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Opening Films: 7:30pm

- Slap The Donkey
- Coming Correct
- The Okra Principle
- 10-20

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Early Bird Screenings: 3pm

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Red Carpet: 5:30pm

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Panel Discussions: 11am

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Filmmakers Meet & Greet: 2pm

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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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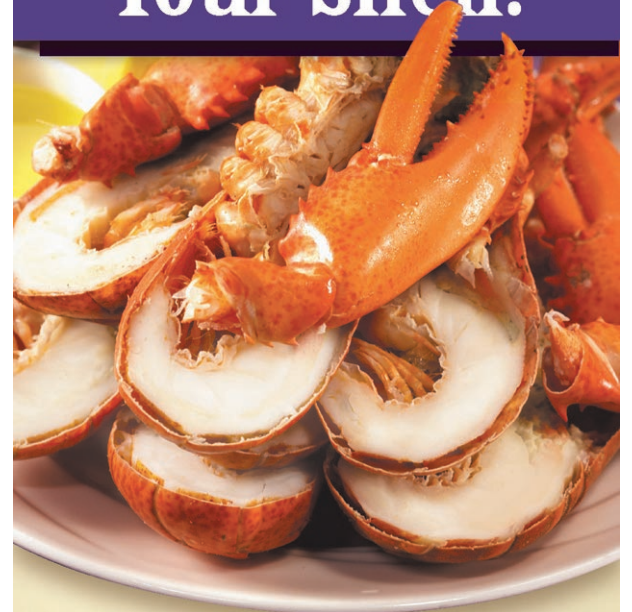
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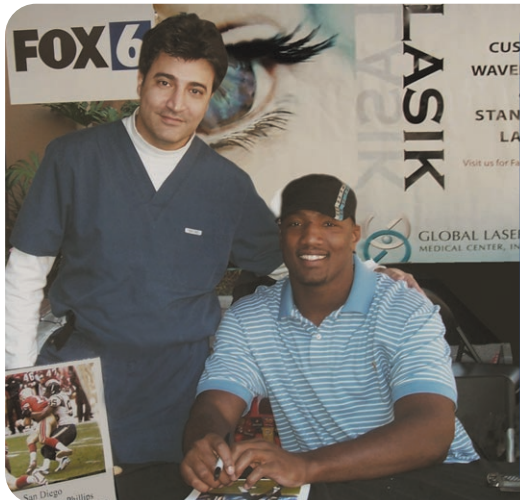
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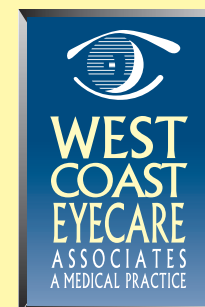
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President **Barack Obama's** choice to head the Transportation Security Administration, currently stalled by GOP senator **Jim DeMint** of South Carolina, may face even tougher sledding if sensational steroid use allegations made by the nominee's ex-wife in a San Diego child custody case are true. **Erroll Southers**, a former FBI agent, now the Los Angeles World Airports Police Department assistant chief for homeland security and intelligence, has already admitted he misled Congress about illegally accessing FBI background records regarding his then-estranged wife **Nancylee's** new boyfriend during the late 1980s. In October, Southers told the Senate's homeland security committee that he'd used a San Diego police employee to pull the information. But a month later, Southers acknowledged he personally searched the FBI database and turned the results over to San Diego cops. When the FBI found out about it, Southers was internally censured.

"During a period of great personal turmoil, I made a serious error in judgment by using my official position with the FBI to resolve a personal problem," Southers wrote. "This incident was over twenty years ago, I was distraught and concerned about my young son, and never in my career since has there been any recurrence of this sort of conduct." Documents filed here in December 1997 show a couple caught up in a bitter, long-running custody fight over their son **James**.

Southers voiced concern about drug use by his ex-wife's sister-in-law: "The fact is that she was addicted to drugs. I hardly felt it was appropriate then or now for her to reside in James's home."

Nancylee denied that narcotics were present in her Poway residence and in turn alleged she had "first-hand knowledge" that Southers "used steroids in the past." According to the declaration, her former husband had been "very involved with body building" and asked her to "inject him during our marriage," which Nancylee said she refused to do.

Southers responded that his wife "disliked the attention (magazines, photo shoots, etc.) bodybuilding brought, and her statement is a feeble attempt to discredit what I accomplished through years of hard work and dedication. The thought that I would risk my career and my health by using a controlled substance as an FBI agent is simply absurd and without foundation."

Passing game A combination of well-connected charities and business groups have

been given tickets to Chargers games, thanks to San Diego—elected officials. Recipients of the city's stash of free tickets, the giveaway of which now has to be reported on orders of the state's Fair Political Practices Commission, have included the Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce, which got five tickets with a face value of \$98 each to the November 15 Eagles game from city councilman **Ben Hueso**. Mayor **Jerry Sanders** gave five tickets to the October 19 Broncos game to the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau. Hueso gave 25 tickets to the same game to MANA de San Diego, a non-profit group that says it "empowers Latinas through education, leadership development, community service and advocacy." He also



Ben Hueso

gave ten tickets to that game to the Otay Mesa Chamber. Councilman **Tony Young** gave 30 tickets to the January 3 Redskins game to the Broadway Heights Community Council, which engages in "community cleanups and other volunteer efforts," according to the disclosure.

During the baseball season, Sanders gave 25 Petco Park tickets with a face value of \$55 each to COREnet, identified as a "real estate organization focused on workspace management for governmental agencies."

Cash and carry Assembly speaker-elect **John Perez** rolls into town on Saturday, January 23, to raise money at the Mission Bay Hyatt Regency for termed-out Democratic Assemblywoman **Lori Saldaña's** bid for county supervisor against incumbent **Ron Roberts**... The U.S. State Department has issued a draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed San Diego-Tijuana Airport Cross Border Facility, with public comment due by February 12. Prepared by Otay-Tijuana Venture, L.L.C., the limited liability company that wants to build the project, the document is available for review at the city's Otay-Nestor branch library. Featuring a 525-foot pedestrian bridge from the United States to Mexico, the Otay Mesa terminal, bankrolled by Chicago billionaire **Sam Zell** and wealthy Mexican partners, would allow passengers to park and check in on the U.S. side of the border and then walk across the line for departures from Tijuana's airport.

— Matt Potter

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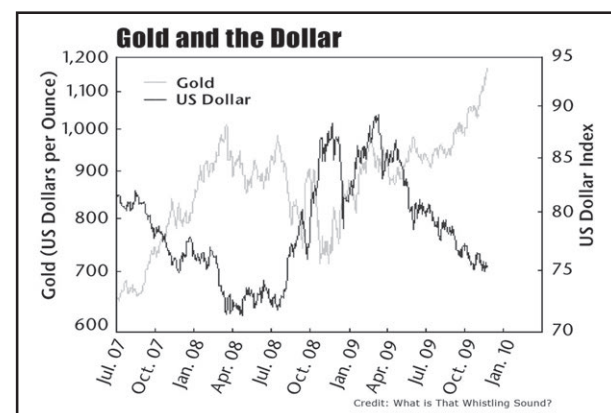
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Perhaps you are comforted believing that the U.S. government, Federal Reserve, and Wall Street are all working

assiduously to provide you with a job. Ha ha ha ha. Not so. The Federal Reserve, our central bank, is loaning money to banks at zero percent, and the banks can gamble with that free money, knowing that if their bets backfire, the government will bail them out. The head of the Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke, says he will keep doling out free money to Wall Street and other banks as long as unemployment remains high.

And you think Wall Street wants unemployment to go lower? Silly girl/boy! Wall Street is feasting off Main Street's pain. In theory, financial institutions should loan out the money it gets from

the Federal Reserve. But it's not happening. Gambling has been so much more prof-



itable — and fun.

Long range, Wall Street needs a prosperous Main Street, says economist Mur-

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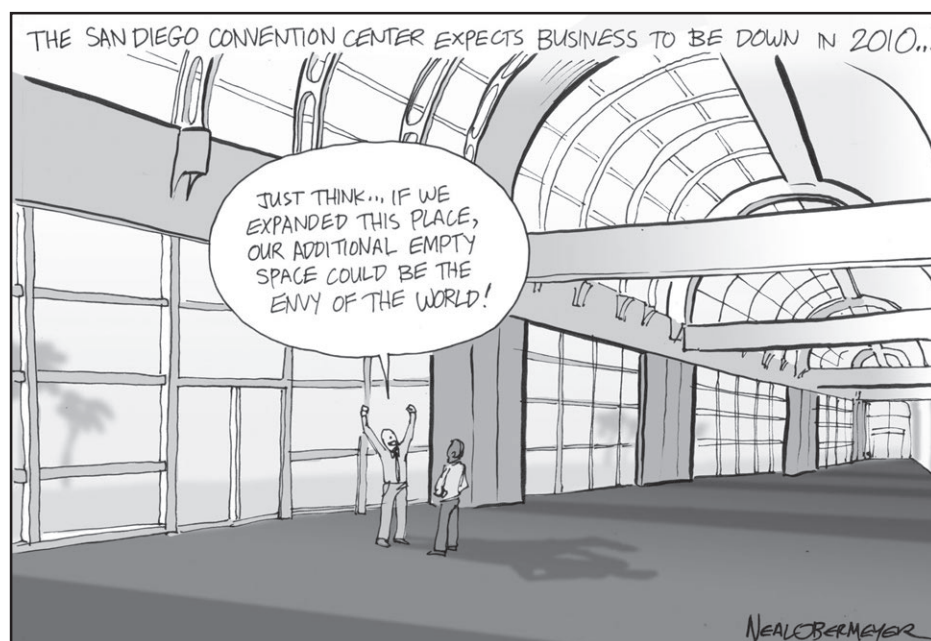
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taza Baxamusa of San Diego's Center on Policy Initiatives — but, "in a perverse way," the moneybags would prefer that the employment recovery not come right away. By gambling in currencies, stocks, bonds, and commodities with that free money, the banks are building up their reserves — dangerously depleted because of the popping of that bubble they created. That's the banks' and the Fed's top priority. Not Main Street's.

First, you have to understand that the Federal Reserve is essentially owned by banks. Its mandate is to keep the banking system intact. The Fed's decisions are not ratified by the administration or the Congress, although the government has appointment and oversight power over the

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Neal Obermeyer



More Community, Less College

By Dorian Hargrove

On a warm September afternoon last fall, Scott Freeman sat at an outdoor table near the art department at San Diego

City College. Dressed in jeans and a black-and-gray-striped bowling shirt that covered his noticeable belly, Freeman straddled the bench as he waited for his general math class. His frayed blue-gray backpack, atop the table, was stuffed with textbooks.

Freeman was 46 years old, and it was his first semester as a full-time student. In the past, he'd attended classes at City College part-time, back when he worked as a graphic designer

along."

Being unemployed "kind of hits you in the later stages of life. And then you realize, okay, what have I really accomplished, and is it in line with what I thought I would accomplish? So you try and make it all work and be a part of working society."

But students in California's community colleges, whether teenagers just out of high school or middle-aged workers who've been laid off,

there's a lot more people going back to school, but because of the budget cuts it's hard, because the teachers have to teach more students. It's hard to get one-on-one time with teachers because they're so busy."

Freeman's depression allowed him to enroll in the college's Disability Support

where future cuts might be made. He was especially nervous about the board of governors waiver he received this year. The waiver exempts tuition for low-income students and was the sole reason he was able to attend classes full-time. "Thank God for that program," he said. "Of course, if the State of California runs out of money, that could go too."

According to Richard Dittenbender, San Diego Community College District spokesperson, enrollment throughout the district has increased by 6 percent since 2007, rising from 41,454 students to 44,120. The district comprises City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges. While the number of students increased, the district has cut 1200 classes during the past two years, including the elimination of intersession, the period between the fall and spring semesters when four-week classes are held. The district has also defunded 217 full-time positions and not rehired 214 part-time professors. Last fall, more than 10,000 applicants were turned away because classes were full — 2000 more than the previous semester.

Across town at Grossmont College, at the northwestern corner of El Cajon, 19-year-old Veronica Yamada, in tight jeans and a black T-shirt emblazoned with a rainbow-colored unicorn, sat on the grass listening to her iPod. Yamada was in her third semester

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Charlene Jones (center)

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Big Jetty Okay No Apparent Impact on Surfers

Ocean Beach — Since repairs to the Mission Bay Channel jetties began (a 350-ton crane capacity derrick



O.B. jetty

barge and at least one support vessel have been at work there off and on since October), the enormous mound of boulders piled onto the tip of the southern jetty has had local surfers worried.

Their concerns are about the effects the increased size of the jetty, along with its modified footprint, might have on the quality of the waves. The fear was that swells might be blocked or refracted in such a manner as to ruin the waves for surfing. This has proven not to be the case.

The "Big Jetty" delivered head-high surf on Saturday with excellent form to a daylong crowd of 30-plus surfers. One young surfer said it was "the best day all year" as peeling right-handers broke across the sand bar.

By Jimi Olsen | Saturday, Jan. 9

O.B. to Fight for Fire Pits

"Adopt-a-Fire-Pit" Program Proposed

Ocean Beach — If the city can't afford to maintain the fire pits on its beaches, can community members step in? Members of Ocean Beach's planning board pondered that question at its January 6 meeting, discussing City of San Diego plans to do away with 186

beach fire pits. The city says \$120,000 is needed for another year of pit maintenance, which is currently performed by two city employees.

Local business owner Frank Gormlie asked the planning board to fight for the eight fire pits in Ocean Beach. Gormlie said a fire-department veteran he spoke with believes that, without pits, some beach visitors would make illegal beach fires, leaving behind

embers and other hazards that would put law-abiding beachgoers at risk.

To save the eight fire pits in Ocean Beach, Gormlie has organized an "Adopt-a-Fire-Pit" program, under which citizens and businesses would assume responsibility for O.B.'s pits. The board seemed intrigued by Gormlie's plan, though one member raised liability concerns.

By Shane Finneran

Saturday, Jan. 9

Comments

1. This is why unions have outlived their usefulness...\$120,000 for two employees to get rid of ashes? No wonder this city gets laughed at.

By PistolPete

3:23 p.m., Jan 9



O.B. fire pit

2. Keep in mind that the \$120,000 could apply to more than just the employees. For example, fire pit maintenance reportedly involves a front-loader and a dump truck, which presumably contribute a significant

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San Diego City College

and later when he worked in real estate. But that was before the economy plummeted and Freeman found himself unemployed. It was then that Freeman's depression struck. Friends suggested he go back to school for the electromagnetic engineering degree he had talked about, and that's what he decided to do.

"Things were kind of tough for me before I started," he said in a soft, subdued voice. "I was basically just struggling

are facing a new austerity. Classes are crowded and tuition is up. Although Freeman registered for classes a month early, he was put on a waiting list for three of the four he wanted, all of which were general education credits required for a two-year degree.

"I've noticed that the classes are fuller than in times past," said Freeman. "Now I've seen a lot of people get denied and have to leave the class because classes were full. Look around,

Program, which provides tutors, staff, and special education courses for disabled students, but he had found, to his frustration and disappointment, that cuts had been made to the program. Since 2007, funding has been cut by 40 percent. "It's kind of scary being a disabled student," he said. "I'd like those programs to be available to me when I need them and for one or two years from now."

Freeman worried about

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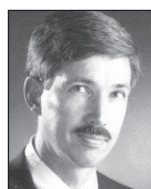
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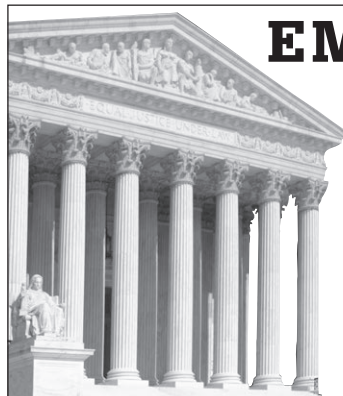
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central bank, which gives lip service to citizens' well-being. Recently, Bernanke said his only concern was Main Street's economic health, not the banks' health. His nose extended out six feet after making the preposterous assertion. Bernanke works for the banks. He even rubs it in. He is always reassuring Wall Street that inflation is not around the corner. Wages aren't rising, he boasts. Do you find that comforting?

"The Fed is a captive of the large commercial banks as well as Wall Street bankers and, as such, will do what is generally believed to be in those constituencies' best interest," says Arthur Lipper III of Del Mar, a Wall Street veteran and international financier. "The Fed has become an agent for Wall Street and will keep interest rates low until a significant fall in the U.S. dollar" forces a rate increase. (The dollar has been plunging for years against other currencies.)

"Are Wall Street and the banking system getting rich at the expense of Main Street?" asks E. James Welsh of Carlsbad's Welsh Money Management. "The answer is an unequivocal 'yes.'"

But he doesn't think the Fed is just sating Wall Street's greed. "The Fed doesn't have a choice in terms of keeping rates near zero," says Welsh. Despite the propaganda, banks have *not* regained their health, Welsh says. Similarly, "Housing has not bottomed," and commercial real estate is a disaster. The Fed is loaning money at zero because "it is trying to make banks profitable so that they can absorb additional losses that are coming — commercial real estate, credit cards, every form of credit."

President Obama publicly urges the banks to make loans, but it is empty rhetoric. There is not that much demand for loans anyway. Of course, consumers and businesses can't borrow at zero. Thirty-year

fixed mortgage rates are over 5 percent, and the average rate on credit cards went above 16 percent in December.

Main Street is being hit by a triple whammy. Not only do we pay high interest rates while the banks pay zero, but we also get exceedingly low interest on our savings accounts and money market funds. The rates are so low it almost forces us to buy bonds or high-yielding stocks to get income. The Fed is fixated on jacking up the stock market, stating that half of Americans have money in the market directly or indirectly. That's true, but stocks are overwhelmingly concentrated in the hands of the rich, who are effectively getting even more government welfare. So the Fed's policy further exacerbates the huge income and wealth gap between the rich and the rest of us.

Meanwhile, companies strive to keep costs down to make their stocks more attractive. So they are not boosting employment. "Not hiring is one thing," says Baxamusa. "But the egregious nature by which top executives are giving us the middle finger hurts. Top executives are making 300 times what the average worker makes," and on Wall Street the ratio is even higher.

The banks are paying back government loans so they can dodge federal rules and pay their chief executives outlandish salaries — a dubious way to gain popularity on Main Street. These same banks are unwilling to dump smelly assets and take losses, rather like the way Japanese "zombie banks" did for so long. Risky mortgage-related paper stays on American banks' books, so woes are pushed into the future. Worse, the banks — whose greed and stupidity led the world to the brink — are fighting attempts to introduce stringent regulation that would prevent or at least slow down another lemming march.

It's bad enough that the big banks and the central bank would like to see unemployment last longer. But there

are other reasons why rehiring will be painfully slow: "I do not believe there is any reason for most companies to begin hiring again, as they are operating more efficiently now than before and lots of companies have learned to make do with fewer personnel," says Lipper. "With the cost of employee benefits rising, there is less incentive for companies' hiring and training people."

Says Baxamusa, "One of the key problems is the lack of accountability of the financial services industry. In the last decade, the nation was built on a house of straw — essentially Wall Street paying executives to blow up balloons rather than hire workers to produce goods. It was an artificially inflated economy."

All too true. So if it's futile to put money in a savings account, what do you do? Buy stocks, bonds, commodities? Welsh says all this Fed and government stimulus "has produced a hollow recovery — more challenging than anything we have seen since the 1930s." Sometime this year, perhaps, the artificially supported economy will run out of gas. The consumer is 70 percent of the U.S. economy. The federal authorities' decision to let unemployment rise while ministering to the banks will backfire. It's possible 2010 will be as bad as 2008, says Welsh. "The cupboard is bare. Social ramifications will be ugly," he says. He fears deflation. Stocks could crumble again. Because of troubles abroad, the dollar could rise and push gold down.

Lipper, however, says, "I believe inflation is inevitable and that the U.S. dollar will decline." He would avoid most U.S. securities but likes precious metals, Asian currencies, and royalty entitlement contracts, by which a company seeking capital can sell 3 percent of its revenues for 20 years instead of selling its stock. Lipper pioneered the concept.

In any case, Baxamusa, Welsh, and Lipper agree: It will be rough for a while. ■

Community college

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ter at Grossmont, and she said she'd seen many changes.

"Class size is a lot bigger this semester," said Yamada, who graduated from Mount Miguel High School in Spring Valley. "There's, like, 15 people waiting outside the door for an open seat during my astronomy class. They just stand there and take notes."

Class size wasn't Yamada's only complaint; the increase in tuition was another. This year, tuition in the state's community colleges went from \$20 per credit hour to \$26, adding \$18 to the cost of each class. And despite the spike, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District had cut \$8 million from its budget in the past two years, resulting in fewer classes and fewer employees, including tutors and lab technicians. Meanwhile, at the district's two colleges —

Grossmont and Cuyamaca — enrollment was up. Two years ago, 27,000 students signed up for classes. This year that number increased to 29,600, and that's not counting the 6000 people who were placed on a waiting list before the fall semester began.

Those who were able to register, such as Yamada, then had to pay the increase in tuition. "I don't have a lot of money, so I had to wait to register until I found the money, and they almost dropped all of my classes," she said. Now she worries how she will afford tuition next semester.

On the other side of campus, 18-year-old Jamey Laird, a batboy for the San Diego Padres, sat on a bench engaged with his cell phone. Laird sported spiky blond hair, black-framed sunglasses, khaki shorts, and a white button-down shirt. He was in his first semester at Grossmont. Last year, he decided to transfer from San Diego

State University, where tuition had also gone up. After receiving his two-year degree, he planned to transfer back to SDSU to get his bachelor's degree.

While Laird was pleased with the cost of tuition, registration was not without frustration. Before registering, Laird went to the administration office to speak to a counselor about which classes to take. When he arrived, no one was there, and in the next few days no one from the college contacted him. So he signed up for classes he thought he might need.

"I'll just have to wait to find out if they are the right ones. I don't know," he said before laughing.

At MiraCosta College in Encinitas, John Burrows sat on the sidewalk, waiting for a friend during a two-hour break between classes. Burrows was your typical North County hip surf punk: messy hair, tight jeans, designer surf tee.

Long breaks between classes were something new for Burrows. In his six semesters at MiraCosta — having received his two-year degree in automotive technology and now seeking his associate degree — the 22-year-old graduate of Torrey Pines High had never seen so many people on campus.

Burrows said he was shocked to find out when he signed up for classes that every one he wanted was full. The reason so many classes had reached capacity: enrollment at the college's three campuses had risen this year by nearly 14 percent, increasing from 12,000 students to 13,618.

On the first day of classes, unaware of the increase in students, Burrows did what he'd done in the past: he went to the classes he wanted, expecting some students who'd signed up to drop. When he arrived at the first one, he saw a line at the door of 20 people who were also

hoping to crash the course. Burrows said he'd never seen more than 5 in the past.

That first week he went to ten classes hoping to find an open seat. "I just kept going to all these other classes, just trying to get in," he said. Of the ten he wanted, he enrolled in only three. "Now that it's harder to crash," he said, "next semester I'm going to register early."

Back at City College, 40-year-old Charlene Jones ate Cheez-Its from a small Baggie as she read at a table in Curran Plaza, outside the doors to the Academic Success Center, which houses the Tutorial Center for students with learning disabilities. Jones, a shy woman whose long black hair was streaked with strands of contrasting gray, had attended City College for more than three years. Family obligations and a learning disability prevented her from taking more than one class each semester.

Jones was working part-time in the Tutorial Center, helping others with learning disabilities. She said the center had also been affected by the state's economic problems. Last year she worked a 20-hour week, but since August, when the fall semester began, her hours had been reduced to 14.

"There's a lot of frustration among students with learning disabilities," she said. "Now, the Tutorial Center closes two hours earlier on Fridays. So last Friday as we were closing, students were outraged. The programs needed most are the ones they are cutting." Monday through Thursday, the center closed one hour earlier.

The increase in class size from 30 students to 45 was also a concern for Jones and for many other San Diego County community college students. "Part of learning a language is interacting," said Jones, who was studying sign

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language. "Now the classroom is very crowded." Because of the class size, Jones visited her professor during office hours to ask any questions she might have.

Spring semester classes begin on January 25. Contacted last week, Jones said that councilors warned students to register for classes as soon as their assigned registration date arrived. She did, and she got into the sign language 3 class she wanted. One week later, the class was full. The Tutorial Center's hours will remain the same in the coming semester. Jones said that last fall, because of the cutbacks, students sometimes had to wait 30 minutes to see a tutor. Now there's talk that next fall the center may close on Fridays. There's also talk on campus, she said, that the summer school session may not be held.

While California's students adjust to the cutbacks in spending, another perspective suggests how much more California could lose. Reynaldo Lacaba was in his mid-30s, a slender man dressed in blue scrubs. He was in his second semester last fall, studying nursing, and after he got his bachelor's degree, he planned to study for a master's in nurse anesthesia. More than a decade ago, he'd gotten a degree in anthropology at a college in Pennsylvania.

"I know a lot of students are complaining about the spike in tuition," he said, "but I grew up on the East Coast, where they don't have this kind of liberal policy when it comes to education. Here in California, it's heavily subsidized. Education in other states is much, much more expensive than it is here. Students really need to put the increase in tuition in context to what other students are paying in other states. They would be shocked. Students really have it good here. They just don't know it." ■

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nificant portion of the expense.

By Shane Finneran

11:37 p.m., Jan 9

Cocksure Cops?

Profiling Puts Hispanics in Cuffs

Spring Valley — On Monday, January 4, at around 2 p.m., my brothers Alex and Joseph and I were pulled over by a sheriff in Spring Valley. We were taken out of the car, handcuffed, and searched in front of my nephew's school, Sweetwater Springs Elementary, on Austin Drive.

The officers wouldn't give us a reason for the stop and kept wanting us to tell them what gang we were from. They kept saying, "If it walks, talks, and looks like a duck, then it must be a duck," referring to the fact that we have shaved heads, wear baggy clothes, are Hispanic, and tattooed.

Nobody in my family has ever been in a gang, and the only tattoos I have are my kids' names on my back.

After a fruitless search of our vehicle and finding out that we all have clean records, they uncuffed and released us...but not before taking pictures of all our tattoos.

By Emigdio Garcia, Jr.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Comments

1. I have a problem with racial profiling. I got no problem with gang profiling. Let me tell you what, I seriously doubt those were innocent tats on all of them. Let's have him post a picture of what he looked like when he was stopped that day.

If you don't want to be treated like gang, don't look like gang.

By CuddleFish

9:35 p.m., Jan 9

2. Obviously, people must dress a certain way, wear

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a certain hairstyle, and refrain from tatoos. It's in the constitution. People have rights so long as they dress nice, have no ink, and maintain stylish hair. Right?

This is obvious profiling.

By refriedgringo

3:17 a.m., Jan 10

3. Using sobriety checkpoints to check for drivers license, registration and insurance is not "legal" either. As the DUI checkpoints were challenged in court and the court concluded that DUI checkpoints were permissible in the interest of public safety, however there were many stipulations deemed by the court.

Police agencies in California mostly ignore those stipulations and extend the searches to other paperwork that has nothing to do with the immediate public safety.

If people are concerned with constitutional rights, you need not go very far on any weekend evening to see them violated all over the country and state.

By Ponzi 5:38 a.m., Jan 10

Jerry Don't Surf

City Cuts Black's Beach

Lifeguard Hours

La Jolla — As part of a cost-cutting effort for the new fiscal year, the San Diego City Council approved budget reductions proposed by Mayor Jerry Sanders that included changes to lifeguard operations at Black's Beach in Torrey Pines.

Lifeguards are typically posted at the beach from March to October, a period of eight months. The budget cuts will reduce that period to just over three months — from June to the first week of September (Labor Day) — when two lifeguards will be assigned for duty during mid-day.

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According to *sandiego.gov*, "Lifeguard assistance may take 20 minutes or more to arrive when lifeguards are not on duty at [Black's Beach]."

By Nathaniel Uy
Saturday, Jan. 9

Comments

1. See what happens when the city builds underserving sports teams palaces of suck? People die. This'll do wonders for tourism.

By PistolPete
3:34 p.m., Jan 9

2. Pistol, that's exactly right.

Anyone who is cheering for yet another Chargers stadium ought to be pulled out into the rip currents and left to drown.

By Fred_Williams
11:48 p.m., Jan 9

That P.B.-Like Demographic
Condo Residents Outraged
Downtown — Early on New Year's Day, residents of Fahrenheit condominiums discovered one of their two building elevators had been vandalized. Many homeowners who came upon the scene were furious over damages to the communal area.

"This totally sucks, but whoever had a party last night, someone got out of control and punched one of the elevator cars, left a bloody mess, and damaged the audio within the car.... This will cost ALL OF US if no one steps up and claims responsibility," said homeowners' association boardmember K. Gallagher on a building message board.

In the tough economic climate, there have been growing concerns among homeowners for general building welfare and property values as more and more renters move into the downtown condominium.

"The fallout of the market has attracted a more P.B.-like demographic to the building, most of which are renters. It's a shame," said former HOA president B. Randall.

By Nathaniel Uy
Tuesday, Jan. 5

Comments

1. Very Interesting. When we moved in, everybody knew everybody; now I can count on my fingers those I know by name. I regret the P.B. slur, but if the shoe fits...

About the same time as Fahrenheit, a vehicle drove into, then over, our P.B. Drive HOA's 7' x 20' steel underground parking gate. Surprise, no one has taken responsibility here either.

By itsmechuck
7:43 p.m., Jan 6

Kid Killers
Tijuana High School Students Shot
Tijuana — Three high school students — two boys and a girl — were assassinated Wednesday afternoon, January 6, shortly after taking some prep exams on campus. All were 16 years of age. The students (Osvaldo Martinez, Jaora Silva, and Jonathan Tadeo), who attended Sistema COBACH in the colonia Tres Octubre, were gunned down while in their vehicle, a few yards from the school. Their assailants used high-caliber weapons in the ambush and left the vehicle, a Jeep Cherokee, perforated with 35 bullet holes.

Victor Clark Alfaro, director of the Binational Center for Human Rights, was quoted in *Frontera* as saying he believed that the recent spate of killings in TJ — 33 executions in the past eight days — is intended to create a pervasive atmosphere of terror in the city.

By T.B. Beaudeau
Saturday, Jan. 9

Comments

1. What Beaudeau failed

to mention is at least one of the youths is a known drug dealer. Several students were interviewed from the school by a AP reporter and all said that one of the slain often dealt drugs just outside of the campus.

By refriedgringo
3:05 a.m., Jan 10

Who's Flying This Thing?
Superintendent Alternatives

San Diego — On Monday, January 4, San Diego Unified School District issued a news release for a special meeting to take place the following day to discuss "whether the district needs a school superintendent in the future."

According to the news release, one of the alternatives is "a team of leaders with equal power that report to the school board."

By 10:30 a.m., the posting had disappeared and was replaced with the brief headline: "San Diego Unified's school board leaders say the panel is considering whether to reorganize the office of superintendent."

Pulling the initial notice and then posting another is one indication that the district is unsure which direction to go. Another indication was included in the summary for the January 5 special-meeting agenda: "The board will review and discuss alternative models of school district leadership currently being used in other districts. In addition, the board is interested in discussing and reviewing other models, which may not currently be in existence elsewhere in the country."

By Dorian Hargrove
Tuesday, Jan. 5

Comments

1. Jack Brandais contacted this correspondent the day this article was posted and gave the following quote:

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Free spray tan

Buy one spray tan, get one free. First-time customers only. Not valid with any other offers. \$24.95 value.

Sun on the Run
Vista: 1994 Hacienda Dr.
866-242-9592

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



\$20 chiro consult, exam & x-rays

X-rays if needed. Normally \$250.

Shea Family Chiropractic
Poway: 13526 Poway Rd.
866-829-4781

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North



Free cat or dog exam

With Dr. Mark Ford. New clients only. \$44.85 value. Full-service, state-of-the-art veterinary facility.

Parkway Pet Hospital
La Mesa: 8200 Parkway Dr.
619-463-9151

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East



50% off haircuts, highlights, color or skincare

Not valid with any other offer.

Salon Radiance
La Mesa: 4731 3rd St. • 619-567-6938

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



Free golf

Two-for-one green fees. Any day from 10 am-2 pm. Golf cart included. Come play the redesigned lakes course with its new island green! May not be used in conjunction with any other discount, on holidays or in tournament play.

Cottonwood Golf Club
El Cajon: 3121 Willow Glen Dr.
888-890-9748

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



\$4 off car wash

Any premium wash package #2, 3, 4, or 5. Not good with any other offer. Oversized vehicles extra.

Casa De Oro Car Wash & Detail Center
Spring Valley: 10001 Campo Rd.
619-670-7784

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



Free Arsenal vitamin pack

With whey protein purchase. MetRx or Dymatize.

Pro Body Warehouse
El Cajon: 301 West Main St.
619-593-0466

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



Women's haircut & style \$20

Call for an appointment. Only valid with Ania. Some restrictions. New clients only. Located inside Millicent and Company Salon, the best new salon in La Mesa!

Ania's Hair Passion
La Mesa: 4695 Palm Ave.
619-838-4675

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



10% Off Any Purchase

Pickup only. Excluding hay. Not valid with any other offer.

Ranch Feed & Pet Supply
Spring Valley: 12868 Campo Rd.
866-926-3623

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



\$3 off hand car wash

Any premium car wash package. Caribbean Clear, Blue Atlantic or Royal Pacific. Some restrictions.

Aqua Clean Car Wash
La Mesa: 7959 Parkway Dr.
619-698-6775

Chula Vista: 1435 Ridgeback Rd.
619-397-7330

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East | South



50% off haircut

Buy one haircut at regular price and get the next one half off. Select stylists. New clients only. Must present coupon before service.

Coconuts Salon & Day Spa
La Mesa: 9340 Fuerte Dr., Ste. 201
619-697-6166

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



\$15 UV-free sunless tan

Mystic Tan. Please call ahead. Cannot be combined with other offer or specials.

My Escape Spa & Tan
El Cajon: 738 Jamacha Rd.
619-442-2826

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



20% off Brazilian hair treatment

And any salon service. First-time clients only. Some restrictions.

Beauty Supply Salon 22
Del Mar: 12857 El Camino Real
866-242-0057
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



\$3 off hand car wash

Any full-service car wash package. Extra charge for size and condition of vehicle. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Scripps Poway Car Wash
12033 Scripps Summit Dr.
858-549-8100
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



25% off dry cleaning

3 piece minimum. Good for two visits. Present coupon with order. Express service and/or special handling excluded. Not valid with any other offers.

New Life Cleaners
Encinitas: 141 S. El Camino Real
Ste. A • 760-942-5564
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



Free photo restoration

Up to a \$25 value.

We also do photo enlargements up to 5 ft.

Photo Art of Carlsbad
Carlsbad: 2744 Carlsbad Blvd.
Ste. 116 • 760-729-1960
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North



\$10 men's haircut

First-time clients only. Varsity cut. Some restrictions. The ultimate just-for-guys haircut experience!

SportClips Haircuts
Rancho Bernardo:
15731 Bernardo Heights Pkwy.
858-592-4104
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



60-minute massage \$49

Must present this coupon.

Palace Herbal Spa
Escondido: 1875 Centre City Pkwy.
Ste. E • 888-714-8391
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



\$200 off your best car deal

Make your best deal and present this coupon for an additional \$200 off. Only valid at Encinitas Ford.

Encinitas Ford
Encinitas: 1424 Encinitas Blvd.
800-458-7107
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



Organic men's shirt cleaning \$1⁹⁵

No chemicals. Some restrictions.

Seagull Cleaners & Alterations
La Jolla: 5568 La Jolla Blvd.
858-459-9911
Pacific Beach: 4454 Ingraham
(Inside Tammie's Alterations)
858-274-9420
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North | Beaches



\$1 off per item dry cleaning

Prepaid only. Unlimited savings. Must present coupon with incoming order. One coupon per customer. Environmentally friendly cleaning.

Continental Cleaners
Del Mar: 2741 Via de la Valle
858-755-4887
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



Hand car wash \$7⁹⁹

Silver wash. Regular \$10.99. 100% hand wash, vacuum interior, body air blowdry, windows and wheels cleaned. Trucks, SUVs and vans extra. Not valid with other offers.

Cardiff Valero Hand Car Wash
Cardiff: 820 Birmingham Dr.
760-436-1820
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



2-for-1 18 hole golf with cart

Mon.-Thurs. after 9:30 am. Fri.-Sun. after 12 pm. Present coupon at check-in. Some restrictions.

Eagle Crest Golf Club
Escondido: 2492 Old Ranch Rd.
877-797-4679
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North



Acrylic nails \$25

New set. Acrylic pink and white. Regularly \$45. Not valid with any other offer.

Chic Nails
Solana Beach: 116 Solana Hills Dr.
866-303-6298
Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North

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"I did post a link on the front of our website to a KPBS-FM story; your item quoted from that report. However, I didn't change it during the day. It's still on the front page of our website, *sandi.net*, with the headline "IN THE NEWS: Superintendent Search Ideas Offered.""

By dorianh

12:41 p.m., Jan 6

Train Stopped a-Rollin'

Near-Collision with Pickup Truck

Bay Park — An Amtrak passenger train en route from Santa Barbara to San Diego barely avoided an accident on Monday, January 4, at about 7:40 p.m.

Amtrak Pacific Surfliner train number 784 was operating through Rose Canyon just north of downtown San Diego when the engineer noticed a pickup truck near the tracks. The crew brought the train to an emergency stop and then exited the train to inspect for damage.

The 53-year-old driver of the pickup truck had crossed over the tracks at a section not meant for vehicles. After crossing some tracks, the truck became stuck about one foot from the main line.

According to a passenger onboard, one of the conductors later said, "The train cleared the truck by three inches."

By T.B. Weipert

Thursday, Jan. 7

Dirty, Suspicious

Telltale Dew Lines — Stolen Car

Pacific Beach — I passed three police cars stopped in the 1100 block of Felspar Street on the afternoon of January 5. I parked my car, and as I walked toward them, two of the cars drove away. I asked the remaining officer, who was seated in the passenger side of his

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Stolen car found on Felspar

vehicle, what had happened.

"Stolen car," he said about the white, two-door Toyota Solara.

"So, you were out doing your usual ticketing and just found it here?"

"I was just out waving at citizens and helping little old ladies cross the street," joked SDPD officer Nick Minx. I asked Minx how he learned the vehicle was a stolen one.

"The rear window was broken," he said. "I ran the plates. When you see a car with a heavy layer of dirt — dew lines running down through it — there's a good chance that when you run the plates it's stolen."

By Carolyn Grace Matteo

Thursday, Jan. 7

Tennis, Anyone?

Push for Public Tennis Access

San Diego — Shelley Susman grew up in a tennis family in La Jolla. Her mother, Karen Hantze Susman, won a singles title at Wimbledon in 1962 as well as several double titles alongside Billie Jean King. Her father, Rod Susman, was a top-seeded men's player.

For Susman, now in her 40s, tennis played an important part of her childhood. By the age of 18, after winning a CIF championship as a student at La Jolla High School, Susman became the fourth-ranked player in the country. And then an injury forced her to the sidelines. In the following years, she taught tennis and later moved to

the United Kingdom. It was in England that she took on the tennis establishment, volleying for more public tennis courts and more youth tennis programs.

Susman has returned to San Diego and teaches tennis at San Dieguito Tennis Club and Surf and Turf Tennis Club in Del Mar. She continues her work to gain more public access and awareness for the sport. Susman says she knows of only eight to ten public courts in the City of San Diego, the rest are all private courts that charge admission for access and fees for lessons.

Next week Susman will meet with a San Diego Park and Recreation official. During that meeting she hopes to put the ball in the city's court to establish more public access for the sport, similar access to sports such as skateboarding, basketball, and soccer.

"Other parts of our parks are not charged," says Susman during a phone interview. "You can go play basketball, skateboard for free, but as far as tennis goes, it seems as if there is a tennis tax."

For more information on Susman's efforts, email her at shelley@sls10s.com.

By Dorian Hargrove

Sunday, Jan. 3

Become a Stringer. Earn up to \$75 for your neighborhood news story, \$10 for photo, \$15 for video. See guidelines at SDReader.com/stringers.

LETTERS

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Mmm-Mmm Good!

AWESOME ARTICLE on great soups ("Soup of the Evening," Restaurant Review, January 7). I shall treasure it. THANK YOU.

Eric Alan Jones
via email

Perfection, At Last

I want to congratulate the Reader at finally becoming a real, perfect-bound magazine, just like *Time*, *Life*, and all that. Plus, your color use is amazing.

John Kitchen
via phone

Me Too

I just wanted to say to Elizabeth Salaam that my husband and I really enjoyed the article "I Never Thought I'd Become a Welfare Queen" (Cover Story, January 7). It was the closest scenario to what I am going through right now. Of course, I have been one for a while now. I am also going to be applying to public assistance for food stamps and Medicare (I am approaching 60 very fast and need it very much).

Christine E. Eret
via email

Child Welfare

Re "I Never Thought I'd Become a Welfare Queen" (Cover Story, January 7).

Am I the only guy who sees Mr. and Mrs. Welfare Queen as children pretending to be adults? In fact (to be undeniably judgmental), it seems to me their behavior reflects the classic definition of a child's world, wherein immediate gratification trumps mature planning, failure is not their fault, life's necessities are owed

them by real adults, and there is a dearth of gratitude.

Add a heaping measure of denial to that brew ("But this isn't the way it was supposed to be. I have a master's degree"), and you have the potential makings of a death spiral into generational welfare.

I hope Mr. and Mrs. Salaam prove me wrong, and I sincerely extend to them the very best wishes for 2010.

One more observation, if I may: I was puzzled that security checks and metal detectors protect welfare offices. The reason soon became clear. Who amongst us cannot be righteously enraged by the laconic rudeness of the welfare personnel depicted in this article?

And then, another epiphany: If the government workers can reasonably expect violence from a client denied a welfare benefit, what can be expected when the unwashed masses on the other side of the Plexiglas are being denied life-saving medical treatment for themselves or a beloved family member? Do we really want Ms. Red Lips or Ms. Smokey making our health-care decisions or directing us through the double doors for end-of-life counseling?

For this insight, I am immensely grateful to the Reader and to Mrs. Salaam. We should all take her tale as a grim and solemn preview of future events if health care in this country is nationalized. A blind man can see it coming. Is there any reason to believe otherwise?

Ed Dunne
via email

Pay For The Piper

I enjoyed the cover article for its tongue-in-cheek humor ("I Never Thought I'd Become a Welfare Queen," January 7). Mrs. Salaam is obviously a well-educated lady and, if the article is true, has fallen on hard times. Everyone needs a helping hand from time to time. If she had an earlier income of \$49,000, why isn't some of it in the bank for her emergency fund? That is what I did, forgoing the pleasures of dining out, movies, plays, and vacations, knowing that one day the

piper would have to be paid. I can understand people living from hand to mouth being unable to put anything away — I've been there, on food stamps for five months, which I paid back in full a year later; the taxpayers are not responsible for my living expenses. No savings for a better-than-average income and a good education is inexcusable. Apparently not in her case, but I wish I had a nickel for every time I've been behind someone in the checkout line with their bread, cereal, milk, juice, etc., being paid for by WIC and food stamps, and then they pay for the liquor, cigarettes, imported hams, and cheeses with a wad of C-notes that would choke a horse.

Bottom line, you have no right to complain about the hoops you need to jump through to enjoy the fruits of the public dole. You should be forever grateful for the money coming from my pocket to yours — I have to work for it; all you have to do is wait in a line for it, so who cares how long it takes; it isn't like you have anything else to do.

When the current administration is out of power and the economy can rebound, your family should get their income back, hopefully saving money for the next rainy day and paying back the taxpayers for their largesse. In short, don't bite the hand that feeds you.

Name Withheld
by Request
via email

See The Future

Anyone who wants to know what ObamaCare will be like, "Welfare Queen" should be mandatory reading (Cover Story, January 7).




John Sadle
Lakeside

Stop It

Sorry, but no dice ("I Never Thought I'd Become a Welfare Queen," Cover Story, January 7).

Be grateful. *Be grateful* for what you get, no matter how small it is. I've lived in San Diego County in a family of nine kids. My mother was

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MEDIA HAWK

by Moss Gropen



Scott Lewis

Voice Growing Fainter? Numbers have taken a free-fall to 20,000–25,000

The beginnings were auspicious enough — and *Voice of San Diego* garnered copious praise from various media-watchers who anointed it as a model for the news-diggers of the digital age. Bankrolled largely by Buzz Woolley — a local real estate and technology magnate — “the *Voice*” was launched in February 2005 as an online-only source for San Diego news. Seeking to position itself as the local portal for stories that “go unreported,” the *Voice* boasts that — as a privately funded, not-for-profit enterprise — it can provide tough, hard-hitting investigative reporting on local stories (e.g., political scandals) that other San Diego media might shy away from.

When reporter Will Carless uncovered the chicanery within the San Diego Southeastern Economic Development Corporation in 2008, the *Voice*’s fortunes appeared on the rise. Acting on a tip provided by (some have speculated) councilman Jim Madaffer, the *Voice* received plaudits aplenty when it trained

the spotlight on SEDC president Carolyn Smith. Due in no small part to the reportage, the self-dealing Smith — whose lavish and illegal salary caused an uproar around town — was canned after 14 years at the unsteady helm.

Eventually, star muckraker Carless left to freelance in Indonesia. In the wake of his departure, some readers had begun to characterize the *Voice*’s news coverage as a bit “soft”; however, as recently as October of 2009, the site had reported a strong upsurge in visits. (According to online media-tracking service Quantcast, voiceofsandiego.org went from an average of 40,000 or so visits per month in late September to 100,000 by early to mid November.)

But recent weeks have seen a third major redesign of the website and, along with it, a precipitous drop in visitors; having peaked in mid November, the numbers have since taken a free-fall to 20,000–25,000 per month.

What gives? *Voice* editor Scott Lewis might have provided some clues on December 6 via a breezy, colloquial piece in which he laid out, for the *Voice* faithful, his explanation for recent changes to the site. Among other things, Lewis discussed the rationale — or lack thereof — behind the *Voice*’s policy of limiting comments by readers.

Until the latest makeover, which was completed December 2, the site had permitted readers to post comments (anonymously and otherwise) — but only on op-ed pieces, never on straight news stories. Lewis stated that all *Voice* articles were now to be fair game — but that any-

The *Voice* brass has implemented a registration system:
no ID — no comment.

mous posts would be verboten. The decision to implement the new ID-shackled give-and-take stems from a Sunday brunch that Lewis enjoyed with the brain trust of *MinnPost.com*, an operation with which he is enamored.

Impressed with the Minnesotans, who’ve never allowed their posters anonymity, the *Voice* brass has implemented a registration system: no ID — no comment. By aping the MinnPost “verification” strictures, Lewis hopes to avoid “forums [that] turn into something resembling more of a bathroom wall than a civil congress.”

Civil or not, however, attendance at the *Voice* congress seems to be dwindling these days. For his part, Lewis seemed unconcerned when I spoke with him in late December. Although he conceded that the website redesign has caused broken legacy links and other expected disruptions, he attributed much of the recent dip to seasonal fluctuations, explaining, “December is always a rough month.” Sounding an upbeat note, he expects a resurgence as 2010 commences. “We had a fantastic day yesterday and we already have 1700 fans on Facebook.”

Mystery Solved?

Weather Balloons and Street Flares

Channel 10 wants to reassure you that the UFO you saw early on New Year’s Day wasn’t extraterrestrial in origin but simply the brainchild of El Cajon trickster Todd

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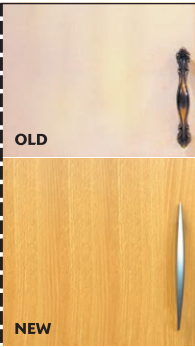


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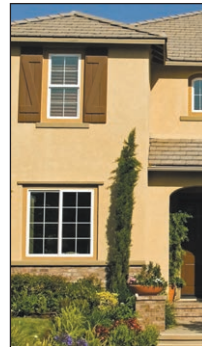


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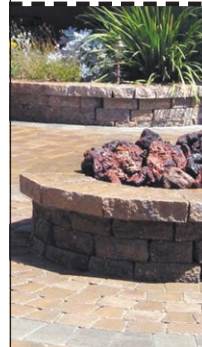


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MEDIA HAWK

Mystery solved? *continued from page 18*

Fassler. Channel 6 and *Signonsandiego* also propose an earthly cause for the light show, but offer instead a “Chinese sky lantern” theory behind the glowing holiday array.

Channel 10’s Hal Clement cheerfully kicked off their on-air coverage by crowing, “Mystery solved.”



But on the *10news.com* message board, things seemed a bit murkier. One commenter, comparing the attribution to the much-maligned

Roswell, New Mexico, “weather balloon” theory, noted, “Strange how the news never had the guy explain how he got the flared powered balloons to stay in triangular formation.”

A doubting poster on *Signonsandiego*’s board cited the altitude, speed, and maneuverability of the objects as reasons to question the lantern theory.

In all fairness, Channel 10’s Allison Ash — “acting on a tip” — did interview Fassler, who “explained how he creates the hovering lights with weather balloons and street flares.” For its part, Channel 6, whose phones were “ringing off the hook” with sightings of “a triangle of red lights,” reported in its online account that the sky-watchers’ descriptions “sounded identical” to the objects that, in the station’s prior news stories, had “turned out to be Chinese sky lanterns.”

To its credit, *Signonsandiego*, was slightly more cir-

cumspect, stating that the best of photos sent to them by viewers “would appear to indicate” the lights came from the lanterns. Despite writing, somewhat cryptically, “Sometimes strange lights in the sky are just that,” reporter Andrew Kleske quoted a San Carlos woman who — after a bit of internet research on the popular, Chinese paper contraptions — was somewhat skeptical of the lantern explanation.

As for Todd Fassler — whose “confession” was readily accepted by Channel 10 — he told Allison Ash that in addition to being fun, his hobby “gives you guys a job.” [None of the above reporters were available for comment.]

Advocacy or Sloppy Reporting?

No One Favors Drunk Driving

The headline “Despite Deaths, DUI Arrests Skyrocket” implies cause-and-effect. Reporting on the 798 San Diego area drunk-driving arrests during the last two weeks of 2009, *nbcсандiego.com* noted that there were nearly twice as many of the hapless handcuffed as there had been during the same period in 2008.

But why would fatal auto accidents — commonplace in San Diego County regardless of the booze factor — decrease the number of local busts of motorists deemed under the sway of John Barleycorn? The coverage not only failed to make a case for the conclusion, it unwittingly offered a convincing and contradictory theory by quoting a spokesman for the local authorities who cited the yearly “crackdown” as the reason for the increase.

Reporter Steven Luke crossed the line from sloppy reporting to open editorializing when he wrote, “the message isn’t sinking in...some drivers continued to defy laws and logic by driving drunk.” When I asked



Luke whether he intended to sermonize, he stated, “The journalist’s job is to serve the public. I try to be down the middle as much as I can, but when it comes to real drunk driving — where people are arrested — no one’s in favor of that.”

At least one message-board poster took this as a cue to agitate for an even more Draconian crackdown — permanent car confiscation for first offenders and the “firing squad” for recidivists.

By contrast, the local peacock affiliate took on a different tone when it reported a fatal car crash that occurred on Sunday, January 3, at a Carl’s Jr. restaurant in El Cajon. The online story by Michelle Wayland gave an account of a Carl’s Jr. customer — sitting in a booth with his back to a plate glass window — who was killed by a speeding car that smashed into the burger joint. According to the police, the victim was “hurled from one end of the restaurant to the other.” Despite quoting a witness who stated, “He didn’t hit the brakes. He didn’t swerve,” the reporter failed to mention anything that might have lent insight as to why the driver (assuming the crash wasn’t intentional) was grossly incompetent. Could this have been an “age-related” accident?

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BACK WHEN *in the Reader*

Thirty Years Ago

JIM FROM Mom's Saloon December 8 after Christmas party. Remembering your blue eyes and smile. You haven't phoned. Let's go ride wild horses. Country Sue.

BRIAN JONES, his ideas stolen, his strengths diminished, his character destroyed, picked clean then discarded. Who's to blame Mick?

You must answer.

JAY - SAM'S sexy meatball, Breakout, Spielberg, aromatic Ted, Steely Dan, deer on Bear Mountain, roses, transcontinental talks. Sharing life with you brings such joy! K.

— CLASSIFIEDS, *January 17, 1980*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice: When the state/Caltrans built the O.B. Freeway, why didn't they put a ramp from Ocean Beach I-8 east to I-5 north? Sea World Drive is a pain!

— Brad Cronk, *Ocean Beach*

Rather than spend all this money on elaborate interchanges, planners thought, there was a simple solution: build the interchange at Sea World Drive and have Ocean Beach residents get to and from their community via that interchange. The city planners' eyes were cast eastward anyway, since grand schemes were being devised for the Tecolote Canyon area, and it was thought at the time that more people would be driving east along Tecolote Road. But there's that old maxim about best-laid plans, and expansionism was nipped in the bud (or somewhere painful, you can bet). Tecolote Canyon was kept as an open space, and engineers went back to their drawing boards.

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice, January 17, 1985*

Twenty Years Ago

The *Reader* cover article about eucalyptus trees ("Eucalyptus It Is," December 14) made some good points, but its general tone was misleading. Contrary to an analogy attempted by the article's author, a concern for San Diego's native plants is not akin to xenophobia. The eucalyptus tree's relationship to the plants it displaced is not like the relationship of Mexican or Chinese immigrants to white American culture. A better analogy would be made by comparing the eucalyptus to the Spanish conquistadors: the Spanish destroyed the native American cultures in their path, just as eucalyptus trees

destroy native plant communities by causing increased alkalinity in the soil.

— LETTERS: "THE VANISHING CHAPARRAL," *Jared Aldern, Julian, January 18, 1990*

Fifteen Years Ago

With the rise of the computer and its so-called modem-linked "virtual community," even the white heterosexual professional can take steps to rid himself of L.A. anomie. Screen names and netiquette or *la general* to complain about lousy service at Burger King, recommend good dim sum, find a good body shop, or play the oldest game on earth. That is, finding a girl.

Yesterday a friend tells me that Debbie Mazar — yes, TV's Debbie Mazar — says several of her friends

have found boyfriends on the Internet. That's right: attractive, successful, intelligent women troll the Internet.

— HELLA., *Adam Parfrey, January 12, 1995*

Ten Years Ago

An affiliate of the San Diego-based diet-drug company Metabolife — already California's sixth-largest donor of soft money to national political campaigns — has written a \$25,000 check to a committee set up to benefit the U.S. Senate bid of Hillary Rodham Clinton. Metabolife International, Inc., is one of several big-money givers to the National Democratic Party's "New York Senate 2000" committee, which was created to allow Hillary Clinton to collect corporate donations and those greatly in excess of the \$2000 limit imposed on individuals.

— CITY LIGHTS: "HILLARY'S BENEFACTORS," *Matt Potter, January 13, 2000*

Five Years Ago

Superintendent Alan Bersin has sold his Point Loma house and moved into a manse down the hill in La Playa, overlooking San Diego Bay. The controversial school honcho got \$1,250,000 in September when he sold the house he bought for \$535,000 ten years ago. He's moved into a home owned by greengrocer Ron Cohn, owner of Henry's market in Chula Vista.

— CITY LIGHTS: "HIGH-INCOME HOUSING," *Matt Potter, January 13, 2005*

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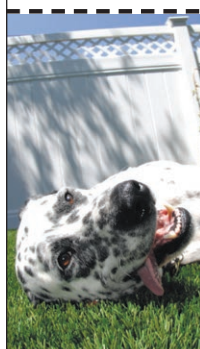


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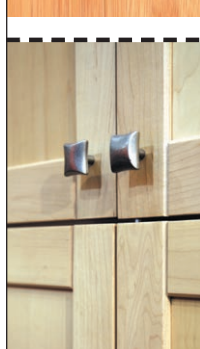


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey, Matt:

Why is it that when I am swimming in the ocean or a pool and I open my eyes underwater it's all blurry. Fish, birds, and marine mammals seem to be able to see clearly enough underwater. When I look from the surface it is clear or look through a glass into water I can see fine (snorkeling). What gives?

— Aquaman in OB

I'm not sure why you figure you should be able to see underwater just because a trout can. They have trout eyes. You have people eyes. You can't breathe underwater the way a trout can, but you don't question that. So, let's adjust our basic thinking here and travel back, back, back to that physics class you slept through.

Remember the old spoon-in-the-water-glass trick? Above the waterline the spoon is in one place, below the waterline it's in another? The classic light-bending demonstration. Light waves bend when they move from a medium of one density to a medium of another. Okay? Okay. People eyes are designed to focus light coming through the air and into their eyeballs. Trout? Through water into their eyeballs. So, when people eyes look through water, things are all fuzzy and out of focus.

Imagine you're hanging around the beach, digging the chicks. Your corneas and optic muscles are doing their jobs. Focusing on a nearby beach beauty calls for a corneal curve of a particular degree. Then you spot a jiggling jogger near the water's edge. Optic muscles adjust your cornea to bring details of the distant cutie into sharp focus. Light waves bouncing off the ladies have passed through air, hit your much denser cornea, which then bent them just enough so when they pass through the final lenses inside your eyes, pictures of the fine females register sharply on your retinas, zip to your brain, and make you a happy man.

But it's getting hot. Time to hit the surf. Open your eyes underwater and light waves bouncing off the lovely honey swimming by are moving through water, much denser than air. When the light hits your almost equally dense corneas, your optic muscles can't bend your corneas properly, the internal lenses can't make up the difference, and your retinas register an unfocused bunch of rays and a blurry beach beauty.

So, what have we learned today? If you're not a trout, don't compare yourself to a trout. You'll always come up short.

Good News About Dusting Your Mushrooms

From Mr. Mushroom, Steve Farrar, comes an addendum to our discussion a few weeks ago.

At that time, the questioner was aghast at eating something grown in horse manure, though we assured him it was steam-pasteurized manure, which might not have been quite the answer he was hoping for. Anyway, the fact that we confined our discussion to common household button mushrooms spurred Mr. Farrar to educate us on the secret lives of the fancy kinds, whose stalks never touch anything as common as horse poop, apparently.

"Other cultivated species such as maitake, shiitake, oyster, shimeji, and enoki are grown without the use of any manures at all.... Commercially, these mushrooms are grown on a mixture of sawdusts, brans, meals, spent brewers' grains, etc., that are generally sterilized (autoclaved) with steam and pressure prior to planting or inoculating.... Right here in San Marcos, certified 100 percent organic Maitake, King Trumpet (king oyster), and beech (shimeji) mushrooms are grown in a very high-tech, robotic facility.... Due to the sterilization (as opposed to mere pasteurization) of the growing media, the absence of manures and soils in the growing media, the extremely hygienic production methodologies, and the sealed packaging of the mushrooms, it is not even necessary to wash or rinse these mushrooms before using them."

Can You Buy an Estate at an Estate Sale?

Okay, okay. My snide answer about the difference between an estate sale and a garage sale has ruffled lots of garage-shoppers' feathers. Maybe I'm so cynical that I figure anybody with a Big Wheel, a kiddie pool, and four boxes of stained T-shirts to sell might buy himself a preprinted "Estate Sale" sign and nail it to a phone pole just to lure bargain hunters to his lawn, hoping for fine-looking goods. That's just me. Maybe I'm the only one who would do that. According to several experts (I guess), an estate sale can be quite a formal affair, involving lawyers and paperwork and everything. It's the disposal of a dead man's goods. Maybe the dead man only had a Big Wheel, a kiddie pool, and T-shirts, but when they go on sale it's an official estate sale. "Garage Sale," "Yard Sale," and the like — well, that's a Big Wheel sold by somebody who's alive. My apologies to those involved in the great estate-sale business.

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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Making a Difference



Ricochet and Patrick

Last fall, the story made its way around the media fish tank to the *North County Times*, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, *Orange County Register*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Honolulu Advertiser*, and *Anchorage Daily News*, to dog websites, surfer websites, surfer magazines, to *PetLifeRadio.com*, *Huffingtonpost.com*, to countless blogs, to foreign newspapers (Kuwait's *Arab Times*), to San Diego's KFMB-TV and KUSI-TV, to *The Today Show*, Animal Planet, ABC News, CBS News, and all ships at sea.

It is an irresistible story, how Escondido's Judy Fridono, a certified professional dog trainer, acquired a golden retriever puppy to train as a service dog for people with disabilities. But, puppy Ricochet washes out because she likes to chase birds. Trainer has an epiphany, accepts dog for who she is — a natural surfer. Dog is hooked up with Patrick Ivison, a 15-year-old quadriplegic boy. Ricochet enters dog-surfer events, finished second at Del Mar, placed second in the large-dog category at Huntington Beach. Dog trainer uses teenage surfer dog to raise money for quadriplegic boy. Trainer and dog raise \$10,000 for Patrick, and WebMD Health Foundation donates three years of physical therapy.

Which brings us to the homemade video. Shots of Ricochet as a pup, shots of Ricochet growing up, shots of Patrick surfing, Ricochet surfing, Patrick and Ricochet tandem surfing. Shots of Patrick struggling, fighting, learning to use a walker. The video slams you in the stomach like a rifle shot (go to YouTube, type, "SURFice dog" in the search box).

And then life moves on. Ricochet has since raised money for children in hospitals and is currently working for a young boy with a traumatic brain injury. Patrick got a Labrador retriever service dog, Kona, and vows to cross the stage in a walker at his high school graduation.

I've wondered how things went for the trainer, Judy Fridono. What follows is culled from two telephone interviews.

"I can't talk about it without shedding tears," Fridono says. "That's how emotional it is. Pretty much every single person that left a comment [on YouTube], talks about how they've cried watching this video."

"How many people?"

"It's 1,246,550 views right now. And that's just on YouTube. The video went viral: most views have come through people sending emails to each other."

Fridono says, "During the time I was training Ricochet not to chase birds, it was frustrating because she lost interest in training. I couldn't figure out what was wrong. We struggled. I wasn't always accepting. But, when I finally let go [of wanting her to be a service dog] and stopped trying to control, then all these amazing things started happening. The fundraising was so successful, the video went viral. Things bigger than life started happening. I wanted Ricochet to make a difference in one person's life as a service dog and instead she's made a difference in tens of thousands of lives through the video."

"I've made new friendships. The closest ones are Patrick and his family. I don't have family here, so holidays and such, I've usually been with my dogs. [Patrick's family] invited me for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They're having a birthday party for Patrick's service dog today and invited me to come. Another friendship would be Robbie Nelson, who is Ricochet's surf coach [and owner of Happy Barrels Surf Instruction in Encinitas]. He helps Patrick surf, but when we wanted to try tandem surfing, he was right there, no questions asked."

We chat for awhile, then Fridono volunteers, "I have a disability, but I can still help people — I can still do something meaningful with my life."

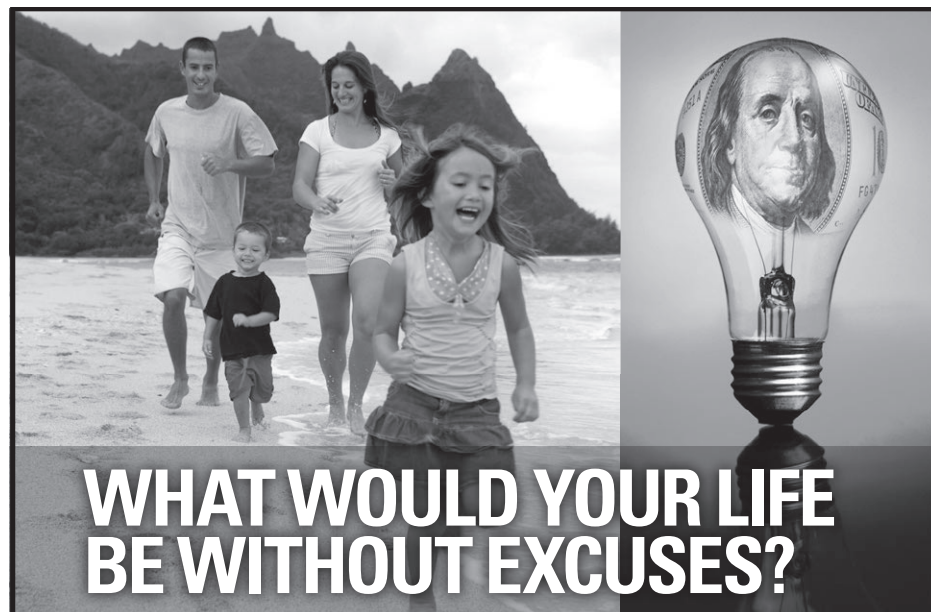
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By Anthony Gentile



La Jolla guard Max Greenberg faces the Lincoln double team of Victor Dean (24) and Rasean Simpson



Escondido guard Joe Hudson drives to the hoop against Poway guard Eric Gil

No. 5 Lincoln turns up pressure against La Jolla

Posted January 6, 2010

The Hornets scored the first eight points of the game and never looked back, knocking off La Jolla 67-46 on Tuesday night.

"I felt like we were more athletic than they were, so I wanted to push the emphasis offensively and defensively," said Lincoln head coach Jason Bryant.

"We were too hesitant to start the game — deferring too much to each other — and that hurt us," said La Jolla head coach Kamal Assaf. "We always talk about being the aggressor and we weren't the aggressor."

Lincoln opened the second quarter with eight straight points to take a 24-9 lead. La Jolla settled down and the game was more back and forth for the rest of the quarter. In the third quarter, Lincoln began to pull away. The Hornets led by as much as 23 in the fourth before winning by 21, with emphatic dunks by Nathan Maxey and Victor Dean punctuating the victory.

Poway works overtime to knock off No. 6 Escondido

Posted January 7, 2010

This season, Poway's preseason résumé has lacked a marquee win. The Titans changed that on Wednesday with an 85-82 overtime win over No. 6 Escondido.

"It gives us some credibility," said Poway head coach Aaron Little. "I'm sure not a lot of people think too much of us right now, but you start beating teams like Escondido, and people will recognize us."

Poway center Sam Beeler put the Titans ahead for good on a put back with 23 seconds left in the extra period. Two defensive stops and two free throws later, Poway escaped with a three-point win.

The 6'10" sophomore Beeler led Poway (9-5) with 20 points.

"He was huge for us. When we have a size advantage like that, we have to take advantage," Little said. "We got him the ball and he finished."

Granite Hills flies past Mira Mesa

Posted January 9, 2010

Granite Hills made a statement with a 69-54 win over the Marauders. The Eagles (10-4) have now won eight of their past nine games.

From the opening tip, Mira Mesa had trouble keeping up with Granite Hills' up-tempo attack. Three minutes into the game, the Eagles had a 10-2 lead.

"We want to attack and attack constantly," Granite Hills head coach Randy Anderson said. "Our goal is to get as many trips up and down the court and attack the basket."

Early in the second quarter, a pair of threes from Granite Hills forward Kyle Snyder broke open the game, part of a 13-0 run to start the second quarter that gave the Eagles a 21-point lead. Granite Hills cooled off in the second half but still won comfortably over Mira Mesa (9-5).

"We love playing that way," Anderson said. "We have four really good offensive players that buy into it and just love it."

Point guard Andre Lewis led Granite Hills with a game-high 28 points. He is averaging 28.9 points per game this season.



Mira Mesa forward Jonathan Wheeler shoots over Granite Hills forward James Sadik

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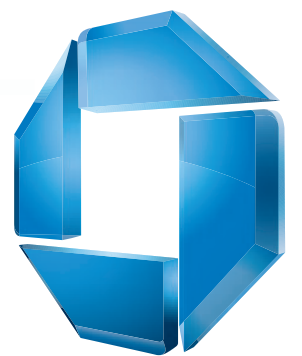
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— EVE KELLY

The Chinese proverb says, ‘Better to be deprived of food for three days than tea for one,’ proclaimed friend Bernice as she poured a cup of green tea during our afternoon chat. The tea was a Revolution Organic Green Tea (\$5.59 for 16 flow-through infusers at Vons).

“I could be deprived this tea forever,” I grimaced. The round, full-bodied, slightly grassy flavor appealed to her but not to me. “What I hate in some green teas,” she offered, “is when the tea leaves taste like the smell of a three-day-old pile of raked leaves. I prefer fresh grassy flavored green tea leaves,” she added.

“I prefer to have grass stay out of my tea,” I argued.

To settle the impasse, I grilled usual suspects on their tea likes and dislikes.

“I’m a tea slut. I’ll drink any tea,” answered my friend Nancy. When pressed, she singled out the Tazo Zen Green Tea (\$4.49 for 20 bags at Vons) for praise. “But, like I said, I’m easy when it comes to tea,” she said with a wink.

“Can you have a bad tea?” asked my big sis Cathy. “I drink everything,” I didn’t know the world was so full of tea sluts. “But I particularly like the Good Earth teas,” she admitted. “I like reading the saying on the tea bag.”

Bernice’s man Frank was not a fan of the Good Earth Green Tea Lemongrass (\$3.99 for 20 bags at Vons). “It has a delightful smell of fruit, but tastes like herbal tea. If you’re somebody who likes the green-tea earthiness, this tea will disappoint. It’s Green Tea Lite.”

Lipton Green Tea with Mandarin Orange Flavor (\$5.79 for 20 bags at Vons) turned out to be another lite option. “If you want a tea that tastes like vaguely flavored hot water, drink this tea,” answered Patrick’s coworker Susan. “It has a hint of orange and a half a hint of green-tea flavor.”

Frank did recommend the Yogi Green Tea Pomegranate (\$4.99 for 16 bags at Henry’s). “It’s pleasant but not cloying, and the pomegranate takes a little off the acidity without robbing it of its greenness.”

“Don’t buy Uncle Lee’s Green Tea,” warned

“This is for serious green-tea lovers: it comes as a powder that must be mixed into hot water.”

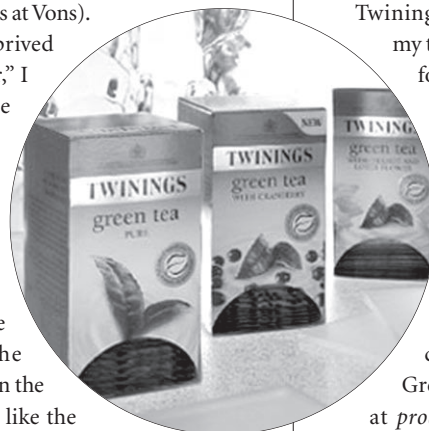
my sister Meg (\$3.79 for 20 bags at Henry’s). “Too much swamp in that tea.”

“Of the mainstream tea brands, I like Twinings Green Tea the best,” offered my tea-aficionado niece Anna (\$4.15 for 20 bags at Vons). “Trader Joe’s organic green tea is well balanced — not too bitter, not too mild. It’s good for someone serious about wanting pretty good quality but not willing to go the extra financial mile for it. I just recently graduated to the really hard-core stuff — Organic Royal Matcha Green Tea [30-gram tin for \$27.97 at products.mercola.com]. This is for serious green-tea lovers — it comes as a powder that must be mixed into hot water, with the hazard of nasty not-completely-dissolved powder chunks.” Anna directed me to their web page for the nutritional benefits of green tea.

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“I am not a fan of Bigelow or Tazo brand green teas,” added Anna, “too weak for me.”

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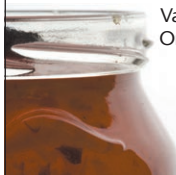
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by Barbarella

At no time is freedom of speech more precious than when a man hits his thumb with a hammer.

— Marshall Lumsden

'Dododummyshutup," said my friend Joe, a sommelier. His cheeks reddened, corroborating the statement he'd made moments before — that he considered the silly huddle of children's words profane. He rested his hands on the bar between us and said, "My sister would call me that. It's a combination of the three worst words we knew as kids that, when combined, created a super-expletive. Even now, if she calls me that, it hurts because I know it means she's really mad at me. And every once in a while, I'll think it to myself if somebody leaves me a wretched tip. It makes me feel better and makes me think of my sister."

Joe, whom we routinely visit for chats and drinks at Kensington Grill, pivoted to tend to other customers and then returned to refill my wine glass. "I find it hard to believe those were the *worst* three words you guys knew," I said. "Sounds like you grew up in a sheltered household."

I recalled a story my mother told me about how she and my father, as young parents, entertained themselves by teaching my eldest sister, Jane, to say "damn." "It was so funny for us to hear such a small person curse," Mom said with a chuckle that revealed she

"It was so funny for us to hear such a small person curse," Mom said with a chuckle.

still found humor in it. "But when we went to visit your grandmother and Jane said it in front of her," Mom continued, "I was mortified. That's when we stopped encouraging her to say bad words."

While sitting at the bar, I'd taken a call from Jane; it was my overhearing her five-year-old daughter in the background saying "Oh, crap" that sparked the conversation about kiddie curse words. "You curse now, though, right?" I asked Joe.

"Oh, yeah, all the time," he said, though I had trouble picturing him uttering anything racier than "aw, shucks!"

"The way Barb curses, you'd think I was living with a sailor," said David, earning himself a playful punch on the arm.

"I doubt there are any sailors who swear as often as I do," I said after dropping the brow I'd raised at my man. "But give me a break, both of my parents were born and raised in Brooklyn, where cursing is more a cornerstone of the dialect than it is an intention to offend."

Despite my claim that

my family practiced word-egalitarianism, I could remember the day I learned some words were "bad." I had just turned five and was sitting beside my two-year-old sister on my parents' bed, watching my mother fold laundry. On a whim, I decided to test drive a phrase I'd picked up from one or both of my parents — something they repeated often in a friendly, teasing tone: "Fuck off."

"What did you just say?" Mom's face had been transformed. She set down the shirt she'd been folding and gave me her full attention. I liked that. "Don't you *ever* say that again. That's a dirty word," she said. "It'll make your mouth so dirty I'll have to wash it out with soap." This was a new concept, and not much of a threat, as the word "soap" conjured nothing but happy, clean imagery. Still, I got the impression that Mom was not pleased. She returned to her folding.

I waited for what seemed like an hour (but was more like ten seconds) before intoning the same phrase, directed at my unassuming kid sister. I presumed incorrectly that my mother, not three feet away, was incapable of hearing my stage whisper. Mom acted swiftly; she scooped me up and propped me on the bathroom sink and shoved a bar of Ivory in my mouth. I held it between my lips, then, I dared a lick, recoiling as I learned the taste of soap was in no way as pleasant as its smell.

In my adolescence, Mom's discipline waned as a result of my determination to acquire freedom of speech. I began with an innocuous-enough word. When Mom asked me not to say it again, I told her I was merely referring to the small songbird

when I had called my friend "a tit."

"You know, you curse much more when you're on the phone with your family," David said after Joe had stepped away to mix a few cocktails.

"That's because I feel comfortable with them," I said. After a moment's thought, I added, "And like I said, it's a dialect."

David doesn't swear...okay, so he drops the occasional F-bomb, like when he sliced off part of his thumb while cooking or burned his other thumb on a bulb in the refrigerator that had no business being that hot. But for him, curse words don't come naturally; it would sound awkward for him to bust one of George Carlin's infamous seven. I attribute this to his formative years.

"I would be *shocked* if my mother cursed," David said.

"I once coaxed a 'bitch' out of her," I bragged. I didn't tell him that I'd had to voice the word for his mother first, to let her know it was okay, or that as the word came out of her mouth she looked as if she was being forced to eat a bug. She said it, that's all that mattered, and I took full credit. "I don't think there's anything wrong with cursing. They're just words."

"If I hear someone talking and every other sentence is f-this or f-in' that, I can't help but think that person is unintelligent," David said. "Because an intelligent person would have the vocabulary and creativity to be more eloquent."

I sipped my wine and pondered my stupidity and sudden urge to utter an expletive, the latter of which sparked a memory. "What about that article we just read about the study they did in Britain?"

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soap-tasting incident: a mixture of power, shame, and exhilaration.

"Cursing makes me feel good," I said. "And now there's scientific proof that I'm not alone."

"Yeah, well, I can think of several feel-good things I wouldn't do in front of other people," said David.

"I guess that's the difference between you and me, beh-beh," I said. Then, to show David I wasn't swayed by his argument, I said, "Hey, Joe. This wine is the shit." Both men rolled their eyes at me as I giggled into my glass. ■

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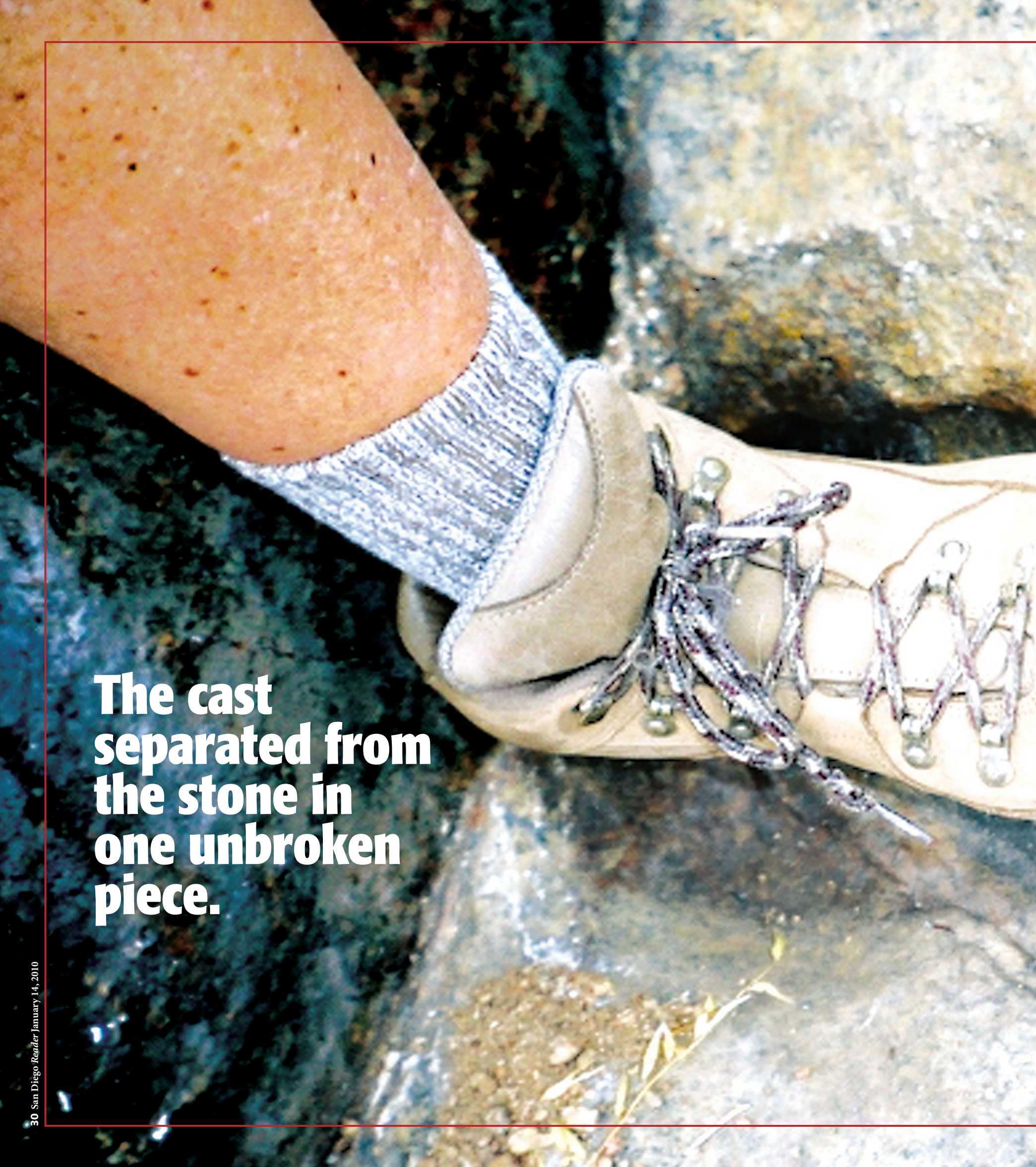
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I hiked out giddy with excitement, muttering, **“I just found a Bigfoot”**

ON AN OVERCAST JANUARY DAY IN 2002, I plunged into the backcountry of East County, carrying a half-full pack and weathered walking stick.

Hiking into the serene green of silence and solitude was my escape, and lately it had become an obsession. It offered a mental, physical, even a spiritual reprieve from the fast-paced SoCal lifestyle. Like alcohol to an alcoholic — the more I hiked, the more I craved.

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The worn dirt trail dropped steeply, and unstable footing made for an on-again, off-again controlled slide for both Richard, my long-time hiking buddy, and me. We had been on 200-plus hikes over the years, feeding off the challenges and discoveries each backcountry trek would bring. This trip appeared to be no different. As we

descended into a magnificent green-and-brown, chaparral-filled valley, the pristine headwaters of the San Diego River beckoned, shimmering silver in the weak sunlight 1500 feet below us. Beyond the open valley, brooding on the horizon to the east, the proud Cuyamaca Mountains sat like squat kings, mute sentinels lording it over

their kingdom below.

After 50 tense minutes of knee-pounding, ankle-twisting descent, we abandoned the rutted trail and slipped into the tangled chaparral. The low, brittle branches tore at our pants as we stomped up the river gorge. We followed a faint deer trail that only animals and brush-savvy humans could discern. The narrow trail zigzagged upward into the ravine. The pungent smell of

sage filled our nostrils. For the next 20 minutes, the only sounds were heavy breathing and branches snapping, occasionally punctuated

tion, and goose bumps had exploded across my bare arms.

The rare brushless area was an open oasis of rock and moss, a

a huge footprint." Closer, I ogled a five-toed imprint embedded into the rock. "Hey, Rich, I just found Bigfoot!" I shouted over my

"Hey, Rich, I just found Bigfoot!"

with an "Ow!" as another branch slapped my face. By the time we were ejected into a clearing, my T-shirt was soaked with perspira-

needed break from the profuse vegetation of the surrounding sides of the gorge. Rock ruled here, arousing our prospecting curiosity: we were eager for a glint of elusive gold. I chugged an entire liter bottle of water. After doing the same, Rich headed one way and I the other. I was enticed by a dry streambed littered with jumbled boulders, granite worn smooth by millenniums of moving water and wind.

An unexpected shape caught my eye. "What the heck," I murmured. "That looks like

shoulder. Rich made his way toward me. I squatted down to examine the impression and noticed dermal folds under the biggest toe. The toes were flexed to the side in unison, the way mine would be if I stepped at the same angle as this foot once had. "Oh, yeah, I see it," said Rich. "It's probably a natural rock formation. Sure looks real, though." There was an unspoken rule of hiking courtesy between us: You show interest in what I find, and I'll do the same. It didn't matter what it was — animal skull, pottery fragments, arrowhead, an oddly shaped rock, an old rusty can, etc. A buddy inspecting your find was a way of justifying the hike.

Rich rock-hopped up the streambed, searching again for his own finds, while I lingered. Clearing the print of dirt and debris, I studied it, unable to determine with certainty whether this huge gorilla-like footprint was authentic. It had so many apelike/manlike features — opposing side toe, heel indent, ball of the foot, the indent between the ball and the toes, toes with toenail points, dermal folds under the big toe, plus the scrunched toes all racked in unison to the side, corresponding to the load of a biped stepping at an approxi-

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- Bloating, straining and discomfort
- Not taking narcotics or medication which can cause constipation

Participants may receive at no cost all study-related:

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mate 45-degree angle. A coincidence? It couldn't be. Or could it? I'd seen hundreds of imprints in rocks, but this was beyond bizarre.

I shook the cobweb of questions from my brain and followed the sounds of snapping branches made by Rich, already swallowed up by the green sage. We explored until the weak winter sun found its way into the western sky. We hiked out in the dark, as usual — flashlights are for emergencies or wimpy hikers, and we were proud of our night-hiking prowess — yet already, I was planning my return to the rock enigma.

Soon, curiosity about the footprint had eroded my ability to think of anything else. A

general contractor, I got off work early one day and decided to put the issue to rest. I stuffed my backpack with a five-gallon bucket that contained a gallon jug of water, a third of a bag of 20-minute (hot mud) drywall compound, a jar of Vaseline, a paintbrush, a trowel, and some cardboard and tape. Then I made for the trailhead. The extra weight, along with my usual pack items, left me exhausted. When I arrived at the rock site, I collapsed and lay on the sun-warmed granite beside the footprint for a while. Then I got out a paintbrush and began to sweep the indents in the rock.

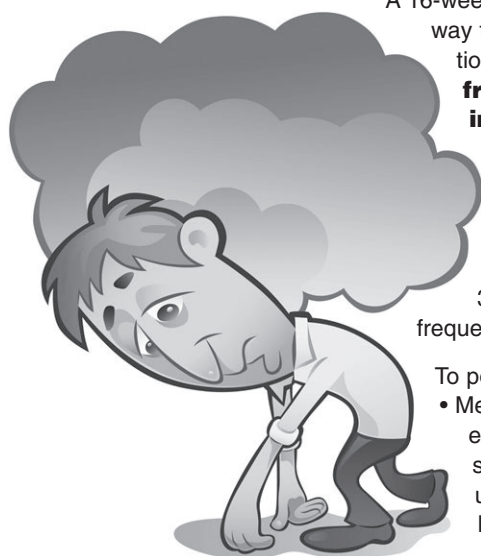
With the dirt removed, I splashed water into the print and

cleaned it meticulously, wiping it dry with my T-shirt. I felt like an amateur anthropologist, smearing the warm, gooey Vaseline into every inch of the print's surface, careful to leave only a thin uniform coat. I stroked the Vaseline with the brush to remove any excess lubricant.

The wet drywall compound smoothed to a cake batter-like consistency when stirred in the bucket with the trowel. I quickly built a low cardboard retaining wall and secured it to the granite with masking tape. The wall was needed to keep the drywall compound from flowing out of the footprint. Gingerly troweling in the hot mud, I questioned my judg-

RESEARCH STUDIES

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Qualified participants may receive:

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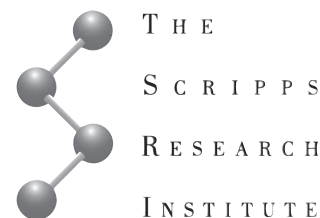
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To possibly qualify for the study:

- 1) 18-50-year-old females (including smokers 35 years or younger)
- 2) Regular cycles between 25-35 days
- 3) Must have moderate to severe cramps and/or headaches with your period

Participants may receive at no cost:

- 1) Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
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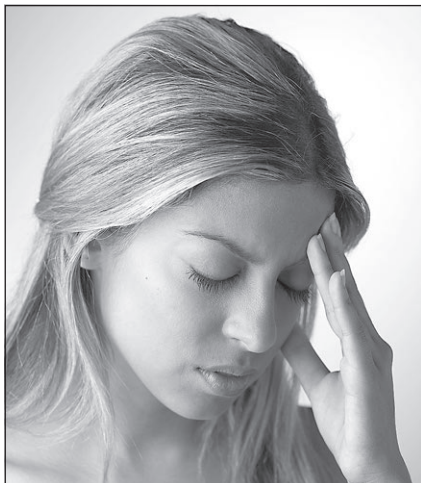
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Menstrual Migraine Headaches

*Wishing your period
would never come?*

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

To possibly qualify:

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

Participants may receive at no cost:

- Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- All study-related medications, labs, and Pap smear
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ment, vacillating between "This is nuts. What are you doing? What a waste of time. Are you mental?" and "No, I need to know. Do it! Follow through."

The fast-setting dry-wall compound was hard in about half an hour. Yet because of its thickness, I gave it another half hour to be sure. I'd come too far and expended too much energy to blow the casting because of haste. With timid prying, using a 12-inch K-bar knife, I tried to lift up the cast — nothing. More pressure. Still nothing. For 40 minutes, the white casting couldn't be budged. The sun was heading home when, with a final pry, *whoosh*. The cast separated from the stone in

one unbroken piece.

"Now is the moment of truth," I thought. I rotated the heavy imprint upward and gasped. A giant footprint had been captured in the cast, reveal-

me?" I heard the sounds of a small plane overhead and looked up. "Can they see me?"

I quickly packed the still-warm print cast into the bucket, padding the treasure with a

"I'm not nuts! This is a real footprint! Woo-hoo!"

ing details that were hard to see in the rock. A wave of euphoria swept over me. Seeing *is* believing. "I'm not nuts! This is a real footprint! Woo-hoo!" I screamed, venting excess adrenaline in joyous celebration. Then the tide of epiphany receded, leaving paranoia. "This is not my land. Did anyone see me? Or hear

fleece shirt. As if to hide a crime scene, I stashed all evidence of the casting into the pack. I placed heavy rocks over the footprint, then topped them with dead brush. The sun was now sinking below the hilly horizon. Satisfied with the natural concealment, I hiked out. I was giddy with excitement, muttering, "I just found

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Ladies...
*Lost that
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feeling?*

A 6-month clinical research study is underway to evaluate premenopausal women who have been bothered by a decrease in sexual desire. An investigational medication for hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) will be evaluated in premenopausal women.

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- 2) be in a heterosexual relationship for at least 1 year
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- 4) have no history of depression

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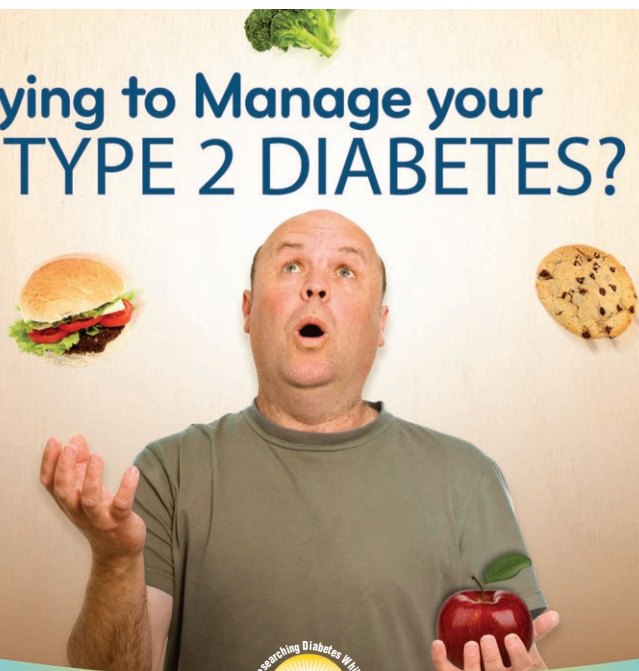
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- Be 18 years or older
- Have a fever over 100° or higher OR be experiencing at least one respiratory symptom, including cough, runny/stuffy nose and sore throat AND
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The Center for Metabolic Research RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Have you been newly diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes?

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- 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.

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a Bigfoot" over and over, interspersed with whoops and laughter.

Once home I showed my wife Mary (the Princess) the cast. "Wow, that sure looks like a huge foot. Amazing!" she said. She has always been my biggest cheerleader. I hid the cast in the garage, checking on it periodically while contemplating the next move.

When the weekend came, I returned to the print in the rock and made another cast with real plaster of Paris. Then I took photos, including the front page of the *North County Times* newspaper in the

frame, to verify the date. I measured the print's length and width — 18 inches by 8 inches — and even took off my boot and stuck my foot

guilt trip of "If I die, you need to know where it is" — Mary agreed to accompany me on my next trip. Being the better photographer, she

"Don't send anyone out of shape. This is a rough hike; they wouldn't make it."

into the indent. It dwarfed my size-13 foot. This beast had been huge.

After some coaxing about the benefits of a good, healthy hike — and with the additional

took more photos. She then treated us to a swank picnic lunch, with turkey-on-wheat-bread sandwiches, pickles, crackers and cheese cut into perfect slices, juicy red grapes, and the

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

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Inclusion Criteria:

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

For more information, please contact Catherine DeLue at 858-552-8585 ext. 6740.
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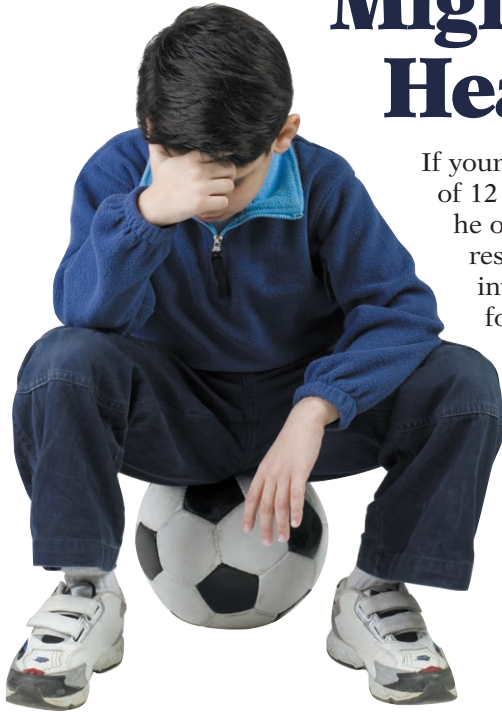


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“necessary” napkins. I don’t call her Princess for nothing.

After the initial rush of the discovery subsided, I pondered the next logical step. Should I contact scientists, the media, or keep it a secret? The media should be alerted, I figured. Who better to spread the word of Ramona’s Bigfoot? I compiled a list of the major San Diego TV news stations and newspapers, then sent a

typed letter about the discovery to each. I waited for one week. Nothing. “They don’t get it,” I thought. Again I did a mass mailing, this time with copies of the Bigfoot photos. Now they got it.

The phone rang. “Hi. This is the news director from Channel 8 News. Can we send a reporter and a cameraman to the site?”

“When?” I asked.

“Would tomorrow be okay?”

“Sure, but don’t send anyone out of shape. This is a rough hike; they wouldn’t make it.”

The next day, reporter Don Teague and his cameraman, both in shape and chomping at the bit, showed up early. They couldn’t decide which camera to take — a large shoulder version or a small, high-tech Sony. After looking down at where we were headed, the cameraman

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chose the small one. We hiked to the print site, arriving at 9:00 a.m. For stealth and maximum impact, I didn't tell them at first that we had reached the site, allowing them to think it was another needed rest stop. When their backs were turned, I removed the brush and stones from the imprint in the rock.

"Gentlemen, what do you think?" I said. I pointed at the now-exposed footprint.

Surprised, they put down their water bottles. "Oh my God," Don Teague said. He placed his fingers in the footprint.

"That's really huge!" said the cameraman. "Let's get some video." They swung into action. Their excitement

was palpable and, to me, a relief. I hadn't known what to expect from seasoned news professionals. Don took off his hiking boot and inserted his foot into the imprint. "Man, this is huge!" We were like three adolescent boys, bouncing with exuberance over the discovery.

Don called via cell phone to his newsroom. Within 20 minutes, the News Eight chopper was hovering 30 feet overhead. A cameraman inside filmed from above.

That night on TV, sultry, smoky-eyed Kathleen Bade gave a teaser about what was to come at the start of the news report. "Did Ramona once have a Bigfoot? A Ramona man thinks so. Details at



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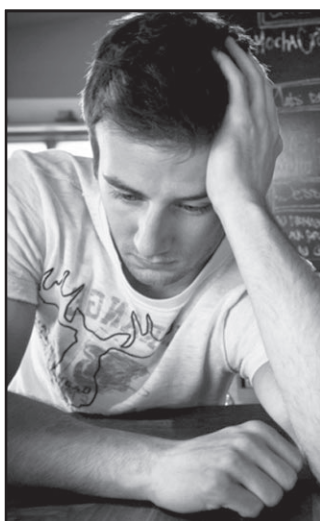
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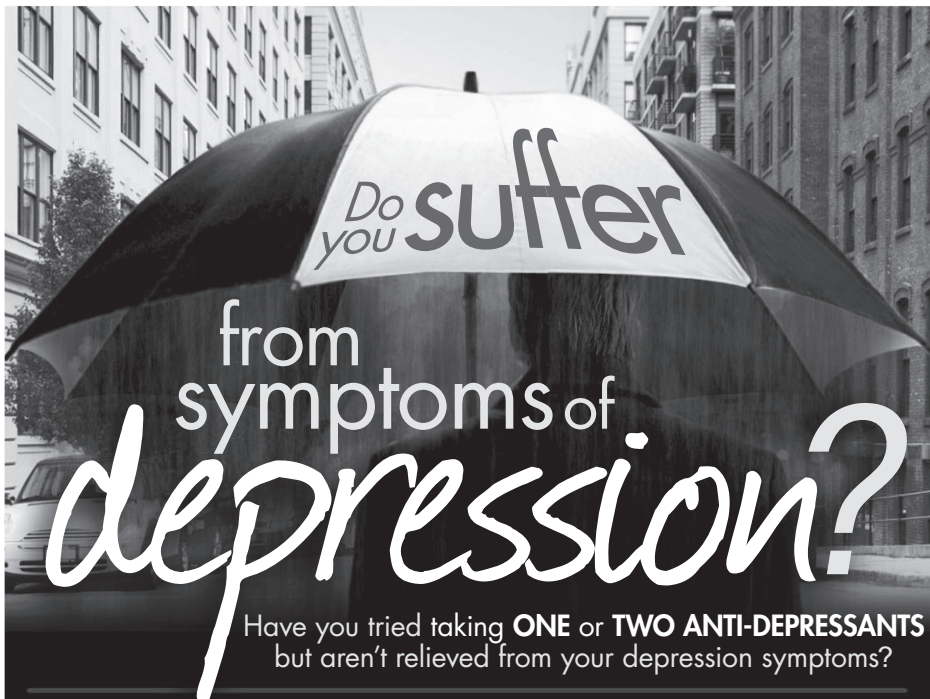
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6:00.” Super-serious Marty Levin and Kathleen Bade led the newscast with the story. It led the news for the next two days, as other local stations caught Bigfoot fever. Fox News picked up the story and ran it on a national program. Pandora’s media box had been opened, and out stomped Bigfoot.

A bubbly gaggle of excited teenagers from Ramona High School rang the doorbell one morning at 8:00. I invited them in. They begged me to take them to the Bigfoot site. “Our English teacher said we could do a report on anything we wanted, and we decided to do a story on your discovery,” their cute spokesgirl said.

“We need to see it,”

an athletic-looking boy in a letterman’s jacket chimed in.

The thought of party-animal teenagers rockin’ out at the Bigfoot site steeled my will. “No, sorry,” I said. “I can’t do that yet.”

Disappointed, the girl pleaded, “Please, please.”

Not wanting to be a complete Scrooge, I brought out the plaster foot cast and the photos, spacing it all on the dining room table for their inspection and photo session. After a quick tape-recorded interview of who, what, when, how, but not where, they filed out the door, still high on the idea of a Ramona Bigfoot.

That same day, an overly friendly reporter

from the *Union-Tribune* called for an interview. I gave one over the phone. Then he used the information and the photos I had previously sent to enhance his piece in the next Sunday paper, which smugly mocked people who believe in crypto-zoology, crop circles, and UFOs.

One evening, a brainy scientist called and lectured me in academic detail about how this could not be possible. He ended the conversation with “But I sure would like to see it. Can you take me there?”

“Not at this time,” I said, wondering why he wanted to see it if he was so sure it wasn’t anything.

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and offered me \$200 to see the footprint. "I'll get back to you," I said. I still wasn't willing to reveal the discovery site, no matter the price.

But the next day an AP photographer called. He wanted me to take him to the footprint so he could do a professional photo shoot with high-tech camera equipment.

"What will you do with the photos?" I asked.

"I'll sell them to media outlets around the world," he said. He was trying to impress me.

"And what will I get?"

"I'll give you a nice set of photos." Clearly, he was hoping that a picture portfolio would seal the deal.

But I was disap-

pointed in the lopsided offer. "I'll get back to you," I said.

This Bigfoot business was like an explosion over which I had no control. Being a Christian, I prayed for guidance. Then I took the plaster cast to the Museum of Creation and Earth History in Santee. This organization had an Intelligent Designer's point of view on anthropology. Maybe they could redirect the blast.

One of the professors left a full classroom of students behind to look at the cast. "I can't believe it," he said. "Can I keep this and show it to some of my colleagues?"

"Sure," I said, "but I'm pressed for time and only have one good cast.

One day only, then I'll be back."

When I returned the next day, the analysis was "We can't figure out what it's from. Maybe a *Gigantopithecus* or some other prehistoric ape. Extremely interesting!"

I sent photos of the print to a Bigfoot website run by a local expert, Michael Esordi. He posted them on his site, and within days, the Bigfoot people started chiming in with opinions. Dr. Jeff Meldrum, an Idaho State University expert on Bigfoot prints, said, "It can't be. I see a quartz vein in the rock." However, the supposed "quartz vein" was a white mineral-water stain from a seasonal flow of water. So much for the "expert."

Another scientist

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"Could a giant ape foot be considered foreign matter?" I queried back.

The silent pause was seconds long as he thought it over. "Yes, it could," he conceded.

Other experts who reviewed the footprint on the Bigfoot website said, "It's a bear's rear paw print. No doubt about it." Or "Native American Indians carved the print in the rock. I've seen similar work elsewhere, but not this detailed." Still others said with that side toe, it was a giant ape.

I took the plaster cast to Michael Esordi, the Sasquatch expert in Point Loma, who runs the Bigfoot website. He made a latex mold of the cast, so he could make and sell copies on his site. I was to receive profits, but he suddenly moved to Rhode Island, and I never saw a dime, yet he kept the Ramona Bigfoot cast in his merchandise offerings for a while.

I was feeling very used by the so-called experts, who seemed to twist the Bigfoot find to fit their own perspectives, especially that shoot-from-the-hip scientist who couldn't tell a water stain from a quartz vein. Surely, there were others out there who knew more and could better determine what

the find was. But how to find them? How could I get this enigma to them?

After researching, I contacted a Dr. Thomas Raab from Los Angeles. He said his company, Interpress Worldwide, could put the story in 250 major media outlets around the world, with me retaining the rights to the story, photos, and interviews. "There would be royalties," he assured me. Buoyed by the phone conversation, we set up a meeting at a Starbucks in Studio City.

"Now I'm getting somewhere," I thought as I sat at an outdoor table, basking in the midday sun. The beautiful people were out in force. Every young, pretty woman who minced by on four-inch platforms was a potential starlet, and

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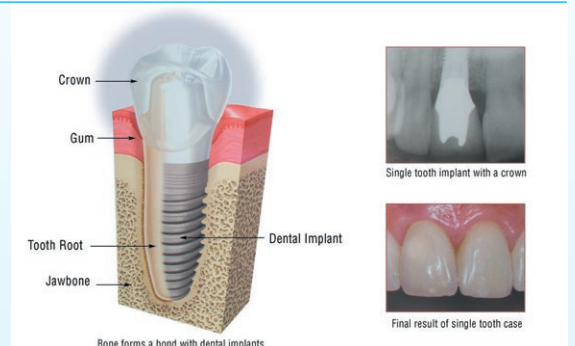
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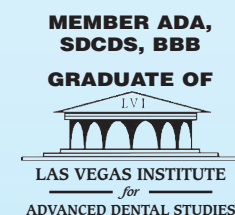
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every well-dressed man with muscled physique was an onscreen action hero. This place oozed wealth, power, and dream-makers. I stuck out like the Tin Man in the city of Oz. No Bruno Magli shoes or the ubiquitous Rolex. A Bigfoot plaster cast was in a cardboard box on the sidewalk beside me, a manila folder of photos on the table. I waited without the mandatory coffee cup in hand, since I'd never acquired a taste for that dark drink.

Dr. Raab spotted me immediately. He was a handsome man, much younger than I expected, with black hair and an easygoing smile. After greeting me, he got himself a cup of coffee. I proceeded to show him the cast and

photos. "Very impressive!" he said. "Now, where did you find this?" Others seated around us were ogling the plaster cast and eavesdropping on our conversation.

"Southern California," I said, being vague on purpose, acutely aware of the others listening.

He got my drift. "I understand your reluctance to divulge the exact location, and I appreciate that you haven't told others.

Because, without exclusive control over this find, my company wouldn't be interested." After 15 minutes of Bigfoot banter he cut to the chase. He took a typed contract out of a folder and handed it to me. "Look this over. If it's to

your liking, we'll promote this find worldwide, providing that it is genuine."

"It's real," I assured him. "This is not a hoax."

We shook hands, and he melted into the opulent urban backdrop from which he'd appeared. I drove home on a high.

The contract was to the point. It said that I could not promote or divulge anything more about the property (the footprint) for a period of one year. This stipulation was to give Interpress Worldwide the time needed to take the plaster cast, photos, and a rock sample that Dr. Raab had requested from the footprint area to scientists in Europe and South America for investigation and car-

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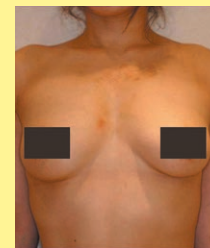
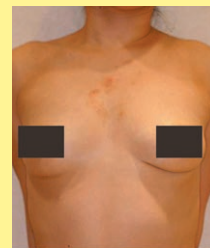
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bon dating.

After two days of reviewing the contract and discussing it with Mary, I decided to sign it, trusting Dr. Raab, and cautiously believing that this was a legitimate organization. Their involvement seemed like an opportunity to take Ramona's Bigfoot to the next level of analysis. Of course, the chance for some financial benefit was like a bright red cherry on top of an ice cream sundae — very appealing. So I boxed up the contract, cast, photos, and a small rock sample and sent it all off.

As the months went by and he traveled to European museums, Dr. Raab would send periodic email updates that the investigation was

proceeding. Finally, I received his emailed response:

Dear James Snyder:
First let me apologize for the long time it took to get back to you. But I guess all the efforts, waiting, and patience were not in vain.

Your box, including rock sample and cast, traveled some three (3) continents.

I was able to present the exposé to several international (and, more importantly, independent from each other) experts in geology and paleontology, such as

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However, given the fact that the "footprint" is imbedded in the same rock from which the sample was taken, experts seem to exclude organic involvement.

Some of the experts agreed to provide us with a written statement and explanation.

Given all the facts provided by you and known to me, at this point it seems that what appears to be a big "footprint" may merely be a game of nature.

However, there are still some meetings and investigation pending. But suspicions seem to harden that we may not be on to a possible organic print of fossil.

I will also try to call you for a personal update later today to discuss further action.

Thank you again for your patience, but I think we did the right thing.

With best regards,
Dr. Thomas Raab
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The report was a disappointment. For one whole year I had put the 800-pound gorilla in the closet, hoping a scientist, or someone else who might hear about it, would finally give this creature a nod of authenticity. I was very discouraged. Their scientific training seemed

to have limited their vision, only seeing through a single lens. I was still not convinced it was just a fluke of nature.

Occasionally, I still

show the plaster cast to people, and I'll check on the hidden print if out hiking in the area. I sometimes imagine what the creature that left its mark on that

Ramona hill might have looked like.

One day, when friends were over, I showed their five-year-old girl the plaster cast. "What do you think this

is?" I asked.

She looked at it for a few seconds before replying with conviction, "That's a big foot!" Out of the mouths of babes.

One thing is certain: The next time I let the Ramona Bigfoot loose, I won't look to science to validate the find. Because seeing is believing. ■

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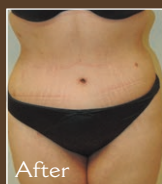
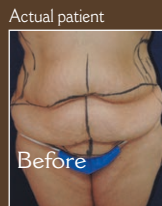
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Before April became my ex-wife, she worked at a hair salon in Pacific Beach. As Thanksgiving approached, the owner of the salon was overcome with feelings of civic philanthropy and decided it would be a splendid idea to sponsor a less-fortunate family for Christmas.

Author: Quillpena
Neighborhood: Pacific Beach

Editor's note: This is the winner of December's \$500 first-place prize for our monthly neighborhood-essay contest.

Deadline for the next contest is January 31, midnight.

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The chosen family was having a difficult time monetarily, and to make their Christmas a happy one, throughout the month of December, the salon collected food, household sundries, and presents for the mother, the father, and all three children. April volunteered to drop the gathered food and presents off at the adopted family's home on Christmas Eve.

When Christmas Eve day arrived, April, our two-year-old daughter Daisy, and I were going to spend the night at my mother-in-law's house and decided to drop off the gathered food and presents at the adopted family's home

because it was on the way. A time for the drop-off had been arranged a few days earlier, and we left our house on Bacon Street at around 11:00 in the morning. Fifteen minutes later, we parked in front of a modest little white house in Bay Park.

I waited in the car with Daisy while April unloaded the treasures from the car's trunk. It took her two trips. She placed the first armful of

goods on the front porch and then retrieved the remaining loot before she closed the trunk and then returned to the porch and rang the doorbell. April performed these tasks with great enthusiasm. She was excited about being the representative of the salon that was responsible for making the Bay Park family's Christmas possible.

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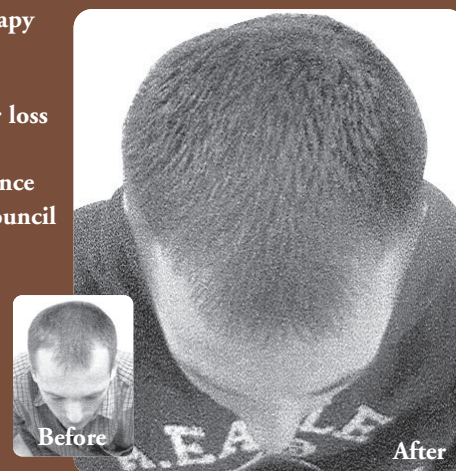
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dream come true. She would bestow upon them food and presents and, much more importantly, hope for the future. "Thank you! Thank you!" they would cry. But soon, as if the passing of time were unfairly accelerated, it would be time for her to leave. The grateful family, however, would not want her to go.

Oh, but she must, she would insist; she had her own engagements to attend, her own commitments to meet, her own loved ones to embrace, didn't they see? "You must learn to enjoy yourselves without me, my darlings!"

But before the obligations of time and family forced her to leave the home, she might envision the family gathering around her, the smiling children hugging her in a freeze-frame moment as if it were the closing scene in a made-for-TV Christmas movie.

I watched April on the unfamiliar porch in her long dark coat with the faux-fur collar and cuffs as she gleefully waited for the people behind the door to spring forward in a holly-and-mistletoe-laced explosion of joy. Momentarily, an average-looking woman, who appeared to be in her late 20s, opened the door and then helped April lug the bags of food and presents into the house; the woman was not smiling as she lifted the bags and then closed the door behind them.

I sighed. I was hoping what was taking place inside the home wouldn't be as uncomfortable as what I was imagining: low lighting, lots of indirect eye contact, nervous fidgeting, and the family's desire for April to leave so they could enjoy their donations in guiltless comfort.

After a brief moment, the door

opened and April walked out, closing the door behind her. She was not smiling, and her shoulders drooped. April opened the car door and got in. "So," I asked hopefully, "were they happy

about getting all their Christmas stuff?"

"If they were, they sure didn't act like it," April spat. "The mom never smiled and hardly looked me in the eye. The kids were all huddled

together in the kitchen watching us, but they never said anything either, or even bothered to come out of the kitchen. And the dad? I don't know where the hell he was."

Probably keeping himself busy in the garage until the smoke clears, I thought. Just like where I'd be if the circumstances were reversed.

"She didn't seem even remotely thankful to

me that all of us at the salon selflessly took the time to collect these donations for her and her family. And it was painfully obvious she just couldn't wait for me to leave." April looked at

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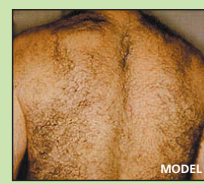
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me. "You know," she said, "they'd be eating ketchup soup and their kids would be opening presents from the 99-cent store if it hadn't been for us."

"I know, April," I said. "Some people just have a feeling of entitlement and expect everything to be handed to them."

"Yeah," April agreed, looking away, "they do."

I believe I knew why April was treated the way she was. But I also knew how defensive April could get, so I didn't bring it up before or after our arrival at the little white house in Bay Park. For once, I wanted a quiet Christmas with no arguments developing or stewing between us.

If I had been unfamiliar with April's character or a novice in relationships with passively angry women, I might

have warned her not to expect a hero's welcome when she delivered the presents.

"Oh?" she would say, the single-word question urging me to go on but also warning me to tread carefully.

"Sure, they're struggling," I'd say as I ran full

situation. They're not used to accepting the generosity of strangers. Nobody likes being pitied, and charity is one step away from pity. These people are prideful and embarrassed about being someone's charity case. My advice to you is don't go inside, just

"They recently both lost their jobs, and they're trying to keep their heads above water."

speed ahead through the minefield. "They recently both lost their jobs, and they're trying to keep their heads above water while raising three kids. I assume they're proud working people, and this is probably the first time they've ever been in this

quickly hand them their stuff at the door and leave. If they say 'thank you,' don't say 'you're welcome.' Just say something like 'have a great Christmas' and then hot-foot it out of there as fast as you can. And don't linger. They'll think

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An uncomfortable silence would develop between us. And then:

"You don't think I know that?" she'd fire back. "It's no secret you believe you're intellectually superior to me, but do you really think I didn't think of that? Of course I did. I know they're embarrassed. I know that. And I know they don't want to accept charity, but for their kids' sake, they did." April's voice would begin to rise and the first of the tears would make their appearance.

"And do you really think I'm that vain? Do you honestly think I crave or need anyone's adulation so much that I'd linger in their living room or on their front porch waiting to be thanked and fawned over? Do you?"

Answering "yes" or even "no" at this point would be no different than tossing a 40-ounce bottle of gasoline into a bonfire. Like a lizard in the wild, I try not to move, lest it draw undue attention to me. I'd sit there in an isolated silence that would last for a long time. And so our Christmas would begin.

The vision of what could have been faded from the foreground of my imagination, and I felt fortunate that I kept my mouth shut. "Want a Hershey's Kiss?" I offered, pulling a few foil-wrapped chocolates from

my shirt pocket.

"Sure," April said, taking a Kiss from my hand by pinching the little paper Hershey's tail between her thumb and index finger. She unwrapped it with one hand and popped the chocolate drop into her mouth. A moment later I noticed a faint smile developing on her lips, and I knew she was thinking good thoughts and putting the memory of the thankless family behind her.

"Merry Christmas, April," I said softly, but she didn't seem to notice. Daisy giggled from her seat behind me for no reason other than that she was excited to experience the bliss of her second Christmas. April's smile broadened. She'd lost herself in her own world, and I knew it really was going to be a nice family Christmas. ■

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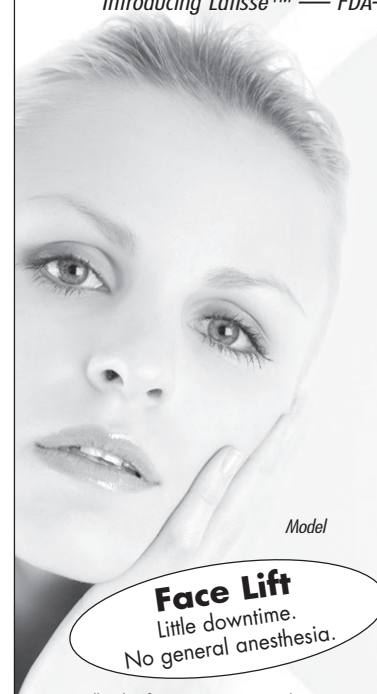
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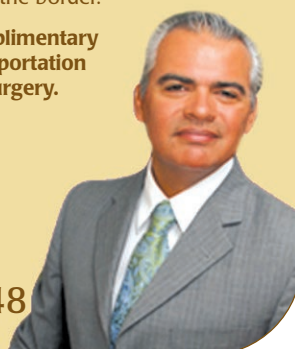
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I am sitting with 19,999 other half-interested fans at an obscenely large amphitheater so close to the international border with Mexico that you could chuck your cell phone and hit one of those morose burros painted to look like zebras for the tourists. It's summer in San Diego, the weather so perfect it seems artificial. Everyone's placid, tipsy but not drunk, swaying in their seats to Coldplay's gently affirming brand of pop rock. The whole event could be mistaken for a Shakespeare in the Park production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Or a Harvest Crusade service.

I'm in a VIP booth with three friends: John, Dave, Brian. VIP at the Cricket Wireless amphitheater means seven or eight plastic chairs of the sort you can find at any Target, plus two patio tables that make getting in and out of the booth a stand-and-let-pass sort of effort on the part of everyone in the booth. Not that I'm complaining; another friend seated way to the left and a dozen rows behind us paid \$150 for his seats, which in the time of \$500 U2 tickets is itself a bargain. That we're in this booth at all is the end result of a complex series of favors among an ad agency, Clear Channel Corp., and a certain well-known burger chain. (John and Dave are sons of a successful franchisee.) A guy from the agency's here too, but he's keeping to himself. Dave promised his father he'd buy this man a

beer, but the guy's stoned out of his gourd and locked in some profound state of ennui. He probably comes to this box all the time, so the novelty went out for him long ago. And at \$12 per cup, plus tip, there's no sense in buying him a beer he won't drink anyway.

All night a feeling has been building inside me that I can't quite decipher. What I know is that I'm strangely detached from everything going on around me. I can't engage. There's a persistent aura of unreality to the whole thing. The music is too perfect.



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The weather. The placidness of the crowd. This is a rock 'n' roll concert, so where are the unruly fans storming the stage? The fistfights? The (literally) deafening music? And what's with those videos playing on the JumboTrons? Try as I might to watch the band, I find my gaze drifting to one of two colossal screens flanking the stage. I'm far enough away from the action, VIP status notwithstanding, that it's hard to make out any detail. And even if I could, the whole experience is being turned into a VH1-worthy music video on the fly and fed to those Orwellian monitors in real time, complete with cross-fades, soft focus, color effects, etc. Here's Will Champion, crisply hitting his drums to the Coldplay Beat. (Dave, lifelong drummer and musician, tells us on the way into the VIP parking lot, which means only that it's closer to the

entrance than the other lots, that such a thing actually exists. Coldplay has its own beat, just as Steve Tyler has the Tyler Shuffle and Lady Gaga the fresh-from-the-harem look.) Cut to Jonny Buckland on the guitar, just in time for the pivotal chord change. Over to Guy Berryman on bass. He's sweating! Then Chris Martin. On and on it goes. And if the JumboTrons bore you, you can watch the whole experience on the scrim behind the band or follow the giant balls descending from the shell above them, the sight of which elicits a huge roar from the crowd.

What I'm waiting for, though I don't yet know it, is a moment that will tidily encapsulate what is a muddled-up sense that something is deeply, inherently wrong with this spectacle. But for now I'm tipsy, enjoying the music, trying not to think too much.

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phones? As darkness creeps down from the hills into the amphitheater, thousands of bright white screens become visible, held over the owners' heads for a quick pic or movie or live transmission. I'm just as guilty (if not totally without shame) as anyone else. John, a commercial photographer with an old-school respect for the live event, scolds me every time he sees it come out of my pocket. And what am I doing with it? Texting my wife a picture of the concert I'm not engaging with. I want her to know that (a) I wish she were here and (b)...What is *b*? Why bother to send her a picture at all? To make her envious? My motives aren't altogether pure.

Which makes me

think — promised I wouldn't do that — about why all these *other* people are taking pictures. Isn't it enough to be here, on a glorious summer night, listening to inoffensive, infectious songs that we all know by heart? No, apparently. We want to document, record. Prove to our friends and ourselves that this night took place and we were either lucky or determined enough to be here. (Check out YouTube and you can pretty much watch the entire concert in three-minute cell-phone-camera bursts.) Chris Martin makes his point — is he sniggering at us? — when he calls for the lights to be turned off and instructs all of us in the particulars of the "Mexican Wave." Why it should

be Mexican I'm not sure, but we dutifully turn on our screens and stand on cue, creating a rolling wave of light. It's actually quite beautiful, like bioluminescent plankton rolling in the nighttime swells.

A couple of weeks later I'll be at a BBQ in my old neighborhood, chatting with a Disney exec about the cell phone-mediated concert experience and how I like listening to the live CD better than the concert itself, and he'll become very animated (no pun intended). He's just come back from Bonnaroo with his teenage daughter and her friend, and those girls spent the whole time texting! It was unbelievable! The whole purpose of going to a concert is to listen to

the music, not send cryptic msgs to ur bff! But as he talks, his outrage morphs into an extended disquisition on how he and the other execs at Disney are keen to monetize "tribal" experiences like concerts but haven't quite figured out how. He says all of this with a straight face and no apparent irony.

But back to the concert. Part of the VIP package to which we've been treated is access to the VIP lounge. My imagination runs riot. I envision the champagne room at Cheetahs Las Vegas. A Korean cognac bar. A '50s jazz club. We're skipping the opening acts to check it out, so keen is our interest. A security guard stops us at the entrance, has us slap on our special holographic VIP stickers. Good sign. But as we

descend the staircase, what we find isn't a hash bar or opium den or even a cozy lobby. In fact, it's not a "lounge" at all. It's a concrete courtyard familiar to anyone who's attended public school in California, only here they serve alcoholic drinks (the same as can be purchased outside the lounge) and Hooters-level appetizers.

People are milling about or sitting at high tables, noshing on buffalo wings or little plates of shrimp swimming in a putrid butter sauce. John brings a plate of these to our table. Various corporate sponsors have booths, but the big player seems to be the Sycuan or Pala or Valley View Indian casino (I don't remember which), which is operating under

the illusion that the VIP lounge is *awash* in high rollers. It's not. The entire thing's a gimmick, a put-on, and I feel sorry for the poor souls who paid real money for it. They've been monetized. Commodified.

Midway through the concert now. The lights go down. That gnawing feeling is building, the sense that I'm not really here or that the band isn't really playing. I should take a moment to say that I'm an unabashed fan of Coldplay. That's probably not surprising for a white male asymptotically near his dreaded 40th birthday, but I've read enough vitriol from music critics to make me question my taste. The last time I remember a band being so uniformly detested on the one hand and adored

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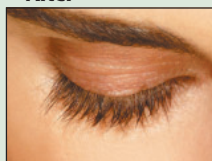
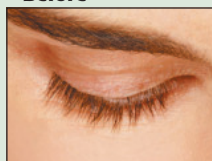
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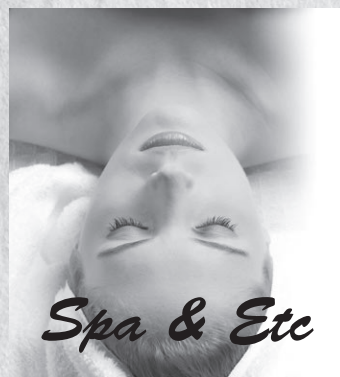
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on the other was in the sunset years of the Beach Boys. But I don't pretend to be an expert on music, of any kind. My tastes are promiscuous to the point of tastelessness. As I teenager, I was mortified by my secret love of Michael Jackson's *Bad*. All that dancing and falsetto. I should have been listening to more serious music like Ratt and Winger.

The lights are down, and the band is running up the steps to a platform nestled in the cheap seats. For once the audience is focused on the experience rather than the television show. You can feel the anticipation. Where are they? What are they doing? Suddenly they appear and break into a cover of "Billy Jean." Michael Jackson has just died and the crowd eats it up. Cell phones pop up like salutes at a Nazi rally. Then an odd thing happens. People not 50 feet from the band start turning in my direction. I

look over my shoulder to see what they're looking at. It's the JumboTrons and their tight close-ups. I start feeling self-conscious, and soon enough, I'm staring at the giant screens too, in a twisted form of self-defense.

The entire night has been a study in cognitive dissonance. I feel like a kid with Asperger's, desperately trying to integrate all my senses into a unified experience. I can't. It's overwhelming. Too many lights, screens, sounds, plus the incessant static of my own brain as it tries to cope with the overload, to reason its way out. I know that this failure to be in the moment *despite* all these distractions and messages coming from every direction is what marks me as a member of yesterday's generation, those who grew up without cell phones or computers or Kindles in houses with a single TV. We're obsolete, and we're only in our 30s. As evolu-

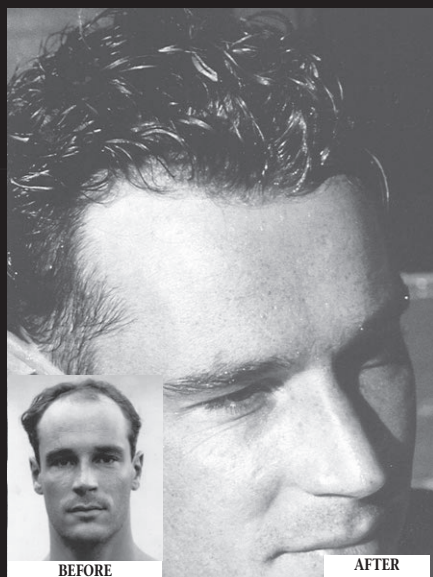
tionary theorists hasten to point out, it's not survival of the fittest; it's survival of the most adaptable. If I were a mammoth I'd be sinking into a bog right now along with the saber-toothed tigers.

"Billy Jean" is finished, and the band is back on the main stage. I lean over to Dave and hint that now might be a good time to leave. The concert's nearly over, we've heard most of the good songs. Let's get out before the crush. But he won't bite. In fact, he threatens never to invite me to another concert again just for asking.

I slump into my chair, slug some water. The young drunk girl the next box over strikes up a conversation. It's hard to make out what she's saying, but she's beautiful and lissome and a welcome distraction from the noise of the concert. Something about being newly married, about kids. It takes me back to my 20s, to con-

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certs before video screens. Rush (although they had lasers). The Cult. (Guns N' Roses opened.) MexFest. The Pointer Sisters (my mom's idea). And I think of that crazed fan cutting the power to Bob Dylan's concert because of Dylan's newfound affection for electric guitar. What *that* must have been like.

Then a girl in front of me holds up her cell phone to take a video. Onstage, a roadie has placed a video monitor next to Chris Martin's piano. It's playing a live feed of Chris Martin as he plays. I look to a JumboTron. It's a close-up of the singer and the monitor. Then I look at the girl's phone. She's taking a video not of the stage but of the JumboTron. And it occurs to me that at that moment, I'm

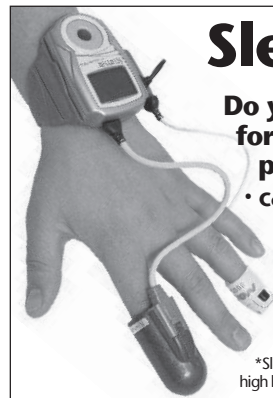
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There's a two-foot-long German word for what I'm feeling right now, I'm sure, but I don't know what it is. All I know is that the steady drone of unease that's been with me all night is lifting. I'll have time to think it over

later, when the concert's over and we're waiting out the traffic, tailgating, with a married couple parked next to us. I won't reach any grand conclusions, but I'll recognize that moment as the point at which I gave in. I was finally in the moment. ■

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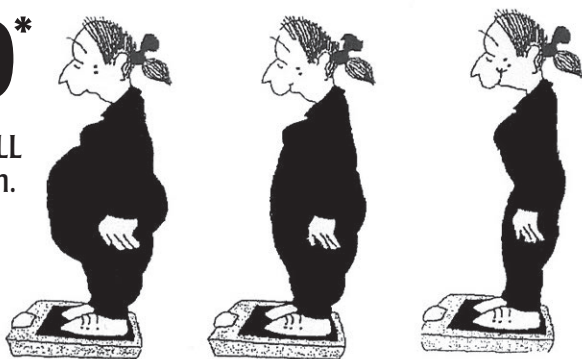
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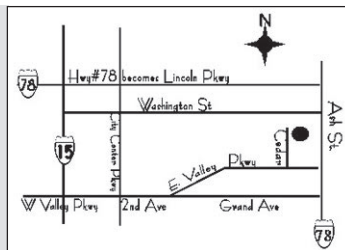
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and is the most beautiful human being I have ever known, not that she doesn't have her moments, but she made it work. You can too. You get rejected, reapply. You lose your patience, don't. You only have to worry about three people: you, your husband, and your child. You worry about only three papers; now multiply by three. I hate to say it, but easy pickings. The welfare women you got sounded real nice compared to the ones we have on our rez back home. That is why we moved out here in the first place. Be poor out in the middle of nowhere or be poor in the city where you can collect cans, plastic bottles, and live off the charity of a church you don't remember the name of. My point is, stop complaining. It does you no good when the food runs out. Did you have a Christmas? That's what I thought. I sure didn't.

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Crystal Pier Clarity

A story, "No Room at the Pier" ("Stringers"), was published on January 7 (the online publication date was December 26) regarding a situation that occurred here

at Crystal Pier, which we would like to clear up. The story was posted after two angry individuals got caught doing something they know they shouldn't have been doing.

This situation was, in fact, brought to our attention by a guest staying with us who was surprised by these particular individuals trying to let themselves in the guest's unit. The couple was confronted by our guest and then proceeded to leave the guest's private patio. This is when the guest notified the front desk that "someone was trying to GET IN to my unit and I watched them then walk to the next cottage and I believe they are in that cottage now." This is when we called on the radio for maintenance, which the trespasser called a "crazy-looking guy" in the story, to please go check out what was going on. As our maintenance reached the patio in which the guest said the couple had entered, he found that the private gate had been locked. He then had to climb over the PRIVATE gate and proceeded to try to open the sliding glass door to the unit, that in fact had been locked too. Blinds were also pulled shut. Once maintenance finally got in, he confronted the couple that were indeed in the cottage and asked, "What are you doing in here?" As they started to try to explain, he told them, "Don't

tell me, you'll have to explain yourself to the office."

That's when I, the owner of Crystal Pier, confronted the couple. I did, in fact, ask the couple, "What do you think you are doing?" At that point the man involved did not say a single word, as the woman proceeded to be extremely argumentative stating, "I've done the same thing at other places" and referenced Pismo Beach as one in particular.

No apology was made, and the couple also felt there was no wrong in what had just transpired. Yes, words were exchanged after that, and then the police were called. Not only did this couple scare the guest in one unit into thinking someone was breaking into their unit but then proceeded to go into another private unit and lock the gate, lock the door, shut the blinds, use the bathroom, and sat on the bed. Needless to say, the police were told by Crystal Pier Hotel to go ahead and charge them with trespassing, and whether that was followed through, we are still in the midst of trying to figure out.

Please note that here at Crystal Pier, we believe our guests are entitled to their privacy and should also feel safe when staying with us. We leave this now to you, the reader, to determine who was in the wrong and thought it was only fair to

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Jim Bostian

The Shrieking Sergeant

Re your piece on Carey Driscoll and AMSD ("The Frustrated Hobbyist," "Blurt," January 7), one of the reasons he does it all alone is that he pisses off nearly every volunteer who works for him by being short, mean, angry, and ungrateful.

These are folks who work for no money. They work for the love of the music. But when the atmosphere begins to resemble boot camp with a shrieking sergeant in your face, the luster fades quickly. I've been there and seen it firsthand and been on the receiving end of it as well, and I can tell you, it's no fun.

That all being said, no one is trying harder to bring good music to San Diego at reasonable prices in a great venue, and for that, he deserves a lot of credit. Unfortunately, it's not enough to

overcome the prickly personality and the tirades. San Diego is littered with people this guy has gotten in arguments with, and in a lot of cases, it costs him concertgoers and good publicity, both of which he sorely needs.

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Race, Not Religion

Gerald A. Shepherd writes regarding "Jewish atheists" in "Sorry, Atheist Offspring" (Letters, January 7) that "if your folks were atheists, they no longer belonged to any religion."

Gerald, in many cases, to be Jewish is to be of a race called "the Jews," in which inheritance comes through the mother's line (matrilineal). You may remember that a certain German dictator had a problem with the Jewish race last century. He didn't so much murder people for going to temple as he did for their being of Jewish descent. So yes, unlike Christians and

Muslims, one can be both "Jewish" and atheist at the same time. Yes, they can.

Eric R. Apple
via email

Being Normal Takes Work

As someone who has been (and still is) fighting mental illness for over 30 years, I read the December 31 cover story, "The Little Pills That Sent Me on My Journey," with a bit of skepticism. It seems that Ms. Restaino wants to blame Big Pharma for her supposed lack of normalcy. Case in point: the family pharmacy filled with good-for-what-ails-you medications as a contributing factor.

If only we could chuck the offerings of Big Pharma and be normal. Sorry, kiddo, but there is no real blame for Big Pharma in this case. There is not a one-size-fits-all treatment regimen that will cure all mental illness and return the former patient to normalcy.

In fact, there is no real

cure for mental illness to be had. Mental-health treatment is based on stabilizing the symptoms and working toward returning the patient in question to being able to function in the real world. This is why a treatment plan is drawn up for each individual when they are in therapy (or when they are hospitalized).

Sometimes said treatment plan will require medications. This is why you need to keep your psychiatrist in the loop regarding medication side effects and effectiveness. Also, your plan will require talk therapy (including cognitive therapy, if required).

The worst thing about mental illness is that the treatment regimen required will be hard, expensive, and will last a lifetime. Sometimes you will relapse, but that in itself is a part of treatment. You probably will need to adjust your treatment regimen and keep on trucking!

Above all, Taylor, you are *not* a coward (or a p—y, as

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Trial by Audience

By Milton Sue | Published Monday, Jan. 11, 2010



Maybe the name of the band should be Trial by Audience. New band, new music. The frontman, blues-rock guitarist Robben Ford, said it was the first time they'd played it for anyone. It was groundbreaking, but commercially viable? Ford said they have an album ready, but for reasons "beyond their control it hasn't been released yet." Hmm...

The music: It was as if Robben said we're going to have a new band that rocks, but all the chords we play have to be jazz chords—9ths, 13ths, etc. Not your average three-chords-and-the-truth band. Interspersed in the music were enough Ford licks to keep this fan happy. His guitar playing was masterful.

They started off with a familiar song, "Just Like It Is," and then delved into the unknown. Halfway through the show they announced a song called "The Underwear Song." I think someone in the audience called it "The Underwear Bomber Song." Overall the new music was less than enthusiastically received. About 50 minutes in, they went into full-blown blues mode, which got the crowd going. They revived the blues staple "Spoonful" in a creative, well-received rendition.

The additional guitarist, Mike Landau, is a very laid-back guitar-slinger in the vein of Jeff Beck, wrangling a variety of sounds from his Stratocaster. He did sing more than Ford, but I couldn't hear the vocals as I was happily blasted by Ford's amp. The addition of the accomplished Yellowjackets veteran Jimmy Haslip was puzzling; his talent was not showcased here. I was waiting for a solo that never came.

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you put it)! You have the guts to seek out the help you require. Your scapegoating of Big Pharma for the little pills that sent you on your journey needs to be chucked into the San Diego Bay, but Prozac and cognitive therapy are the keystones on your journey down the road to recovery.

I wish you well, Taylor, on this journey, for it will be one that will last you the rest of your life (or until a definitive therapy that provides a true cure is found). And as for being normal? Your reality changes forever when a mental illness locks onto you and gets you.

Therapy, lifestyle changes, as-needed medications, keeping your appointments — this is part of your reality now. The alternative, however, isn't a return to what you knew but a self-guided one-way trip into the afterlife.

On the whole, I'd rather live with what I have than to one day wake up and find out I'm no longer among the living. It's going to be a tough way to live, Taylor, but I've lived over 30 years with my illness. If I can do it, you can do so as well!

Robert K. Johnston
Vista

The Bit ADA Goldmine

Mr. Bauder's article ("The Plaintiff Knew Nothing," "City Lights," December 31) doesn't go far enough. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a poorly written law that has been a gold mine for attorneys like Hubbard. Even my family has been hit with these types of lawsuits.

The ADA law should be rewritten to forbid filing a lawsuit unless and until the business owner has first been contacted and given ample time to fix any access issues. A lawsuit should only be allowed to be filed if the owner is completely uncooperative. That would be very rare. Every reasonable businessperson wants to avoid lawsuits and make his/her business available to the most potential customers possible. But the way it is now,

owners only find out about violations when they get served papers.

In my family's case, we had a building that was completely ADA compliant when it was built. We made sure of that. But then, a few years later, the requirements changed and we didn't know about it. Normally, existing structures are grandfathered in. But not in the case of the ADA, apparently, because we got sued for not complying with the *new* rules that no one ever told us about. We basically had to pay off the suing attorney. The so-called plaintiff didn't get anything because he'd never actually visited our business.

Lawyers like Hubbard and Pennock are always saying they're protecting the rights of the disabled. That's a crock. They're only lining their own pockets by using the ADA to get money from defendants. They could do a lot more for the disabled if they were working *with* the businesses by informing and educating them *before* suing them, but that would mean they couldn't make money for themselves.

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Eye-Opener

Thank you for "Nonprofits Nonplussed" (Feature Story, December 31). Thomas Larson's sobering portrait of the impact of the recession on local nonprofits, the poor, and the newly poor should serve to open the eyes of those who might marginalize such services — and those who depend on them — in this era of crisis. Frankly, this deserved to be the cover article, not Taylor Restaino's self-centered, tiresome "The Little Pills That Sent Me on My Journey"...into the obvious.

Mike Grunwald
via email

The Dumbest Development

Regarding the "City Lights" story "The Logic of a Landslide" on December 24. You guys nailed it on the head when you wrote, "Mount Soledad has been for cen-

turies an unstable geological formation." That piece of land should never have been developed in the first place. It is truly unstable. I've worked in architecture and geology for 12 years, and there's no reason that there should ever have been anything built on that piece of land.

Scott Weselis
San Diego

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Sporting Box Published Jan. 6

By shizzzyfinn 3:48 p.m., Jan. 6, 2010

Thank you for calling out the elephant in the room with the Oher story: how, if he didn't possess superstar-caliber athletic potential, no one would have given a damn.

Michael Lewis's story in NY Times Magazine makes it clear that Oher only got a chance at the Christian high school because of what he could do for the school's athletic department. Quote from one of the high school coaches: "When I first saw him, I thought, this guy is going to make us all famous."

I appreciate how the Tuohys helped Oher: putting them up in their 7,000 square foot house, pushing him to develop his football skills, working relentlessly to help him master the basics of academia. Their efforts show just how much time and work is necessary to help kids with tragic childhoods become effective adults.

A question I'd love to ask the Tuohys: Other kids who have backgrounds like Oher's — do they have to be future pro athletes to be afforded the extensive tender loving care that might help them get on their feet?

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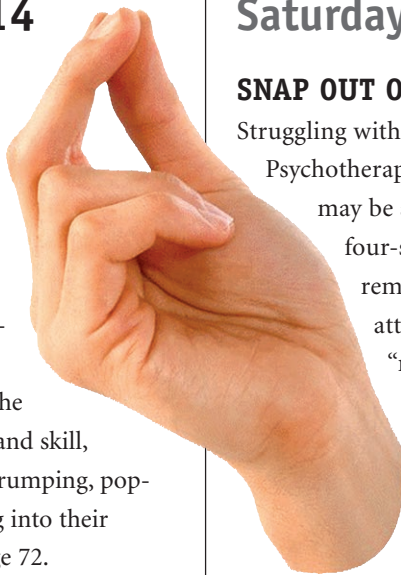
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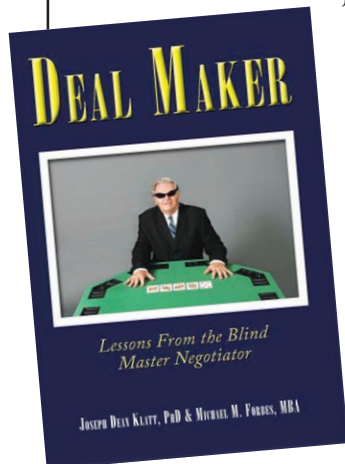
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THE HOUSE OF YES

The Compass Theatre stages Wendy MacLeod’s play on which the cult movie starring Parker Posey was based. Jay Mower directs this version of the black comedy about a hurricane, a neighbor of the Kennedys, and a threat to Jackie O. See [THEATER](#), page 91.

2009 IN REVIEW: A LIVING NEWSPAPER

Black Kat Theatre Company presents 13 sketch-comedy scenes that dissect the “most entertaining, inspiring, and overlooked events from the past year,” including “what the Cookie Monster and Arlen Specter have in common” and “who’s visiting Bernie Madoff in his cell.” See [THEATER](#), page 91.

Sunday | 17

ANIMALS — WILD AND TAME

Cynthia Royal and her Andalusian stallion Blanco (who played Shadowfax in *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy) visit Old Town to provide a “liberty performance,” meaning Royal will direct Blanco without the use of a saddle, halter, or lead. Meet rescued wild animals from Sky Hunters and Chula Vista Nature Center. Also, pet expo for both pets and owners and games for kids. See [SPECIAL](#), page 70.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20: LITERATURE TALK

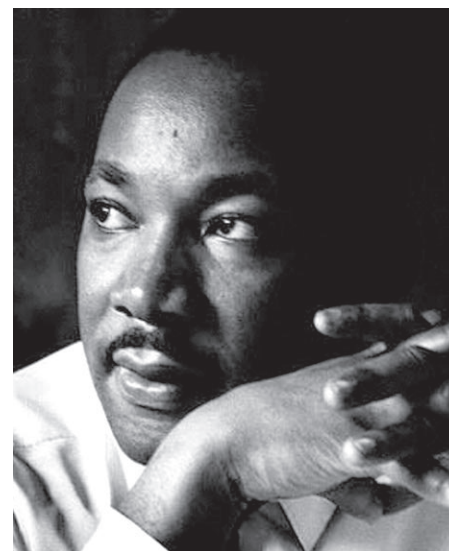
MAKE YOUR MARK: 19TH-CENTURY ART

Explore and learn about work hanging in the San Diego Museum of Art through child-friendly tours with storytelling and art-making. It’s all part of Family Drop-In Day, which is for those with children aged 6–12. See [FOR KIDS](#), page 73.

LIVING THE DREAM

It’s the theme for the 22nd annual All People’s Breakfast, hosted by YWCA of San Diego County. Celebrate gains of the Civil Rights Movement, the continued push for diversity and inclusion, equality, and peace. Performances by Gospel Singing Choir, Collective Purpose, and Eveoke Dance Theatre. See [SPECIAL](#), page 69.

Monday | 18



EXPERIENCE HISTORY

Martin Luther King Jr. Family Day promises music, food, and entertainment “from around the globe.” Create a cultural craft project and learn about the San Diego Museum of Man’s exhibits during a guided tour. See [FOR KIDS](#), page 73.

Tuesday | 19

SHAMELESS EXTRAVAGANCE!

Let them eat cake! And drink beer! Decadence is the dish du jour at Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, where pastry chef Andrew Higgins presents a menu promising “wickedly delicious” desserts paired with beer. See [FOOD & DRINK](#), page 72.

Wednesday | 20

MORE THAN ESCAPIST FANTASY!

The Literature Talk community discussion series commences with Stephen Potts of UCSD’s literature department considering J.R.R. Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings*. Focus will be on “its enduring themes of power and temptation, death and immortality, fate and free will, loss and farewell.” See [SPECIAL](#), page 70.

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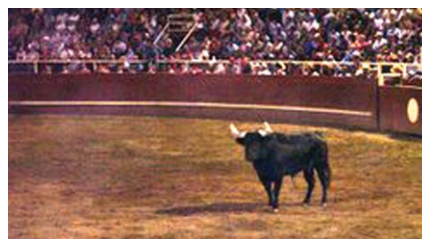


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Velcro bullfights in San Joaquin Valley

Bloodless Bullfights in Gustine, California

By Jan Austin

The 403-mile drive from San Diego to Gustine in California's San Joaquin Valley can transport you to old-world Portugal. Matadors, *cavaleiros*, and *forcados* donned in colorful old-fashioned garb along with the fiesta atmosphere preserve the culture of this distant land.

Keeping alive the Portuguese and Azorean tradition of bullfighting, bloodless bullfights provide all the artistry and pageantry of the real thing, without death or injury to the animals. A swatch of Velcro on the bull's back and Velcro-tipped "swords" make this possible.

When bullfights were outlawed in California, the Portuguese community received an exemption for their bloodless variation as long as they're linked to a religious festival.

On most weekends, you'll find one in a dusty little town in the Central Valley. Lively music, dancing, and lots of linguica and other great food are in abundance.

Events in Gustine start about 7:30 p.m. at Bella Vista Plaza Arena, Preston

Road at Santa Fe Road. Tickets are \$20, free for those under 12. If you go, be sure to bring lots of mosquito repellent.

More info: 209-678-2478, california-bullfights.info.

The Sherlock Holmes Museum, London, England

By Robert Isenberg

Like so many bookish boys, I devoured Sherlock Holmes stories. Years later, visiting my girlfriend in London, I discovered that 221B Baker Street, the detective's fabled domicile, was a "real" place.

The Sherlock Holmes Museum is



Sherlock Holmes Museum

built into a converted orphanage. It's a quaint three-story Victorian row-house with a souvenir shop(pe) on the first floor. On the second floor, we found a small flat furnished with vintage chairs and curtains. Replicas of Holmes paraphernalia were everywhere: secret diaries, pistols, and canes.

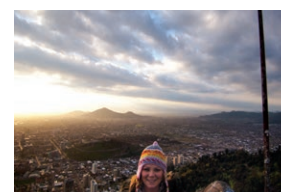
An elder man approached, wearing a

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Other Adventures



sanso66: The beautiful resort town of Baños, Ecuador. This is the view in back of the bus station.



symreader: View of Santiago from Cerro San Cristóbal, Chile



delphinesd: Buddhist monks browsing at the Palm Springs outlet

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house-robe. "Welcome," he said.

"Hi," I said, disarmed. "Do you work here?"

"I," he said, grinning, "am Sherlock Holmes."

My girlfriend and I smirked at each other. He offered his pipe and hunter's cap, and we took a picture. When we'd taken our fill of the museum's wax sculptures and faux-artifacts, we caught a glimpse of "Sherlock Holmes" — asleep in his easy chair.

Hawaii Down Under

By Michael Mullenniex

Lava tubes are dark and a bit creepy. Lurking beneath the lush tropical foliage that decorates the island of Hawaii, what appear to be mine shafts drilled through solid lava are actually nature-made.

During an ancient eruption of Kilauea volcano, lava flows down to the sea, adding volume to the island. The smoky air cools the top layer of the flow; it slows and grinds to a halt. Kilauea continues to spew molten lava down its sides and pushes the molten mass under



Hawaiian lava tube

the newly formed crust — like a river that flows under ice during a Minnesota winter.

Time goes on, and the lava cools. Now, only the center of the mass is still fluid enough to respond to the pull of gravity seaward. Lava empties out of the flow's core. A tube is formed. Tourists can visit.

Thurston Lava Tube, one of the most popular, is located in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park along Crater Rim Road. Access to the site is easy and the trail well marked. Most of the inclines are not steep, but there's a larger incline to traverse along the trail adjacent to the lava tube. The site is well lit, but to see the small branch away from the main tube, a flashlight is needed.

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OUTDOORS

Highest Monthly Rainfall Totals in San Diego are most likely to occur in January and February (about 1.9 inches each on average) according to weather-service statistics. If low temperatures accompany the typical Pacific storms of this period, there's a chance of snow in the mountains, including a very slim chance of snowfall as far west as the coast. Only during the months of December and January have traces of snow ever been recorded at San Diego's National Weather Service station.

The Waxing Crescent Moon makes its debut in the evening sky on Sunday, January 17. Look low in the west about 15 or 20 minutes after sundown, and you will watch the moon's smiling shape materialize out of the darkening twilight sky.

The Glittery, Bright "Winter Constellations" of Orion, Taurus, Auriga, Gemini, Canis Major, and Canis Minor are best seen during early evening hours in January and February. The last week of January, however, won't be so good for observing these stars due to the bright glare of the moon in the sky. The bright winter constellations happen to include about one-third of the most luminous stars appearing in the night sky. The brightest star of all, Sirius, lies in the constellation of Canis Major. Sirius appears as a scintillating, bluish point

of light high over the southeast or south horizon in early evening. The second-brightest star of the night sky, Canopus, can be seen hovering very low over the south horizon whenever Sirius is nearing its highest altitude (about 40 degrees) in the southern sky. For late January this happens around 10pm, and for early February it occurs around 9pm.

"Daley Ranch Scenery" A diverse plant population, expansive views await those taking "occasionally strenuous" four-mile hike with naturalist Rick Paul. Ask about "the Daley Ranch keepsake." 760-839-4680. Sunday, January 17, 9am; free. Daley Ranch — Cougar Pass trailhead, North Broadway and Cougar Pass Road. (ESCONDIDO)

"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 14, 2:15pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Wild, Wild West at Daley Ranch" Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads "slower-paced hike" approximately three miles long over Creek Crossing, East Ridge, Coyote Run, Diamond Back, Sage trails. 760-839-4680. Saturday, January 16, 8:30am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Bird Watching Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough starts at first bench on Famosa Boulevard. Bring binoculars if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, January 16, 1pm; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

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

Early Spring Nature Walk Rains have brought early spring growth along trails — learn to "appreciate miracles of nature and cycle of life in our native landscape" during trail guide-led interpretive walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, January 16, 9:30am; Sunday, January 17, 9:30am; Wednesday, January 20, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Explore Lower Willows Hike to "largest year-round spring in San Diego County" during moderately difficult Canyoneers hike. "Dense willows provide habitat for birds and insects...wading through water may be necessary." High-clearance vehicles necessary for off-road portion of trip; shared rides arranged to caravan from meeting place. Parking fee. Direc-

Rosarito Crime Declines 21% To Reach A Five-Year Low



From January to November of 2009 Rosarito had the largest year-to-year decline in crime of any city in Baja California — 21 percent — to its lowest rate in five years, according to state figures.

The popular tourist and retirement destination 35 miles south of San Diego was the only one of Baja California's five cities to achieve a five-year low. Baja Gov. Jose Guadalupe Osuna Millan told the San Diego Union it was one of Baja's success stories.

Overall, Baja California crime declined by an average of 10 percent in 2009 from the same 11-month period in 2008 and was lower than the level of the previous two years.

"These are very encouraging figures for

Rosarito, especially in difficult economic times, when crime historically increases," said Mayor Hugo Torres, who ran in 2007 largely on a platform of improving public security and police reform.

Rosarito led all Baja cities in major categories for 2009, recording a 25 percent year-to-year decline in robbery and burglaries, 36 percent in violent crimes and 52 percent in murders, from 54 to 26, according to the January-November state figures. (Year-end figures have not yet been tabulated but are expected to show little or no change.)

Five of the killings were between members of rival drug cartels as the government makes it more difficult for them to operate, and three were of police officers.

"Other people simply are not targets of the violence connected to the organized crime crackdown," Torres said that the drug-related killings are very troubling but even with them Rosarito has a lower homicide rate than many U.S. cities, including New Orleans, St. Louis and Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. (Based on FBI figures for 2008, the latest published)

"Understandably, much of the media coverage in the U.S. has focused on the crackdown on organized crime — it's a vital international issue," he said. "But that has created a misleading impression about security here."

"These latest crime figures show that for our typical resident and visitor, Rosarito is as safe or safer than ever. We hope these statistics will be well reported to convey a more realistic picture of life and safety here."

Since taking office, Torres has led efforts to replace more than half of the city's police force while expanding its size from about 150 to 230 officers.

He also established a special tourist police force that uses bilingual traffic tickets that can be mailed in from the U.S., an ombudsman office and a city department for visitor assistance.

The mayor also brought in former Army Capt. Jorge Montero to lead the police department as director of public security. He has praised his work as well as the support of the City Council

Torres also cited federal and state support plus a close working relationship with the Rosarito office of the state attorney general, which is responsible for most reporting and investigation of crime. "Prevention is the key to crime reduction," said Torres, who added that the city's focus would remain on public security.

Rosarito also is working on expanding positive activities including sports and drug prevention programs for youth. Torres has personally talked to about 15,000 of the city's 23,000 school children and plans to visit the remainder this year.

(Further information on Rosarito, including testimonials from many of the thousands of U.S. expatriates who live there, is available on www.rosarito.org)

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“Drawing Proportions of the Human Face” Artist Anna Stump divulges how “to draw the human face with correct proportions in frontal, three-quarter, and profile views.” Registration and materials: 619-223-0058. Wednesday, January 20, 6pm; \$38-\$44. 15 and up. Bravo School of Art at

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27. 619-267-5141. Saturday, January
16, 5pm; free. Bonita Museum

“Living the Dream” It’s theme for 22nd annual All People’s Breakfast, hosted by YWCA of San Diego County. Celebrate gains of civil rights movement, continued push for diversity and inclusion, equality, peace. Performances by Gospel Signing Choir, Collective Purpose, Evoke Dance Theatre. 619-209-8241. Monday, January 18, 7:30am;

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“The MLK Legacy: Educating Our Youth” Community celebration of life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., with music by Chancel Choir. Presentation of student essay contest winners, salute to community members for work with and for young people. Reception follows. Offering. 619-239-2346. Sunday, January 17, 4pm. Christ United Presbyterian Church, 3025 Fir Street. (SOUTH PARK)

“Totally Awesome ‘80s” Dr. Sketchy’s Anti-Art School convenes for sketching session with members of Bit o’ Burlesque posing. Bring your art supplies. Sketchers in ‘80s duds enter for half price. Reservations: 619-501-9325. Saturday, January 16, 3pm; \$5-\$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

“Whales on the Horizon” Watch for gray whale migration from aquarium’s tide-pool plaza, get up-close to real whale baleen, learn why these marine mammals swim more than 12,000 miles each year. Scripps scientists share stories of their current research for “SEA Days” program. Included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. Saturday, January 16, 11am; free-

MY AGENT SAYS

My agent says Los Angeles will call.
My broker says to sell without delay.
My doctor says the spot is very small.
My lover says get tested right away.

My congressman says yes, he truly cares.
My bottle says he’ll see me after five.
My mirror says to pluck a few stray hairs.
My mother says that she is still alive.

My boss says that I’d better take a chair.
My enemy says turn the other cheek.
My rival says that all in love is fair.
My brother says he’s coming for a week.

My teacher says my work is very neat.
My ex-wife says I haven’t heard the last.
My usher says the big guy’s in my seat.
My captain says to bind him to the mast.

My master says I must be taught my place.
My conscience says my schemes will never fly.
My father says he doesn’t like my face.
My lawyer says I shouldn’t testify.

My buddy says this time I’ve got it bad.
My first love says she can’t recall my name
My baby says my singing makes her sad.
My dog says that she loves me all the same.

My pastor says to walk the narrow path.
My coach says someone else will get the ball.
My God says I shall bend beneath His wrath.
My agent says Los Angeles may call.

— R. S. Gwynn



R.S. Gwynn’s poetry has been characterized as “Bleakly serious and wickedly humorous.” “My Agent Says” was published in No Word of Farewell: Selected Poems 1970–2000, published by Story Line Press. Reprinted by permission. Photo credit: Gerry Cambridge.

\$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Guests of the Nation Consider Frank O’Connor’s “most widely read story” with San Diego Great Books. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, January 16, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Animals — Wild and Tame Blessing of the Animals celebrating the patron saint of animals, Saint Anthony of the Desert. Cynthia Royal and her Andalusian stallion Blanco, who played Shadowfax in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, provide a liberty performance (meaning he will be directed without use of saddle, halter, or lead). Meet rescued wild animals from Sky Hunters and Chula Vista Nature Center. Pet expo for pets and owners, games for kids. 619-297-3100 x22. Sunday, January 17, noon; free. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Are the Bailouts Working? How are small businesses faring? Consider topic with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, January 14, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Beautiful and Fascinating San Diego Orchid Society’s winter show and sale in room 101. Many rare orchids in bloom; growing information available. 619-232-8232 or 619-294-5925. Saturday, January 16, noon; Sunday, January 17, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Beautify a Community Treasure Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Day of Service promises work clearing and hauling brush, mulching, planting, starting behind Hall of Champions. All are welcome. Bring lunch for picnic at noon. 619-297-4366. Monday, January 18, 9am; free. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Books for Sale Bargain-priced books in all categories on offer. 619-297-3166. Saturday, January 16, 8am; free. University Heights Library, 4193 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Dross Into (Garden) Gold Learn basics of composting, how to use worms to compost, how to save water in landscape using compost and mulch during workshop led by master composter Whitney Duenez. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, January 16, 10am; free. Cuyamaca College Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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)

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)

Lux at Night Meet artist-in-residence Iva Gueorguieva and view her exhibit of large-scale, abstract paintings. Enjoy art, refreshments, music. 760-436-6611. Wednesday, January 20, 7pm; free. 21 and up. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly-Dance Class Doumbek drumming class for all levels taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7pm), followed by tribal belly-dance class

taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8pm). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6pm; \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

More Than Escapist Fantasy! “Literature Talk” community discussion series commences with Stephen Potts of UCSD’s literature department considering J.R.R. Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings*. Focus on “its enduring themes of power and temptation, death and immortality, fate and free will, loss and farewell.” Series is designed “for serious book lovers to exchange views with fellow readers and area college professors.” 619-236-5817. Wednesday, January 20, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Paint-Out Paint/draw/explore Balboa Park, whether you work in oils, acrylics, watercolor, digital, charcoal, pencil, pastels, or mixed media. All artists, amateur to professional, encouraged to participate. Co-hosted by Maura McHugh and Lee Sautereau. At noon, meet back at SDAI for group discussion of work created, potluck meal (bring food and/or drink to share). 619-236-0011. Saturday, January 16, 9am; free. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Resolved to Get Fit? Joe Gold (president of the Training Club), Jim Someck (founder of Jimbo’s), Bob Rauch (owner of Serenity Spa and Salon) will “present the latest research and techniques of comprehensive well-being” for Health and Fitness Expo. On offer: recipes and food samples; tips for setting and keeping fitness goals, functional fitness training trends, pre- and postnatal yoga, injury prevention; brief complimentary chair massages; vendors. 858-720-9500. Saturday, January 16, 10am; free. Hilton Garden Inn, 3939 Ocean Bluff Avenue. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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)

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See Art Happen Los Angeles-based artist Iva Gueorguieva creates a large-scale abstract painting as the first resident artist of 2010, from Saturday, January 16, to Saturday, February 6. Exhibit promises “Gueorguieva’s tumultuous, acrylic-laden canvases where dizzying brushstrokes, loud colors, complex spatial configurations and frenetic energy abound.” View the completed work through Wednesday, March 17. 760-436-6611. Saturdays, 11am; through Wednesday, March 17, \$10. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Unwind and Laugh Exercise your humor and creativity with “variety of lively interactive exercises from the world of improvisation” to give your funny bone a workout. Led by Jacquie Lowell. 858-581-0050. Monday, January 18, 7pm; \$20. 16 and up. Friendship Senior Center, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

What’s a Fitness Scavenger Hunt? Grand-opening celebration includes food, wine bar, entertainment by Lee Coulter, DJ tunes. Tour facility, take part in scavenger hunt, demonstrations of classes, more. Registration: 760-635-1200. Saturday, January 16, 4pm; free. EZIA at the Sanctuary, 230 Birmingham Drive. (CARDIFF)

What’s a Washi Paperweight? First, “make a cute washi doll,” then put paperweight and doll together to create a washi paperweight during class led by Lisa Koide Halverson. Materials included. Registration: 619-232-2721 x102. Saturday, January 16, 10am; \$15-\$20. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

What’s in Your Attic? SANDICAL Stamp Expo 2010 stamp show with 26 dealers, lectures, presentations. Show features a 192-frame competitive exhibition of rare stamps and postal history. Free stamps for beginning collectors. Approximate valuation of stamp collections, postal history, accumulations of other philatelic material. 858-484-8010. Friday, January 15, 10am; Saturday, January 16, 10am; Sunday, January 17, 10am; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

DANCE

“Best of MOMIX” Company of “dancer-illusionists” assembles world of surrealistic images using props, humor, human body. MOMIX performs highlights from a quarter century of innovative choreography. 858-459-3728. Saturday, January 16, 2pm and 8pm; \$30-\$65. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

“David Patrone \$10,000 Swing Dance Spectacular” David Pa-

trone Productions hosts swing dance competition and lessons. Contestant registration: 4-4:45pm; swing dance lessons with Jim and Margie (5-5:45pm); live music for swing dancing (6-9pm). Semi-finals: March 21. Finals: March 28. 619-517-2719. Sunday, January 17, 5pm; free. 21 and up. Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, 5000 Willows Road. (ALPINE)

“Energy Strings of Sacred Movement” Danyavaad and the Shimmy Sisters perform for dinner show, promising hookahs, drinks, food, entertainment. 619-884-7707. Saturday, January 16, 8pm; free. Ali Baba’s Cave, 10921 Roselle Street. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

“Intimate Cabaret Dances” Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater performs “steamy” dances in small, cabaret-like setting. Tickets: \$35 includes food and wine before show; \$20 show only; \$15 for students. Two shows nightly. 619-225-1803. Saturday, January 16, 6pm and 8:30pm. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

H3 Nine Grupo de Rua dancers tackle limits of coordination, skill as they collide and balance against each other, blending elements of krumping, popping, breakdance in their duets. Brazilian artistic director Bruno Beltrão investigates “intersections of hip-hop technique with contemporary dance.” 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, January 14, 8pm; \$28-\$38. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

America’s National Folk Dance! Alpine Squares host open house “to promote this low-cost wholesome form of recreation” for singles, couples, families. Dancing takes place in hall in church’s back parking lot. 619-448-8088. Friday, January 15, 6:30pm; free. 12 and up. Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church, 9908 Channel Road. (LAKESIDE)

Argentine Tango Colette Hebert leads new six-week session of Argentine tango lessons, Mondays and Wednesdays. 514-726-5567. Monday, January 18, 7pm; Wednesday, January 20, 7pm; free. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

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)

Dance in the New Year Zimzala makes music for dancing. 619-281-5656. Monday, January 18, 8pm; free-\$10. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing and Live Music Ellie Konitshek calls for English country dancing. Beginners’ instruction at 6pm. 858-676-9731. Sunday, January 17, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Exotic Flavors, Sumptuous Music Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival showcases traditional dances from over 15 cultures spanning globe. Festival features over 150 dancers and musicians, celebrates “diversity and creativity of our region and the world.” 619-522-4050. Friday, January 15, 8pm; Saturday, January 16, 2pm and 8pm; Sunday, January 17, 2pm; \$15-\$30. 5 and up. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

Jammin’ Hustle Dance Party DJ plays hustle, nightclub two-step, and requests for singles and couples of all ages. Hustle lesson: 8pm. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, January 16, 8pm; free-\$7. Pattie Wells’ Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Romanian/Fusion Dance Workshop Daniel Sandu leads workshop. Donation: \$5. 619-281-

5656. Monday, January 18, 7pm. Dancing Unlimited, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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)

Time to Swing Dance! Firehouse Swing Dance promises live music by Shay La Vie. Also on tap: “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; class fee includes admission to swing dance (8-11:30pm). 858-395-6060. Wednesday, January 20, 7pm; \$10. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman’s Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER’S HILL)

Tunes by Ranting Banshee Caller is JoAnn Koppang during San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. Beginners’ dance workshop: 7:30pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, January 15, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

FILM

“Fish ‘n’ Flicks” Screening of documentary *The End of the Line*, exploring inconvenient truths about devastating effect of overfishing on world’s ecosystems. 619-997-8043. Thursday, January 14, 7pm; \$25. Sea Rocket Bistro, 3382 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

“Tea Moments in Film” Enjoy Ang Lee’s *Sense and Sensibility* (1995), starring Emma Thompson and Kate Winslet, when Carlsbad Library film series continues. Pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, January 20, 6pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Inconceivable! Enjoy *The Princess Bride* (1987) during this week’s cinema social. Dive-In theatre combines “eclectic film choices,” food, drink, light conversation at hotel’s poolside lounge and theater located outdoors. Early arrival suggested. Reservations:

619-226-6100. Wednesday, January 20, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

FOOD & DRINK

Got 30 Minutes? Prep for “30-Minute Entrées” when chef Nadia Frigeri leads class. Menu includes sautéed shrimp with spicy wine sauce on risotto timbale, rosemary roasted potatoes, more. Fee includes food, wine/beverages, appetizer. Registration: 858-578-2665. Wednesday, January 20, 6pm; \$49. Cooking With Class, 8290 Miramar Road. (MIRAMAR)

May We Suggest Gajar Halwa? Manjula Jain presents “Healthy Vegetarian Dining,” with menu boasting sprouted *moong dal* (lentil) salad, vegetable pulav, spicy yogurt soup, the aforementioned *gajar* (carrot) halwa for dessert. Fee includes wine, beverages, appetizers. 858-578-2665. Friday, January 15, 6pm; \$49. Cooking With Class, 8290 Miramar Road. (MIRAMAR)

Shameless Extravagance! “Beer pairs beautifully with desserts in a sweet harmony that may surprise you.” Pastry chef Andrew Higgins presents menu promising “wickedly delicious” desserts paired with beer. 760-471-4999. Tuesday, January 19, 7pm; \$39. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

The Fantastic World of Fromage Learn to select, pair, present, store cheeses during “Getting to Know Cheese” class. Nibble on at least 12 types of cheeses paired with complimentary wine and bread. 619-358-9081. Friday, January 15, 6:30pm; \$50. Venissimo Cheese — East Village, 871 G Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Traditional Tea Ceremony Urasenke Tankokai tea instructors plan demonstrations. Learn history of tea ceremony, see how to serve tea in traditional way. Included in garden admission; tea ticket for green tea and dry sweets tasting: \$3. 619-232-2780. Saturday, January 16, 1pm and 2pm; free-\$4. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

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FOR KIDS

Lions, Coyotes, and Bobcats Preschoolers (with an adult) learn about native dogs and cats during "Ant-Sized Adventures" class promising songs, skulls, pelts, specimens, craft, trail walk. 619-582-6261. Monday, January 18, 10am; Tuesday, January 19, 10am; Wednesday, January 20, 10am; free-\$5. 2 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"Make Your Mark: 19th-Century Art" Explore, learn about museum's art through child-friendly tours, storytelling, art making during Family Drop-In Day for those with children 6-12 years old. Included in regular admission (\$12 general). 619-232-7931. Sunday, January 17, 1pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Paper Craft Recycled" Robin Sanford Roberts teaches ways to reuse paper, magazines, junk mail, maps, turning them into hand-made note cards, envelopes, book-marks, journal covers. Students should bring flyers, old magazines, cards to use and share. 619-223-0058. Saturday, January 16, 9am; \$23-\$26. 8 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

The Really Hot Jungle Show Puppet Express presents all sorts of animal tales during puppet show. 619-544-9203. Thursday, January 14, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, January 15, 11am and 1pm; Saturday, January 16, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, January 17, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Wednesday, January 20, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

A Hilarious, High-Energy Musical California Youth Conservatory Theatre presents the Broadway musical *13*, asking and answering the question "Can Evan survive divorce, his bar mitzvah, and puberty all at the same time?" Rock score by Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown. 619-977-7376. Saturdays, 2pm and 7pm; Sundays, 2pm; Wednesdays, 7pm; through Sunday, January 31, \$18-\$30. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Early Ecologist Budding naturalists invited to preschool story time. "Enjoy an imaginative journey into nature through dynamic readings and visits to exhibitions." Recommended for ages 1-5. Included in museum admission (\$13 adults, \$7 children). 619-255-0203. Thursday, January 14, 11am. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Experience History Martin Luther King Jr. Family Day promises music, food, entertainment "from around the globe." Create a cultural craft project, learn about exhibits during guided tour. 619-239-2001. Monday, January 18, 10am; \$5. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Nature Explorers Bring a flashlight when Linda Hawley leads program for kids (with adult) of all ages to learn about bobcats, cougars, coyotes, foxes, predators and prey, with skulls, pelts, specimens, and trail walk. Starts at shade structure. 619-582-6261. Friday, January 15, 6pm; free-\$5. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

GALLERIES

Starting Fresh Closing reception for exhibition by some of the association's newest members and some veteran exhibitors. 858-459-1196. Sunday, January 17, 2pm; free. La Jolla Art Association Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, suite B. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

"Luscious Noise" Multimedia performance experience where live

classical music, dance, film converge, created by California Ballet music director-conductor John Stubbs, with members of San Diego Symphony. 619-595-0300. Sunday, January 17, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. Anthology, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Raymond Carver — A Writer's Life Author Carol Sklenicka discusses, signs her "definitive biography," selected as a *New York Times* top-ten book of 2009. In addition, author/performance artist Lisa Fugard presents reading from Carver's work. Reception follows. 858-755-3735. Thursday, January 14, 7pm; free. Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

The Gondoliers North County Sunday Soiree and Chamber Orchestra reprise their Gilbert and Sullivan production as benefit for High Tech High North County's performing arts program. Cast includes George Weinberg-Harter, Max Chodos, John-Scott Moir. No dialogue, only narration and musical numbers. 760-759-2700. Sunday, January 17, 2pm; \$6-\$10. Meadowlark Community Church, 1918 Redwing Street. (SAN MARCOS)

Books and Beer Enjoy happy hour with bestselling author T. Jefferson Parker. Purchase a copy of Parker's new book (*Iron River*) from Warwick's (required) and tickets are \$10, including a beer, appetizers. Tickets and books only available at Warwick's (not Karl

Strauss). 858-454-0347. Thursday, January 14, 6pm. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 1044 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Conscious Comedy Explosion "Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration" features A.J. Jamal, the "King of Clean Comedy." Evening begins with live jazz jam by Lady Rose and Company. Hosted by yours truly Danny Boy, DJ Barry. RSVP: 619-564-4425. Friday, January 15, 7pm; \$7-\$12. 18 and up. Upaka Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Happiness Is... San Diego Junior Theatre presents *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, the musical adaptation of Charles Schultz's comic strip. Performance on January 23 is ASL interpreted. 619-239-8355. Friday, January 15, 7pm; Sat-

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urday, January 16, 2pm; Sunday, January 17, 2pm; \$8-\$14. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Journey of Self-Discovery Writer, nature enthusiast Bette Blaydes Pegas discusses her travel memoir, *Chasing a Dream in the Galápagos: A Personal Evolution*. Presentation includes slides from her trip to the Galápagos. Book signing follows. 760-753-7376. Wednesday, January 20, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Matters of Controversy National political strategist/blogger David Swanson speaks and signs his new book, *Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union*. What powers were stripped from Congress and handed to White House while George W. Bush lived there? Swanson has been a voice for prosecution of Bush and Cheney for war crimes. Donation. 858-459-4650. Friday, January 15, 7:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Negotiations Central to Your Career? Joseph Dean Klatt and Michael M. Forbes discuss their new book, *Deal Maker: Lessons from the Blind Master Negotiator*. Signing follows. 858-456-1800. Friday, January 15, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Open-Mike Night Happy Ron's open mike for all types of performances — music, comedy, poetry, more. 619-299-9360. Sunday, January 17, 7:30pm; free. Java Joe's at Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Poetry Ruckus at the Duck! Spoken-word artist and “Bukowskiesque bar bouncer” Ted Washington performs as special guest. Local poets read from their work; to join roster of readers, email ruthlesspies@gmail.com. 760-632-0488. Wednesday, January 20, 7pm; free. Ducky Waddle's Emporium, 414 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

Show and Tell Enjoy this “upgrade to the traditional story slam”; storytellers, performers allowed to read from scripts, take the stage with rehearsed stories. The five-minute stories, songs, films about life in the computer age compete for best performance. 619-282-0437. Saturday, January 16, 8pm; \$5. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Sight & Sound Preview night with musical performances by MC Flow, Jamuel Saxon, Rob Dee. Exhibitions by tattoo artist Mando Medrano; portraits, massage, sculpture, indoor video projection by Christian Michaels, outdoor video projection by Greg Lloyd. MC: Astra Kelly. Proceeds benefit Green Scene Gallery. Complimentary beverage with paid admission before 8pm. 619-846-7180. Saturday, January 16, 7pm; \$5. 21 and up. Zagrodnik & Thomas Architects, 3956 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Tales of Wit, Wisdom, Faith Acclaimed poet/former Grossmont College creative writing professor Kamla K. Kapur discusses, signs her new book, *Rumi's Tales from the Silk Road: A Pilgrimage to Paradise*. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, January 20, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Myth of Biblical Family Values Author Linda Patterson discusses her new book, *Hate Thy Neighbor: How the Bible Is Misused to Condemn Homosexuality*, explaining, “There is no basis in the Bible for antihomosexual sentiment.” Expect “lively discussion.” 619-232-4855. Wednesday, January 20, 7pm; free. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Thriller! Author John Lescroart signs *Treasure Hunt*. 858-268-4747. Friday, January 15, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Unravelling Improv The Unravelling long-form improv troupe brings “a play or movie...to life before your eyes from an audience suggestion.” 619-647-4958. Saturday, January 16, 8pm; \$5. 14 and up. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Up for an Urban Fantasy? Carrie Vaughn signs her urban fantasy, *Kitty's House of Horror*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, January 16, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

War Crimes? What powers were stripped from Congress and handed to White House while George W. Bush lived there? National political strategist/blogger David Swanson speaks and signs his new book, *Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union*. Swanson has been a voice for prosecution of Bush and Cheney for war crimes. 858-534-2457. Thursday, January 14, 5pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

West Coast Funnies Comedy variety show with Kurt Swann blends sketch, video, and stand-up comedy. Headliner is former Camp Pendleton Marine-turned-comedian James P. Connolly. 760-720-2460. Saturday, January 16, 8pm; \$20. 18 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

LECTURES

“A Health-Care Solution for California” The Single Payer Action Coalition focuses on “basic issues of California's health-care crisis” and the Single-Payer Health-Care Bill (SB-810). 800-202-2610. Thursday, January 14, 6pm; free. Chula Vista Civic Center Library, 365 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

“A Pinch of Religion, a Dash of Politics, and Simmer Forever” Middle East lectures presented by professor, social historian Paul Liptz, whose “expertise is in modern Jewish history, Israeli society, and politics of the Middle East.” Topics include “Democracy: Can It Work in This Complex Region?” (11:30am) and “Wars of Swords and Wars of Words: How to Have a Piece of Peace” (1:30pm). 858-535-1111 x3800. Saturday, January 16, 11:30am; \$35-\$100. Congregation Beth Israel, 9001 Towne Centre Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“America's Wards” UC Davis professor Keith Watenpaugh lectures on “Orphan Survivors of the Armenian Genocide and the Origins of American Humanitarian Exceptionalism (1920-1925).” He'll draw from his forthcoming work, *Bread from Stones: The Middle East*

and the Making of Modern Humanitarianism, to trace emergence of self-defined exceptional American role in assisting peoples of post-WWI Middle East. Presented in UCSD's Eleanor Roosevelt College room 115. 858-822-5297. Thursday, January 14, 4pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Brain States and Consciousness Teri MaHaney — creator of “Change Your Mind SuperSleep” method — focuses on “how brain states affect, support, or block your ability to achieve your heart's desire.” 760-745-9176. Sunday, January 17, 4pm; free. 8 and up. Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association, 2975 Washington Circle. (ESCONDIDO)

“Connecting Native Plants, People, and Politics” Anne Fege, co-founder of San Diego Children and Nature Collaborative, examines “values of learning in nature and ‘playing’ outdoors” for California Native Plant Society meeting in room 101. Bring mystery plants for identification. 619-232-8232. Tuesday, January 19, 6:30pm; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Japan's Approach to Climate Change” Masakazu Toyoda — who served as special adviser on climate change for Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI) — discusses specifics of Japan's approach to climate change, how the recent change in Japan's government administration will affect country's plans. Reception follows. 858-822-6756. Tuesday, January 19, 4:30pm; free. UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“Mistress or Madonna?” Julia Marciari-Alexander, museum's Deputy Director for Curatorial Affairs, focuses on 17th-century women's portraits for guest lecture series. 619-232-7931. Friday, January 15, 10am; \$7-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Oldest American Tops Mount Everest!” Bill Burke recounts his successful May, 2009 trek for LIFE at MiraCosta (in room 1068). Juanita Browne presents “We're Still Dreamers,” telling story of her involvement in Civil Rights Movement (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, January 15, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

“Resistance, Resilience, and Transcendence” Discussion of

“Stories of Indian Women,” in conjunction with current “Sonabai” and “Beloved Daughters” exhibitions. Panelists share stories of Indian women who have struggled with, often transcended, adversarial circumstances. Speakers include Jenni Prisk, Carol McCusker, Stephen Huyler, Dee Aker, Simarjeet Sahota, Uma Laksman. 619-239-0003 x405. Tuesday, January 19, 7pm; \$5-\$10. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Snap Out of It — Now!” Psychotherapist Dr. Adrienne Ahern presents four-step method for removing barriers to attaining goals for San Diego Press Club. Learn to “respond positively and effectively to change, reduce the negative impacts of a stressful life,” more. Reservations: 619-231-4340. Saturday, January 16, 9am; free-\$20. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Social Networking in Genealogical Research” Gena Philibert Ortega speaks for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego (10:15); she is genealogy community director for FamilyLink. Talk follows user groups meeting for Family Tree Maker, Macintosh, and user group on new genealogy websites. 858-674-0749. Saturday, January 16, 9am; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“The 1942 Battle of L.A.” This is just one topic — along with “Institutionalized Myths and Scams” and “San Diego UFO Sightings (Present and Past)” — considered during “New Year's Forum” hosted by MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). 760-753-2456. Sunday, January 17, 6pm; free. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

“The San Diego Housing Ladder: Integrating Opportunities for All” Susan Tinsky speaks for Friends of San Diego Architecture. Tinsky is an attorney specializing in affordable housing law involved in planning, growth of North Park community who teaches housing policy at SDSU. Requested donation: \$5 general, students free. 619-224-8584. Saturday, January 16, 9:30am; NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

“The Thrifty Gardener” Gardener/author Aenne Carver presents inspiration when MiraCosta Horticulture Club gathers at Alta

Vista Gardens in Brengle Terrace Park. Refreshments, plant raffle follow. 760-729-8172. Saturday, January 16, 12:45pm; free. Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive. (VISTA)

What's Powering Our Future? Caltech professor Dave Rutledge presents discussion about long-term fossil fuel supply and production history during “Climate Conversations” forum. Guests will “discuss the implications of the world's energy fix and future alternatives.” Registration: 619-238-1233 x847. Tuesday, January 19, 5:30pm. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Are You Using Water Wisely? Learn how to save water and keep a green lawn during drought, basic irrigation tips, how to become exempt from current watering restrictions. Seminar promises live irrigation demonstrations, hands-on experience programming irrigation controllers for winter and summer use. Registration: 760-632-4236. Tuesday, January 19, 9am; free. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Be Inspired! Gain design advice from professionals on challenges in your home during interior design style workshop. 619-461-3811. Saturday, January 16, 2pm; free. Ethan Allen, 8185 Fletcher Parkway. (LA MESA)

Get to Know Koi Koi lectures for visitors to learn about koi, become acquainted with garden's new koi. Included in regular admission. 619-232-2721. Tuesday, January 19, 10am. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Make Room for Threatened Baby Birds! Nesting on the beach in the summer — don't those western snowy plover and endangered California least tern nests get trampled? Learn about human challenges to plover and tern breeding, how these birds and their chicks are managed, and how to help when Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series continues. 619-575-3613. Saturday, January 16, 11am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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:



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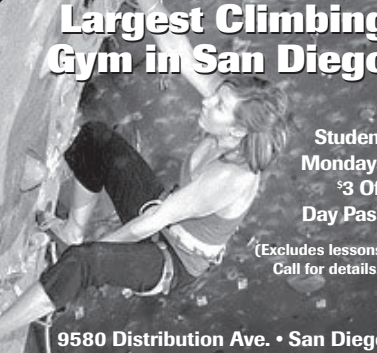


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SPORTS

Bonsall Blast San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for 84-mile ride on the coast. 619-426-8192. Sunday, January 17, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Eco-Friendly Whale Watching Guided kayak tours "get very close to the whales without large boats and crowds of people to startle the whales or spoil the experience." Tours include La Jolla's sea caves. Participants may encounter sea lions, garibaldi, leopard sharks, other wildlife. Sightings not guaranteed. Wetsuits included in fee. Reservations: 858-459-1114. Thursdays, 10:30am and 1:30pm; Fridays, 10:30am and 1:30pm; Saturdays, 10:30am and 1:30pm; Sundays, 10:30am and 1:30pm; Mondays, 10:30am and 1:30pm; Tuesdays, 10:30am and 1:30pm; Wednesdays, 10:30am and 1:30pm; through Monday, February 15, \$65-\$110. La Jolla Kayak, 2199 Avenida de la Playa. (LA JOLLA)

NSSA Open Season National Scholastic Surfing Association hosts competition. Free for spectators. 714-378-0899. Saturday, January 16, 7am; Sunday, January 17, 7am. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

Outlaws in Town! San Diego Sockers host Texas Outlaws for soccer match. 866-799-4625. Saturday, January 16, 6:15pm; \$10-\$19. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

To the Reservoir (and Back) Knickerbikers bicyclists head out to El Capitan Reservoir during 25-mile ride. Bring money for lunch afterward. 858-481-8278. Saturday, January 16, 9am. Santee Trolley Square Town Center, 9884 Mission Gorge Road. (SANTEE)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center "In Bronze and On Canvas: The Art of Mehl Lawson and Jeffrey R. Watts" opens with reception and sculpting demonstration by Lawson on Saturday, January 16, 5-7pm. Exhibition of Western sculptures by Lawson and impressionistic paintings and realistic drawings by Watts closes Saturday, February 27.

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

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum 340 North Escondido Blvd., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Campo Railroad Museum Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel

locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11am, 2:30pm) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123½ Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Centro Cultural Tijuana Center includes Museo de las Californias, cultural and artistic exhibits. "Buda Guanyin: Treasures of Compassion" continues through December. Currently screening in the CECUT Omnimax: *Vamos a la Luna and India, El Reino del Tigre*. 011-52-664-687-9650. Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum "Five Dynasties of Chinese Pottery" features collection of

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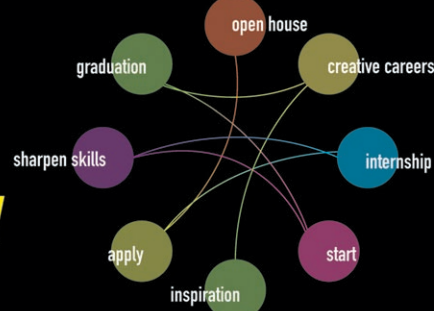
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See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. 404 Third Ave., 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum "The Way We Learned: Education in the South Bay" illustrates history of buildings, campuses, and people attending school through photographs, artifacts, school annuals, student memorabilia.

The museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing-crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otag Watch Company. 360 Third Ave., 619-427-8092. (CHULA VISTA)

Craftsmanship Museum The Joe Martin Foundation hosts this museum and machine shop with displays of projects in metal and wood at the small end of the size-scale, including working miniature gas and steam engines, aircraft models, cars, trains, clocks, miniature tools and guns. Machinist mans the shop (Tuesday-Friday) for machining demonstrations. Museum is also open on first Saturday each month (10am-3pm). 3235 Executive Ridge, 760-727-9492. (VISTA)

Creation Museum A museum contrasting the evolution and creation worldviews. 10946 Woodside Avenue North, 619-448-0900. (SANTEE)

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

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

Heritage Walk Museum The museum includes the restored Vic-

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

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

J.A. Cooley Museum An eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, "some classics and a concept car." 4233 Park Blvd., 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Museum of San Diego History "100 Years of Art," continuing through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

New Children's Museum "Animal Art" explores the powerful relationship between humans and animals. How do you communicate and interact with animals? What do you do each day to help save the environment? If you were an animal, what would you be?

Artist of month is Ernest Silva, who works in media including painting, sculpture, drawing, installation. 200 West Island Ave., 619-233-8792. (DOWNTOWN)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove "Messages from the World: The Story of the Lemon Grove Post Office" follows evolution of

local post office from horse-and-buggy days through modern times. Through June. Also on view: a recreation of the Sonka Brother's General Store, "The Children's Room," "The Parents' Room," "The Sewing Room," offering installations evoking life in the parsonage from 1900-1940. 3185 Olive St., 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center Ongoing exhibitions include "Blockbusters," "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers). "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films shown daily in IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum Ongoing exhibition: "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A section of exhibit celebrates 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a recreation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center Center hosts monthly archaeological-themed lectures, workshops, and family events on

second Saturday of each month. Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collections with public for educational, scientific, cultural use. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Rd., 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Maritime Museum "San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

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

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San Diego Museum of Man "Skull Stories: The Art of Ancient Surgery" marks "the first time the museum will use an entire collection of its own artifacts for an exhibit display." Trephining, or removing a piece of bone from the skull, is oldest surgical procedure known from antiquity; skulls exhibiting different degrees of healing after trephination will be displayed, as well as skulls that have been trephined using different techniques. Trephination tools, instruments such as obsidian blades,

tumis, chisels also displayed.

The "Retablos" exhibit features retablo art of Peru, originating as a popular religious art form during the Romanesque period. Retablos are small portable altars. Exhibition shares information about people who make them: how the events and traditions around them have influenced their lives, specifically featuring Andean artist Nicario Jimenez Quispe. Closes Sunday, January 24.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps Through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum The museum offers informative displays on the North County

coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. 450 Quail Gardens Dr., 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

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

San Marcos Historical Society Museum 270 West San Marcos Blvd., 760-744-9025. (SAN MARCOS)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Rd., 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Valley Center History Museum The museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace

display. 29200 Cole Grade Rd., 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

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

Women's History Museum 2323 Broadway, Suite 107, 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

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Golden Oldie

Last week's search for great soups brought me to Dobson's famed mussel bisque and thence to their website, where I discovered a well-kept secret, their 25th-anniversary special of a three-course prix fixe (weekdays, 3:00–7:00 p.m.) for \$25. Well, everybody's been to Dobson's except me, so two nights later, I was sipping mussel bisque. Great mussel bisque, at that.

The website revealed more secrets. Scanning the menu provided an “aha!” moment, revealing the likely secret to Dobson's longevity: The place strikes me as a San Diego version of New Orleans' legendary Galatoire's (second-oldest there, after Antoine's), still a favorite of that city's movers and shakers, especially at Friday lunch — exactly like Dobson's. Both menus are packed with the luxurious traditional comfort foods of their respective regions at surprisingly reasonable prices, unless you go for the “power-elite” high-end steaks and chops.

After taking a gander at the popular bar (and the handsome silver-haired bartender who greeted us warmly), I hated to leave it behind to drag myself and my kvetching knees up the steep stairway to the dining room. (While there are only a few tables at the bar, and they're hugely popular, you can reserve them for dinner; for groups of more than four, they'll move two together for you. Whatever size group, just call a few days ahead — and totally forget about Fridays for any meal. The bar's booked solid.)

The dining room is cozy, quiet, and carpeted, with bistro chairs of bent wood with a little padding and smallish four-top tables with classic white tablecloths. Even when a party of eight took the table beside ours, their conversation didn't disturb us, either because they were civilized or because the carpeting makes everyone seem to be so.

The house bread is thick and peasant, served in slabs with salted butter. The bisque (which showed up on every table) is a production num-



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ber. The bowl is topped with an airy crust of buttermilk puff pastry. The server ceremoniously breaks a small hole in it and pours a shot of cream sherry into the creamy liquid, which is thickened by nothing more than a slight reduction of the cream itself (that is, no sludgy flour). A few mussel meats float in each bowl. “I haven't eaten here in years,” said posse-regular the Lynnester, “but last time, I remember a lot more mussels.” “I do, too,” said Mark. “But the mussel flavor is still very clear and distinct.” “Maybe they do a special version for the bargain prix-fixe,” I suggested, half in jest, “with fewer mussels.” (They may add a few more mussels from now on, per the owner.)

The rest of the appetizer menu looks like a hit parade of temptations. I'd love to work my way through it from start to finish. Chicken-liver mousse proved light and buttery but a tad grainy and home-

spun, arriving with grilled slabs of peasant bread, cornichons (small, tart French pickles typically served with charcuterie in their homeland), and capers — very down-home if you're French.

Fried oyster salad is a mega-hit, the year's first candidate for next year's “best of.” The small oysters (only four, but who's counting?) are puffy in an ethereal batter, cozying up to smoky bacon, avocado slices, and tender lettuce leaves dressed in a creamy cucumber dressing. It's one of those simple dishes that works precisely. (On this dish, too, Dobson may add another couple of oysters in the future, per our exchanged emails.)

If those oysters weren't enough to evoke New Orleans, the crab hash will. A large, near-flat patty, crusted over with bread crumbs, looks like a mutant crab cake, but inside it's gooey and creamy, spiked by diced red peppers and the sweetness of

DINING REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Dobson's

★★★½ (Very Good to Excellent)

956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771, dobsonsrestaurant.com.

HOURS: Lunch weekdays, 11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.; dinner, Monday–Wednesday 3:00–10:00 p.m.; Thursday–Saturday until 11:00 p.m., later after theater.

PRICES: Dinner starters and salads, \$9–\$14; pasta entrées, \$16–\$18; protein entrées, \$21–\$39; desserts, \$6–\$10. Three-course early-bird prix fixe, \$25. Lunch sandwiches, \$11–\$13, other lunch prices similar to dinner.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: California-continental comfort food, a bit retro but not stodgy. Mainly affordable wine list (with some higher “treats”). Full bar.

PICK HITS: Mussel bisque; fried oyster salad; chicken-liver pâté; crab hash; scallop entrée. Good bets: sautéed sea bass, mustard-crust lamb rack; linguine with clams.

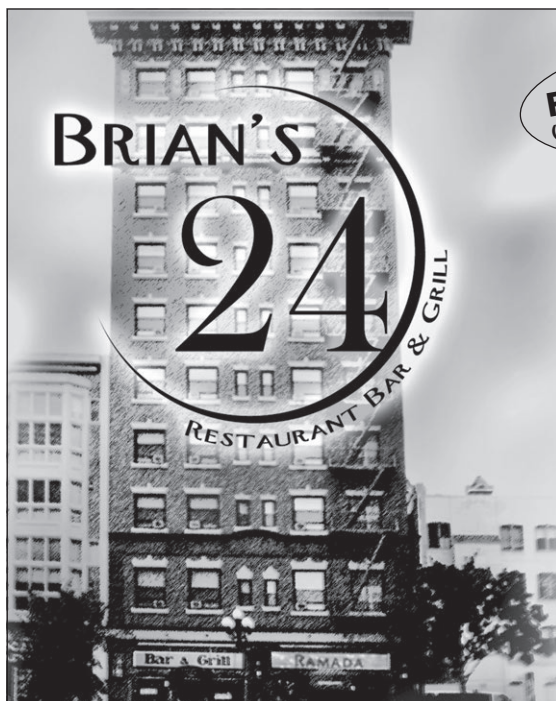
NEED TO KNOW: Steep staircase to dining room. First-floor bar tables accessible and reservable for lunch or dinner but impossible for Friday lunch or dinner. (For Friday power-lunches, bar tables require one-month reservation.) Local “power-crowd” on Fridays, business-casual regular people at dinner (pre- and post-theater crowds may be dressy). Garage next door (\$10); inexpensive garage at Horton Plaza across the street.

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corn kernels. It comes with a ramekin of sharp, pink remoulade sauce to play with. Man, this really took me back to “the Quarter,” even if I can't remember where I might've eaten this specific dish — it's the mind-set! (Have to admit, I liked this better than did my tablemates, who — omigod! — never even heard of Galatoire's.)

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practice, Paul Dobson assured me, is common here among the pretheater crowd. At a neighboring table, diners were enjoying their beautiful cheese plate. Appetizer grilled lamb chops with white bean arugula salad offers a meaty hit before performances. For those who skip the bisque, steamed black mussels in curry sauce are bound to be good, too, what with the rapid mussel turnover keeping the bivalves fresh. Oysters on the half-shell go for just \$22 per dozen (or a pricier \$14 for six). There's also a carpaccio of house-cured smoked salmon with a potato salad and a wild-mushroom ragout with Spanish blue cheese on crostini with balsamic, plus the usual chic salads of roasted beets, mixed greens, and Caesar.

After our appetizers, we regretted having to move on to entrées because we'd already eaten enough and enjoyed enough pleasure for an entire dinner. My plan was to order two meals from the budget menu and two from the more affordable realms of the à la carte menu. The prix-fixe menu offered three choices: smoked chicken pasta in cream sauce, wild salmon piccata, and a small rib-eye steak.

The à la carte entrées run from inexpensive pastas to slightly expensive seafoods to the high end (where we didn't venture) of meaty fare: two steaks, a pork chop, a tempting mustard-coated rack of lamb, and at the top of the price list, a veal chop for \$39. (I've given up ordering veal chops without seeing their résumés. Don't want abused little cow-babies held in bondage and fed on gruel. Aside from the bad karma, they taste bland.)

An acquaintance of Lynne's who joined us that evening dislikes all seafoods, so we chose the pasta and steak from the prix-fixe, while from the regular menu we ordered sea scallops (a must-have for me, as a vital test for the kitchen) and roast "Bistro Chicken." (With a different companion, this last would have been replaced by the sea bass with corn, pancetta, and saffron aioli.)

Unexpected bad news: The protein in our "smoked chicken pasta" consisted of half-inch cubes of sawdust-dry salmon, sea bass, and scallops, and mushy shrimp, dotted with a few mushrooms and clumps of dark greenery, and the sauce was a heavy red tomato sauce, not a cream sauce. (Think Olive Garden or bottled supermarket spaghetti sauces.) "Uh, this doesn't seem to be smoked chicken pasta," Lynne told our waitress. Whoops! The kitchen had sent out that evening's special of seafood pasta, the waitress apologetically explained. (Seems they didn't make the chicken version that night, as she didn't offer to replace it.) "Tastes like leftovers," said Mark after she left. "Yeah, like the 'final solution' to all my seafoody doggy bags," I said, "except that I do a much lighter tomato sauce for seafood pastas and barely warm the seafood to keep it tender." It was one of the "specials" that Anthony Bourdain warns against ordering — the Wednesday-night "Let's use up all of Monday's seafood, a fresh shipment's coming in tomorrow" ploy.*

Well, it did reveal something about Dobson's: If you're accustomed to real Italian food (not checkered-tablecloth Italian), steer clear of pastas with tomato

sauce, stay with the cream sauces. But at the end of the evening, without our bitching about the substitution, the house comped us to one of our \$25 meals. Very nice, a class act. You can see why restaurateur "Pablo" Dobson is a well-respected man about town.

I ordered the six-ounce boneless rib eye very rare. It was a thin half-inch slab of meat, difficult to cook rare and hence merely pink (not red) in the center. But its sauce, involving melted blue cheese and mushroom gravy, was delicious, and the mashed potatoes underneath were the good old-fashioned kind made with butter and milk. A couple of baby carrots and asparagus spears provided the cameo appearances of the vegetable world.

The sautéed sea scallops from the regular menu were cooked precisely right, to that magic second when they border between opalescent and opaque. I couldn't discern pedigrees and life stories by the flavor, but at the least, they are good dry-pack scallops, no icky potassium-preservative bath in their past. They came with caramelized onions, spinach, oven-dried tomato, and "herb verde sauce." The seafood lovers in our group concurred that the tart green sauce is too harsh for delicate scallops. Not awful, but not optimum. (Hey, Pablo, consider pesto!)

Bistro Chicken is half a roast chicken with black figs, thyme, and a Marsala glaze (with more mashed potatoes and casual veggies). The garnishes are charming, but the chicken is cooked well done — that is, dry...even the dark meat. Well, that's how most Americans think they like it, especially af-

ter being terrorized by the USDA with its exaggerated specifications for "done." It is not, by any means, *French* bistro chicken, which is typically cooked about ten degrees less. (I haven't heard anything about 50 million Frenchmen dropping dead over their chicken.) I did appreciate the fact that the dark portion included my favorite morsel, the "pope's nose" (aka the fatty little tail-piece).

The wine list was easy to negotiate to find affordable quaffs. They were out of the Paso Robles Chard I wanted, but the waitress suggested Dobson's house Chardonnay blend (just \$28), and it was crisp, clean, undistinguished, but totally pleasant. Then they were out of the Côte de Rhône I ordered, so I gambled on an organic blend from Yorkville Cellars in Mendocino called "Hi-Rollr" (\$30), a blend of Malbec, Petit Syrah, and Cabernet. It was delish, with resinous undertones backing a smooth, food-friendly quaff.

Our two prix-fixes included desserts. Given the fine puff pastry atop the bisque, I hoped for a tarte tatin choice. Instead, we passed up the "famous" crème brûlée (I think crème brûlée's time has come and gone) to try what they call "Bananas Foster" and a cappuccino brownie. Well, don't even begin to dream about NOLA-style Bananas Foster. This one's a banana strudel, with layers of thick, leaden pastry sandwiching weighty banana filling — with, yes, a slick of caramel sauce and a mound of vanilla ice cream, sole connections to its NOLA namesake. (It's really an unforgivable misnomer.) The brownie was pleasant, with nuts alongside and more vanilla ice cream on

top. Lynne tried the house's signature fancy coffee dessert called "huevo," a variation of cappuccino with vanilla liqueur. It was okay. I got through the dessert ordeal with an espresso, but not a great one — simple, flat, rather bitter, no *crema* on top, but drinkable.

So, after ten years, I've finally eaten at Dobson's. I guess I must be a San Diegan now. It turned out to be not at all intimidating, and less expensive than I anticipated — and very good, too, except that if I return, I'll probably work my way through the rest of the appetizers and not bother with entrées (except maybe the sea bass, or the lamb rack if I'm meat-hungry). It's easy to see how Dobson's made it to 25 years while all around it, more venturesome restaurants are biting the dust. This is food that San Diegans really like. And, mostly, I like it, too.

**Casual Leftover Seafood Pasta in Garlicky Tomato Sauce:* Somebody's bound to ask how, so let's cut to the chase. This is an informal recipe, depending on what's on hand. It's sized to feed two and takes under a half an hour. If the non-virgin olive oil in your pantry doesn't taste like anything, use extra-virgin.

Start pasta water heating. Chop about a tablespoon of garlic (not too fine) and a shallot or scallion, and sauté in a medium skillet over low heat in a flavorful olive oil until translucent. (Mashing in an anchovy or three with a fork will add subtle seafood undertones and salt.) Stir in a 14-ounce can of tomatoes (favorite: Muir Glen fire-roasted tomatoes; otherwise, S&W Italian tomatoes, whole or chopped, but not finely diced). If tomatoes are whole, squish them into the

skillet with your hands; if chopped, just dump 'em in. Stir in about 1/2 tablespoon finely-chopped fresh Italian parsley and a waft of fresh or dried basil with a splash of dry white wine (maybe 1/4 cup) if you have an open bottle.

Increase heat to medium and cook, stirring frequently, until tomatoes have reduced to a light sauce, about 20 minutes. (It shouldn't be as thick as canned tomato sauce, but still coarse, with visible tomato pieces.) Taste about halfway through and add a pinch of sugar if tomatoes taste too acidic. (Meanwhile, cook pasta.) When pasta is done, lower heat on sauce, add leftover seafoods, and cook gently just to warm them. Just before serving, correct seasonings to taste with fresh-ground black pepper and, if needed, salt, and stir in about a tablespoon of minced fresh basil, if you have it, and toss with drained pasta immediately. (To make this with raw medium shrimps and/or crabs or coarsely chopped fish, stir in the seafood when the sauce is nearly thickened, let it cook in the sauce, stirring and checking done-ness frequently. For whole clams, add a pinch of oregano to sauce at the start. Add clams when sauce is thickened and keep cooking until clams open; grind in some extra black pepper.)

Errata: In the "Year's Best," there were two errors, mea culpa. The Argentine restaurant cited for second-best happy hour is Puerto La Boca (India Street at Hawthorn) rather than Puerto Alegre, although those tapas certainly made my *boca* very *alegre*. And Chilango's, too briefly back from the dead, is dead again. ■



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At one table, you can see four generations all eating together. I'm kinda jealous.

I've got to thank the MTS for this find. They canceled the 962 night-bus service on weekends from the Eighth Street trolley to Spring Valley and back. Who knew? And I've just missed the last 962 heading for the coast, the 7:27. That's gonna mean about a three-mile walk westward. Had been thinking of hitting Lourdes, that great old-fashioned Filipino restaurant and karaoke bar on National City Boulevard. Probably be too late now.

So, I'm yomping downhill on an empty stomach and on feet that really want to be getting in the way of some football match on TV when I notice a shadowy group of people clustered outside a fluorescent strip-lit eatery.

I climb up across the little parking-area gardens to go see what the fuss is about. "Tita's Kitchenette, Family Restaurant," the sign says. Inside, the place is packed, rockin.' I recognize the clippety-clop rhythms of the Tagalog language. Most people here are Filipino. Count nine tables and four booths, all bulging with folks sharing polystyrene boxes of rice and stews and blackened sticks of BBQ kabobs. Plus, there's a line at the steaming-hotplate counter.

At one table, you can see four generations all eating together. A dark stew and rice. Renaida is the grandmother — Renaida Banzon. Then there's Mary Ann, and her daughter Mary Grace and her kid Branden, who's 11. I dunno. Feels unusual. I'm kinda jealous. "What's that you're eating?" I ask.

"It's *dinuguan*," says Mary Ann. "Pig's blood stew."

"Tastes like chocolate," says Branden.

"This is the one we all love," says Renaida.

"I've eaten Filipino food all my life," says Daniel. He's a Caucasian guy standing with his buddy in line in front of me. "I grew up here, National City, Paradise Hills. I like this food, the sharing of the food, the family feel, how you call anyone older 'auntie' or 'uncle.'"

Daniel's buddy J.C. is from Manila. "You should come tomorrow," he says. "Sunday, they do *lechón*, roast pig. They get lines around the block."

'Course, meantime, gotta eat tonight. A dozen chafing dishes bubble and steam away along the counter behind glass. Man. Beef steak, *adobo* (pork braised in coconut milk), pork menudo (this ain't your Mexican tripe soup, but something completely different, a stew made of pork and pork liver, and potato, carrots, pepper, with lots of ketchup). Then they have teriyaki chicken, chicken chop suey, the *dinuguan* pork-blood stew. There are no lumpia, the Filipino spring rolls — they're out, apparently — but they do have the other standby, pancit, stir-fried noodles that remind you of Japanese yakisoba. Ooh... And that delicious-looking pork picadillo — ground pork with spuds, veggies, raisins, and, hey, quail eggs. Gotta have some of that.

The menu board above all this is surprisingly simple. A combo plate, with rice and two entrées, costs \$6.50. Mini combo is \$5.49. Pork-and-chicken barbecue on a stick costs \$2.75. And great to see the costs include tax.

If I was a real man, I'd go for the *dinuguan*. But there's no way I'm not going to have the

picadillo. Plus, this customer behind me, Alice, sees me dithering. "Always go for pancit," she says. "Specially if it's your birthday. In the Philippines, you never have a birthday without pancit. With its long noodles, pancit means long life. It's good-luck food."

That's good enough for me. I order the combo with picadillo, the pancit, and rice and toss in a pork-and-chicken barbecue stick.

First thing is those quail eggs and the ground pork. So-o-o delicious. Could eat that all night long. The pancit's great, and I appreciate the luck and all, but kinda wish I'd gone for the pork-blood dish now. I tasted it once awhile back, and Branden's right. It did taste a bit like chocolate.

I'm not making much of a dent in the pancit and rice. That's partly because the \$2.75 BBQ stick is so scrumptious, with a sweet tangy flavor, I almost chew it down in one. "The Philippines is a mixture of influences," says J.C. "Chinese noodles, Spanish stews, and spices from their American colonies, and foods from the Malays. We are a crossroads, so our food's always interesting."

Amen to that. And we're not over yet. Daniel says I should check out the ice creams. They're a dollar a scoop. Lordy. Choices such as purple yam, corn, cheese, green tea, avocado, jackfruit... I go for the purple yam, with samples of green tea and avocado.

At the cash register, I see these long dusty



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things in a plastic box. "Very Filipino," says Susan the waitress. It's called *espasol* and is \$3 for the box of six. I have to try it. It's made from *galapong*, a flour made from glutinous rice, grated young coconut, sugar, anise seeds, and a dusty flour coating.

So, big breath: start my three-mile tramp to the coast. When I finally make it to National City Boulevard, I go see if Lourdes is still open, just for the heck of it. Oh, no. Not only closed, but closed down. Moved to Chula Vista.

I head for the trolley along National City's main drag, National City Boulevard. Deserted! Saturday night! On the other hand, what do you expect, if you've got no MTS... ■

The Place: Tita's Kitchenette, 2720 E. Plaza Boulevard, suite E, National City, 619-472-5801

Type of Food: Filipino

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La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10611-A, Tijuana, 664-634-3346. Mexican haute cuisine with inventive combinations. The menu re-frames the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Inexpensive.

Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuauhtémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Bl., next to CESUN Universidad), Tijuana, 664-686-4687. Unusual dishes from Chef Roberto's native Puebla include *huanzontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach" in chocolate mole sauce, and *Dedos de Moctezuma* ("Montezuma's fingers" — cactus stuffed with steak). Moderate.

La Leña Boulevard Agua Caliente #11191, Tijuana, 664-686-2920. Open-grill *charro* food with a peaceful view. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf 'n' turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Moderate.

Lonchería la Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Best food stall in the marketplace? Maybe. Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. Inexpensive.

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños

Héroes), Tijuana, 664-685-5070. The house special, *mole poblano*, has complex, delicious house-made mole sauce with an enchilada, eggs, rice, beans, tortillas. Also delicious: stuffed pastries, pork rind *gorditas*. Inexpensive.

Banker's Hill

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Also 1430 Union St., Little Italy, 619-294-7001. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by her travels from Paris to Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Uptown location desserts only; downtown offers light grazing meals, too. Moderate.

Hane 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-260-1411. This city branch of legendary Sushi Ota is more comfortable, with bilingual chefs at the counter exercising impeccable craftsmanship, emphasizing pristine rolls and sashimi, not party rolls. The *omakase* sashimi platter offers Ota's most popular and showy creations. Moderate-plus.

Taco Rey Taco Shop 1870 Fourth Ave., Balboa Park, 619-234-6617. Everyone from garbage-truck drivers to doctors patronizes this sidewalk-seating, canopy-shaded *taquería*. Their breakfast *huevos Mexicanos* and sunset California burritos are great al fresco. Inexpensive.

Campo

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Pl., Campo, 619-478-2888. The burgers are made from Black Angus beef, so they cost more. But there are deals, too, like

the huge The Works omelet and the robust lunchtime homemade soup of the day. Inexpensive.

Cardiff

Besta-Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Dr., Cardiff, 760-753-6707. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you want to fill up. Inexpensive.

Trattoria Positano 2171 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-632-0111. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Upper-moderate.

Carlsbad

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza here. They make the pies with thin, crisp crusts and toppings like meatball or garlic. Maybe their best is the Bronx Special: pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper, and garlic. Inexpensive.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad 640 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-4072. Above-average pub grub, especially the moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, salads, and house-baked brown bread. Noisy interior, serene patio out back. Inexpensive.

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the

sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish. Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

Jimmy's 1198 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Also 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-448-8994. Family-friendly restaurants offer a six-page plastic menu of good old-fashioned American food — huge breakfasts, big dinners like steak with all the trimmings, homemade desserts. Inexpensive.

Restaurant el Patio 410 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-9745. Old-fashioned Cal-Mex with nothing new except the Flying Saucer (fried tortilla stacked with beef, tomatoes, and a mound of salad). Otherwise, go for the *chile rellenos*, enchiladas, taco combo, and open-faced chiliburgers. Inexpensive to moderate.

City Heights

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-284-4215. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the filling Vietnamese beef-noodle soup meal. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodles with seafood and assorted vegetables. Inexpensive.

Trieu Chau 4653 University Ave., City Heights, 619-280-4204. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai cof-jay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Inexpensive.

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-584-2535.

Flower-strewn patio, plush interior, with sandwiches named after navy bases, rich entrées like eggplant Parmesan, chicken with mushrooms, served until midnight weekends. Inexpensive.

Clairemont

Buga Korean BBQ Restaurant 5580 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-560-1010. Aside from the BBQ meats and generous free side dishes, treats include simmered black cod in spicy sauce, miso soup with pork, stone pot *bibimbap* (rice casserole), *mandoo* dumplings. Moderate.

Coronado

Chez Loma French Bistro 1132 Loma Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0661. In a charming, historic cottage, this bistro offers classic French bourgeois cuisine, plus some lighter, modern dishes. Don't miss Normandy-style onion soup with apple cider. Prix fixe dinners moderate, à la carte expensive.

Clayton's Coffee Shop 979 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5425. The food is all American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, sandwiches both hot and cold. Dinner specials include pork chops and homemade meat loaf with gravy. Inexpensive.

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. Fun "aloha" atmosphere with a bay view. Herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are tasty, and

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50% off Asian-Pacific entrée

Buy one regular entrée, get the second of equal or lesser value at 50% off. With purchase of two drinks. Excludes lunch specials, salads, wraps and sushi. Some restrictions.

Ono's Cafe
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619-470-ONOS

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Two Sunday champagne brunches \$20⁹⁵

Includes champagne, mimosas, coffee or orange juice. Some restrictions.

Murrieta's Fine Mexican Food
Bonita: 5170 Bonita Rd.
619-479-8024

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South



50% off Chinese entrée

Buy one entrée at regular price, get a second of equal or lesser value at 50% off. Not valid on party trays, lunch menu, dinner combinations or family dinner. Some restrictions.

Panda Chef
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#104 • 619-421-7777

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Café La Maze Steakhouse
National City: 1441 Highland Ave.
619-474-3222

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The Brewhouse at Eastlake
Chula Vista: 871 Showroom Place
619-656-BREW (2739)

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South



Free Mexican entrée

When you purchase one of equal or greater value. Monday thru Wednesday only. One coupon per table. Some restrictions.

Jalisco Café
Bonita: 4026 Bonita Rd.
619-267-7855

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South

the tender roast beef is USDA Prime. Moderate.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280. Try Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread loaf or corned beef and cabbage with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Raucous inside, but escape on big heated patio. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Mistral 4000 Coronado Bay Rd., Coronado, 619-424-4000. The light, healthful, Mediterranean-style cuisine (northern Italy and southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits grown organically on the resort grounds. Romantic ambience with bay view. Expensive.

Peohe's 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4474. Fabulous seaside venue, silly with Hawaiian decor, featuring steaks and seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. Expensive.

Del Mar

Americana 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Casual breakfast/lunch, serious dinners, with flavors of the American melting pot and summer veggies from the chef's home garden. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Del Mar Rendezvous Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-2669. Longtime restaurateur Mark Sun came out of retirement to try out a new concept of contemporary Asian tapas and Chinese entrées made over with prime ingredients — clean, creative, and greaseless, with a wide choice of wines. Moderate to expensive.

Iris Food and Spirits 2334 Carmel Valley Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-5878. At this comfortable but upscale “neighborhood restaurant” with patio overlooking Del Mar Lagoon’s marshy beauty, chef-owner Tommy Golden (ex-Parkhouse and Beach Grass) turns out eclectic, homey-tasting Euro-Cal dishes, climaxing in stellar desserts; a well-priced wine list accompanies them. Expensive.

Kitchen 1540 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. Gorgeous seaside resort (renovated in 2008) offers a modern dining room and heated patios to enjoy fine, creative cooking, combining “slow food” craftsmanship and the latest technical tricks to display the bright seasonal flavors of local veggies, sustainable seafood, and natural meats. Expensive.

Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Chef-owner Carl Schroeder is all about seasonal, local, organic — and inspired culinary imagination. Menu changes but is always exciting. The vibe is “nice neighborhood restaurant” — diners have a good time here. Expensive.

Pacifica del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. Fresh fish and organic produce enliven fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. Extremely noisy bar area. Expensive to very expensive.

Downtown

Alambres Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-2838. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Inexpensive.

Athens Market 109 F St., Downtown, 619-234-1955. Owner Mary Pappas serves huge portions of honest Greek home cooking (lentil soup, *spanakopita*, meaty gyros), in a classy white-tablecloth atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bice 425 Island St., Downtown, 619-239-2423. It may be a chic offshoot of a worldwide Milanese chain, but the kitchen follows Italy’s traditions of artisanal ingredients — “slow food” from the country that invented it, with regional cheeses, handcrafted salumi, house-made breads and pastas, local produce, exquisite not-too-sweet desserts — plus hospitable service and affordable prices. Moderate.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen 333 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-342-0212. Huge, raucous Australian gastro-pub with splashy, fun decor, offering Aussie brews and amusing appetizers. Culinary style resembles California-fusion, but spicier, with exotic homeland ingredients. Moderate, some entrées expensive.

Coffee and Art Photographic Art Gallery 777 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-8458. Come for the curry pies. This South African-run East Village neighborhood coffee place has healthy breakfasts and light lunches inside a cool art/photo gallery. But it’s the ultra-flaky Brit-made “savory pot pies” that star, especially the beef or veggie curry pies. Inexpensive.

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-1001. Good, fresh Persian cooking, popular with local Persians. Tasty dishes include Khoreh Bademjan (baby eggplant and beef stew), Barg (marinated beef tenderloin with rice), and the vegetarian plate. Kebabs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Inexpensive.

De’Medici Cucina Italiana 815 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7228. Sinatra atmosphere, cool street patio. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything

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Kensington: 3492 Adams Ave.
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Calendar

RESTAURANTS

with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive.

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-7581. Faux-fusion fare. The lighter dishes are best — not a bad place to graze on appetizers or a mini-pizza when you're starved for a water view. Entrées high-moderate to very expensive.

Gaslamp Pizza 505 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-7542. This joint comes alive around 2am, serving good thin-crust pizzas (vegetarian, BBQ chicken, and chicken pesto are best-o) plus wings, "halapeno peppers" and big salads to revelers seeking post-revel bal-last. Inexpensive.

Georges on Fifth 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster martini," oysters, tuna tartare). Expensive to extreme.

Harbor House 831 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to watch the sailboats over a margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Moderate to expensive.

Hot Dogs @ 428 428 G St., Downtown, 619-544-0428. Late-night dog house for after you've drunk your fill on Fifth. Good fast dogs, always Hebrew National. Regional dogs include New York, Deep South, Texas, even the Sushi with wasabi. Also: good-value lunches. Inexpensive.

Indigo Café 1435 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-6478. Favorite of San

Diego Symphony players. Specialty: New Orleans dishes like jambalaya or gumbo. Really good: oyster or shrimp po boy sandwich. Inexpensive to moderate.

JJ's Sunset Deli by the Bay 200 Marina Park Way (behind the Convention Center), Downtown, 619-237-1070. JJ's delivers one heckuva harbor view plus an ambitious menu running from rib-eye steak sandwiches to a pork chop plate and sometimes a half-rack of BBQ baby back ribs. Inexpensive.

Mediterranean Café and Lounge 1352 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-2233. They serve a panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food until 3 or 4 am. Best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Inexpensive to moderate.

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza offers an elegant homeyness and sense of comfort. The Cal cuisine is good, including excellent grilled calamari. Moderate to expensive.

Pauly's Pizza Station 1050 Park Bl., Downtown, 619-231-0300. Pauly hides inside a convenience store at the City College trolley stop, making flavorful, East Coast thin-crust pies with some creative toppings — plus breakfast pizzas and calzones for when Friday night turns into Saturday morning. Open late to very late. Inexpensive.

Pierre's Place 1404 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-727-4700. Toussaint School's student-run restaurant offers pizzas and interesting dishes like Florentine breakfast *panini*, Tuscan chicken *panini*, and the Italian Special (toasted Italian roll with salami, ham *capicola*, provolone). Inexpensive.

Quarter Kitchen 600 F St., Downtown, 619-814-2000. Local-born Belgian chef Nathan Coulon mingles American bistro cuisine (splendid short

ribs) with Gallic classics (*moules frites*). Some extravaganzas (caviar tacos, Kobe) remain from ultra-chic opening era, along with weekend club-crowds, but weeknight scene's more down-to-earth with bargain prix-fixes and wine deals. Moderate to exorbitant.

Rama 327 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-8424. Ravishing upscale decor and chefs from top Bangkok restaurants offer a special experience. The menu includes some rare authentic dishes like chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork. Moderate.

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J St., Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes and veggie side dishes tend to be tastier. High-moderate.

Rei Do Gado Churrascaria 939 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8464. Skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue of many meats). The buffet (included in meal price) includes side dishes, salads, fruit, and hot entrées like seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but comfortable flavors. Moderate.

Sidebar Deli 225 Cedar St., Downtown, 619-525-1444. Cal Western students clamor for lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Also breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches, French dip sandwiches, California wraps. Inexpensive.

Soleil @k 660 K St., Downtown, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crabsticks. Moderate to expensive.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-3140. It's DIY grilling here; no minors admitted. You can take the USDA Choice steaks up a notch with spice blends and sauces. Other choices include burgers, chicken, ahi, shrimp, and kebabs. Inexpensive to moderate.

East Village

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway, East Village, 619-232-6264. From a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage-link sub, portions are generous if not exactly gourmet fare. Free neighborhood delivery. Inexpensive.

Dirty Del's 499 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-677-3789. A cozy neighborhood watering hole near the ballpark has half a dozen tables and half a dozen sports screens, and serves big, interesting sandwiches. Inexpensive.

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market St., East Village, 619-677-2695. Big, noisy sports bar/bowling alley with creative pub grub until 2am nightly. Imagine three New York strip steaks, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. Or try a *Panino Cubano* or herb-brined chicken wings. Inexpensive.

El Cajon

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. The salad bar is surrounded by a U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to certified Black Angus prime rib. Moderate.

Encinitas

The Bird House Grill 250 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Savory Turkish cuisine includes generous plates like Iskender Kebab (gyros, a.k.a. döner kebab with rice, tomato sauce, rich house-made yogurt) and *kofte* (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). Inexpensive.

Firefly 251 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. Spacious wine-bar/restaurant features exciting wine choices and wine-bar snacks. The most popular lunch item is the Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts and weekend brunches are strong suits. Moderate to expensive.

Firenze 162 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., Encinitas, 760-944-9000. Gorgeous rooms and outdoor patio, offering heaping platefuls of multiregional Italian cuisine (including two dozen meatless selections) and affordable Italian and California wines. High-moderate.

El Q'ero 564 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. The fare includes empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. Moderate.

Saint Germain's Café 1010 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Not French, despite the name, but all-American. Omelets are the best-known dish — 14 three-egg (or Egg-beaters by request). Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veggie choices). Inexpensive.

Escondido

A Delight of France 126 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-746-2644. This French bakery is a delight indeed, offering authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including true Parisian-style almond croissants studded with nuts and laced with almond paste. Inexpensive.

La Tapatia 340 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare done low-salt and healthy style in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. Moderate.

Vincent's Sirinos 113 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, like a flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables are the season's best and sensitively treated. Expensive.

Golden Hill

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-231-0716. Also 47th and Market, Chollas View, 619-262-6052. Regular Mex dishes served, but the soaring specialty is Seven Seas Soup, a big bowl of savory red broth clunking with giant crab legs, clams, fish chunks, shrimp, octopus, and vegetables. Inexpensive.

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. Every night's an indoor cookout as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks, burgers, chicken



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

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



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.

Thai Time II & III
Midway: 3545 Midway Dr. 619-224-3245
Clairemont: 4310 Genesee Ave. #111 • 858-278-4949

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central | North



\$1 off Indian buffet

Limit one per customer.

Sher Punjab Indian Cuisine
Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd. Ste. 102 • 858-458-2858

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central | North



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

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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.

Taste of Italy
Rancho San Diego: 2512 Jamacha Rd. • 619-660-6300

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



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.

Basil Thai College: 5157 College Ave. 619-582-THAI
La Mesa: 8680 Navajo Rd. #104 619-460-THAI

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central | East



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

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



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.

Khan's Cave
Kearny Mesa: 9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Ste. F 858-279-9799

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



\$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

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central

breasts, or portobello mushrooms. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hillcrest

The Asian Bistro 414 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The adventurous Thai-accented pan-Asian menu is served until 3 am. Don't miss the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar 1417 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Modern Mediterranean tapas are most of the menu, cleverly cooked and assembled into interesting bargain-price early-bird dinners some weeknights. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they can add up.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-0119. Nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the street-side casual level. Mainly Sicilian-style tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella), but satisfying. Moderate to expensive.

Celadon 3671 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The entrées offer sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go to the chef's specialty menu to find the rarest. Among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Moderate.

Chipotle 734 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. Several San Diego locations. This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves to the original vision: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades, including fresh-grilled carne asada and *carnitas*. Rock-bottom prices.

Islander Grill 3645 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-297-3929. Exotic food from Guam includes chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche and brilliant coconut shrimp. Stews are flavorful: The saucy pot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam. Inexpensive.

Khyber Pass 523 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. Fascinating Afghani cuisine. Don't miss the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamarod chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Moderate.

Sushi Itto 441 Washington St., Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Also 409 F St., Downtown, 619-237-1037. This is Mexican sushi. Nearly all party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado; most include hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. Inexpensive.

Yakitori Yakyudori 3739 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4189. Yakitori are Japan's little skewers of grilled or fried goodies, each marinated and/or garnished to flatter its nature — great for grazing. Chicken-skin salad, fried tofu, skewered pork with *shiso*, chicken heart, and octopus fritters are among the standouts. Inexpensive to moderate.

Imperial Beach

Big Kahuna's 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-5224. A mini chain, but with true Hawaiian roots. Go for the baseball-mitt size Big Kahuna Burger or the Killer Kalua pork sandwich — the pork comes straight out of the *imu*, the traditional Hawaiian underground oven. Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

Crab Hut 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1678. A local Vietnamese family runs this friendly, bare-bones eatery, specializing in Louisianoid fried seafood and boiled seasoned shrimp, crabs, and crawfish. Inexpensive to moderate.

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. Argentine specialties feature healthy, grass-fed, grilled beef, including an Americanized version (minus organ meats) of the *gauchos'* great *parrillada mixta* (mixed grill). Good beef empanada, potatoes. Moderate.

Sunrise Super Buffet 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. Apart from all the meats, fish, shellfish, lobster (on Sundays), and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, and dragon rolls, raw oysters in their shells are a big draw. Beverages included in price. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Bleu Bohème 4090 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-255-4167. Classic French bistro, *très chic* but informal and noisy, emphasizes familiar favorites from the old-fashioned, French-in-America, bourgeois-cuisine restaurant repertoire. High-moderate.

La Jolla

A.R. Valentien 11480 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-777-6635. California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of in-season produce and top-



10% off* the world's largest Japanese seafood buffet

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45 kinds of sushi | 20 selections of salad | sashimi | fresh salmon
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Lunch	Dinner
Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am-2:30 pm	Mon.-Fri. 5:30-9 pm
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Party platters and catering now available.

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Free pasta, ravioli or lasagna dinner

With purchase of a pasta, ravioli or lasagna dinner and two drinks. Some restrictions. Valid Sun.-Thurs. Dine-in only.

Mona Lisa Italian Foods
Del Cerro: 5156 Waring Rd.
619-286-2242

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



Free Mexican combo plate

With purchase of a combo plate of equal or greater value and two drinks. Some restrictions. Valid Mon.-Thurs. only.

Emiliano's Mexican
Del Cerro: 6690 Mission Gorge Rd.
Ste. E • 619-284-2460

Expires 2-4-10 • 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 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



\$5 off Mexican cuisine

Any check over \$25. Some restrictions.

Casa Machado
College Area: 6390 El Cajon Blvd.
619-287-6858
Montgomery Field:
3750 John J. Montgomery Dr.
858-292-4716

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Central



Free Japanese entrée

With purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value. One per party/table. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

Fun Sushi
Santee: 8790 Cuyamaca St., Ste. K
619-562-5151

Expires 2-4-10 • 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.

Little Roma Cucina Italiana
La Mesa: 5575 Baltimore Dr.
619-461-7000

Expires 2-4-10 • 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. Max \$7 value.

ChickeNest
La Mesa: 7200 Parkway Dr.
619-589-0088

Expires 2-4-10 • 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 2-4-10 • 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 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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.

Round Table Pizza
La Mesa: 8032 La Mesa Blvd.
619-462-8800

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



Free frozen yogurt

Purchase 8 oz. or more frozen yogurt and receive 8 oz. free. Not valid with any other offer. Some restrictions.

16 premium flavors. Over 60 toppings.

Crave Yogurt
San Carlos: 8680 Navajo Rd.
619-337-7888

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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

Expires 2-4-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East

Calendar

RESTAURANTS

quality meats and seafood; scenic setting. Very expensive.

The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery 7596 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-1640. It's soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half of turkey sandwich (with real house-roasted turkey) and Italian wedding soup will feed you all day for near-nothing. Inexpensive.

George's at the Cove — California Modern 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The California Modern dining room continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious California cuisine based on seasonal ingredients and emphasizing wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. Very expensive.

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-7381. Down-home eatery with a pretty patio, where the ham, steak, and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as are Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries, pecan pancakes, and thin, crisp waffles. For lunch, turkey burgers and the British Burger are popular. Inexpensive.

Jai 2910 La Jolla Village Drive/UCSD Campus, La Jolla, 858-638-7778. Chic Wolfgang Puck spinoff serves refined Asian fusion in beautiful woodsy setting, and you don't need tickets to L.J. Playhouse to enjoy it — it's all pure, playful pleasure. Expensive.

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Reserve for the garden patio to avoid indoor din. Exquisite, creative Italian dishes include fine sweetbreads, ravioli *al limone*, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart. Moderate to expensive.

The Steakhouse at Azul 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The Brigantine chain's upscale branch offers surf 'n' turf with a sea view. Big, tender steaks, reliably well-treated seafood. Very expensive.

Zenbu 7660 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-4540. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls. Don't miss the live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most week-ends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood. Upper-moderate to expensive.

La Mesa

Antica Trattoria 5654 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-463-9919. Exuberant Italian food in family-friendly atmosphere. NY expats will rejoice at cooking and hospitality to equal Manhattan favorites. Moderate (pastas) to slightly expensive.

Ciao Bella Caffè Bar e Ristorante 5263 Baltimore Dr., La Mesa, 619-337-0238. Not your ordinary neighborhood Italian joint. Exciting dishes include Penne Ciao Bella (salmon, shrimp, and spinach in a light sauce), *cartoccio* (baked spaghetti with seafood) and San Remo pizza (with sunny-side-up eggs). Moderate.

GIO Bistro & Wine Bar 8384 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The vast garden patio is the main draw, however punishing the wiry patio chairs. The hit-or-miss menu of eclectic Cal-Ital-Asian-fusion offers "something for everyone" — but there's no "there" there. High-moderate.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777. This rambling road-house reincarnates the Turf Supper Club's DIY communal grill, adding side dishes and desserts to the marinated

raw steaks, portobellos, etc. Under 21 from 4 to 7 pm only; no reservations. Open late. Moderate.

Lemon Grove

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Ave., Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. True Tennessee-style barbecue of meats and poultry slow-smoked tender over oak, plus mouthwatering Memphis-style soul food entrées and honest Deep-South sides. Inexpensive.

Taste of Polynesia 6937 Federal Bl., Lemon Grove, 619-466-6199. It's Samoan here, not Hawaiian, so be prepared for new stuff, like *muli pipi* (roasted turkey tail), *oka* (raw cubes of yellowtail with coconut milk), and corned beef with taro. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Hwy., Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco pink palace at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky flavor. Inexpensive to moderate.

Indigo Grill 1536 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-6802. Deborah Scott expands her original Native-American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Aficionados line up for Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Inexpensive.

Puerto la Boca 2060 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Uncompromised Argentine cooking here, emphasizing healthy grass-fed grilled beef but also lush seafood, pizzas, and lacto-vegetarian pastas. Starters include luscious beef or corn empanadas and the filling *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Moderate.

Logan Heights

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Ave., Logan Heights, 619-236-0470. The menu depends on what Sister Pee Wee feels like cooking. You might find big pork ribs with soulful sides or fried chicken or catfish fillet with trimmings or chitlins (her specialty). Inexpensive.

Midway District

Country Kabob 3145 Rosecrans St., Midway District, 619-226-2524. Also 3375 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-563-6300. The star of this reasonably priced Greek place is owner-chef Karim Latif. He's Afghan and learned Greek cooking in NYC. He always has specials, sometimes even "pay what you can." Reliable choice: Number 36, the kobeda kebab. Charbroiled. Inexpensive.

Fairouz Café and Gallery 3166 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned restaurant for Lebanese and Greek food. The menu offers lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and exotic vegetarian meals, plus daily lunch and dinner buffets. Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Buca di Beppo 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Downtown. Try *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff in vast family-friendly quantities, but you're having fun. Inexpensive to moderate.

Mission Beach

Red Marlin Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-1234. Blissful bay view, with hotel food enlivened by Chef de Cuisine Danny Bannister. Want Kurobuta pork medium-rare? He knows the secret. And his blue crab cake is all crab, minimal filler. Expensive.

Mission Hills

Lucha Libre Gourmet Taco Shop 1810 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-296-8226. Wonderful shrine to Mexican wrestling, plus really excellent tacos. It's a taco joint, but definitely gourmet. Quesotacos are a must. Book 24 hours ahead and you can be seated in the Champions' Booth, treated like *El Rey*.

Sausage King 811 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. The German couple who run this place make 34 sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. Inexpensive.

Starlite 3175 India St., Mission Hills, 619-358-9766. The California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised

meats, house-made pasta and sausages, local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat iron steak are knockouts; so is a toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Nice back-patio seating. Moderate.

Venissimo Cheese 754 West Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese...fruity, moldy, runny, stinky... Any cheese in the house, same price: around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it. Inexpensive.

National City

Asian Noodle 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-5390. The main dish is Filipino-style chicken soup with egg noodles — a little bland, but filling. *Siopao* (stuffed steamed buns) make a good accompaniment — or try "sweet spaghetti." Inexpensive.

Birrias, Chivos & Cheves 2401 Highland Ave., National City, 619-477-7660. Goat is what you get here, and it's good. Guadalajara style. The taste is rich but not too gamey. Inexpensive.

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-479-6748. The pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Inexpensive.

Normal Heights

Blind Lady Ale House 3416 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-255-2491. The amazing, ever-changing draft ales will bring you here, but the unusual pizzas will help you keep chugging.



50% off Greek entrée

With purchase of one entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Some restrictions.

Taste of Athens
El Cajon: 1784 Main St.
619-447-0886



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



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.

Casa Nueva
Santee: 10757 Woodside Ave.
619-258-5557



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.

Ottavio's Cucina Italiana
El Cajon: 101 Jamacha Rd.
619-444-9522



10% off catering

Not valid with any other offer or discount.

Rally's Burgers
El Cajon: 1216 E. Main St.
877-758-9837



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



50% off Mexican entrée

With purchase of one entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Max discount \$795. Valid Monday-Thursday. One coupon per customer. Some restrictions.

Hacienda Casa Blanca
El Cajon: 700 N. Johnson
619-442-9827



\$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.

Panda Garden Buffet
Santee: 70 Town Center Pkwy.
Ste. C • 619-596-4888



Free smoked BBQ sandwich

With the purchase of a sandwich of equal or greater value and two large beverages. Some restrictions.

Geno's BBQ
El Cajon: 291 West Main St.
619-444-3667



Free frozen yogurt

Buy any yogurt for \$2.50 or more and get a free yogurt valued up to \$2.50. Some restrictions.

YoYo's Frozen Yogurt
El Cajon: 2650 Jamacha Rd.
619-660-7362



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



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

Original salads, too. Basic draw: the civilized craziness of the place.

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Small room, short menu of fine, authentic mainland cooking including specials like complex house-made mole poblano and Oaxacan black mole, Chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef), or Yucatán seafood stew. Inexpensive.

Jayne's Gastropub 4677 30th St., Normal Heights, 619-563-1011. Clamorous interior, but you'll find sophisticated southern-European appetizers like hummus, fried calamari, and Spanish-style shrimp with garlic. Entrées run to comfort food. Grazing dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive.

North Park

Alexander's 3391 30th St., North Park, 619-281-2539. A spin-off of Old Venice, serving neighborhood-style Italian with Greek touches, including interesting specials and imaginative thin-crust pizzas. Loud, bright interior; sweet, dim back patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Crazee Burger 4201 30th St., North Park, 619-282-6044. You'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads, German sausages, bargain wines, and serious beers. Inexpensive to low moderate.

Hawthorn's Restaurant 2895 University Ave., North Park, 619-295-1688. When this Banker's Hill restaurant moved to new digs here, the change proved positive. Mediterranean-influenced menu choices are fewer but better, with seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. Expensive.

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Ave., North Park, 619-793-4758. Cookies, tarts, pies, custards, puddings, and intricate cakes and ice cream fantasies. The style is rich and often fancy with choices ranging from American favorites to ethereal Euro-style elaborations. Inexpensive.

Marie's Café 3016 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-0142. Old-time diner serving generous portions. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach

Livingston's Chicken and Mexican Grill 5026 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-224-8088. "Broasted" chicken — pressure cooked in oil — is tastier and less greasy than standard

fried chicken. Or try garlicky "potato Jo-Jo's," a California burrito, or pork salsa verde plate. Until midnight weekdays; 2am weekends. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli 4765 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. Virtuous, mainly vegan-prepared dishes include garlic eggplant with beet and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, veggie shepherd's pie, "mango madness." Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Ruby's is part of a themed '40s-diner chain. Red-leatherette-and-chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings — try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive.

Old Town

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-294-2074. The traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crabmeat, or the scampi dishes. Moderate.

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In the bottom circle of Dante's *Inferno*, Satan is a gigantic, three-headed monster waist-deep in a lake of ice. His three mouths chew the world's worst traitors: Brutus and Cassius, who killed Caesar, to the right and left; in the center, Judas Iscariot, betrayer of Jesus, “has the greatest pain... With head inside, he plies his legs without.”

Throughout the centuries few questioned Judas's place in Judecca, the infernal zone that took his name.

He betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver: ergo, torment him forever in the worst possible way. But there have always been dissenters. The Coptic Gospel of Judas (Third or Fourth Century CE) says he merely followed Jesus' orders: someone had to lead the Roman soldiers to the garden; otherwise no crucifixion and no salvation (and if Jesus turned Himself in, wouldn't that suggest a Rome-assisted suicide?). In 1874, art critic John Ruskin begged to differ as well. Judas, he wrote, “was only a common money-lover, and like all money-lovers did not understand Jesus.” And in the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Judas isn't just redeemed, he becomes the front-singer for heaven's Vegas-glitzed rock all-stars.

Stephen Adly Guirgis's *Last Days of Judas Iscariot* (2005) puts the red-haired Galilean on trial. In the long, unwieldy script, litigation attempts to determine the ineffable: How can someone catatonic

with guilt forgive himself?

Guirgis sets his courtroom drama in Hope, a bad-smelling section of “downtown” Purgatory (which has become “recently Americanized”). Judge Littlefield, who hung himself during the Civil War,

refuses to try the case until Cunningham, the prosecuting attorney, produces a writ from the Lord. Big-name witnesses testify, and an imaginative setup, after one or two cross-examinations, becomes

predictable.

The process is a deliberate leveling. The subtext: How much worse could Judas be than the rest of us? Sigmund Freud takes it on the nose, so to speak, for his cocaine addiction. Mother Teresa accepted money from fascist swine, just like Judas. Even though she gave it to the poor, that she held such filthy lucre in her hands corrupts her.

The revisionism cuts both ways: Caiaphas the Priest and Pontius Pilate turn out to be far less evil than advertised. Stuck amid massive social upheaval, they did the politic thing: they passed the buck (Pilate “only” crucified 700 Jews, far from the Judean record, so, the play says, he's cool). The playwright pounds his point — anyone without sin can cast the first stone — for almost three hours.

Guirgis tackles the big questions: free will versus destiny, the Problem of Evil, the rectitude of

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Amanda Cooley Davis, Stephen Elton, Rhona Gold in *Expecting Isabel*

The Last Days of Judas Iscariot by Stephen Adly Guirgis

Triad Productions, Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue, downtown

Directed by Stephen Schmitz; Scott Andrew Amiotte, Brian Burke, Brendan Cavalier, James Cota, Lynae DePriest, Samantha Ginn, Carolyn Henderson, Patrick Kelly, Merrick McCarthy, Kevin Morrison, Charles Peters, Anna Rebek, Sacha Smith, Joseph Tyrer, Kris Zarif; scenic design, Kristen Flores; lighting, Jason Bieber; sound, Shaun Rosten
Playing through January 31; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 3:00 p.m. 619-237-4510.

Expecting Isabel, by Lisa Loomer

Moxie Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

Directed by Jennifer Eve Thorn; cast: Jo Anne Glover, Stephen Elton, Robin Christ, Rhona Gold, Mark Petrich, Justin Lang, Sandra Ruiz, Amanda Cooley Davis; scenic design, Mia Bane Jacobs; costumes, Corey Johnston; lighting, Ashley Jenks; sound, Matt Lescault-Wood
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eternal damnation. But even lacing them with contemporary slang and four-letter epithets can't convert what's essentially a lecture into a courtroom drama.

The slang's fun, for a while. “We all knew Jesus had mad skills,” says one. Cunningham, the defense lawyer, has the best line. “This is purgatory,” she tells a mum Caiaphas, “I got all day.”

The play's flaws might be less obvious if Triad

Productions' staging were more effective. The show sports a sharp look: white gauze columns, thanks to Jason Bieber's lighting, become fiery pillars of hell. But most of the actors, however, are obviously “acting” a role. Only rarely — in performances by Merrick McCarthy as Pilate, Brendan Cavalier as Thomas, and Charles Peters as Caiaphas — does something genuine come from within. The rest are

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external and often jumble phony accents and commit the no-no's of Speech 1A. Talking too fast, mumbling, or addressing the floor make a long evening even longer.

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My brother and his wife could have written Lisa Loomer's *Expecting Isabel*. They adopted a child and hopped through every hoop in the process. They might not have written as many scenes — Loomer covers every inch of the territory — but like the play's Miranda and Nick, they confessed to being “rats in a bureaucratic maze” that demanded Job-like patience.

Expecting Isabel presents its serious subject through sketch comedy. No problem for Moxie Theatre, led by Jo Anne Glover's Miranda (she writes condolence greeting cards) and Stephen Elton's Nick. They begin like Jack Sprat and his wife — she's dour, unsentimental; he's worry-free. Around midway, the traits intersect.

The versatile supporting cast includes Robin Christ as an ethe-

real receptionist and as Miranda's hilarious, martini-swilling mother (“I brought groceries,” Miranda says at one point, handing her a bottle of green olives); Rhona Gold's Russian cabdriver's a hoot; and Amanda Cooley Davis plays prim or primitive characters equally well. Mark Petrich, Justin Lang, and Sandra Ruiz also contribute.

My brother and his wife's quest? Their son, Peter Incheon Smith — named for his Korean birthplace — graduated from college last June. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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The San Diego Rep stages Peter Sinn Nachtrieb's farce about a comet headed toward Earth and a marine biologist's plan to repopulate the human race, starting with a “myste-

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and the politics behind Handel's composing (“compiling,” actually) of the *Messiah* in 1741 — allow the company to sport Jeanne Reith's remarkable period costumes and fill in some of the script's blanks with lively theatricality. Co-directors Robert and Deborah Gilmour Smyth do fine turns as Handel and Mrs. Pendarves, a florid arts patron. Colleen Kollar Smith (a touching Susannah Cibber), Teresa Byrne (Kitty: a feisty diva with a rocket soprano voice), and Jim Chovick (a treat as humble King George II) make valuable contributions. Talented Jason Heil does what he can with Bishop Henry Egerton, the play's wordy villain. David Thayer, who used to work lighting wonders at Lamb's old National City space, devised a minimalist set with marbled, neoclassic columns. Special

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"I always say that the reason I go onstage is not to show myself off."

When Marc-André Hamelin walked onstage at the Museum of Contemporary Art's Sherwood Auditorium on December 18, only the high shine of his shoes looked the part of a world-renowned, super-virtuoso pianist. His rumpled black suit and the days-old growth on his face were more suggestive of one who had come to tune the piano rather than play it for an audience of over 400 people. But as indifferent as Hamelin is about suits and shoes and other "ordinary" subjects ("I'm not a sportsman by any sense of the imagination"), there is no question about his devotion to the music. "I always say that the reason I go onstage is not to show myself off," he says. He wants to be seen as "a trusted guide, one who channels this marvelous music to the best of his ability."

Hamelin is a man consumed by music. Along with a full international concert schedule and the composition and publication of his own work, he has recorded over 60 CDs on Hyperion Records alone. Then, too, there's his huge collection of scores. During a recent move, it took 78 packing boxes to fit them all. He has yet to unpack them because he hasn't had the time to put up shelves. Exploring and maintaining this collection, he

says, takes up all the time he might otherwise dedicate to nonmusical hobbies. Even his fiancée, Cathy Fuller, is a producer and host at WGBH/99.5, an all-classical radio station in Boston.

CLASSICAL
ELIZABETH SALAAM

The La Jolla Music Society presented Hamelin as part of the Frieman Family Piano Series.

President and artistic director Christopher Beach chose Sherwood Auditorium for the series in part because the deeply grooved, teak-lined walls give "a richness, a fullness to the tone of the hall." In addition to outstanding acoustics, the 492-seat theater boasts uninterrupted sight lines. Beach, however, decided to take it one step further by adding an overhead screen that captured the projections of Hamelin's hands and fingers on the keyboard. Although one audience member "found it distracting," the majority responded to the screen with delight.

The audience, a distinguished and stately bunch, came dressed in black and gray informal attire, punctuated here and there with winter white or Christmas red; trousers and jackets for the men, dresses or pantsuits for the women. A handful of audience members wore khakis or jeans. Pashmina shawls and embellished sweaters added an extra touch of luxury and sparkle.



Marc-André Hamelin

The award for Best Dressed, however, goes to the stage, adorned only with "the Belanich Steinway" piano, with its high-gloss finish and shiny golden wheels.

The program began with "Andante and Variations in F Minor," written by Franz Joseph Haydn in 1793. Music scholars believe he wrote the piece in response to the death of his last great love, Marianne von Genzinger. Though it was not the most complex or technically difficult piece of the evening, the precision of Hamelin's interpretation made it a favorite for season-ticket holder

Karen Brailean. Each note was, she said, "exactly where you want it to be to feel a warmth and a love for the world."

Hamelin followed Haydn with Mozart's "Piano Sonata in A Minor." This stormy piece stands in contrast to his lighter and happier works. Known as the darkest of Mozart's piano sonatas, it is also the first of only two that he wrote in a minor key. "That alone makes it special," says Hamelin.

Audience member and pianist Daniel Copenhaver said of Hamelin, "He has an eclectic

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command of different styles that is truly astonishing.” And of the Mozart piece specifically, Copenhaver said he “felt as though Mozart were playing.”

Franz Liszt’s “Venezia e Napoli” came third in the program. The three-movement piece (inspired by the composer’s Italian travels) begins with two peaceful movements and ends with a frantic and colorful presto. Liszt once admitted to dramatizing some of his compositions for the purpose of applause. Though Hamelin says, “The overt virtuosity is not something I’m crazy about as far as [Liszt] is concerned,” Hamelin also believes it’s important to remember that Liszt was “one of the most original creators not only in the 19th Century but of any period.”

After intermission, Hamelin played “Nocturne No. 6 in D-flat Major,” by Gabriel Fauré, who wrote the piece after a six-year dry spell. Hamelin chose it for Fauré’s handling of harmony and texture and for the rich, emotional world it presents. “It’s still a mystery to me why pianists don’t play it more,” he says. “Of course, it’s not terribly showy, you know, but there are other reasons to play certain repertoire.”

The physicality of the program’s final piece, Charles-Valentin Alkan’s “Symphonie for Solo Piano,” required tremendous strength and endurance. After the dramatic four-minute finale, the audience stood and applauded long enough for Hamelin to bow, leave the stage, and come back out to bow twice more.

For an encore, Hamelin presented a brief work of his own, “Little Nocturne,” which he composed in 2007 at the request of *Clavier* magazine. The piece will not be included in his collection of compositions, which is due for publication later this year, but he hopes to publish it one day.

Hamelin fans Nick Gianapoulos and Harout Senekeremian, two pianists from Los Angeles, drove to San Diego for the recital. After the show, they stood in line for his

autograph. Senekeremian had a bound copy of Hamelin’s unpublished works. When Hamelin saw it, he flipped through the pages and said the edits he’s since made to the work rendered this copy obsolete. Senekeremian didn’t care, and Gianapoulos said the revisions attest to Hamelin’s “devotion to his composition and his performance.” ■

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“A Salute to Vienna” Vocalist Camila Arnold and Austrian composer/conductor/music scholar Gerhard Track join Hutchins Consort for an evening of Viennese music. Program includes selections by Mozart, Liszt, Haydn, Lehár, Salieri, Kreisler (“Divine Love’s Sorrow”), Werner Eugen Lardy, others. 760-632-0554. Saturday, January 16, 7:30pm; \$15-\$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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that hosted Rage Against the Machine, Nirvana, the Ramones, and Jane’s Addiction. “They arrested the Butthole Surfers because the bass player assaulted someone who was harassing them onstage. They kept them in jail until they paid the fine.”

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next to the 100,000-watt transmitter. “I got shook down [by Mexican police] twice in my first week. They would take all the money you had on you. I learned that you had to ask to be taken to the police station to pay the

After ten years at 91X, Halloran moved to now-defunct alternative stations such as 92/5, KUPR, and 92/1. His ratings success at 92/1 prompted 94/9 management to switch its station to alternative in 2002.



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HALLORAN EXITS STAGE LEFT

fine to avoid losing all your money.” Halloran says Yankee rockers would come across the border to get interviewed on 91X before they played at Iguanas, the Tijuana venue

After seven years at 94/9, Halloran was shown the door last week. The station blames the bad economy for Halloran’s dismissal. It is rumored that Mikey Esparza

(formerly of Rock 105.3’s talk-heavy *Mikey Show*) will arrive as the new 94/9 morning host.

Halloran, who has also worked in the record industry, has not ruled out a return to either radio or records. He says he and his new business partners have made a \$6 million offer to buy a local motel and turn it into the “Rock and Roll Motel.... I also just finished a movie script with one of my buddies from Detroit. It’s a movie about Jesus. I was told by a local entrepreneur he wants to option the script.”

The same day that Halloran left the airwaves (January 4), Clear Channel-owned KGB/101.5 pulled the plug on the *Dave, Shelly, and Chainsaw* show. The highly rated morning ensemble would have celebrated its 20-year anniversary in a few months. Clear Channel management stated that it offered the morning team “a lucrative contract to stay,” but the money offered was not enough to keep the team onboard.

A radio exec outside of Clear Channel explained his take on the DSC termination: “In 2009, KGB grossed \$9 million [in ad revenue]. They were paying DSC \$6 million. When you add in all the other expenses, KGB lost \$2 million last year.”

Meanwhile, Jeff & Jer, another local-radio morning team with two decades on the air, remains unemployed after

getting tossed by Clear Channel-owned Star 94.1 in August. They were also reported to get \$6 million a year. Jeff & Jer were replaced by *A.J.’s Playhouse*, which has performed better in the ratings than Jeff & Jer at a fraction of the cost.

— Ken Leighton

Vintage 1915 Lowell Kiesel, founder of the Carvin Corporation, died in San Diego on December 28. He was 94. Carvin, based in San Diego, is one of the oldest manufacturers of guitars and amplifiers in California.

“His office is still here,” says Richard Cruz, Carvin media relations director; Kiesel remained fairly active in the company until the end. “He would come in anytime he felt like it, twice a week on average. This was his company.”

The son of a Nebraska farmer, Kiesel was born in 1915. He told a biographer that he made his first guitar in a high school shop class at the age of 15. He became proficient enough at Hawaiian, or lap steel guitar, to perform professionally.

“He was broadcast on the radio back in 1935,” says Cruz. “We have those tapes in our archives.”

Following the emergence of electric guitars in the 1940s, Kiesel developed and began winding his own pickups. In 1946, he founded the

L.C. Kiesel Company in a garage in Los Angeles and began production of his first AP-6 guitar pickups using the motor from his wife’s sewing machine to wind the coils.

“I don’t think people were selling pickups that weren’t attached to a guitar back in those days,” says local vintage



CARVIN FOUNDER, THE INVENTIVE LOWELL KIESEL

guitar collector Barney Roach.

Kiesel’s AP-6s are said to have had a historic impact on the country sound of the 1950s and later on the surf rock sound of the 1960s when guitar maker Semie Moseley installed Carvin pickups on his Mosrite guitars, which were made famous by the Ventures.

“He used to make pickups and sell them to Les Paul,” says Roach. “I don’t think many people knew this.”

Roach says he met with Kiesel a number of times, most notably at Carvin’s 60th anniversary party in

2006. “It was a big deal. They had a tent with a museum outside with the sewing machine. Mark [one of Kiesel’s five sons] asked me to escort Lowell down from his office to the party. It was kinda like walking a rock star through the crowd.”

Kiesel moved the company to Nebraska briefly but was back on the West Coast by 1949, this time as Carvin, a name made by combining the names of his sons Carson and Gavin. The company left Covina for Escondido in 1968 and moved to its present location in Rancho Bernardo in 1995. In addition to manufacturing a full line of guitars, bass guitars, amplifiers, and PA gear, Carvin pioneered the concept of factory-direct marketing of guitars and amplifiers.

Of the brand’s widespread influence, this post on a message board at *seymourduncan.com* perhaps says it best: “I think we’ve all had, or have, some Carvin stuff at some point.” Joe Walsh, Steve Vai, Alex Lifeson, Allan Holdsworth, and Willie Nelson are just a few of the stars who have used Carvin gear or who have helped create signature equipment within the Carvin product line.

“He represents,” says Roach, “an era in our country that will never return.”

— Dave Good

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Laughs “I’ve known film director Jeromy Cox for 20 years or so,” says Trophy Wife singer-guitarist Joe MacAskill, “and when he suggested I wear a horse costume for the video [“Move to the Desert”], I pretty much had to say yes.”

According to Cox, whose locally shot independent film *Gothic Cowboy* is nearing completion, “The idea for the video is a group of girls at a school diorama competition, and each band member would be matched with a specific diorama. One girl likes horses and ponies, so her diorama is like a shoebox barn with toy horses, with Joe dressed as a horse, singing and playing guitar.”

As it turns out, doing those things in a horse costume is more difficult than it sounds. “My outfit was from Buffalo Breath Costumes,” says MacAskill, “and it definitely wasn’t designed for musical performance. I had to keep taking the head off to do close-ups playing guitar.” The video’s school auditorium was actually Swedenborg Hall in Hillcrest, with other costume-clad band members shot around town at the

Ruby Room and elsewhere. “All their outfits were handmade and customized.... I would have had an easier time playing if I’d been the mummy or caveman.”

Director Cox says he agreed to shoot the music video in hopes it would help him complete his self-made *Gothic Cowboy* film. “My backwards way of thinking is that I needed some experience with tying up a film project and all the final stages,” he says, “so I decided to tackle a smaller project with a number of limitations and deadlines I could set and accomplish. Now, I can apply what I’ve learned from that experience to tying up the



MACASKILL HORISING AROUND

movie. Hopefully. Man plans and God laughs.”

The Jeromy Cox-directed video for Trophy Wife’s “Move to the Desert” debuts January 23 at Bar Pink.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Soundtrack DJ For UCSD grad Devon Goldberg, it’s like doing his old free-form radio show back at the student-run

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Of course, that means spinning mostly movie scores. This past November, Goldberg celebrated his third yearly all-Ennio Morricone birthday show, dedicated to the spaghetti western soundtrack maestro (81) and name-

sake of his program, *Morricone Youth*. (That’s also the name of Goldberg’s currently inactive New York-based band that does



DEVON GOLDBERG AND CREEDLE RETURN

soundtrack-like and actual soundtrack music, an ensemble that’s included other NYC-residing ex-San Diegans Dreiky Caprice of Crash Worship, aMiniature’s Greg O’Keefe, and the Rugburns’ John Castro. Morricone Youth the band had four original

compositions used in the soundtrack of Juan Carlos Pineiro Escoriaza’s 2008 documentary *Second Skin*, a look at the world’s 50 million interactive online virtual computer game players, half of them self-described addicts.)

But the radio show can also include TV-show soundtracks, video-installation scores, even TV-commercial jingles. And a song created for a movie — say, Dimitri Tiomkin’s 1957 film title track “Wild Is the Wind,” originally sung by Johnny Mathis — is eligible in any subsequent cover version (including famous takes by Nina Simone, David Bowie, Cat Power, et al.). And Goldberg stands by the rules, even when old SD pal Steve Poltz once dropped by the station to perform when he was in town playing a nearby gig. Poltz crooned “The Look of Love,” the Bacharach-David tune sung

by Dusty Springfield in the 1967 James Bond-spoof *Casino Royale*.

While Goldberg admires local Mike Andrews (the Greyboy Allstars guitarist who scored *Donnie Darko* and more), his top three soundtracks are an easy call: “Jerry Goldsmith’s *Escape from the Planet of the Apes* (1971) — almost Stravinsky-esque but funky, amazing; the original *Taking of Pelham One Two Three* (1974), composed by David Shire — his best work; and 1969 French flick *The Sicilian Clan*, scored by Morricone and maybe his most beautiful melody of his 500-some soundtracks, which always seem simple but are full of complex accents and time signatures.”

— David Stampone

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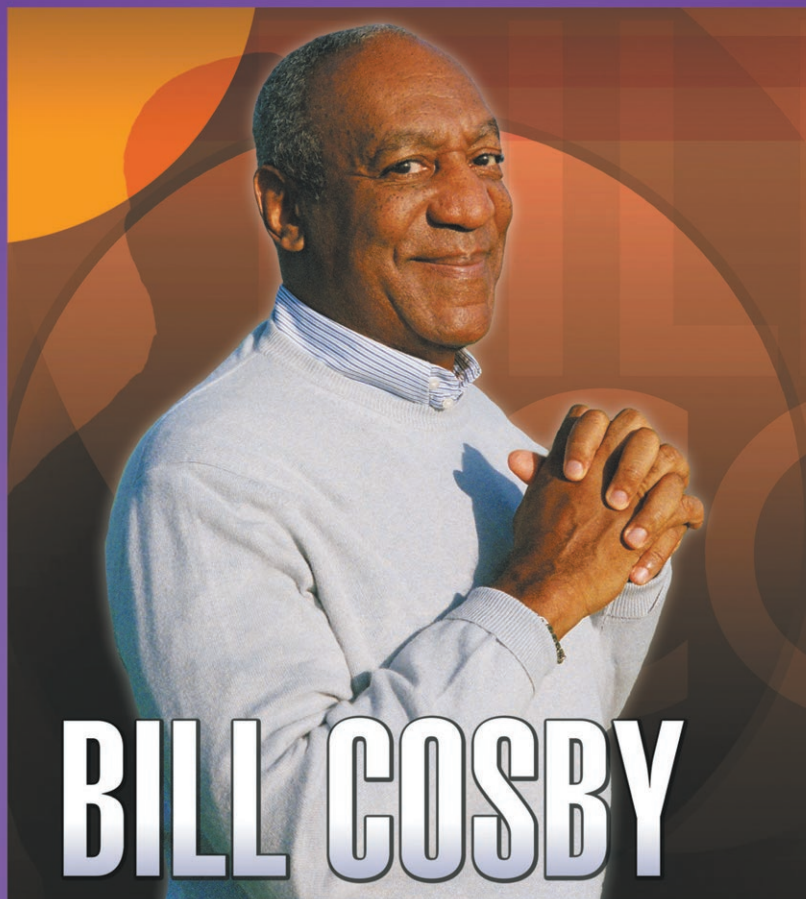
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In Music

Thursday 14

Chicago bluesman **David "Honeyboy" Edwards** takes the stage at AcousticMusic-SanDiego (4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights) tonight. The 94-year-old guitarist, a contemporary and consort of blues luminaries Pinetop Perkins and Robert Johnson, will be presented a Lifetime Achievement Grammy on January 30. For students of the blues, Honeyboy's 1997 autobiography *The World Don't Owe Me Nothin'* will tell you all you need to know about this fringe cat, who's got tracks up on his Space page for the uninitiated. Check his scratch-your-soul take of "Sweet Home Chicago" for a taste.... O.B. rock stop Winstons



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welcomes Ivan Neville's (son of Aaron) freaky fun **Dumpstaphunk**. The N'awlins quintet is out to tout last year's *Listen Hear*.... SoCal acoustic rocker **Jackie Greene** checks in at Belly Up tonight behind his new EP *The Grateful*, which at this typing is available as a free download at jackiegreene.com. The 29-year-old folkie troubadour will split the bill with North Carolina rootsicana band **Truth and Salvage Co.**.... And SanDago country-punk sextet **Behind the Wagon** rolls into Ruby Room with barroom rockers **Nautical Disaster**.

Friday 15

Bar Pink books psych-folk Canuck and Yeah Yeah Yeahs session man **Imaad Wasif** Friday night. Wasif jumped from Kill Rock Stars to Tee Pee Records last year for his heady rocker *The Voidist*. (Imagine Jeff Buckley singing concept rock.) Like-minded locals the **Vision of a Dying World** will set the North Park stage.... Brooklyn dream-pop

duo **Asobi Seksu** will play an acoustic show at the Loft at UCSD. For an idea of what's in store, check the takes from their last platter, *Acoustic at Olympic Studios*, which includes unplugged plays of their choicest cuts.... Staples Singers sister **Mavis Staples** has the early-bird show at Anthology Friday night and then gives it up to fellow Chicagoan **Otis Taylor**. (Learn more on that deep-blues player from this week's Dave Good "Of Note.") Can't make the early show, not to worry, as Mavis'll be back in the house for two shows on Saturday night to share the best of her 60-year R&B career.... Alabama roots crooner **A.A. Bondy** headlines sets at Casbah behind the new numbers on *When the Devil's Loose*. He'll be joined by New York folkie **Willy Mason** and local odd-pop songsmiths **Paddle Boat**.... Else: House of Blues has Chi-town jam band **Umphrey's McGee**....Soma stages local metalheads **Seconds from Disaster** and a CD-release set from **Murder on the Dancefloor**... and Soda Bar sets up local premier pop-rock quintet **Get Back Loretta** with **PAPA** and **Weatherbox**.... Up north, blues and gospel Grammy winner **Keb' Mo'** visits Belly Up...while alt-rockers **Reason 2 Rebel** pimp their new Aboveground Records release *Imaginary Foe* at the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos, with heavy hitters **LeperKhanz**, **I-45**, and the **Mother's Anger**.

Saturday 16

It's that time of year for our erstwhile rockers to return and reconvene for the Casbah's anniversary month (21 this year). This week it'll be that *Half Man Half Pie* band **Creedle** and their trippy take on jazz-infused post-rock. Check Stampone's "Blurt" on front man **Devin E. Levins** (né Goldberg) for the where-are-they-now scoop on the singer-guitarist. These are some eclectic sets as punk-rock supergroup **Rats Eyes** and the proggy **Upsilon Acrux** fill the bill Saturday night. P.S. There're early sets by Portland folk-rock quintet the **Builders and the Butchers** and Golden Hill minimalists **Little White Teeth** kicking it off at 5p, if you want to make a whole night of it.... Miss



CREEDLE AT CASBAH

Wales, and **Kenseth Thibideau** (Sleeping People) will set the stage.... At the other end of the Ted Williams, out at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts, it'll be **Booker T.** and *not* the M.G.s. The roots-rock legend's going to play a soulful solo set for your aural and nostalgic pleasure. Afterward, I'd be remiss if I didn't recommend an elbow bend at Patrick's Irish Pub on Poway Road. Haven't been up there in forever. (Hi, y'all!) Looks like **Tommy Price & the Stiletos** will bring the country-swing to the bar, so dust yer boots.

Sunday 17

Set to get to Sunday night, music fan, is Austin prog-punk maniacs **White Denim** at Casbah. These guys mine the deep cuts off your big brother's '60s and '70s stuff (Zappa, Love, Doors), shifting signatures and gears at a whiplash clip and then dragging the whole show through a mud bog



WHITE DENIM AT CASBAH

of psychedelic blues. Their latest, last year's *Fits*, was succinctly described as "a party record for thinking people." Suggest you find someone like that to take to the show. Easy-listening indie trio and fellow Austinites **Brazos** will split the bill.... Utter mentionables: raspy roots-rock icon **Kris Kristofferson** will grace the stage at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido...Bar Pink stages cirque du rock band **Silent Comedy** with L.A. indie-poppers **Mississippi Man**...and a coupla big bands will play the Ché, as Texas nonet (that means nine peeps, class) **Mount Righteous** and SanDago septet **Red Pony Clock** reeeaaaally fill a bill at the campus club.

Monday 18

Casbah's Anti-Monday team pads up for **Hockey**, as the Portland four-piece brings the electronic rock off of their new do *Mind Chaos* to the bah. Sounds like the Strokes jacked on a steady diet of sugar cereals; i.e., pretty good. That NYC electro-pop band **Asa Ransom** sets the stage. Didn't they just play here?

Tuesday 19

Haven't been to a Tiki Tuesday at Bar Pink in a while. Former Bones Brigade skate rat and notoriously Cheap Lei **Adrian Demain's** got the stage for your slack-key drinkin' pleasure.... Urban Solace or the Linkery for dins?

Wednesday 20

"The king of the surf guitar" **Dick Dale** washes up at Belly Up hump night. Local psych-folkies the **Heavy Guilt** will open that show.... In-town? It's your six-dollar burger or polite punx **Christmas Island**, the **Beaters**, and **Heavy Hawaii** at Casbah. That's good note-per-nickel value right there, indie kids...or catch the late-night jazz jams of the **Gilbert Castellanos Quartet** at Bar Pink...around the bend from them it'll be Latin groovers

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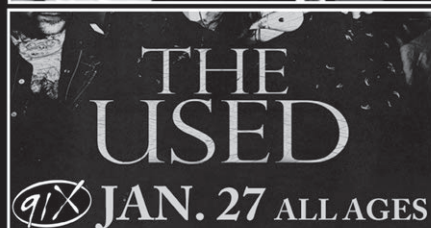
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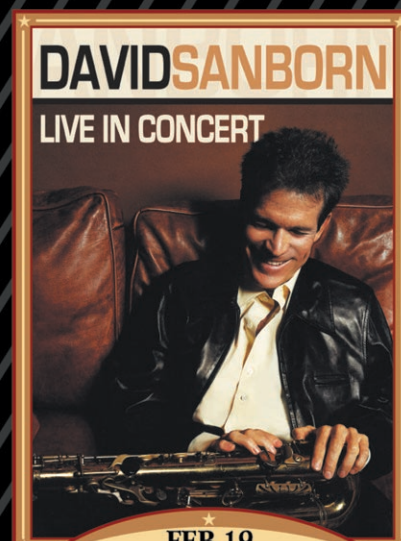
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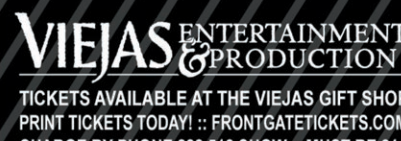
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Silva's own bohemian lifestyle carries over into his work. "I've recorded music everywhere," he says, "in different environments, with an eclectic group of people and in a diverse array of contexts, some less formal than others. I've recorded songs in a garage, a bedroom, a living room, a friend's parents' home while they were away in Italy...the list goes on."

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4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343.
Friday, 8pm — 5 Tempting Men. Temptations Revue with Funk's Most Wanted. R&B/soul/funk. \$10-\$25.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
Thursday, 7:30pm — David "Honeyboy" Edwards. With Chris James and Patrick Rynn. Blues. \$20.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Thursday, 7:30pm — The John Jorgenson Quartet. Jazz. \$21.
Friday, 7:30pm — Mavis Staples. Blues/soul/rock. 9:30pm — The Otis

Taylor Band. Banjo blues/acoustic. \$15.
Saturday, 7:30 & 9:30pm — Mavis Staples. Blues/soul/rock.

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474.
Thursday, 9pm — Nate Donniss. Covers/standards. Free.
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Thursday — Zosia. With Distilled Spirits, and Ellamae. Acoustic/blues/soul/rock. \$5.
Friday — Winter Colour. With Lyon Crowns and War Tapes. Garage rock. \$5.
Saturday — Eclipse 79 (CD release). With the All Wait and Echo Echo. Alternative/rock. \$5.
Wednesday — The Howls. With RNRS, Tin Can Notes, and Longstay. Alternative/garage rock.

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Thursday, 9pm — Jackie Greene. With Truth and Salvage Co. \$14-\$16.
Friday, 9pm — Keb' Mo'. Blues. \$40-\$42. 21 and up.
Saturday, 9pm — Cross Canadian Ragweed. With the Randy Rogers Band. Country/rock. \$15-\$17. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8pm — Dick Dale. With the Heavy Guilt. Rock. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8pm — Cowboy Mouth. With Junior Brown. Country/rock. \$20. 21 and up.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The first time you hear **White Denim's** "I Start to Run," it sounds so great you can't believe it. There's powerful drumming, a driving bass line, cool stabs of guitar playing, and full-bodied shouting. In the torrent of words spilling forth, all that really stands out is the repeated line "I start to run!" And, just when you have White Denim pegged as a heavy garage-rock trio, odd little bits crop up at the edges: a slow, tinkling electric piano part; some cheesy '80s drums; some wah-wah and dub-reggae-style echo on the guitar; some backing vocals cooing "ooohhh" and "aaaahhh." By the end of the track, the

garage-rock song has melted away, and you are left with a cheap drum machine and an amorphous psychedelic haze. By this time, you may have gone from thinking, *This is the greatest thing I've ever heard!* to *What the hell am I listening to?*

But even that oddball ending can't prepare you for the weirdness of the rest of the Austin band's work. On last year's album, *Fits*, the trio goes from "I Start to Run" to a sort of dub instrumental into a Zeppelinesque psychedelic hard-rock number into several songs resembling a '70s singer-songwriter record played at the wrong speed at the bottom of a concrete stairwell. The band's concerts are apparently even more disorienting, with **Josh Block's** drum kit set up center-front while he leads guitarist-singer **James Petralli** and bassist **Steve Terebecki** through breakneck



WHITE DENIM

time-signature changes and extended improvisations. There are even reports of fans documenting every show the way people used to do for the Grateful Dead and Phish.

WHITE DENIM: Casbah, Sunday, January 17, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10 advance/\$12 day of show.

BlueFire Grill: 2100 Costa del Mar Rd., Carlsbad, 800-854-5000.
Thursday — David Patrone. Jazz/lounge.

Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts: 2400 South Stagecoach Dr., Fallbrook, 760-731-2278.
Sunday, 3pm — Quarteto Vivace Brasil. Latin/classical. \$10-\$38.

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Sunday, 7pm — Kris Kristofferson. Guitar rock/country. \$40-\$49.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday — Dave Hillyard & the Rock Steady 7. With See Spot. Rock/ska. \$10.
Friday, 6pm — A.A. Bondy. With the Paddle Boat. Alternative/rock. \$8. 21 and up.
Friday, 9:30pm — Cash'd Out. A Johnny Cash tribute band. With Graceland. Rock/rockabilly. \$15.
Saturday, 9pm — Creedle. With Upsilon Acrux, Rats Eyes. Alternative/rock. \$14.
Saturday, 5pm — The Builders and the Butchers. With the Little White Teeth. Rock. \$8-\$10.
Sunday — White Denim. With

Brazos. Rock. \$10-\$12.
Monday — Hockey. With Asa Ransom and DJ Skullcrusher. \$8.
Tuesday — The Burning of Rome. With Run Run Run and Little Fowl. Rock. \$8.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
Thursday, 6pm — Bozanni Brothers. With DJ Swoll. Rock.
Friday, 6pm — Clay Colton & the Bad Blokes. With DJ Gary B. Acoustic rock.
Saturday, 6pm — Len Rainy & the Midnight Players. With DJ Paul D. Blues.

Sunday, 5pm — Jerome Dawson. Jazz.
Wednesday, 6pm — Northstar. Classic rock.

Dizzy's: Harbor Club Towers, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Friday, 8pm — X Border. Jazz. \$10-\$15.
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House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. *Thursday*, 8pm — State Radio. With the Let It Go and the Aggrolites. Indie/rock. \$18-\$20. *Friday*, 8pm — Cornmeal and Umphrey's McGee. Progressive bluegrass. \$20-\$25. *Saturday*, 8pm — Between the Buried and Me. With Cynic. Progressive metal. \$16-\$18.

Java Joe's at Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360.

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The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos, 760-471-7778. *Thursday*, 8pm — Steel Foundation. With Irusalem. Reggae/ska/rock. \$5.

The Kava Lounge: 2812 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-543-0933. *Saturday*, 8:30pm — The Popular Belief Tour. With Gajah (of Acid Rain/Project Blowed), Graves of 33 and 1/3-Black Lab, Nathaniel Eras. Indie/alternative/hip-hop. Live artwork by Jose Felix Rodriguez III. \$5. 21 and up.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. *Friday*, 9pm — The Mexico City Rollers. With Sunnyside, End of Power, and the Mundy Knights. Alternative/pop/punk/rock. Free. *Saturday*, 9pm — John Cougar Concentration Camp. With Shark Pants, Tiltwheel, and the Phuzz. Pop, punk, rock. \$5.

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505. *Wednesday*, 8pm — Taters Invaders. Blues/funk/jazz. Free.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Like a modern-day John Lee Hooker, **Otis Taylor** can make an entire song from a single riff. Hooker conjured powerful emotions with little more than a guitar and a somnolent mumble. Taylor, a multi-instrumentalist and blues singer, broke out in 2001 with his *White African*, a CD that did much justice to the Hooker blues tradition, but with modern tools. He built a new music from simple chords and dressed it in layers of studio reverb and gritty distortion that made his songs shimmer like broken bottles on pavement. But, unlike Hooker, Otis Taylor shied away from making party songs. On *White African* he relived some of the darkest days in American history. "Well,

the white man pointed his finger and said what he always says/ They didn't bother to hang me, they just shot me on the spot." You go to Otis Taylor for bleak.

On the phone from his home in Boulder, I ask if he is in general a dark and moody guy. "Do I sound depressed?" he asks in a baritone that is just above a whisper. No, he does not, but I didn't know what to expect. "Everybody says that," he laughs. "What you have a talent for doesn't necessarily mean that's who you are. I'm just good at dark."

White African has been called a masterpiece; I wonder if it has been hard for him to live up to his own success.

"It's like gambling. If I go out on a limb, will I make it this time? For me, so far, I've made it. And every time I make it, people go, 'He can't do that again.' That's part of the excitement for me of making a record, is to



OTIS TAYLOR

see if I can survive." He laughs again, which coming from him is a sound both unsettling and relieving. "Maybe I should do Bob Dylan covers. That'd be different."

OTIS TAYLOR: Anthology, Friday, January 15, 9:30 p.m. 619-595-0300. \$18.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.

Thursday, 9pm — Chi McClean and Jordan Frye. Acoustic. *Friday*, 9pm — Kenny Eng. With Ernie Halter and Curtis Peoples. Pop. *Sunday*, 9pm — Petteri Sariola. With Seth Horan. Acoustic/pop/rock. \$8. *Monday*, 5pm — Eddie Jason Coven. Rock. *Wednesday*, 9pm — Joe Firstman. With the White Buffalo. Country/rock. \$10.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497. *Wednesday*, 9pm — Habanot Nechama. Contemporary Israeli folk. \$18.

Main Tap Tavern: 518 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-749-6333. *Friday*, 9pm — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280. *Thursday* — Big City Shaman.

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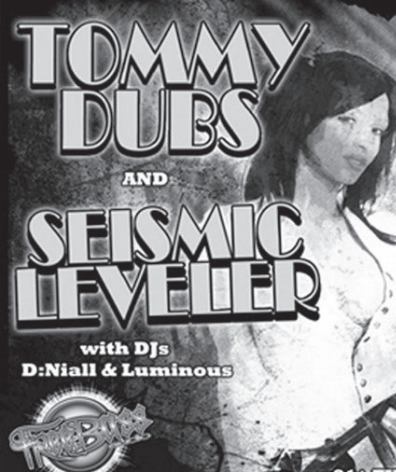
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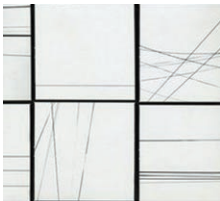
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CD Review
by Matthew Penna

Listening to Tortoise used to be a jazzy dreamscape of complex percussion, layered strings, and otherworldly electronic loops and licks. Their new album, *Beacons of Ancestryship*,

shows a departure from that form into one that is more comfortable sitting with an Ennio Morricone piece than in the post-rock bin.

Beacons exhibits the quintet's meticulous musical skills, following Tortoise mainstays McCombs and McEntire's tireless artsy arrangements. But, this release has more of a melodic feel to it in many places, reaching back to the Chicago band's late-'90s heights (*Millions Now Living...*, *TNT*).

The first track, "High Class Slim Came Floatin' In," with its Spaghetti Western name, is an eight-minute adventure of scat drums and deep-synth voicings. The slower and somewhat hypnotic track "The Fall of Seven Diamonds Plus One" reinforces the Western theme, as does the hammered dulcimer sounds of "Gigantes." The song cycle shifts after track eight into a more relaxing, jazzy, space-lounge style. The trip lasts 43 minutes and mysteriously gets briefer, better the more you listen to it.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Sea Sew

CD Review
by Jessie Goodwin

Lisa Hannigan, best known for her work with Irish folk-rockers Damien Rice, presents a quirky solo debut in *Sea Sew*. Well orchestrated, the music is a blend of Irish folk and indie pop. Clever lyrics are supported by Hannigan's haunting vocals. The album has a lo-fi, handmade feel, right down to the patchwork cover art, which Hannigan and

her mother stitched themselves. Hannigan described the album as "creaky," a nod to the understated production of the recordings that were completed in just a few weeks.

Standout tracks include "I Don't Know," a charming and light look at the thoughts that go through someone's head when they meet a new flame; "Lille," an untraditional sea ballad that's as delightful as it is haunting; and "Ocean and a Rock," one of the more up-tempo songs about thinking of a loved one when they're far away.

Credit to the combination of Hannigan's diverse vocal stylings and range, backed by strings, xylophone, glockenspiel, horns, and piano, the music is complex without being complicated and lends itself to repeated listens.



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Gloom Boy's Band

Concert Review
by Paul Kaplan

It is rainy and cold on Fern Street in South Park, about as gloomy as San Diego gets. Local death-rockers Blessure Grave set up in the tiny anteroom at the Whistle Stop in front of a screen showing a creepy 1980s flick with Sigourney Weaver. Lots of black clothes, complex hair, and ungroomed beards in the crowd. This vibe is incongruous because the Whistle Stop is a boisterous, friendly place and Blessure Grave and their fans are card-carrying members of Goth nation, albeit of the indie-punk strand, not

the corny Elizabethan strand.

The music begins with tom-tom beats, droning bass, and shimmering walls of high-gain, warm-toned guitar. You can't hear the vocals at all. The focal point is T. Grave, guitar man and singer. He is a perfect-copy-that-never-really-existed of an '80s gloom-boy, with shards of obsidian hair and an androgynous lean over the mike. There is also Reyna Kay, elfin-faced and weirdly cheerful amid all the black. The other musicians, although playing well, are support staff. Blessure Grave's music sounds like early-'80s death rock, only heavier. Think *Faith*-era Cure crossed with the guitar volume and dissonance of Sonic Youth. The best thing tonight is the guitar tones — their droning layers create a sense of waterfalls.

Then it's over. T. Grave places his ax on top of the keyboard and starts unplugging. I am back out in the rain humming the last riff on the way to my car and looking forward to the Grave's next gig.

Artist: Blessure Grave

Date: December 11, 2009

Venue: Whistle Stop



RADulovich!

Concert Review
by Mary Leary

When Lisa and I exited the Ruby Room, we couldn't decide between triple espressos or permanent bunks in Titicacaman's parallel universe. With the mildly strangled, dreamily idiotic vocals, he took us far beyond the common boundaries of a concert. Apocalyptic, primitive, and original video images were combined with field samples and rhythmic recordings upon which Radulovich's live vox shimmies like a shaman. And this is a case when "live" unveils the power of

digital + organic + stacks of amplification: "Good Good" takes on a jarring fierceness, with the industrial bass line cranked so deep, the back of my seat feels like a chair massager.

The multimedia experience is somewhat similar to that of a "feelie" (*Brave New World*). But Radulovich dodges manipulation with hilarious introductions, as happens with "Rainbow Moo Moo." The song, purportedly inspired by a neighbor's mail-checking attire, has me crying with laughter.

Radulovich portrays a prophet with a fount of urgent messages housed in an ingenious kaleidoscope of techno, industrial, pop, and trance, with Hispanic miscellanea.

The fun isn't in analysis but in relaxing and accepting the marrow-shaking ride, which may be too much for those who need familiar boxes or who are prone to psychotic breaks.

Concert: Marcelo Radulovich (aka Titicacaman)

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Venue: Ruby Room



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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **A Shift to the Left**
Song: "Like a Fox" (from sandiegoreader.com/mp3)
Heard by: **Don White**, University City



Don

Early in life, jazz was described to me as "play a wrong note and it's a wrong note; play the wrong note twice and it's jazz." In the song I just heard you could easily discern the melody. If your attention

was to wander, they kind of bring it back with a steady shift. Listening to it, I was trying to visualize a fox going on his daily rounds in a wooded area...maybe he's got a swagger as he goes down the block, so to speak. It's something that I'd say is radio-worthy. I'm definitely not an expert in jazz, but it's got an even flow. It's not completely the over-the-top, blow-your-mind kind of jazz — the stuff that gets so ridiculous it's got to be good. I'd give it an 8 [out of 10].

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January 30 — Joey Degraw.
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Artist: **Hocus**
Song: "Rid of You" (from sandiegoreader.com/mp3)
Heard by: **Bo Barlow**, Normal Heights



Bo

I wouldn't classify it as "rock." It had more of an '80s pop kind of sound to it, like the Cure. It was guitar, bass, and drums. The musical part of it isn't bad at all. He had a good voice. I caught

myself listening more to the music than the lyrics. He kind of rose his voice at the end and attempted to yell, which is what I consider "rock" — a lot of screaming, heavy guitar, heavy drums, and bass. The mood of the song was kind of down and dreary, an "I'm going to slash my wrists" kind of thing. As a pop song, I'd rate it a 5 out of 10. As a rock song, I'd rate it a 1 out of 10. I think if they keep going in that direction, they'll definitely draw a crowd.

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Artist: **Self-Made Men**
Song: "Trophy Boyfriend" (from sandiegoreader.com/mp3)
Heard by: **A.J. Sutton**, City Heights



A.J.

Actually, I kind of liked it. It had a good beat to it. I'd describe it as "alternative." It was along the lines of Jason Mraz. I thought it was catchy, but it didn't have that amazing quality where people would

call up and request it on the radio. I was listening to the lyrics and the guy sounded a little bitter, in my opinion, which I thought was kind of funny because at the same time the song is upbeat and happy. He was talking about how this girl was messing him up. It's kind of interesting because usually you hear songs about the guy messing with the girl from the girl's point of view. In this case, you have a guy talking about how he was used and abused.

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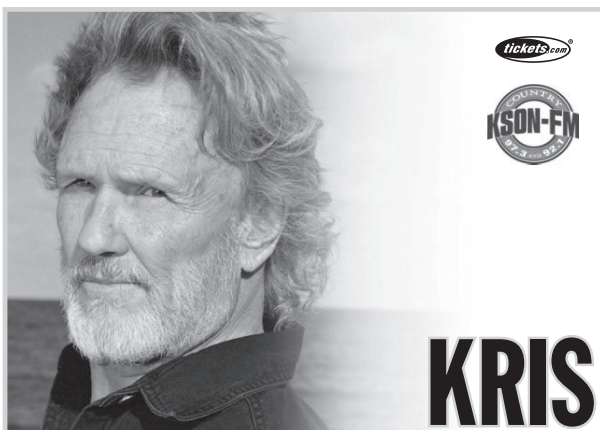
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Moondoggies Pacific Beach: 832 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-6550. January 29 — John Hull.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996. January 23 — Celebrating the Moog Synthesizer.

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Old Time Music: 2852 University Ave., North Park, 619-280-9035. January 23 — Robin Henkel. January 29 — Chris Acquavella.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-7278. May 12 — Dean Paul Ratzman.

Pacific Beach Library: 4275 Cass St., Pacific Beach. March 10 — “Guitar Extravaganza.”

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., College Area, 619-582-6699. February 19 — West of 5.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. January 31 — The Pink Floyd Experience. February 14 — The Romantics. February 19 — Willovealot.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077. January 22 — Missy Andersen. January 24 — The David Landon Band. January 31 — The Road Dogs.

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Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. April 15 — Mark Knopfler.

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“On the Loose” by hip-hop duo Clay Pigeons (featuring guest performer Main Flow) was the most-downloaded local MP3 from *SDReader.com* during December 2009. Songwriter Jimmy Powers provided some background.

If you could sum up the message of the song with just one line, which lyric would that be?

“Dudes are coming off too easy, like the coating on an Oxycontin,” which can be loosely translated as “Step your game up.”

January 29 — Flock of 80s.
January 30 — The Pheromones.
February 4 — Chimney Fish.
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Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., Normal Heights, 619-284-3323. February 11 — Eddie Jason Coven Birthday Show.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008. January 30 — Metal Mayhem.

Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-284-7666. January 30 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

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BY JAY ALLEN SANFORD

The way he leans into the leafy green stuff, why haven't more rappers called out Pop-eye the way you do?

Ha-ha, “I pop eyes with my fist, I don't need no spinach.” Just a boastful line from my younger days.

What's wrong with mini-vans with spoked wheels?

They're hideous, that's all. *Does being from Boston still inform and influence your music?*

I would say that I still bleed Boston. I'm trying to get away from it from a lyrical perspective, but it is deeply embedded. It heavily influences me, as far as my delivery and slang are concerned. *So, has San Diego wel-*

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. January 23 — Astra Kelly.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100. May 7 — Celtic Women.

San Diego Harley-Davidson: 5600 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-616-6999. February 6 — Willovealot Band.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. February 15 — Tribute to the Reggae Legends.

Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.

comed and influenced you?

I do feel like an outsider sometimes because the culture is so different. Socially, both cities could literally be classified as different countries. I got a lot of flak over the San Diego Music Award nomination because people felt threatened that an outsider could come in and gain recognition so quickly. But, on the other hand, it connects me with a lot of people because there are a lot of other transplants in San Diego.

Where will the local hip-hop hot spots be in 2010?

Off the top, I can say Kava Lounge, Riley's Music Lounge, Red C Lounge, and U-31 have all been great to local hip-hop over the past year. I also think that JustRich Entertainment will get Thirsty Thursday going

February 3 — International Guitar Night.

Second Wind (Magnolia): 8528 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-596-8350. February 6 & March 6 — Ramsackle.

The Sky Box Sports Grill: 4805 Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-274-7269. February 12 — Lady Cellie with Faith Faward.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. January 22 — For the Fallen Dreams. January 23 — Anti-Flag.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500. April 21 — Pat Metheny.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Ave., East Village, 619-235-8466. January 25 — Ear, Nose and Throat. February 5 — Steven Schick.

Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del Rey St., Pacific Beach, 858-794-9044. January 23 — Karin Carson. January 24 — The James Gordon Williams Quartet. January 28 — Chet and the Committee. January 31 — The Sam Johnson Jazz Group. February 7 — The Carla Bizzett Quartet.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. January 21 — Whiskey Shift. January 22 — Slim Crowbar & the IOUs. January 23 — Agave. January 24 & 31 — Open mic. January 26 — Joe Marson. January 29 — Mississippi Mudsharks.

Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400. February 19 — David Sanborn.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-230-2657. January 28 — Robin Henkel.



Clay Pigeons

again at the Satin Lounge, an 18+ venue, which San Diego needs more of. You have stand-out promoters like House of Rep and Cros 1, but there are also a lot of people doing their own things on a low-key level. The local scene has a very entrepreneurial spirit.

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Air Conditioned Lounge: Wednesday, 8pm: Hump Night! Funky Azn, DJ Ayla Simone, DJ Moniq, DJ Ian Dunn, DJ Phon, DJ Headshake, DJ Nathan Trujillo, MC Subliminal, artist Vincent Gordon, Medavog Couture. Dance/hardcore. Free. 4673 30th St., Normal Heights. 619-501-9831.

Bacchus House: Thursdays, 9pm: Club '80s. With DJs Bryan Pollard and Arzola1. '80s/industrial/underground. 3054 University Ave., North Park. 619-299-2032.

Bar Dynamite: Thursdays, 9pm: Dynamite Thursdays. Featuring Sound Selectors Smoovgrooves, Hobbs One, Eclectic, and Thumbprint. Hip-hop/soul/dancehall. 1808 W. Washington St., Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: Tuesdays, 7pm: Basic Tuesdays. Art, fashion, and music. Free. 410 Tenth Ave., East Village. 619-531-8869.

Belo: Friday, 9pm: Flaunt Fridays. DJ Ironic and guests. Hip hop, top 40, electronic. 21 and up. Saturday, 9pm: Epic Saturdays. With DJs Phobik, Kaos, and guests. Top 40, party rock, and '80s. 919 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-231-9200.

Café Sevilla: Thursdays, 10pm: DJ New Yo Rican. Salsa. Tuesdays, 10pm: DJ Israel. Bachata. 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-5979.

The Casbah: Monday: Hockey. With Asa Ransom and DJ Skullcrusher. \$8. 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy. 619-232-4355.

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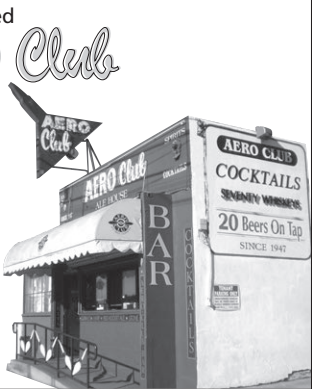
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Fannie's Nightclub: *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Mick B. Spins hip-hop tunes. *Thursdays*, 9pm: DJ Undaground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Demond. '80s/hip-hop/pop. Free. 21 and up. *Mondays*, 9pm: DJ Undaground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. *Wednesdays*, 9pm: J & Biko. Hip-hop/reggae. 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley. 619-698-2204.

The Flame: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurtz. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

The Fleetwood: *Saturdays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 639 J St., Downtown. 619-702-7700.

The Flying Bridge: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ Ricardo. Reggaeton/salsa. *Saturdays*, 9pm, *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Waistline. Hip-hop/R&B. 1105 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. 760-722-0081.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Wednesdays & Thursdays*, 8pm, *Fridays*, 4pm: C-Phish. 868 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-239-3339.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Hot Like Wasabi Wednesdays. With DJ Matty A. Electronic. 3964 Harney St., Old Town. 619-295-3272.

Harrah's Rincón: *Thursday*, 8pm: Noche Latina. With DJ Don Jose. Electronica/Latin. 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center. 760-751-3100.

Hawthorn's Restaurant: *Wednesdays*: DJ Kiki. 2895 University Ave., North Park. 619-295-1688.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: *Fridays & Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Kool T. Spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 15 and up. 775 Metcalf St., Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Kadan: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Darkwave Garden. Featuring B. Pollard, Heather Hardcore, MarieScaryMary, and guests. Gothic/industrial. 4696 30th St., North Park. 619-640-2500.

McDini's: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: '90s Throwback Tuesdays. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: *Mondays*, 6:30pm: Metal Mondays. Metal all night long. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-2827.

RT's Longboard Grill: *Mondays & Wednesdays*, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030.

SIN Niteclub: *Sundays*, 9pm: Reggae Sundays at Sin. With DJ Ez Doe, DJ Hektik, and DJ Winston T. Dancehall, reggae, hip-hip, and soca. 526 West F St., Downtown. 619-232-4746.

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Rasta Nation Posse. Reggae. 4076 Bonita Rd., Bonita. 619-470-8000.

Satin Lounge: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Hot Latin Beats. Reggaeton, salsa,

and merengue. 18 and up. *Fridays*, 8pm: Funky Fresh Fridays. Hip-hop/mash-ups. 18 and up. *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Dizzy D. Spins hip-hop, old skool, and techno. 18 and up. *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Blazin' 98.9 Night. With guest DJs. 6195 University Ave., College Area. 619-544-1177.

Seau's: *Thursdays*, 7pm: DJ FOS. Hip-hop/jazz. 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-291-7328.

Side Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Ruby Thursdays. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946.

Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill: *Thursdays*: Tattoo Thursdays. With DJ Viktor and DJ KB. *Fridays*: DJ Tony Sleeze. Spins Top 40 and hip-hop hits. *Saturdays*: DJ Girth. Spins hip-hop and rock hits. *Sundays*: Soul Glo Sundays. With DJ Girth and friends. *Wednesdays*: Beer Pong. With DJs. 10109 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-561-6767.

Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/rock. Free. 21 and up. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

Stout Public House: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ CC. 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown. 619-702-7933.

Tavern at the Beach: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ D-Skwiz. *Fridays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. *Saturdays*, 10pm: DJ BDP with DJ MIC-E. *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066.

The Office: *Sundays*, 10:30pm: Club '80s. Featuring DJs Bryan Pollard, Adamnation, MasterBlaster, and Roxanne Redlight. Industrial/underground. Free. 21 and up. 3936 30th St., North Park. 619-450-6632.

Tiki House: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Tunes by Joe Marson. Every Tuesday. 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

True North: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. *Fridays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. *Sundays*, 10pm: DJ Waly Mayhem. *Mondays*, 10pm: DJ Wonderbread. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

U-31: *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Artistic. With Cros 1. '80s and '90s hip-hop. 21 and up. *Fridays*, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance/indie/rock. 21 and up. *Saturdays*, 9pm: Dance Party Mash-Ups. 21 and up. *Sundays*, 9pm: Tribe of Kings. Featuring DJs Jestor, Peril,

Dash Eye, Unite, and Rashi. Reggae. 21 and up. 3112 University Ave., North Park. 619-584-4188.

Whiskey Girl: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. *Mondays*, 9pm: U-Call-It Mondays. With DJ Marc Thrasher. 600 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-236-1616.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Sundays*, 9pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. 21 and up. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

The Wit's End: *Fridays*, 5pm: DJ Artistic. 420 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest. 619-294-4848.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Almost Famous Thursdays. Electro/funk/house. *Fridays*, 10pm: Red Carpet Fridays. Dance/top 40. *Saturdays*, 9pm: Special Screening Saturdays featuring rotating DJs. 750 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-0500.



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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.

Fuddruckers: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine. Saturday, 10pm-midnight: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine.

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.

House of Blues: Every day, 2-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells & wines, \$4 martinis, 1/2 off select appetizers.

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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.

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.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

Sally's Seafood on the Water: Monday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$3 local beer on tap. Tuesday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$4 margaritas, \$3 Mexican bottled beers. Wednesday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$3 hot sake, \$3 Japanese bottled beers. Thursday, 2:30-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells/house wine.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

The Shout House: Tuesday, \$2.50 Karls, \$5 cosmos, \$3 fish tacos. Wednesday, \$1.50 domestic bottles, \$3 fish tacos. Thursday, \$2.50 Miller Lite drafts, \$10 Miller High Life buckets, \$2 lunchbox shots. Friday, 6-7pm: \$1 any draft. Sunday, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wells, wine, Jäger.

Stage Saloon: Every day, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Tabule: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

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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.

Yard House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 domestic pints, \$4 craft/import pints, \$4.50 goblets, \$4.25 wells, \$5.75 house martinis, \$2 off wine by the glass. \$6.50 sliders, 1/2-off select appetizers & pizzas.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$5 Imperia vodka, \$4 local beer, \$6 wine. Free samples of Basic pizza.

Hive Sushi Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$.99.

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

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, \$5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells. *Saturday*, 5-9pm: \$14.99 prime rib dinner. *Sunday*, 4-9pm: Kids eat free.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

Rock Bottom Brewery: *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.

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

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.

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Wednesday*, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles & drafts. *Thursday-Friday*, 6-8am, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles & drafts.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperial.

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

Brick by Brick: *Every day*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

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.

Fat City Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 50% off appetizers.

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

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.

MIRAMAR

Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 select pints, \$5 house wine.

The Filling Station: *Monday*, \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, premium beer \$3.50/pint. *Saturday*, \$3 Bloody Marys. *Sunday*, \$3 mimosas.

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: *Friday*, 10pm-close: \$2 wells, all drafts.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 cocktails, beer, shots. *Saturday-Sunday*, \$12 Bionic Beavers, \$2.50 kamikazes, \$8 Bud/Bud Light pitchers.



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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.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: \$3 draft beer, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails. *Sunday*, 11am-close: \$3 draft beer, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails.

The Little Fish Market Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm, 8:30-close: \$4.25 fish tacos, \$3.75 spicy tuna roll, \$4.50 Cajun shrimp skewers.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

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NORTH PARK

Crazee Burger: *Every day*, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

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.

True North: *Monday*, 12pm-close: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Tuesday-Saturday*, 12pm-7pm: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Sunday*, 7pm-close: Industry Night, \$3 calls.

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Dream Street Live: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine; \$4-\$10 food specials.

Sunshine Co.: *Every day*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

The Vine: *Every day*, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.

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.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: *Tuesday*, 4-7pm: \$2 cans of Tecate.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters. *Saturday-Sunday*, 9-close: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Barra Barra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, house wine, \$3 house margaritas, \$2 off absinthe specials. \$2 flat bread tacos. *Thursday*, 4-6pm: free tequila tasting & appetizers.

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.

Wine Cabana: *Monday*, till close: \$5 off Malbec. *Tuesday*, till 7pm: 1/2-price appetizers. *Wednesday*, Girl's Night Out: complimentary chocolate fondue. *Thursday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, 1/2-price appetizers. *Friday*, Cabana Magic Show (usually monthly). *Saturday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, disco with DJ & PJ. *Sunday*, till close: \$4 Sangria, live jazz at 5pm.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Monday-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.

Lights Out Hooters After Dark: *Monday*, 5-8pm: \$1 wells/domestic drafts. 8pm-close: 2-for-1 drinks. *Tuesday*, 5-8pm: \$1 wells/domestic drafts. 8pm-close: beer and a shot, \$5. *Wednesday*, 5-8pm: \$1 wells/domestic drafts. 8pm-close: \$2 you-call-its. *Thursday-Sunday*, 5-8pm: \$1 wells/domestic drafts. *Sunday*: Industry Night: 1/2-off the bill.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moray's Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Tuesday*, \$2.50 Mexican bottled beer, \$3 frozen margaritas. *Wednesday*, \$2 off all drinks, \$2 beers. *Thursday*, 8pm-close: \$2 wells, drafts, 1/2-price drinks. *Friday*, 3-10pm: \$2 drafts, wells, 1/2-price drinks. *Saturday*, 4-10pm: \$3 wells, wine, drafts.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar:

Monday, Wednesday, 12pm-2am: \$3 wells/Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Heradura shots, margaritas, sunrises. \$6 small pizzas. *Tuesday, Thursday*, 12pm-2am: \$3 Bud Light pints, \$8 12-oz. bottle beer & a shot. \$4 appetizers. *Friday-Saturday*, 12pm-2am: \$3 Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints. All appetizers \$4. *Sunday*, 12pm-2am: \$3 wells/Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Heradura shots, margaritas, sunrises. All appetizers \$4.

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 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

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day, \$18 large pizza and pitcher of beer. *Saturday*, \$2 bottled beer of the month. *Sunday*, \$5 domestic beer pitchers.

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The evidence of a conspiracy had evaporated.

First let me confess. I do not know what I'm talking about. Anything naive, ill-informed, mistaken in what follows will be admitted freely without need of threat or torture. I am confident I speak for a legion of technological ignoramuses.

For years I resisted the acquisition of a wide-screen television. More than resisted, I scoffed. My chief experience of the innovation, outside of showroom displays with made-to-order videos of the Rockies or marine life or some such, was in the occasional hotel room where, on the touted plasma screen, all basketball players were short and stout and the entire roster of talking heads at ESPN and CNN had apparently been run over breadthwise by steamroller. How, I marvelled, can anyone put up with this, let alone tout it? Television shows, not to speak of pre-Cinema-scope old movies, were shot and exhibited in a 4:3 aspect ratio and any attempt to fit them into a 16:9 would result either in cutting off the top and bottom

of the image or else in turning the screen into a funhouse fat mirror. Or both.

Well, years passed. Somewhere along the line I must have absorbed that we no longer were calling them wide-

screen TVs, which in the early days were often no more than big-screen TVs in the same old 4:3 ratio, and we'd taken instead to calling them high-definition TVs, or hi-def TVs, or HDTVs, which always seemed also to be wide-screen TVs regardless of how big or little. I would sometimes think to myself that I would be willing to fork over for something fitting the description of a high-definition TV if it came in a 4:3 screen, but even though I would see references on the Internet to such an animal, I never saw one in a display room and could never locate one through Google. More time passed.

Then last fall I went to Berkeley to see some Julien Duvivier films at the Pacific Film Archive (aside: *Holiday for Henrietta*, about two long-time collaborating screenwriters who harbor

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DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Stretchin' in the Rain

tragically and comically opposed ideas on the fate of their heroine, is one of the best films about filmmaking ever made), and my hotel room was not only equipped with a high-definition TV but the TV in turn was equipped with a number of high-definition channels into the bargain, HBO, ESPN, the major networks. Football players appeared in the proper proportion (thick though some of them might be), and I felt I could almost count the blades of grass

on the gridiron. I would have gazed longer at HBO had it been playing something other than *Australia*.

This bore further research. Possibly some kinks had been ironed out when I wasn't paying attention. Possibly the nationwide "digital transition," to which I paid scant attention, had some benefit after all. From customer comments and "expert" reviews on the Internet, I gathered that my thumb or forefinger would be able to select the correct

aspect ratio on the remote, so that I could view an image as it had been intended, squarish or rectangular, full screen or fractional. I began asking around. A friend in Boston who had recently gotten an HDTV sent advice (LCD, not LED or plasma) along with illustrative sketches of the aspect-ratio options. And an in-home demonstration by my amiable colleague Fred Saxon showed me, besides the blades of grass on a football field, that an old movie



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on TCM looked like an old movie ought, with black bars at the sides of the picture to preserve the 4:3 ratio and fill out the 16:9 screen, while a new wide-screen movie on, say, the Lifetime Movie Network offered not just more sharpness but more space at the sides. Last step was to ask another amiable colleague, and as prickly a stickler as I am, Scott Marks, whether he had anything against HDTVs. He didn't have one of them, but he hadn't. I was sold. I bought.

The next chapter is really a separate story. For present purposes, it is neither here nor there that I bought the thing online from Best Buy on the advice out of Boston and on the understanding (confirmed with a live person at the 800 number before finalizing the deal) that an ace technician would come along to install it and to haul away the boulder-sized old tube television; neither here nor there that it arrived on my doorstep via UPS with no one to perform those services; neither here nor there that I spent literally hours on the phone trying to round up such a person, listening to repetitive torturous prerecorded messages for more than enough time to resolve never again to buy anything online from Best Buy.

In the end a fifty-dollar credit was advanced for the inconvenience, and the services were performed. It is very much here or there, on the other hand, that these services included the hooking-up of something called an HDMI

cable between TV and DVD recorder, to supply the "best" picture (as spelled out in the installation instructions) and to replace the tangle of cumbersome "component cables" that can supply only a "good" one; very much here or there that the services included tutelage on the Format button of the remote, permitting a choice of the 4:3 aspect ratio in addition to several choices of screen-filling, picture-stretching distortion. And while waiting for a Time Warner technician to show up with either a DVR, their version of TiVo, or else a set-top cable box (as it is still called despite the fact that you could barely balance a matchbox on top of the new slimline sets), I had time to be wowed by my never-opened DVD of *Strangers When We Meet*, letterboxed in a 2.35:1 ratio and "remastered in high definition."

There was time as well to discover a defect. An old movie on TCM looked all right in 4:3, and a commercial DVD of a wide-screen movie looked better than all right in 16:9, but the television couldn't or wouldn't handle a commercial DVD of a 4:3 movie. In the 4:3 format designated on the remote, both sides of the image got cropped, so much so as to shear off letters in the credits, and whatever remained of the image got stretched out sideways in the manner that had appalled me on hotel plasma televisions in the past. The full-screen format restored the edges of the image but maintained or even aggravated the stretching. No option would relax the elastic and return the image to its original proportions. I was nonplussed. How could this be? How could no one have mentioned it? In my fevered brain I got to work on a conspiracy theory to the effect that this was more than just a defect in technology, it was a defect in personality, an intolerance of old and alternative ways of life and a strong-arm conformist effort to force everyone to view the world through a 16:9 window. Wide screen, narrow mind.

When I had the chance to voice my

concerns to the Time Warner tech, he shruggingly explained that "most people" soon "get used to" the stretching and after a while "don't notice it anymore," but in deference to my persnickiness he left me not merely with a DVR attached to the TV by a second HDMI cable, but additionally with the freedom to select whichever aspect ratio best served whichever channel. An old movie on TCM looked good, and the blades of grass on football fields could be counted, but a commercial DVD of a 4:3 movie still came out stretched and squashed.

The new arrangement meant moreover that all the DVDs I'd previously recorded of movies on TCM would be similarly stretched and squashed, or in other words rendered useless. The DVR would now be my recording device, dislodging the disk-maker. It would "fill up," it would not be a permanent library, it would eventually be replaced. But oh well. I elected, while I was at it, to add to my cable bill the six-dollar-a-month Movie Pack, a cluster of commercial-free, three-digit movie channels comprising a dozen Encore channels, the Fox Movie Channel, the Sundance Channel, and the Independent Film Channel, opening the door to movies I hadn't known existed, such as François Ozon's first English-language film, *Angel*, from a superlative novel by Elizabeth Taylor (no, not *that* Elizabeth Taylor, but as I like to think of her, *the* Elizabeth Taylor), Jacques Rivette's *The Duchess of Langeais*, Wim Wenders's *Land of Plenty*, Nicolas Roeg's *Puffball*.

It may be here or there, though it's hard to know exactly where, that within a week the DVR started to act up. From the first it had been unable to receive one of my favorite channels, 24, a favorite not for the all-day-and-into-the-evening broadcasts of stupendously uninspiring City Council meetings, but for the irregularly scheduled broadcasts of Classic Arts Showcase, random videos of arts and artists past and present, Toscanini followed by Baryshnikov followed by Hitchcock followed by

Argerich and Grappelli and Callas and Eartha Kitt. But oh well. One rainy and windy night, however, the high-definition image on Monday Night Football began to break up (a phenomenon I have since learned is known as "tiling"), and in the succeeding days the DVR would flatline, requiring a reboot at least once a day, crapping out maddeningly in the middle of my recording of Liliana Cavani's adaptation of a Patricia Highsmith thriller, *Ripley's Game*. I could not live with that.

The next Time Warner tech spent a couple of hours stringing up a new wire which — hallelujah! — carried Channel 24 into my home, plus replacing my balky DVR with a new or anyhow a different DVR, fielding my childish questions, and, under my fretful eye, reprogramming the gizmo so that (what I didn't realize was possible) I no longer had to select the aspect ratio for each channel but instead had the correct choice made automatically. I regard this man as my savior, fittingly named Jesus, although the new or different DVR hummed so loudly that I called in another TW tech to tell me that this was altogether normal: "It's a computer." I learned to live with it by putting a folded towel underneath it to cushion the vibration whenever watching TV and by pulling the plug on the power whenever not.

Meanwhile I had been sharing my conspiracy theory with anyone who would listen. Fred Saxon looked at me doubtfully, perhaps pityingly, though he allowed as how he doesn't watch commercial DVDs of old movies. I got him to agree to watch one of mine on his own TV and to report back to me. In scientific preparation, I popped *Detour*, 1946, into my player so that I would know just which letters were shaved off during the credits, and, lo and behold, it suddenly looked fine, all letters present and accounted for and at full height, picture relaxed and undistorted. This part of the story is highly unsatisfactory. We can't know whether the Best Buy guy had done something "wrong" (much less what), whether or why the first Time Warner guy had fallen down on the job and failed to set matters right, whether or how Jesus had performed a miracle. Maybe the ghost in the machine had had its fun and spontaneously decided to behave. Whatever, the evidence of a conspiracy had evaporated.

Emboldened with the knowledge that there was a solution to the problem, even if mystified as to where the solution lay, I purchased another HDTV (same make and model, different vendor) to replace the smaller tube set in the bedroom. This one would be connected only to the cable and to a DVD

recorder, not to a humming DVR. It would enable me to build upon my library of disks. And I would install it myself (bold indeed!), inching vigilantly through the manual, making sure everything was done to the letter, attaching another HDMI cable for the "best" picture and clearing out all those cumbersome old obsolete cables. At the end of this operation, I put *Detour* in the tray, pressed Play, and up it came. Letters shaved, picture stretched and squashed.


I did not despair. I knew there was a solution. (Praise Jesus.) I pored over the manual. I checked the settings against those on the other television, minus the wild card of the DVR. I sat for a long while with my head in my hands, long enough for Rodin to have knocked out a preliminary study for a bronze. At some point a lightbulb must have materialized over my head. Not a deduction, certainly not a certainty, just a hunch, something to try. I disconnected the HDMI cable and reattached what I now think of learnedly as component cables and what I used to think of as the long fat black thingy with the green and blue and red thingies at each end and the equally long but slightly less fat black thingy with the red and white thingies at the ends. *Et voilà*. A perfect picture, or at least a perfectly "good" one. The disconnected HDMI cable turned out not to be relevant. It could be connected, too, as long as I selected the right "input mode" on the "input select menu" — if that makes sense to you. Nevertheless the HDMI cable emerges in my mind as the villain of the piece, aided and abetted by the mum instruction manual. Sometimes "good" is better than "best."

I don't recount this story to trumpet my triumph. I recount it to trumpet my initial failures, despite all due diligence, and perhaps to provide support and a public service to my brother ignoramuses. It must be easy to go awry however hard you try. The black cloud at the end of the story is the imponderable question of how many people out there, lacking the standards or the stick-to-itiveness, simply "get used to" or "don't notice" a stretched and squashed image, how many in dissatisfaction consciously or unconsciously drift away from DVDs of old movies, how many confine themselves solely to the wide-screen window. How many? ■

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smoker for sophistication), on track for Oxford, gets rerouted by a shady older man who shows her the finer things of life: a Ravel concert, a Christie's auction, 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 PALOMA)

Fantastic Mr. Fox — Wes Anderson's wisecracking 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 editing rhythm. On the eclectic soundtrack (the Rolling Stones, the Beach Boys, the Wellingtons, Burl Ives), the director resorts to thievery from the film scores of Georges Delerue, like Scorsese in *Casino*, for the moments of peak emotion. With the voices of George Clooney, Meryl Streep, Jason Schwartzman, Eric Anderson, Bill Murray, Michael Gambon. 2009.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA)

The Hurt Locker — Fictitious countdown of the final six weeks in the twelve-month tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working condi-



The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus

tions 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 — 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. Released nearly two years after his death in mid-shoot, this constitutes Heath Ledger's final screen appearance, a supporting 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. Christopher Plummer, Andrew Garfield, Lily Cole, Tom Waits. 2009.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 imperturbable 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 Pinaar, 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 the field of play, he succeeds stirringly in the stands and on the streets and in front of the nation's televisions. 2009.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

It's Complicated — Romantic-comic triangle composed of a fifty-something divorcee, her remarried but re-interested ex-husband, and her too-good-to-be-true divorced architect: "Your age is one of my favorite things about you." The grown children have no problems of their own, and the level of affluence — not to forget level of gourmet cuisine — removes all other problems, so that a hypothetical air prevails. In truth, it's complicated enough already. (The chorus of confidantes drops out of sight when we need them most.) Meryl Streep brings to her role her usual fine detail and wide dynamics, and Alec Baldwin

brings an amusing girth. With Steve Martin, John Krasinski, and Lake Bell; written and directed by Nancy Meyers. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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)

Leap Year — 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. She and he bring the mechanism precariously to life. With Adam Scott and John Lithgow; directed by Anand Tucker. 2010.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6)

The Lovely Bones — Peter Jackson's supernatural crime thriller with Saoirse Ronan, Mark Wahlberg, Rachel Weisz, Stanley Tucci.

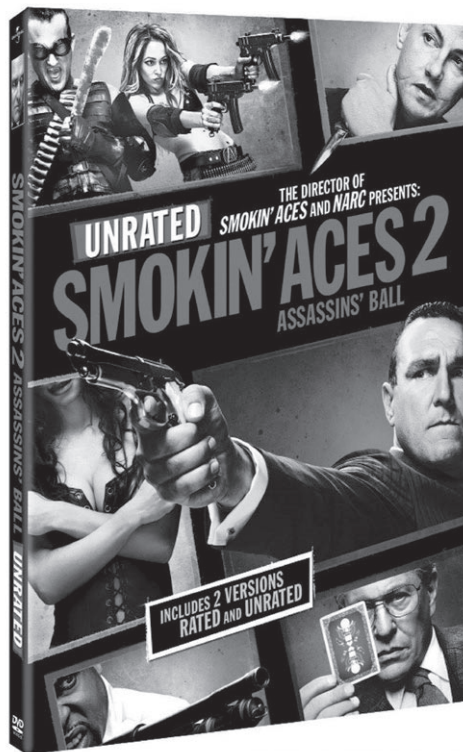
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Mr. Hulot's Holiday — The things that can go haywire at a Riviera resort. By and with Jacques Tati, cold, mechanical, precious, and French, and quite apart from all that, occasionally actually funny. 1954.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 1/14)



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New Moon — Second installment in “The Twilight Saga” from the best-selling girls’ books by Stephenie Meyer, a vampire movie sprinkled with pop songs, long and slow and slack. (New director: Chris Weitz.) Whatever may be the attributes that make this franchise a “phenomenon,” they seem to ensure that it will also have a significant silly factor: e.g., the extracurricular alignment of Team Edward against Team Jacob. Hardly has the lipsticked bloodsucker (a narcotized Robert Pattinson as Edward) given his human girlfriend the kiss-off for her own good — “Leaving you,” he will later allow, “was the hardest thing I’ve done in a hundred years” — than his only romantic rival (a bulked-up Taylor Lautner as Jacob) turns into a werewolf and, again for her own good, gives her another kiss-off. (Further silliness: he and his bare-chested pack are *good* werewolves, preying only on bad vampires and leaving humans as well as good vampires untouched.) Kristen Stewart, who looks now a little different, as if possibly she spent summer vacation getting an advanced degree at cosmetology school, makes something palpable of the adolescent tragedy of rejection, quite an achievement in the circumstances. With Billy Burke, Michael Sheen, Dakota Fanning. 2009. ● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Nine — Former choreographer Rob Marshall’s third directorial effort, a restaging of the Broadway musical based on Fellini’s 8½. In essence the filmmaker has taken an intensely personal film (so named as it was Fellini’s eighth and a half opus, counting three collaborations as halves) and depersonalized it, trivialized it, into nostalgic cinephilia *circa* the mid-Sixties and secondarily into generic Italophilia, the cultural divide highlighted by a principal cast of non-Italians, Daniel Day-Lewis as the Fellini figure, Penelope Cruz, Marion Cotillard, Nicole Kidman, Kate Hudson, Judi Dench, pop singer Fergie, excepting only Sophia Loren, not all of them pretending to be Italians. Each gets to perform at least one would-be showstopper. Cruz (dubbed? — it scarcely matters in her scanties) and Fergie come closest to attainment of that goal, and Cotillard outside of her would-be showstopper attains a loftier goal of tangible humanity. Somehow the notion of a Broadway show of this origin seems less objectionable because it’s in a different medium and not in direct competition. Dion Beebe’s rich ripe cinematography is commendable on its own merits when not dipping into directly competitive black-and-white. 2009. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire — A bit of well-meaning manipulation, unevenly photographed, alternately oversaturated and washed-out and glossy and grainy, centered around a Harlem African-American illiterate obese unwed teenage mother of a Down’s daughter, now pregnant again, expelled from school, abused and battered at home by her welfare mother, an incestuous rape victim of her absentee father, and oh, HIV-positive. We don’t find out all of that at once. It piles up. Some interesting effects are gotten from the heroine’s first-person voice-over, interwoven at competitive volume with the dialogue, such that it plays as interior monologue rather than expository narration. The fantasy scenes almost attain a similar musing quality, triggered as they are by the heroine’s urgent desire to escape, but the actual content of these fantasies — a red-carpet Hollywood premiere, a mirror reflection of a slender beautiful blonde in place of a fat black, a subtitled black-and-white takeoff on a telecast of De Sica’s *Two Women*, etc. — exhibit a consistent inanity which works to rob sympathy from either the film’s heroine or its director, Lee Daniels. One or the other. You choose. With

Gabourey Sidibe, Mo’Nique, Paula Patton, and Mariah Carey. 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Princess and the Frog — Throw-back Disney cartoon, a blessed retreat from plumped-up computer animation and smart-aleck anachronisms. The updated and retailored fairy tale serves primarily as a valentine to Old New Orleans: jazz, voodoo, gumbo, beignets, riverboat, streetcar (okay, one sneaky anachronism: “Stell-ahhhh!”). The songs, though they mostly stay true to the place and period, are unmemorable, and the ending approaches the endless. With the voices of Anika Noni Rose, Bruno Campos, Keith David, Michael-Leon Wooley, Jim Cummings, and Jenifer Lewis; directed by Ron Clements and John Musker. 2009. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Road — From the novel by Cormac McCarthy, a post-apocalyptic road movie of a man, a boy, a gray wasteland, and roving bands of ragtag cannibals whom Mad Max would have blown away with a sneeze. Naturalistic science fiction, it amounts to an anti-2012 (careful what you wish for) from

the maker of the Australian anti-Western, *The Proposition*, John Hillcoat, a small-scale spectacle of unrelieved grimness and gloom, short on characters, thin in incident, thick with sallow grimy hairy closeups (Viggo Mortensen and a barely recognizable Robert Duvall among them), a spitting-up of blood here and an upchuck there, a gun held repeatedly to the head of a child. The boy’s cultivation of morality and charity, in defiance of his father’s stony-hearted defenses, offers a hint of dramatic interest. With Kodi Smit-McPhee, Charlize Theron, Guy Pearce, Molly Parker. 2009. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Royal Tenenbaums — Not just a dysfunctional family; a determinedly, unreliably oddball, eccentric, wacky, weird, kooky, cracked family; but only a rarely and very mildly funny family. (None of this deters Gene Hackman, as the long-absent head of the clan, from his normal excellence.) Wes Anderson, the director, favors frontal and centered compositions, or frontal and symmetrical ones — the visual equivalent of hammer blows. (Nailing down, if nothing else, the sameness and monotonousness of it all.) And no scene would be complete without a musical selection from the eclectic soundtrack: Ravel to Vivaldi, the Ramones to the Beach Boys, Dylan to Nico. With Anjelica Huston,

Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller, Luke Wilson, Owen Wilson, Danny Glover, Bill Murray. 2001. ★ (KEN, 1/16 MIDNIGHT)

A Serious Man — At bottom, the Coen brothers’ most “personal” work. To be sure, they’ve never been reduced to hired hands. They’ve always had the good fortune to be able to make the films they wanted to make, films that reflected their personal tastes and personal attitudes and personal interests and personal viewpoints. Still, in the strict autobiographical sense, this one must be acknowledged as extra personal, set as it is in the Minneapolis suburb of their adolescence (Jefferson Airplane on the soundtrack to fix the date, 1967), in a Jewish household headed by a university professor with a son on the brink of his bar mitzvah. The filmmakers bring to their subject the unkind eye of the caricaturist. They demonstrate an acute and excruciating body awareness, the girth, the ear hair, the sebaceous cyst on the neck, the protagonist’s half squat at the classroom blackboard, his outthrust butt,

his pant cuffs riding up to his calves. And their subtly bulging face shots and torso shots, fronted and centered, approach the freak-show aura of the photographs of Diane Arbus. The parade of surnames has a Dickensian grotesquerie all its own: Gopnik, Finkle, Marshak, Nachtner, Schlutz, seldom a simple Shapiro. And the three rabbis of three different generations are hilariously ineffectual in three different ways. But to complain that the character portraits are not rounded, are slanted, would be to complain that a caricaturist is not a classicist, that Daumier is not Ingres. This is, it bears stressing at this point, a personal film. It is also — unexpectedly enough, as unexpected as the superstitious Old Country folk tale of the prologue and its old-fashioned 4:3 aspect ratio — a religious film, a film concerned not just with the specific religion of Judaism and its whole exotic lexicon, but with broader religious questions, universal inquiries into life’s mysteries: what have I done to deserve this? what have I done with my life? what ought I to do? what am I here for? Joel and Ethan Coen

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7:00, 10:00; **Nine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:25) 4:20, 10:10 Sun. (10:25) 4:20, 10:15; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sun. (11:15) 1:40, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 2:05, 5:05, 8:00, 11:00 Sun. (10:05) 1:05, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8:05, 10:25; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55 Sun. (10:20) 12:55, 3:40, 6:35, 9:20; **The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:35) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 1:35, 3:55, 6:10, 8:35, 11:10 Sun. (10:10) 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



The Book of Eli (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.- Wed.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15; Thu.: (10:00, 12:45), 4:00, 7:15; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (12:30), (3:15), 5:30, 7:45; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:30), 8:00, 10:45; Sat.: (11:30, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:15, 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; **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel; Avatar; The Blind Side; The Book of Eli; Daybreakers; Invictus; It's Complicated; Leap Year; The Lovely Bones; New Moon; Nine; The Princess and the Frog; Sherlock Holmes; The Spy Next Door; Up in the Air; Youth in Revolt

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

Crazy Heart (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35), 7:20, 9:55; Sat.- Mon. (11:05) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; **Broken Embraces** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **A Single Man** (PG-13) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:15, Sat.-Mon. (11:25) 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15; **Precious: Based On The Novel 'Push' By Sapphire** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, No 7:10 pm show Tue., 01/19/10 or Wed., 01/20/10 or Thu., 01/21/10; 9:35; Sat.-Mon.: (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35; **An Education** (PG-13) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (2:00) 7:30, No 7:30 pm show Mon., 01/18/10 or Tue., 01/19/10 or Thu., 01/21/10; Sat.-Mon. (2:00), 7:30; **A Serious Man** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (4:45) 10:05 ; Sat.-Mon. (11:15), 4:45, 10:05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

The 'Burbs (PG) Sun. 6:00p.m.; **Alaska: Spirit of the Wild** (G) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Amazon: An IMAX Film Experience** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00 Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00 Sun. 12:00, 3:00; **Everest** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **Under the Sea 3D (IMAX 3D)** (G) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

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

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:30, 3:40) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:30) 7:00, 10:25; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 5:15, 10:35; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:00; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:45) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:00a.m.); **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:35, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10, 10:20; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 8:05

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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. (11:55, 3:45) 7:15, 7:55, 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, 3:40) 6:45, 9:45; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri. (11:30, 12:35, 2:15, 3:25, 5:10) 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:35, 2:15, 3:25) 5:10, 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:20; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:35) 7:25, 10:40; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:00, 7:45, 10:10; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:30) 7:30, 10:30; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri. (11:40, 2:25, 4:45) Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 4:45; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:55) 7:05, 10:25; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:40, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri. (12:40, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:50, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:15, 7:50, 10:45

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Avatar (PG-13); **The Blind Side** (PG-13); **The Book of Eli** (R); **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

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



The Book of Eli (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. & Mon.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Tue.-Thu.: 4:30, 7:15; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun. & Mon.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15; Tue.-Thu.: (4:00), 7:15; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. & Mon.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30; Tue.-Thu.: (3:00), 5:15, 7:30; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. & Mon.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30,

Friends: Thomas & the Runaway Kite (G)
Sat.: 10:00 am; **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat.
& Sun.: 10:30 am

POWAY

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



The Book of Eli (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:45), 5:45, 8:15; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30), (3:45), 6:00, 8:30; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Thu.: (3:15 pm); **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 1:00, 3:30), 4:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 1:00, 3:30), 4:15, 7:00, 8:00; **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)
Call theater for program information.

VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive
(760-945-7469)
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The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 10:00; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 12:50, 1:40, 2:15, 3:45, 4:25, 5:05) 6:40, 7:15, 7:55, 9:35, 10:35; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00, 5:25) 8:00, 10:20; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 2:00, 4:55) 7:45, 10:35; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:35, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35, 4:30) 7:30, 10:25; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40; **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

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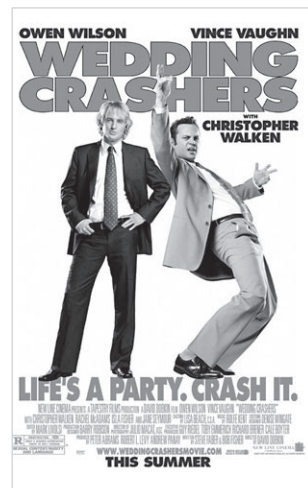
CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Avatar (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 1:40, 5:00) 8:20; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:35, 10:10

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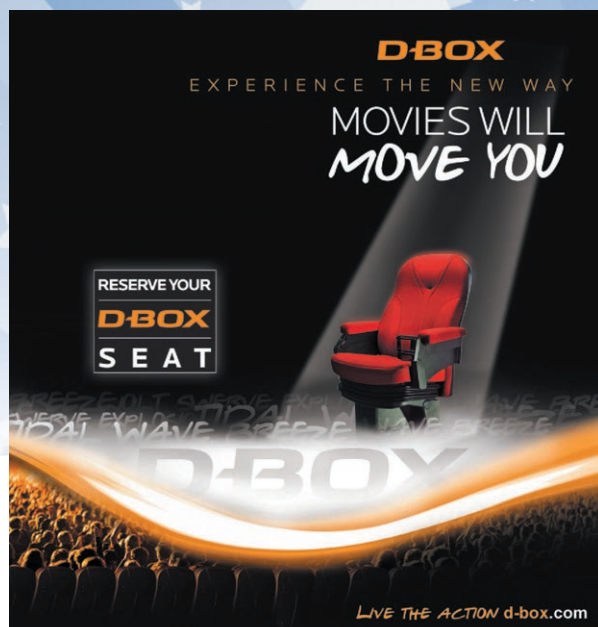
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MOVIES

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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 convinc-



Leap Year

ingly 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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 1/15)

The Spy Next Door — Family action comedy starring Jackie Chan and directed by Brian Levant. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; 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; FROM 1/15)

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; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

William Kunstler: Disturbing the Universe — Documentary on the activist attorney, directed by his daughters, Emily and Sarah Kunstler. (KEN, 1/15 THROUGH 21)

The Young Victoria — And the young Albert. (Psst, wanna see the Queen in her teddies?) The story of the first occupant of 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 — 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 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 childlike 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. Portia Doubleday, Jean Smart, Steve Buscemi, Justin Long; directed by Miguel Arteta. 2010.

★★ (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)

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

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



The Book of Eli (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:30, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:30, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:00, 1:30, 3:30), 5:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:00, 1:30, 3:30), 5:00, 7:00, 8:30; **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.: 10:15, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00; **A Single Man** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri.-Thu.: (2:00 pm); **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Broken Embraces** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00), 4:45, 7:30

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La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
An Education (PG-13) Fri. 8:10p.m. Sat.-Sun. (4:00) 8:10; **Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Fri. 6:10p.m. Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 6:10; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00a.m.

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

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The Book of Eli (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 1:00, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 1:00, 4:00), 7:15; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 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; **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

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5:15, 8:00; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:15, 7:30; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 1:00, 3:30), 4:30, 7:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (12:00, 1:00, 3:30), 4:30, 7:00, 8:15; **The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri.-Thu.: (11:45), 4:45; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (2:00), 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (2:00), 7:15; **Thomas & Friends: Thomas & the Runaway Kite** (G) Sat.: 10:00 am; **Winter Daydreams** (NR) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

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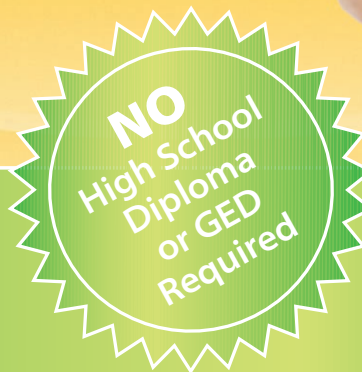


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- Swine dining
- Antiviral drug
- _____ strip
- Daly of "Judging Amy"
- Actor Stephen
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- With 28-, 45- and 57-Across, what an incredibly uninformed person

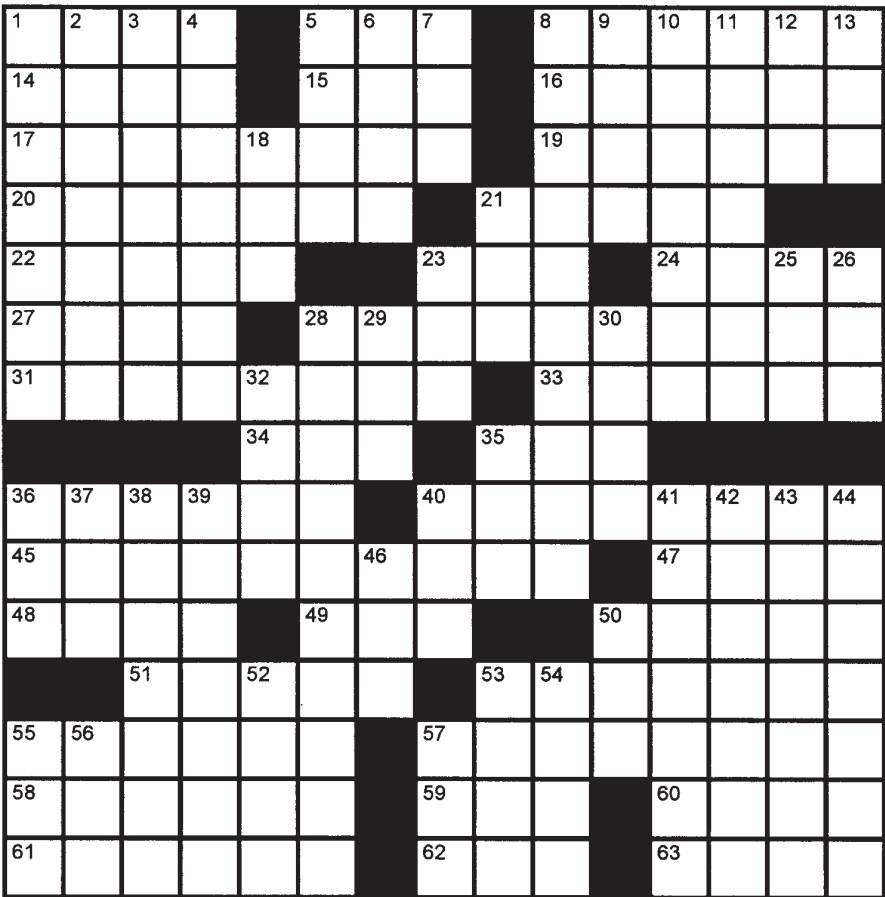
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- Moneybags
- Certain crustaceans
- 1972 US/USSR missile pact
- Morrison and Braxton
- Island chain?
- _____ buco
- Gallery on the Thames
- See 17-Across
- Barbecue piece
- Both, in Bolivia
- Ger. neighbor
- Dart game locale
- English channel?
- Suddenly, to Tony Soprano
- See 17-Across
- _____ about (roughly)
- Jewish youth org.
- British mil. branch
- Costner's "Tin Cup" costar
- Gucci and Ray
- Crazed
- "The Wizard of Oz" role
- See 17-Across
- Sacco of Sacco and Vanzetti
- Quentin directed her in "Pulp Fiction"
- DOE part: Abbr.
- Like guests at home
- Rightmost pedal
- Fr. holy women

Down

- Columbus discovery of 1493
- Strong hand cleaner
- National Soccer Hall of Fame city
- More spirited
- Yankee nickname since 2004

- Mount Olympus chief
- Blacken
- Best Picture of 1964
- _____ Office
- "_____ up!"
- Cut into
- Spanish "a"
- Unwavering
- Rocky calls
- "Get my point?"
- Stock symbol used by Steinway Musical Instruments to honor a classical composer
- _____ -Cat
- NFL tiebreakers
- Like some wrestling
- Garage stain
- "Julie & Julia" director Ephron
- Falls off
- "Pow!"
- Talese's "_____ Neighbor's Wife"
- Cured serving
- Make better
- Barnes & Noble acquired it in 1987
- Closest companion, in teenspeak
- Dribbles
- Flash
- "Ain't gonna happen!"
- Some apron wearers
- Notes after mis
- Italy's equivalent to 36-Across
- Where to find a hero
- Govt. disaster group
- Cereal box nos.
- T or F, e.g.: Abbr.
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☛ **Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 1.** Happy Birthday to my sis, Cher.

Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 1. Go Chargers!

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 1. Whew!

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 1. Support the Arts!

Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 1. Turn your face to the sun.

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 1. Chargers will their next game...?

Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 1. Had a great trip back east! Back to the grind!

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 1. Love to Connie

☛ **Eric Cash, Escondido, 1.** Someday the elephants and gorillas will talk back to Eavan.

Leslie Chase, Campo, 1. Here's to a very puzzling 2010!

Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 1. Why was Tesi grumpy?

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 1. We cannot censor what we cannot read...

Maria Coda, Oceanside, 1. Hi All!

Dianne Collingsgru, Escondido, 1. I love you, Zane.

☛ **Jon Connor, Oceanside, 1.** "Just ask a Ford Pinto."

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 1. Happy loves Billy.

Steven Crock, San Diego, 1. "Jan call Greg!"

Jose Cruz, San Diego, 1. For Josh B...The best boy ever!

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 1. All you need is- love-is all you need. Yeah!

William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 1. I've got the "touch" thank you very much.

☛ **Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 1.** When visiting your doctor always ask: "Doctor feel my pulse."

John L. Drechner, North Park, 1. Stop the world, I want to get off.

Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 1. HOAS are Morans!

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 1. Your bike is the answer.

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 1. Why do we do these puzzles?

Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 1. I liked this one!

☛ **Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 1.** Loretta is so cute

W. Hodgson, Escondido, 1. Happy Birthday Shane

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 1. I love New York.

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 1. You only published 86 winners not 125!

Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 1. The Fair is April 24th!

Sara and Shaid Khwaja, Poway, 1. How can thinking of a message be so difficult?

☛ **Ken Larrabee, South Park, 1.** Hey, Evan! We're wicked smart.

Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 1. Avoid the Noid & Droid.

Tammy Lin, San Diego, 1. Mikaela stands in her own pool of poo.

Wayne Lund, Poway, 1. I love Thuy.

Emily Marie, North Park, 1. Love like lightning

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 1. Term limits for US congress!

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 1. Just doing time on the prison planet.

Greg Moll, Mission Bay, 1. Hay Duke lives.

Ron Meyer, Santee, 1. Go Chargers! All the way to the Super Bowl!

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 1. We were fooled again! Obama is a tool!

Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 1. It's getting to the point where it is no fun any more...

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 1. Happy 29th birthday Pillhead- Wow have a great trip!

☛ **R.J. Morgan, Oceanside, 1.** Happy 1st B-day Dylan.

Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 1. Thanks for the t-shirt!

☛ **Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 1.** A wish comes true.

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 1. Nice day!

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

☛ **Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 1.** *Happy Birthday Marilyn*
John Pertle, Santee, 1. *John 19-20; That you might believe and receive life.*
☛ **Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 1.** *My b-day today!*

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 1. *Take a chance on orange!*
Bill Reese, La Jolla, 1. *If you believe everything you read, better not read.*
Don Romero, La Mesa, 1. *Happy 2010 sweet Mei Ling!*

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 1. *I’ve broken my New Year’s resolutions, Dammit!*
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 1. *It is gone*
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 1. *Cubbie Bears snuggle tightly with Molly at our heads.*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 1. *It’s time to put the carpet era behind me.*

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 1. *Two down, 58 to go.*
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 1. *Everton*
☛ **Les Sherman, Pacific Beach, 1.** *In memory of Joan Barry.*
N’Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra Mesa, 1. *Then there is Mexican New Mexican and Vduffalairginian West Virginian.*

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 1. *How did congressional Democrats blow their hand so quickly?*
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 1. *Back to Basics.*
David Tomasin, San Diego, 1. *The Big Freeze*
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 1. *Anybody believe it’s random?*
Norman Williams, San Diego, 1. *What da Fuss???*

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 1. *“If wishes were horses...” you fill in the blanks.*
James C. kaye, El Cajon, 1. *“Go Chargers”*
Katie Whelan, Coronado, 1. *I am taking full credit for the Charger wins.*

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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.

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Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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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, 1. *Hi to Donna and Glenn*
Kirstan Borklund, Jamul, 1. *I love you, butthead*
Don Bowman, Santee, 1. *353 shopping days or 50 sudoku games until next Christmas*
Hans Butikofer, Pacific Beach, 1. *Will do better next week*
Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 1. *Can't wait for playoffs!*
Alyssa J. Campos, Chula Vista, 1. *Chargers rule #17*
M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 1. *I'm not evil, I'm easy*
Phil Leal, San Diego, 1. *Go Chargers!! Love you Fam*
☛ **Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 1.** *Numbers rule!*
Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 1. *Yeah me!!*
Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 1. *Let's go Chargers! Happy b-day MLK! Holiday, yeah!*

Irving Metzger, San Diego, 1. *San Diego's Great!*
Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 1. *What a mind can do! What a struggle*
John Pertle, Santee, 1. *Jesus died for you. He lives and gives eternal life*
Justino Rochin III, San Diego, 1. *Look Mom, no hands*
Ed Rull, San Diego, 1. *Happy New Year!*
August Scampone, San Diego, 1. *Christmas is every day*
D. Stiewig, Santee, 1. *SD Super Chargers*
Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 1. *Get ready for the "Year of the Tiger"*
Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 1. *Tearless grief bleeds inwardly*
Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 1. *Crossword puzzle is on p. 126 not p. 124 as stated in T.O.C.*

MEDIUM:

Patricia Alcarese, San Diego, 1. *Do your heel exercises. Happy New Year*
Betty Archer, La Jolla, 1. *Chargers win it all!*
Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 1. *Okay! Now who would like a cookie?*
Linda Bible, El Cajon, 1. *Happy Birthday Carolyn*
Phil Brockman, Happy Valley, 1. *To little too late*
Jose R. Cadava, Spring Valley, 1. *If ur not going to turn off your signal light*
☛ **Bill Calderwood, Clairemont, 1.** *Stoplight cameras corrupt local government and feed greedy contractors*
Erik Carroll, San Carlos, 1. *Go Chargers beat the Jets!*
Henry Chung, San Diego, 1. *Can you only win a shirt once?*
Robb Dusa, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. *Can't wait to watch the Chargers in the playoffs*
Michelle Dutra, San Diego, 1. *Go Chargers!*
Robyo Johnson, Vista, 1. *Thanks for Friday Gary! I love you*

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 1. *New binding makes tearing out Sudoku easier*
Pilo Maestae, North Park, 1. *Done again*
Marcia Metzger, San Diego, 1. *Happy holidays*
☛ **Emily Posedel, San Diego, 1.** *Or some of all of that?*
Jose Rodriguez, San Diego, 1. *I love u ... Chargers Super Bowl bound!*
Pretty Sara, Ocean Beach, 1. *Harr I want ... now!*
Dave Small, San Carlos, 1. *Happy New Year*
Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 1. *Harr and Sara equals love*
Willam Stiewig, Vallejo, 1. *Summers coming*
David Tomasini, San Diego, 1. *Brrr, where's the extra CO2?*
Nicole Tui, East Lake, 1. *I love you spider girl umm umm*

HARD:

☛ **Adriana Carlos, La Mesa, 1.** *Have a spiffy day pigeon trainers! :3*
Margaret Chen, Carmel Valley, 1. *I rock!*

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 1. *Another one for the queen. Go...*
Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 1. *Jam it down our throats...2010 we'll vote you out!*
☛ **Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 1.** *One day I will get the t-shirt*
Ester Hays, La Mesa, 1. *Yoga for mind and body :-)*
Lark Herrick, Alpine, 1. *What is the Reader's surf team?*
☛ **Robert Lindahl, College Area, 1.** *Togther again finally I love you honeybug. Happy New Year*
Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1. *Happy New Year!*
Stephen Loughrane, Bankers Hill, 1. *Happy New Year, wabbits!*
Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 1. *Won on one*
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 1. *Thanks for putting Duncan back where he belongs*
Skully, San Diego, 1. *Monkey-boy, we miss you- Kitten, Oldman Steve, Goldmamber, and R1Rabbit*
Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 1. *Breath*
Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 1. *The weathers great and so are the Chargers*

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. *"Obama-Goldman-Sachs-nomics!" just like 3-peat of Reagan- ...*
Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 1. *I love you more today than yesterday...*
Pat Upton
Rainier Bernardo, San Diego, 1. *Shop at The Spare Room Con-signmant in Bonita*
Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 1. *Nice win streak! Go Chargers!*
Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 1. *Wednesdays didn't work for you. Return to Thursdays, I'm back!*
Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 1. *Missing 'Spunky' RIP 4-1-93 12-28-09*
Cody Brull, Carmel Valley, 1. *My 2010 resolution, daily trips to gym till diet's done!*
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 1. *Bars that are closed more than they are open suck*
Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 1. *Days are getting longer!*
Larry Clark, Clairemont, 1. *01/02/2010 a number palindrome*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. *I need a new car*
Roger Doughman, San Diego, 1. *Don't take your children to church, go with them*
☛ **David Eddleman, Oceanside, 1.** *Not available in stores*
Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 1. *Too easy iQuiero mas!*
Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 1. *Got evil this time*
Butch Hays, La Mesa, 1. *Thanks for the Reader Tee!!*
Christine Hennes, San Diego, 1. *Lovely Rita... All the love you need*
Mickei Hodgson, Tierra Santa, 1. *Turtle broke my radio. He drives fast*

David Holbo, San Carlos, 1. *See with your heart*
Dan Holslin, San Diego, 1. *Stick with vaccinations, they work!*
Belmont Hope, Vista, 1. *Ugh! Another year older*
Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 1. *ET is closing. End of a chapter*
Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 1. *The 1st 2010*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 1. *Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo!*
Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 1. *Twas wonderful to be with you*
Michelle, Tom, Jessica, Ben
Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 1. *Life is good and God is great*

Raymond Land , Escondido, 1. *Angela! Call your dad!*
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 1. *Thanks for the royalty check, Bill*
B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 1. *Cool tshirt! Thanks! An auspicious beginning for 2010!*
Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 1. *Chad RIP we miss you*
Julio Magno, San Diego, 1. *USPS Sudoku expert. Hi Richard Roth*
Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 1. *Sorry, I aint got nothing*
☛ **Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 1.** *Term Limits for US Congress!*
P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 1. *Evil way to start the year*
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 1. *Love is my higher power*

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 1. *Does Mary Bently still play dominoes? Please call*
Tom Norris, Santee, 1. *God gave us brains to use. Choose to use them!*
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 1. *C'mon, Chargers. Beat those dumb airplanes*
Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 1. *Half of us have below average intelligence.*
Ann Quam, San Diego, 1. *"I'm smart!"*
Chris Reader, Chula Vista, 1. *Reader reads Reader*
Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 1. *Wild and evil, but do erable for good, ceeeee*
Jamie B. Rigodon, San Diego, 1. *Blessed 2010 to all the Reader Sudoku fans*

David Schwartz, Clairemont, 1. *Team USA: Ice Hockey World Juniors Gold Medalists! Conrats!*
Joe Selig, San Diego, 1. *I love you Linda*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 1. *Sweet, Cocoa Tea is playing Bob Marley Day!*
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 1. *Save gas - ride a bicycle*
John Strauch, Point Loma, 1. *Beat Alzheimer's at Advantures in Bridge*
Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 1. *God is wonderful*
Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 1. *Big Daddy is my lovebug*
Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 1. *Let the water flow to Central Valley Farmers*

Duane D. Tremaine, East Village, 1. *Riff-raff. Street rat. No sir, I don't buy that*
Harry R. Walker , La Jolla, 1. *Happy New Year to Glenn R. (La Jolla)*
Rob Welder, El Cajon, 1. *Hey John!*
☛ **Susan Williams, North Park, 1.** *White bread and sugar, very bad*
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 1. *230 in 2010*
Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 1. *Check air in car tires; get more...*
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 1. *Hello to Sandy!*

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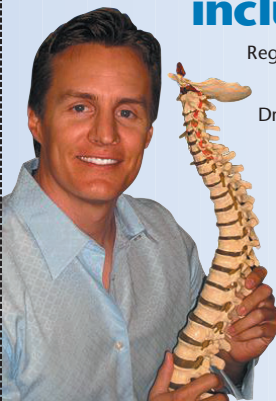
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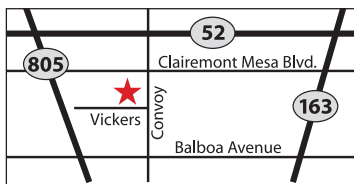
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How to Act "Manly"

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Many adult males spend a surprising amount of time and effort trying to appear as if they are "manly."

Nothing says "I'm a man" quite like a moustache.

I would hope your genitalia would send a pretty clear message.

But I can't show that to people the first time we meet.

You know that from experience, don't you?

If you must deliberately make a show of your "manliness," think about "manly men" and emulate their behavior.

Lots of guys in the really manly jobs tend to have moustaches.

Cowboys. Cops.

Constructions workers. Bikers.

Exactly.

Come to think of it, all of the Village People had moustaches except the Native American.

When choosing your role models, be clear on what aspects of the male character you value as being "manly."

The Village People aren't really the example of manhood I was looking for.

Well, they were talented, they knew who they were, and they weren't afraid to put it out there for all to see.

But they weren't really "men's men."

That depends on what you mean by "men's men."

Don't sweat it, though. Nothing is less "manly" than sitting around worrying about whether you're "manly" enough.

I was thinking of someone like Clint Eastwood.

He never had a moustache. But lots of the guys he shot in the Dirty Harry movies did.

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LEAD STORY

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The Continuing Crisis

— Veteran marathoner Jerry Johncock, 81, was four-fifths through the Twin Cities Marathon in October when he was overtaken by a medical problem common to men of his age: urinary blockage. As he stopped to discuss his plight with officials, noting that he would have to quit the

race to get to a hospital before his bladder burst, a spectator overheard the conversation and offered him the use of a “spare” catheter he had in his car. Johncock repaired to a rest room, administered the catheter, and returned to finish the race.

— Shipments of Ford passenger vans arrive each month in Baltimore from a Ford plant in Turkey, but each time, workers immediately rip out the non-driver seats and replace the side windows with steel. The reason, according to a September *Wall Street Journal* report, is to avoid an expensive tariff on imported “delivery vans,” which is ten times the tariff on “passenger vans.” Ford found it less costly to refit passenger vans than to acknowledge importing delivery vans. The tariff was imposed in 1963 specifically to protect the U.S. auto industry from foreign imports.

— In October, Poland’s Polskieradio reported a settlement in the 18-month legal battle between two neighbors in Mikowice over a plastic bucket worth about \$4.50. One had sued, accusing the other of ruining the bucket by kicking it. The respondent had elaborately offered proof of innocence by submitting video of the neighbor continuing to use the bucket as before, but the neighbor had countered by calling an “expert”

witness, who examined the bucket and concluded that it was probably damaged.

Yikes!

— Lisa Blair and her six sisters were enjoying a Thanksgiving meal in Hamilton, Ontario (in Canada, Thanksgiving was Oct. 12), when they began noticing suspicious flecks in the food and realized that their necklace lockets, containing the ashes of their mother (who had passed away two weeks earlier) were leaking. A local funeral-services store restocked and sealed the lockets.

— In November, researchers roaming the depths of Scotland’s Loch Ness in a submarine, looking for the legendary monster, reported finding mainly “hundreds of thousands” of golf balls at the bottom, from popular use of the lake as a driving range. A recent Danish Golf Association report lamented the slow decomposition of golf balls (taking 100 to 1000 years), and one U.K. legislator has called golf balls “humanity’s signature litter.”

— The October “Miss Asia” beauty pageant in Hong Kong mostly followed a traditional script, but special bonus competitions were added, according to a report in *The Straits Times*. Contestants appeared behind boards with only cer-

tain body parts exposed so that judges could comment without knowing which woman they were observing. Breast-judging turned out well for each of the three finalists, as did waist-judging. However, the judges had harsh words for two contestants’ hair. Wang Zhi Fei was criticized for “lots of dandruff and oily scalp,” and Wang Chen learned the hard way that she had significant “signs of hair loss.”

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— In September, prominent chocolate food engineer Hanna Frederick introduced her latest concoction at a conference of the Meat Industry Association in New Zealand: dark chocolate truffles tinged with venison and salami. Said Frederick: “There’s this smoky taste to start, then a strong chocolate flavor comes in, and at the end you have this wonderful taste of salami.” Earlier in the year, she had introduced chocolates injected with Tongkat Ali, a Southeast Asian herb reputed to stimulate testosterone production.

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Founded locally: 1975
Senior pastor: Gary Bowman
Congregation size: 350
Staff size: six, including part-time
Sunday school enrollment: 40
Weekly giving: n/a
Annual budget: \$643,000
Singles program: no
Dress: mostly semiformal
Diversity: majority Caucasian
Sunday worship: 9 a.m. (acoustic), 10:35 a.m. (electric)
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Website: paseodelrey.org

A cheerful, creamy glow filled the broad church; it matched the cheerful, happy buzz of the congregation. A timer warned that the service was about to begin, but it had to be rolled back a few times so that the worship team could finish its pre-performance prayer. This was the 9 a.m. acoustic session, and the two guitars were joined by an electric bass, a piano, hand-drums, and three voices to back up worship leader Matt Boldt. The group launched into a version of “Everlasting God” so laid-back that it bor-

dered on languid, which then built into anthemic chant: “You are the everlasting God/ The everlasting God, the everlasting...”
Student-ministries leader Nick Cannariato, hipster sideburns in place, announced an upcoming project: “It’s called 30-hour famine. It’s a program where high school and junior high school kids get together, and they basically give up eating for 30 hours and do community service projects and raise money to pay to feed people who are impoverished and can’t feed themselves. Our goal is to get \$50 for every kid that comes.”
Pastor Gary Bowman called up relative newcomers Chuck and Dana to talk about their experience of the church’s Growth Groups. “Just getting to know people more than on Sunday morning,” enthused Chuck, “it meant so much as far as being more a part of the community. And the growth group was following the sermon, and Dana and I would spend time getting into it, and it would have more of an impact and meaning in our

lives.”
The band plunged back into the anthems: “Christ be the center of our lives/ Be the place we fix our eyes/ Be the center of our lives.” Soft and sweet, then big and bold, complete with bridges that had Boldt murmuring over top, “Work in me...stir it up, Lord...make me more like You....” The music continued, and he addressed the congregation, still riffing. “As we were singing, I was thinking of how great it would be if we prayed and everything changed all of a sudden — we’d be like Jesus, all of a sudden. We wouldn’t sin anymore; we wouldn’t fail....” Now he spoke to God: “Create that desire for change...start putting Christ at the center of our lives.”
Afterward, Bowman asked the congregation to stand out of reverence for God’s word, and everyone read aloud a passage from Romans: “And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew, He also pre-

destined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, so that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.”
Bowman’s sermon was long on personal anecdote, but it also dug into the text. He began by noting that the promise was only to those who love God, and offered a definition: “It means to desire God Himself above His gifts. If I’m using God to get what I want, that’s not loving.”
Next he tackled “in all things.” “Mark it in your Bible. Not just the good things, but the hard things, and the bad things. In all things, to bring about good. Nothing is beyond His overriding, overarching, providential care and power. I don’t like it when I lose a nephew in a motorcycle accident — I hate it. And yet God promises, in the midst of all that, ‘I’m always relentlessly working for good in the lives of those who love Me.’”
That set up the question, “What is this good? It’s not earthly gifts. If you don’t get that, you’re going to live in frustration your whole life. Things don’t always get bet-



Gary Bowman and Matt Boldt

Table with church details: Paseo del Rey Church, Rancho del Rey, Sermon content delivery, Liturgy, Music, Snacks, Architecture, Friendliness, and a rating scale from Poor to satisfactory to Extraordinary.

just like His Son does.” And that, said Bowman, “makes the Father happy.”
He recalled a holiday dinner at Fillipi’s Pizza with all his children (and their spouses) gathered at the table. “That was good. It was all Bowmans...and it made Dad feel loved...and delighted and proud and joyful. That’s what the Father wants. He wants, around the table, a bunch of His sons and daughters who look like the Son — Jesus. What we want to do as a church is help people discover...the one true God, who is always working to override whatever happens in life so that we might become more like His Son. And that’s where we find our joy and satisfaction.”
What happens when we die?
“The moment someone who trusts in Jesus dies,” said Bowman, “that person goes immediately to be face-to-face with Him forever.”
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