Studer, Mission Valley,

perfect purse and shoes!

9. Something's fishy here

future

shall I be ...

spelling of

peta pie!

commited.

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P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 8.

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dreaming of an orange Christmas

Tom Somich, Clairemont, 8.

Carly Stone, San Diego, 8.

Phoney science global warming

Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 8. Im

Susan Williams, North Park,

8. That's a fish tale if I ever heard

Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 7. Will

I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 7. The

holidays are here! Santa says shop

Glen and Tesi Chavira-

be in NYC for vacation

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John Pertle, Santee, 8.

Happy Birthday, Crisian

Something smells fishy Dave Tomasin, San Diego, 8.

overdue for one

one!

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Psalm 103

C'mon December:

UNHALLOWED

EIS

SALMON

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ONA

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SOIE

Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 8. Hope

y'all had a wonderful thankful

Go Chargers! Beat the brown

D. Faulkner, University

River hike path to the beach

what "team" means

Heights, 8. Try the San Diego

101. The Chargers are showing

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park,

8. Term limits for U.S. Congress!

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside,

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 8.

Don't stay at Harrah's Properties in

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 8. eight

8. You can't take it with you

Las Vegas- Go Elsewhere!

Yeah Lakers!

is enough

Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 8.

Ron Hootman, Santee, 8. Hoot

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 8.

Thanksgiving

clowns!

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Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 8.

🖝 L. Barling, El Cajon, 8. Give

loved ones attention and apprecia-

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont,

Leslie Chase, Campo, 8. Coun-

try cousins Christina and Danika

Jon Connor, Oceanside, 8.

Johny Ringo, the deadliest pistoleer

Palmer, College Area, 9.

Chargers can beat the Chiefs

tion while they're still alive!

8. Somethings fishy

sure are cute toather

since Wild Bill

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Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 7. Felines everywhere now with

Fang? Richard Hutchings, Santee, 7. Something's fishy about this puzzle George Jackson, Oceanside, 7. How's that "hope and change

working out for you? Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 7. Happy birthday dad! Hi Kira! Hi Rodol

Emily Marie, North Park, 7. We are going to miss you Mike! Bon Voyage!

Henry Romero, San Diego, 7. These are the voyages of the starship MeiLina!

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 7. The Christian life is not one of idleness, but battle Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 6. / love you Sandy Carty!!

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 6. Jesus is the reason for the season. God Bless! John L Drehner, North Park,

6. Will the government ever issue peace bonds? Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 6.

Maggie, you were a beautiful bride Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 6. Got lazy and unmotivated latley Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 6. Don't get 800x800, but here goes.

Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 6. Go Philip!

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 5. Whenever you see a belt never hit helow it

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 5. Thanks Sandy for all the help Joseph Gold, San Diego, 5. ľm giving my mext t-shirt to my father Joe Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 5. Something fishy about this puzzle Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 5. Excited to start decorating for Christmas

Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 4. /t's not my fault

Andrea Duncan, Valley Center, 4. Dextwr! James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 4.

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2. Barbara Page 11/22/49-07/19/09. I love you! Jennifer Mullins, University Heights, 2. Hello all F.A. Nalu, El Cajon, 2. Merry Christmas to all Ernest Verano, Downtown, 2. / won again! Katie Whelan, Coronado, 2. Ollie Binx is a fan. Go Chargers Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 2. Happy holidays to all you Readers out there and Dean Bob, Escondido, 1. Puzzles are fun! Chris Change, Oceanside,

1. Fire Ken Leighton, Please Judy Doyle, Lakeside, 1. 1 hr. 51 min

Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 1. There is something fishy about this puzzle Robert Conquest, Tucson, 1. If I lived anywhere except Tucson it would be San Diego

Tom Gibilisco, Lemon Grove, 1. It's 2 am and time for the mon-

sters to awaken!

Esther Janowsky, Chapel Hill, 1. Go Tarheals!

Linda Morris, Encanto, 1. More

pie for everyone Randy Santos, University City,

1. Yeheey Lindsev Tiamus, San Diego, 1. I love you Tony!

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EASY: Aaron Abramson, Williamstown, 9. Hi! It's cold here in New Jersey! Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 9. Congrats Helix Highlands Band made Championships John Pertle, Santee, 9. Christ died as a substitute for everyone without exception Nancy Teruya, Rancho Peñasquitos, 9. Thank you Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 9. Are you doing okay? Help neigh bors. Support local businesses Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 9. Think twice. Act once Don Bowman, Santee, 8. Shadow miss you. Today Ed Rull, San Diego, 7. Happy thanksgiving Tristan Meyers, El Cajon, 5. Here I am stuffing the turkey and I hear gobble..

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 4. Hi mommy! Thank you so much for everything. Luv you

Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 4. Happy birthday Richard! Love me Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 4. Hurry, I do belive, I aot it right Lyly T Ly, Chula Vista, 3. Happy holidays with. Marcia Metzger, San Diego, 2. It's the best of times Lucky Tiger, Oceanside, 2. Enjoy! Life is your gift Tammy Uren, Spring Valley, 2. Sudoku peanut rocks on! Lynnee Lampton, La Mesa, 1. Hi Dad Heather Reeves, El Cajon, 1. I love you, Selina. Faith Williams, Tucson, 1. / love San Diego **MEDIUM:** Skully, San Diego, 9. Lots of love to Monkeyboy, wishing you

Henry Chung, San Diego, 9.

were here

Rain rain, go away.

Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 8. Presenting his Royal Highness King Julian blah, blah, blah, Hoorav! Linda Bible, El Cajon, 8. Don't over-spend, shop wisley Kathleen Allegri, Pacific Beach. 6. MC on a roll! Beat SD Bernie Malihan, Mira Mesa, 6. Thanksgiving in Disneyland was awsome! Hi Bhurd! Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 6. Princess Happy Anniversery I love vou Rhonda Webber, San Diego, 5. Thanks for the stamp baby! Love you Jose R. Cadava, Spring Valley, 4. Stop at stop signs 3 seconds, go if its safe David Tomasin, San Diego, 4. Global warming Hoax Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 3. Jesus is the reason for the season. God bless! M. Elliott, Rancho Bernardo, 3. Dear Santa: Please give me

some sudoku puzzles for Christmas Elliott Estrine, Poway, 3. Mareella – get well soon

Josie Ranches, San Diego, 2. Happy Thanksgiving to all!! Erin Bailey, Chula Vista, 1.

Got two Josh Boss, San Diego, 1. Go Chargers. Like in Go away! Bill Calderwood, Clairmont, 1. May peace and democracy prevail

in Iran! Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 1.

I did it again! Son Lee, Chula Vista, 1. Thanks great holiday to be with soduko Kelly Sakoi, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. Happy holidays! Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 1. First

HARD:

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 9. My turkey was mmm delicious D.B. Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 9. Hip replacements and Kim Wilson's holiday blue's party - Humphreys Rackstage Lark Herrick, Alpine, 9. Happy Holidays! Go Chargers!

EVIL:

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try- hope its right!

Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 9. Hard is not!

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 9. My armor is dented but my blade is keen

John Strauch, Point Loma, 5.

Hike the county and beyond with the Monday Maniacs!

Susan Boss, San Diego, 1. A hard man is a good find! Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 1. We're back on the band wagon! Chargers all the

🖝 Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 9. "Hoo-Ray" 4 "Blu-Ray", it's a shame "Cathode-Rav" has gone away! Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 9. What a wonderful Thanksgiving in the desert. Xoxoxo to all! Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 9. I did evil in Ocotillo Wells and it was fun Paul Brugger, Downtown, 9.

Went to Santa Fe for Thanksgiving day. Great family stay

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9. You don't even know ...

Clyde Christie, East Village, 9.

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Roger Doughman, San Diego, 9. I will bless the lord at all times Lilv Gonzalez, Logan Heights,

9. Let the shopping begin! Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 9.

Happy shopping season y'all Dan Holslin, San Diego, 9. Live

vour passion Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla,

9. Milan Fabry is coming to townwelcome!

Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 9. Keep 'em comina

Raymond Land, Escondido, 9. Thank you

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 9. Business is sure picking up

David Lowenkron, San Marcos,

9. This one was evil Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 9.

Don't forget to floss Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 9. Term limits for U.S. Congress P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 9. Vor-

ret una maglietta di cotone

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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Martin Mucciarone, Carlsbad,

9. Think for yourselves and let others enjoy the same privileges. Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 9. Does Mary Bently still play dominoes? Please call Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 9. Thank you HP for all the aifts Michael Panther, Point Loma, 9. There's one of each face • Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 9. Happy Anniversary Carole and Bill. David Schwartz, Clairemont, 9. Congrats first time bar passer Alex!

Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 9. Thanks for another full chance for me to do

Joe Selig, San Diego, 9. Welcome home mom. Love Joe Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 9. Happy b-day to me and all my saaittarian posse! Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 9. Take a hike - see Calendar/Outdoors section

Yuko T., San Diego, 9. I'll try to catch Black Friday sales next year... Go Saints!

Harry R. Walker, La Jolla, 9. Glenn (LJ) Hope vou and Donna have a areat trip Susan Williams, North Park, 9. That was almost too evil for me Ric Witt, Clairemont, 9. / think / smell a pc censor Mark Xitco, San Diego, 9. Thanks to Sandy Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 8. Happy Birthday Marie and S.O. Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 8. Evil. / like mine on the rocks, with a twist. Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 8. GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY! Duane D. Tremaine, E. Village, 8. Take it to the limit one more time one more

J.G., San Ysidro, 7. Happy Birthdav Francisca 12/3. Thank vou for vour support Belmont Hope, Vista, 7. Happy Thanksgiving Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 7. December is here! Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo! Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 7. Thanks for the T-shirt! Larry Clark, Clairemont, 6. Bee healthy. Eat your honey Junito Gerardo, Mira Mesa. 5. Obamanism, communism, socialism, what is the difference? Christine Hennes, San Diego, 5. All for love Charles Reader, Del Mar Heights, 3. Reader reads Reader

S.L. Henderson, Escondido, 2. No t-shirt is evil. Merry xmas! Greg Boss, San Diego, 1. Let's make California legislators part-time with half the pay Rick Czadliewicz, El Cajon, 1.

Happy Holidays, wishing only the best for you and yours! Ray Hunt, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. Earth has a fever. So does Al

Gore Ted Jerm, Roseville, 1, 99.9%

Perspiration Ethel Jimenez, San Diego, 1. Sudoku is fun and challenging... Sylvia June, Spring Valley, 1. Happy Thanksgiving to all SD Readers!

Cornelia Lewis, Alpine, 1. Life in balance

Robert Lindahl, College Area, 1. A lil evil for my lil angel love ya

Phyllis! Tony M., Mission Hills, 1. Bass player's rule

Richard Maguire, San Diego, 1. I was saved by the San Diego

Rescue Misssion. (Thanks) Tom Norris, Santee, 1. / love vou Lita

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 1. Live long and prosper

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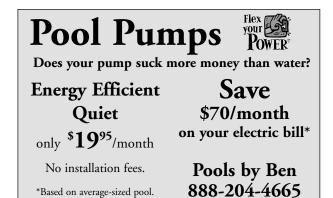
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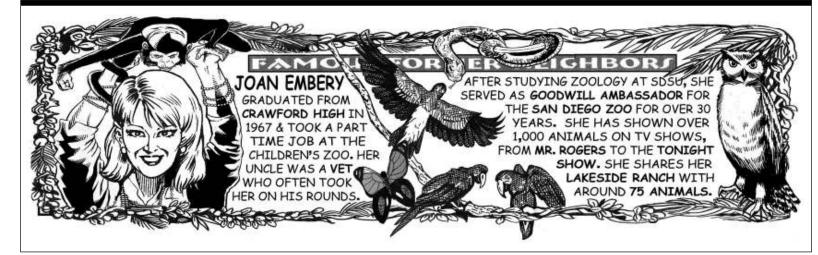
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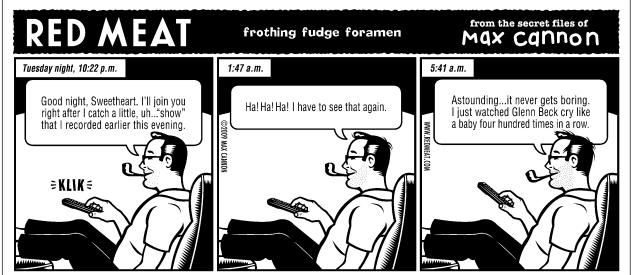
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grew up in New York. In Yonkers. Steven Tyler of Aerosmith went to my high school. I was class of 72, and he was class of '67. He was always in garage bands, and we often saw them perform. When he formed Aerosmith, we saw them win a "battle of the bands" competition in Yonkers. And before he became Tyler. His real last name is Tallarico. He's Italian. He was phenomenal even back then.



Richard Bowles Retired

Mira Mesa went to Hoover High here in San Diego. That's Ted Williams's high school. He went there long before me, but there was a huge picture of him and everyone always talked about him playing baseball there. The field was named after the hallof-famer. I didn't play any sports while attending Hoover.



Melina McKamey

StudentMira Mesa

went to the same middle school as two members of the band Paramore. They did the song "All We Know Is Falling," and two songs, "Decode" and "I Caught Myself," were in the movie Twilight. They went to Franklin Classical in Nashville That's a private Christian school. A lot of famous people lived in Franklin, though. A lot of country stars. Carrie Underwood moved there from Texas. Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, and Miley Cyrus all live there, too



Cathy Kenton Marketing Consultant Del Mar

went to Point Loma High, and we had Gabriel Wisdom, the former KGB DJ. La'Roi Glover, who played football for SDSU and then in the NFL for a number of years. And Jason Scheff, who's been the singer and bassist of the band Chicago.



Kimberly Gibbons Dental Hygienist

Rancho Peñasquitos ▼ don't know how famous Michael Pittman is. He went to Mira Mesa High School about seven years after me. He's been an NFL running back for at least the last seven or eight years. But a friend from my class of 86 told me that someone in our class was at the reunion and very successful. He apparently invented Autobots. He might be the most successful guy to ever attend our school. But I have no clue what his name is.



Gabriel Barrios Student

Mission Valley don't know how famous he is. but Jerry [Trainor], who plays the older brother on *iCarly*. It's a Nick-elodeon show about a girl that has her own web show. He's done other things: the show *Drake and Josh* and the movies Donnie Darko and Bring It On Again. He went to Uni with me We were in the same group that all went to prom together and graduated in '95. He always wanted to act. In high school he was into drama.

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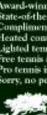
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LEAD STORY

- The human brain's 100 billion neurons may have such specific functions that a few electrically charge only upon recognition of a single celebrity, such as Oprah Winfrey or Bill Clinton. UCLA researchers, studying the healthy cells of pre-op epilepsy patients, inadvertently discovered this unusual property, which apparently varies with individuals but remains internally consistent, whether the celebrity is represented by picture, name, or sound. Patients were presented "hundreds of stimuli," one researcher told the Wall Street Journal in October, but "the neuron would respond to only one or two." For example, neurons were found that reacted only to Jennifer Aniston, only to The Simpsons, only to Mother Teresa.

The Continuing Crisis

In 2002, following an acrimonious family debate, the head of late baseball slugger Ted Williams was cryogenically frozen in the hope that science will someday learn how to revive dead people. An employee of the Arizona lab that stores the head recently disclosed some inside shenanigans, according to a September report in the New York Daily News. According to the employee, to keep Williams's head from sticking to the inside of its storage carton, the head was placed on an

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empty Bumble Bee tuna fish can inside the container, but the can itself then stuck to the head and had to be whacked off with a monkey wrench. - In Ahmedabad District, India, in September, Ramveer Singh Baghel, 35, sliced off his tongue as an offering to the goddess Amba. His sacrifice made him an instant deity in the local temple, delaying his trip to the hospital. And two weeks later, in a village in Bargarh District, India, a 19year-old woman cut out her tongue, hoping, she said, that the Shiva temple's resident goddess would halt the woman's imminent arranged marriage and allow her to pick someone closer to her age.

- Adventure in the Bush: In June, after a monitored, endangered marsupial (a "woylie") was killed in West Australia, scientists set out to recover the expensive radio-collar transmitter it was wearing, but as they approached the signal, a six-foot-long python swallowed the woylie and collar. The scientists captured the snake, intending to wait for the collar to pass through, but poachers broke into the Department of Environment and Conservation's shelter and stole the python, likely intending to sell it. According to a June report in the West Australian, the scientists, aided by authorities, eventually picked up the radio transmissions again, arrested one

ets. 1536 Diamond Street. www.cal-op.com. 858-483-3534.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$1020. 1 bedroom, 1 bath anartment. Great location— only 3



poacher, and freed the snake from its impending life of captivity.

Hyperactive Seniors

(1) Ella Orko, 86, was arrested in Chicago in August (her 61st arrest) and charged with shoplifting \$252 worth of groceries and sundries (including anti-wrinkle cream). (2) Earlier this year, Richard Ramsey, 77, finally fulfilled a dream he said he'd had since age 13: he surgically became a woman. He had been living occasionally as Renee Ramsey following a 20-year military career, partly spent as a Green Beret.

Bright Ideas

 The mayor of the Paris suburb of Levallois-Perret, faced with an overcrowded highway D909 through town, "solved" the problem recently by making the street one-way, sending traffic speedily into the adjacent town of Clichy-la-Garenne. That city's mayor (a political rival of the Levallois-Perret mayor) reacted by making his portion of D909 one-way back toward Levallois-Perret, creating a dilemma at the city limit. Other authorities are working to resolve the impasse.

 In the tiny east Texas town of Tenaha, police allegedly extorted traveling motorists by subjecting them to bogus traffic stops, perhaps find-

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shopping. Spacious kitchen, ceiling fans, plenty of space! 4406 Dawes Street. 619-804-3325. PACIFIC BEACH. \$980. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1 parking space. Convenient to Mission Bay/ Pacific Beach shopping, beaches, nightlife. No pets.

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by Chuck Shepherd

ing small amounts of drugs, and then offering to

forgo prosecution if the motorists would forfeit

their cars and other property. The forfeited items

were then sold to fund a police recreation account.

Last year, the ACLU of Texas filed a federal civil

rights lawsuit against both the police and local

prosecutor Lynda Russell, and in September

2009, Russell asked the state attorney general if

she could pay her legal expenses from the alleged

- (1) A 40-year-old man accidentally fatally shot himself in Imperial, Mo., in September while

teaching gun safety to his girlfriend. The gun

fired when he was quizzing her to recognize

whether a gun's safety mechanism was engaged

or not. (2) Tom Elton, 54, and Brenda Blondell,

59, both convicted murderers who became prisonrights activists, eventually won parole, continued

their community work together in the Vancouver,

British Columbia, area, and married each other.

However, in June, police arrested Elton and

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charged him with murdering Blondell.

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extorted recreation account.

Undignified Deaths

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Thirty Years Ago

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UNDERCOVER ANGEL. I like Pina Coladas and I love green-eyed ladies. Respond in Reader and maybe we can get together. Whiskey Kid. – CLASSIFIEDS, December 6, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Flushed with success, the Bonevs opened other stores, but Cooper and other natural food retailers say the profit margins at these outlets were disappointing. In early 1984 the Boney family sold to Hadley's fruit and nut company, though family members still run Boney's Markets in El Cajon, Vista, and Del Mar. Hadley's meanwhile brought new products to its Windmill Farms stores - nuts, honeys, pickles, olives, a variety of nopreservative trail mixes — but one former employee says the firm neglected the importance of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Supermarkets were at the same time chipping away at the Windmill/Frazier customer base by offering bulk grains, natural breads, carob candies, and vitamins. St. Michel says the Windmill Farms on West Point Loma Boulevard couldn't withstand the competition from Ralphs and Safeway outlets located a short walk away.

Paul Krueger, December 6, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

Its 39 acres of parks, 900 boat slips, excursion dock, and restaurants have made Chula Vista's new J Street marina a bayfront paradise. But Mike Irey and Luigi Sanfilippo say the multimillion-dollar tidelands

project has destroyed one of San Diego Bay's most precious resources: its fish.

Sanfilippo...says his daily catches have declined from highs of 1800 pounds in the early '80s to 400 pounds or less in 1988-'89. Irey had bountiful catches for the first few years after he was granted a mullet permit in 1985, but his logbooks now show yields of 192, 124, 81, even 26 pounds per day. He says he has equally bad luck at several places that once yielded full nets: the J Street area, Emory Cove, and the waters just south of the Coronado Bridge.

- CITY LIGHTS: "MULLET OVER IN CHULA VISTA?" Paul Krueger, December 7, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

At six, I became ambivalent about my name: Patrick was too formal, too distant; Pat was too intimate, too gender vague. Elementary school enemies called me "Patty" or "Patricia" or "Fat-Pat" or "Pat-the-Fat," epithets that

required immediate combat. Patrick Daugherty,

December 1, 1994

Ten Years Ago

If there's anything worse than getting up at 2:45 a.m., it's getting up at 2:45 a.m. only to be pulled over by a policeman at 3:00 a.m. But cracking out early and tickets from bored cops on graveyard shift are occupational hazards for the hunter, particularly the hunter who wants to get from San Diego to El Centro in time for the 5:44 a.m. shoot time for the 1999 dove-season opener.

— "SHOOT TIME," Ernie Grimm, December 2, 1999

Five Years Ago

It was with real sadness that I read of Eleanor Widmer's passing. I remember well the interest with which we read her reviews after we arrived in San Diego in 1977.

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What If We'll Been Named Edward? Mass

San Diego Reader, December 1, 1994

"calibrate" Ms. Widmer's views and reviews. Obviously someone who hated salt and ate her desserts first would not have tastes that aligned with ours. But once we figured out her perspective she was a great help. I remember well when she panned a restaurant in Old Town named Berta's. When I read the review I could tell that Berta's was exactly my kind of place.

Alan Campbell, December 2, 2004

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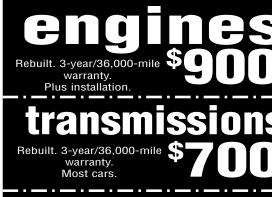
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"Fourteen years ago, when my wife and I were engaged," said pastor Ben Brinkman, "we had the exact same experience at the exact same moment in a college chapel: God showed us having a church in a downtown area." That was 1995, in Seattle; the couple moved to San Diego in '99 and helped start a church in Rancho Bernardo. "By 2004, we knew we wanted to start a church downtown, but the timing wasn't right." They spent a few years in the desert, helping to start a church in Las Vegas, and then returned in '08, armed with a year's worth of financing from the Vegas church. They also applied for

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And in February, they started their own, setting up in Little Italy's Washington Elementary School auditorium. Brinkman took the stage dressed in white canvas sneak-

ers, frayed jeans, a twill sportcoat, and an untucked white shirt under a blue tie. "Thank you for joining us," he told the (youthful) congregation. "As a pastor just starting a church, anytime you come up on a holiday weekend, you wonder if anyone's going to show up." (Neither of the worship team's drummers was in town, but the light and sound crew was in place, flooding the dim stage with the orange and yellow of an indoor sunrise.)

The music substituted guitar strums for drums and employed a number of anthemic, repeated phrases. "Be lifted higher.""I'm gonna worship You forever.""What have we done to deserve a love like Yours?"

Because of the holiday, Brinkman skipped the sermon as such, but there was still a fair bit of preaching in effect. Swirling, bursting words spelled out an opening Thanksgiving message on the TV screens flanking the stage. "Life: it's a journey full of adventure, love, success...but life is also full of troubles, pain, failure.... It's easy to allow life ... to swallow up all thought of God.... But what would happen if we chose to give thanks for everything, at all times, in all circumstances? Colors would seem brighter, relationships would grow stronger, and perspectives would become healthier.... Decide today, no matter what, to live a more thankful life." (I confess to thinking that the church had a good graphics person, and I thought it again during the

video advertising the First Sunday "Free Store" to be held in the school's courtyard this Sunday. "We advertise it on craigslist," said Brinkman. "If you have items to donate, bring them. We'll have clothes, canned goods, and furniture. Everything is free; we just want to bless the community. And Chick-Fil-A has agreed to sponsor us again, so everyone that comes after the 10:30 service will get a free hot lunch.")

Later, Brinkman delivered a mini-homily on the reason for communion, taking time to note that in the midst of establishing the New Covenant at the Last Supper, Jesus took time to give thanks. And thanks was the theme of the service. "Paul says, 'I've learned how to have a lot, and I've learned how to have a little. What matters is that I've learned to be thankful because He is my portion."

That came through during the Thanksgiving testimonials. A young man testified that involvement with the church had inspired him. "My wife and I have felt this fulfillment; even though we



Katie and Ben Brinkman

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don't have a ton, we want to give more."

And the young woman who followed him explained, "We got a call from God to give up everything. I remember telling God, 'I want to serve You.' And He said, 'No, you don't, because you don't want to go where I want to send you. It's a dark place.' In the process of getting here, we lost everything, but everything we lost, we gained in joy. We are actually residents of a homeless shelter now. God said, 'I challenge you to be who I am because you might be the only Christ that these people will ever see.'"

"Christ is not real to them," she said. "That's not their everyday." So she helps where she can, stays happy, and knows "that I have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

What happens when we die?

"If we're in a relationship with Jesus Christ," said Brinkman, "we're going to go to heaven to be with Him for eternity. If we're not...there are a couple of different theories. One is eternal punishing, where it just goes on and on. The other is eternal punishment — there's punishment, and then it's over. I think I lean more toward that." — Matthew Lickona

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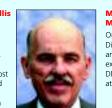


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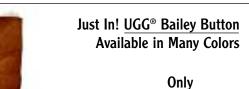


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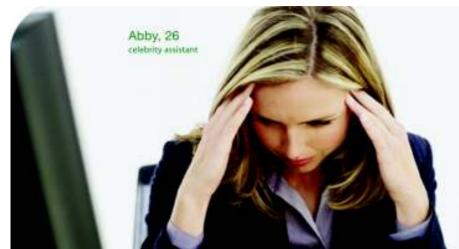
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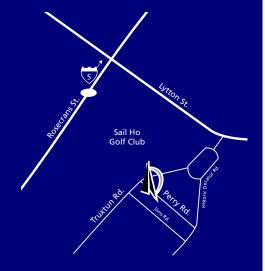


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