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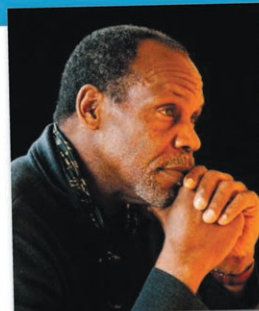
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- Slap The Donkey
- Coming Correct
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- 10-20

FRIDAY JAN 29TH:

Early Bird Screenings: 3pm

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Red Carpet: 5:30pm

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Film Screenings: 11am - 8pm

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Panel Discussions: 11am

Join serious discussions on the state of African American cinema and the motion picture industry. Hosted by industry professionals. (Courtyard by Marriott). Open to the public w/ film Ticket.

Filmmakers Meet & Greet: 2pm

Meet filmmakers and motion picture stars at Regal UA Theatre, Horton Plaza. Film Ticket Required.

Awards Dinner & Gala: 9pm

\$100—Dine with the stars at the Awards Dinner & Gala. Who's the best director? Which is the best film? Black Tie. (Westin Emerald Plaza - Crystal Ballroom, Broadway & Columbia)

Awards Party: 10pm

\$60—Immediately following the Awards Dinner, there'll be dancing with the stars. (Westin Emerald Plaza- Diamond Ballroom. Broadway & Columbia)

SUNDAY JAN 31ST:

Closing Films: 11am

Your last chance to catch the 2010 San Diego Black Film Festival screenings!

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION:

- Festival Office: Courtyard by Marriott 6th & Broadway. (Starting January 15th, Open Daily 11am - 7pm)
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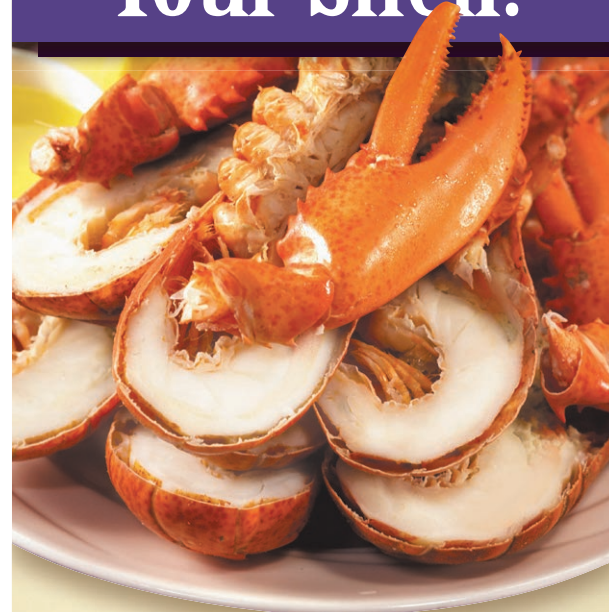
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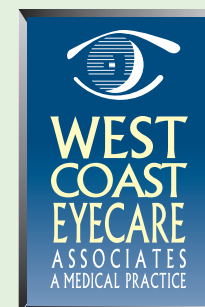
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UNDER THE RADAR

Scandals of 2009 Government officials say they're hard up for funds, but most can't seem to resist spending for lobbying activities. A recently filed disclosure report covering the third quarter of last year shows that District Attorney **Bonnie Dumanis** attributed \$29,466 of special assistant **Gail Stewart-Brockman**'s salary to her work lobbying the state legislature. Among the Dumanis office's other lobbying-related expenses was a \$258.66 tab at Sacramento's Citizen Hotel, recently featured on the travel pages of the *New York Times*; the paper noted that the "designer boutique hotel that is part of California's Joie de Vivre collection" features "a tented meeting space, gym and the trendy Grange restaurant and Scandal bar." Another \$269.14 was spent at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. (A photo of a glum Stewart-Brockman on the California secretary of state's lobbyist website looks like a jail mug shot, in contrast to the beaming faces of most of the other influence peddlers there.)



Gail Stewart-Brockman

For its part, the City of San Diego paid \$56,000 in the third quarter to the lobbying firm of Sloat, Higgins, Jensen and Associates, for a total of \$140,000 year to date. One thousand nine hundred sixty-one dollars was paid to Southwest Airlines.

Sheriff **Bill Gore** attributed \$31,223 of the salary of special assistant **Marla Marshall** to state lobbying. One thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars was spent at the Travel Store in Sacramento, no details provided. The County of San Diego spent a total of \$100,083 for two lobbying outfits, \$67,473 on Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller and Naylor and \$32,610 on Carpi and Clay.

The San Diego County Water Authority spent a total of \$84,000 for the services of three lobbying firms and paid an additional \$23.97 to take California's secretary for natural resources **Mike Chrisman** out to lunch.

Culture vulture He's the son of **Alex Spanos** and the president of the Chargers, currently seeking a multimillion-dollar handout from taxpayers as a condition for building a new stadium somewhere in the county. But La Jolla **Dean Spanos** also has a little-known artistic side. Though it's not been locally publicized, Spanos is on the board of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., where his colleagues include former secretary of state **Condi Rice**; gambling magnate **Steve Wynn**; **Jean Kennedy Smith**, sister of the late president; and **Emilio Estefan Jr.**, mem-

ber of the Miami Sound Machine and husband of singer **Gloria Estefan**. Spanos was appointed to the board in August 2006 by former president **George W. Bush** to fill out the remainder of a six-year term that ends in September of this year. Bush received hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the Spanos family during his political career.



Dean Spanos

Cash up front San Diego politicians spent the last month of 2009 raising money for the 2010 election season. Contributors included the California Medical Association, which gave \$7800 to San Diego city councilman **Ben Hueso**'s Democratic assembly bid. The assembly campaign of Democrat ex-city councilwoman **Toni Atkins**, running in another district, received the same.

La Jolla's **Donald Cohn** — who provided a free apartment to then-San Diego mayor **Pete Wilson** in 1982, when he was in the midst of a divorce and running against **Jerry Brown** for the U.S. Senate — gave \$10,000 to Democrat Brown's gubernatorial exploratory committee. Rancho Santa Fe's **Martin Wygod**, chairman of WebMD, and wife **Pamela** contributed a total of \$101,600. Cubic Transportation Systems gave Brown a total of \$25,000.

La Jolla's **Peter Farrell**, executive chairman of ResMed Inc., gave \$12,950 to Republican



Toni Atkins

Steve Poizner's campaign for governor. Cognex executive **Robert Shillman** gave Poizner \$10,000, as did La Jolla's **Ann Agnew Woolley**. Contractor **Douglas Barnhart** gave \$5000.

Democrat **Chris Kehoe**, termed out of her state senate seat next year, is gathering cash for a prospective 2012 assembly race. Contributing \$7800 was Pathway Genomics, a Sorrento Valley-based outfit offering a \$199 DNA test kit that allows customers to "trace your ancestral path," according to the firm's website. Another offering, costing \$299, provides information on "risk markers" for prostate and breast cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and "many more."

Meanwhile, on December 23, the San Diego County GOP picked up \$25,000 from Sempra Energy, bringing the utility giant's grand total for 2009 to \$28,500.

— Matt Potter

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Up, But Not Way Up

By Don Bauder

Last year, the San Diego economy did poorly, although it was picking up a bit in the final several months. This year,

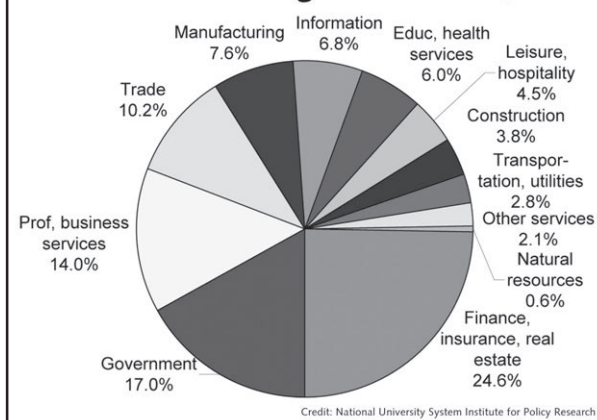
it should do moderately better. Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego, says the U.S. economy will grow by about 2 percent, "and San Diego will do about the same."

Every month, Gin compiles the leading indicators of the San Diego economy. They have been creeping up since early 2009, indicating a modest recovery. "In the first couple of months of 2010, the San Diego unemployment rate could approach 11 percent, but then it will start coming down, and I think it may be under 10 percent at the end of the year," says Gin. "We will have a slight rebound in construction, and tourism and retail jobs will stop falling."

To get a handle on the

local economy, you have to look at what industries provide the most output and

The Size of San Diego's Industries, 2008



employment. According to Kelly Cunningham, economist for the National University System Institute for

Policy Research, financial activity accounted for 24.6 percent of the local economy in 2008. That included jobs in the financial industry (stockbrokers, bankers, etc.), insurance, and real estate. The overwhelming portion is in real estate, which in 2008 accounted for 20.1 percent of the entire local economy.

This is a bit scary: San Diego is dominated by real

estate. In fact, the two other metro areas that had larger real estate percentages in 2008 were Orlando (24.8 percent) and Miami (20.8 percent). Real estate has collapsed in Florida and California, so those percentages are probably lower today. Last year, San Diego's real estate, rental,

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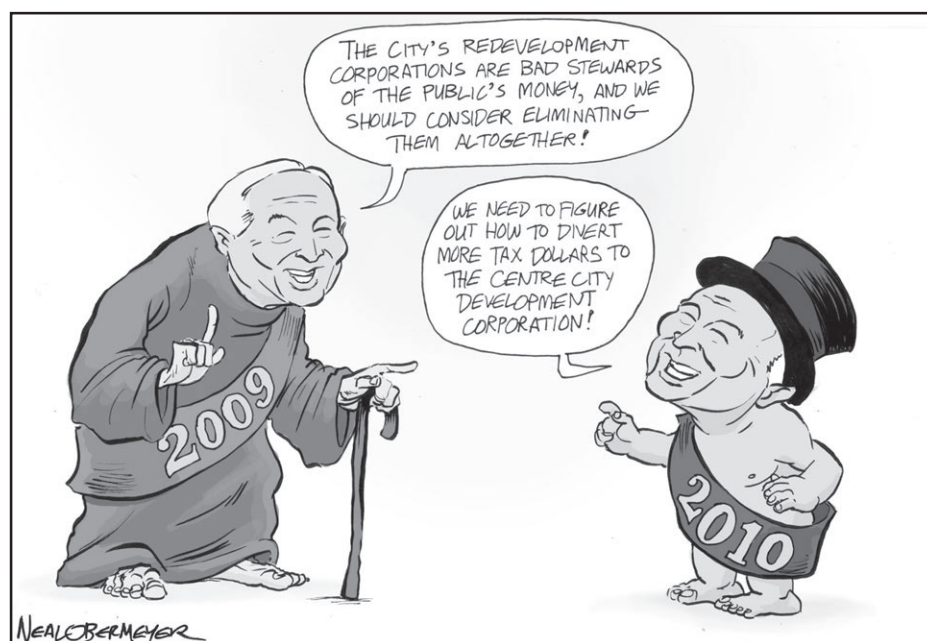
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When the Horses Are Gone

By Jeannette De Wyze

I asked Sergeant Bret Righthouse about the bad old days, back in 1994, before a cadre of mounted San Diego Police Department

officers began routinely patrolling Balboa Park. Transients and illegal aliens had set up permanent encampments back then. Some had built huts on the rooftops of buildings such as the Balboa Park Club and the House of Charm. Illicit sexual activity was rampant, along with drug sales, in the brushy hill-sides of the west mesa. Discarded syringes littered the playgrounds, and car theft rings abounded. "It was honestly to the point where I wouldn't bring my family here," Righthouse recalled. "Maybe you'd go to a museum for an hour or two, but it wasn't a park you could just walk in and enjoy."

When a 24-year-old actor was killed in a drive-by shooting one night as he strolled with his girlfriend across the Laurel Street Bridge, public anxiety skyrocketed. So the police department decided to beef up the horse-patrol unit

that had been established in 1983 but had shrunk to almost nothing by the beginning of the '90s. Righthouse joined the squad then; in its expanded form, it included two sergeants and a dozen officers. Working two shifts a day, seven days a week, the equestrian teams roamed the park's roads and pathways from 7:00 in the morning until 1:00 a.m., confronting criminals, arresting and re-arresting them. Soon the park's resident scofflaws tired of the routine and moved out. "Basically, we decimated the crime," Righthouse said.

This is a fitting time for reminiscence because the horse-patrol unit will soon cease to exist, a victim of the current efforts to eliminate the City's massive budget deficit. Although the unit's numbers over the past few years have dwindled, department higher-ups have calculated that some \$243,000

in operating expenses can be saved by getting rid of the horses. That figure includes such items as feed and vet bills and the 3.5 percent bonus earned by the seven remaining mounted officers. (It doesn't include their salaries. The base pay for experienced police officers in the City of San Diego ranges from \$63,048 to \$76,200 per year.) The five men and two women will be reassigned to other jobs within the department.

As of Monday, all the tack

and other gear at the unit's headquarters in Gold Gulch (the little canyon that runs behind the Organ Pavilion parking lot) had been inventoried and packed up. The eight horses were confined to pens in back of the police barn, their fates undecided. Righthouse was expecting to get word to put them up for auction, using an online auction service, where each animal probably would fetch \$2000 to \$2500, if previous

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Sergeant Bret Righthouse

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When a Mother Cries Pinned Down on Midway Drive

Loma Portal — At about 9:00 a.m. on December 31, at the corner of Midway Drive and West Point



Midway crash scene

Loma Boulevard, a five-car wreck occurred that sent a mother and her nine-year-old girl to the hospital, the girl reportedly with serious head trauma.

A green SUV heading south on West Point Loma crashed into the back of a line of cars, the first of which contained the mother and girl. The impact sent that car into the BMW in front of it.

The SUV ended up upside down with the driver (said to be on prescription medications) initially trapped. The mother and daughter had to be freed with the Jaws of Life. It was heartbreaking to hear the mother screaming her daughter's name while being extracted from the wreckage.

By Gail Powell, 1/1

Oh, Doctor Incendiary Devices Hurled into Cars

Tijuana — A hospital was strafed with high-powered weapons on December 31, and a used-car lot next door was set ablaze. Both the hospital and car lot are owned by Dr. Fernando Guzmán Cordero, who was kidnapped last year. (Guzmán was released, ostensibly for a ransom that was paid.)

The violence began

shortly after midnight Wednesday. Initially, the car lot was set upon by a "commando-type" attack team of at least ten men who hurled incendiary devices into parked automobiles, destroying ten of them. Afterward, the adjacent hospital was strafed with assault rifles, shattering windows and damaging the façade. Nearly 100 shell casings were found in front of the hospital.

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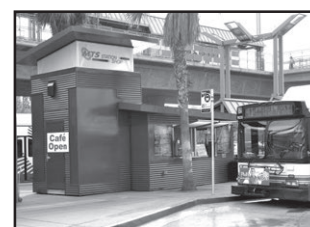
was left behind, indicating displeasure with the doctor's treatment initiatives. The doctor speculates that his clinic and the car lot were targeted because he had treated four men with gunshot wounds on Monday, December 28. The doctor said two of the men were DOA. He also stressed in his statement that he does not discriminate in offering medical services to those who seek it.

Source: Frontera, El Mexicano, El Sol de Tijuana

By T.B. Beaudeau, 1/2

Grub on the Run

Cappuccinos and Burritos on the Trolley Line Mission Valley — On a chilly morning last weekend,



New Fashion Valley Station Shop

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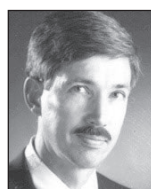
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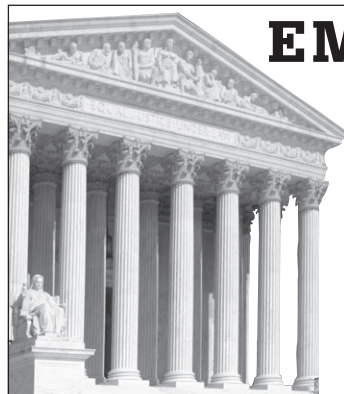


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and leasing jobs dropped by around 2 percent.

This year, real estate will be spotty — bad in some categories, good in others. Last year, permits for new single-family homes were dismal. But interest rates and prices have come down sharply. In 2009, single-family permits were around 2000 — “the lowest since World War II,” says Alan Nevin, economist for MarketPointe Realty Advisors. This year, “I would be stunned if it hit 2000,” he says. “There will be no condominiums started, but there could be as many as 1500 apartments. These are projects being built on land meant for condo development.” There are also what Nevin calls “broken projects” — originally intended as condos but now containing both condos and rentals.

With prices having taken a bath, “The resale market is booming,” says Nevin. “The problem is that there is virtually no inventory because owners of homes that are not in trouble are not listing them. We are down to less than a three-month inventory, and typically you would want a six- or seven-month inventory.” Last year, half the sales were foreclosures or so-called short sales, transactions in which the bank agrees to take a hit on the home price. This year, foreclosures and short sales will be about one-third the total, says Nevin. All told, it appears that there won’t be a big gain in real estate jobs this year.

The second-largest sector of the San Diego economy is government — 17 percent. That compares with 13 percent nationally and 12 percent in California. This includes the presence of the military (uniform and nonuniform personnel, for example). These figures do not include money that pours into San Diego in aerospace/defense contracting, including shipbuilding. However, employment in aerospace manufacturing was

off more than 9 percent last year. The county once had much more aerospace contracting and military presence than it does now. From an economic standpoint, I would rather see San Diego be a Navy Town, as it used to be, than a Real Estate Town, which it is now. Once a building is constructed, it doesn’t add much to the economy other than taxes (hopefully). Construction employment has been sinking for some time and last year was down more than 9 percent.

Government employment tends to be steady, and the military contribution should be relatively stable. One of the biggest battles locally is over the extremely generous pay and pensions of government employees. With the City teetering on the brink of financial disaster, many say that government pay and fringes should be slashed. But there are laws protecting the benefits, and politicians don’t want to battle with politically potent government employees.

In the United States and in San Diego, manufacturing has fallen dramatically in the past 50 years, replaced by various kinds of service jobs. In San Diego, business and professional services make up 14 percent of the economy, third highest. This trend is serious because manufacturing jobs tend to have higher wages than service jobs. In the U.S., manufacturing has dropped from 28.3 percent of the economy 50 years ago to 9.25 percent. It’s worse in San Diego — the plunge has been from 27 percent to 7.6 percent over roughly the same period.

From 2001 through 2008, San Diego had one of the fastest-growing economies in the nation, says Cunningham. The major reason was the growth of technology, including biotech. But last year, employment in technology-manufacturing areas such as computers and peripherals, electronic instruments, and audio and visual manufacturing dropped between 3

and 7 percent. “For the first time in a long time, that business was down,” says Gin. “But that will be one of the strongest in 2010, with biotech research and development the strongest.”

Leisure and hospitality services are 4.5 percent of the local economy. Through October of 2009, the total number of visitors to the county was down 5.5 percent from 2008 and down almost 8 percent from the same period of 2006, according to Convention and Visitors Bureau figures. Employment in tourism took a hit last year. Hotels were particularly vulnerable, says La Jolla tourism guru Jerry Morrison. Through November of 2009, occupancy was down 9.7 percent and revenue per available room down 21.1 percent, according to Smith Travel Research. Hotels that were built or refinanced in the past five years are underwater financially, says Morrison. “I’m afraid that 2010 will wind up the same as 2009,” says Morrison.

Agrees Skip Hull, vice president of CIC Research, “Discretionary leisure travel depends on spending, and you have to have jobs to have income for travel.” And most economists believe that U.S. unemployment will remain high all year. Potential visitors won’t have the funds, and companies slash travel, including convention attendance, in bad times. “I hope I am wrong, but I expect a flat year — bumping along a bottom. We might get some growth in the third and fourth quarters, but it would be modest. Our hopes are pinned on 2011, but it will take a couple of years beyond 2011” for San Diego to get back to levels before the industry took a big pratfall.

Ah, but there is some good news. Gin predicts San Diego will add 2000 to 3000 jobs this year. That doesn’t sound like much, since total non-farm employment is 1.25 million. But some other economists are predicting further job shrinkage, says Gin. ■

Horses

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auction prices were a guide. But Righthouse still had not received orders for how to dispose of the horses or the equestrian equipment. Although the sergeant and his officers had requested that they be allowed to acquire their equine partners for a fair-market price, instead of seeing them auctioned off to strangers, Righthouse didn't sound optimistic that the request would be granted. "To the City, the horses are just like filing cabinets."

Righthouse expressed no bitterness about any of this. Instead, he sounded grateful for the experiences he'd had working in the unit over the years. He recalled how the early dramatic results in Balboa Park soon caught the attention of police in other parts of the city and how the equestrian unit had begun making sorties into other troubled areas. The unit streamlined the steps it took to enlist its aid. "All you had to do was make a phone call," Righthouse said. Little by little, police supervisors throughout the city began to recognize that cops on horseback could be used "like a citywide strike force." In summer, the teams patrolled both Mission Beach

and Pacific Beach, intervening in one rowdy scuffle after another. Righthouse says that during one long Fourth of July at Mission Beach, the officers stopped counting how many fights they had broken up when the number reached about 100. "The horses would literally run from one problem group to another." Officers were adept at handcuffing suspects from the saddle. They carried the same weapons as a regular patrol officer. One time the troublemakers consisted of a drunken beach crowd intent upon overturning a lifeguard vehicle. Righthouse says the horseback officers dispersed the mob with ease.

Using the horses for such tasks required that the animals be desensitized to sights and noises that would make most horses rear up or stampede: traffic, trolleys, crowds, waving flags, flashing lights, flares, blaring horns, and so much more. "A horse is a flight animal," Righthouse points out. For the police work, that most basic instinct had to be overridden. The animals had to learn to walk up and down curbs painted a variety of colors, all of which might pose a different kind of danger — from a horse's perspective. They had to ignore manhole covers, climb flights of stairs,

negotiate narrow passageways — without balking or panicking. Crowd control long ago was added to the unit's routine duties, and to handle that, the horses had to learn how to synchronize their movements with other horse teams as well as with officers on foot, who might be aiming — and using — riot guns. "People think there aren't a lot of political demonstrations in San Diego, but we've worked hundreds of protests. We've literally lined up and pushed crowds out of the way while people threw rocks and bottles at us."

Righthouse says his experiences showed him that "ten horses could move a crowd that it would take 100 foot cops to do. And the amount of force necessary to move a crowd with a horse is far less than that required by foot officers. We move very slowly; we don't even touch people." A horse and rider decked out in riot gear evokes primordial fears of being trampled. Even agitated, aggressive humans edge away.

The sergeant and his officers came to believe that the mere presence of the equestrian teams could stop trouble from materializing. Righthouse cites the example of the PB Block Party. After it was plagued by fights and other violence one year, the

horse unit was asked to help police at the succeeding year's event. But that block party turned out to be quiet, and the next year the equestrian officers weren't invited back. In the absence of the mounted teams, the crowd was fractious again. So the horse units returned the year after that — and once again things were so quiet it appeared as if they were unnecessary. Righthouse also notes that the infamous Labor Day 2008 melee in Pacific Beach occurred on the only day that entire summer when the mounted unit didn't work the beach. (Because it was a holiday, the officers would have qualified for extra pay — an expense the department decided to forgo.)

As intimidating as a mounted officer can be, the irony which still seems to amaze Righthouse is that many people feel "the horse is the most approachable, lovable thing." That startled him in his early years on a police horse. Parolees whom he'd sent to jail would walk up to him and his hackles would rise. Bad guys don't usually approach cops. But as often as not, the guy would want to know if it was okay for him to pet the horse. Righthouse says sometimes it was okay with him. ■

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By Louis Carufel, 12/29

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Pala — Last week, sheriff's deputies rescued two surveyors who'd become

lost while working on a Stewart Canyon landfill project.

On December 30, James Plunkett, 30, and Jason Wold, 25, were placing markers in the area when, due to thick cloud cover, they got lost southwest of the Pala Indian Reservation.

Sheriff's communications dispatchers had Verizon Wireless "ping" Plunkett's cell phone, which narrowed the search to about one square mile. Deputies were then able to establish voice contact with the surveyors. They cut through tall brush and trees to reach the men, who were wearing light clothing and were becoming exhausted.

By Craig Vansant, 1/1

Stolen Fashion Statement

Laundry Crime

Carlsbad — A 20-year-old man was arrested for burglary after he was found sporting the clothes he allegedly stole from a dryer at about 9:30 a.m. on December 28.

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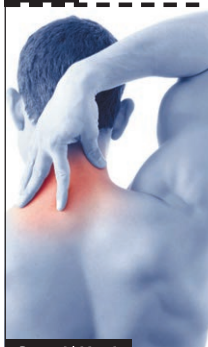
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Shelli DeRobertis, 1/1

No Room at the Pier Tight Security on Ocean Boulevard

Pacific Beach — The day after Christmas, I took a friend to the beach in P.B. Near Crystal Pier, I was talking about the cottages built there in the '30s. I noticed a bunch of people with walkie-talkies yelling at a couple. After 15 minutes of this, the couple walked away. Down Ocean Boulevard a few blocks, three cop cars surrounded the couple. They were detained for an hour.

After they were allowed to leave, I asked the couple what happened. Caryn Pearl told me, "My boyfriend and I were passing the cottages and thought we'd take a look. The gate was opened, and we walked down. One of the [cottages] was open, so we went inside. We were talking about possibly renting one and wondered if the noise or waves would be too loud.

"The door burst open and a crazy-looking guy came in. We had walked by him a few minutes earlier. I thought he was just a homeless person. He yelled at us about trespassing.

"We walked outside and there were people with walkie-talkies that started yelling at us. We told them we were just looking at the place and they asked about my backpack. They also asked why we shut the door. The manager first offended me by say-

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Tony, Seal Watch volunteer

ing, 'You must be the stupidest person on the planet to think you could go in there.' As we talked, he said, 'You are so fucking stupid.' At that point I walked away. He said he called the cops, but I figured he was lying."

By Michael Donovan, 12/31

Victorious Seals But Five Pups Lost

La Jolla — Wednesday morning, December 30, volunteers from Seal Watch manned their posts in the cul-de-sac above the La Jolla Children's Pool.

"The most current news is unfortunate," said Tony, a Seal Watch volunteer. "We've lost five pups due to premature births just this month." Tony stated that a rope barrier was erected on December 16 on an emergency basis as a way of protecting both seals and their observers. Propped up on the seawall beside Tony was a sign that read: "Please Don't Go On The Beach When Seals Pass Rope."

"The rope barrier works well...most are respectful... except for a few anti-seal people who always go past it," said Akin Cakar,

another Seal Watch volunteer. "There's one local guy who sets up his umbrella, plays his ukulele, swims, and posts a sign that reads: 'Beaches Open.' The seals flee from the beach when he does this.... Sometimes this results in the moms abandoning their pups...often those pups die. It's like he wants his own reality show or something."

A long-awaited victory for the seals occurs tomorrow, January 1, 2010: a state law goes into effect that allows the City to manage the beach as a marine mammal park.

By Carolyn Grace Matteo,

12/31

Comments

1. Disturbing to some readers, long-time surfers, and others, is the fact that we have to go to work every day, whereas these know-nothing, bleeding heart libs seem to have all the time in the world on their hands. Clearly, they don't spend any time at any of the harbors where the seals are more than a mere nuisance. At any given time, there are hundreds, if not thousands

of them, pooping, barking, creating havoc with the environment, interfering with commerce and the movement of watercraft. Five pups, in the greater scheme of things, is not even a drop in the bucket.

By bluenwhitegokart
2:41 a.m., Jan 1

2. Actually, the animals you speak of that bark and you say are a nuisance are sea lions. Sea lions have large front flippers and are much more animated than seals. La Jolla's seals are the only seals I know of that we can observe so closely in their natural habitat. That is why there is such a movement to protect them.

By Pigfiddle 6:25 a.m., Jan 1

Tag — You're It

16-Year-Old Booked on 232 Counts

Vista — According to a sheriff's press release, deputies arrested a prolific graffiti tagger at his Vista home on December 28. The 16-year-old suspect was booked into the San Diego Juvenile Detention Facility on 232 counts of felony vandalism.

Most of the damage was done to Vista's South Santa Fe corridor but was not exclusive to that area. For about a year, the tagger painted graffiti on homes, businesses, sidewalks, and "anything else he could find," said deputy Elvis Cabrera.

If convicted, his parents will have to pay for the damage, which city officials estimate to be over \$100,000. An investigation is still under way to determine if an additional 85 acts were committed by the same young man.

By Craig Vansant, 12/31

Comments

1. I'd like to know where they got 232 counts? Not only is it a weird number, but, I'd like to know if the cops were

watching him and recording 232 counts. This story seems awfully fishy to me.

By PistolPete

11:10 a.m., Jan 1

2. Police photograph graffiti, due to gang connections, and also, they recognize certain taggers work because of the frequency they come across it, and will document it and pursue finding the person responsible.

There is a freeway on-ramp at S. 35th and OceanView Blvd., N-15, that features a large blank wall, constantly graffitied, and it is right across the street from a firefighting station. Taggers work in teams, one as a lookout, one as the tagger. They are hooded and wear dark clothes, so you can't identify them, or call the police to catch them.

Tagging is an addiction. You have to treat taggers to break them out of the addiction.

By CuddleFish
11:22 a.m., Jan 1

Almost All Aboard

The Smoking Samaritan Oceanside — While purchasing a train ticket shortly after 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 27, I witnessed some of the chaos of this holiday travel season.

An Amtrak passenger had been left behind after she had detained in Oceanside. She was expecting the train to take her to the next stop in Solana Beach.

As I waited in line to purchase a ticket, I heard an Amtrak ticket clerk page the passenger. The woman came rushing in, and the agent told her that the conductor was on the phone and had the purse the passenger had left on the train.

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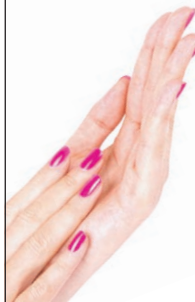
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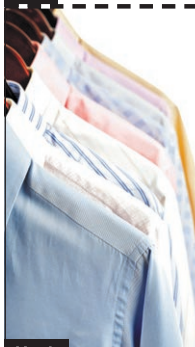
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working left me on the platform after I got off the train to help an 80-year-old woman. She closed the door in my face, and as I was running alongside the train she just looked at me."

From their ensuing conversation, I learned that the passenger had also gotten off the train to smoke. She told the station employee that the train conductor told her she had to be 20 feet from the door in order to smoke and that because the train was about 15 minutes late not to get off.

The empathetic ticket clerk called the Solana Beach station and had an employee meet the train to retrieve the passenger's belongings.

By T.B. Weipert, 12/31

More People, More Stuff

Better Treasure in the Wet Sand

Mission Beach — Last Sunday afternoon, December 27, Eric Olson and his wife Takako, each armed with a metal detector, scoured the sand.

"We've been doin' this for about a year and a half now," said Mr. Olson. "We've found about 83 rings so far...most of 'em silver." In addition to rings, the Olsons said they have found coins, necklaces, and cell phones. When I asked Mr. Olson what they did with the valuables, he said, "We keep 'em...unless they're traceable, then we try to find their owners."

Although the two were searching dry sand, they both agreed that searching wet, compact sand is better. "You'll find more stuff in the dry sand...but better stuff in the wet sand," said Mr. Olson, pointing toward the water.

The Olsons are members of a club called the Coinshooters of San Diego. One of the club's mem-

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Contaminated parking lot on Market

bers (and a friend of the Olsons') is Frank Trutta, who has made a business out of searching for treasure on the beach and is available for hire to help those who have lost valuables.

Mrs. Olson said, "I saw one of these [metal detectors] on TV. It looked like fun...and good exercise. Now we do it every weekend, three to four hours at a time."

"O' course," said Mr. Olson, "summer's always better...more people...more stuff."

By Carolyn Grace Matteo, 12/29

Contamination Remediation

Bad Soil on Market Street

Downtown San Diego — The Centre City Development Corporation announced on Tuesday, December 29, that environmental remediation work will soon begin on an agency-owned location on the 700 block of Market Street.

The East Village site is a 187-car parking lot bounded by Market Street, Seventh, Eighth, and Island Avenue. The project — which will remove a significant portion of con-

taminated soil from the site — is expected to begin on January 4 and will take approximately five months to complete.

By Nathaniel Uy, 12/31

H1N1 — You Swine Almost One Million Vaccinated Here

Downtown San Diego — According to the County of San Diego Health and Human Services, the number of cases of the H1N1 virus is on the rise. Last week, the county released news that four people who had passed away later tested positive for the flu formerly known as Swine. The four new cases put the total number, county-wide, to 61 known cases of H1N1.

Those deceased include three males, aged 39, 45, and 56, and a 37-year-old female. Of the four, two had "underlying" medical conditions.

"Fifty-four individuals were San Diego County residents while the other seven were nonresidents visiting our community at the time of their death," read the press release. "San Diego County has had 771 hospitalized cases of H1N1 to date."

So far, through December 18, more than 985,000

doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine have been filled in San Diego County.

By Dorian Hargrove, 12/28
Comments

1. So what you're reporting is that I was right. This H1N1/Swine Flu story is just a scare tactic fueled to sell more papers. 61 known cases of the flu in 8 months? That's less than 10 a month or 1 every 4-5 days. Methinks this "pandemic" is a bunch of bulls***.

By PistolPete
4:40 p.m., Dec 29

One for the Bicyclists Clairemont Drive Restriped

Clairemont — On December 17, a group calling itself the Clairemont Residents for Common Sense called a meeting with City of San Diego senior traffic engineer Gary Pence to discuss the loss of two lanes on a main artery.

Citizens had awoken one morning to find a section of Clairemont Drive between Burgener and Denver restriped, changing it from two lanes in both directions to one lane with a bike path. This stretch of road being a main artery to the I-5, commute times got a little bit longer.

About 50 citizens attended the meeting at the South Clairemont Recreation Center, with councilmember Donna Frye representing the mayor's office. Frye had to remind everyone present to keep it civil. Residents stated that the restriping caused significant delays during peak hours and stated that the City of San Diego did not gather input from the community before changing the flow of traffic.

Gary Pence showed statistics on accidents in this downhill area. He shared strategies the City

had employed before changing the lane configuration. Although one group of Clairemont residents demanded that the street be immediately restriped to the old configuration, a surprising number of residents (over 50 percent) preferred the new single lane due to the enhanced safety of all the road users, including bicyclists.

By Candie Smith, 12/29
Comments

1. The city screwed this one up. What they should have done was have one lane going up the hill and two lanes going down the hill. This would still leave room for the bike lanes.

By SanDiegoParrothead
3:21 p.m., Dec 30, 2009

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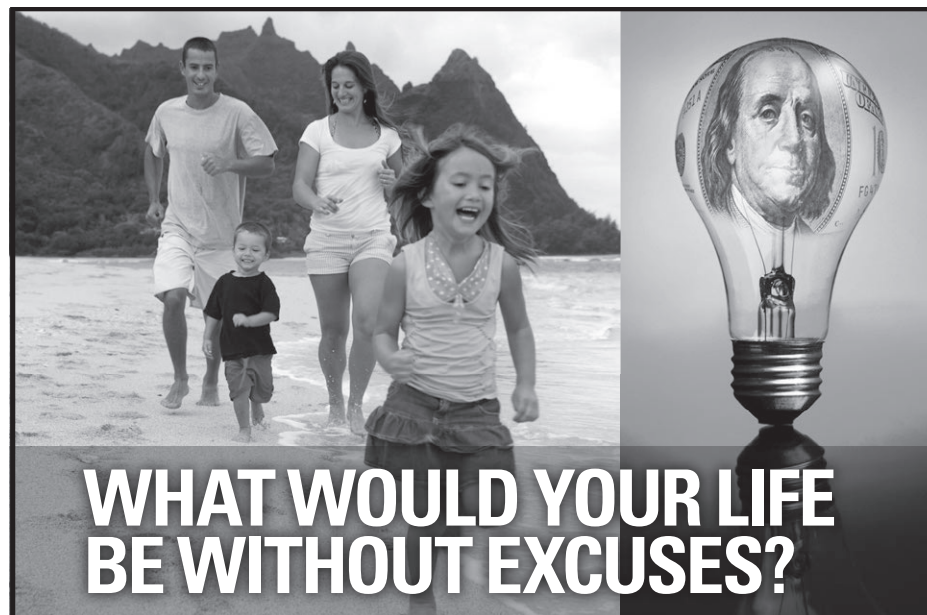


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Praise The Pharmaceutical Companies

Re "The Little Pills That Sent Me on My Journey" (Cover Story, December 31).

I always enjoy the Reader and have never felt the need to actually send an email to respond to any particular article. But today I must say that has changed. As a person who was diagnosed with depression 12 years ago, then bipolar II disorder, I would like to draw a line in the sand. In addition, I am also currently an LVN who works with the mentally ill.

Without medication, many people will not return to their lives or their "normal" standard of functioning. This just doesn't include those with anxiety, depression, or phobias, but even those with such serious illnesses as schizophrenia. As I teach my clients, the medication is able to take you halfway, and you must do the rest. Will there always be the need to take the medication? For some the answer will be no, but for others yes, they will have a lifetime of taking medication and of having to adjust those medications as their lives change and their bodies change as well. So praise the pharmaceutical companies for developing drugs that help, as it is a very expensive thing to do. I have seen it change many, many people's lives — as in having *no* life to having their *life back*.

With respect to the writer,
D.B. LVN
via email

Fish Flakes

Your restaurant column fre-

quently recommends Operacaffe on Fourth Avenue as being a good restaurant for "locals only" ("The Year in Restaurants," December 31). Well, we are "locals" and went there for lunch *once* and never again. We ordered the smoked salmon with fettuccini and with the price of nearly \$20 expected a small fillet. We were instead served microscopic flakes of salmon on this fettuccini. When asking about this scant serving of fish, we were told that this is how it is made. I imagine that because we dared voice our displeasure, we were also charged a 20 percent service fee on the bill. We felt gypped. Not only was the food inadequate and miserly, the whole experience was like that, and we fail to understand how your columnist can again and again recommend this place.

Name Withheld
via email

Sorry, Atheist Offspring

In the December 24 cover story, "This Is Christmas, Damn It! What Happened?," Matthew Lickona's interlocutor Thomas Reifer writes that his parents were "Jewish atheists." I'm sorry, Thomas, but if your folks were atheists, they no longer belonged to any religion, but they may or may not have still accepted its concomitant culture. But don't worry, I haven't heard of any Christian or Muslim atheists walking around these days either, and it does sound as if your family had a most interesting and unusual life after they became secular.

Gerald A. Shepherd
Del Cerro

Paging Dave

In the middle '70s through the middle '80s, there was a really popular band featuring a guy named Dave Bradley. He was mentioned in the Reader a lot. I lived in P.B. and used to see him at beach bars. He was with Soupy Sales at the Belly Up once. I am now 64 years old and still wonder what ever happened to him. Can you ask any old-timers there if they remember him?

Kenny Hicks
via email

Ken Leighton responds: Original talent buyer Mac Falk put the Belly Up on the map. He died of a heart attack in 1995. While Mac brought many breakthrough music acts to the Belly Up, he also brought spoken-word headliners like Hunter S. Thompson, Abbie Hoffman, and Soupy Sales to the Belly Up. Nobody made Mac laugh like Dave Bradley, an outrageous singer-songwriter who wrote hilarious songs. He played in various local nightspots in the '70s. Mac had him play the Belly Up regularly, and Mac recorded some of his shows. I think he even released some of those recordings on vinyl. As I recall, Dave Bradley moved out of the area many years ago.

Comments from Reader Website

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

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By thestoryteller 2:28 p.m., Jan. 1, 2010

I went through the psychiatric mill for 30 years. No medication worked for me, and like Taylor says, the doctors just hand you the next pill. The symptoms of my illness were easier to tolerate than the side effects from the meds. I think psychiatry is a bogus field and if you take a pill and it helps, then good for you. But if it doesn't, and it often doesn't, you shouldn't have it forced on you. My former therapist has been in the business for over twenty years and says sometimes meds work and sometimes they don't. She had seen me struggle with the side effects and supported me when I did away with all drugs.

Last summer, I stopped seeing her and started concentrating on my health and practicing Zen Buddhism. When I saw my primary care physician in September, I thought she'd jump all over me for not being on meds, but she said, "You look better than I've ever seen you look." She's been my doctor for years.

Sorry, Matt Lauer. I'm with

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:

Why when a guy breaks up with you do people say you have a broken heart? Where did your heart start to be the same as sadness or emotions?

How can your heart break?

— Heather B., via email

Yeah, Heather, it's hard to believe that some middle-school dork who takes somebody else to the annual sock hop can crinkle your heart into little pieces. But you know, it's possible. Sort of. Mildly, but crinkled nonetheless. You may not get it now, but odds are there will be major crinkling in your future. That's just how life goes.

And it's gone that way since pretty much forever. There are references to the heart as the center of emotions from the earliest writings. So, there must be something to this "broken heart" thing if it's lasted this long. But, of course, emotions don't come from the heart, they come from the brain. The limbic system, specifically. But since no one can feel what's going on in their brain but can really feel the gut-punching, chest-crushing misery of a broken heart, no wonder we've connected hearts and despair for millennia.

But does a heart really break — like bad valves on a Chevy? The folks at Johns Hopkins med school decided to get to the bottom of it. In the end, they came up with the official medical diagnosis of broken-heart syndrome. It mimics a mild heart attack, and it seems to be caused principally by stress. The stress of having true love walk out the door or your dear dog die or living with a spouse that short-sheets your bed and hits you with frying pans, that sort of thing.

When true love hits the road, the immediate stress registered in your brain is a signal to shoot adrenaline and other stress hormones into your bloodstream. Blood pressure and heart rate increase, the immune system punks out, heart vessels work harder, and the added workload weakens the heart and makes actual physical changes in it. That's what the medicos call a broken heart. You have to agree, it's pretty broken down. Luckily, the symptoms aren't permanent. Within a week or so they're usually gone, unlike heart attacks, which make permanent heart muscle changes.

If lost love is stressful, so is new love and other good stuff. When you're going all googly and texting each other like crazy, you've got another big load of adrenaline in your system. But this time you also get endorphins and other "good stress" hormones that make you feel ter-

rific, and the effects are not damaging.

So, the ancient Greeks were right, your heart can "break" like a cheap watch. Who's most susceptible? Postmenopausal women, say Johns Hopkins. Nine out of ten subjects with a broken-heart diagnosis were women. It's known that the hormones associated with falling in love produce a stronger addiction in women than in men. And when the endorphins are suddenly removed, women suffer a stronger negative reaction than men do.

So, there you go, Heather. Grandma Alice's advice to keep you out of the ER with broken-heart syndrome? Stay calm. Stay alert. And remind yourself often that there are other fish in the sea. Or other dorks in biology class. Whatever your particular gene pool happens to be.

Matt:

Do flies get sick? Considering the environment they live in, you'd think they'd be fighting off bugs all the time.

— Bugged, La Mesa

Heck, yes, flies get sicker than dogs. But not very often. It's only logical that any creature destined to spend its life wallowing in garbage, feces, and rotting flesh must be able to handle most of what comes its way. One slow afternoon, when nothing else was going on in the lab, I guess, some scientists decided to count the bacteria residing on a random sampling of garbage-dwelling flies. Average population was 3.683 million per fly. Of course, a bacterium or two will inevitably find its way inside the fly. As will viruses, protozoa, worms, and fungi. Flies not only stomp around in filth, they eat it, too. Flies are more revolting than you ever imagined.

Just as a nuclear-plant worker might get suited up to dig around in a pile of plutonium, our friend the fly is protected from its environment by its hard outer shell, its exoskeleton. The chitin-and-protein armor is tough, resistant to chemicals, and waterproof. That helps reduce the fly's exposure to infectious microorganisms in the first place. But when they are infested, the bug's digestive fluids destroy most of the invaders.

But from time to time, the fly is overwhelmed and heads into a swoon. Since flies aren't particularly complex organisms, they usually go from a lively *musca domestica* to *musca mortissimo* in short order, with only a fleeting period spent as *musca not-feeling-so-hot*.

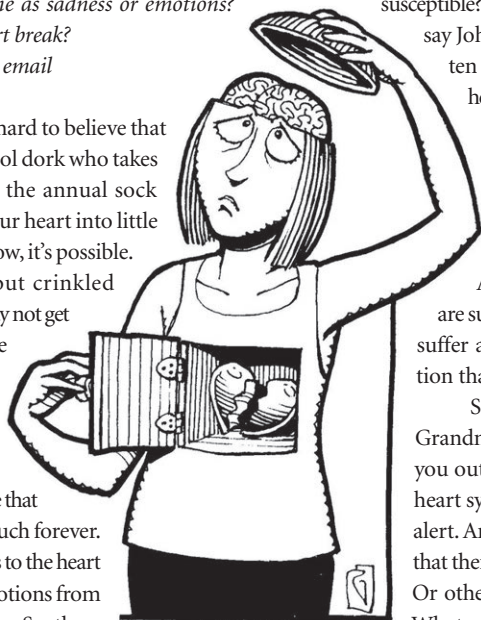


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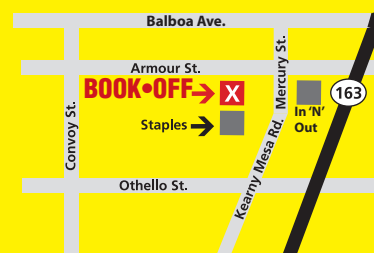


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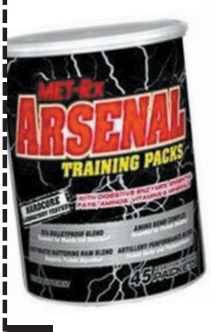
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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Regarding Michael Oher



Michael Oher

It's probably impossible to know the truth of it now. I'm talking about Michael Oher, starting right tackle for the Baltimore Ravens and subject of a hit movie titled *The Blind Side* (said film cost \$29 million to make and, so far, has earned a domestic gross of \$209 million). Three years earlier, Oher was the subject of a Michael Lewis book, *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game*, which got to number 1 on the *New York Times* bestsellers list. And three years before that, he was attending and played football for a Memphis area private Christian high school, selected First Team Tennessee All-State, and rated as America's fifth best lineman prospect by *Scout.com*.

Oher is 23 years old and has been a celebrity for more than a third of his life. Didn't begin that way. His mom was a crack addict, and he never met his father. Oher was one of 13 children, on his own from the age of seven. He attended 11 schools in nine years, occasionally stayed in foster homes, occasionally homeless, always without a family.

I don't altogether buy the public version of how this happened, but in 2002 he enrolled in a private Christian high school outside of Memphis. He came in functionally illiterate with a D- grade point average, still semi-homeless, still sleeping around in different houses. That slowly changed when he came across Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy and began staying at their house.

The Tuohys eventually became his legal guardians. They brought in tutors, paid his way, made him one of their own. Michael raised his grades from 0.6 to 2.52, accepted a scholarship to Ole Miss, while there made All-Everything in football and the dean's list twice. He graduated in criminal justice, was taken in the first round of the 2009 NFL draft by Baltimore (signed a five-year, \$13.8 million contract), and has started every game as left or right offensive tackle, in this, his rookie season.

The movie is actually about the white

family (dad owns more than 70 Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets) that takes in a black homeless teenager, gives him their love, money, and time. The boy with a D- average goes on to become a college graduate and NFL star.

I'm not saying it's not a great story — it is a great story, and I'm not saying it's untrue, I'm just saying it's a story. Imagine how many interviews Oher, his adopted mom, dad, sis, and brother have given over the past nine years. The December 29 special edition of *20/20* is only the latest broadcast about Oher. Before that there were write-ups in the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Oprah.com*, and everywhere else — you get 556,000 “Michael Oher” hits on Google. Movie promotions, book promotions, speaking engagements — “Michael Oher Available For: Corporate Appearances, Endorsements, Speaking & Autograph Signings.” And, “Sean & Leigh Anne Tuohy. Subjects of *The Blind Side*. Exclusive Representation by Greater Talent Network,” years of it.

Do that many interviews and you become a polished interviewee. Reporters ask the same questions, so you develop the same answers. It's not that you're trying to present a false front, it's more a Pavlovian response. You see the interviewer react positively when you say, “Dog food is too expensive,” and you think, *Hmm...that's a good answer*. You repeat your good answer in the next interview and it works again. Do 200 interviews and you no longer remember what the real answer is. Or, to fine-tune, the real answer becomes your good answer.

And there is too much money (Michael Lewis author, Sandra Bullock actor, movie studios, NFL, friends, business managers, publishers, agents, coaches, teammates) mixed up in this to let us get to the bedrock truth. So, we're not going to find out how it actually was for Michael Oher.

Instead, I'll offer one anecdote. It concerns Leigh Anne Tuohy, the 5'2" daughter of a U.S. Marshal, Memphis married woman with two kids, who took Oher into her home and, early on, before everybody got famous, began introducing herself as Michael's mother.

Bob Costas is the studio host on *Football Night in America*. The Baltimore Ravens were playing Pittsburgh, and Costas ran an interview about Oher in the lead-up. Costas begins by saying Leigh Anne Tuohy is still performing her motherly duties. Cut to Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco, who says, “The first time I met her was we were in an elevator in San Diego. She goes to me, ‘Hi...I'm Michael Oher's mom. You need to get rid of the ball faster.’”

Oher has said that his next big dream “is to make it to the Super Bowl, win, and celebrate with my team.” He'll do it.

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fast break

By Anthony Gentile



Maranatha Christian guard David Porter drives by Pacific Hills forward Brandon Porter

Maranatha Christian gets revenge against Pacific Hills

Posted December 29, 2009

Maranatha Christian exacted a bit of revenge Monday night in the quarterfinals of the MaxPreps Holiday Classic Senators Division. The Eagles knocked off Pacific Hills (West Hollywood) 60-44 at Cathedral Catholic, avenging a first-round state playoffs loss from last season.

"It helps with our confidence, and it shows us that we're ready to play on that level," said Maranatha Christian point guard David Porter.

In the first half, neither team led by more than four, and Maranatha Christian led by only two at halftime. The Eagles took control in the second half with a stifling defensive effort, frustrating last year's Division V state runner-up with a two-three zone and holding the Bruins to seven third-quarter points.

"We picked it up on defense and played the lanes a little bit," said Eagles head coach Rle Nichols. "We took their shooter out of the game. We just had to move out our defense a little bit."

Late in the third quarter, Maranatha Christian pulled away with an 11-0 run capped by a Chen Cai jumper to take a 39-26 lead. The Eagles never led by less than nine the rest of the way en route to a 16-point win.

La Costa Canyon wins a nail-biter in Holiday Classic

Posted December 30, 2009

La Costa Canyon's road to the MaxPreps Holiday Classic American Division championship game has been anything but comfortable. The Mavericks beat St. Joseph Notre Dame (Alameda) 57-55 in the semifinals Tuesday night on their home court — winning their three games in the tournament by a combined six points.

"We've been in this situation before," said Mavericks center Dennis Kramer. "I thought we came through in the end and made some plays

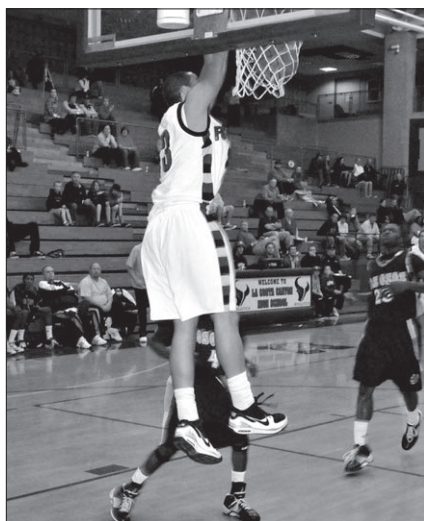
down the stretch."

After La Costa Canyon led by seven at the end of the first quarter, both teams played evenly in a back-and-forth game. For the first time in the tournament, the 6'10" Kramer played against someone his own size in the paint, St. Joseph Notre Dame's 6'10" center Brendan Keane.

"It gets me going. I get tougher inside and keep going strong to the basket," Kramer said. "I look at it more as an advantage."

Both Kramer and Keane found themselves in foul trouble in the second half. The Pilots center picked up his fourth foul with 3:02 to play in the third quarter, while Kramer picked up his fourth with 6:02 to play. Both bigs saw limited action in crunch time as a result. Both ended up with 12 points.

With the win, La Costa Canyon (12-0) plays Los Osos (Rancho Cucamonga) (10-2) in the American Division championship Wednesday at 5:05 p.m. at Torrey Pines. The Grizzlies advanced to the title game by beating Foothills Christian 81-77 in overtime in the first semifinal.



Foothills Christian center Jvonte Brooks throws down a dunk

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By T.B. Weipert | Published Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009



While purchasing a train ticket in Oceanside shortly after 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 27, I witnessed some of the chaos of this holiday travel season.

An Amtrak passenger had been left behind after she had detrained in Oceanside. She was expecting the train to take her to the next stop in Solana Beach.

As I waited in line to purchase a ticket, I heard an Amtrak ticket clerk page the passenger. The woman came rushing in, and the agent told her that the conductor was on the phone and had the purse the passenger had left on the train.

The angry passenger yelled, "That [expletive deleted] woman that was working left me on the platform after I got off the train to help an 80-year-old woman. She closed the door in my face, and as I was running alongside the train she just looked at me."

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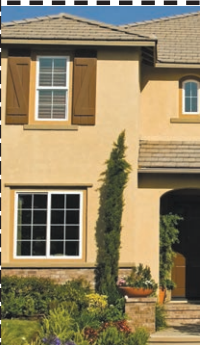


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T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

"I've been coming here for 10 or 15 years. We don't have many places like this. It's something special."

It is the Sunday after Thanksgiving, two days after "Black Friday," a term originating (according to Wikipedia) with the Philadelphia PD in the 19th Century to denote this holiday's weekend traffic that is a bitch to police. In weeks I will turn 59 years old, and I find myself with a menu in my hand at Hob Nob Hill, at 2271 First Avenue at Juniper Street.

Hob Nob has attracted much publicity over the years and recently was featured on the Food Network. I didn't see it. And if Mr. Bedford has recently written about it, I am unaware. No matter, anyway, this is no restaurant review. I do not even get to coffee this particular morning.

The seating capacity for HN must be close to 200, and some ten to a dozen folk are waiting for tables, though I am assured by some pleasant staffers (the pleasantry key in HN's appeal) that this is far from heavy traffic for a Sunday around 11 a.m. I find I am recalling my first visit to this establishment sometime in the early '80s, when I had first moved from New York to Curlew Street, up the hill.

It had seemed to me (and this, through shredded gauze of memory dressings) a feeding place for the elderly, much like the Chicken Pie Shop, near my then-new home (long since relocated — both my home and the restaurant), and that the menu consisted of food that was almost exclusively colorless: white or beige. My then-wife shared a memory with me of the basement of a hotel in Pocatello, Idaho, where my country/Top 40 band was engaged for two weeks. We played the bar upstairs but were advised of the early-bird specials below, patronized largely by seniors. It would seem their fixed incomes compared with, say, Top 40 band-musician budgets. The image

of dentures and gums, mashed potatoes, white corn left unattended on the plate, fish or chicken, deep fried and with a pale, floury sauce, milk or a tan coffee, apple pie with a prison-pallor crust — these details provided our 26-year-old selves with the laughter of the immune.

It now occurs to me, still breathing hard after a small hill on the walk over, that less than a year from now, considering lung congestion and the faulty ticker, that I might well be waiting for my name to be called for a table while seated on this same sofa, taking up two seats...one for myself, another for my oxygen tank.

The two seats to my left are in fact taken up at the moment by a young couple, reminiscent of that couple in Pocatello in 1972. Ryan Chambers is, he says, 27 years old and Katie LaFollet, 25. "I guess you could say I've been coming here for 20 years, but I left for college up in San Francisco. This is probably my first time back to Hob Nob in maybe ten years." This is LaFollet's first visit to the restaurant. "I live at Fourth and Laurel," Chambers says.

"I live at Fifth and Maple," says his friend. Neighbors to each other, but there are certainly other dining choices near them. Chambers has made a point

of bringing his brunch date here, it would seem.

The food? "I really like the food," Chambers says.

On my trip to the men's room and back, I had noticed the plates of seated patrons sported multicolored foodstuffs: tomatoes, fruit, and vegetables. Even clay-colored frijoles and cheddar cheese offset the popular biscuits and gravy, and Cream of Wheat or oatmeal, and the memory of Hob Nob as a sea of white gruel for the



toothless. The most expensive item seemed to be filet mignon and two eggs at \$15.25. "One thing I like is that they write out the price in cursive. I haven't been back in so long, I guess I'll find out if it has improved." Chambers does point out the larger number of patrons under 60 than I recalled from years ago.

Chambers and his friend get up when their name is called, and several women of age replace them next to me. Beverly Shipe is a fine-looking senior from Escondido. "I've been coming here for 10 or 15 years. We don't have many places like this. It's something special."

Hob Nob's origins involve Harold and Dorothy Hoersch in 1944 and their opening of a 14-stool lunch counter called the Juniper Café. In 1946 it became the Melody Grill, then Dorothy's Oven, and finally Hob Nob Hill, San Diego's oldest restaurant in the same location.

I turn to a new arrival, introduce myself, and ask her name. "I don't like your politics," she smiles and turns away toward the women's room.

I stand there open-mouthed, wondering what they are.

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BestBuys

- EVE KELLY

New Year. No more chips. Almonds! Hubby Patrick, friend Lissa, and I sat down for a tast-ing, beginning with the kind most likely to be served in-flight: Blue Diamond Roasted & Salted (\$3.49 for 6 oz. at Vons). “These are very crunchy and salty, like a chip,” said Lissa. “I like them, but you really get more smoke and salt than you do almond flavor.” Still, they fared better than the Safeway Roasted & Salted (\$3.99 for 9 oz.). Patrick liked that they weren’t as salty as the Blue Diamond, but, he said, “The main thing I taste is the almond skin. Kind of bit-ter and papery.”

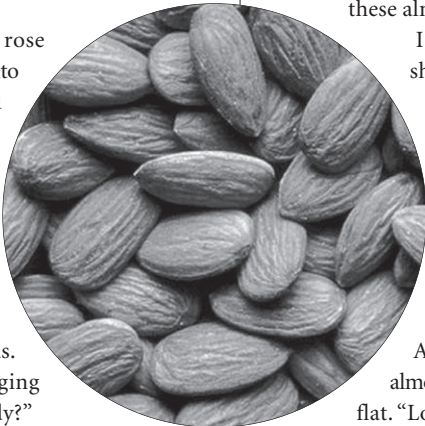
Lissa’s eyebrows rose in delight as she bit into the Blue Diamond Whole Natural (\$3.49 for 6 oz. at Vons). “There’s no salt and they’re not roasted, but I like them because they remind me of can-died Jordan almonds. Ha! Am I really judging my food by my candy?”

“Better than judging it by your booze, like me,” said Patrick, lamenting the nut’s lack of “the piquant bite you find in almond extract. Still, I like the way the sweet, mild flavor comes on as you chew. Because they’re not roasted, they don’t have that crunchy snap, but the sweetness could be addictive.”

Everybody agreed they were a lot more almondy than the Emerald Dry Roasted (\$3.50 for 11 oz. at Vons). “This has no almond flavor at all,” marveled Patrick. “But it’d make a great beer nut. It tastes like meat tenderizer.” Small wonder: the ingredients listed both onion powder and garlic pow-der. “I’m the kind of person who would buy a flavored nut like this,” said Lissa, “but I think the packaging is deceptive. Unless you read the ingredients, you wouldn’t even know they were salted. I like the savory fla-vors, but after four or so, I can feel all the seasoning starting to tear up my tongue.”

We moved on to Henry’s Dry Roasted (\$4.99 for 16 oz.). “I like the oily, fat flavor of this one, even if there’s a hint of bitter-ness,” said Patrick. “They’re dense.” “I get a savory, almost umami character,” agreed Lissa. But nobody went for the Henry’s Smokehouse (\$5.69 for 16 oz.). “Eating these is like coming home from camping,” com-plained Lissa. “You know — when your hair and clothes and everything smells like smoke.” “Acrid” was Patrick’s summation.

We were happy to move on to the com-paratively pure experience of Trader Joe’s



“After four or so, I can feel all the seasoning starting to tear up my tongue.”

Organic Dry Roasted Unsalted (\$3.79 for 12 oz.). “These have a hearty crunch and a punch of flavor,” rhymed Lissa. “And there’s that blend of sweetness and tang that I like,” added Patrick. “A really almondy essence.” The nonorganic version from Trader Joe’s (\$4.99 for 15 oz.) also had a hearty almond flavor, but Lissa didn’t care for the texture. “The skin is very dry; it feels unpleasant on my tongue. I need something to wash down these almonds; saliva won’t cut it.”

I got her some water, and she needed it again after the salty blast of Trader Joe’s Roasted & Salted (\$4.69 for 16 oz.). “These are too salty and don’t taste much like almonds,” she said. Last up from Trader Joe’s: Roasted & Salted Marconas (\$4.69 for 6 oz.). A Spanish specialty, the almonds were skinless and oddly flat. “Looks like a Corn Nut,” sug-gested Patrick. “Don’t be lowbrow,” I countered. “They’re a delicacy.” Lissa dis-agreed, grimacing as she chewed. “It’s so brittle that it shatters in your mouth as you chew it, and then it becomes pasty on the tongue and hard to swallow.” “And it’s kind of nasty,” added Patrick. “Gimme a Corn Nut any day.”

“All right, time for the Whole Foods goodies,” I said, breaking open the organic (\$7.99 for 12 oz.) and regular (\$4.69 for 12 oz.) offerings from the store’s 365 brand. Both were tops in the crunch department and offered hearty roasted flavors. Extensive comparisons revealed the organic to be the more flavorful, “but I don’t think the differ-ence warrants that much more money,” said Patrick.

I handed him one of the Whole Foods store brand raw almonds (\$5.99 for 16 oz.). “A little chewy, like the Blue Diamond,” he mused, “but it gives you a sense of why they call it the meat of a nut. It fills your mouth in a substantial way. And the almond flavor is pure.”

“Now compare it to this,” I said, pass-ing the store’s Supreme Raw (\$15.99 for 16 oz.). “For being raw, it has an amazing amount of crunch,” he allowed. “I like the sweetness,” I said, “and the way the nut sliv-ers along these planes as I chew. It’s so well balanced.”

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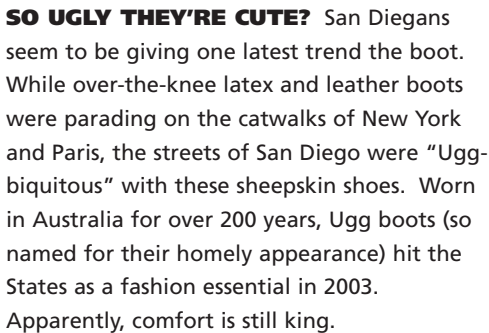
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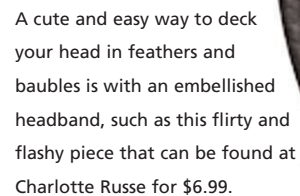
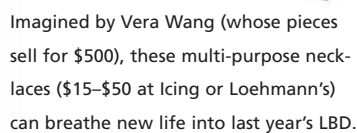
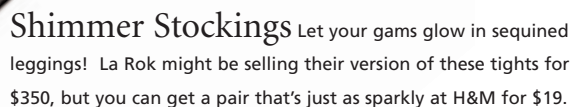
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SAN DIEGO
Reader



by Barbaraella

I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the year's.

— Henry Moore

January is my least favorite month. February is cozy with groundhogs and hearts, March is revelry with Mardi Gras and St. Patrick, April delights with tulips and bunnies, May is mindful of moms and memorials, June ushers in summer with a hat-tip to dads, July explodes with patriotism, August is sultry and nostalgic, September revolves around my birthday, October brings mischief with candy and costumes, November reminds us to be thankful, and December enchants with lights to match the twinkle in everyone's eyes. Then there's January...the hectic Monday at the office after a long weekend, the comedown after a phenomenal bender.

I'm sure plenty of people think January is won-

derful with its promise of newness — a tabula rasa on which to scribble all of our hopes and dreams. I think that's a lot of pressure for a tired month in the middle of winter.

In December, magazines churn out their version of the "year in review," and everyone takes inventory of the year's accomplishments as if compiling data for the curriculum vitae they plan to

produce at the pearly gates. As the holiday fever fades and party chatter turns to talk of resolutions, I can't help but feel negligent for not having any deep thoughts about the year before or any declarations regarding how I plan to improve my life in the year to come. I tend to do any "year before/year ahead" thinking on my birthday.

I know from reading the bestseller lists that people respect those who have personal goals. This is why, each year, I strive to invent a resolution that sounds impressive and original. I choose to fabricate my New Year's pledge because my personal goals are, well, personal, and because I rarely have one ready by the stroke of midnight.

Maybe my disinterest in New Year's resolutions stems from my being an avid blogger, tweeter, and columnist, which requires constant reflection. I don't put off to the last minute of the year things I want to change or ways in which I wish to improve. When I

quit smoking (around the time I met David), I did so early in December, for no reason other than that was when it occurred to me that my lungs would probably appreciate some less toxic air and because I couldn't think of any good reason to wait until the end of the month.

Last week, with the new year on the horizon, I Googled the top ten resolutions to help me prepare my answer for the question of the day. The first thing that struck me was how generic they all seemed, each one a slightly different way of saying, "I'm going to be a better person." I wanted something more descriptive, more specific, more...awe-inspiring. Maybe, I thought, I could take a few of the most popular resolutions and reshape them into something individual.

The trendiest resolution was to get in shape. I guess it makes sense to want to focus on health after a three-month eating-and-drinking binge (beginning with candy on Halloween). Only a monastic few escape the holiday bulge. I overdo it so much that, come January, I'm craving broccoli. If you told me three months ago that I would have a stash of chocolate that was of no interest to me, I'd have laughed in your face. And yet there it is, sitting in my kitchen drawer, unwanted. I actually *gave away* most of my cookie stash, as I couldn't stomach the idea of any more sugar or butter.

We justify our excesses by promising ourselves that we will be the epitome of

restraint on January 1. It is because of the sudden, synchronized emphasis on health that I dread going to my gym in January, when a surge of gym rats invade. During this month of self-reinvention, exercisers who are unfamiliar with gym etiquette hoard my favorite machines, turning a routine act of going to work out into an unpleasant ordeal akin to catching a movie on opening weekend or dining out on Valentine's Day.

Even more irritating than negotiating my way through the mass of bumblng newbies is being mistaken for one of them. It never fails that someone perky with inspiration will assume I had the same bright idea — at the same time — to get my ass in shape. I learn of this assumption when said newbie goes out of her way (it's always a woman) to offer me encouragement, usually by way of "Good for you!" In response, I smile and thank her, stifling the retort in my head: "Yo, presumptuous bitch, I've been coming here at least three times a week for over two years."

I wrote off "work out more" as too common and continued scanning the list. Another favorite was "spend more time with family and friends." That was good. What better P.R. than to pronounce to loved ones that your resolution declares *them* as your priority? I decided to keep that one in my back pocket as my failsafe.

I was surprised to see "enjoy life more" right up there with losing weight

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and quitting smoking. My heart went out to those who felt the need to make a pact with themselves in order to find pleasure in living. I made a mental note to be more conscious of my appreciation for how good I have it, then wrote it beside my failsafe as a possible contender for my official resolution. I read right past “quit drinking,” as no writer/wino could recite that one with a straight face.

Ooh, now “get organized” was a good idea. That’s one I tell myself I’m going to do every day of the year but actually get around to on only a few. “Get out of debt” was another good one, but not very realistic in this economy. I didn’t want to depress people; I wanted to amaze them. My eyes lingered on “help others,” while I contemplated what that might entail. Maybe I’ll keep that one to myself, I

thought, and not make any grand commitments. I don’t know why I cared so much about formulating a resolution when I knew that in a week it wouldn’t matter. Nobody asks about resolutions after the first of the year. It’s an unspoken rule; there’s an understanding that to ask how one is doing on their resolution after the first is like inquiring about someone’s weight or IQ.

We are to assume people are doing their best; it would be rude to probe them on their progress. But as a week was so far away, and I had a few New Year’s Eve soirees to hit up, I settled on a safe, unique, true-ish answer to the question: “My resolution? Ah, yes, well...to become conversational in Japanese. And you?” ■

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HAPPY HOLLY DAZE

by Josh Board

I went to a huge Christmas party a couple of weeks ago at the University Heights home of Liz Abbott and Kent Johnson. They publish the *San Diego Troubadour* — a local paper that covers country, roots, jazz, and bluegrass music.

I was told that in previous years hundreds of people showed up and the party became costly. This year, they asked folks to bring a dish to share.

I invited my friend Bonnie, who I knew was friends with some of the folks who would be there. Because she had been a tad rude to me at the last few parties I had brought her to, I put her in charge of picking up a dish for us to bring. She came through with two great bottles of wine and a delicious mango dessert.

I saw longtime record-store owner and *Troubadour* columnist Lou Curtiss sitting near where we set down the dessert.

I looked around for local musician Sven-Erik Seaholm. I would've liked to talk music with him, although I got my fill with Bart Mendoza. He was in a section of the house that wasn't connected to the rest. A few of the people were smoking pot (though Mendoza wasn't), so I figured it was okay to



Left: Ed and Lynn Douglas with Gregory Page; Right: Liz Abbott, Jose Sinatra, and Kent Johnson



whip out my cigar. My girlfriend and Bonnie said that Liz was upset about that, and they spent the next 15 minutes telling me how rude I was.

I had seen Mendoza's band the Shambles play a few times with one of my favorite L.A. bands, the Negro Problem. I told him about their singer Stew saying hello when I went to see him in New York.

"I'm not quotable. And you can quote me on that."

Mendoza talked about the few times the band slept on his living room floor and how they would've been huge if it wasn't for their

name and businesses refusing to put posters of their shows in store windows. Mendoza told me Nation of Islam representatives showed up at one venue and caused a stink. When they saw a Mexican band on the bill, they thought they were the ones with the Negro Problem name. Stew, who is a huge African-American, walked in and said, "What's the problem? I am the Negro Problem!"

Some of Mendoza's best stories involved his time working for Capitol Records. They had a rule about not asking people for autographs, and he almost got fired for asking David Cassidy to sign something. He said, "That's only because my dad was their driver for a brief time."

Another time, Mendoza went somewhere with his boss, who told him, "When we stop at this guy's house, don't talk to him or even look him in the eye." That guy was

Bruce Springsteen, who invited him in, gave him a beer and cigarette, and initiated a great conversation. Mendoza said, "My boss wondered why I was smoking since I wasn't a smoker. I said, 'If Springsteen offers you a cigarette, you take it.'"

There was a guy next to me who told a great story about being a roadie for a few shows and meeting a young kid who wanted Brian May's autograph. He hooked the kid up, even though security told him that was against the rules. May had a daughter who was this boy's age and they met. The roadie guy ended up getting the boy's mother's phone number.

I grabbed some sparkling Italian wine and went to check out the desserts. I saw musician Gregory Page with a Ding Dong on a plate, eating it with a fork. I asked, "Who puts a Ding Dong on a plate?" He replied, "An angel, that's who."

I overheard Page telling Bonnie, "I ate five Ding Dongs. I love them. I took a sixth, even though I didn't really want it. It was just the last one, and I didn't want anyone else getting it. I put it in my back pocket and now it's crushed."

Another dessert disaster happened with the fudge. Someone had placed it under a lamp on the table and it had melted. That

didn't stop me from grabbing a piece and trying my best to suck it off my fingers.

When I arrived at the party, I had seen singers on the side of the house. In the backyard was a group that included instruments such as an accordion, lap steel guitar, and stand-up bass. I've never heard such cool versions of Christmas songs.

The small living room was packed with people and a band. As wacky columnist/musician Jose Sinatra was setting up, I heard a person in the crowd say, "There's bad acid going around." Another said, "Yeah. Stay away from the brown acid."

Sinatra and I started talking, and at times, I felt as if I should be on speed or acid to keep up. He's an encyclopedia of movie and music trivia, and he talks fast. He threw some Beatles trivia questions at me that were wrong in Trivial Pursuit. (I got the one right about them playing in Hamburg, Germany.)

Sinatra introduced me to the guy with the funky Salvador Dali mustache. It was Skid Roper. I told him how much I enjoyed his songs as a teenager. He smiled and said, "Yeah, I used to be somebody." When he was informed that I was writing about the party, I said, "It would be a

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thrill to quote you saying something." He said, "I'm not quotable. And you can quote me on that." Later, when he heard Bart and me talking about the band Sweet playing in town, and I got to the show and found out Sweet didn't have most of their original members, Roper piped in with "So, what you really saw was 'semi-sweet.'"

I noticed a lot of people dressed up in interesting ways: lots of scarves and sport coats, a few tweed blazers, and a variety of hats. It was like characters at a Dickens Christmas party.

One of these guys looked like Ray Davies (of the Kinks) and was even talking about Davies at one point. I stopped listening when he said, "There's never been a better pop song than 'Moon River.'"

I overheard a few women talking about putting the fudge in the fridge. One of them said, "That would make it hard again. I just don't want anyone to see me opening the refrigerator, thinking I'm grabbing something out of there."

Sinatra and I eventually got back to our movie conversations. He told me his favorite film was *Women in Love* and promised to lend me his copy. He talked about hating *The Sting*, which I loved. Page walked by and said, "Sting? I loved him in the Police but hated him solo."

A woman excitedly walked over, saying, "You guys know Sting? I love him!" She accidentally kicked over Sinatra's camera bag, and papers and discs rolled onto the ground. He screamed, "Oh my God! My tampons are in there!"

This was a very funny and fun crowd. ■

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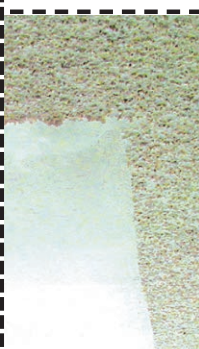
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I complained, “I have
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I never thought I'd become a Welfare Queen



Poverty does not become me. I'm sure it doesn't become anyone, but it really doesn't become me. I was supposed to be somebody by now, and by that I mean somebody other than this woman who holds up grocery-store lines with her WIC checks.

I used to suck my teeth and sigh in irritation at WIC-check users. I hated the way they popped their gum and had those slack looks on their faces, as if they didn't give a damn that they were holding the rest of us up.

And then one day I was one of them.

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That first time, before I learned to do my shopping during empty-store hours, the people behind me shook their heads and rolled their eyes in exasperation while the cashier ran my checks through the machine as slowly as she could. The people farther back craned their necks to see what idiot had stalled things. On top of it all, I was eight months pregnant and dressed for nothing more than comfort in sweats, flip-flops, and a bursting-at-the-seams T-shirt. In short, I looked like one of them.

Then, without so much as a look in my direction, the cashier stopped the conveyor belt and paused her slothlike movements to call over the intercom for someone to switch my block of cheese because (stupid me) I didn't know Swiss was not an option when using a WIC check.

The cashier tapped her pen against the counter in a rhythmless

beat, but judging by the relaxed look on her face, she enjoyed the break in monotony of scanning items, pushing buttons, and counting cash.

"Hey, Frank," she called, as a manager type in a blue polo shirt walked past, jangling a set of keys. "Did Sonya come in today?"

Frank changed course and stopped to chat. Clearly, we were going to be here awhile. I attempted an apologetic smile at the woman behind me. She pursed her lips in a less-than-friendly grimace that read, "You should have come when the store was empty."

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My husband and I used to bitch about how broke we were while stuffing our faces with \$50 platters of sushi or driving to Ojai for a weekend at a cozy bed-and-breakfast. Back then, I got my hair done at a fancy-schmancy place, and being broke meant having to settle

for new highlights every 16 weeks instead of every 8. I now refer to those days as back when we were rich. These days, being broke means making the choice between putting the rent on credit and asking my mom to pay it. Both options are embarrassing.

Our downfall began in November 2008, when my husband was laid off from his job as a Teamster truck driver. This was just over a month before our daughter was born. It's slightly more complicated than it sounds because he had been on what the Teamsters call "soft layoff" during the previous year. "Soft" because you're still working on call, which was four or five days a week that year. At \$22 per hour plus lots of overtime, it was a decent living, even on layoff. But then, as happens every year, the freight company he works for put him on "hard layoff" (which means no

work at all) 15 days before the holidays — not just because business is slow in November and December but also because union rules state that if an employee works within 15 days of a holiday, he receives pay for said holiday. So to save themselves a few bucks, the company lays off a bunch of guys at the bottom of the seniority list. Then, when the holidays are over, the company calls them back, or at least takes them off hard layoff and lets them work on call.

Over the years, we've gotten accustomed to it. We stress a little, do what we can to make ends meet, and then breathe a sigh of relief when the holidays are over and he's back at work. My job doesn't help during these times because I work for a nonprofit at a public school. Holidays are always unpaid for me.

Our situation was further complicated by my pregnancy. The Teamster contract states

that to receive health insurance, an employee must work at least 100 hours for full coverage or 60 hours for catastrophic coverage (hospitalization only). The hours worked count not for the month immediately following but for the one *after* that. Because my husband was laid off before he worked 60 hours in November, we wouldn't have insurance in January or February. The baby was due January 10.

Having a baby with no insurance is a bad idea, and we were nervous. Plus, if work was slow in January, we'd be in trouble in March too.

Enter my mother, a 30-year veteran of the State of Idaho's Health and Welfare Department, whose job as an eligibility examiner was to direct people toward the resources and services they needed to get through hard times. True to her pragmatic personality, she broke it down and laid it out.

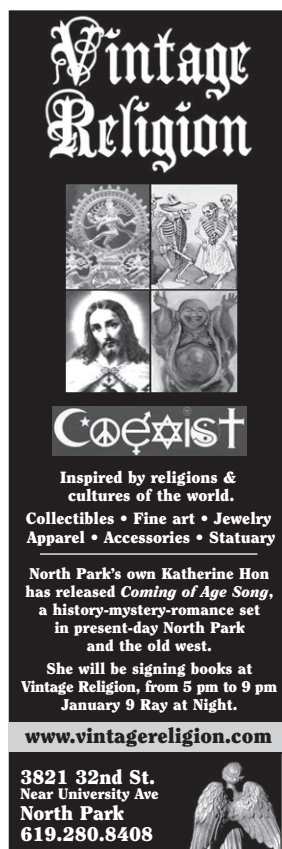
"Unemployment. That's first. It won't be as much as you're used to, but it'll help. And you have to have insurance. Look into Medi-Cal. I'm sure at least the kids will qualify. Then you might as well try WIC too. If you can get it, it's free food — milk, cheese, cereal, that kind of thing. Don't worry, we'll get you through this."

Unemployment? That didn't sound so terrible. But Medi-Cal and this WIC thing made me think of standing in long lines for day-old bread and one measly roll of toilet paper for the month.

We hemmed and hawed for a bit, embarrassed at the idea of being on public assistance (us?) and convinced that things couldn't possibly be that bad. But my mother assured us that these services are there to help people through hard times, and if we're qualified, we're qualified. So we figured what the hell.



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The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency on 73rd Street is easy enough to find if you keep your eye out for a small crowd of people at the bus stop on the corner of El Cajon and 73rd. The block where the squat, yellow-brick building sits is, during business hours, the

busiest in the area. The sidewalk between the building and the bus stop bustles with men, women, and families coming and going. My fingers are crossed that my visit today will be relatively painless, since all I have to do is drop off paperwork.

Obtaining Medi-Cal was a process that included so many phone calls, so much paperwork, and such great reserves of patience that I had to hand over the job to my husband. We both agreed that it

wouldn't do any good for me to freak out on our caseworker and/or break down in a heap of tears and hair pulling. He is much more even tempered and tolerant than I am, so he took over. All I remember about the process is that every time someone from the County called, it was a different person claiming to be our caseworker. We have an accordion file with a broken elastic band that snapped because the volume of Medi-Cal paperwork was too

much for it to handle. We keep it as evidence of my husband's strength — he did not snap. I've blocked out all other memories of that experience.

We recently received a thick packet of documents ominously titled "Medi-Cal Redetermination." The packet seems to be a request for the same information we gave the County in 2008, when we first applied. Apparently, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 says that Medi-Cal beneficiaries must pro-

vide proof of citizenship and identity to renew their benefits. I don't get that. How would we have gotten coverage in the first place if our paperwork weren't in order? But here I am, walking into the County office, redetermination packet in hand. Why didn't I simply mail it? I could have and would have if not for two (unintentionally) hilarious lines in the letter: "We need the original citizenship and identity documents" and "The County will make copies

and mail them back to you."

Hilarious? Why? Because two weeks ago, a County worker called and left a message for us to call her back. We returned the call the next morning. Here's how the conversation went:

Me: Hi. This is Elizabeth Salaam. I'm returning your call.

Her: Spell your last name, please.

Me: S-a-l-a-a-m.

Her: Okay. How can I help you?

Me: Um, I don't

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know. I'm returning your call. I got a message yesterday asking me to call you back.

Her: And what was the call regarding?

Me: I don't know. You didn't say. You just asked me to call.

Her: I'm sorry, ma'am, but I can't help you unless I know what this is regarding.

And these are the people I'm supposed to send original passports and birth certificates to? Um, no.

I've given myself a generous 20 minutes before I have to be back on the road for an appointment with a treadmill, and when I enter the building, I'm pleased to see that there's no security line. I remember a crowd at the door when I came to

get the application the first time. I smile big at the busty little security officer and tell her I'm just here to copy and turn in some documents.

"Put your bag down on the table and step

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There was a ten-day waiting period, and, voilà!, my husband had a \$900 check every two weeks.

forward, please." She gestures toward the metal detector.

"Oh, no," I say, smiling even bigger now.

"I'm not applying. I'm just here to have some documents copied.

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"No," I say, more out of fear than defiance. My husband was gone all day when he came to apply. He told me about that line. It was long, long, long, and it never moved.

"Yep," she says.

I turn around and walk out. There's no way. That line is the kind of thing you have to be prepared for.

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Of the three suggestions my mom made, unemployment was the simplest to obtain. The online application form on the Employment Development Department's website was easy, the financial calculations were relatively simple, there was a ten-day waiting period, and, voilà!, my husband had a \$900 check from the State of California every two weeks. At the end of February, a federal stimulus payment upped that amount by \$25 per week. His original claim is for 52 weeks, unless he goes back to work full time. (In 2008, fed-

eral legislation extended unemployment insurance benefits twice, for a total of 20 extra weeks for all states, plus an additional 13 weeks for states, like California, saddled with high unemployment rates. So in addition to the 52 weeks, my husband can apply for 33 more.) Maternity leave doesn't qualify as a reason for unemployment compensation, so \$475 a week was the best we could do.

Despite the ease of attainment, problems arise when we have specific questions that are not addressed on the website. Of all the branches on the tree of public assistance, the Employment Development Department is the least accessible. You can spend days or weeks calling repeatedly without ever getting through the labyrinthine automated system to talk to an actual person.

We have questions because our circumstances are complicated. Being on soft layoff means my husband does get called in to work. It's not nearly as frequent as it was last year — usually one or two days per week, if at all. With the 15 percent pay cut that



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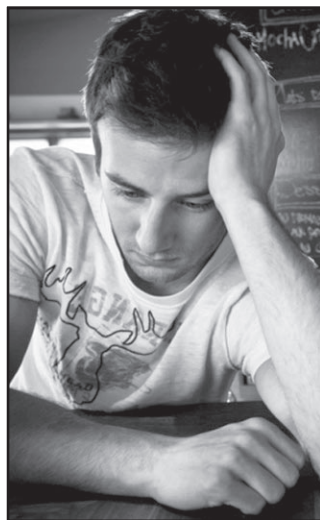
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employees at his company have recently taken and no overtime, two days' work yields about \$316. In that case, he completes the form that comes attached to the unemployment check and claims the amount he made. If his weekly earnings are \$101 or more, the first 25 percent is not subtracted from his \$450. So, in a week when he makes \$316 at work, \$237 (75 percent) is subtracted from the \$450 unemployment allowance. Then, with the \$25 federal stimulus, the total unemployment check is \$238. My point is, if he works one or two days, he earns slightly more than he would have by staying home.

Every now and again, when several sen-

ior guys are on vacation or when a convention creates extra work, my husband might get called in enough that he makes more than \$475

The second time it happened, they sent the same letter but included a window of time and a day (a Sunday afternoon, believe it or not)

My husband says it's my middle-class upbringing that causes me to expect indulgences like courtesy and respect.

in one week. Which is where the problems begin. The first time, the employment department sent a letter that basically stated, "We're not giving you any money for last week."

No big deal. It's to be expected.

that he was to be available for a phone interview. The letter also said that if he missed the call, his unemployment insurance payments would be terminated. The call came during the scheduled time, he explained everything,

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Drinking too much? Hard to cut down?



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- Medical examination
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You may be eligible if you have:

- Chronic infection with Hepatitis C genotype 1
- Never been on prescription therapy for Hepatitis C
- Otherwise good health

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



For more information, contact eStudySite toll-free at:

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(1-877-500-3788)

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Trying to Manage your TYPE 2 DIABETES?



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

WHEN YOU TAKE PART IN THIS CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY:

- Health professionals closely monitor your diabetes and blood sugar levels
- Qualified participants will receive:
 - Study medicines
 - Blood sugar meter and supplies
 - Diet counseling
 - Study-related medical care and testing
- Qualified participants may be compensated for time and travel

YOU MAY QUALIFY IF YOU ARE:

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

CALL NOW
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1-877-500-3788
OR VISIT
www.DiabetesStudies.net
TO SEE IF YOU MAY QUALIFY.

SPACE IS LIMITED
to the number of people who can participate based on meeting study criteria and on a first-come, first-served basis.

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eStudySite is participating in a world-wide research study to test an investigational treatment for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease **COPD**, also known as smoker's cough, chronic bronchitis or emphysema.



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

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

Compensation for time and travel may be available.



For more information
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toll free at:

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(1-877-500-3788)

eStudySite is currently evaluating patients

for a research study who have a
RECENT WOUND INFECTION
3 inches across or more and one of the following:

- Your wound hurts, or
- Your wound is swollen, or
- Your wound is warm to the touch, or
- Your wound is tender to the touch, or
- There is pus coming from your wound, or
- You have a fever, or
- You have any of the above signs or symptoms



To learn more about this research study, please call eStudySite toll-free at:

1-877-500-eSTUDY
1-877-500-3788

There is no cost for participation. A doctor at our clinic will determine if this study is right for you. If you participate in the study, you will receive study-related medical care at no cost and may be compensated for time and travel. No insurance is required.



Chronic Low Back Pain



Do you wake up to pain?

Consider volunteering for a clinical research study

To qualify, you must:

- ☐ Be at least 18 years of age
- ☐ Have chronic low back pain that you treat with medication
- ☐ Other criteria will apply

As a qualified participant, you will see a study doctor to discuss your pain. All study-related care is included and no insurance is required.

CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN
Clinical Research Study

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and the employment department was satisfied. Things went back to normal. But every time since then that he's earned more than \$450 in one week, he's been dropped without notice. At first, we thought his paperwork had gotten delayed and we waited for it. In the meantime, he called the number on the department's website, hoping to get someone who could inform him as to the problem. Every four out of five calls, the phone was busy. On the fifth, when he'd get through to the automated system, he'd be put on hold for sometimes as long as five minutes only to be told (by an automated voice), "Due to high call volume, we cannot take your call at this time.

Please try back later. Good-bye." And then, the dead click of a hang-up.

This, as far as we knew, was the only way to get in touch with the employment department. There is no address where you can go to wait in line to talk to someone directly.

After two weeks of zero income and no fewer than ten attempts per day to get through by phone, my husband decided to try something new. When asked if he was calling for a scheduled phone appointment, he pressed 1 for "yes." His big lie paid off. Within minutes, his call was picked up by a female human being. She took his name, pulled his file, answered his questions,

and reinstated his case. She was pleasant and friendly, and only once did she get under his skin — when she told him he should have called sooner. (Luckily for everyone involved, it was my husband she spoke to. He was quiet in his irritation. I would not have been.)

* * *

My husband says it's my middle-class upbringing that causes me to expect indulgences like courtesy and respect. I don't know if that's true or not. What I do know is that after nearly a year on public assistance, I'm still tempted to dress up before I go to the County or WIC offices in hopes that my fashionable businesswear will help me look the

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do you suffer from Osteoarthritis of the knee?



If you are 40 years old or older and have been diagnosed with osteoarthritis of the knee you may qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational medication for Osteoarthritis.

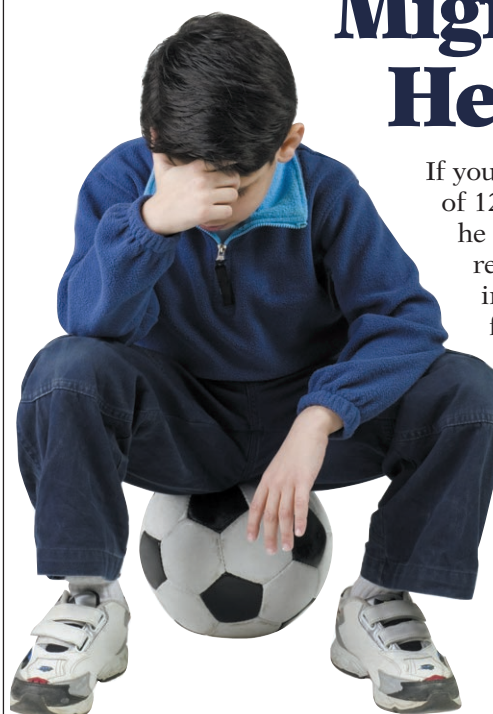
Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

- Compensation for time and travel
- Study-related drug and study-related medical care
- Medical evaluations

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Does your child suffer with Migraine Headaches?



If your child is between the ages of 12 and 17, and in good health, he or she may qualify for a research study of an investigational medication for migraine headaches.

Qualified participants will receive:

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- Study medication and study-related medical care
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Study of Phantom Limb Pain Treatment



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

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

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

Inclusion criteria:

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

Interested in participating?

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

To see if you qualify or to learn more about the study, please call Kathleen Parkes:
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Attn: Heavy Drinkers

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

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

Qualified participants receive lab tests, medication or placebo, individual counseling and compensation for travel. All information is confidential.

Call: 858-784-7867 (STOP)
Or visit: www.pearsoncenter.org

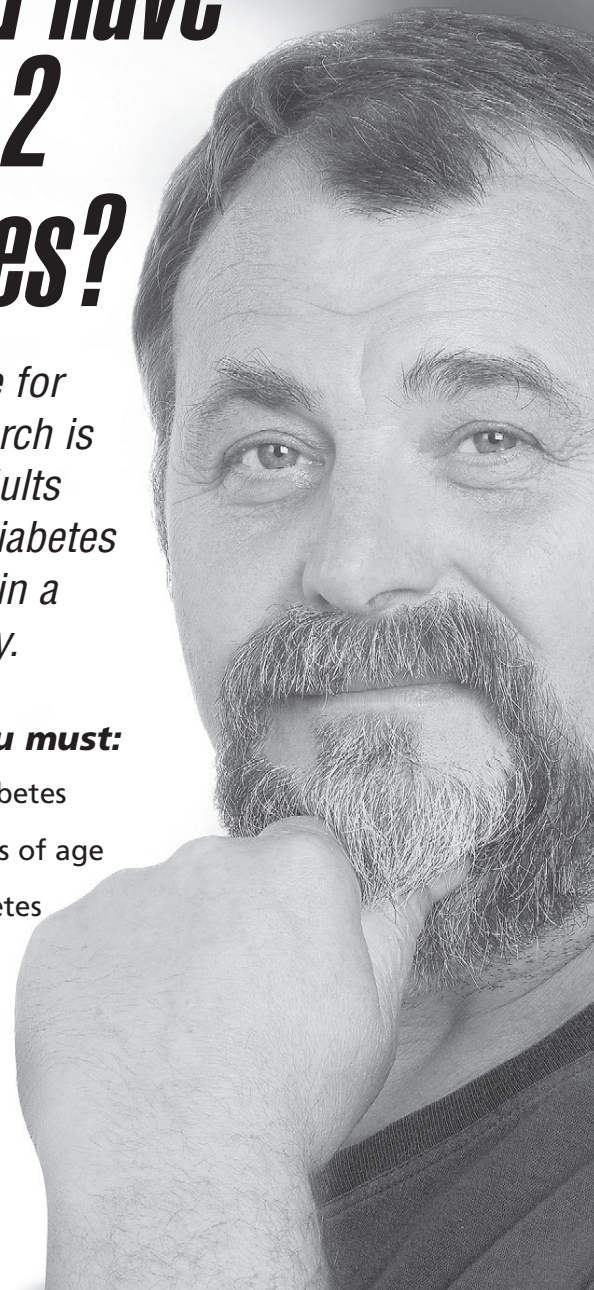


Do you have Type 2 Diabetes?

Profil Institute for Clinical Research is looking for adults with Type 2 Diabetes to participate in a research study.

To qualify, you must:

- Have Type 2 Diabetes
- Be 18 to 65 years of age
- Managing Diabetes with metformin alone or in combination with other anti-diabetic medications, not insulin
- (If female) post-menopausal or surgically sterile



You may be compensated up to \$4,500 for your time and travel.
19 overnight stays will be required.

For more information, call Profil Toll Free
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Do You Have Plaque Psoriasis?

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

We need participants:

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

Qualified participants will receive:

- Study-related evaluations by a board-certified dermatologist and study medication at no cost
- Compensation for participation

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T H E R A P E U T I C S
— CLINICAL RESEARCH —

part of the educated woman who's going through hard times rather than one of the truly poor and uneducated for whom hard times are a way of life.

I sometimes imagine that showing up in a cute-shirt/smart-slacks combo with a pair of downtown-office heels will earn me respect with the County workers or the WIC employees. Usually, however, it serves only to make me stand out as either (a) someone who is poaching resources from those who really need them or (b) someone who thinks she's someone, which she obviously isn't.

So on my second trip to the County building to turn in our Medi-Cal redetermination packet, I've decided

to go with a simple jersey knit skirt, an old T-shirt, and cheap sandals. My hair is a rat's nest (because why bother?), and by the time I pass through security and take my place as 22nd in line, I realize I've made a mistake.

Today's crowd is — save for a couple of young girls in hoochified jeans and midriff-baring T-shirts — made up of the dignified sort of people who press their shirts and shine their shoes. None of their clothing looks expensive, but at least half of them have chosen to dress from the side of their closets where the special stuff hangs. Beside them, I look sloppy and in need of a pedicure. Hopefully, my babbling nine-

month-old daughter will draw everyone's attention away from me and my hideous toes.

I can hear my husband's voice in my ear: "Please. Nobody's thinking about you. They're starving and trying to figure out how they're going to pay next month's rent."

Oh. Of course.

But if anyone does look my way, they'll see me reading a book of Chekhov's short stories, and it will be apparent that I'm smart and educated and just passing through. Right?

The line snakes through the far side of the waiting room in three distinct sections. The first section consists of six to eight people standing between a wall and one of those flat

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do you have Type 2 Diabetes?

Are you currently taking Lantus®, Levemir®, Humulin® N or Novolin® N? Has your doctor told you your blood sugar level is not adequately controlled?

Medical researchers are studying an investigational oral medication to see if it can help improve blood sugar levels.

To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be 18 years of age, and
- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes, and
- Be currently taking either Lantus®, Levemir®, Humulin® N or Novolin® N with or without metformin and/or a sulfonylurea, and your dose has been unchanged for the last several weeks

Qualified participants will receive all study-related medical evaluations and study medication at no cost. You may also receive reimbursement for time and travel.

For additional information, please call:

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Embarrassed by Acne?

Therapeutics Clinical Research is conducting a research study evaluating an investigational medication for acne.

We need participants:

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

Qualified participants will receive:

- Study-related evaluations by a board-certified dermatologist and study medication at no cost
- Compensation for participation

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Pain?

Do you have pain from Chronic Pancreatitis?

Sanofi Aventis is leading a research study using an investigational drug to see if it reduces pain from Chronic Pancreatitis.

- Chronic Pancreatitis pain moderate to severe
- 18-80 years old
- Single infusion of study drug or placebo

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CONSTIPATION.....STRAININGBLOATING

A 3-month clinical trial for men and women, from 20-80 years of age, who struggle with the bloating, discomfort, and straining associated with **chronic constipation** is underway. An oral investigational medication will be evaluated to see if it may address these and other symptoms of constipation.

To possibly qualify:

- Male or female, 20-80 years of age
- Have a history of chronic constipation (fewer than 3 bowel movements per week) for at least 6 months
- Bloating, straining and discomfort
- Not taking narcotics or medication which can cause constipation

Participants may receive at no cost all study-related:

- Exam and consultation with a board-certified specialist
- Labs, EKG, colonoscopy (if necessary) and study medications
- Compensation for your time and travel

Interested call:

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Looking for: Males with Type 2 Diabetes

Accelovance is currently recruiting Males 40-75 years of age to participate in a clinical research study that is evaluating an investigational non-invasive diabetes screening device.

We need:

- White Males
- 40-75 years of age
- Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes

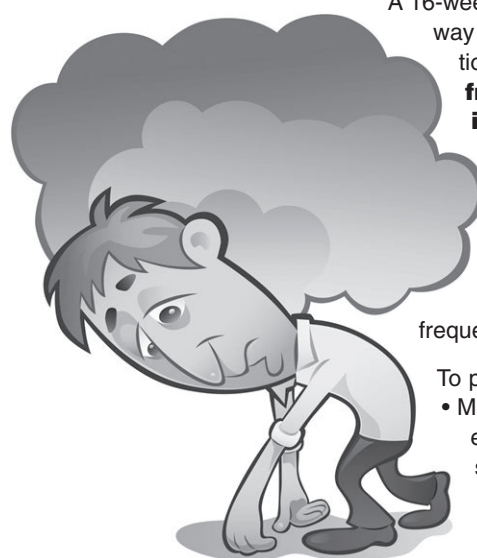
Study requires one visit that will last 2 1/2 hours.
Volunteers will be compensated for their participation.



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Going, Going, Going Too Often at Night



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

To possibly qualify to participate:

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

Qualified participants may receive:

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

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Are you unsatisfied with your breast scars?



A medical research study is underway to evaluate an investigational medication to treat unsatisfactory scars from previous breast surgery.

You may qualify to participate in this research study if you:

- Are 18-55 years of age
- Have unsatisfactory breast scars that you would like to be revised surgically
- Are medically healthy

Participants will receive at no cost:

- Scar revision surgery
- Study-related examinations and consultation with a board-certified plastic surgeon
- Laboratory tests
- Compensation for follow-up visits (at months 3 and 6)

**For more information, please contact:
Tracy, Research Coordinator at 858-453-0769**

nylon dividers that slip into the slots of two plastic poles. Above the first section's heads, *Stuart Little* is playing on an old television that sits inside a grubby cubbyhole behind a dirty slab of acrylic.

While the people in section one would be the most obvious targets of envy (due to their proximity to service), my envy is for those in the second section, which runs along a wall lined with benches. To sit would make the wait less excruciating.

After seven minutes of waiting, with no line movement whatsoever, the first person in line (a tall girl probably just into her 20s, toting a barefoot toddler and wearing shiny silver earrings that dangle to her

shoulders) is finally called to a window, and everyone takes a step forward. I watch along with the rest of section three as a large woman in a floral sundress transitions from our section to section two. When she sits, the bench creaks. Her sigh of relief is audible; her smile just a bit smug.

After that, there's a wave of movement, and in less than half an hour, a young man sporting cornrows, a behooded Muslim woman behind me, and I are all among the envied. We pass smiles back and forth, aware of our shared fortune, as we take our places on the bench. As I sit, I notice that the line behind us now stretches into a fourth section.

People are now waiting along the wall on the opposite side of the room where the bathroom doors are located.

By this time, my up-until-now quiet and patient daughter is alternately mashing little bits of sweet-potato snacks into her mouth and shrieking for more. Another 20 minutes pass. I sigh heavily and tell Cornrows to keep his fingers crossed that I don't run out of snacks for the baby before it's my turn at the window. He says this is nothing, that mornings are way worse, a hell of a lot more crowded. Then he tells me a story about how the last time he was here, an argument broke out because one lady refused to get up and stand in section one

RESEARCH STUDIES



Have you lost your eyelashes because of chemotherapy?

Therapeutics Clinical Research is conducting a research study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational drug called bimatoprost 0.03% to treat inadequate eyelashes from varied causes.

We need participants:

- 18 years of age or older
- With eyelash loss due to chemotherapy

Qualified participants will receive:

- Study-related evaluations by a board-certified dermatologist and study medication at no cost
- Compensation for participation

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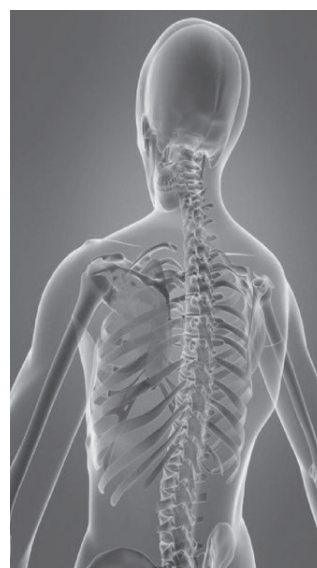
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Website: www.therapeuticsresearch.com

Chronic Low Back Pain?

VA/UCSD is conducting a research study using telephone-based treatments for **low back pain** problems.



We are looking for:

- Men and women
- Ages 21 and up
- In good health except for low back pain



Benefits:

- Back pain assessment
- Medical evaluation
- Lab testing
- Up to \$260 compensation for participation

For more information, please call:

Back Pain Research Office
858-642-3830

Principal Investigator: J.H. Atkinson, M.D.
San Diego VA Healthcare System/UC San Diego

Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Constipation

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Researchers are evaluating an investigational medication to see if it effectively treats Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Constipation (IBS-C) in men and women.

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

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

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

Do You Get Anxious in Social Situations?

Do you:

- Get very **NERVOUS** around people?
- **Fear** being the center of attention?
- **AVOID** going to social events and meeting new people?



If you answered YES to any of the above, you may be eligible to participate in an experimental research study comparing several study drug options for social phobia. Medical assessment and clinical care are provided.



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Do You Have A Non-Healing Wound Or Sore On Your Leg?



We are conducting a clinical research study of Dermagraft®, a tissue-engineered dermal replacement, in the healing of venous leg ulcers.

We need participants:

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

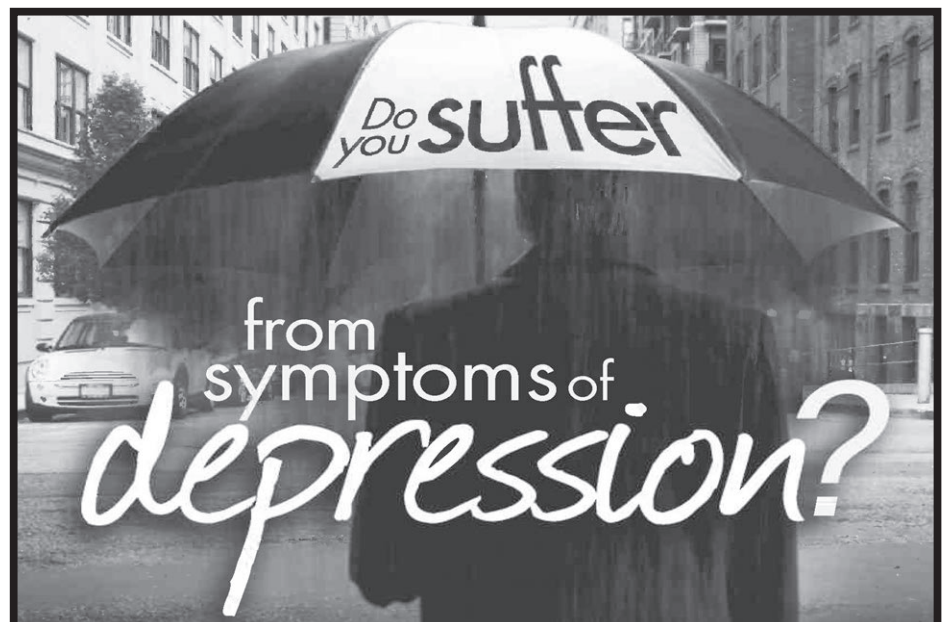
Qualified participants will receive:

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

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Have you tried taking **ONE** or **TWO ANTI-DEPRESSANTS** but aren't relieved from your depression symptoms? If so, please contact us today about our research study of an investigational depression medication.

Qualified participants must:

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

Qualified participants receive:

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

**To learn more, please call
toll-free at:
888-365-3203 or visit:**



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when the line moved. "Everyone in the back of the line was yelling, like, 'Get up, b—h!' " he says. "I was, like, 'Dang!' "

This slow-moving line is where you go no matter what. If you have to turn in a form, you stand in this line. If you want to ask a question, you stand in this line. If you're applying for the first time, you stand in this line. If you have several complicated and time-consuming issues

to take care of, yes, you stand in this line. You wait and you wait, and when you're finally called, if the people behind the glass partitions can't help you, you're sent back into the waiting room until you're called by name. Here, you wait just to be told you'll have to wait some more.

"What you really want," Cornrows tells me, indicating a set of doors back through the entrance area and past

the glass windows, "is to get through those double doors. That's when you know you're almost done."

Interesting. I hadn't noticed them. But, apparently, that's where I want to be.

Finally, after more than an hour and a half of standing, sitting, and then standing again, I'm called to one of the blessed windows. There I find a middle-aged woman in a sparkly turquoise T-shirt and

matching sparkly turquoise headband. Her bright-red lipstick calls attention to an already prominent mouth. As I hand her the paperwork, I explain that I'm here to turn in my redetermination documents and the reason I've included my marriage certificate is because my passport (which is proof of my citizenship) has my maiden name while all the other documents have my married name. I am using my happiest, friendliest voice, trying to be helpful and maybe establish rapport.

"Everybody back here has at least a high school diploma," she answers. "I'm sure they'll figure it out." She doesn't so much as look up.

I'm too stunned to be insulted.

She takes the neatly stacked and clipped pile of check stubs, passports, Social Security cards, birth certificates, and other papers and leaves her post to photocopy the documents. While she's gone, I look to the left, toward those double doors. Every now and again, someone comes out from behind them and heads straight outside. They look exhausted but satisfied, as if they've accomplished a mission, maybe. Each time the doors swing open, I try to peek behind them. I never do see anything, but I imagine a clean, spacious hallway leading to sunlit offices populated by friendly, customer-oriented employees who offer coffee or cookies as they inquire, "What can I do to help you today?" Yes, Corn-

rows was right. That is where I want to be.

Red Lips returns with my documents and slides them under the window. They're now in such a mess that it takes me a couple of minutes to make sure nothing is missing. While I'm in the process of checking and rearranging my documents and paperwork, she slides another piece of paper under the window and says, "Do you need to fill this out?"

I see that the top of the form refers to children with no proof of identity.

"I don't know," I say. "Do I?" I'm starting to hate her.

"I don't know either," she says, and waits.

She has to be kidding. I try to look past the thick lipstick and big

RESEARCH STUDIES

New Research Study

Investigational use of Tadalafil
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for Prostate Enlargement

You may qualify if you are:

- 45 years or older
- Have prostate enlargement (BPH) symptoms
- Have weak or no erection

Study medication, study-related physical exams, blood tests provided.
Compensation for time and travel.

Please call San Diego Clinical Trials:
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The Center for Metabolic Research

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Have you been newly diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes?

Robert R. Henry, M.D. and his associates at the Center for Metabolic Research, at the VA San Diego Healthcare System, are currently looking for patients to assess the safety, tolerability and effectiveness of an investigational drug in patients with Type 2 Diabetes.



You may qualify if you are:

- Male or female between the ages of 18 and 74, with Type 2 Diabetes.
- Not currently taking diabetes medication, OR taking metformin (glucophage) only to control your diabetes.
- Have an A1c of 7% or higher (A1c is a test to see how well your blood sugar is controlled over a 3-month period).
- Willing to participate in a research study for up to 5 years.
- Currently in good health (other than your diabetes).
- Not pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant.
- Willing to receive once-monthly study drug injections under the skin.

If you are eligible and choose to participate, all study-related medical care, study drug, metformin (if needed), glucose meter and test strips will be provided at no cost.

Compensation is provided at each study visit (please call for more details).

If interested please contact the Research Coordinator at: (858) 552-8585 ext: 2884
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Do you have Type 2 Diabetes?

Are you currently taking Metformin in combination with Pioglitazone? Has your doctor told you your blood sugar level is not adequately controlled?

Medical researchers are studying an investigational oral medication to see if it can help improve your blood sugar levels.

To pre-qualify for this research study, you must meet the criteria below:

- Be 18 to 80 years of age, and
- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, and
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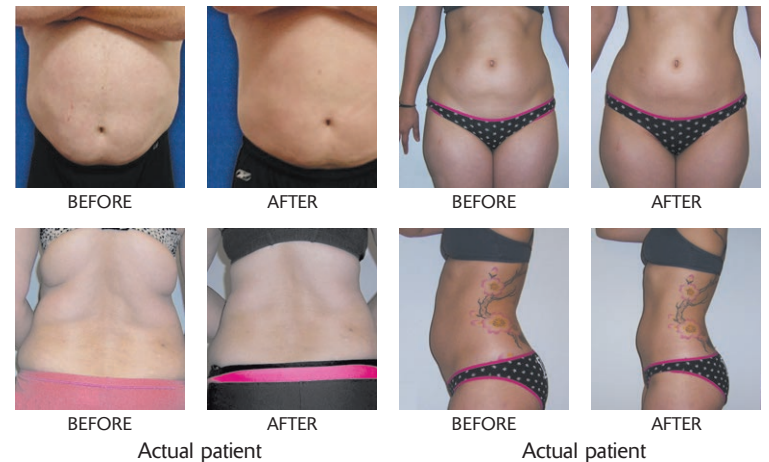
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whitish teeth to see what I can read in her eyes. But there's nothing there to see. She stares back at me expressionless.

"So you can't tell me if this is something I need or not?"

"Nope," she says.

My daughter squirming on my hip, I take a deep breath, dig into my bag for a pen, and fill out the paper as quickly as I can. Just in case. When I'm done, I ask if there's any way for me to talk to my case-worker today. "I have some complications with my Medi-Cal," I tell her. "I'd like to clear them up."

With a look of disinterest, she tells me I no longer have a worker assigned to my case.

I feel my heart rate

speeding up and my blood pressure beginning to rise. What does that mean? That I don't have a case? And if so, what's the problem and why wasn't I informed? It's never-ending, and I'm fed up. I'm about to let her have it when she adds that no one gets individual caseworkers anymore. They've switched to "task groups," which means, it's safe to assume, that there is now even less of a chance that any one person will assume responsibility in the not-unlikely event that the County loses an important document, makes a mistake, or gives me incorrect information.

"Okay, so who can I talk to? I need to talk to someone about my

case."

She hands me a yellow card. It reads "Access Center." Below that, there's a phone number. "Call this number," she says, "and they'll answer your questions."

"No," I tell her. And I'd like to stop there. No, no, no. No more phone calls, no more paperwork, no more lines. No, no, no!

Before I came, my husband warned me to keep my sense of entitlement in check. "Be easy," he said. "Even if they're being mean, you have to act friendly." This must be the moment he was talking about.

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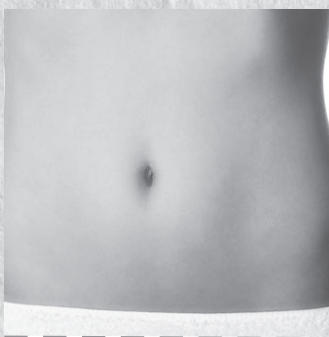


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believe I'm entitled to that. I suddenly have an image of myself speaking up, demanding to have my questions answered. I imagine doing so in such a passionate tone that the people in line and in the waiting room will erupt into cheers and applause because I'm speaking not just for myself but for all who suffer the never-endingness of this time-sucking, energy-leeching quagmire.

"I've called that number," I say in a raised but slightly squeaky voice. "Now I want to talk to someone in person." And then I add, trying to keep the peace, "If that's at all possible." Smile.

It's a weak attempt at demanding justice, and

no one — least of all Red Lips — seems to notice. Not a head turns. Except for my daughter's, but she's looking up at me for another sweet-potato snack.

Red Lips is predictably unmoved. "Give it a week or so," she says. "You need to give them a chance to look over your case. This is hot off the press."

Hot off the press?

"Fine," I say. "Next week, then. When's the best time?"

"First thing in the morning," she says. "Eight-thirty a.m."

Of course. This, according to Cornrows, is the worst time, the busiest hour. But come, I will. And I promise myself, I won't leave until I get beyond those

double doors. I'll take my coffee black. Two cookies, please.

* * *

"WIC" is a partial acronym and the common name for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, a federal program that's been around since 1972. But until this time last year, all I knew was that it was some welfare program that made the long, slow lines at grocery stores even slower. According to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website, the "target population" for WIC is "low-income, nutritionally at risk" women (pregnant or postpartum; breastfeeding or not), infants, and children under five

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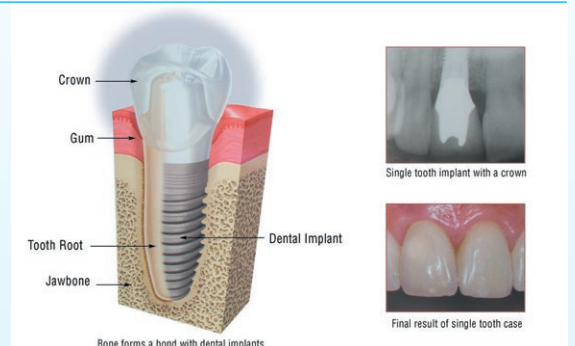
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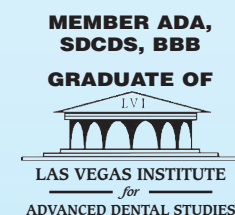
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only used its mirrored-glass door as a vanity check on my way to Blockbuster or Albertsons. As I passed, I'd slow down to check my

breast-feeding, five or six hard plastic chairs line one wall. The chairs are occupied by pregnant women, new mothers (sometimes

The chairs are occupied by pregnant women, new mothers (sometimes accompanied by their older children), and the occasional father.

hair for frizz or to see if my stomach looked as flat as I hoped it did.

Inside the tiny waiting room of the WIC office, beneath posters extolling the virtues of

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That first time I went to the WIC office, I walked right in and, without having to wait, sat down in the low chair in front of the Plexiglas window (why is there always Plexiglas?) and presented my paperwork to a real live person. She was about my age, with a gentle face and shiny black hair. She wore a purple-print shirt that looked like something I would wear. I felt a kind of kindred spirit in her. Maybe under different circumstances she was a nicer person, but her cold, businesslike answers to my questions changed my mind about her face. Her jowls made her look mean. And besides her mean-looking face, she told me that my husband's year-to-date income (as per his check stub, which I'd been instructed to bring) put us significantly above the income eligibility cutoff.

But, I protested, he was laid off! This was November, and he'd worked all year; of course his year-to-date earning would disqualify us. Didn't it also count for something

that the \$49,000 was good and gone, and at the moment, until his unemployment kicked in, his income was exactly zero? I thought so. She didn't. She told

me to come back with proof that he was on unemployment. But he wasn't on unemployment yet! We were waiting for the first check. She said I should come

back when I could show her an unemployment check stub.

Eventually, I did. She then calculated my husband's \$475 weekly unemployment check

along with the \$300 a week I made from my part-time job. Which, not incidentally, I would be losing the following week when I started maternity leave. Of

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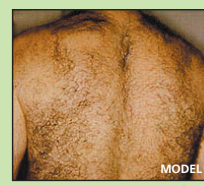
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plan ahead. Regardless, we had to wait until we were dead broke (and trying to pay \$1350 for rent, a \$285 car payment, approximately \$500 in other monthly bills, and to feed three people — one of whom was massively pregnant — all on \$1900 a month) to go back and ask for a recalculation.

When I returned a week later, the WIC worker happened to mention that if I had Medi-Cal, I automatically qualified for WIC benefits. Now, why didn't she say that before? By then, my husband's patience and attention to detail had paid off; we were on Medi-Cal.

I was stuck in the dinky WIC office for

two hours that day.

After a lecture on nutrition, a video about how to use the WIC checks, and a test to make sure I'd been paying attention to the movie, I left with a brand-new folder and a wad of WIC checks for milk, cheese, juice, and more milk and more cheese and more juice.

Stores won't take WIC checks if you don't carry the folder. It's the law. My husband, who grew up in a neighborhood where WIC checks are common currency, says he's always kept an eye out for the telltale purple-and-green folders when he's choosing his line at the grocery store. If he sees the folder, he knows to pick a different line.

In order to delay

humiliation as long as I can, I make it a point to keep my WIC folder out of sight until the last possible moment. This is a bit of a problem for me because of my obsession with tiny purses. Unless I choose to carry a large purse (which I do not) or to carry the folder out in the open while I wander up and down the aisles (which I most certainly do not), I have to fold the folder into thirds and then jam it into one of the tiny purses. Hiding the folder isn't fair to those in line behind me, but so be it. This whole thing isn't fair.

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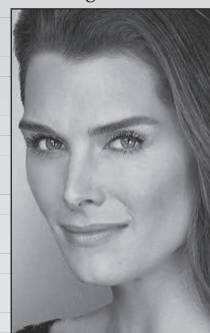
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“But this isn’t the way it was supposed to be,” I complained, gingerly lowering my big fat pregnant butt onto the couch. “I have a master’s degree. Where’s my maid and my masseuse and my flat in Paris?”

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I’m sure there are plenty of people reading this who would like to stone me for complaining at all. I’m sure there are others who would like to beat me for usurping precious taxpayer-provided resources while maintaining my biweekly date with my husband, when we treat ourselves to pizza and hot dogs. (That, plus two drinks and a shared sundae cost less than seven bucks! God bless Costco.) To the former, I say, “You’re absolutely right.” To the latter, I have no excuse but my own middle-class upbringing and any number of self-help books I’ve read that claim joy as a right, not a privilege. A life with no dates is a life without joy.

My mom told me that in all her years working in the realm of public assistance, it was the educated middle class who came in with the most expectations and therefore the most complaints. I must say, though, that as much as I complain about the quality of service and the lines and the other crap I’ve had to endure for the sake of public assistance, I am grateful it’s out there. Cheese is expensive, and health insurance is too. And where else can you ask for money just because you don’t have any?

But...

That said, during

my bimonthly visits to the WIC office, I still go with the hope that the workers on the other side of the Plexiglas will see me as one of their own kind — an edu-

cated woman with hopes and dreams and aspirations who might be fun to have drinks with. And when it becomes clear that the woman who calls me to

the window sees me as another, I make it a point to gesticulate with my left hand so she can see how much bigger my engagement ring is than hers. Petty, I know,

but this is what I’ve been reduced to.

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On my third visit to the County building, I don’t make it quite by 8:30.

It’s more like 8:45, and I’m surprised to see not only is the security line not winding around the building as I’d expected, there isn’t a security line at all. Honestly, I’m a

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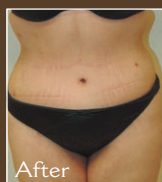
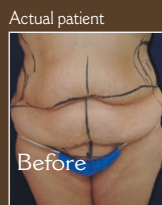
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Inside, the line is about the same as it was last time, but the waiting room is more crowded, and nearly all the benches are full. The end of the line is crowded into the corner just past section two, and then it flubs out into the waiting room. It's not five minutes, though, before (lo and behold!) I'm sitting on the bench in section two. And not five minutes after that, two women appear from beyond the double doors and start pulling people out of line.

I've decided my mantra will be "I need to see a worker about my redetermination status," and no matter what I'm asked, I'll keep repeating myself until it happens. I've come with snacks for myself and the baby, diapers galore, a book to read, and enough water for days. I'm prepared to wait as long as I must to get my questions answered.

The first of the two women calling people out of line is wearing a long blue rayon dress printed with giant green flowers. She stands at the front of the line and announces that those with new applications should let themselves be known. She also says something about a QR7, and even though I don't know what that is or

even if I've heard her correctly, I'm tempted to claim QR7 status so she'll take me back beyond the double doors. I figure once I'm in her office, she'll have no choice but to listen to my story. Of course, I chicken out.

The second woman (who's wearing a tank top and jeans — really? at work?) starts at the beginning of the line and one by one asks people the reason for their visit. By the time she gets to me, she's pulled so many people out of the line that I'm only three away from the front.

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not so sure I want to go there with her. She has a mean vibe.

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She cuts me off. "Go to the double doors." And then, "What do you need?" She's already on to the next person.

Four other people (not counting a toddler in tight red pants and a gurgling baby in an infant carrier) stand outside the double doors waiting to be told to go through. After another minute or two, Smoky arrives (with two more people in tow), looks at the small crowd of us, and says, "Oh, boy. I sure pulled a lot of you, didn't I?"

Some of us smile. Some of us don't.

She pushes open the

doors and walks through. We shuffle through behind her. It's reasonably well lit, I suppose, but not the utopia I'd imagined. Just a long hallway, the eight of us (not counting the babies), and four chairs lined up against the wall. I choose to stand. So much for coffee and cookies.

As it turns out, the chairs are lined up directly across from Smoky's office. She calls in an older Asian woman, tells her to sit, and neglects to close the door. From where I'm standing, I can't see the woman anymore, but I can see Smoky. She looks like the kind of woman who could drink any man under the table. Her voice is loud enough for all to hear (isn't that a

breach of confidentiality? Do we really need to hear about each other's cases?), but I try not to pay attention to what she's saying. Instead, I watch the little red-pants toddler make faces at my baby. I coo and talk to them both in a too-loud voice meant to drown out the conversation in the office.

A couple of minutes later, the Asian lady leaves and Smoky calls in whoever's next. The two women (mom and grandma?) who brought the toddler scoop her up and head into the office. Within seconds, Smoky's voice rings out.

"Is that in pencil?" she bellows.

I look up in time to see her slam down a pen on the desk and shove it toward whichever of the

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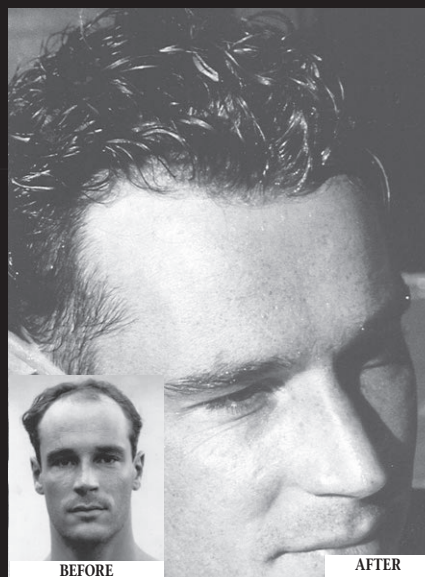
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two women has just handed her a form filled out, apparently, in pencil.

“Julia,” Smoky admonishes loudly, “legal papers *cannot* be done in pencil! Use eyeliner if you have to. Even Crayola would work. But you can’t *ever* use a pencil!”

The lady on the seat next to me smiles. I smile back. The eyeliner bit is funny, and filling out a form in pencil isn’t the smartest idea in the world, but Smoky’s words come off as mean. I start preparing myself for a confrontation. Smoky had better not speak to me that way.

When the little family finishes, Smoky calls for the next person, who doesn’t get up fast enough. “Come on,

come on!” she urges, throwing a conspiratorial wink out at the rest of us. She doesn’t seem to understand that as much as the rest of us would like to be done with our business as quickly as possible, we’re not going to wink back. Our sympathies lie with whoever sits on the other side of the desk.

Finally, it’s my turn. I sit down in the one chair across the desk from Smoky and situate my daughter’s stroller beside me. My lonely chair is backed up against a blank wall. No posters, no pictures, no color. The office looks like an interrogation room. I’m guessing you’re not supposed to get comfortable here.

I speak as if I’ve rehearsed, which I have.

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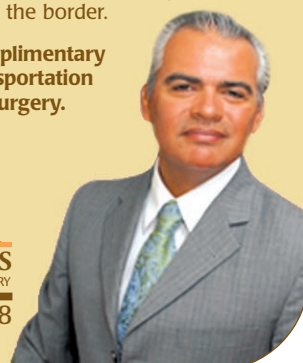
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"Right," I say, not having gotten this far in

my rehearsals. I suppose I'd assumed that getting beyond the double doors would mean I'd talk to someone who'd know something. "Is there any way to talk to someone about that? Because, like I said, there are some complications that might not be clear on paper. I'd like to avoid the auto-

matic denial if I can."

"Well, if it's denied—"

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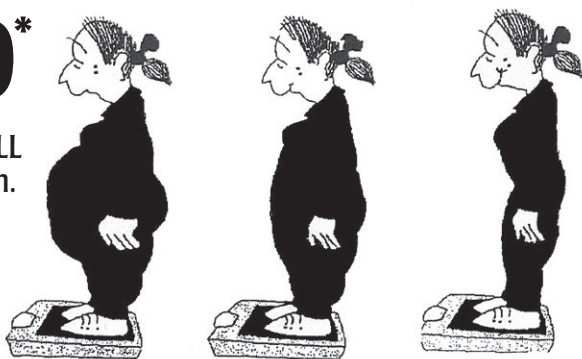
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around inside the purse, she mumbles, "I guess I forgot to turn that off."

Then she pulls out her cell phone and answers it.

I sit, appalled, while she has a brief conversation with someone and then hangs up. She does not apologize.

"So, I was saying that if it's denied, the back of the letter will tell you how to go about requesting a fair hearing."

"Yeah," I say. "I was kind of hoping to avoid all that and maybe talk to someone who might be able to help—"

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"And that's the person who makes the decision about whether I'm denied or approved?"

She nods yes.

"But I can't talk to them? Now or ever. Is that what you're saying?"

For a second, Smoky looks at me as if she's just now seeing a person

in the chair across from her, as if until now I was just a blur, a number, not even a reason not to answer the phone. For one tiny moment, she looks as if it has dawned on her how ridiculous this set of circumstances must sound.

But rather than offering an alternative, a suggestion, a moment with her supervisor, or something I can use to get through this bleeping mess, all she says is "It wasn't our idea."

And then she laughs. That's right, she laughs. It's a throaty smoker's laugh, and like her voice, it's too loud. But unlike a normal laugh, it carries with it no joy. I feel defeated. Despite having no desire to join in on the joke (whatever it might be), I

smile back.

One day I'll laugh about all this too. I'll giggle and guffaw about the WIC cheese and the lines (the lines, the lines!) and the surprise of suddenly finding my expectations of a life of luxury dashed to smithereens on the side of a County welfare building.

Smoky is still chuckling as I gather my belongings, unbrake the stroller, thank her for her time, and walk out. Just before the doors swing shut behind me, I hear her call out, "Come on, people. Who's next?"

At the time of printing, the writer is still waiting for the County letter stating whether her Medi-Cal has been renewed or denied. ■

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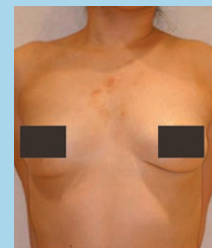
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Tom Cruise on this one.

Off the Cuff ("Have you ever smuggled anything?") Published Dec. 30

By *refriedgringo* 6:54 p.m.,
Dec. 30, 2009

My daughter was born in Mexico, I used to take her into the U.S. a lot when she was little before we got her a green card. I would buy her a lollipop so she wouldn't betray her native language and simply declare her to be a U.S. citizen. My wife was so nervous she couldn't cross with us, she went ahead of us. I never had an issue.

And one time I smuggled an ounce of marijuana into the U.S. I was crossing in the morning with my wife and we were arguing about something. I reached into the pocket of my jacket and felt a baggie full of weed and remembered that I bought it for a friend in Mexico the day before but forgot to take it out of my jacket (I haven't

smoked much of the stuff since high school). Obviously, I didn't declare it, and then smuggled it back into Mexico that afternoon.

By *Rocket_J_Squirrel* 9:24 p.m., Dec. 30, 2009

Bullwinkle and I smuggled fireworks into Frostbite Falls in our underwear. Unfortunately for Bullwinkle, his ignited.

By *Viking13* 12:15 p.m.,
Dec. 31, 2009

As a teen, I smuggled fire-

crackers in my pants pockets. At ages 19 and 20, I hid bottles of rum in the seat stuffing and side arms of my friend's English Morris-Minor car. We got stopped in Interstate 5 in the wee hours of darkness one Saturday morning and the Highway Patrolman searched the car. He actually lifted the seat crammed with bottles, but only looked below. Then he let us go. As I drove off, all the bottles shifted with a loud

"Clunk!" Startled, the office looked up, so I waved as I drove off. I never tried to smuggle anything again after that incident.

By *tikicult* 7:26 a.m., Jan. 2, 2010

I smuggled a girl back into her house one time.

Restaurant Review Published Dec. 30

By *millerowski* 9:32 p.m.,
Dec. 30, 2009

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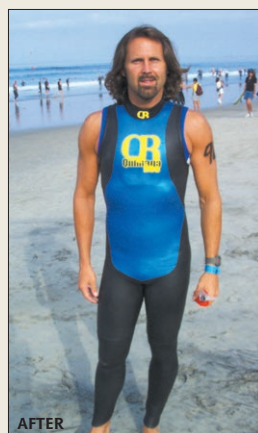
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year-end summary/analysis, I am disappointed to see Cantina Mayahuel named the “best new inexpensive Mexican” restaurant.

First, it is not inexpensive. Two tacos (4.50 each) plus a side of black beans and rice (3.50) will cost you \$12.50 before tax and tip. Bowls are \$11, as are salads. And that’s that! Aside from chips, guac, and salsa and one daily special (Wednesday’s special of grilled halibut weighs in at \$20), that’s the menu. (Ms. Wise mentioned the Friday special of mole, but I haven’t had the chance to try it, and probably won’t given my experiences there to date.)

The formula is simple: you can have steak, chicken, mahi, or shrimp in your taco, salad, or bowl. Neither the mahi nor the shrimp were fla-

vorful on the two occasions I dined there. The beef was over-salted and dry. (I didn’t try the chicken.)

There are about 60 tequilas, and the cost of a shot varies from 4.50 to 18.00. For a margarita, choose your fave tequila and add \$1.50. The cheapest margarita (4.50 + \$1.50) costs \$6—not \$5, as the article claims. (Ok, it’s only a buck difference, but that’s a margarita with the cheapest ingredients.)

There is a nice patio—but not-so-nice in this weather. Seating inside is at the bar and at high tables with bar stools—not exactly comfy.

The staff is friendly, and the service, fine. But, as several yelpers have written, this place is better for drinking than for dining. I would hope that there is a better

“New” Mexican joint in town.

I’ll stick with my old favorites.

Let’s see what 2010 brings!
By ncboy 12:38 p.m., Dec. 31, 2009

I wouldn’t quibble about one restaurant in such an expansive year end review. I agree with most of ms. wise’s decisions and putting this year-end review together must have been huge feat! i just wish i was in San Diego at the time to try the closed restaurants she pined about, they sounded wonderful. here’s to a great 2010 and more great reviews.

By millerowski 7:03 p.m., Dec. 31, 2009

To: ncboy:
I was not “quibbling.” I was adding a different perspective regarding a restaurant. Ms. Wise’s “Top Restaurants of 2009” list will be

very influential, and, as I said in my preface to comment #1 above, I appreciate the overall article (and, further, I am a fan of Ms. Wise’s reviews).

The point is: anyone who is going to spend X amount of hard-earned dollars benefits from knowing in advance what she/he is going to get for those dollars. Mayahuel has potential, but the menu is formulaic and the ingredients—IMHO, not prepared very well: tasteless shrimp, salty and dry “steak”, etc.

This was Wise’s nominee for “Best Inexpensive Mexican.” My point is that it is not all that inexpensive, and it is not very good. So I just want to warn potential diners...they can check yelp.com or chowhound.com and find comments similar to mine.

However, Bravo to La Wise!

And best wishes for 2010!
By Naomi 7:26 p.m., Jan. 1, 2010

First — two important corrections.

1. While Argentine tapas definitely made my “boca” very “alegre,” the name of the Argentine tapas place that made a happy-happy hour is Puerto La Boca (not Puerto Alegre). It’s at 2060 India St. (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900; www.puertolaboca.us. And I’ll repeat about it — if you’re looking for a loud bar scene with shrieking blondes, etc., this is not the place. Just great food, yummy wines, and a non-tourist South American atmosphere.

2. Sorry to say that after coming back from the dead, Chilango’s expired again. Damn, damn, damn! (By the way, the obits list was truly incomplete. Saw 5 more deaders en route to the

Gaslamp two days ago. Mainly no great losses on that route.)

Okay, now — Cantina Mayahuel. I ate there in April. Obviously, they’ve raised prices since then. I didn’t see how they could survive on their low prices, and apparently, they realized the same. I swear to you, my Margaritas cost \$5 each — I had three of them, I should know! (And was still able to walk, talk, and then take notes perfectly well, so they may have been a bit weak, if delicioso.) All I ate were the \$10 specials, as I’m not real excited about tacos (as a 10-year resident of scenic central Golden Hill, I don’t need no stinkin’ tacos — they were about all you could get here before the blessed Luigi’s Pizza came to the rescue.) But I am always excited about serious mole sauces, and was very impressed. But yeah, millerowski, could be everything has gone up (prices) or down (food quality) — eight months is a long time in the life of a bare-bones restaurant struggling to survive.

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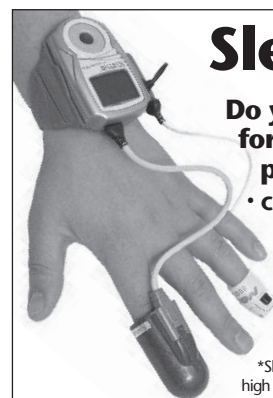


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Tuesday | 12

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By Lisa Duclo

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This beautiful spot is perfect for an afternoon of introspection. I almost had to be dragged out because it was so beautiful. A paved path leads around the garden, and there are many spots for sitting or taking photo ops. I filled up an entire photo disk on my digital camera and spent several rolls of film in my “old fashioned” camera. (They don't mind if you take pictures in the garden with a regular camera, minus your tripod, but would prefer that you don't haul in your professional photo equipment without making prior arrangements with the staff.)

Just because it isn't massive in size

doesn't mean that the garden is lacking anything — quite the contrary. There are bridges, waterfalls, koi ponds, stone lanterns, and statues. There's also a sand-and-rock garden and a replica of a traditional Japanese teahouse, and there's plenty of signage describing traditional Japanese plants as well as the history of the garden.

My favorite thing — or, rather, *things* at the garden were the friendly koi fish who acted like hungry puppies waiting for a handout. I'd never seen anything like it before. These koi, most of which were large, would come out of the water — sometimes 10 or 20 at a time — and perch themselves halfway upon the shore to eat fish food out of my hand.

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This modest community in northern Arizona is dwarfed by red rock formations that surround the town with names like Cathedral, Bell, Coffeepot, and Thunder Mountain. One is renowned for its resemblance to Snoopy.

Take a red-rock tour where you're escorted in four-wheel-drive vehicles that drive onto the huge rocks for an up-close view of buttes and monoliths. I was astounded when my driver urged us to "Hang on!" as he maneuvered our vehicle onto a boulder. It was a tad hair-raising, but the payoff was worth it — some of the finest natural scenery in the western United States.

Locals claim that various points around Sedona are vortexes that attract psychic energy or power from the earth. I cannot verify this, but judging by the number of psychics and aura readers that populate Sedona, there seem to be many believers.

The surrealist painter Max Ernst came to Sedona in 1950, and the beauty of the rocks has attracted artists and those seeking creative inspiration ever since. A local artist community thrives,



Red-rock pictograph (Sedona, AZ)

and there are many art galleries and shops. The Chapel of the Holy Cross to the south of town seemingly rises out of the red rocks. It was designed by a Frank Lloyd Wright student in collaboration with Wright's son, Lloyd.

Sedona is a mecca for hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts, as the forests surrounding town provide a multitude of trails. At an elevation of 4326 feet, Sedona enjoys a more moderate climate than the southern part of the state, so one does not have to be as wary about heat waves. The Oak Creek Canyon area to the north of Sedona is particularly spectacular. You can also take a day trip, as I did, to the Grand Canyon.

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OUTDOORS

Recent Chilly Days and Nights only confirm that San Diego's lowest temperatures (according to more than a century of weather records) tend to occur during the month of January. January's mean temperature at Lindbergh Field is about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. (July's mean is a balmy 70 degrees.) To experience much colder temperatures, journey to the Cuyamacas; -1 and -4 degree readings were once recorded there — the two lowest temperatures ever recorded in the county.

The Latest Sunrise of the Year (on standard, not daylight time) occurs Sunday, January 10, near 6:52am for most of metropolitan San Diego. Slowly at first, then more rapidly in the weeks to come, sunrise will arrive earlier with each passing day. By March 20, the sun will be rising a full hour earlier than it does now. The earlier sunrises are mostly a consequence of the sun's apparent movement from the southern sky toward the northern sky from December to June. You can keep track of that movement by noting where the sun rises (or sets) over a period of many weeks from a fixed vantage point, such as your home.

Where's Venus These Days? It's nowhere to be seen, and for good reason. Venus is currently at superior conjunction, which means that it lies on the far side of

the sun and is hidden in the sun's glaring light. Venus will make its first appearance as a newly reborn "evening star," visible in the west after sundown, about a month from now.

Birding by Kayak Gather with guide from San Diego Natural History Museum for kayaking, bird-watching at Lake Murray. Bring picnic for after paddle. No previous kayaking experience required. Children aged 6-12 must ride in double kayak with parent. Price, including equipment and paddling instruction: \$55 museum member, \$65 nonmember, \$20 child. To register: 619-255-0203. Saturday, January 9, 9am; 6 and up. Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (LA MESA)

Clues to Critters Trail Guide and Tracking Team member Mike Gibbs points out signs left behind by wild creatures. Wear long pants for two hours of "dirt time"! 619-668-3281. Saturday, January 9, 8:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Connect to the World Connect to the natural world of plant, animal, and human families on guided hike in Mission Trails. Learn about park's geology, ecology, flora, fauna, history, culture. 619-668-3281. Saturday, January 9, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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Hawkwatch 2010 Visit Ramona's grasslands to witness resident and winter migration of hawks, falcons, eagles during outing led by Wildlife Research Institute. Events include demonstrations of hawk banding and tracking eagles with transmitters. Walks led by trained biologist every Saturday through February. Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. 760-789-3992. Saturdays, 9am; through Saturday, February 27, free. Wildlife Research Institute, 18030 Highland Valley Road. (RAMONA)

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

Resident and Wintering Birds at Daley Ranch Naturalist Sally Sanderson leads slow-paced bird walk of about three miles. Bring binoculars, water. Wear layers, walking shoes with good tread. Rain cancels. 760-839-4680. Sunday, January 10, 8am; free. Daley



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Hedgehog cactus, Flat Cat Canyon

Flat Cat Canyon is the curious name given to a rugged gorge southwest of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitor center and not far outside the community of Borrego Springs. Park rangers once found a dead bobcat (presumably very dead) in this canyon and followed the honorable Western tradition of assigning colorful names to colorful places. From down below, Flat Cat Canyon appears as a steep, boulder-choked ravine — of keen interest perhaps to coyotes and

bobcats, but seemingly of little interest to humans. The canyon's upper reaches, though, hold a surprise or two.

Should you decide to nose your weary way up this canyon, wear long pants and sturdy shoes to help protect you from the needling of cactus spines and the invasive thrusts of catclaw and desert apricot thorns. Serious bushwhacking and rock-scrambling challenges await you, so forget it if you're not ready for a sweaty affair that may

involve some frustration with the sometimes-glacial rate of progress. Need we say you are going to need sturdy footwear, as well as drinking water?

To get to the starting point from Borrego Springs, follow Palm Canyon Drive (Highway S-22) west to Montezuma Highway and turn left, remaining on S-22. Continue 0.7 mile to the large trailhead parking area on the west side of Montezuma Highway. If you're arriving from the west, this trailhead is located near the bottom of the twisting Montezuma Grade, at mile marker 16.5.

From the trailhead, follow the trail leading west, straight toward the wide mouth of Hellhole Canyon — but leave this trail and bend right toward Flat Cat Canyon (which is the narrower and steeper canyon to the north of Hellhole Canyon) after about a mile. Once you get into Flat Cat Canyon, your first mile of travel, partly on a sandy wash and partly over the rocks of the canyon walls, nets you about 1000 feet of elevation. Take note of the contrast between the dark, desert-varnished rock

high on the canyonsides, and the whitish, flood-scoured boulders on the lower slopes. Past the first scattered California fan palm trees (our local desert's native palms), notice on the north side of the canyon a nice example of exfoliation in granitic rock. Physical and chemical weathering has broken up the rock into concentric layers, resembling those of an onion.

If your stamina and patience allow, continue scrambling uphill, past more palms and trickles or ripples of water (depending on the amount of recent rainfall), to a place where Flat Cat Canyon evenly divides at 2600 feet elevation. The canyon's largest grove of about two dozen palms resides here. At that point you've come 2.5 miles in all and gained 1800 feet of elevation. Return the same way you came. Enjoy the spacious view of the desert floor, spreading east and framed by the canyon's V-shaped profile, on your descent back to the starting point.

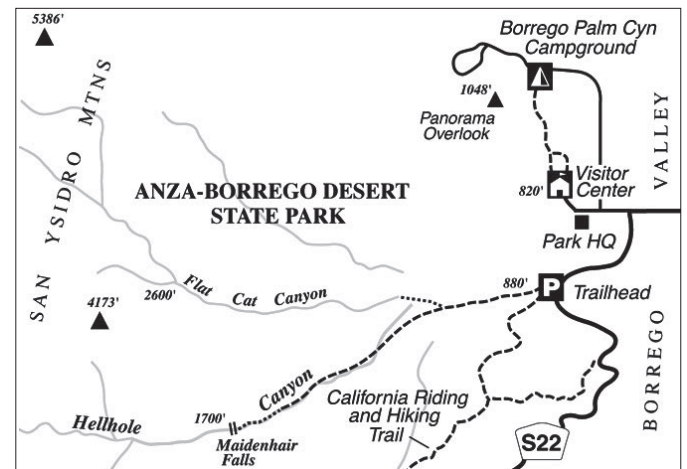
FLAT CAT CANYON

Do battle with steep terrain and spiny vegetation in Anza-Borrego's Flat Cat Canyon.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 90 miles
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Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Seagulls Galore! All gulls are not the same; learn to identify your Western from your Mew, and a half a dozen others, guided by staff from San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants receive a reference booklet. Bring binoculars. Call for meeting place and registration. 619-255-0203. Saturday, January 9, 9am; \$30-\$38. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"79th Birthday Marathon-Distance Hike" Help naturalist

Don Parnell celebrate his 79th birthday by joining him on marathon-distance hike over nearly all Daley Ranch trails. The 26.2-mile hike will take about 11.5 hours including periodic snack, bathroom breaks. Water will be placed at strategic locations along the way, but hikers should carry two to three liters of water. Wear headlamps or carry flashlights for final (dark) miles. Layered clothing is recommended. 760-839-4680. Saturday, January 9, 7:30am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

TLC for Famosa Slough Join a "party" (work party, that is) to plant native plants, remove invasive plants, and pick up litter in the salt marsh wetland. Bring garden tools if possible, wear sturdy clothes. Under 18 need parent's permission. Meet at the corner of West Pt. Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. Sponsored by Friends of Famosa Slough. 619-224-4591. Saturday, January 9, 9am; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Tidepooling for All at Dike Rock Fall and winter are excellent times to explore local tide pools because lower tides reveal wider beaches and pools teeming with native marine life. Learn about ocean critters when Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts tidepooling

led by aquarium naturalist. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, January 10, noon; \$12. 2 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Up Join a guided hike exploring Kate O. Sessions Memorial Park overlooking Mission Bay. Sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum. 619-255-0171. Sunday, January 10, 9am; free. Kate Sessions Park, 5115 Soledad Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Walk and Draw" Naturalist Liz Goetz and daughter Bea lead moderately paced three-mile hike with stops for scenery sketching. No artistic experience necessary. Materials provided or bring your own. Magnifying glasses are handy. 760-839-4680. Thursday, January 7, 2:15pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Winter at the Lake Spend a cool morning by joining a trail guide to explore the park with new eyes, learn about the plants, animals, and human history of the area. 619-668-3281. Saturday, January 9, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

SPECIAL

Board Games for Cows Play social board games in a noncompet-

itive atmosphere. Benefits Heifer International. Donation: \$10. 619-204-8834. Friday, January 8, 8pm. Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Cool Scouting Stuff Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 100-year anniversary by trucking an "Adventure Base 100" around the U.S. Experience a rope course, zip line, digital interactives, IMAX-like dome, display of artifacts from National Scouting Museum, and more. 619-298-6121. Friday, January 8, 10:30am; Saturday, January 9, 10am; Sunday, January 10, 11am; free. Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Entropy... And "feel-good solutions to environmental problems" considered when P&R Discussion Group meets. 619-370-1027. Thursday, January 7, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Fresh-Air Yoga Experience yoga in the great outdoors. Taught by registered yoga instructor. Donation: \$5 to \$10. 858-380-7507. Saturday, January 9, 9am. Mission Bay Visitors' Center, 2688 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Gem Faire Returns More than 80 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals. Classes, demonstrations for all skill levels. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. Friday, January 8, noon;

Saturday, January 9, 10am; Sunday, January 10, 10am. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Good Vibrations Aileen Marie and Diane Mandle team up to offer an evening of Kripalu yoga and Tibetan bowl sound healing. Pre-registration required. 760-635-1200. Sunday, January 10, 5:30pm; \$15-\$20. 7 and up. EZIA at the Sanctuary, 230 Birmingham Drive. (CARDIFF)

Gray Whale Season Returns! Outings hosted by Birch Aquarium at Scripps and San Diego Harbor Excursion boast Scripps naturalists on hand to share information about gray whales, the ecology, and history of San Diego Bay and Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Detect, listen to whale and dolphin sounds in real time using state-of-the-art research equipment from Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dolphins, sea lions, marine birds make guest appearances. Registration: 619-234-4111. Thursdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Fridays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Saturdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Sundays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Mondays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Tuesdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Wednesdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; through Sunday, April 4, \$15-\$35. San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Icy in San Diego? "Fantasy on Ice" promises ice-skating outdoors adjacent to Horton Plaza. Skating sessions last two hours. Fee includes skate rental. 619-234-1031. Thursday, 10am; Friday, 10am; Saturday, 10am; Sunday, 10am; through Sunday, January 10; \$10-\$12. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

It's a Bird! A Painting! A Book! Opening of exhibition of book- or "book-shaped" art. Members of San Diego Book Arts use array of styles, materials, concepts, from fine letter-pressed stories, calligraphy, photo collages, pages sculpted as wings, more. Exhibit ends March 1. 619-533-3970. Fri-

day, January 8, 9am; free. Allied Gardens-Benjamin Library, 5188 Zion Avenue. (ALLIED GARDENS)

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)

Knitting Circle Knitters! Make new friends, share ideas and techniques every Saturday. No "outside yarns." 858-509-9276. Saturdays, 3pm; free. Knitting by the Beach, 616 Stevens Avenue, Suite B. (SOLANA BEACH)

La Jolla Motor Car Classic Admire vintage cars and motorcycles and cast your vote for People's Choice Award. Event sponsored by La Jolla Historical Society. 619-233-5008. Tickets: \$20-\$25, 13 and under free. Sunday, January 10, 9am; Scripps Park, 1133 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Melt Away Stress! Laughter yoga class led by Dr. Funshine, a.k.a. Caroline Meeks, M.D. Expect video presentation followed by laughter exercises, laughter meditation. No yoga mats or special clothing required. 619-573-1396. Friday, January 8, 4pm; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

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)

Planning a Wedding? Bridal bonanza includes fashion show, samples of cake and other food, exhibits by more than 100 wedding professionals. 626-356-9036. Saturday, January 9, 10am; \$12. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

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REVO San Diego REVO events raise money for groups that help the needy, such as Street Angels and Invisible Children. View and purchase local art, hear live music, discover more ways to get involved. Cover donation: \$5. 619-201-2376. Sunday, January 10, 7pm; 21 and up. Bondi Bar and Kitchen, 333 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

Walk to End Human Trafficking Soroptomist International of Vista offers resource tables, speeches, walk to raise awareness about human trafficking. Kimberly Hunt of Channel 10 News serves as keynote speaker. Walk begins 2:15, covers about a mile of downtown Vista. Donation of \$5 gets participants T-shirt. Event takes place at corner of Indiana and Main streets, near Avo Playhouse. Saturday, January 9, 1pm; free. Avo Playhouse, 303 Main Street. (VISTA)

Where Did Japantown Go? Before World War II, what is now the center of the Gaslamp Quarter was a bustling Japantown. A new exhibit by the Japanese-American Historical Society and the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation traces the changes to the neighborhood and the people forced to leave it for internment camps. Opening reception features speeches, refreshments, walking tour and several of San Diego's "internees" on hand. 619-233-4692. Sunday, January 10, 1pm; free. William Heath Davis House Museum, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Where Models Meet SD Modeling and Photography "meet-up," showcasing member talents in modeling, photography, makeup. Fashion show. 760-480-4101. Saturday, January 9, 7pm; free. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Clarinet Quartet Free 45-minute concert features the San Diego Clarinet Quartet. Program will include music by Bach, Mozart, Gershwin, and more. 858-552-1668. Wednesday, January 13, 7pm; free. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Core Music San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling are joined by Che-Yen Chen on the viola and San Diego Master

Chorale in the next installment of its "Jacobs' Masterworks" core classics series. Program includes "Three Psalms of Jerusalem" by Rathbun, "Viola Concerto" by Handel, "Flos Campi" by Vaughan Williams, "Symphony No. 5" by Prokofiev. 619-235-0804. Friday, January 8, 8pm; Saturday, January 9, 8pm; Sunday, January 10, 2pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Free Jazz Acoustic bassist Rob Thorsen performs. 858-581-0034. Wednesday, January 13, 7pm; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

ICE Contemporary Ensemble Ensemble performs music by Greek composer Iannis Xenakis, conducted by Steven Schick. Tickets \$25, student rush \$1. 858-534-3229. Wednesday, January 13, 7pm. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Musica de los Californios" The Hutchins Consort samples music that has ties to California, including traditional Mexican songs, composers who lived here such as Igor Stravinsky, and an old Arabic tune that was adopted for surf music and *Pulp Fiction*. 760-753-7376. Saturday, January 9, 10am; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, January 10, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

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Symphony Exposed Enjoy complete performance of Sergei Prokofiev’s “Symphony No. 5 in B-flat Major” when host Nuvi Mehta, conductor Jahja Ling, and San Diego Symphony take stage. 619-235-0804. Thursday, January 7, 7:30pm; \$15-\$60. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

DANCE

Argentine Tango Class taught by Florintino and Isabel for all levels. 858-451-3775. Thursdays, 8pm; through Thursday, January 28, \$10. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Belly Dance Night Sabrina, Cassie, Harmony, Marianna, Delilah perform. Live music by Frank Lazaro & Cairo Beats. 619-282-0437. Wednesday, January 13, 9pm; \$5. Lestat’s Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Contra Dance Martha Wild calls to tunes by the Remnants during dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners’ dance workshop: 7:30pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, January 9, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Dance, Dance Resolution! Firehouse Swing Dance hosts “Lindy 1 — Swingout with Six-Count Lindy Basics” and “Lindy 2 — Lindy Styling and Footwork Variations” (7-8pm); “Balboa Basics and Beyond” (8-9pm). All ages. Fee: \$15 per class; \$50 for four-week session; class fee includes admission to swing dance (8-11:30pm). 858-305-6060. Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, January 27. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman’s Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER’S HILL)

Farewell to “Riverdance” This “celebration of Irish music, song, and dance” hits stage for farewell performances. Show was composed by Bill Whelan, produced by Moya Doherty, directed by John McColgan. 619-570-1100. Thursday, January 7, 7:30pm; Friday, January 8, 8pm; Saturday, January 9, 2pm and 8pm; Sunday, January 10, 1pm and 6pm; \$18-\$86. San Diego

Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Hustle Dance Party Hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers with Cesar Ricuarte (\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers). Hustle dance party follows 8pm–midnight (\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers), with beginner lesson 8-8:30pm (included in admission). 760-803-9982. Saturday, January 9, 7pm; \$5-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Blvd., Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

“Intimate Cabaret Dances” Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater performs “steamy” dances in small, cabaret-like setting. 619-225-1803. Tickets: \$35 includes food and wine before show; \$20 show only; \$15 for students. Two shows nightly. Saturday, January 9, 6pm and 8:30pm. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

Live Music and English Country Dancing Off the Cuff makes music, Ellen Riley calls for dance. Beginners’ instruction at 6pm. 858-676-9731. Sunday, January 10, 6pm; \$8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Salsa Mondays Salsa classes for beginners (6:30pm), intermediates (7:15pm). No partner needed. 858-451-3775. Mondays, 6:30pm; \$10-\$15. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

FILM

Gigante A security guard falls in love with the cleaning lady he watches by surveillance camera in this dramatic comedy by Uruguayan producer Adrian Biniez. Spanish with English subtitles. Part of library’s Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, January 11, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Kinky Boots A young Englishman inherits a failing shoe factory, joins forces with a female impersonator to save the business. Part of the ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Pre- and post-film discussions led by Ann Zivotsky. 760-602-2026. Saturday, January 9, 1:30pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Monday’s Girls This 1993 Nigerian film by Ngozi Onwurah screens for African Arts Council at San Diego Museum of Art. Film “documents tradition, modernity, dissent, and contradiction in African women’s lives.” 619-232-7931. Sunday, January 10, 2pm; \$3-\$5. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Sideways Directed by Alexander Payne, this film follows Miles (Paul Giamatti) and his buddy Jack (Thomas Haden Church) as they take a trip just before Jack’s wedding, meet two fascinating women (Virginia Madsen, Sandra Oh). For mature audiences. Free soda and

popcorn. 858-581-9637. Wednesday, January 13, 7:30pm; free. 17 and up. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

The Merry Gentleman Michael Keaton directs and stars in this dark romance about two people seeking anonymity who end up finding friendship with each other during the holidays. Part of the library’s “Sunday Afternoon at the Movies” series. 619-236-5800. Sunday, January 10, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Painting Outdoors Director-producer Peter Maxwell will be on hand for showing of his 30-minute documentary film, *Plein Air Painters of Santa Ysabel, California*. Informal discussion follows. 760-753-7376. Thursday, January 7, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Rituals of the World Three films that shed light on rites and rituals in different cultures screened for first 50 people to show up. *Memoirs of a Geisha*, 11:30am, *Whale Rider*, 2:30pm, and *Kundun*, 4:30pm. Free with museum admission. 760-735-3355. Saturday, January 9, 11:30am. Mingei International Museum North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

FOOD & DRINK

Beer Celebrities Drop by for a meet-and-greet with two top employees from the Dutch brewing company Koningshoeven, maker of La Trappe beers. 760-471-4999. Monday, January 11, 6pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Brewing Up Magic How does beer form out of water, barley, hops, and yeast? Discover the answer in “Beer 101,” a two-hour class with tasty samples. 760-471-4999. Monday, January 11, 7pm; \$20. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Vegan Cooking Show Learn how to make tofu pasta, Greek salad, and stuffed pita. Free raffle prize, food samples, gift bags. Registration: 858-705-3987 or info@vegansandiego.com. Saturday, January 9, 1pm; free. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

FOR KIDS

The Rabbit on the Moon A tricky rabbit gets the best of the wily coyote in this traditional Mexican folktale presented by Gaston’s Puppets. 619-544-9203. Thursday, January 7, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, January 8, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, January 9, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, January 10, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre,

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Gaga for the Lady

By Katharyne Harmacker | Published Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009



“The freaks are outside, and we’ve locked the doors!” whoops Lady Gaga during Monster Ball, the show created as a safe place for her “little monsters,” as she refers to her fans who displayed a splendid array of tribute outfits reflecting her own many costume changes.

Though there are only two albums, Lady Gaga has plenty of crowd-pleasing hits. “Paparazzi,” “Love Game,” and “Just Dance” set the scene but are outshone by sparkling tracks from new album *The Fame Monster*. “Alejandro” is a catchy dose of Latin pop, while “Teeth” celebrates bad girls with burlesque bump and grind.

Mid-set, Gaga took to the piano, showcasing her spectacular vocal range with an unplugged rendition of “Speechless” and radio hit “Poker Face,” which was reprised later in the show in its disco splendor.

Gaga’s pop opera, dazzling set, and haute-couture wardrobe are ambitious, and the show didn’t suffer following Kid Cudi’s departure from the tour. During Gaga’s costume changes, striking and sometimes discomforting video footage that mimicked high-fashion photography with scenes of Gaga being slapped, donning gimp masks and angel wings, and even being vomited on – all in slow motion.

With a jet-setting schedule and stratospheric career rise in two years, mistaking San Diego for San Jose is perhaps understandable. (She graciously apologized.) As Gaga took to the stage in a giant gyroscope to perform current hit “Bad Romance,” all was forgiven, and all the “little monsters” rose for a rousing ovation.

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GALLERIES

The Black and White Challenge
Visions Art Quilt Gallery challenged its members to create “the most intriguing art quilt possible using only black and white, in the space of 12 inches.” Reception highlights the more than 100 responses. Exhibit ends January 17. Donation: \$5. 619-546-4872. Friday, January 8, 5pm. Visions Art Quilt Gallery, NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Rd., Suite 100. (POINT LOMA)

“Blue Yonder” Opening reception for exhibit of oils and watercolors by Joan Boyer. 760-765-1676. Saturday, January 9, 4pm; free. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

“Forever with Love, Allison”
Reception for retrospective exhibit of the works of late watercolorist Allison Christler. 760-434-8497. Sunday, January 10, 4pm; free. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League’s COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

“45 Paintings” Reception for exhibition of new paintings by Steve Gonzalez in studio 225. 619-504-4714. Friday, January 8, 6pm; free. Studio Arts Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Phase Space” Opening reception for exhibit of “image diagrams” by Sally Hagy-Boyer. Event also marks opening of photographic exhibit “Venezia Is Las Vegas” in the Rotunda by Miranda Blazevec-Krietzman and books of photos by Ian Hamilton Finlay in the North Reading Room. All exhibits end February 13. 858-454-5872. Friday, January 8, 6:30pm; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Car Lover’s Fantasy The focus is on Shelby American, the maker of high-performance cars for more than 40 years. Author Colin Comer (*The Complete Book of Shelby Automobiles: Cobras, Mustangs, and Super Snakes*) teams up with chief Shelby engineer Phil Remington to discuss and sign Comer’s book. Purchase the book at \$65, and get two free tickets to the weekend’s La Jolla Motor Car Classic (see Special). 858-454-0347. Friday, January 8, 6:30pm; free. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

DimeStories Smackdown Participants get three minutes to read a story they have written (about 500 words), compete for prizes

with audience judging. Themes for this event: Teeth and misunderstanding. 858-822-4532. Tuesday, January 12, 8pm; \$5. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Elvis’s 75th Birthday Technomaniacs parody Elvis, Burning Man, Lady Gaga, “ourselves and everything else we can think of!” Parody show includes puppets, bizarre circus acts by Planet Jemini, performance art. Covered outdoor seating with heaters. Saturday, January 9, 8pm; \$10-\$15. 3 and up. Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Eric Blake Now host and headliner of an upcoming comedy series on Showtime, the L.A. native and veteran comic performs. 877-771-2946. Thursday, January 7, 8pm; Friday, January 8, 8pm and 10pm; Saturday, January 9, 8pm and 10pm; \$22. 21 and up. Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway. (TEMECULA)

Fantasy Writing Author Kris Neri (*High Crimes on the Magical Plane*) leads writing workshop on combining fantasy with other genres and how fantasy writers can create more mystery. 858-268-4747. Thursday, January 7, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Folktales Sung and Told Heather Forest spins tales from world folklore, combining music, poetry, prose, at the USD Manchester Auditorium. Suitable for 12 and up. 619-298-6363. Saturday, January 9, 7:30pm; \$10. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Four Freedoms Allegorical novelist John Crowley signs books. 858-268-4747. Friday, January 8, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Gelato Poetry Series John Rubio reads his poetry, followed by open-mike performances. 760-434-1240. Friday, January 8, 7pm; free. Korky’s Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Happiness is... San Diego Junior Theatre presents *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, the musical adaptation of Charles Schultz’s comic strip. 619-239-8355. Friday, January 8, 7pm; Saturday, January 9, 2pm; Sunday, January 10, 2pm; \$8-\$14. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Jewelry by Wire Learn the art of making jewelry by wire wrapping from Carolyn Eddy, author of *Let’s Get Wrapped!* and *All Wrapped Up!* Classes and free book signings held at Gem Faire (see Special). 801-391-1419. Friday, January 8; Saturday, January 9; Sunday, January 10; \$25-\$50. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

The Kumeyaay Join a fireside chat with Cheryl Hinton, director and chief curator of the Barona Cultural Center and Museum. Stay for Q&A and refreshments. Sponsored by the Lemon Grove Historical Society. 619-460-4353. Thursday, January 7, 7pm; free. H. Lee

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House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

Laughs at Twiggs Kirt Swan headlines at "Brew Ha-Ha Coffee & Comedy Night." Also on the bill: Mal Hall. Donation. 619-922-9057. Saturday, January 9, 7pm; 18 and up. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Open-Mike Night Musicians, singers (including karaoke), actors, poets, comedians invited to entertain. Purchase requested. 619-299-9360. Sundays, 8pm. Café Liberta, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

The Other Eight Hours Robert Pagliarini discusses and signs his new book, which aims to help readers "look beyond their 9-5 job, hour commute, credit-card debt, and that gnawing feeling that life is passing them by" and maximize their time. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, January 12, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Piano Teacher Janice Y.K. Lee discusses and signs copies of

her novel, "a tale of love and betrayal set in war-torn Hong Kong." 858-454-0347. Thursday, January 7, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Renaissance Storytelling The Patchwork Players, James Nelson-Lucas and Patti Christensen, weave tales for all ages "full of improvisation and plenty of audience participation." Part of the library's two-month Renaissance Festival. 858-581-9935. Saturday, January 9, 11:30am; free. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

"Surf's Up!" Dean Torrence of Jan & Dean with the Surf City All Stars plus Papa Doo Run Run, which is composed of former Beach Boy members, bring you '60s surf rock favorites. 800-988-4253. Friday, January 8, 8pm; \$25-\$42. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Thrills and Chills! Authors Daniel Suarez (*Freedom*), T. Jefferson Parker (*Iron River*), and Steve Hamilton (*The Lock Artist*) stop by the Galaxy to sign books. 858-268-4747. Saturday, January 9, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Wicked Plants Amy Stewart makes presentation based on her newest book, subtitled *The Weed That Killed Lincoln's Mother and Other Botanical Atrocities*. Sponsored by the San Diego Horticultural Society; free for members, \$10 nonmembers. 760-295-7089. Monday, January 11, 6pm. Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

LECTURES

Alternatives to Violence Local Alternatives to Violence project members lead workshop focusing on "creative conflict resolution and communication tools." Donation: \$7.50. 619-298-9978 x8014. Saturday, January 9, 1pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"ArtStop" Take a 15-minute tour of one to three works from the museum's permanent collection, focusing this week on Indian photography. Free with museum admission. 619-232-7931. Thursday, January 7, noon. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Dine with the Talmis" Yoav Talmi presents "Orchestras in Is-

rael: An Historic Overview and the Wagner Issue," with musical selections by Talmi performed by four members of San Diego Symphony Orchestra, along with brief video of Talmi's life with music by Gil Talmi (free admission). Dinner: \$72. RSVP: 858-362-1134. Monday, January 11, 6pm. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Finding People in the Family Tree Private investigator Linda Fredin discusses how to go beyond traditional databases and online sources to trace your genealogy. 619-583-0826. Sunday, January 10, 1pm; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Foreclosure and Buyer Seminar Gain insider tips, "truth about our marketplace," "reasons to buy now," and more during seminar. 858-679-2227. Thursday, January 7, 6:15pm; free. Days Hotel, 543 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Good Night, Sleep Tight Sleep specialist Milton Erman, MD, provides tips on how to get a good night's rest. Preregister: 800-727-4777. Thursday, January 7, 6pm; free. Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Healing Words Author Sharon Bray (*When Words Heal: Writing Through Cancer*) leads four-session workshop on using writing to cope with illness or turmoil. No previous writing skills required, but pre-registration and prescreening is a must. 858-637-3070. Tuesday, January 12, 2pm; free. 18 and up. Jewish Family Service — Turk Family Center, 8804 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Highest Yield, Best Product Learn process of producing cannabis flowers from starter plants up through harvest during three-part "Growing with Hydroponics" course. Instructors cover basics of watering, lighting, ventilation, cycles, equipment options. Registration: 858-864-8787. Saturday, January 9, 2pm; \$99. 21 and up. Legal

Cannabis Institute, 945 Hornblend Street, Suite H. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Interested in Genealogy? One-day beginning and refresher genealogy class offered by North San Diego County Genealogical Society and Carlsbad City Library. Materials provided. 760-434-2931. Saturday, January 9, 9am; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Jewish Odyssey in Oz" Janice Alper, former executive director of Union for Progressive Judaism in Australia, speaks on the Jewish experience there. 858-268-3674. Friday, January 8, 7:30pm; free. Congregation Dor Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court. (KEARNY MESA)

"Life as a Joyous Adventure" Two chances at workshop by Terry McBride, who beat back infection said to be "incurable," later published book about experience, *Like Hell I Can't*. 619-303-6609. Sunday, January 10, 6:30pm; Monday, January 11, 6:30pm; \$25. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

Medical Marijuana Law Learn about laws protecting medical marijuana recommendation holders. "Prominent cannabis lawyers" provide detailed information about politics of cannabis, legal decisions shaping industry, guidelines for distribution, cultivation, possession, consumption of medical marijuana. Registration: 858-864-8787. Saturday, January 9, 9am; \$99. 21 and up. Legal Cannabis Institute, 945 Hornblend Street suite H. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Ocean View Just how do researchers "look" at the ocean floor? What kinds of sensors are there now or in the future that will provide the public with near-real-time video in the depths? Find out more about recent technological advances in ocean observation in a talk by Scripps Institution of Oceanography geophysicist John Orcutt. 858-534-5771 for reservations. Monday, January 11, 6:30pm; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Point and Shoot Photography Class for the "new nature photographer" with a pocket digital camera. Learn simple terms, concepts of good composition. Finish by practicing in Balboa Park's Cactus Garden, reviewing images back in class. Register at 619-255-0203. Saturday, January 9, 8am; \$70-\$80. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Sogetsu School Ikebana Learn basics of Sogetsu style ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) from Yumi Rakers. Materials list upon required advance registration. Fee: \$15 per session, or \$40 for four sessions. Registration: 619-232-2721. Tuesdays, 9:30am; through Tuesday, February 23. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Soil-to-Health Connection Soil ecology expert Angie Tagtow addresses the way our food choices affect soil, focusing on Iowa's food landscape. Play Iowa Good Food trivia game, get tips on how to support a healthy food system. Part of the museum's *Sustainable Planet: Food* lecture series. 619-255-0203. Tuesday, January 12, 6:30pm; \$5. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Talking Techno-Art Sci-fi Hollywood prop master John Zabrocky gives PowerPoint lecture on the making of his flat relief works that suggest "both the beauty and terror of life in a high-tech world." 760-435-3720. Thursday, January 7, 7pm; free-\$5. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

The Vortex Studied First in a five-week book study led by Donna Osborne. Book by Esther and Jerry Hicks offers step-by-step, "thought-by-thought" instructions on "attracting satisfying, loving relationships." Offering. 619-303-6609. Saturday, January 9, 10am. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

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LOCAL EVENTS

LIVE MUSIC

Visual Underground Reunion

A film-rock-art showcase. View exhibition by local artists, then screening of several short films, including Transfer's *Wake to Sleep*. Crash Encore, Republic of Letters follow, with projection by Avicious VJs. 619-232-4355. Thursday, January 7, 8pm; \$6-\$10. 21 and up. Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

SPORTS

Bicycle Country Roads, Fairly Flat!

Knickerbikers lead a 28-mile swing around Escondido, have lunch together in mall food court afterward (bring money). Meet in the parking lot near Nordstrom. 858-610-3444. Saturday, January 9, 9am; free. Westfield North County Shopping Centre, 272 East Via Rancho Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Carmel Valley Cavort

Start 2010 off on the right (or left) foot by joining Walkabouts for a three-hour walk over "some secluded scenic trails and serene pathways" in Carmel Valley. Meet at southeast corner of Carmel Mountain Road and East Ocean Air Drive. Rain cancels. 619-231-7463. Sunday, January 10, 9:30am; free. Torrey Hills Center, 4639 Carmel Mountain Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Downtown, Old and New

Take a fresh look at the Gaslamp District and East Village on this one-hour, "casual" walk with Walkabouts, followed by an optional

lunch. Meet outside the Balboa Theatre at Horton Plaza. 619-232-3756. Saturday, January 9, 11am; free. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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From the Beach to Orchards

Cycle with the Knickerbikers from Oceanside Harbor to Fallbrook, have lunch in a deli (bring money), and then back again. Meet east of the railroad track through the tunnel. 619-255-2890. Sunday, January 10, 9am; free. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Lighthouse Ride

Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 30-mile jaunt to Point Loma Lighthouse. 619-255-5360. Saturday, January 9, 8:45am; free. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum

The museum locates, collects, documents, and pre-

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

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

Barona Cultural Center and Museum

1095 Barona Rd., 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps

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

Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" ex-

amines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbegong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-3474. (LA JOLLA)

Chula Vista Nature Center

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

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art

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

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum

More than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-

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

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

Japanese Friendship Garden

Pan American Rd., 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library

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

La Mesa Depot Museum

Located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. La Mesa

Boulevard and Spring St., 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Mingei International Museum

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

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

"Sonabai: Another Way of Seeing" continues through Sunday, September 5. The self-taught artist lived in enforced isolation for 15 years in a remote village in central India, developing an innovative art form that she later taught to other artists. Exhibition includes 33 sculptures by Sonabai and her family as well as 38 works by four artists trained by Sonabai. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla

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

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

"ON! The Beginnings of the Electric Sound Generation" presents rarely seen examples of early, electrified instruments from 1900 to 1965. Exhibit includes iconic electric and electroacoustic guitars, lesser-known electric instruments such as banjos, violins, basses, keyboards, amplifiers, effects pedals, and unusual applications of electrification such as the electric zither. Through March.

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

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

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

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ward Museum Complex of historical buildings includes the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunkhouse, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex. 645 Main St., 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Museum of Art "From Rembrandt's Studio: The Prints of Ferdinand Bol" focuses on printmaking in Rembrandt's Holland. Exhibit documents efforts of Dutch painter/printmaker Ferdinand Bol "to arrive at his own style while working with Rembrandt, the greatest artist of his time." Closes Sunday, March 7.

"American Artists from the Russian Empire" features nearly 70 paintings and sculptures by many of the best-known artists working in America in the postwar period, including Louise Nevelson, Jules Olitsky, Mark Rothko, Ben Shahn. Take this foray into work by artists of Russian descent and training who left the Russian Empire before the end of 1930s through Sunday, January 17. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Twenty of the 2009 winning and honorable mention images of the 2009 Olympus BioScapes Digital Imaging Competition are on display through Saturday, February 6. Olympus selects authorities in microscope imaging as judges for the competition, which is open to users of any brand of light microscope equipment.

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

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

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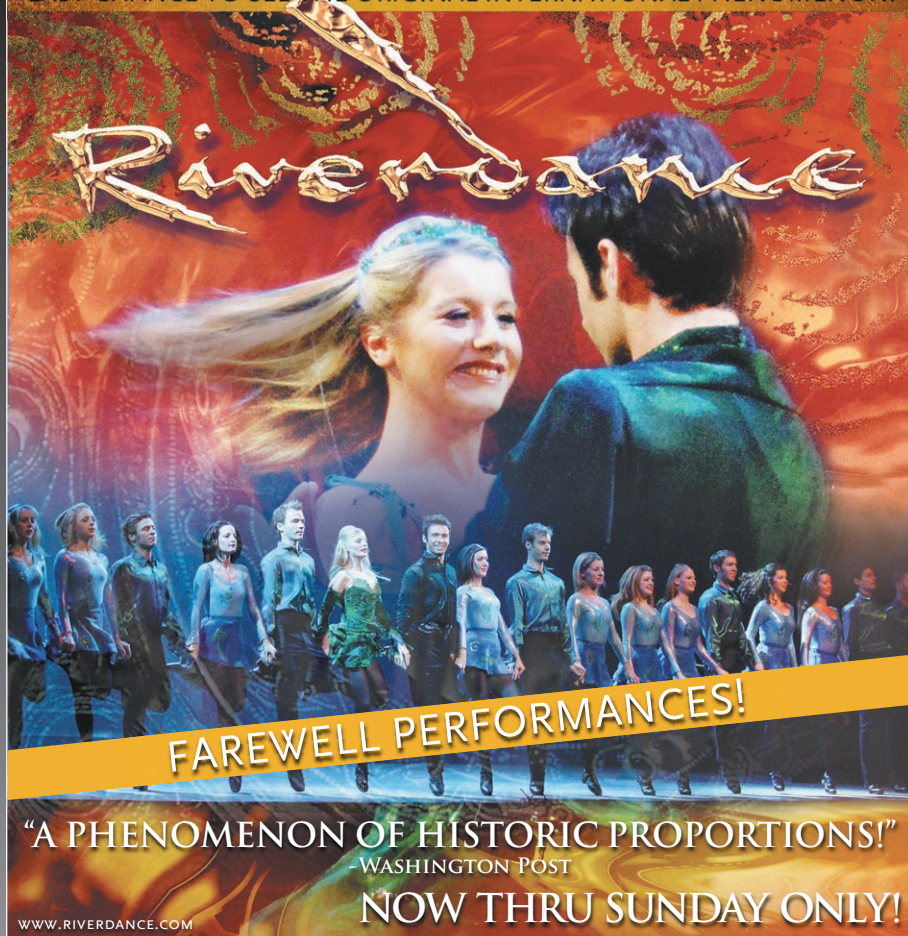
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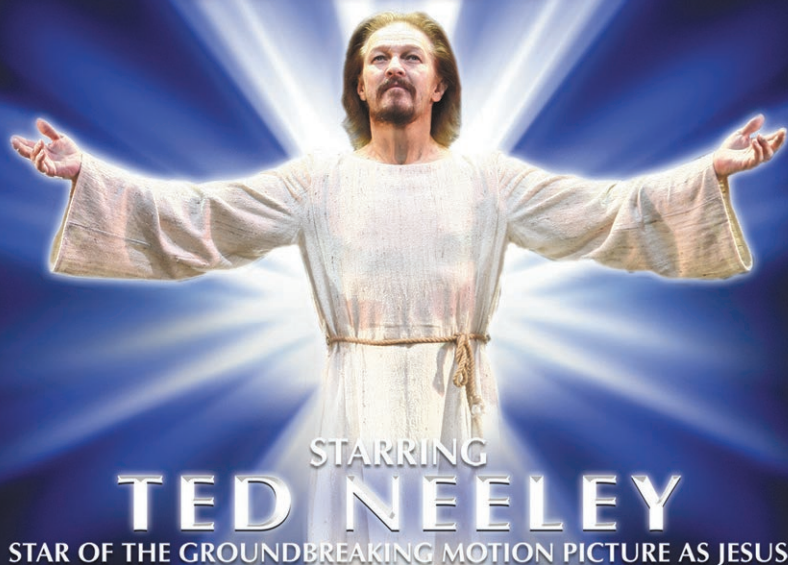
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The Last Days of Judas Iscariot

Triad Productions presents Stephen Adly Guirgis's modern interpretation of Purgatory, where Judas Iscariot stands on trial for his "alleged betrayal of Jesus." Stephen Schmitz directed. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 31

Looking for an Echo

For one evening only, the Ira Aldridge Rep reprises one of last year's biggest hit shows, an "a cappella musical revue" of doo-wop tunes sung under streetlights as hands are warmed over ash-can fires. Nine deft practitioners perform the music of Sam Cooke, Bill Withers, Gene Chandler (the immortal "Duke of Earl"), which they have polished for a lifetime. Director Calvin Manson assembled the vocalists, who "af-

ter 40 years still ain't got a band." Don't need one, with Rodger Varmer's ocean-deep bass, Aaron Holland and Roosevelt Carter's leads, and Gary Martin, who sings like Drifter-extraordinaire Ben E. King (I would love to hear their version of "There Goes My Baby"). There's a kind of a story: rival groups rehearse in a warehouse, in Act One. In Act Two, all don white sport coats and harmonize — oh, do they ever!

Critic's pick.

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You can actually sample the inspiration for Lewis Carroll's carol to mock-turtle soup ("beautiful soup") at Grant Grill, but what inspired this column was a different mess of *potage*. The highlight of Thanksgiving dinner at Quarter Kitchen was chef Nathan Coulon's joy-making chestnut soup with sweetbreads. "You should do a piece in early January just on good, warming soups," my companion suggested. Loved the idea, wished I could include that chestnut potion. (*Nathan, Nathan, for what are you waitin'?* Put it on the winter menu, already!)

The word "supper" derives from "soup." On family farms, farmwives would make a big lunch for the family and the hands; for the evening meal, there'd be bread and soup, cobbled together from whatever was on hand. We may not be rural here, but some restaurants offer soups so filling and fulfilling, they're sufficient for supper. (If you're too tempted by the rest of the menu to stop there, you can fill out dinner with shared appetizers and maybe dessert.) This survey covers a wide price range, including higher-end restaurants, because your soul needs comfort too — and nobody's forcing you to order an entrée.

I'm not even going to start diving into the great Asian noodle soups — all those fabulous phos, ramens, ucons. To do them justice I'd need a year's paid sabbatical to cruise Convoy Street and City Heights. (Hint: the current Chowhound pho fave is Pho Cow Calli, née Pho Hoa Calli. Izakaya Sakura seems to be the Japanese noodle favorite.) I'm mainly hitting western comfort foods here, plus a few spicy Asian bowls: In Asian medicine, hot peppers are considered antidotes to cold wet weather, and even Western medicine recognizes the value of the huge antibacterial whumps of Vitamin A and C carried by dried hot peppers,



Sea urchin bisque, Sea Rocket Bistro

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not to mention the fever-breaking magic of a health-restoring sweat evoked by the spice. Best thing for a cold? Hot, hot hot!

And, hey, need your help! Anybody know a great local source for New England clam chowder (with fresh milk and/or cream, rather than canned condensed milk, and not too much flour thickening or excessive potato)? I haven't found a single flawless one in nearly ten years. How about a great cream of mushroom soup, now that Better Half is defunct? An Italian restaurant serving Tuscany's "La Ribollita," or a world-beating minestrone? Anybody have a source for Trinidadian cow-heel soup? Pipe right up (email or website) and share the good news.

For addresses and phone numbers, check our website or the phone directory.

The following are all delicious, but asterisks

below indicate "best in their class" — that is, unique, outstanding soups you want to slurp before you die or the restaurant dies.

Nurturing Chicken Soups:

D.Z. Akin's: Jewish-mother chicken soup. You can get it with matzo balls (fluffy but ridiculously huge) or with noodles or with both. Don't be a *chazzer* (pig),

choose just one or the other — too much starch throws the whole balance off. (If you've never eaten matzo balls, take the noodles.) Farther north, also consider Milton's in Del Mar. I haven't tried their chicken soup, but no reason it shouldn't be just as good as D.Z.'s, since their chicken liver is. (City Deli also serves it, but what can I say? The local Chosen People and their mothers do not favor their food.)

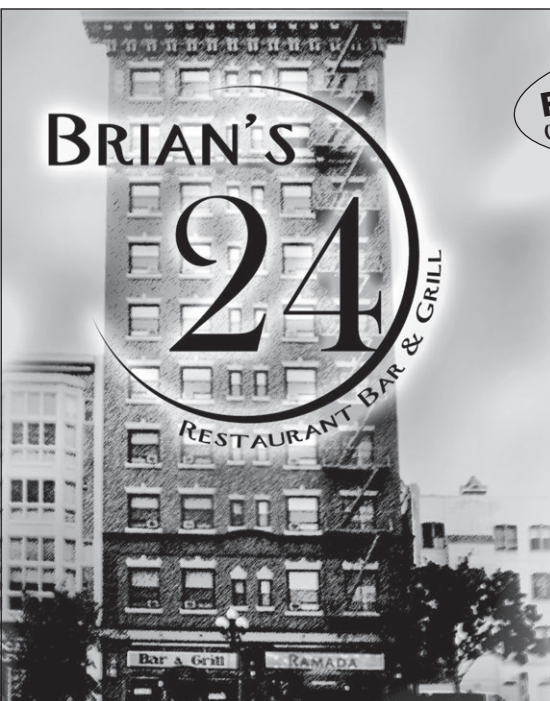
DeDe's: Hot Sour Soup. It's hard to find a

good one locally — this is the best I've had in a decade. Their rendition is a little more hot than sour, judiciously thickened with cornstarch to a mouth-filling, satiny texture, and loaded with lengths of soothing soft tofu, strips of rehydrated wood ear mushrooms, bamboo shoots, and Chinese leeks. Ahh!

La Especial Norte: This Leucadia institution specializes in soups, and their Mexico City Chicken Soup tastes precisely like a soup I loved in D.F. It's based on a full-flavored, made-from-scratch chicken broth laced generously with shredded and diced chicken meat, avocado slices, and cilantro, with just enough rice to give it body. Another winner (they're all winners) is eggplant soup, a clear chicken soup (that same rich stock) with a little tomato. In it float bite-size pieces of diced eggplant, a few minced vegetables for texture, lots of cooked-in cilantro, and little clouds of ethereal *relleno* batter, serving as floating croutons.

Rama and Celadon: Tom Kha, hot-sour coconut-milk soup, is beyond rich. Instead of the usual canned coconut milk, it's made from fresh coconut, the chefs shredding the flesh and soaking it in half-and-half or cream (rather than water), then squeezing out the liquid. A school of straw mushrooms and your choice of shrimp, chicken, or veggies floats in the red-velvet broth. Before serving the soup, they scoop out the knobby lemongrass roots and Kaffir lime leaves that contribute pleasantly sour undertones, ensuring that you won't encounter any nasty surprises at the bottom of the bowl.

*Sab-E-Lee: Tom Yum Goong, a five-star dish if there ever was one, has red specks all over the surface but tastes nearly mild (it's a slow burn), as well as rich and sweet, from the caramelized sugars of plentiful onion shreds and an army of tenderly cooked garlic cloves, plus juicy Asian mushrooms and tender, moist, large shrimp. (They also make it with chicken or veggies.) The broth



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is the thickest, most substantial I've ever encountered in this dish, resembling the best French onion soup, but more exciting.

*Tender Greens: The Rustic Chicken Soup is a work of art. It really is better than Mom's, even if your mother is Jewish or Chinese. It's a greaseless, deeply chicken-flavored broth loaded with carrots, noodles, and plentiful chunks of tender fowl, which are smoky from the mesquite-fueled grill. I didn't even miss the matzo balls (or the wontons).

In desperation, China Two, downtown, makes a passable wonton soup (my lifelong fall-back when I feel crummy), and they deliver over a wide area of the central city. When you're too sick to bestir yourself any more than dialing the phone and answering your doorbell, passable wonton soup is better than no wonton soup. Rest of the food's not too bad either (e.g., the "chef's specialties") — better, I think, than most at their price range south of Convoy Street.

Seafood Soups, Chowders, and Bisques

Lobster Bisques: Not all lobster bisques are the same. Some of the fancy chef versions have gotten so frou-frou, they're no longer satisfying, while others (e.g., in some "view" restaurants on the coast) are ill-made with godawful extruded "lobster knuckle meat." What most of

us want from this dish is old-fashioned, creamy decadence, with lots of lobster flavor and real lobster meat. The town's favorite, by general acclaim over many years, is at Red Tracton's. Other top sources: Bertrand at Mr. A's (classic French version, a trifle less creamy), Blue Point (extremely creamy, with mel-low Port instead of sherry and loads of lobster-tail meat), Café Sevilla (complex, with shrimp and mussel meats), Clay's La Jolla (with a bleu cheese brioche crouton). Mille Fleurs currently offers a "lobster consommé" that's probably superb, but it's not a bisque.

Bud's Louisiana Cafe: Seafood Bisque. At this Tierra-santa home of all foods NOLA, Bud Deslattes offers a crazy-wonderful "seafood bisque." It isn't exactly a bisque — but that's not bad! It's really a creamy sweet-corn chowder with shrimp, crab, and crawfish meat added, the liquid flavored with touches of tomato, sherry, and hot pepper. (Also see "Gumbos," below.)

Dobson's: Mussel Bisque En Croute. Like Tracton's lobster bisque, it's one of the top local favorites. I haven't eaten this. I want to, and I'm going to!

Los Reyes: Siete Mares. You get a full-flavored, tomato-streaked seafood stock loaded with big pieces of in-shell crab, shrimp, clams, and fish. The portion is gigantic (easily feeds two). It's a bare-bones Golden Hill eatery, but this soup holds up well as takeout. (And at home, you won't be embar-

assed about picking up the crab shells to chomp and suck and slurp.)

Magnolia: Crawfish Bisque. In a very delicate cream soup, the rich liquid showcases the faintly smoky flavor of bayou mudbugs, which the restaurant gets shipped from Louisiana. Also try the gumbo here.

*Sea Rocket Bistro: Sea Urchin Bisque. If you love *uni* at sushi bars, this soup is your heaven. Served in halved urchin shells, it's creamy and rich and deeply maritime. Just don't succumb to the temptation to lift the spiky "bowl" to your lips (ouch!) to drain it to the dregs.

Westgate Room: Seafood Chowder. A creamy broth filled with scallops, clams, tiger shrimp, lobster, Parmesan, and thin-sliced black summer truffles is served with an airy, puffed vertical poppyseed cracker (like some playful god's heavenly breadstick). It's endlessly interesting.

Rich Vegetable Soups, Meaty Soups, and Gumbos

Arterra: Daily puréed vegetable soup. Last time I ate there, local organic cauliflower soup had a darker, richer flavor than any mere cruciferous vegetable can confer, reminiscent of black truffles. Floating in the thick liquid were bits of rich braised beef and sautéed root vegetables. No doubt whatever chef Jason Maitland is making will be interesting. Most of the menu is expensive, but they've also caved in to the economic downturn with affordable choices like burgers.

Bertrand at Mr. A's: The current soup for winter is a soulful green lentil soup with country sausage. Be on the lookout for a frequent special of corn soup as well.

Bud's Louisiana Cafe: Seafood Gumbo. A spicy New Orleans classic with shrimp, crab, crawfish, andouille pork sausage, and okra in a dark, roux-based broth.

*Bull's BBQ: Gumbo. Thick, rich, emphatically piquant, dark as Hades, loaded with bay shrimp, shredded chicken, andouille, red and green peppers, and carrots, based on a foundation of deepest-mahogany, near-smoky *roux* (Louisiana's long-cooked flour-and-oil blend), it's the best gumbo in town — and comes with moist, corny, jalapeño-spiked corn muffins.

Candelas (both downtown and Coronado): Along with a rich black-bean soup and a very filling four-cheese soup with shrimp, the soup star here is Crema Fabiola, a semi-spicy chile poblano cream soup, soothing but subtly seething with banked fires from the chilies. In the center is a small Pacific lobster tail propped up on a heap of exotic, slightly glutinous rough purée of potatoes — most closely resembling Bolivia's *chuño*, freeze-dried mashed potatoes — that eventually melts into the soup as added enrichment. Like them or not, you can't not love the soup.

Currant: The last time I ate at Currant, caramelized five-

onion soup was a whole new twist on the classic, actually a meat soup, filled with tender shreds and bites of short ribs among the very sweet onions and tangy liquid, plus (some-where) black truffles, topped with a crouton spread with roasted beef-marrow butter. Since then, the chef has changed, but an onion soup of the same name is still on the menu; let's hope he left this winner untouched. *Other great French onion soups:* Mille Fleurs (of course), and a fine Normandy version at Chez Loma in Coronado, flavored with apple cider.

El Vitral: Crema de Elote con Poblanos — creamy corn chowder topped with streaks of poblano chile aioli, offering sensuous, primal comfort and most of a meal for \$8.

1500 Ocean: The seasonal, sensational-sounding soup from chef Brian Sinott (who loves and understands root vegetables) is a celery-root bisque with braised pork belly and beet "froth." How to get around the steep entrée prices? Just choose an appetizer "tasting" plate (*salmi*, raw seafood, cheeses) or the substantial appetizer pasta.

Gourmet India: Mulgatany soup. Nearly all Indian restaurants offer soothing lentil soups as starters. In addition to the standard *sambal*, this one also serves "mulligatawny" (its usual Western spelling), a rich, filling south Indian specialty with lentils in a coconut-milk broth, available either vegetarian or with chicken.

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro:

Harira. Morocco's lemony, herb-loaded vegetarian lentil soup is irresistible but usually comes only as the first course in prix-fixe Moroccan dinners. At Kous Kous, everything's à la carte (and wonderful).

Mona Lisa: Minestrone. For all the shopping I do there (prosciutto, cheeses, pasta, bottled anchovies, mostarda, etc.), I've never gotten around to eating at Mona Lisa, but this one is the "blogger's choice" for the best minestrone in town.

*Pomegranate: Borscht. I grew up hating borscht, thinking it was that horrible cerise purée my mom poured from Manischewitz bottles. I discovered the real thing later, tasting it in (of all places) a Ukrainian restaurant in Kathmandu, then seeking it out at Russian restaurants in San Francisco. Georgia makes the "soul food" of the Slavic world, and to my tastes, Pomegranate's herb-rich Georgian version actually beats — oops, *beats* — all of them. The vibrant, chunky mixture of potatoes, beets, carrots, tomato, red pepper, cabbage, and beef is built on a rich soup-base of marrow bones and meat, finished off with a jungle of fresh dill, cilantro, and tarragon, plus an optional dollop of sour cream to crown the princely potion.

Super Cocina: Whatever's available. This Mexican restaurant, with "housewife" cooks from all regions of Mexico, has an ever-changing array of foods, but the daily fare always includes at least one substantial and delicious soup. ■



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Ono's Cafe Bonita: 4154 Bonita Rd.
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Happy Hour with Aguilar

“This may be the oldest leather-chair design in the world.”

The shiver. Down my spine. Can't help feeling it every time I walk into Old Town. Honest. Something happens when you saunter up that dusty path from the trolley-bus depot, around the wooden fences, and into the big ol' plaza. You expect Judge Roy Bean to come waddling out; you expect a bunch of silver-haired dons to ride in on horseback with silver spurs.

Anyway, today I'm just here by default. Carla was supposed to have margaritas with her buddy Ria, who has Spanish-Irish roots too. But Carla has her Italian class tonight. So I'm the stand-in.

It's 4:00 p.m., at Old Town trolley station. There's Ria on the platform. Those big Spanish eyes.

“Where to?” I ask.

“Follow me,” Ria says. “There's only one place on Thursdays in Old Town at happy hour.”

So, it's across San Diego Avenue, up the back path where the cactus grows, and into the plaza. “Uh, Ria, kid,” I say. “Gotta tell you. Don't have a whole lot of *dinero*...been a hard week.”

“Don't worry,” She laughs. “That makes this the perfect destination.”

And she leads me toward that long, low wall that, last time I looked, held in the Jolly Boy Saloon. Now it's Barra Barra, and it's kinda Mexican again — before the previous makeover, it had been Rancho El Nopal. And before that — like, in 1838 — when this was still Mexico, this site was the home of a corporal in the mission guard, José del Rosario Aguilar. Funny to think of him sleeping here. They have the little courtyard lanterns and

tables and leather chairs and a whole bunch of people knocking back margaritas. And at the entrance, Bob, standing with a bottle of 1800 tequila in his mitts.

“Thank you, Bob,” says Ria, like she knows what's up. She looks at me. “It's Thursday, free tequila-sampling day. Oh. Quick! Grab those two *equipales*.”

“Those two...what?”

“You take the drinks.” She strides over to where two people have just vacated a pair of round, leather, split-stick Mexican chairs in the courtyard. I've got the two tiny half-inch tequila tasters Bob has poured for us. We sit at the low table. “*Equipales*,” Ria says. “Cortés had them built for his nobles, his captains. But the Aztecs had been building them for thousands of years before that. This may be the oldest leather-chair design in the world.”

Huh. I glug my tequila, then pick up a menu to check out what we can afford — what I can afford. The happy-hour Indian flatbread tacos are \$2. That's cool. Prices go up from there. Erica the waitress stops by to help us out. Tortas are \$6.95, tuna salad's \$8.25, achote pork...

“That's the shoulder,” Erica says, “with garlic, slow roasted. Beautiful. You can have it as a combination platter. All combination platters are \$7.95.” Two chiles rellenos, stuffed with cheese, are \$5.50, or \$7.95 as a combo, with rice and beans.

There are specialties, such as the *enchilada de puerco en salsa verde* (\$7.95) or sea bass Veracruz rosada (but that's \$13.95) and *chile colorado*, a beef-based stew dish in rich, red chile sauce, \$12.95. “Our most popular spe-

cialty is chicken mole Oaxaca,” Erica says. “It's \$12.95.”

To parry that thought, we order happy-hour margaritas. Ria gets the “best margarita in California” for \$5, with Heraduro blanco tequila. Mine's \$3, in a nice triangle glass, but with El Jimador blanco tequila in it. The difference means something, if you know tequilas, I guess.

So, here's what happens next: We order two of the Indian flatbread tacos, a chicken and a carnitas (pork). Chicken's fine, the carnitas is great. Ordinary flour tortillas and these Indian flatbreads seem pretty similar, but Drew, the manager, claims the flatbreads are softer, thicker. “Less pressed,” he says, “so they puff up. There's a bit of yeast in there.”

Main thing is, this food is filling. And just as we're through with the tacos, out come appetizers — free — for the tequila-tasting crowd. That's us. One plate's crispy chicken flautas, the other's boneless chicken wings. I love them both.

We don't even have to hoard. They have plenty left by the time we're full to the brim. It's been so cheap, I get me a second mar-



Bob

garita (another \$3 one, natch).

“This,” Ria says, “is the life.”

We look up at where the Casa de Bandini is being turned into the Cosmopolitan Hotel, at the other end of the plaza. “What do you think about them making the old square more Anglo?” I ask.

“My great-great-great-grandmother fled to Mexico when the U.S. Marines arrived,” Ria says. “That was 1846. She thought the gringos would destroy everything. If she could see it now, she'd be astonished, thrilled.”

“Let's drink to her. One more margarita? I can afford this.”

“Ooh. Rich gringo.”

“Rich on Thursdays.” ■

The Place: Barra Barra, 4016 Wallace Avenue (in Old Town Plaza, between San Diego Avenue and Congress Street), 618-291-3200

Type of Food: Mexican

Prices: Happy-hour Indian flatbread tacos (beef, chicken, carnitas, carne asada, bean and cheese), \$2; Thursday tequila-tasting appetizers (e.g., jalapeño poppers, quesadillas, chicken flautas, chicken tenders), free; “locals' specials”: choice of seven dishes in fixed menu, plus “best margarita in California,” \$10; tortas, \$6.95; tuna salad, \$8.25; achote pork combination platter (with rice, beans), \$7.95; chiles rellenos, \$5.50 for two, or \$7.95 as a combination platter; enchilada de puerco en salsa verde, \$7.95; sea bass Veracruz rosada, \$13.95; chicken mole Oaxaca, \$12.95

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Alpine

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Rd., Alpine, 619-445-9902. Tasteful, ambitious little trattoria with scenic patio dining. The pizzas are outstanding with airy, silken crusts. Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. Expensive.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Big Boy Restaurant Boulevard Agua Caliente #9892, Tijuana, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food and big gringo breakfasts, this Big Boy knock-off draws a cross-section of Baja's big shots. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive.

La Espadaña Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Tijuana, 664-634-1488. This place does great oven-cooked leg of lamb, tasting like wine,

garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its juices with oregano. Terrific flame-grilled beefsteaks, too. Moderate.

Mercado Sobre Ruedas Colonia Lucio Blanco (from Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third), Rosarito. This huge flea market materializes every Sunday (morning to mid-afternoon); food booths offer a carnival of authentic dishes like barbecued mutton, savory Jalisco-style goat stew, street tacos. Rock-bottom prices; cash only.

El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Tijuana. Kid for breakfast? You scoop the juices and meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey — like deer or buffalo. Inexpensive.

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 664-686-5640. Steak haven with Old West decor. Entrée price includes soup of roast beef juices, beans, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, and a beef-liver medley with any cut of steak you want. Or try the *parrillada*, a multi-meat BBQ sizzling on a tabletop grill. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Tacos el Francés Paseo de Playas de Tijuana #2553, Tijuana. Cisco the cook flaps the cloth open, pulls a tongue out, plonks it on the chopping block. Chop chop chop. Your first cow-tongue quesadilla? Inexpensive.

Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252 (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Tijuana, 664-686-1560. Smoke-free, lacto-ovo-vegetarian haven, making their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, salsas, and wheat-gluten-free fake meats. Wonderful juices, breakfast scrambles, excellent soups like the filling *caldo tlalpeno*. Inexpensive.

Banker's Hill

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Ave., 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open eatery offers a panoramic city view with a casual-chic, romantic ambience and fine modern French cuisine. Expensive.

Inn at the Park 3615 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-291-0999. Despite a touch of mango here, chipotle there, it's the nice, conservative, meat-and-potatoes comfort food that the regulars here prefer. Wilder hits include calamari fritto misto, duck breast, and coconut-lime crème brûlée. Moderate.

Bonita

Romesco 4346 Bonita Rd., Bonita, 619-475-8627. Sophisticated Mexican food, including smoked marlin carpaccio, grilled duck breast, escolar. The whole menu is worth exploring, full of surprising treats. Moderate to expensive.

Carlsbad

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, but even better are the owner's mom's *kibbe* (nut-filled lamb meatball) and rosewater-scented *kashta lea* dessert. Lovely elevated patio. Moderate-plus.

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. Fresh California cuisine in a luxurious hotel dining room. Moderate to expensive.

Nozomi 3050 Pio Pico Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Gorgeous Japanese inn-style premises with food ranging from simple *nigiri-zushi* to party rolls to fusion grazing dishes and entrées

(including genuine Wagyu beef) and back to Japanese standards. Don't miss the *ankimo* (monkfish liver pâté). Moderate to expensive.

Carmel Valley

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Also 1355 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-1422. Flash-cooked steaks of USDA Prime, topped with butter and parsley, are the hallmark of this chain. Side dishes are à la carte. The broiled tomatoes are a delight. Very expensive.

Chula Vista

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 E. H St., Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain prides itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it's adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." Moderate.

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. The tasty happy-hour specials make a visit worth the trip: Have a 1/2-pound hamburger with french fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Inexpensive.

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Down-home dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Inexpensive.

City Heights

African Spice Restaurant 4348 54th St., City Heights, 619-342-5945. Fascinating Somalian food, just seven dollars — as much rice, salad, spaghetti, goat meat, beef, chicken (lamb and tilapia when available) as you can fit in your polystyrene box, along with a banana to break up and mix in, Somali-style. Inexpensive.

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4352. The Vietnamese do French baguette sandwiches better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. Inexpensive.

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Ave., City Heights, 619-583-5788. At this gathering place for Somalis, the cuisine combines African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences, emphasizing fish, lamb, and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed sampler plate of meats, spaghetti, rice, and veggies. Inexpensive.

College Area

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-229-9050. Classy atmosphere, tame spicing. You'll have to ask for "hot." Chicken *mussaman* is delicious with taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Health treat: *som tum*, green papaya salad. Inexpensive.

Coronado

1500 Ocean 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-8490. Modern Cal cuisine with a blissful bay view and superb ingredients, so finely cooked you'll be thrilled to eat your veggies. Expensive.

Café 1134 1134 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-1134. Interesting omelets, salads, and *panini* (e.g., roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles) from a local reincarnation of a Left Bank café to hang out, chat, think deep thoughts. Inexpensive.

Candelas on the Bay 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-4900. Same serious Mex cuisine as the downtown branch in blissful bayside surroundings, with great happy-hour grazing bargains in the bar. Otherwise expensive.

Costa Azul 1031 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3525. Enjoy people-watching on the patio, with tasty Mexican seafood like coconut crunch shrimp, swordfish tacos, lobster burritos. Higher priced: flat-iron steak with Gorgonzola, baby back ribs, garlic Mexican shrimp. Inexpensive to expensive.

Spiro's Gyros 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-1225. Watch the sunset sipping Greek wines. Low prices keep Spiro's popular with locals and tourists. Try moussaka or souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Inexpensive.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Ave., Coronado, 619-435-8110. An island of serenity, with gentle dishes cooked with care. The complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all woes, and the calamari in seafood arrays is knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness. Inexpensive to moderate.

Del Mar

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this gracious restaurant serves exquisite versions of the sophisticated Vietnamese dishes of prewar Saigon. Low-moderate.

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-2002.



Thai dinner for two \$20

Pick one appetizer and two entrées. Served all day. Ask for menu options. Not valid with any other offer. Some restrictions apply.

Basil Thai College: 5157 College Ave. 619-582-THAI
La Mesa: 8680 Navajo Rd. #104 619-460-THAI

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Central | East



\$7⁹⁹ Indian lunch buffet

11 am-3 pm. Reg. price \$8.99. Limit one per customer. Buffet includes Paneer Tikka Masala, Tandoor Chicken, Beef Boti, Naan and more.

Village Indian Cuisine San Diego: 9187 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. 858-874-3663

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Central



Two large pizzas \$20⁹⁹

Two 14" pizzas with two toppings. Delivery special. Call for details.

New York Giant Pizza Mira Mesa: 11255 Camino Ruiz 858-566-9666
San Diego: 3715 India Street 619-692-1169
Rancho Penasquitos: 12812 Rancho Penasquitos Blvd. • 858-538-6868

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Central | North



Free Asian fusion entrée

Buy any lunch or dinner entrée and two beverages, receive a second entrée of equal or lesser value free. Some restrictions apply.

Khan's Cave Kearny Mesa: 9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Ste. F 858-279-9799

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Central



\$1 off Indian buffet

Limit one per customer.

Sher Punjab Indian Cuisine Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd. Ste. 102 • 858-458-2858

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Central



Free entrée

With purchase of any entrée and two beverages at regular price. Receive second entrée of equal or lesser value free. Up to \$8 value. Dine-in only. Not valid with breakfast specials, discounts, on holidays or with any other offer. One coupon per table.

Keith's Restaurant Mira Mesa: 9449 Kearny Mesa Rd. 858-271-4670

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Central



50% off entrée

Buy one entrée with two beverages and receive a second entrée at 50% off.

Boston Sports Café Mira Mesa: 6625 Flanders Dr. 858-200-2101

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Central



Large pepperoni pizza \$5⁹⁹

Plus tax. Carry-out only. No limit.

Pizza Depot Mira Mesa: 9430 Mira Mesa Blvd. Ste. 5C • 866-820-4949

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Central



Free Sizzler entrée

Up to \$10.99. Purchase one adult entrée with two beverages and receive one adult entrée of equal or lesser value free.

Sizzler San Diego: 2855 Midway Dr. 619-224-3347
Escondido: 355 N. Escondido Blvd. 760-741-2568
Oceanside: 3805 Plaza Dr. 760-630-1551

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Central | North



Free Thai entrée

With purchase of an entrée and two drinks. Dine-in only. Excludes lunch special. One per table. Maximum discount of \$8. Some restrictions apply.

Thai Time II & III Midway: 3545 Midway Dr. 619-224-3245
Clairemont: 4310 Genesee Ave. #111 • 858-278-4949

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Central



Free Italian entrée

With purchase of an entrée and two beverages. One per table. Max value \$13.95. Not valid on Friday or Saturday or for lunch specials. Some restrictions apply.

Taste of Italy Rancho San Diego: 2512 Jamacha Rd. • 619-660-6300

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Free Thai lunch or dinner

With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Up to a \$10 value. Not valid on holidays. One per table.

Jade Thai Cuisine Mission Gorge: 10330 Friars Rd. #105 • 619-280-4048

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Surf 'n' turf by the sea, with a patio overlooking the waves. Menu offers seafood with fusion-y touches, Prime or Choice steaks. Crabby Dungeness crab cake appetizer makes a whole lunch. Lunch and Sunday brunch moderate, dinner expensive.

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. Jewish deli goes multiethnic. Stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Star of India 3860 Valley Centre Dr., Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also 423 F St., Downtown, 619-234-8000. The lunch buffet can lead you by the nose into Punjabi food. Pick among vegetable *pakora* fritters, eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, *palak paneer* (spinach with curry). Inexpensive to moderate.

Downtown

Bay Café 1050 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-595-1083. If famished at the ferry landing, you can eat decent burgers, good clam chowder, or other basic fare in the bare-bones interior, or tote it upstairs to a serene bay-view terrace. Inexpensive.

Blue Point 565 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plush, noisy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops. Expensive.

Brian's 24 828 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8410. Open 24/7, it has a fabulous peanut butter burger with bacon. Plus a gothic bar with Joan Crawford's heel marks denting it where she danced. And bargain breakfast and lunch specials. Inexpensive to moderate.

Current Sofia Hotel, 140 W. Broadway, Downtown, 619-702-6309. Parisian-chic brasserie decor with light, seasonal "American brasserie" cuisine that's often uneven but can include a glorious five-onion soup with short ribs and marrow that beats the French classic, and creative desserts to finish with. Moderate to expensive.

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. The food, served in a classy, comfortable atmosphere, is often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels and, when available, the soft-shell crab. Romantic upstairs dining room. Moderate to expensive.

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-5818. The pub was handcrafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. There's a fine corned beef and cabbage, plus Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, and grilled fish. Moderate.

The Fish Market 750 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-3474. Additional locations in Solana Beach and Mission Valley. The sushi bar downtown is superb, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. Otherwise, a noisy barn with plain cooking. Moderate to expensive.

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7967. Rare regional delicacies include appetizers of crunchy *sev poori* (wheat wafers with a fresh spicy topping), *bel poori* (India's railway snack), and Chennai's *uttapam*, pancakes. Entrées include *mirchi tikka*, tender tandoori chicken steeped in spicy lime-juice marinade. Moderate.

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-744-2077. Now thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce. Very expensive.

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Dr., Downtown, 619-298-6802. Amazing bay-view venue with delicious steaks

and roast beefs, plus chef Deborah Scott's creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Very expensive.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 W. Market St., Downtown, 619-231-9680. The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are smoky, cooked over an oak-fueled fire, although some diners complain of toughness. Good happy-hour deals. Inexpensive to moderate.

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves the repertoire of "northern Indian cuisine made easy." Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 pm.

Nobu 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-814-4124. Imaginative Japanese-based fusion from international celeb chef Nobu Matsuhita, ranging from miso soup and classic sushi to moderate-priced Nihon-Peruvian grazes to caviar-topped tartares and Wagyu beef (at "market price," meaning "if you have to

ask..."). No reservations for sushi bar. Upper-moderate to expensive.

Sally's Seafood on the Water One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. Great view, and an appetizer sampler makes delicious grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon. Black cod

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with miso-orange broth is a sensuous entrée. Expensive.

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4194. Credible Creole cooking in airy café. Sandwiches include an outstanding oyster po' boy (big juicy oysters, light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a muffuletta. The jambalaya is okay, too. Inexpensive.

Stingaree 454 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-544-0867. The Mediterranean food, sized for grazing or gourmandizing, features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables, served in a glitzy, clubby setting. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just \$40.

Top of the Market 750 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Expensive.

East Village

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-531-8869. Hipster atmosphere, late-night hours, and thin-crust Connecticut pizzas, which include toppings like mashed potato with bacon and cheese, or Little Neck clams. Inexpensive.

Café Chloe 721 Ninth Ave., East Village, 619-232-3242. Parisian atmosphere, creative cooking, e.g., breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle beurre blanc. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth

every calorie. Beverages include lavender lemonade, root beers, an intelligent wine list. Moderate.

Cowboy Star Restaurant and Butcher Shop 640 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-450-5880. A Western-themed restaurant specializing in great steaks and game meats, where the food is as good as the decor, and the decor is more fun than a rodeo clown. Expensive.

The Mission 1250 J St., East Village, 619-232-7662. Also 2801 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-8992. Eco-conscious big breakfasts and Chino-Latino lunches in arty surroundings are halfway between health nut and old-time diner fare. Great eye-opener: bounteous chicken-apple sausage and egg platter. Inexpensive.

Salad Style 807 F St., East Village, 619-255-6731. Original salad concoctions for lunch include Scott's Grilled Skirt Steak, with organic greens, tomatoes, smoky mushrooms, hearts of palm, bleu cheese, red meat. The Totally Vegan, a golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Inexpensive to moderate.

El Cajon

Chen's Golden Palace 530 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-442-2541. A Lao-Chinese family serves mostly basic Chinese cuisine, plus a few Southeast Asian dishes like Thai spicy shrimp noodles — and good fish 'n' chips. Inexpensive.

Palms Family Restaurant 1255 E. Main St., El Cajon. Traditional Middle Eastern eatery and social center for Iraqis, Syrians. Which means excellent food, especially appetizers like eggplant and tabbouleh. Mideast videos. Inexpensive.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

MELON GAZPACHO

BY CHEF PATRICK PONSATY

Executive Chef, Bernard'O Restaurant

As a fifth-generation chef, my father didn't give me another choice or allow me to take another direction. He owned a restaurant in Cazeres, France. I started working there when I was ten and he gave me all of the crappy stuff to do. Like, cut a whole bin of potatoes, chop 30 pounds of onions at one time, or slice 10 pounds of carrots. I moved out when I was 15 to do an apprenticeship at Café Darroze with Chef Pierre Darroze in Toulouse, which was about an hour away. I had my own apartment when I was 15, but at the time, it was common for kids to move to do apprentice-

ships away from home.

I also worked with Didier Oudill at Pain Ardour & Fantaisie. After a while, Chef Didier encouraged me to go to the States. I tried to find a job in New York City and two weeks later I was there at the Park Bistro. Then I moved to San Diego and for a while I owned Tapenade in La Jolla. I moved to Rancho Bernardo and have been at Bernard-O's for three years now.

I would say my style is classic French cooking. I respect all of the classic food. The most important thing I would say to do is to buy the best produce you can find and not

destroy the food with spices. Cook the vegetables simply and put the fish on top. Don't ruin the ingredients!

Why did I leave France? Well, when you have to pay a lot of taxes it encourages you to leave. Especially when you have two kids. Mine are ten and eleven, and they love escargots and foie gras. I make them tomato salads and strawberry tarts. They like everything I like and aren't difficult.

At home I am very lazy when I am off. But I like a nice tomato salad with green onion and good olive oil and balsamic vinegar. I like good fish. Or I make pasta for



my kids and add the fish. In France, when we go back, we eat good bread with porcini mushrooms. I buy bread here from La Brea in Los Angeles and from Bread and Cie in San Diego. It's very good. I like to write and relax when I'm not working. Or I'll go to the beach and sit down with my dog and girlfriend and the kids.

INGREDIENTS

(Serves 6-8)

½ yellow onion, peeled and



Free entrée

With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and 2 beverages. One coupon per table. Dine-in only. Max value \$10. Not valid with any other offer. Not valid on holidays. Lunch specials not included.

DiMille's Italian Restaurant
Kensington: 3492 Adams Ave.
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Free Mexican entrée

With purchase of a second entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Maximum value \$7. Some restrictions apply.

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Honey's Café
San Diego: 7947 Balboa Ave.
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Two sushi rolls \$7²⁵

Sixteen pieces of sushi. Choose from ten rolls. Dine-in only. Cannot be used with any other offers.

Jump Tokyo Sushi House
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Free Italian entrée

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Da Nino's
Bay Park: 410 Ashton St.
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Free sushi roll

With purchase of a sushi roll of equal or greater value and two beverages. Maximum value \$12.95. Dine-in only. Not valid during Happy Hour. Some restrictions apply.

Nami Sushi Bar & Fusion Japanese
Hillcrest: 501 University Ave.
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Free Japanese entrée

With purchase of a second entrée of equal or greater value and two drinks at regular price. Maximum value \$8. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per table or per party.

Kirin Sushi
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VIP Oriental Buffet
San Diego: 5541 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (In Madison Sq. Plaza, west of 805)
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What the Chef Eats

cut into large dice (about 3/4")

1 cucumber, peeled, seeded, and cut into large dice

1 red bell pepper, center removed, seeded, and cut into large dice

2 cloves of garlic, peeled and sliced

6 ripe medium-sized tomatoes, cored and cut into large dice

4 large leaves of fresh basil

1/2 ripe melon, cut into large dice

1 quart reduced-sodium chicken stock (or use

homemade)

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1/3 cup balsamic vinegar

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon pepper

HOW TO DO IT

Peel and chop onion and cucumber and pepper into large dice of about 3/4 inch. Peel garlic cloves and core and chop tomatoes. Stack the basil leaves and roll into a tight bundle and slice. Slice the melon and cut flesh into large dice.

In a large bowl, combine the chicken stock and olive oil. Add the salt and pepper and whisk well until combined. Add all of the vegetables, basil leaves, and melon and marinate for eight hours (or overnight) in the refrigerator.

After marinating, add the entire mixture, including the marinade, to a blender or a large-capacity food processor. With the blender running, add the balsamic vinegar

and blend for about 1 minute or until the mixture is a smooth consistency. (If using a smaller food processor, blend only half at time to avoid spillage.)

Add salt and pepper to taste and serve cold. The soup can be garnished with thinly sliced fresh mint leaves, diced melon, prosciutto, or pesto, if desired.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to [sdreader.com](#).

and smooth, peppery cream gravy. USDA Choice steaks offered at rock-bottom prices. Huge portions, low prices.

O-Nami North County Fair, 240 E. Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. Also Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North, 619-295-9774. These Japanese buffets offer fresh, artful dishes, including *sunomono* (cucumber salad), teriyakis, sashimis, and sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll, tempura shrimp, guacamole roll, veggies, green tea ice cream. Moderate.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-740-5963. Recipes are from all of Europe for breads with great textures and depths of flavor. A treat: breakfast on the front porch with cup of espresso and scones. Inexpensive.

Sand Crab Café 2229 Micro Pl., Escondido, 760-480-2722. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked in a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Margarine's the dip, but you can BYO butter and they'll melt it. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Krakatoa 1128 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. Ghost-ridden coffee house and neighborhood hangout offers garden seating and light eating, mainly breakfast or lunch sandwiches named after the volcanoes of the world (get it?). Inexpensive.

Escondido

Centre City Café 2680 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-489-6011. Classic American fare, including exemplary chicken-fried steak with a crackly crust

Hillcrest

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth St., Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. A narrow, ever-crowded room with a long menu offer-

sausage), smoky but uneven in texture. Good fried catfish, fried green tomatoes, ham breakfast. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

in cilantro sauce, and a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. Moderate.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán 290 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Also 248 Main St., Vista, 760-758-4531. The food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Their specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up by the plate or by the pound. Open late weekends. Inexpensive.

Kealani's 137 W.D St., Encinitas, 760-942-5642. At any hour the food is Hawaiian "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made

macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig — zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork. Inexpensive.

The Original 101 Diner 552 First St., Encinitas, 760-753-2123. The down-home cooking includes all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top-sirloin steak and eggs. A bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo, or try spinach salad. Inexpensive.

Vigilucci's Ristorante & Pizzeria 505 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-

942-7332. Also in Carlsbad, Coronado, Oceanside, and La Jolla. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni), the staff spirited. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive.

El Callejon Restaurant 345 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. Great atmosphere in a hacienda with multiple rooms and patio spaces, serving zesty mainland Mexican cooking with unusual dishes like shrimp *zarandeados* with sauce of chiles, beef

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Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. In Chef Deborah Scott's cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest. Good choices include mussels in chipotle cream sauce; spicy, sweet-sour layered jerk chicken; and the signature Skirts on Fire — a tender, grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Extremely noisy. Moderate.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. Several San Diego locations. The carne asada burritos are rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with carne asada. Inexpensive.



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College Area: 6390 El Cajon Blvd. 619-287-6858
Montgomery Field: 3750 John J. Montgomery Dr. 858-292-4716

Expires 1-31-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



Free buttermilk pancakes

Short stack with purchase of two entrées. May not be combined with any other offer. One coupon per table. Not valid on holidays.

The Trails Neighborhood Eatery
San Carlos: 7389 Jackson Dr. 619-667-CAFE

Expires 1-31-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



Free Mexican combo plate

With purchase of a combo plate of equal or greater value and two drinks. Some restrictions apply. Valid Mon.-Thurs. only.

Emiliano's Mexican
Del Cerro: 6690 Mission Gorge Rd. Ste. E • 619-284-2460

Expires 1-31-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



Free pasta, ravioli or lasagna dinner

With purchase of a pasta, ravioli or lasagna dinner and two drinks. Some restrictions apply. Valid Sun.-Thurs. Dine-in only.

Mona Lisa Italian Foods
Del Cerro: 5156 Waring Rd. 619-286-2242

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Central



Free Schlotzsky's sandwich

Purchase a regular sandwich or pizza and two beverages, get a free small sandwich. Some restrictions apply.

Schlotzsky's
La Jolla: 8657 Villa La Jolla Dr. 858-452-3501
La Mesa: 5500 Grossmont Ctr. Dr. 619-469-0082

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Free frozen yogurt

Purchase 8 oz. or more frozen yogurt and receive 8 oz. free. Not valid with any other offer. Some restrictions apply.

16 premium flavors. Over 60 toppings.

Crave Yogurt
San Carlos: 8680 Navajo Rd. 619-337-7888

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East



\$5 off breakfast or lunch

Any purchase of \$20 or more. Not valid on holidays or weekends. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

The Omelette Factory
La Mesa: 5270 Baltimore Dr. 619-460-4423

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East



\$11⁹⁹ large one-topping

(Original thin crust only.) Additional fee for thick crust. Not valid with other offers, promos or discounts. Dine-in, carry-out or delivery. \$20 minimum purchase for free delivery. Limited delivery area and hours. Some restrictions apply.

Round Table Pizza
La Mesa: 8032 La Mesa Blvd. 619-462-8800

Expires 1-31-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



Italian dinner for two \$16⁹⁵

Or lunch. Dine-in. Monday-Thursday. Includes salad and choice of six pasta entrées. Some restrictions apply.

Little Roma Cucina Italiana
La Mesa: 5575 Baltimore Dr. 619-461-7000

Expires 1-31-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



Free torta or quesadilla

With purchase of entrée and two drinks. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per customer.

La Torta Café Mexican Deli
La Mesa: 8356 Allison Ave. 619-741-6230

Expires 1-31-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



Mexican Sunday brunch \$8⁹⁵

Regular \$10.95. 9 am-2 pm. Good for up to 4 guests. Dine-in only. Not valid with any other offer or discount.

Pedro's Mexican Cocina
La Mesa: 6155 Lake Murray Blvd. 619-668-1090

Expires 1-31-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



Free breakfast, lunch or dinner

With purchase of equal or greater value and two drinks. Excludes manager & window specials. Some restrictions apply. Max \$7 value.

ChickeNest
La Mesa: 7200 Parkway Dr. 619-589-0088

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Saigon on Fifth 3900 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. Urbane, French-tinged cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Hue. Distinctive house specialties include a smoked oyster omelet, coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell, and *bún*, a refreshing spicy noodle salad. Low-moderate.

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Find standard Americanized Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Want spicy? Ask for heat. Tangy, crisp Szechuan garlic shrimp tops the 12 house specialties for good reason. Szechuan orange fish is also recommended. Inexpensive to moderate.

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu highlights 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.

Imperial Beach

Lydia's Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. Easygoing dancing/eatery (since 1957) offers sporadically available entrée platter of *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) and filling snacks like taquitos *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream). Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

China Max 4698 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. Local Asians flock here for authentic Hong Kong cooking, including seafood in live tanks (black cod, Dungeness crab, abalone), dim sum daily, superb Peking Duck. Even homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crab-meat cakes) sing with flavor. Inexpensive to exorbitant, mainly moderate.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant 3709 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Among the best Chinese restaurants in the county, local Asians go here for family dinners, dim sum, and Hong Kong specialties. Mainly moderate, with splurges like live fish and Peking duck balanced by down-home dishes. Inexpensive.

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Additional locations in Poway, Encinitas, and Vista. The Apple Pancake is a batter-filled, five-egg puffed-up paradise with slices from two Granny Smith apples. The German Pancake or Dutch Baby are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the filling mushroom omelet. Inexpensive.

Suzuya Japanese BBQ 5447 Kearny Villa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-0611. Japanese BBQ — called *yakiniku*, similar to Korean BBQ (minus the free side dishes) — offers cook-it-yourself over tabletop grills. Kobe boneless short ribs and tongue are the superstars here. Japanese tapas, noodles, tempura, etc. fill out the bill. Inexpensive.

Tofu House 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. Korean tofu dishes, flavorful and healthy, but with meat, too. Try *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Inexpensive.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for seasonal California cuisine. Early-bird three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive.

La Jolla

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Bl., La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Great Cove view, with best food at breakfast/brunch: Coast Toast, the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with orange flavor. Coffee is excellent. Moderate to expensive.

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Solid food, like the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian stout) or the roasted potato. Best of all, the hefty, low-cholesterol buffalo burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even “miniatures,” plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Moderate.

Pannikin Coffee & Tea 7467 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Additional locations in Del Mar and Encinitas. Cute cottage decor. Break-

fasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and breakfast burrito. For lunch try chicken curry or fresh, generous “pannwiches” like ham or tuna. Inexpensive.

Tapenade 7612 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Major French chef Jean-Michel Diot presides at this bistro featuring sunny Provençal flavors, where the dishes balance creativity and rigorous technique. Some bargain early-bird dinners. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive (and worth it).

Whisknadle 1044 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-551-7575. This kitchen bakes its own bread and makes charcuterie/salumi from scratch. Among the pleasures are roasted bone marrow, chorizo-and-date fritters, pristine “simply grilled” sustainable fish, and delicate *panna cotta*. Moderate to expensive.

La Mesa

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth St., La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This “Burgers and Brew” bar is a real '50s place with burg-

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Free American entrée

With purchase of regular-priced entrée of equal or greater value and two drinks. Valid Mon.-Thurs. Max value \$10. Not valid on specials. Dine-in only.

Ranch House Restaurant
Santee: 11510 Woodside Ave.
619-448-2087

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\$1.50 off dinner buffet

Asian and American cuisine. Over 150 items daily. With purchase of dinner at regular price. Valid for up to 2 people. One coupon per table. Some restrictions apply.

Panda Garden Buffet
Santee: 70 Town Center Pkwy.
Ste. C • 619-596-4888

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Free frozen yogurt

Buy one frozen yogurt for \$3.50 or more and get a free yogurt valued up to \$3.50. Limit one coupon per party. Not valid with any other offers.

Self-serve. Over 60 toppings and 12 premium flavors.

Penguin Yogurt Factory
Santee: 9621 Mission Gorge Rd.
619-562-1879

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Free Mexican entrée

With purchase of another entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. One coupon per table. Present coupon before ordering. Some restrictions apply.

Casa Nueva
Santee: 10757 Woodside Ave.
619-258-5557

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East



Free smoked BBQ sandwich

With the purchase of a sandwich of equal or greater value and two large beverages. Some restrictions apply.

Geno's BBQ
El Cajon: 291 West Main St.
619-444-3667

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Free steak, chicken or gyro wrap

With purchase of wrap and two drinks.

Spinners
Fresh Mediterranean
El Cajon: 2654 Jamacha Rd.
Ste. 101 • www.ilovespinners.com

Expires 1-31-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



50% off Greek entrée

With purchase of one entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Some restrictions apply.

Taste of Athens
El Cajon: 1784 Main St.
619-447-0886

Expires 1-31-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



Free Italian entrée

With the purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Up to a \$9.95 value. Excludes pizza and calzones. Not valid on Fridays. Dine-in only with this coupon. Some restrictions apply.

Ottavio's Cucina Italiana
El Cajon: 101 Jamacha Rd.
619-444-9522

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Free frozen yogurt

Buy any yogurt for \$2.50 or more and get a free yogurt valued up to \$2.50. Some restrictions apply.

YoYo's Frozen Yogurt
El Cajon: 2650 Jamacha Rd.
619-660-7362

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Free Mexican entrée

With purchase of an entrée and two drinks. Not valid with any other coupon or discount.

Broken Piñata Bar & Grill
El Cajon: 1221 Broadway
619-447-5665

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10% off catering

Not valid with any other offer or discount.

Rally's Burgers
El Cajon: 1216 E. Main St.
877-758-9837

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50% off Mexican entrée

With purchase of one entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Max discount \$7.95. Valid Monday-Thursday. One coupon per customer. Some restrictions apply.

Hacienda Casa Blanca
El Cajon: 700 N. Johnson
619-442-9827

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ers and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. On Sundays (1 to 7pm only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat. Inexpensive.

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-433-0180. Comfort food in generous quantities. All the omelets are four-egggers, with sides like biscuits and gravy. Evening meals include meat loaf, liver and onions, stuffed pork chops, whole (head-on) fish. Inexpensive.

Mystic Grill and Bakery 6990 University Avenue (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-461-1985. Former pizza joint now offers exciting Middle Eastern revelations. Top ingredients (Halal Prime beef, fresh baby chickens) and skilled cooking from scratch create flawless falafel, thrilling *kibbe* (Mediterranean schnitzel), lemony spinach pie, sensitively grilled seafood and *shawarma*, and sublime desserts. (Also basic take-out pizzas.) No alcohol. Inexpensive.

West Coast Barbecue 6126 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-3663. Pit-smoked Texas-style “Q,” but more like the Bushes of Crawford than the soulful South. Best bets are full-flavored ribs, chicken wings, and authentic Texas bean-free chili with classic fixins. Low-moderate.

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café 6792 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-582-4024. A bike museum with food offers tasty toasted *panini* and cold sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

The Calypso Café 576 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. The cuisine is French, ranging from warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. Mussels are the specialty, and

their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Upper-moderate.

Linda Vista

Sab-E-Lee 2405 Ulric St., Linda Vista, 858-650-6868. Tiny eatery serving authentic, fiery, fabulous food from northeast Thailand, as spicy as you want. Don't miss onion-rich *tom yum* soup or amazing liver salad. Look for “Linda Vista Food” awning. Cash only, BYO, no reservations, waits at prime-time. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Anthology 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. User-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) in huge, chic jazz nightclub. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water.

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-233-5757. Wet-aged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with “Continental” sauces, milk-fed calf's liver, plus some seafood and poultry. The chef is one of a few who can manage Beef Wellington correctly. Very expensive.

Logan Heights

La Doña 1784 Newton Ave., Logan Heights, 619-233-4939. This historic café serves home cooking, Mexican style, with super-spicy salsa and meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans, *chicharrones*, *pozole*, and menudo. Inexpensive.

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main St., Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Several San Diego locations. The flame-broiled

poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-296-2060. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll throw in a bottle of red wine. Inexpensive.

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-223-5501. N'awlins-style food to eat in, to go, or to have catered at your party. Deli-grocery also sells the ingredients, including ready-made roux, Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage in season. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q 6904 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-2333. Texas-style “Q” featuring marinade-mopped meats and poultry smoked “low and slow” over mesquite until tender, with picnic-fare sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Hospitable chef-owner Kim Trang makes excellent *pho bo* (beef noodle soup) but also offers hundreds of other items, all cooked home style. Inexpensive.

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. Vegetarian cuisine of South India, centering on stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp, crepe-like *dosa*s stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frit-

\$10 off Moroccan Cuisine

Please call for reservations. Order one feast and receive \$10 off the second feast. One coupon per couple, maximum three coupons per party. Dine-in only. No sharing. Not valid with any other offer or on holidays. Expires 1/21/10. With this ad.

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<p>One pound pork or beef ribs & two sides \$9⁹⁹ Some restrictions apply.</p> <p>Tony Roma's Pacific Beach: 4110 Mission Blvd. 858-272-7427</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>Beaches</p>	<p>10" 1-topping pizza \$5</p> <p>Some restrictions apply.</p> <p>Ocean's Pizzeria Pacific Beach: 4150 Mission Blvd. 866-580-1414</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>Beaches</p>
<p>Free yogurt</p> <p>With purchase of yogurt of equal or greater value. Not valid with any other offer.</p> <p>Desserted Island Yogurt & More Solana Beach: 153 N. Highway 101 858-345-1451</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North</p>	<p>15% off seafood lunch or dinner</p> <p>We don't have a “fresh fish of the day” because all our fish are always fresh! Call for offer details.</p> <p>Solana Beach Fish House Solana Beach: 124 Lomas Santa Fe Dr. 858-481-FISH (3474)</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North</p>
<p>Free Thai entrée</p> <p>Purchase one dinner entrée and two beverages, get a second dinner entrée of equal or lesser value free. Maximum value \$10.95. Dine-in only. Some restrictions apply.</p> <p>Taste of Thai Del Mar: 15770 San Andres Dr. 858-793-9695 Hillcrest: 527 University Ave. 619-291-7525</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North Central</p>	<p>Free frozen yogurt</p> <p>Buy one frozen yogurt, get one free. Not valid with any other offer.</p> <p>Seaside Yogurt Del Mar: 1231 Camino Del Mar 858-720-1168</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North</p>
<p>Free cupcake</p> <p>With purchase of any one cupcake of equal value. We specialize in perfectly decorated, baked-from-scratch cupcakes with only the finest ingredients.</p> <p>Cupcake Love Solana Beach: 437 S. Highway 101 Ste. 106 • 858-755-5506</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North</p>	<p>50% off Extreme Pizza</p> <p>Buy one pizza and get a second pizza for 50% off.</p> <p>Extreme Pizza La Jolla: 834 Kline St. 866-264-0533</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North</p>
<p>50% off entrée</p> <p>Buy one entrée and get second of equal or lesser value 50% off. Some restrictions apply.</p> <p>Bird Rock Pizza & Sports Grill La Jolla: 5373 La Jolla Blvd. 858-456-2473</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North</p>	<p>Free NY style deli entrée</p> <p>With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Some restrictions apply.</p> <p>Elijah's Restaurant La Jolla: 8861 Villa La Jolla Dr. 858-455-1461</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North</p>
<p>Free Indian cuisine entrée</p> <p>With purchase of one entrée and two beverages. Some restrictions apply.</p> <p>Star of India Restaurant Carmel Valley: 3860 Valley Centre Dr. 858-792-1111 Downtown/Gaslamp: 423 Fir St. 619-234-8000</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North Central</p>	<p>Free large cheese pizza</p> <p>With purchase of another large pizza at the regular price of \$15. Not valid with any other offer. Valid with coupon only. Some restrictions apply.</p> <p>Pizza Pronto La Jolla: 7556 Fay Ave. 888-895-5606</p> <p>Expires 1.31.10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> <p>North</p>



Free French dinner

Buy one entrée with one alcoholic beverage and receive a second entrée free! Up to \$18.75 value. Limited to one coupon per table. Not valid with any other offer or on holidays.

La Bonne Bouffe
Encinitas: 471 Encinitas Blvd.
760-436-3081

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50% off Mexican entrée

With purchase of another entrée and two beverages. Monday-Thursday only. Not valid with any other offers.

La Tapatia
Escondido: 340 W. Grand Ave.
760-747-8282

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Free pasta dish

Buy one pasta dish and two drinks, get one pasta dish free. Dine-in and take-out only. Excludes other offers.

Big Red Pizza
Carlsbad: 7740 El Camino Real Ste. F • 760-635-9000

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Free steakhouse appetizer

With purchase of two entrées and two beverages. Steakhouse menu only. Not valid with any other offers.

Steakhouse at Jalapeño Grill
Escondido: 503 W. Grand Ave.
760-233-1104

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Free yogurt

With purchase of another yogurt.

YoFresh
Escondido: 1022 W. El Norte Pkwy
760-432-8090

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Free Hooters entrée

With purchase of one entrée at regular menu price. Max value \$9.99. One coupon per table. Dine-in only. Some restrictions apply.

Hooters
Oceanside: 3186 Vista Way
760-433-4668

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Family special \$22⁹⁵

Includes one 18" one-topping pizza, one large family salad, and one order of garlic knots. \$2 extra for specialty pizza. Not valid with any other offer.

Flippin' Pizza
La Costa: 760-436-7499
Vista: 760-598-8005
Encinitas: 760-632-1497
Carlsbad: 760-434-4468

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Free entrée

With purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Dine-in only. Not valid with any other offer.

Fresh ground burgers, specialty pizzas, steaks, seafood and pastas.

The Bullpen Bar & Grill
Encinitas: 149 S. El Camino Real
760-635-9020

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20% off sushi

20% off your entire bill. Not valid with any other offer or on Happy Hour Menu.

Hooked On Sushi
Carlsbad: 2508 El Camino Real
760-434-8811

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Free Italian cuisine entrée

With the purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages.

Dominic's Italian Gourmet
Escondido: 391 N. Escondido Blvd.
866-545-3736

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Smoked baby back ribs \$7⁹⁵

Includes coleslaw, beans and bread. Good with this coupon only. One coupon per person.

Chicken Plus Greek Cuisine
Escondido: 309 W. Mission Ave.
760-480-1348

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Free Greek, Armenian or Persian lunch

With purchase of another lunch item and two drinks.

Kabob Cuisine
Vista: 1688 S. Melrose Dr.
760-727-2212

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tata-like *uttapams*. (Try the last with the delicious, not-too-spicy chili-onion stuffing.) Inexpensive.

Super Buffet 8998 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*. The fresh sashimi — such as salmon or tuna — is scrumptious. Don't miss the chicken feet. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

Jake's Tiki Bar at Mission Bay Deli 1548 Quivira Way, Mission Beach, 619-223-5056. This everyday deli does the usual sandwiches, burgers, and dogs for boatyard crews — but on Sunday afternoon don't miss the scene at the palapa with beer and live music. It's one of this town's best-kept secrets. Deli daily till dusk. Inexpensive.

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the thin home-

made teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. Service till midnight or later. Moderate.

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy fish 'n' chips platter. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Izakaya Masa 928 Ft. Stockton Dr., Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. Friendly spot serves interesting Japanese tapas. Among the hits: crunchy, spicy *chuka kurage* (jellyfish salad); fried oysters (*kaki*); ethereal fried tofu in broth; and *kara-age* (spicy fried chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken 3731 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-0177. Saffron Noodles and Saté is sit-down, all about Thai noodles and saté. Next door, take-out only, owner Su-Mei Yu serves skewered grilled chicken marinated in garlic, ginger, and spices. Delicious green curry, too. Inexpensive.

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All American Grill 7510 Hazard Center Dr., Mission Valley, 619-296-9600. This huge indoor-outdoor sports pub offers genuinely good food from a wood-fired oven and grill. The gifted chef highlights seasonal American ingredients (many local) in creative mini-pizzas, grazes, hearty entrées, smart desserts. Muted TV's sound turns on for game Sundays. Low moderate.

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. Or try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Healthy Swedish food amidst Nordic housewares: meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. Inexpensive.

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. Generously sized entrées come with soup or salad and two hefty side

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Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-474-5546. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut) and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

McDini's 105 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-6771. Open continuously since 1890 in various locations, now under a new owner who spiffed up the room. The eats are hearty diner-style food like Irish breakfasts, meat loaf sandwiches, roast beef. Inexpensive to moderate.

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The Linkery 3794 30th St., North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. The focus is on sausages. Some of the best include the juicy "super bison Mexi-dog," the linguisa, and the Polynesian pork. Moderate.

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3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro 2265 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Also 897 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-2104. Eclectic dishes designed to go with wine until late evening, with bottles a pittance over retail. Low-moderate.

Portugalia 4839 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. The menu is split between the homeland and Brazil, including coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia rarely found locally. Enjoy salt cod fritters, fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp, codfish with chickpeas. Moderate.

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also 3910 30th St., North Park, 619-574-1288. Healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in a tropical setting. A big plus: zero attitude. Top picks are the seafood dishes and the house-made mole sauce with a zillion ingredients. Inexpensive.

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Oceanside

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-0124. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced over salad, and the gyros mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials and meaty burgers. Inexpensive.

Old Town

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Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Charming setting with folk art, live blues, offering Louisiana fare in dire need of a refresher course (avoid the jambalaya). Safest choices: crawfish bisque, lush "purple fries" (eggplant), gumbo. High-moderate.

Karinya Thai 825 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. Try *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup), a meal in itself served over a charcoal fire at your table, or *pad talay*, sautéed seafoods in spicy sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast, adding your choices of granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces. Inexpensive.

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The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-226-6100. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. Moderate.

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-223-3030. Vintage waterside eatery serves seafood and steaks of uneven quality. Start with clams on the half-shell or clam chowder. Coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure; finfish fare less well. Low-moderate.

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“I used to sell 78s to Robert Crumb,” says Folk Arts Rare Records owner Louis Curtiss of the cartoonist and musician whose *Book of Genesis: Illustrated* currently tops the

bought a few old records while he was here.”

Crumb has illustrated around 50 album covers, from Big Brother and the Holding Company’s *Cheap Thrills* (1968), through vari-

old-timey music.”

Curtiss has headed up over 50 local-music festivals since 1967, most notably the Adams Avenue Roots Festival. “In 2008, the Adams Avenue Business Association relieved me of that privilege,” he says, “so now I run Folk Arts Rare Records and put up video clips of performers...on my Facebook page, some 550-plus clips.”

In addition, Curtiss hosts *Jazz Roots* on Sunday nights for KSDS-FM and *Jazz88.org*. “On December 20,” he says, “I [hosted] ‘Christmas Jazz Roots,’ with songs like ‘Santa Claus Blues’ by Clarence Williams’s Blue Five with Louis Armstrong, ‘Christmas in Jail’ by Leroy Carr, and Larry Vincent doing ‘Let Me Hang My Balls on Your Christmas Tree.’”

— Jay Allen Sanford

The Frustrated Hobbyist

“Let’s hear it for Carey Driscoll,” says singer Tom Russell from the stage of a Methodist church in Normal Heights. “Carey Driscoll, my favorite promoter, tryin’ to keep folk music alive. Man! Some of those emails he sends are ROUGH!” The audience laughs. “But ya gotta be able to take it if you’re a friend. Ya gotta be drinkin’ to read those emails. ‘Cause he doesn’t give a shit!” More laughter. “Carey Driscolllllll!”

Driscoll, a retired sales-

man and a former folk musician himself, has produced over 350 concerts in the past six and a half years as part of his Acoustic Music San Diego series.

going to get any kind of a write-up in a paper.” He says that filling seats has been an ongoing frustration.

“It’s no easier today than it was for the first show.”

mean, how desperately sick do you have to be that you can’t go without booze for a couple of hours?”

AMSD, Driscoll says, is his retirement hobby. “It wasn’t



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“I assume Tom was referring to my occasional — although it’s been quite a while since I’ve sent one — rants about people on my mailing list coming to a show once in a while or getting off the damn mailing list,” Driscoll writes in response.

AMSD is essentially one person — Driscoll, who books the acts, writes publicity, and handles ticket orders. He says he has accumulated thousands of email addresses over the years at his shows. With no advertising budget, he takes the direct approach, by promoting AMSD shows via email. “All I can count on are the 2200 people on my mailing list being aware of my concerts. I don’t know in advance if the concert’s

Part of the problem, Driscoll admits, is that the performers he books are neither pop stars nor household names. Consider Ramblin’ Jack Elliott, the Strawbs, Kris Delmhurst, even ’60s comic Mort Sahl. “It was shocking to me that people as big as Jimmy Webb had not played San Diego. Al Kooper [Blood, Sweat, and Tears founder] had played here before,” Driscoll says, “but not for 25 years.”

Driscoll also thinks being a dry venue (AMSD shows have been held in a rented church since 2004) hurts ticket sales. “I know with absolute certainty that there are a number of people who won’t come to our shows because they can’t drink here. That mystifies me. I

intended to be a money-making operation, and that’s perfectly all right with me.” He maintains low ticket prices and offers a money-back guarantee. “As long as I don’t lose a bunch of money, that’s all I care about.”

But that remains to be seen, he says. Ticket sales have been further dampened by the economy. “Instead of buying in advance, people are waiting longer to buy tickets. That doesn’t give you a real comfortable feeling to know that a year ago you would have sold 150 tickets by now for this concert, and you’ve only sold 40. Does that mean you’re not going to sell that 110, or are they just gonna buy late?”

— Dave Good

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New York Times’ hardcover graphic books best-seller list. “I started doing business with him by mail order in the mid-’70s, when he bid on some 78s on my auction list. He liked those old dance bands from the ’20s on the Grey Gull label. He didn’t bid on the really big-money items, but those were rare records.

“We communicated by letter a few times, and I talked to him once or twice on the phone, and then he came down to San Diego when we were presenting the Rhythm Rascals in concert. He looked like the Robert Crumb he draws, the hat and the whole thing. I showed him my collection, and he talked about his.... He

ous jazz and blues compilations, a 2009 cover for Eden and John’s East River String Band, and records by his own band, Robert Crumb and the Cheap Suit Serenaders.



FOLK AFICIONADO LOUIS CURTISS

According to Curtiss, one of the city’s experts on roots music, “His band plays pretty well. They kicked a lot of others into doing that kind of

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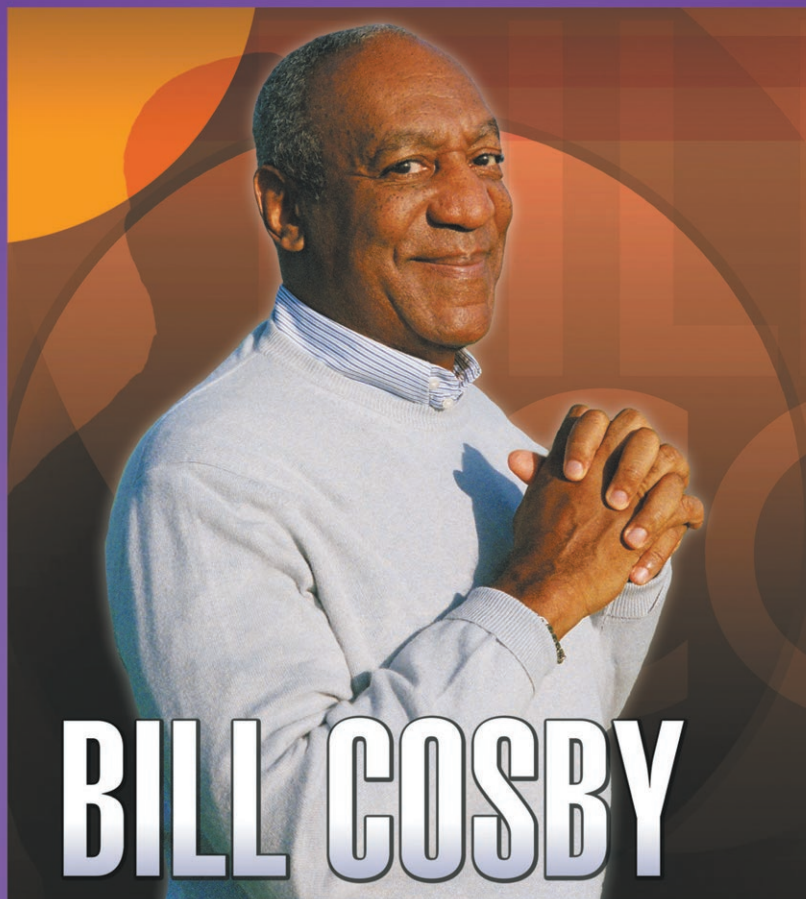
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Eng's M.E.B. Theory

"After being in the local scene for two years, I've seen a lot of people come and go," says singer-songwriter Kenny Eng, who cites three factors that he feels are most responsible for failing at a music career: motivation, entitlement, and balance.

Entitlement: "The entitled musician is the person who thinks that the world and its people owe them something.... They [feel they] deserve respect and adoration from all people everywhere. However, the entitled musician is rarely ever willing to work and earn these accolades."

Balance: "Musicians who don't have a sense of balance in their personal lives usually end up the most bitter of all,



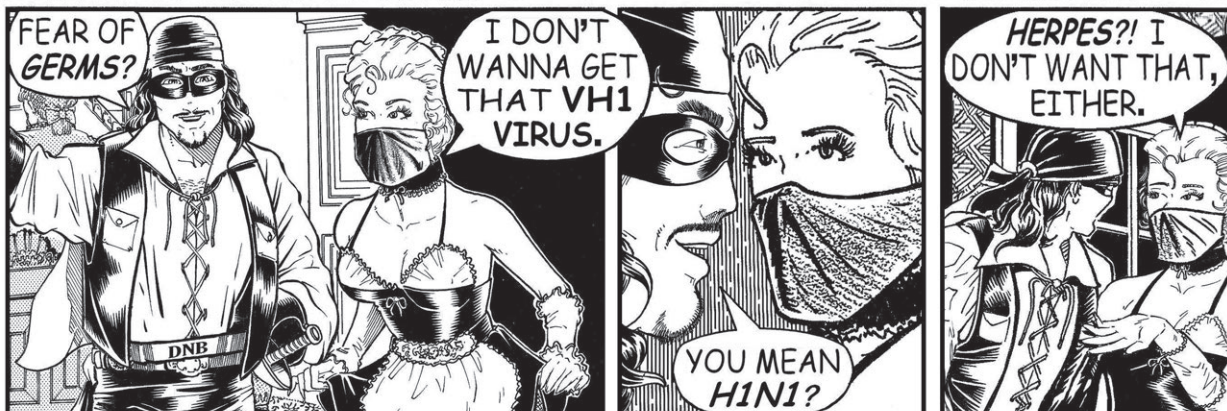
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Motivation: "I'm talking about the people who see music as a stepping stone for other aspirations, such as fame, money, and power.... I remember having a conversation with a singer-songwriter about what his goals were with his music. He simply said, 'To be famous.' While my initial reaction was to laugh, it was quickly followed by a gut-wrenching sadness because I knew what he meant by that and because I knew he wasn't joking."

tending to travel down the path of depression and loneliness for the rest of their lives. These are the people who don't understand how important it is to maintain your personal and emotional health, as well as the relationships with people they care about. We musicians are so thankful for our fans, but once the fans are gone, whom do we look to?"

Eng confesses, "I suffer from one if not all of these symptoms, as if I was rehashing my life story to you." His

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own hurdles also involve performance anxiety. "I still get stage fright every time I play.... It's gotten easier to overcome it, but on occasion, I clam up and get extremely self-conscious about my singing, my lyrics, and my guitar playing. I become the impotent man-boy instead of the rock star that I can be.

"Also, one time a guy said I reminded him of Tracy Chapman. I'm still not sure if that was a compliment."

Kenny Eng's solo acoustic album *Live from Lestat's* debuts January 15, with a release party at — where else? — Lestat's.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Record-Release

Roundup Acoustic minimalist Drew Andrews, between Via Satellite and Album Leaf projects, debuts a new solo CD at the Casbah on January 13. The dual

record-release party includes Boomsnake, plugging their new EP and 7" *Re/Visions*, with opening sets by Writer and Metrofique.

On January 23, songstress Astra Kelly has a release party for her EP *Battling the Sun* at Ruby Room. On the same day, jazz diva Karin Carson launches her new full-length *The Time Is Now* at Tango Del Rey.

"There is a time and a place for new beginnings," she says of the album title. "We are constantly on the verge of change. The things that seemed so important so many years ago, weeks ago, months, or even days ago, are consumed..."

Alyssa Jacey's new CD-release party happens January 27 at the Belly Up.

On February 10, flautist Holly Hofmann releases *Three's Company* at the La Jolla Athenaeum, where her longtime pianist Bill Cunliffe and guest saxman Ken



DREW ANDREWS DROPS A SOLO CD

Peplowski will also perform.

Screamo specialists a Shattered Hope are hoping to put out their newest by the end of February, if they can coax some good (and free)

cover art out of someone.

March will see new drop-pings from Ratt (*Infestation*), as well as a full-length from the Glee grrls of Bitter Sober. "We're in the studio with [producer-bassist] Beth Ladwig, recording with Elliot-the-dog music," says percussionist Megan Jane. The group spent their summer touring West Coast hotspots in Seattle, Las Vegas, Portland, and Phoenix. Jane's other band Veronica May is also in the studio, recording a full-length with King's Ransom.

Other locals with new releases include goth rockers Faith and the Muse, post-punkers the Dabbers, silky Steph Johnson, hard-rockers Superunloader, and oh-so-romantic crooner Jac.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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SIC ALPS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Thursday 7

Few (if any) "alt-rock" bands over the past three decades have held their mettle like NYC art-punk perennials **Sonic Youth**. Some expert wrote that the band's a "living glue," bonding '70s post-punk to '80s alternative to '90s DIY to the Oughts' net-age indie cultcha. I'll buy that. Last year, SY signed to Matador after 20 years as Geffen's vanguard and this year released their first for the indie stalwart, their 16th proper, *The Eternal*. It's a variety pack of SY-isms, with Thurston Moore and Lee Renaldo's raw-sugar pop-rock cuts over (often manic) dual-guitar, to Kim Gordon's rhythm-driven she-punk manifestos. (For better or worse, *The Eternal* lists to Gordon's side of the ship.) For the uninitiated, there's a mix-tape sorta thing that was put out by — *gasp, they didn't* — Starbucks last year, *Hits Are for Squares*, which makes for a comfortable entry into the band's postmodern pad. With San Francisco's psychedelic noise-pop trio **Sic Alps**, this House of Blues bill stages the two sets to get to tonight. Digression alert: SY tour bassist Mark Ibold's recently reconvened Pavement just added Sic Alps to its ATP line-up. Shut up. That's apropos.... Miss the door downtown (or even after the show), haul it up to Soda Bar, where L.A. quirk-punk **Abe Vigoda** and beach-blanket throwbacks **Best Coast** (big-ell Love their Connie-Francis-fronting-the-Vivians vibe) join Connie-electronica kitty cat Nika Roza Danilova, aka **Zola Jesus**, for one trippy-good triple bill.... Else: Belly Up books blues-guitar guru **Robben Ford**'s traveling revue Trial by Fire, featuring **Michael Landau**, **Jimmy Haslip**, **Gary Novak**, and **Grass Heat**...and Casbah curates a Visual

Underground event — "film, rock, and art to drink to." The rock'll be brought by poppy scenesters **Crash Encore** and **Republic of Letters**.

Friday 8

If country-fried swing's your thing, there will be lots to hoot and howl about when the Southland's big bopper **Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys** make their appearance at Casbah's month of 21-year-anniversary gigs Friday night. The rockabilly revivalists have been a Casbah staple for almost as long and will headline sets that include that double-neck devil T.K. Smith and his **Smith's Ranch Boys** and like-minded locals **Brawley**.... Latin-jazz maestro **Pete Escovedo** brings his family band to Anthology. The Pete Escovedo Orchestra includes his percussionist kids **Juan**, **Peter Michael**, and **Sheila E.** Suggest you stretch your hips, kids, that's a lot of B.P.S.... Reggae rolls into Belly Up when U.K. toaster **Pato Banton** takes the Solana Beach stage. FYI: Banton is a "spiritually enlightened Urantian" now, touring to spread the word off of his latest, *Destination Paradise*. **Now**



PETE ESCOVEDO AT ANTHOLOGY

Generation (feat. **Colin Giles**) will set the stage.... Uptown Friday night: soul-jazz jam band **Pocket**'ll turn it inside out at Bar Pink...Radio Room dials up L.A.'s "spaghetti western wizard rockers" **Bella Novela** and locals the

Fascination and **Vinyl Film**...while Ruby Room hosts a CD-release thing for Itai Faierman and his Beatles-inspired trio the **Mashtis**, with **Lessons from Zeke**, **Golden Red**, and **Simeon Flick**.

Saturday 9

Tex-Mex Grammy winners **Los Lobos** lope into Belly Up Saturday night behind their fresh-off-the-press family-friendly disc *Los Lobos Goes Disney*. ¡Ay yi yi! L.A. alt-rock act **Tomorrow's Bad Seeds** opens (not to be confused with Nick Cave's Bad Seeds, which, BTW, if emotive instrumentals are your thing, I got to recommend Cave and Ellis's *White Lunar* music-for-movies disc if yer still sitting on a gift card).... Also up thataway, Ché Café stages a fun one with party-rockers **Apes of Wrath** and hook-heavy indie kids **Da Bears**, who are supposedly going to drop us a new disc this year — paws crossed.... It'll be "nardcore" punks **Ill Repute** with like-minded locals **Critical Me** and **Pass the Axe** digging the pit at Brick by Brick in Bay Park. Oxnard quartet Ill Repute has been thrashing since 1981 and this year hit the road to deliver *Nardcore — 30 Years Later*.... Brian Karscig's new joint the **Nervous Wreckords** will split a bill with Charlie Ware's **Midnight Rivals** at Casbah. **Black Hondo**'s up first. Have you listened to the Wreckords? Sounds as if Brian's got the beat.... And uptown there's a trio of solid indie-rock bills, as Soda Bar draws **Nautical Disaster**, **Napoleon Complex**, **Death on Mars**, and **Behind the Wagon**...Ruby Room shines its light on NYC act **That Time of the Month** and locals **Dirty Legs**, **Mermaid**, and the ever-effervescent **Wendy Bailey**...and odd-pop peeps **Hargo** and **Marcelo Radulovich** coif at Beauty Bar.

Sunday 10

Nada, baby.

Monday 11

The pride of Montclair, New Jersey, **Duncan Sheik** will play the Old Globe Monday night. Tell you why: the singer-songwriter crossed over into Broadway show tunes with the award-winning *Spring Awakening*. Expect this thee-a-tah set'll be heavy with that.... Brooklyn's ambient experimentalists **Lymbyc Systym** and Portland tourmates **Helios** bring the chill to the Ché. **Drew Andrews** and the **Spectral Cities** open the show.... And the funky fun **Styletones** will kick out another Bar Pink Monday-nighter...while the Casbah's Anti-Monday team tags the folk-rocking NYC band **Alberta Cross** and San Antone's **Hacienda**.

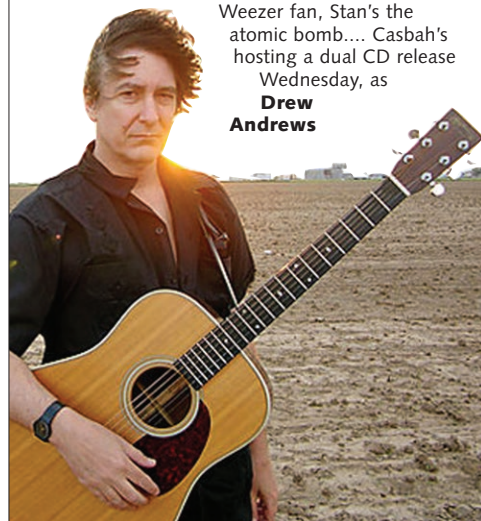
Tuesday 12

It's hoedown Tuesday 'round town as **Cowboy Mouth**'s Rock and Roll Mardi Gras reaches Belly Up. That one's got trad country wailer **Junior Brown** on the bill.... And cowpunk acts the **Screamin' Yeehaws**, **Flexx Bronco**, and **Pushin Rope** ride into O.B. rock spot Winstons.

Wednesday 13

The **Weezer** thing was canceled at RIMAC, if that earth-shattering news missed you, but — BUT — **Stan Ridgway**'s here to make good on his September 22 Belly Up postponement. Yes, you can use those old tickets to get in, and yes, **Sara Petite**'s still setting the stage.

Don't roll your eyes at me, Weezer fan, Stan's the atomic bomb.... Casbah's hosting a dual CD release Wednesday, as **Drew Andrews**



STAN RIDGWAY AT BELLY UP

digitally drops his solo shot *Playing Birthday Games*, and **Boomsnake** delivers their *re/visions* EP. **Writer** will open on the main stage. Pop-rock duo **Metrofique** plays the Atari.... Prog and fusion freaks, Brick by Brick will stack up solid studio dudes **Allan Holdsworth** (Level 42), **Terry Bozzio** (Missing Persons, Zappa), **Tony Levin** (Peter Dinklage, King Crimson), and **Pat Mastelotto** (King Crimson, XTC). Opens **Science Fiction** will give a jazzy post-rock primer before the real head trip hits.

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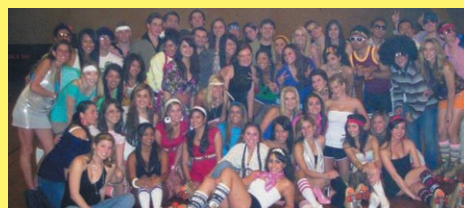
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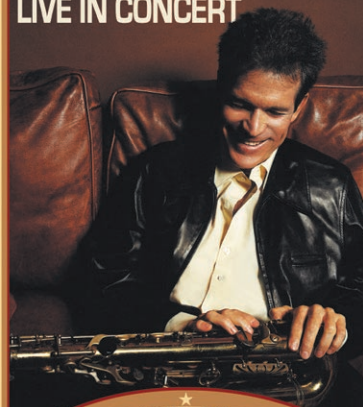


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Greg Pardue

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In 2007 I was lucky enough to see **Sonic Youth** play their landmark 1988 album *Daydream Nation* in its entirety. From opener "Teen Age Riot" to the closing "Trilogy: Eliminator Jr.," it was awesome. For an encore, they played some new material, and a palpable wave of disappointment came over the gray-ing heads of the crowd. I have thought of Sonic Youth as one of my favorite bands for something like 25 years now, but sometime in the mid-'90s I stopped buying all the band's new albums and just went to the occasional show instead. As much as I loved the old albums, I thought I didn't really need any more

Sonic Youth songs in my life.

Last year's record *The Eternal* might have changed my mind. It's the first Sonic Youth album to feature new bassist **Mark Ibold** (of Pavement), it's the first to feature harmony vocals (apparently, it took them 15 albums before they figured out they could do that), and it's the first to come out on Matador Records (a record company that has been releasing many records that sound like Sonic Youth for more than 20 years). But, as the title suggests, there's nothing really new about *The Eternal*. It mostly serves up a familiar mix of oddly tuned guitars clanging like bells, oddly sung vocals, lyrics steeped in pop culture and the art world, and **Steve Shelley's** inhu-



SONIC YOUTH

manly steady drumming. But this time, the songs are more concise than they have been in years. It just flat-out rocks. Listening to *The Eternal*, I can't imagine living without this band's music in my life.

SONIC YOUTH: House of Blues, Thursday, January 7, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$27.50.

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Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Thursday, 9:30pm — Abrina. R&B. Free.
Friday, 7:30pm — The Pete Escovedo Orchestra. With Sheila E. Jazz/Latin. \$30.
Friday, 9:30pm — Eric Sardinas. Blues/rock. \$24.
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Friday — Candyflip. With Apres Fellini, Shines Like Gold, and Batwings Catwings. Rock/pop/rockabilly. \$5.
Sunday — Boom Snap. With Westfire and Hargo. Rock/alternative/electronica/DJ. \$5.
Wednesday — Mia Riddle. With Useless Keys, and Longstay residency. Alternative/garage rock.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9pm — Robben Ford.

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Friday, 9pm — Pato Banton. With Now Generation. Reggae. \$18-\$20. 21 and up.

BlueFire Grill: 2100 Costa del Mar Rd., Carlsbad, 800-854-5000.
Thursday, 6pm — David Patrone. Jazz/lounge.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Wednesday, 8pm — Holdsworth, Bozzio, Levin, and Mastelotto. With Science Fiction. Jazz/rock. \$20-\$25. 21 and up.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8pm — Visual Underground Reunion. A film-rock-art showcase. View exhibition by local artists, then screening of several short films, including Transfer's *Wake to Sleep*. Crash Encore, Republic of Letters follow, with projection by Avicious VJs. 619-232-4355. \$6-\$10. 21 and up.

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Don's Cocktail Lounge: 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon, 619-443-2444. *Friday*, 8:30pm, *Saturday*, 8:30pm — The Taylor Harvey Band. Acoustic/covers/rock.

E Street Café: 128 E St., Encinitas, 760-230-2038. *Saturday* — Cindy Santini. Pop.

El Cajon Grand: 351 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-0949. *Friday*, 9pm — FX5. Covers/pop/rock. *Saturday*, 9pm — Cold Shower. Hardcore/metal/rock.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. *Wednesday*, 8:30pm — Billy Watson and Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. *Thursday*, 8pm — Sonic Youth. With the Sic Alps. Alternative/indie rock. \$27.

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Main Tap Tavern: 518 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-749-6333. *Friday*, 9pm — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

McCabe's Beach Club: 1145 S. Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-439-6646. *Friday*, 5pm — Loss of Control. Rock. Free.

The Metaphor Café: 258 East 2nd Ave., Escondido, 760-747-1882. *Thursday*, 7pm — Desolace. With Nightmare's Riot, Angle Johnson, Dress to Impress, and Bad Habit. Alternative/punk/rock. \$5.

New Village Arts Theatre: 2787 B State St., Carlsbad, 760-433-3245. *Saturday*, 8pm — Eve Selis. Acoustic/country/pop. \$20-\$30.

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The Old Globe Theatre: 1363 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park, 619-234-5623. *Monday*, 8pm — Duncan Sheik. Tony and Grammy award winner

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It is doubtful that anyone who knows who these guys are would mind my calling them a supergroup. In the classic sense of the term, that is exactly what they are — a traveling supergroup of prodigy-level prog rockers and fusion artists who are each no more than a few degrees of separation from King Crimson drummer Bill Bruford.

A brief review of the players: **Allan Holdsworth** got my attention some 40 years ago as the New Tony Williams Lifetime guitarist. His style is fluid, complex, and unpredictable. A beer connoisseur, he told a reporter that the U.S. was a beer desert when compared to his native U.K. This may be why he named the private recording studio



HOLDSWORTH, BOZZIO, LEVIN, MASTELOTTO

he is said to have owned here in the 1990s "the Brewery." **Tony Levin** is a bassist who was an early Chapman Stick adopter, the Stick being a guitar neck with a dozen strings and no body. A veteran of bands as dissimilar as those of Joan Armatrading and Paul Simon, Levin has created the bottom end for pop hits like "Sledgehammer," and in a style all his own — nobody sounds like Levin. *Modern Drummer* magazine once called **Terry Bozzio** a drum god. After a stint with Frank Zappa, he jazzed with the Brecker Brothers. Best known for founding Missing Persons, Bozzio has a drum kit so massive as to dwarf that of Neil Peart's or Alex Van Halen's.

Drummer **Pat Mastelotto**, another prog rocker with heavy-duty credits that run the gamut from headliners such as the Pointer Sisters to King Crimson, is the downbeat that Bozzio plays against.

There's a new young audience for prog rock and jazz fusion, but I'd be remiss not to at least wonder if this tour is in part a tribute to Holdsworth's old friend and mentor, the late drummer Tony Williams.

HOLDSWORTH, BOZZIO, LEVIN, MASTELOTTO: Brick by Brick, Wednesday, January 13, 8 p.m. 619-275-5483. \$20 advance; \$25 door.

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4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343. *February 12* — I Love Hip-Hop.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. *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.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *January 14* — The John Jorgenson Quartet. *January 23* — Thunder Road. *January 27* — Sophie Millman. *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 10* — Me'Shell Ndegéocello. *February 11* — Tommy Emmanuel. *February 12* — Al Stewart.

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Invisible Girl

CD Review
by Meghan McIntire

Garage-rock duo the King Khan & BBQ Show ignite a blast from the past with their new Vice Records disc *Invisible Girl*. The collection taps doo-wop, retro garage, and bold punk for a heady brew of nostalgia made new. King Khan's lead riffs, croons, and energetic shout-alongs are

buoyed by one-man-band Mark Sultan's doo-wop-style backing vocals and strat-strumming, bass drum-thumping, snare-stripping array of sound that mines '60s *Nuggets* for timeless gems.

The rebellious punk lyrics of this album range from bold to silly to raunchy. "I told you, pretty baby, that I'd be your slave/ I'll even dig your grave, but you won't talk to me," from their song "Lonely Boy" is a prime example of their twist on a '60s vocal-group love song. Songs such as "I'll Be Loving You" and "Invisible Girl" are romantic if not downright poetic. "Animal Party" is a song about Khan partying...with animals. "Tastebuds" is vile but fun — listener beware.

These inspired garage-rockers do the genre justice with clever lyrics, catchy riffs, and soulful rhythm. *Invisible Girl* is "Johnny Be Good" gone bad. It's combo of *bow-da-bow-dow-dow* vocals, guitar wails, and wit make this album the duo's best to date. The track "Third Ave." speaks volumes: "Who knows how to rock? We do!" To twist the gist of most of the press on *Invisible Girl*, this isn't rock and roll revisited, this is rock and roll revived.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Battle Studies

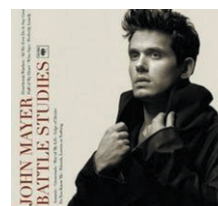
CD Review
by Earl Dove

John Mayer's fourth studio set is a mix of mid-tempo soul-pop, melancholy blues, and romantic serenades that combine to provide a genuinely satisfying experience. Taylor Swift joins Mayer on the poppy "Half of My Heart" that would not be out of place on Country Music Television. If you recall, Mayer dabbled in country music last year when he recorded a special for CMT with Brad Pais-

ley. Perhaps if this new record doesn't sell well, Mayer will go the way of Kid Rock or Darius Rucker and start recording in Nashville. I wouldn't count on it, though.

Battle Studies is John Mayer at his finest. Meticulously crafted songs laced with tasteful guitar work make even his sappy stuff, like album opener "Heartbreak Warfare," tolerable. Fortunately, that track is quickly forgotten as Mayer redeems himself over the next ten. From his funky version of "Crossroads" to the clever "Assassin," the price of admission is well worth it. Songs such as "All We Ever Do Is Say Goodbye" and "Edge of Desire" should satisfy Mayer's female fans. While songs like "Who Says" have enough edge to prevent the album from becoming redundant.

While the chaos of tabloid stardom has been the ruin of many great artists, Mayer appears to be holding up well. If *Battle Studies* is a sign of things to come, then the horizon looks fine.



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Jingle Ball

Concert Review
by Kristen Dennis

Jingle Ball 2009, a Star 94.1 fundraiser concert for women's shelter Becky's House, was an acoustic triple bill featuring Ingrid Michaelson, Uncle Kracker, and Michelle Branch.

Ingrid Michaelson stole the show with a flawless, uplifting performance. Playing ukulele and piano, Michaelson energized the audience with hits "Be OK" and "The Way I Am." Her intelligent, if somewhat nerdy humor warmed the crowd. She solicited audience participation for "Moun-

tain and the Sea" and then cast a solemn spell on the audience with her slower songs.

At one point, Michaelson turned to the audience all smiles and played a solo ukulele rendition of the Hawaiian Christmas song "Mele Kalikimaka." She played a parody song about eating Mexican food on her tour bus. Watching her onstage, it's not hard to believe that this indie folkster is a rising star in the music industry. The up-and-comer was much obliged to sign autographs after the show and pose with adoring fans.

In contrast, Uncle Kracker played as if he was at a backyard barbeque, drinking a beer and wiping his nose throughout his performance. Michelle Branch, on the other hand, lacked any stage presence, standing in place at the microphone throughout her set.

Concert: Jingle Ball 2009
Show date: December 13, 2009
Venue: Anthology
Seats: Floor, center



Son Voltage

Concert Review
by John Losavio

I feared the Christmas lights decking the stage at Belly Up would be incongruous to the sepia tones of rust-belt Americana act Son Volt, but the band tore through their set with an intensity that suited the rainy weather and shrugged off the festive decor.

Behind singer-guitarist and Son Volt figurehead Jay Farrar, their secret weapon on this night was Brit guitarist James Walbourne, who was on loan from the Pre-

tenders. Walbourne's haunting leads gave older numbers ("Ten Second News," "Tear Stained Eye") new life and new tunes (show starter "Down to the Wire" and "Jukebox of Steel" from this summer's *American Central Dust*) fresh-from-vinyl immediacy. A show highlight was "Cocaine and Ashes," Farrar's tribute to Keith Richards, for which Walbourne switched to lap steel, giving the already mournful tune a graveyard vibe that would chill "Keef" himself.

The band played one encore, a Stones-y take on Doug Sahm's "I'm Not That Kat Anymore," and were gone. Unlike (former Uncle Tupelo partner) Jeff Tweedy's Wilco, Son Volt probably will not love you, baby. But, they will make you a memorable rainy December night.

Concert: Son Volt
Date: December 13, 2009
Venue: Belly Up Tavern
Seats: Floor



Bacchus House: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Club '80s. With DJs Bryan Pollard and Arzola1. '80s/industrial/underground. 3054 University Ave., North Park. 619-299-2032.

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Azuki Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$.50 small sake w/ large beer, \$5 house wine, sangria, saketini. Classic sushi rolls \$3.50 and up, specialty rolls \$8-\$9, appetizers \$2-\$8.

Bertrand at Mister A's: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm: Specially priced cocktails, beer, wine, small plates on patio.

Pizzicato: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine; \$6 pizza slice + pint or wine.

BAY PARK

Offshore: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$3 sangria, well and micro import, \$5 Tommy Bahama mojitos.

BONITA

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Tuesday, 5-9pm: All well drinks two-for-one price. \$4 six-piece chicken wings, falafel, or mozzarella sticks, \$5 small hummus, \$2 six-piece dolmades. All day: 1/2-off hookahs. Wednesday-Saturday, 5-9pm: All well drinks two-for-one price. \$4 six-piece chicken wings, falafel, or mozzarella sticks, \$5 small hummus, \$2 six-piece dolmades.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: Every day, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

Boar Cross'n: Thursday-Saturday, 8-9pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light.

La Costa Grill: Every day, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$4 wells, house wines, \$1 off calls & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer, margaritas. \$3 off appetizers.

Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm; 10pm-midnight: \$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod.

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

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

Mr. Peabody's: Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beers, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. \$3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

CARMEL VALLEY

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, house margaritas. \$5 appetizers.

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 margaritas. \$1.50 tacos.

Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drafts, wells.

CLAIREMONT

Fat Tony's Pizza: Thursday, 5pm-close: \$2 Karl Strauss, \$4 taps.

Joe's Pizza: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 domestic, \$3.75 margarita, wells. Free nachos and quesadillas.

Cucina Fresca and Sons: Every day, 3-5pm: \$1.75 domestic beer.

Pal Joey's: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$3 personal pitchers. Sunday, all day: \$3 personal pitchers. 7pm-close: \$1 Kamikaze shots.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Beach 'n' Diner: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$2 off shakes, floats, malts, appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$1 off

appetizers, \$1.50 sliders. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Primavera Ristorante: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off all drinks; \$2 off daily food specials. Wednesday, 5-7pm: Wine night: 1/2-off all bottles, incl. champagne.

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2-off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

DEL MAR

Bully's Del Mar: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 bottle beer, \$3 domestic pints, \$4 microbrew pints, \$4.50 wells, \$6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers.

Shimbashi Izakaya: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 cocktails, \$5 glass of wine, \$3 draft beer. Sake & appetizer specials. Saturday-Sunday, noon-7pm: \$5 cocktails, \$5 glass of wine, \$3 draft beer, 1/2-off Asahi & Sapporo. Sake & appetizer specials.

DOWNTOWN

Asti Ristorante: Every day, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

The Bitter End: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks, bottles of wine 1/2-price.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 select beer, wine, spirits.

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangria. Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato.

Candelas: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2 price.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 wells. 1/2-off appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm: \$3.50 wells. 1/2-off appetizers.

La Fiesta: Every day, 5-7pm: 1/2-price calls, wells, tap beers, house wine, house margaritas. 1/2-price appetizers: ceviche, nachos, chicken pizza.

The Fish Market: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer. \$.95 oysters, \$4 fish tacos, \$5.75 mahi mahi sliders.

The Fleetwood: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: Every day, 3pm-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Sunday, all day: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells.

La Gran Tapa: Tuesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas. Wednesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, 1/2-off select bottles/wine. Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, \$10 pitcher sangria/draft.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm; 10pm-midnight: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria. 1/2-off seafood bar and appetizers.

Horton's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine, \$7 margaritas/cosmopolitans; \$7 potato skins/mozzarella sticks; \$7.50 nachos grande/buffalo wings.

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

The Local: Monday, 4pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. \$6 burgers. Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. \$3 lobster/fish tacos. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. Saturday, 8-10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant: Every day, 3-7pm; 9-11:30pm: Wine and drink specials; 1/2-lb. cheeseburgers \$2.95, other \$1.95 specials. Join us for Padres games, next to Petco Park.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine. \$5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

O'Brothers: Every day, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$5 glass of wine. \$7 sliders with fries.

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

RA Sushi: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; \$1 hot sake, \$2 domestics, \$3 wells, imports, \$4 specialty cocktails and wine, \$5 Kinn with sake.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

Stage Saloon: Every day, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Suite & Tender: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Tabule: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: Monday-Saturday, 3-8pm: All drinks two-for-one.

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

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine. \$2 off appetizers.



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Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$5 Imperia vodka, \$4 local beer, \$6 wine. Free samples of Basic pizza.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. *Friday-Saturday*, 11pm-close: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

Jewel Box: *Monday*, \$2 PBR drafts. *Wednesday*, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs & happy hour all night w/military ID. *Thursday*, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls.

EL CAJON

Double D's on Broadway: *Every day*, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, \$5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: *Wednesday-Sunday*, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

ENCINITAS

Savory: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 5-6pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area. *Friday-Saturday*, 5-6pm, 9-10:30pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area.

When in Rome: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one on all wines by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

Holiday Wine Cellar: *Monday*, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for five wine tastings.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday*, 12-4pm: \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + bag of chips. 12-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. All day: \$1 off sirloin steaks, surf and turf.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, \$4 house margaritas, wells. \$5 appetizers.

HILLCREST

Bangkok Thai Bistro: *Every day*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer & appetizers.

Cafe Eleven: *Every day*, 2-6pm: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer. \$3 appetizers: shrimp cocktail, stuffed mushrooms, Thai chicken skewers.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 Bud Light on tap, \$3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, 1/2-price bottles of wine.

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

Churasan: *Monday*, Monday night football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-

8pm: \$4 large Japanese beers. \$3 appetizers. *Sunday*, Sunday football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer.

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

Pampas Argentine Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials. \$2.50 empanadas (bar only).

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

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Thursday*, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: *Monday*, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. *Tuesday*, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$4 Three Olives. *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-7pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles. *Friday*, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$3 Fernet.

Kensington Cafe: *Every day*, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

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

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine. \$5 appetizers.

LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.

Clay's La Jolla: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine.

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

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

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

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

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

Rock Bottom Brewery, La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$3.50 beer, house wine, and well drinks. \$4, \$5, and \$6 appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10pm-midnight: \$3.50 beer, house wine, and well drinks. \$4, \$5, and \$6 appetizers.

Roppongi: *Every day*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

La Sala: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

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

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

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

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

Sushi on the Rock: *Every day*, 5-6:30pm: \$2 hot sake, Coors Light, \$3 cold sake, \$4 Soju spritz, \$5 house wine. \$1.75 vegetarian roll, spicy krab roll, \$2.75 spicy tuna roll.

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

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

LA MESA

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glass of wine.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts; \$2 off 8-oz. sirloin.

Tarroz Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 2-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, \$3 imported beer, \$4 premium drafts.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: *Monday-Friday*, 9am-12pm, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12-oz. drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperial.

The Calypso Café: *Every day*, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

The New Morena Club: *Every day*, noon-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 domestic bottles, wells.

Tio Leo's: *Monday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, margaritas. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: *Monday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

Puerto la Boca: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 glass of house wine, \$3.50 draft beer, well drinks, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers. *Sunday*, Noon-close: \$3 glass of house wine, \$3.50 draft beer, well drinks, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: *Monday*, \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, premium beer \$3.50/pint. *Saturday*, \$3 Bloody Marys. *Sunday*, \$3 mimosas.

Mira Mesa Lanes: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: *Friday*, 10pm-close: \$2 wells, all drafts.

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. *Friday*, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Every day*, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop. *Sunday*, 12-8pm: 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$4.95 all imported 20 oz. draught beers, \$3.75 well drinks, \$1 off all bottled beers and house wines by the glass.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Wednesday*, \$3 wells, beer, house wine.

All American Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

The Little Fish Market Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm, 8:30-close: \$4.25 fish tacos, \$3.75 spicy tuna roll, \$4.50 Cajun shrimp skewers.


NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

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NORTH PARK

Cricket's Pub and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$2.75 domestic bottles, wells, \$4 margaritas.

Lips: *Sunday*, \$5 homojitos. \$10 build-your-own tacos.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. *Friday-Sunday*, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

The Office: *Every day*, 5-8pm: 2-for-1 prices on all drinks.

Toronado: *Monday*, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

West Coast Tavern: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. Five menu items for \$5 each.

OCEAN BEACH

The Arizona Bar: *Every day*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3 house wines, 20 oz. domestics, microbrew pints, wells, 1/2-off all pitchers. \$3 food specials.

Dream Street Live: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine; \$4-\$10 food specials.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

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333 Pacific: *Every day*, 4-7pm, 9-10pm: \$7 vodka cocktails (100+ types of vodka). \$7 appetizers (calamari, oyster trio, Caesar salad).

The Flying Bridge: *Every day*, 4pm-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Piervue Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: *Tuesday*, 4-7pm: \$2 cans of Tecate.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$3 12-oz. house margaritas, \$5 20-oz. house margaritas, \$2.50 14-oz. domestic drafts, \$3.50 20-oz. domestic drafts.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Wine Cabana: *Monday*, till close: \$5 off Malbec. *Tuesday*, till 7pm: 1/2-price appetizers. *Wednesday*, Girl's Night Out: complimentary chocolate fondue. *Thursday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, 1/2-price appetizers. *Friday*, Cabana Magic Show (usually monthly). *Saturday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, disco with DJ & PJ. *Sunday*, till close: \$4 Sangria, live jazz at 5pm.

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710 Beach Club: *Monday-Friday*, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. *Saturday-Sunday*, 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday*, *Sunday*, \$6 pitchers.

Hennessey's Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$1 off house wine, wells, \$3 well shot/\$4 call shot, \$5 drink specials. *Saturday-Sunday*, till 1pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: \$2 wells,

house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

Moray's Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tavern at the Beach: *Monday-Saturday*, 12-7pm: \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. *Sunday*, 12-7pm: Industry Night: \$3 domestic beers, \$2 make your drink a double, \$3 calls for industry. Pay stub required.

Tony Roma's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 house margaritas, Long Island ice teas, \$3 wells, draft beer. Appetizer specials.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: *Monday-Thursday*, *Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3 cash wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

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The Boathouse: *Every day*, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

C-Level: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: \$3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine. \$5 crispy calamari, ahi tuna poke, steamed Fox River mussels.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items. Excludes holiday/concert nights.

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles, \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast. *Saturday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50

well drinks, domestic bottles, \$6.50 domestic pitchers. *Sunday*, all day: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles, \$6.50 domestic pitchers.

Pete's Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines. \$0.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos, \$5.99 for a 1/4-lb. burger, fries, small soda or Bud draft.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Monday*, 4-7pm: \$4 calls. *Tuesday*, *Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 pints. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm: \$4 Jäger bombs. *Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$4 Jäger bombs. *Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 calls. *Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$5 Long Island/Long Beach.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday*, *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles & wine. \$5 appetizers.

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings, more.

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Carvers: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6:30pm: \$2.75 beers, \$3.95 wells, \$4.25 house wines, \$4.75 well martinis.

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

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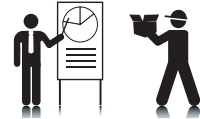
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To Begin With

It affords an opportunity to stretch himself without the obligation of credibility.

Jeff Bridges in *Crazy Heart* is pretty much the whole show. His Bad Blake, given name to be held back for the gravestone, is an over-the-hill and down-on-his-luck C&W singer still living the life of a C&W song, four marriages behind him, long lonely drives and cheap motels and cheaper women in

front of him, a chain smoker and a hard-at-it alcoholic (preferred poison, fictitious McClure's bourbon) on a free fall to the unseen bottom and, on impact, the uncertain bounce-back to redemption. As one of his lyrics neatly sums it up: "I used to be somebody, now I'm somebody else." The film — a first by actor-turned-director Scott Cooper, more precisely and typically actor-turned-actor's-director — surrounds the central character with a set of circumstances rather than a string of incidents. The bowling-alley venue at the start tells an untold tale (seated at the bar, facing the camera with the lanes behind him, Bridges could almost be back in *The Big Lebowski*, minus the

White Russian), and the showbiz stereotype depends on the details for revitalization: an unbuckled belt and unzipped fly for driving the long hauls and a handy gallon water jug to avoid rest stops along the way.

The actor's singing voice amounts to a dull blade that has a hard time cutting through the expert arrangements by T Bone Burnett, who with the late Stephen Bruton co-wrote the original songs in the crying-in-your-beer genre. But then too, the actor's speaking voice, a low rumble through a mouthful of marbles, has a hard enough time cutting through thin air, as if he could use a hit of oxygen before and after each utterance. To outward appearances, he's approximately one-third Kris Kristofferson (the constipated voice and the wheezy wince to produce it) and two-thirds Waylon Jennings (the greasy stringy hair, the bedraggled beard, the shades, the leather vest, the paunch), in no part original but in every part authentic. Maggie Gyllen-

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Youth in Revolt

haal is the single-mom reporter who provides motivation for Bad to get better ("I'm Bad, and I'm an alcoholic"), and Colin Farrell is the ponytailed one-time protégé who has passed him by and can now offer a hand-up, and Robert Duvall is the friendly neighborhood barkeep who brings with him the ghost of his down-and-out alcoholic country singer in *Tender Mercies*. (Oscar

voters, take a hint.) But these likewise are mere circumstances rather than characters in their own right, mere appurtenances, mere accoutrements of Bridges, little more than his belt buckle and water bottle, cigarettes and whisky. It's his show, and it's a generous one.

Miguel Arteta's *Youth in Revolt* is a cut-above teen comedy whose nerdy

hero is an anachronistic Sinatra fan, aspiring novelist, voracious reader, condemned virgin. When he stumbles on a prospective soul mate who seems his equal in youthful pretension — a Francophile who loves Gainsbourg and *Breathless*, but who can also correct him on his misidentification of the Japanese director of his "favorite" film, *Tokyo Story* — he develops an anarchic



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alter ego, François Dillinger, outfitted with cigarettes, dark shadows under his eyes, a pencil mustache, and a mile-wide cruel streak, to counsel him in his courtship. An even bigger question than how long till Michael Cera, twenty-one, can no longer get away with playing teenagers is the question of when his on-screen persona, a/k/a his shtick, will lose its freshness and find fatigue. The answer to both questions, somewhat surprisingly, is not yet.

His insecurity and interiority are built to last, and his diffident, apologetic, unexpectant way with a funny line (agreeing to a hike: "Like John Muir, I enter the wilderness armed with nothing more than my journal and a child-like sense of wonder") is long on charm. In addition to which, the alter ego, the devil over his shoulder and in his ear, with whom he both divides and shares screen time, gives him a refreshing new persona, new shtick. It affords an opportunity to stretch himself without the obligation of credibility. The prospective soul mate is played by newcomer Portia Doubleday, natural possessor of a newcomer's freshness, quite apart from her captivating name. But the puppet interludes, to preserve their own freshness, are banking on your not having seen the last Michael Cera film, the indie *Paper Heart*. (Its co-star, creative force, and puppet designer, Charlyne Yi, gets a polite acknowledgment in the closing credits.) The humor in general tends toward overstatement even when it's funny — the girl's evangelical parents occupy an enlarged double-decker trailer with a "Rock of Ages" doorbell and a sixty-four-pipe organ in the parlor — and it doesn't take much to push it overboard into unfunny vehicular demolition, surreptitious pot recipes, farcical cross-dressing. Then again, neither does it take much for a teen comedy to be a cut above.

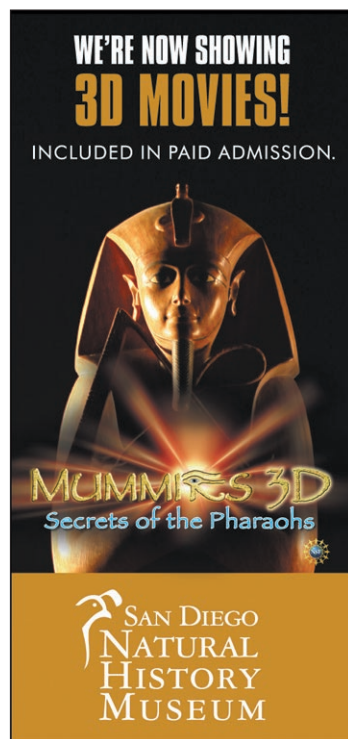
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parussus presents a Terry Gilliam exercise in excess, as dense, as heavy, as torpifying as a Christmas fruitcake. (Or as *Brazil*, *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen*, *The Brothers Grimm*.) The muffled narrative, revolving around an immortal travelling showman, his magic-mirror portal to the realm of imagination, and his deal with the Devil, gets overpowered by the relentless production: the desolate stark smoky post-apocalyptic real world and the digitalized escape-scapes, a bit of Oz, a bit of Wonderland, a bit of Middle-Earth, a bit of Maxfield Parrish crossed with Salvador Dali. Just to make the weird weirder, all of it's apt to be shot in bulbous wide angles. Nearly two years after his death in mid-shoot, this presumably will be Heath Ledger's final screen appearance, a sup-

porting role (given deceitful top billing) resourcefully completed by a tag team of Johnny Depp, Jude Law, and Colin Farrell, each of whom, uniformly dressed and groomed, appears more engaged in the role. In the last analysis it deposits a spot of tarnish, a smudge of dullness, on the Ledger legend.

Leap Year, directed by Anand Tucker, seems to exist solely to fill the monthly rom-com quota. In it, a New York control freak gets it into her head to join her boyfriend of four years on a business trip to Dublin, planning to take advantage of the local leap-year custom of “ladies’ privilege” in proposals of marriage. Instead she gets rerouted to Wales by bad weather, thence by boat to Dingle (somehow) on the far side of the island; and under the spell of Celtic magic and of a devil-may-care pub owner and sometime cab driver, she discovers her inner romantic. It’s a standard formula, the predestined lovers butting heads till locking lips, with the standard ton of pop songs on the soundtrack, and it lives or dies entirely on the charms of its stars: Amy Adams, whose charms are well known and on full display, and the manneristically elongated Matthew Goode (body by El Greco), whose charms are her match. He could well have a future in this sort of thing, as opposed to the *Single Man* sort of thing, if (a) he wants it and (b) Gerard Butler is busy. For the present, he and she bring the mechanism precariously to life. ■

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel — Further adventures of the computer-generated rodents, directed by Betty Thomas.

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Armored — “There’s no bad guys, only good guys”: an inside job among armored-car guards, thoroughly and lethally botched. Compact caper film, all business, worked out with an overabundance of closeups and occasional cracks in credibility. With Columbus Short, Matt Dillon, Laurence Fishburne, Jean Reno, Skeet Ulrich, and Fred Ward; directed by Nimrod Antal. 2009.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Avatar — Ambitious merger of live action and computer animation, with at least one groundbreaking 3-D effect: English subtitles for the language spoken on the celestial body of Pandora inserted on a plane in the

middle distance between a foreground figure and an upstage figure, as if the foreground one could look down and read the subtitle himself. This effect is silly, is pretentious, is pointless, and nonetheless is fun. Much the same could be said of the movie as a whole. Silly, pretentious, pointless, and fun is surely less than writer and director James Cameron had in mind for his first feature film since *Titanic* twelve years before, a two hour and forty-five minute “visionary” science-fiction epic that dishes up an allegory on globalism, a warm-over of the old science-versus-military debate, a dose of Noble Savage romanticism, a Capt. Smith and Pocahontas culture-clash romance, an ecological message, and a tree felling that insistently recalls the toppling of the World Trade Center. There appears little doubt that Cameron drew upon all his mental powers, yet happily those powers prove too feeble, too reliant on convention and stereotype, or if you wish to make it sound better, on tradition and archetype, to ruin the fun. The powers themselves, with their rumble of self-importance and their straining for significance, are part and parcel of the kitschy fun. Sam Worthington, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang, Giovanni Ribisi, Michelle Rodriguez. 2009.

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

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Broken Embraces — Almodóvar, as is his wont, gives you splatters and splashes, swatches and swaths, of vibrant color, and he gives you the occasional rock-you-on-your-heels image (a teardrop on a ripe tomato, lovers writhing within a white-sheet cocoon), and he gives you deliberately over-the-top domestic melodrama played steadfastly straight: a blind filmmaker (shades of Woody Allen's *Hollywood Ending*, albeit darker shades), a kept woman turned movie starlet, a manipulative millionaire, his conniving gay son, etc. He doesn't, however, give you much to believe in, except in this instance the undoubted radiance of Penelope Cruz, who in her mid-thirties would appear to have yet done nothing surgically to disfigure herself. It's a sad comment on our times that that's worthy of comment about an actress of her age. With Luis Homar, José Luis Góez, Blanca Portillo. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 1/8)

Brothers — Jim Sheridan's Hollywood do-over of Susanne Bier's Danish original is a wartime soap opera served up as kitchen-sink realism, photographed by Frederick Elmes with a clear and cold albeit clichéd eye for Middle American mundanity. The Good Brother (Tobey Maguire) is off to war in Afghanistan, currently the Good War, a week after the Bad Brother (Jake Gyllenhaal) is out of prison. Then, in a contrivance every long-running daytime drama will have at some point resorted to, namely the Presumed Dead scenario, the good one is erroneously reported KIA, and in his absence the bad one, showing signs of getting better, moves in to provide aid and comfort to his sister-in-law (Natalie Portman) and

two nieces. A reserved Maguire, saving up the vein-popping hysterics for the final reel, looks alarmingly pale and frail on his rescue from captivity and his return home, but the slobbery empathy for the maladjusted veteran sets a near impossible standard, as if to imply you mightn't come in for empathy unless you'd been forced to beat one of your buddies to death with a lead pipe. (Just to tighten the screws, the widow and rug rat of the bludgeoned comrade will turn up one day in your living room.) The film's most interesting material, the two young daughters' shifted affection from their zombified father to their barrel-of-fun uncle, demonstrates that interest can be generated without heat and hoo-hah. Sam Shepard, Mare Winningham, Bailee Madison, Taylor Geare. 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Crazy Heart — Reviewed this issue. With Jeff Bridges, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Colin Farrell, and Robert Duvall; directed by Scott Cooper.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 1/8)

Daybreakers — Futuristic vampire film by the twin brothers Michael and Peter Spierig, starring Ethan Hawke and Willem Dafoe.

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Did You Hear about the Morgans? — Did you hear about *Did You Hear about the Morgans*?? Well, it's not as bad as you may have heard. The premise of a splitsville Manhattan couple whisked away together to wild, wild Wyoming in the witness protection program is no worse than that of many a screwball comedy of the Golden Age. Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker as the



Crazy Heart

fishes out of water are simply staying limber without really stretching themselves; and their contrasting styles, ingratiating vs. grating, yield a semblance of discord. Grant's reeking insincerity is rather unbecoming in the role of a marital penitent and supplicant, but the increasing creases in his face add poignance even to insincerity, not only to ingratiation. Filmmaker Marc Lawrence, who with *Two Weeks Notice* and *Music and Lyrics* has never directed in absence of Grant, always cares enough about the work to employ a topflight cinematographer. This one, Florian Ballhaus, applies a high shine. Sam Elliott, Mary Steenburgen. 2009.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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: squared-up and flattened compositions, lateral action and tracking shots, a clump-clump ed-iting 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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA)

The Hurt Locker — Fictitious count-down of the final six weeks in the twelve-month tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working conditions in a color-free wasteland appear perfectly credible, and the quasi-science-fictional details of the job — the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bomb-sniffing robot, the tangle of colored wires, the hide-and-seek triggers — are highly enlightening. And the defusing of bombs — the constant prospect of their blowing up in our faces — carries a guaranteed tension, as witness such forerunners as Robert Aldrich's *Ten Seconds to Hell* or Michael Powell's and Emeric Pressburger's *The Small Back Room*. The ambush in mid-desert, outside the squad's normal sphere of operations, is if anything even tenser: more unpredictable, more open to possibilities. Kathryn Bigelow, one of the rare female action directors, dead-set on matching any man in muscle, favors here the combat-footage filmmaking style of jostles and jars to the camera, punchy zooms, whiplashing pans, and a chronic shaky hand, not necessarily restricted to scenes of combat. This is trendy at best, a tired cliché at worst. (The amplified heartbeat and the slo-mo explosion ought to be put to bed for a rest period of not less than a generation.) She takes a lot of time on the action scenes, or more broadly the tension scenes, and not much time in between, so that the three principals — Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Brian Geraghty, each of them looking the part — are thin on character, static in development, no more than generic as opposed to individual soldiers. With Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse. 2009.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus — Reviewed this issue. With Christopher Plummer, Andrew Garfield, Lily Cole, Heath Ledger, and Tom Waits; directed by Terry Gilliam.

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Invictus — Doubtless not the sort of project that fans of director Clint Eastwood want from him, a Big Statement, no matter how characteristically understated. Marrying elements of the Great Man biography and the inspirational true sports story, it tells of Nelson Mandela's first years as the first black president of South Africa — timely parallel to somebody closer to home — and his outwardly frivolous, inwardly farsighted interest in his country's hosting of the Rugby World Cup, 1995, as an opportunity to unify a divided populace. (An anti-revenge film, a reconciliation film, it could have been titled *Forgiven* to round out the course of contrition Eastwood undertook way back with *Unforgiven*.) The extensive speechmaking does not get in the way of the director's serene craftsmanship, the slanted compositions solidly hinged together and unfolded at a steady and imper-turbable pace, stretching out customarily to a wieldy and evenly balanced two and a quarter hours. Morgan Freeman as Mandela (put a batik shirt on his back and a smile on his face and it's amazing how well he can pass) and Matt Damon as the rugby team captain, François Pienaar, struggle to outdo one another in stoical underplaying, and neither struggles noticeably with the accent. Eastwood, meantime, has his own struggle in making an unfamiliar sport comprehensible ("So, it is very important that we beat Australia"), and although he fails at that on

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shots, fronted and centered, approach the freak-show aura of the photographs of Diane Arbus. The parade of surnames has a Dickensian grotesquerie all its own: Gopnik, Finkle, Marshak, Nachtner, Schlutz, seldom a simple Shapiro. And the three rabbis of three different generations are hilariously ineffectual in three different ways. But to complain that the character portraits are not rounded, are slanted, would be to complain that a caricaturist is not a classicist, that Daumier is not Ingres. This is, it bears stressing at this point, a personal film. It is also — unexpectedly enough, as unexpected as the superstitious Old Country folk tale of the prologue and its old-fashioned 4:3 aspect ratio — a religious film, a film concerned not just with the specific religion of Judaism and its whole exotic lexicon, but with broader religious questions, universal inquiries into life's mysteries: what have I done to deserve this? what have I done with my life? what ought I to do? what am I here for? Joel and Ethan Coen have long and lately devoted themselves to the vast panoply of human stupidity. Stretching out now, stretching back to *Barton Fink*, they have chosen to reassure us, although “reassure” doesn't sound quite right, that an intelligent, educated, well-meaning, and would-be serious man is no less at a loss. Michael Stuhlbarg, Sari Lennick, Richard Kind, Aaron Wolff, Fred Melamed. 2009.

★★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Sherlock Holmes — Horrors! A Sherlock Holmes for the 21st Century, a man of action, a martial artist, more of a 19th-century James Bond or alternatively an urban *Wild Wild West*-erner, with a pretty-boy Dr. Watson (Jude Law) and a megalomaniacal archenemy (Mark Strong) who foretells “a journey that will twist the very fabric of nature,” not to mention the re-colonization of America. The worst of it, worse than the hero's unseemly number of brushes with death or his embarrassing gullibility to feminine wiles, worse even than the blanketing darkness and the teeth-rattling sound and music imposed by director Guy Ritchie, is the insouciance of Robert Downey, Jr. (never mind his bad accent) in the title role. In a rare bow to discretion, he at least lays off the cocaine. Rachel McAdams, Eddie Marsan. 2009.

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A Single Man — Adaptation of the Christopher Isherwood novel detailing the planned last day of a homosexual English professor (an exquisitely tortured Colin Firth) grieving his dead lover, anally-compulsively tying up loose ends, saying his guarded goodbyes, practicing the proper posture to shoot himself in bed, laying out his burial attire with the helpful note, “Tie in a Windsor knot.” Fashion “guru” Tom Ford, in his directing debut, sees to it that the dumps are *très chic*, almost to be envied and emulated. He demonstrates convincingly a photographic eye to go along with a curatorial taste in the early-Sixties period, although the total ambience resembles that of a retro pictorial in *Harper's Bazaar* rather than an accurate depiction of a gloomy Brit in sunny So-Cal during the Kennedy Era. And he controls the color saturation of his imagery as if through an IV, maintaining gray drained faded tones for the present

tense, pedantically contrasted with florid flushed flashbacks; and any passing sensory sensation in the faded present, any flicker of life, any tremor of reanimation, any stir of passion, will bring a sudden surge of saturation. It's a definite idea, even if a transparent one. With Julianne Moore, Nicholas Hoult, and Matthew Goode. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 Ejiofor, Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover, Oliver Platt. 2009.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Up in the Air — A comedown from Jason Reitman's auspicious first two features, *Thank You for Smoking* and *Juno*, narrowly centered as it is on a narrowly self-centered hero, a travelling corporate downsizer, a hired hatchet man, now a potential dinosaur whose way of life is threatened — by long-distance terminations via the innovation of video conferencing — before he can reach his lone life's goal of becoming just the seventh man in history, and the youngest ever, to log ten million air miles and to reap the benefits that come with that milestone. The smirky smugness of a backsliding George Clooney, back at least as far as Danny Ocean if not all the way to Dr. Ross on *ER*, makes him an unlikely candidate to be handing out pink slips, unless as a grotesque expressionistic subjective projection of the pink-slip recipients. The recipients themselves, while widely varied in type, many of them having been downsized in real life, are for the most part penned up in bum's-rush montages. And the movie overall seems to share rather too much of the protagonist's glibness and frigidity. Waiting for a crack to appear in his façade is a sufficiently conventional plot hook, and patching up the crack afterwards is an insufficiently unconventional ending. Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Jason Bateman, Melanie Lynskey, Danny McBride. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Where the Wild Things Are — A very realistic live-action little boy, acting out at supertime and running away from home in a Halloween animal costume, sails across the sea to an all-brown imaginary land of

SEEN ON
DVD



Peep Show

LELAND BATSON
Cinephile

Seldom have gender stereotypes been explored in such an inventive and playful fashion as in director Charlie Call's terrific short film, *Peep Show*. A young woman treats herself to a verbal peepshow in which her fantasies of an ideal man are catered to. A micro budget is employed to maximum effect in this winner of multiple film-festival awards.

In *Oasis*, a man imprisoned by his mind and a woman imprisoned by her body find peace with each other in one of the most unconventional and beautifully told love stories of all time. This groundbreaking Korean drama is not for the squeamish, but mature viewers will find it a unique and unforgettable experience.

PEEP SHOW (USA) 1999,
Sony Pictures
List price: \$5.99

OASIS (South Korea) 2004,
Lifesize Home Entertainment
List price: \$14.98



Tropic Thunder

CRAIG WILSON
San Diego filmmaker

I first stumbled upon *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* going with a friend to see *Memento* at Landmark's Hillcrest. It just so happened *Memento* was sold out so we went to see *Hedwig* instead. I was blown away. The music, the acting, the direction, *everything* was beautiful. The story is a bit strange to explain, but it's an amazing flick.

There's no better monologue in *Tropic Thunder* than Robert Downey's “Full retard” speech to Ben Stiller. If someone ever auditions with that to me, they're hired. I love this movie and its play on everything filmmaking. The bonus features are amazing. There's a 45-minute mockumentary about the making of the film, plus loads of features that you can barely get anywhere else.

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH (USA) 2001, New Line
List price: \$24.98

TROPIC THUNDER (USA) 2008,
Dreamworks
List price: \$19.99



Seven Days in May

DON SENDA
Film buff

Aside from a few cheap props distracting me, *Seven Days in May* is indeed a classic political thriller worthy to add to my collection. Burt Lancaster's character is frightening; Fredric March makes a believable president; Edmond O'Brien turns in another great character performance; and the title sequence (reportedly by Saul Bass) with Jerry Goldsmith's score is quite dramatic. Only complaint with the DVD is that it didn't have more in the way of supplemental features.

American Experience: Spy in the Sky is an effective blend of Cold War history and aviation technology. It does a marvelous job describing how tense the Cold War was in the 1950s. It's also one of the best aviation documentaries from PBS. The U-2 spy plane's development is chronicled in just the right detail. The editing is very well done; film footage and still photos intertwine nicely with interviews and excellent narration by Roy Scheider.

SEVEN DAYS IN MAY (USA)
1964, Warner Home Video
List price: \$19.98

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: SPY IN THE SKY (USA) 2005,
WGBH Boston
List price: \$19.95

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the spanking new Buckingham Palace is a story of protofeminist liberation — “Even a palace can be a prison” — and a testament to the capacity of British thespians, specifically Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend, Paul Bettany, Miranda Richardson, Mark Strong, Harriet Walter, Jim Broadbent, among others, to play any dry and droning history lesson as if it were Shakespeare. The rather bland love story ultimately nudges out the pungent family relations, and the only goose bumps come courtesy of Handel and high volume. Directed by Jean-Marc Vallée. 2009.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Youth in Revolt — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Cera, Portia Doubleday, Jean Smart, Steve Buscemi, and Justin Long; directed by Miguel Arteta.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/8)

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.

★ (LA PALOMA)

The Young Victoria — And the young Albert. (Psst, wanna see the Queen in her teddies?) The story of the first occupant of

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

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

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG); **Avatar** (PG-13); **The Blind Side** (PG-13); **Daybreakers** (R); **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13); **Invictus** (PG-13); **It's Complicated** (R); **Leap Year** (PG); **Nine** (PG-13); **The Princess and the Frog** (G); **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13); **Up in the Air** (R); **Youth in Revolt** (R)

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:50, 12:55, 3:05, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 12:10, 3:00, 3:45, 6:30, 7:15, 10:20; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 2:15, 5:45, 9:20; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:50, 4:35; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:20, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:40, 1:35, 4:25, 7:05, 9:55; **Invictus** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:40, 5:00, 10:30; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:05, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:15, 10:15; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:55, 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; **Nine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:30, 8:00; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri.-Sun. 11:35, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:05, 12:00, 2:50, 5:35, 7:25, 8:30, 10:10; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 1:25, 3:30, 5:40, 7:55, 10:05

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)

3 Idiots (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:40, 1:40, 3:45, 6:00, 8:10, 10:10; **Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:25, 7:10; **Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:55, 1:55, 4:05, 6:15, 8:20, 10:25 Sun. 11:55, 1:55, 4:05, 6:15, 8:20; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:05; **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **Invictus** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; **Nine** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 1:00, 3:00, 4:10, 5:25, 6:50, 7:55, 9:20, 10:30 Sat. 12:30, 1:50, 3:00, 4:10, 5:25, 6:50, 7:55, 9:20, 10:30 Sun. 12:30, 1:50, 3:00, 4:10, 5:25, 6:50, 7:55, 9:20, 10:30; **2012** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 3:50, 9:40; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 2:00, 3:10, 4:30, 5:40, 7:05, 8:10, 9:35, 10:35 Sun. 12:40, 2:00, 3:10, 4:30, 5:40, 7:05, 8:10, 9:35; **The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Avatar (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:00, 4:00) 6:30, 7:30, 9:50, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:00) 4:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:50, 10:50; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:40) 7:00, 10:20; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 4:20) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; **The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:20, 4:30) 7:35, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 7:35, 10:30; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:20, 9:40; **Did You Hear about the Morgans?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 7:10; **I Love You Goodbye** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:10, 10:00; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; **New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 9:55; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri. (12:15, 2:35,

4:55) 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:30; **The Road** (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:15) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:15, 7:25, 10:05; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 1:45, 4:10, 4:40) 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 1:45) 4:10, 4:40, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:15, 4:25) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:15) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35

KENSINGTON

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

Visual Acoustics: The Modernism Of Julius Shulman (NR) Thu. (5:35) 9:45; **Mr. Hulot's Holiday** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. 7:30, Sat.-Sun. (3:20) 7:30; **Black Dynamite** (R) Sat.(09) 12:00 midnight

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:05, 3:30, 6:00, 8:40; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 2:30, 6:15, 9:55; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:15; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **Invictus** (PG-13) Fri. 6:05, 9:05 Sat. 6:35, 9:40 Sun. 6:05, 9:05; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; **Nine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri. (10:30) 1:00, 3:35 Sat. 3:35p.m. Sun. (10:30) 1:00, 3:35; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:45; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:15, 10:55; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:30, 10:50

La Jolla Village

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The Young Victoria (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55, Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **The Imaginarium Of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:30,

4:15) 7:00, 9:45, Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Broken Embraces** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 5:05, 8:00, Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:10, 5:05, 8:00; **An Education** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05, Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)

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Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



It's Complicated (R) Fri & Sat: (11:15 am, 2:15), 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (11:15 am, 2:15), 5:00, 8:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (1:00, 4:00), 7:00, 10:00; Sun - Thu: (1:00, 4:00), 7:00; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:30 am, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Sun - Thu: (11:30 am, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:30, 3:00), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (12:30, 3:00), 5:45, 8:15; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri & Sat: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun - Wed: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; Thu: (12:15, 2:45); **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 am

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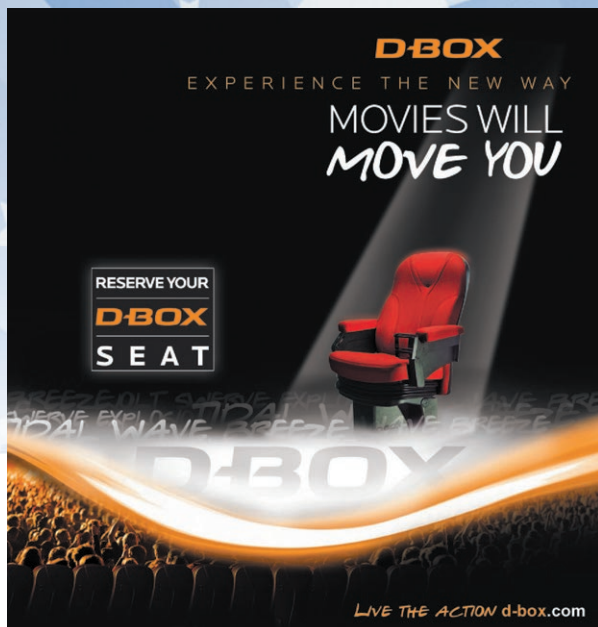
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Crazy Heart (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:20, 9:55, Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; **Broken Embraces** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45, Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Precious: Based On The Novel 'Push' By Sapphire** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:35, Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35; **A Single Man** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:15, Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15; **A Serious Man** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:45) 10:05, Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 4:45, 10:05; **An Education** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00), 7:30, Sat.-Sun. (2:00), 7:30

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Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:50) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:50, 7:10, 9:40; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:10, 3:00, 3:40) 6:40, 7:20, 10:15, 10:55; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:20) 7:00, 10:35; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:30) 7:05, 10:10; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:20, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **Did You Hear about the Morgans?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 6:50; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:35) 7:30, 10:35; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:10) 6:45, 9:50; **Nine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35) 9:45; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:45, 7:25, 10:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:55, 3:25) 7:15, 7:45, 10:25, 10:50; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri. (12:40, 4:55) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:55, 7:55, 10:40; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 8:00, 10:45

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Avatar (PG-13); **The Blind Side** (PG-13); **It's Complicated** (R); **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Daybreakers (R) Fri & Sat: (11:00 am, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun: (11:00 am, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; Mon - Thu: (3:45), 6:00, 8:15; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri & Sat: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon - Thu: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:15 am, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun: (11:15 am, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30; Mon - Thu: (4:00), 6:15, 8:30; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:30 am, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun: (11:30 am, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:45; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:45;

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri & Sat: (12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun: (12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15; Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:15; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00; Mon - Thu: (3:30), 7:00; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: (1:00), 4:30, 8:00; Mon - Thu: 4:30, 8:00; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri & Sat: (12:30, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun: (12:30, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30; Mon - Thu: (3:00), 5:15, 7:30; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:45), 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun: (12:45), 4:15, 7:15; Mon - Thu: 4:15, 7:15; **Thomas & Friends: Thomas & the Runaway Kite** (G) Sat: 10:00 am; **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 am

Otay Ranch 12
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 Sun. (10:45) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 11:00) 1:50, 2:40, 5:30, 6:15, 9:10, 10:00 Sun. (11:00) 1:50, 2:40, 5:30, 6:15, 9:10, 10:00; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:25) 1:25, 4:15, 7:25, 10:20 Sun. 1:25, 4:15, 7:25, 10:20; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Nine** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15) 12:55 Sun. 12:55p.m.; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 1:20, 3:40, 4:25, 6:45, 7:30, 9:50, 10:30; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road (888-262-4386)
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG); **Armored** (PG-13); **Avatar** (PG-13); **The Blind Side** (PG-13); **Brothers** (R); **Daybreakers** (R); **Did You Hear about the Morgans?** (PG-13); **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13); **It's Complicated** (R); **Leap Year** (PG); **New Moon** (PG-13); **Nine** (PG-13); **Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire** (R); **The Princess and the Frog** (G); **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13); **2012** (PG-13); **Up in the Air** (R); **The Young Victoria** (PG); **Youth in Revolt** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG); **Avatar** (PG-13); **The Blind Side** (PG-13); **Daybreakers** (R); **It's Complicated** (R); **Leap Year** (PG); **The Princess and the Frog** (G); **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13); **Up in the Air** (R); **Youth in Revolt** (R)

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)



Leap Year(PG) Fri & Sat: (12:30, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sun: (12:30, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30; Mon - Thu: (3:00), 5:15, 7:30; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:45, 3:15), 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; Sun: (12:45, 3:15), 5:30, 8:00; Mon - Thu: (3:15), 5:30, 8:00; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sun: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:15; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:00

am, 2:00), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun: (11:00 am, 2:00), 4:45, 7:45; Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:45; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:15 am, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun: (11:15 am, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; Mon - Thu: (3:45), 6:00, 8:15; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00; Mon - Thu: (3:30), 7:00; **Thomas & Friends: Thomas & the Runaway Kite** (G) Sat: 10:00 am; **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 am

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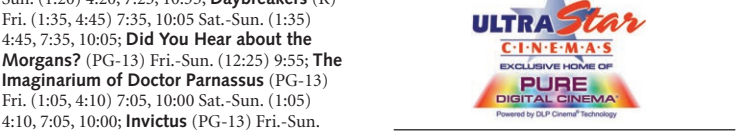
Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Daybreakers (R) Fri & Sat: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun - Thu: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri & Sat: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:15, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:15; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:15 am), 1:30, (3:45), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (11:15 am), 1:30, (3:45), 6:00, 8:30; **It's Complicated** (R) \$5.50 All Day Tuesday; In Pure Digital Cinema; Fri & Sat: (11:30 am, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (11:30 am, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) Fri & Sat: (12:00, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun - Thu: (12:00, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:30 am, 1:00, 3:30), 4:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (11:30 am, 1:00, 3:30), 4:15, 7:00, 8:00; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri - Thu: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 9:45 pm; **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 am

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri. (1:15, 3:35, 4:25) 7:20, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 3:35) 4:25, 7:20, 9:45; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 4:30) 8:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:30, 8:00; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:05) 7:00, 9:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:05, 7:00, 9:40, 10:20; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:35; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:45) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:45, 7:35, 10:05; **Did You Hear about the Morgans?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25) 9:55; **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; **Invictus** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 7:10, 10:15; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:30) 7:15, 10:10; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:25, 3:55) 7:20, 9:55; **New Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 6:55; **Nine** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:35) 7:30, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:20; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri. (1:45, 4:40) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:10, 9:35; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 4:05) 6:50, 7:15, 10:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:00) 4:05, 6:50, 7:15, 10:00, 10:25; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:25) 7:40, 10:30; **The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri. (12:50, 4:15) 7:05, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:50) 7:50, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:50, 7:50, 10:10



7:55, 10:25; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:25) 7:05, 9:30; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:30, 3:50, 4:30) 6:50, 7:30, 10:30; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 10:00

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15, 9:15 Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:20, 1:35, 4:55) 8:15 Sun. (11:45, 3:10) 6:30; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10 Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30

DEL MAR

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



Leap Year (PG) Fri & Sat: (10:00 am, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (10:00 am, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:30 am, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (10:30 am, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG)Fri & Sat: (10:15 am, 12:30, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun - Thu: (10:15 am, 12:30, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:15 am, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun & Mon: (10:15 am, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Tue: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Wed & Thu: (10:15 am, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:00 am, 12:00, 1:30, 3:30), 5:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (10:00 am, 12:00, 1:30, 3:30), 5:00, 7:00, 8:30; **Invictus** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (2:30), 7:45, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (2:30), 7:45; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri - Thu: (10:00 am, 12:15), 5:15; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:30 am, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun - Thu: (10:30 am, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15; **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 am

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



It's Complicated (R) Fri & Sat: (10:30 am, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun - Thu: (10:30 am, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **Nine** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:15 am, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00, 10:00; Sun - Thu: (10:15 am, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00; **The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri & Sat: (10:00 am, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (10:00 am, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri & Sat: (10:15 am, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (10:15 am, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri. 6:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. (4:00) 6:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00a.m.; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri. 8:05p.m. Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 8:05

LA COSTA

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



It's Complicated (R) Fri & Sat: (10:00 am, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00, 10:00; Sun - Thu: (10:00 am, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:15 am, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun - Thu: (10:15 am, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) Fri & Sat: (10:00 am, 12:15, 2:30), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun - Thu: (10:00 am, 12:15, 2:30), 5:15, 7:30; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri: (10:15 am, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon - Thu: (10:15 am, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: (1:00), 4:30, 8:00; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri - Thu: (10:15 am, 12:30, 2:45); **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun - Thu: 5:00, 7:45; **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 am

OCEANSIDE

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



Daybreakers (R) Fri & Sat: (11:00 am, 1:15, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (11:00 am, 1:15, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri & Sat: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun - Thu: 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (11:00 am, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:30 am, 12:45, 2:30, 4:00), 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; Sun - Thu: (11:30 am, 12:45, 2:30, 4:00), 5:15, 7:00, 8:00; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:00 am, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45), 5:00, 6:00, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30; Sun - Thu: (11:00 am, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45), 5:00, 6:00, 7:15, 8:15; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri & Sat: (11:15 am, 1:45), 4:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sun - Thu: (11:15 am,

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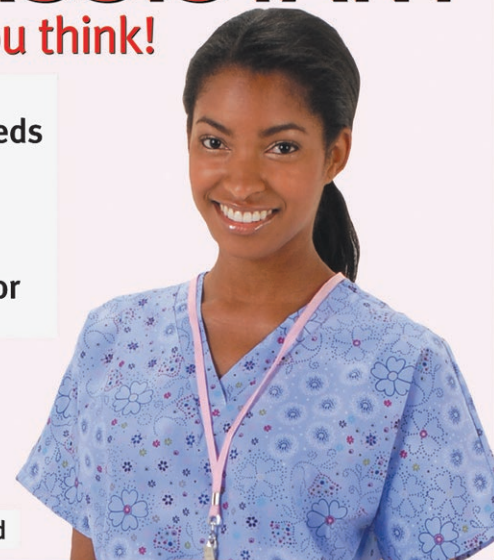
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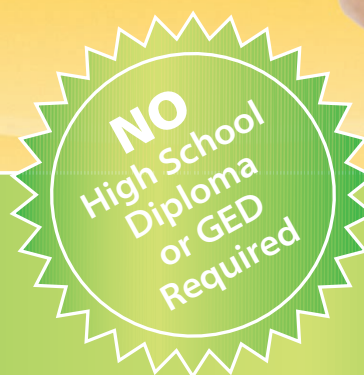


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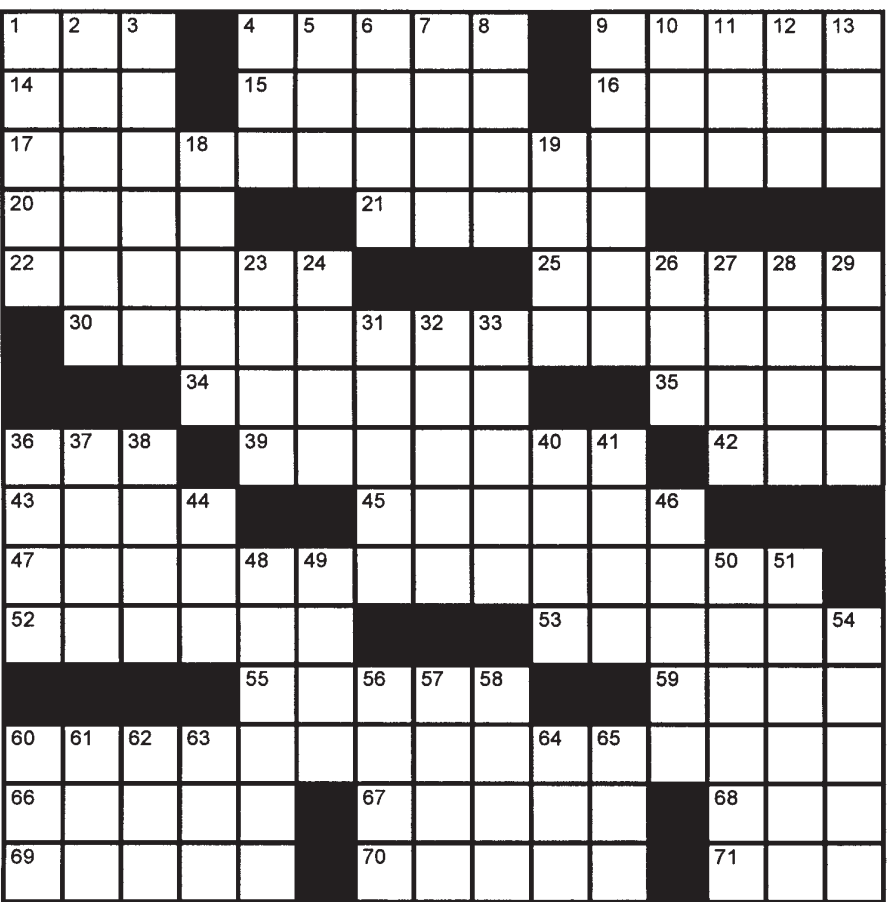
- 1. "NCIS" network
- 4. Suit
- 9. Hit bottom?
- 14. [snicker]
- 15. Madonna film role
- 16. Spooky
- 17. Like a person with ancestors from the corners of Eurasia?
- 20. Heart

- 21. "Congress shall make ____ ...": First Amendment
- 22. ____ Book Club
- 25. Crown's makeup, in the Bible
- 30. Like a person with ancestors from the Middle East and Mesopotamia?
- 34. Least outgoing
- 35. Is in Spain?
- 36. New Yorker cartoonist Chast
- 39. Running wild
- 42. It may be tapped
- 43. One that appears on a dime
- 45. Likely to be edited for TV
- 47. Like a person with ancestors from western and eastern Africa?
- 52. Brand created by an Ohio woman after she saw mothers carrying their infants in Africa
- 53. Treat
- 55. Sweater style
- 59. Humorist Bombeck
- 60. Like a person with ancestors from east and west of Poland?
- 66. Tom's successor on NBC Nightly News
- 67. Brownish gray
- 68. Game with Skip cards
- 69. Soprano who said "You are never famous until you've had your name in a crossword puzzle"
- 70. Schindler of "Schindler's List"
- 71. AOL alternative

Down

- 1. A Marx brother
- 2. Dances to jazz
- 3. 1962 #1 hit by the 4 Seasons
- 4. "____ Mir Bist Du Schoen" (Andrews Sisters hit)

- 5. Actress Mendes
- 6. Sawyer's pal
- 7. "Wishing won't make ____"
- 8. Lobster order
- 9. "Understand?"
- 10. ____ se
- 11. Agent Gold on HBO's "Entourage"
- 12. Actress Vardalos
- 13. Novelist Kesey
- 18. Brings up
- 19. White-nose syndrome victims
- 23. "Farmer in the Dell" syllables
- 24. Spahn's teammate on the Boston Braves
- 26. Iron ____
- 27. "The Game of Global Domination"
- 28. "Six Feet Under" brother
- 29. Hitch
- 31. Comes close
- 32. Introduction to physics?
- 33. Geyser's emission
- 36. Jamaican spirits
- 37. "____ unrelated note ..."
- 38. Language related to Xhosa
- 40. Slightly
- 41. Move, in brokerage
- 44. "Top Gun" plane
- 46. Cuts into cubes
- 48. Choreographer Ailey and others
- 49. Singer Simone
- 50. Courtyard
- 51. ____ land
- 54. Blathered
- 56. Inner: Prefix
- 57. No. crunchers
- 58. ESPN analyst John
- 60. TD scorers
- 61. Ocean State sch.
- 62. The "S" of RSVP
- 63. Mineo of "Exodus"
- 64. Put ____ fight
- 65. Rev.'s address



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☛ **Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 14.** I do this for my Dad. Miss you so much.
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 14. God Jul och Gott Nytt År till alla Svenskar!
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 14. Getting out of debt
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 14. Novel title about a taxicab driver: "Man you..."
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 14. The Salz Lodge gets 3 stars
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 14. Thanks to all in the family for iPod- Bill
Ron Meyer, Santee, 14. Hunny, I love you!

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 14. Now you won't "that," also.
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 14. ...My little one, little one...
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 14. I've broken my New Year's resolutions, Dammit!
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 14. Happy New Year Carson Cruisers — you're a trip!
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 13. Happy healthy New Year!
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 13. Chargers beat the Redskins!
Leslie Chase, Campo, 13. Here's to a very puzzling 2010!
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 13. Ride your bike everywhere in 2010

Ron Hootman, Santee, 13. Hoot101, So many things to be thankful for so little...
Sara and Shaid Khwaja, Poway, 13. How many resolutions have you broken?
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 13. Term limits for US congress!
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 13. Joe, thanks for the door switching and here's to 2010!
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 13. My cup runneth over
P Drew Papas, La Jolla, 13. Welcome 2010
John Pertle, Santee, 13. False premise, Poor research, weak polemic.
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 13. New Years' day sunset at Del Mar Beach gorgeous orange
Ted Scaffidi, Hillcrest, 13. 10 Q 4 XLT, RDR!

Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 13. Political correctness is destroying this great country
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 13. Schwarzenegger is a girlie-man.
Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 12. Another reason to thank you
Eric Cash, Escondido, 12. Eavan says she will give daddy some rest in 2010
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 12. Is it an "I" or a "y"?
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 12. I like your earlier delivery
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 12. Two more wins for the Super Bowl... Go Chargers!
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 12. 89 this time: but still not 125 as advertised!
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 12. Heartland Lions we serve

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 12. Per 58A: G&L's in the Armed Forces "because" not "despite"
Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 11. Happy 23rd b-day Sare Bear Love Dad.
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoy, Chula Vista, 11. Back on the field strike one
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 11. A man's got to have a code
John L. Drehner, North Park, 11. Personally I'd rather be in Upper Sanusky.
George Elam, Vista, 11. I made it to the first page again
B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 11. It's a new start
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 11. It is gone
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 11. RIP Tomas!

☛ **David Tomasin, San Diego, 11.** Maybe this time...
Duane Tremaine, East Village, 11. Let him march to the music that he hears...
Susan Williams, North Park, 11. Only once in a blue moon!
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 10. Hi A! Oh no!
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 10. Who Lamented "Eyes that roll in vain, find no dawn"?
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 10. Happy and Prosperous New Year!
George Jackson, Oceanside, 10. Don't ask, don't tell and serve in the military
Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 10. Happy New Year!
Emily Marie, North Park, 10. Little white lie: size doesn't matter

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Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 10. Madrid!
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 9. Kiera! Bodo! What an epiphany!
James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 9. "Go Chargers"
Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 9. Still in the running
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 9. May the Fur family have a bountiful 2010.

Norman Williams, San Diego, 9. What da Fuss???
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 8. Thank you for the t-shirt
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 8. Happy New York!
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 7. Labs might be chocolate- who knew?
Chad Griffith, Poway, 7. 50 in 2010 its all downhill from here.
Love you

D. Schick, Oceanside, 7. Where do we go from here?
Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 6. May the hinge on your heart never rust
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 6. Happy to ring in this New Years with you L
Chris Senungetuk, San Diego, 6. Uff Da!
Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 6. One who is selfish has a fierce enemy — himself.
Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 5. Chargers all the way

☛ Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 5. New Year! New shirt?
Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 4. Back in the mix for 2010. Let's go Chargers!
Katie Whelan, Coronado, 4. I'll always love my sweetie John
Sarah Hydeuke, Ocean Beach, 3. Happy New Year from D.C.
Tammy Lin, San Diego, 3. Mikaela stands in her own pool of poo.
Steven Crock, San Diego, 2. "Need a drink after the last Charger win."

Jeff Clark, La Mesa, 2. Miss you already Sarah!
Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 2. Loretta is so cute
Esther Janowsky, Chapel Hill, 2. It's the I-fam forever!
☛ Irving Metzger, San Diego, 2. HNY
Randy Santos, University City, 2. Happy New Year!
☛ Julie Simons, City Heights, 2. Hey H.T. and Tucker
Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 1. New Year's resolutions? Get new stationery! Shop India Ink Papers

Terri Ahmu, El Cajon, 1. First puzzle for the New Year 2010!
☛ Terri Ahnu, El Cajon, 1. First puzzle for the New Year 2010!
☛ Kat Bob, El Cajon, 1. Snow boarding season is here.
Wayne Lund, Poway, 1. Who is John...?
☛ Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 1. Happy New Year everyone!
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- 2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the

- puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to:

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- 5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

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MEDIUM:

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HARD:

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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle T-shirt size: L XL

Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

9	5	8	1	2	7	3	4	6
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MEDIUM:

8	5	6	7	9	2	4	1	3
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HARD:

4	1	3	5	6	8	7	9	2
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EVIL:

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7	6	9	5	8	2	1	3	4

SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

EASY:

Aaron Abramson, Williamstown, 14. *Let's all have a great year!*

Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 14. *Great start for the New Year*

John Pertle, Santee, 14. *Believers: 2 Peter 3. Very Important*

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 14. *Remember to honor Martin Luther King on his Birthday January 18*

Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 14. *Finally happy to say "Bye to Chargers"*

Don Bowman, Santee, 13. *Good bye 2009, now days are getting longer*

Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 9. *I really look forward to Thursdays or Wednesdays*

M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 7. *New Years wish: Let the C.D. rates rise*

Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 7. *Richard's hard work, pays off!*

Jaclyn Yee, Rancho Peñasquitos, 7. *2010 is here! Pay it forward and make it great!*

Lyly T. Ly, Chula Vista, 5. *New Year here to get a tshirt*

Michael Boyko, Spring Valley, 1. *For Susie and 2010*

Chalex Nelson, San Diego, 1. *Hi Michelle Lulu hope 2010 is a better year*

Sara Pretty, Ocean Beach, 1. *Hare, I want to snuggle with u*

August Scampone, San Diego, 1. *God help Obama*

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 1. *Is there any chance of adding M t-shirt size to my options?*

MEDIUM:

Betty Archer, La Jolla, 14. *Good puzzle!*

Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 13. *What are you scared of? He's so cute and fluffy*

Henry Chung, San Diego, 13. *I've had enough of this cold*

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 12. *Happy Birthday Max*

Dave Small, San Carlos, 11. *Thanks for keeping me puzzled*

Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 10. *Superbowl Go Chargers*

David Tomasin, San Diego, 9. *No Global Warming*

Jeoffry Ross, Chula Vista, 7. *My New Year resolution is to get a T-shirt*

Hans Butifofer, Mission Beach, 5. *Happy 2010!*

Bill Calderwood, Clairmont, 5. *Contribute to KPBS- Now!*

Duane D. Tremaine, E. Village, 4. *Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist*

☛ **Billy Horton, Santee, 3.** *'Tis a New Year and a new day*

Jose Rodriguez, San Diego, 3. *Indio I love you from...*

Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 2. *Happy New Year!*

Marcia Metzger, San Diego, 2. *Happy Holidays*

Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 2. *Happy New Year*

☛ **Kenner Selzen, Camel Valley, 2.** *Congratulations!!! Arama and Allison*

Brandon Campos, Chula Vista, 1. *24 Chargers #1*

Pilo Maestae, North Park, 1. *Done*

Luis Saucedo, San Diego, 1. *You are the star this week mom, "I love you"...*

Jacob Troubridge, San Diego, 1. *"The Night" watchman*

Nicole Tui, East Lake, 1. *The Browner the tastier Spider Girl*

Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 1. *Mucho Gracias Miguel!!! XOL*

HARD:

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 14. *You will never get the throne.*

Happy New Year!

Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 14. *Good better or best?*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 14. *Peace, prosperity, health and happiness in 2010!*

Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 14. *The weather's great and so are the Chargers!*

Lark Herrick, Alpine, 13. *Butch, I hope you win a t-shirt*

Green Dave Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 11. *Anything's possible.*

Count me the believer. Better than wildest dreams.

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 9. *No more better music or ...*

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 7. *Best Christmas gift of all: the birth of our savior!*

George Elam, Vista, 5. *Time for the playoffs baby!*

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 5. *The bigger the better, the tighter the sweater*

Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 3. *I take it back. Lucy reformed!*

Mike Golden, San Diego, 3. *Evil is tough*

Ester Hays, La Mesa, 3. *Happy Happy*

☛ **B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 3.** *A new decade- a new start*

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 2. *Failed to find the answer to evil!*

Emily Posedel, San Diego, 2. *Is it all of some of that?*

Eric Anderson, Escondido, 1. *To a fabulous new Deade Salvo!*

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 1. *No time for Evil*

Steve Koenig, Bay Park, 1. *Happy New Year!*

Kenneh Selzen, Carmel Valley, 1. *2010 will be a great year!*

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 14. *What RUSH-Cheney have n'common? Heart Attack away from DAMINATION!*

Paul Brugger, Downtown, 14. *Let 2010's economy rebound, where recession ends and jobs abound*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 14. *I can quit drinking at anytime- Depends on the day*

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 14. *Don't blame God for disasters. Blame the evil one!*

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 14. *Welcoming the New Year with a smile. Next- MLK Parade*

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Dan Holslin, San Diego, 14.
Apophis may impact us, but life will continue
Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 14.
Welcome to 2010, last year of the first decade
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 14.
Science proves that global warming is not man-made
Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 14.
Try 76 not 80
☛ **Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 14.**
Term limits for U.S. Congress!
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 14.
Does MARY BENTLEY still play dominoes?? PLEASE CALL

P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 14.
Happy New Years
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 14.
Did you remember to tip your postal carrier?
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 14.
If so, why not?
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 14.
Just say no to carne asada fries!
Harry R. Walker , La Jolla, 14.
Go Chargers!
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 14.
Thanks for the shirt!
Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 13.
Hair grows back, loves heal, a happy heart stays

Clyde Christie, East Village, 13.
(A hopefully) Happy New Year America
Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 13.
This year will be a 10.
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 13.
save gas - ride a bicycle
Yuko T. , San Diego, 13.
Go Saints!! Victory #14
Susan Williams, North Park, 13.
New year new decade, cool
☛ **Ric Witt, Clairemont, 13.**
2010- Election year, throw the thieves out!
Belmont Hope, Vista, 12.
Problem Solved
Joe Selig, San Diego, 12.
May 2010 be the best year of our lives
Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 11.
Love your puzzles!

☛ **Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 11.**
Anybody watch that riveting game at the “Little Caesars Bowl”?
Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 11.
Old is a moving target
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 11.
This one was indeed evil!
Larry Clark, Clairemont, 10.
Just one more year in the decade from hell
Junito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 10.
Trickle down economics over-taxed employees reducing employ-ees wages and benefits
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 9.
The days are getting longer! Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo!
Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 9.
Can’t wait to celebrate your 7th birthday with you Jessica

Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 8.
Big daddy is a big loser!
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 7.
Home loan modification? Bank of America refuses to honor it
Delfin Bernardo, National City, 6.
Manigong bagon taoh- Happy New Year- Sa Lahay
Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 5.
Take back Congress in 2010
Bridgett Gist, Escondido, 4.
Another year down, cant wait for all of the 2010 fun
Ted Jerm, Roseville, 4.
Does Roger D. remember TAC?
John Strauch, Point Loma, 3.
Hike the county and beyond with the Monday Maniacs!
Al Claiborn, Encanto, 2.
We got a ten

Ray Hunt, Rancho Peñasquitos, 2.
Happy New Year Maranda, Brandon, Jean Marie, and Tom
Alberto Biblano, San Diego, 1.
Easy, medium, hard, evil were como tortillos!
Michelle Bresnen, El Cajon, 1.
Go Chargers!
David Bruce, Hillcrest, 1.
Mee Shim San Diegos Best Artist
David Holbo, San Carlos, 1.
To B.H.O. you can keep the “change”
Stuart Lester, Santee, 1.
Evil is as Evil does!
Sarah McCain, San Bndo., 1.
Thanks Shanary for my vacation.
Katie Whelan, Coronado, 1.
Funky O.B. Earn those cats.

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No, I wouldn't. It would just sound very rude. If someone smells bad, and yes I've experienced that, I just move far away from them. And you wouldn't want to tell coworkers that you see all the time. My husband is from France. He smells okay, but when we're there, the people on subways...They all have their arms up holding that handle. Some of them smell awful.



Kim Simmons
 Researcher
 Ocean Beach

I did tell someone once. It was at a party and he started talking to me. His breath smelled like rotting fish. He saw me make a weird face and asked what was wrong. I told him he had bad breath and he was offended. He made a comment and then quickly walked away. In the future, I would try to be more tactful and discreet. There's a guy I work with that has similar breath. I haven't told him, though. I just usually walk away from him.



George Figaro
 Barber
 North Park

If it's a family member, I wouldn't mind saying. It's different if you worked with someone or a stranger. I sometimes have people sit down in the chair that stink. I won't say anything. I want them to enjoy their visit. I noticed a Greek guy once that always stunk from garlic. It's strange, because I love the smell of garlic. I guess when it's mixed with your sweat and you don't bathe enough, it stinks. I did have one guy who had hair that was filthy and stunk. It's one thing if you just came from work and your hair is sweaty and dusty. That's stink you can respect. I told this guy to either go home and wash his hair and come back or that I would and I'd have to charge him.



Tanya Bolton
 Nonprofit Consultant
 Valley Center

I would. I have. Usually it's if I'm dating someone. They always get mad, and they're quick to point it out the next time your breath isn't so fresh. They'll get over being mad. The worst is when you're talking to someone and they start covering their mouth. You wonder if it's them or you. I had a coworker once who was a really sweet woman. She was so fun and cool and sometimes had bad breath. I never did tell her. It wasn't worth it.



Claudia Williams
 Waitress
 La Mesa

I would never tell someone. I guess if you had to, there are ways of saying it nicely. I just wouldn't be the person to say anything. I don't care if it's a customer, a family member, or a coworker. Sometimes I've been around people that stink, and I just keep my mouth shut. Although, I do tell people if they have something in their teeth.



Mike Hight
 Student
 San Diego

It depends. If it was a complete stranger, yes. If it was someone I knew, probably not. With a stranger, you really have nothing to lose. You'll probably never see them again. If I was in Paris, I would have no problem telling people. If it was coworkers, it all depends. If it's my boss, probably not. If it's somebody that works for me, I'd probably tell them. I'd probably do it over a beer.

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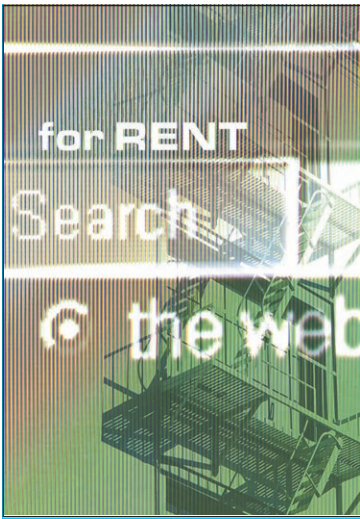
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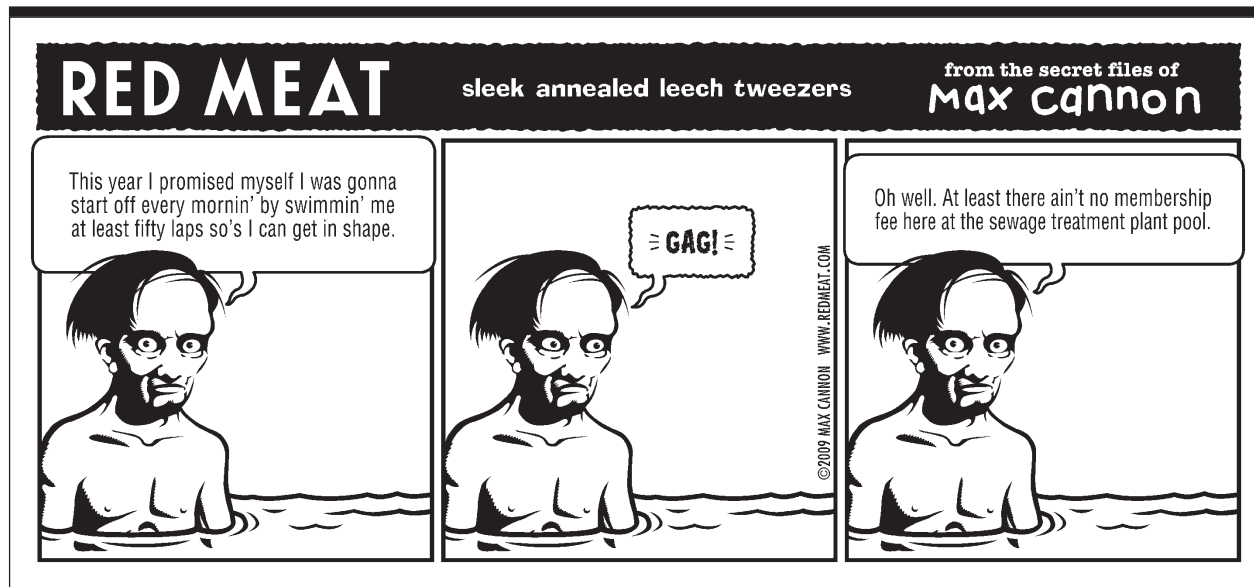
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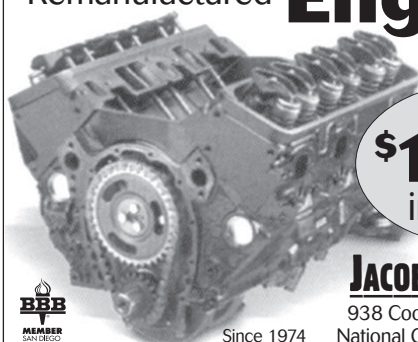
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LEAD STORY

— Among the health-insurance upgrades demanded by Philadelphia-area transit workers and agreed to by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority in November was removal of the 10-tablet-per-month rationing of Viagra and similar medications, to allow as many as 30 per month (according to a *Philadelphia Daily News* report).

Inexplicable

— For its Halloween gala, the Kings Island amusement park near Cincinnati had set up an exhibit featuring skeletons dressed to resemble, among other deceased celebrities, Michael Jackson, Farrah Fawcett, Ted Kennedy, Ed McMahon, TV salesman Billy Mays, Sonny Bono (his skeleton in front of a tree), and Ted Williams (his skeleton in front of a freezer). Alongside was a marker board labeled “agenda,” with those names crossed off but others still listed, including Bernard Madoff and the comedian Carrot Top. (Following a WLWT-TV preview of the exhibit, the park quickly canceled it, with a spokesman declaring, “We were not intending to be distasteful.”)

— Robert and Roberta Masters of Prior Lake, Minn., were arrested in October and charged in connection with a series of mailbox explosions

over the summer, which police say were carried out by seven teenagers who had been supplied by the couple. Police said Robert Masters bought black powder for the kids and had said it “would be a good educational tool for the kids to build pipe bombs.” Roberta Masters allegedly encouraged the teens to learn on the internet how to make pipe bombs because it would be “constructive” (but she said she had told them to be careful).

Unclear on the Concept

— On July 13, William Thomson, 55, feeling bad recently about having violently resisted arrest by the Salisbury, Mass., police in a drunk-driving incident in 1997, brought hot coffee to a Salisbury station house and sought symbolic forgiveness from the officers on duty. The next day, however, Thomson was arrested again in a drunk-driving incident, and again he resisted, punching a Breathalyzer machine, threatening an officer, and attempting to flood a lock-up cell in the station house.

Can't Possibly Be True

— In April, Richard Huether, the manager of the HoneyBaked Ham outlet in Cary, N.C., was shot in the stomach during a robbery of the store and hospitalized, with medical bills paid through worker compensation and his employee health

benefits. In September, when his worker compensation expired (and though still at least three months away from returning to work), HoneyBaked fired him (forcing him to begin paying 100 percent of his insurance premiums and making subsequent insurance prohibitively expensive because of his new “pre-existing condition”). However, HoneyBaked human resources executive Maggie DeCan told WRAL-TV that the firing was for Huether’s own good, in that it would clear the way for him to receive Social Security disability payments. Said DeCan, “We couldn’t feel any worse for Rich, and we would do anything we could for him.”

— The price of gasoline for U.S. troops in Afghanistan is about \$400 per gallon, according to a U.S. House subcommittee in October, citing Pentagon officials (factoring in the security necessary to bring fuel through Pakistan).

— Patient Jim Bujalski complained to St. Anthony’s Central Hospital in Littleton, Colo., in September about the cost of his prescription Plavix and Crestor tablets, which he was forced to “buy” from the hospital because it administers only drugs under its control. The Plavix was \$248 each (he pays \$8 at home), and his Crestor (\$3 at home) was \$65. The medications were part of his \$58,000, one-day hospital stay.

Chutzpah!

— In Ogden, Utah, in October, Adam Manning, 30, accompanied his pregnant girlfriend to the McKay-Dee Hospital emergency room as she was going into labor. According to witnesses, as a nurse attended to the woman, Manning began flirting with her, complimenting the nurse’s looks and giving her neck rubs. When Manning then allegedly groped the nurse’s breast, she called for security, and Manning was eventually arrested and taken to jail, thus missing the birth of his child.

— After James Cedar admitted to police that he was the one spotted peeping into his Toronto neighbor’s window at night, the victim, Patricia Marshall, installed a video camera at that window to discourage him from re-offending. In September, when all parties reported to court for a final resolution of the peeping case, Cedar’s lawyer served legal papers on Marshall, threatening to sue her over the camera. Since Cedar’s house sits within the view outside Marshall’s window, he complained that the camera could capture images through his windows and thus invades his privacy.

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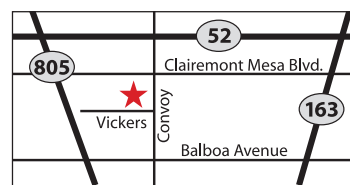
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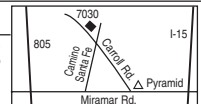
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By Alfredo Cardenas

San Diego as "a blink-you-miss-it kind of thing."

The San Diego Volunteer Fire Department assisted with an accident on Farm to Market Road in Jim Wells County, where a truck drove off a 40-foot cliff. The driver and all 17 passengers, including 11 undocumented workers, were injured in the accident. According to the *Alice Echo News Journal*, three of the truck's occupants were later arrested for transporting illegal immigrants.

The San Diego Independent School District hired Dr. Ignacio Salinas as the new superintendent. Dr. Salinas's plans for the future of the dis-

trict include the 2010 induction of a new building for the Collins-Parr Elementary School and the development of college-readiness programs through which students can earn college credits while still in high school.

The Second Annual Toys for Tots Youth Football Tournament was held at Vaquero Stadium. Participants included children ages 7-13 on 19 community football teams from various parts of South Texas. The required entry fee was \$5 or the donation of a new, unwrapped toy. Local San Diego children received the toys during the Fiesta Navideña on December 18.



Accident off Farm to Market Road

The San Diego Public Library sponsored the 2009 Christmas Ornaments Decoration Project. Library patrons created Christmas decorations for residents of Duval County's two nursing homes. Library staff delivered the handmade gifts on December 22.

National Honor Society students from San Diego

High School traveled to San Antonio to attend an NBA basketball game featuring the Spurs and the Denver Nuggets on Saturday, December 5. Thirty-six students participated. Adviser David Valerio praised the students for their hard work and said the event was an opportunity "to reward them for their endeavors."

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A.A.R., Pacific Beach

A custom photo laboratory will develop and print pictures of nudes, provided that they are not pornographic, as determined by the laboratory's management.

— "STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP," Matthew Alice, January 10, 1980

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From the time the Prophet International Vegetarian Restaurant opened in 1971 until just recently, the East San Diego eatery served as the main-

stay of San Diego's health-food crowd. Vegetarians and health-food aficionados from all over the country came for such unique dishes as African ground nut soup, the "Bangladesh" sandwich (a patty of soybeans, vegetables, and curry served on pita bread), and such non-alcoholic beverages as African ginger beer, gardenia and rose daiquiris, and a wheatgrass mint julep. Celebrities like Dick Gregory and Jane Fonda came by for lunch or dinner whenever they were in town. And by 1981, says owner Makeda Cheatham, business was so good that she started Prophet Productions to produce reggae and African concerts in town.

— CITY LIGHTS: "ONE VEGGIE COMBO TO GO,"

Thomas K. Arnold, January 10, 1985

Twenty Years Ago

Please use whatever means possible to persuade Richard Meltzer to write more articles for your paper. Not only is he funny, but cynical without getting nasty like some of your other writers do. His story about Kobey's

Swap Meet Santa-ing was great.

What a perceptive guy.

You guys should make sure he doesn't go write for some other paper. This probably means you'll have to pay him more money.

— LETTERS: "MELTZERIAN SUPREMACY,"

Lisa Anderson, Golden Hill,

January 11, 1990

Fifteen Years Ago

I'm the substitute, so I sit at a stranger's desk beneath a poster that displays a Ferrari in the driveway of a mansion. "The rewards of higher education," it reads.

A boy named Eric, who was called to the office during the first hour, is working on his test and talking to two girls, so after three warnings, I give him detention.

"You bitch!" he shouts across the room.

— "THE DESIRE TO LEAVE HANGS LIKE

HEAT," Laura McNeal, January 5, 1995

Ten Years Ago

"That's a set-up question. You're just

asking me that to set me up to make me look like a nincompoop," pastor Leo Giovenetti said to me last Sunday before a group of eight or nine onlookers at Mission Valley Christian Fellowship.

I'd asked Pastor Giovenetti if he believed in once-saved-always-saved, an innocuous question you might pose to any American Protestant to see where he stood on the Methodist-Presbyterian spectrum. But Pastor Giovenetti's reflexive response was one of suspicion.

— SHEEP AND GOATS, Abe Opincar,

January 6, 2000

Five Years Ago

When the *Union-Tribune* gets that old special-interest bit in its mouth, it seldom lets go. Witness the recent spate of stories the paper has run about how decrepit the once-mighty Qualcomm Stadium has purportedly become. The campaign began on Sunday, December 12, with a 1200-word story under the bylines of Caitlin Rother and Jeff McDonald



San Diego Reader, January 5, 1995

with the headline "Chargers fans just seething in the rain; Complaints trickle in over slow-draining Q." The piece described a wheelchair-bound dowager getting wet in her luxury seat and quoted city stadium manager Bill Wilson as saying the venue, which taxpayers spent more than \$60 million to expand and remodel in 1997, was already out of date: "It leaks all over."

— CITY LIGHTS: "STADIUM DRUM BEAT,"

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"Do you know about this priest?" asked the man next to me in the pew, referring to Father Phien Van Pham, the Vietnamese celebrant. "He was persecuted for his faith — he spent quite a bit of time in prison." Now here he was in Southern California, celebrating a standing-room-only Mass in an airy, flying-saucer style suburban church, all broad white planes trimmed with maple. This being Epiphany Sunday, the worship team started in with "We three kings of Orient are/ Bearing gifts we traverse afar..." The pace

was slow and stately, matching the approach of Father Phien to the altar, but the light-hearted combination of bass, flute, and tambourine was at odds with his solemn demeanor. After ascending to the Sanctuary, he bowed deeply before the altar and began to incense it all 'round, the pungent white puffs rising into the diffused sunshine that radiated from the great skylight over the sanctuary. "My dear brothers and sisters," began Pham, "today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. We celebrate the manifestation of Jesus as the savior of the whole world." (That is, the arrival of the magi from the east: the wise men who followed the star to Bethlehem, where they paid homage to the newborn king. The sort of thing alluded to in the first reading from Isaiah: "Nations shall walk by Your light...the wealth of nations shall be brought to You.") I thought of a discussion I had recently, one that began with someone claiming, "Monotheism is just tribalism writ large" — our God vs. your God. I responded that

Christianity had at least pulled an interesting variation on the theme: "Our God is your God, too!" As Paul put it in the second reading, taken from his letter to the Ephesians, "It has now been revealed...that the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." The Gospel told the story, but not before the ritual. Pham bore the golden book containing the text over to the pulpit; there, he was flanked by two acolytes bearing candles taken from alongside the altar. Another acolyte stood behind him, swinging the smoking thurible back and forth until Pham took it, bowed, incensed the book a full nine times, and bowed again. Again, his movements were slow and solemn. "The gifts of the magi are considered very symbolic," began Pham in his homily. "Gold is symbolic of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is symbolic of Jesus' divinity. And myrrh is symbolic of Jesus' death. These [gifts] of the magi show their very joyful acceptance of Jesus as the king of

kings, the Savior of the whole world." From there, the symbols multiplied. "The star is a symbol of Jesus Christ," who "came down from heaven and dispelled the darkness of the world." Pham cited several passages from Scripture identifying Jesus with light, including the famous claim, "I am the light of the world, whoever comes to Me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." "Like the magi, our life must be a journey of faith, searching for Jesus Christ," with Him as our star." But that journey, said Pham, involved remembering "that Jesus asks all of us to be a type of epiphany for other people. Jesus tells His followers: 'You are the light of the world,' and St. Paul says, 'You must shine among men like a star.' Let Jesus shine through us by doing what He asks us to do. Every time we open our heart and hands to the needy, our star rises in the darkness and points the way to Jesus. This is what the Solemnity of the Epiphany is all about: it's not just the story about a star leading the magi

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will help us." The prayers of the faithful took up the theme, asking "For those who are poor and who need service to receive care from this community." And after Pham incensed the gifts on the altar (and after the acolyte incensed the congregation), the prayer of dedication before Communion returned to the realm of the symbolic: "Lord, accept the offerings of Your Church; not gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but the sacrifice they symbolize, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever." After Communion, the worship team returned to the old carols. "What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?... This, this is Christ the king... Haste, haste to bring Him laud..." When I asked Father Pham what happens when we die, he referred me to the pastor, who was unavailable at the moment. — Matthew Lickona

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