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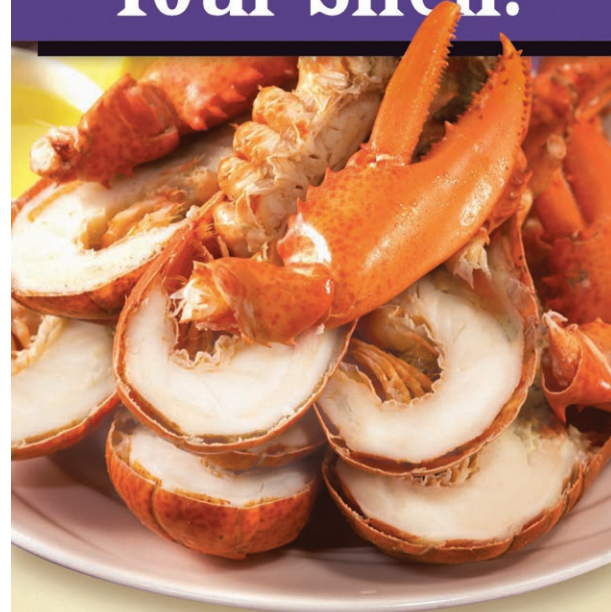
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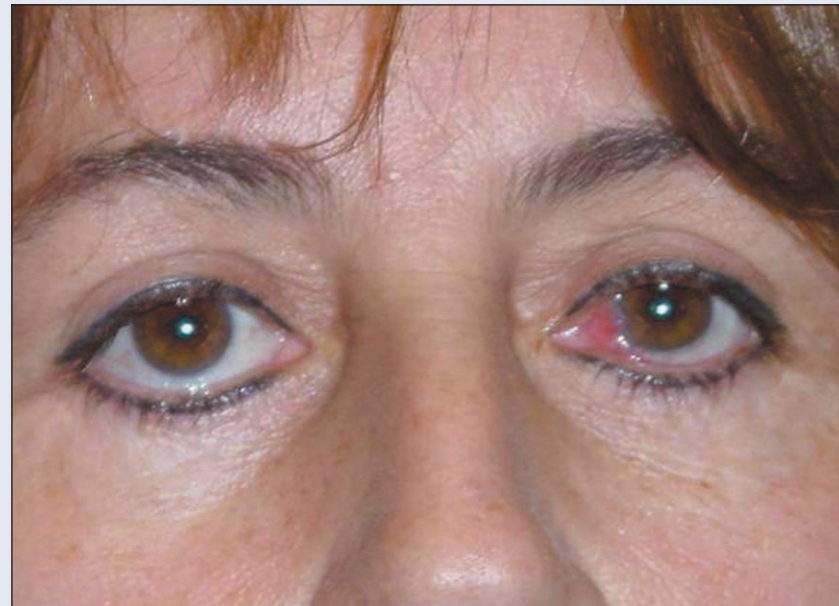
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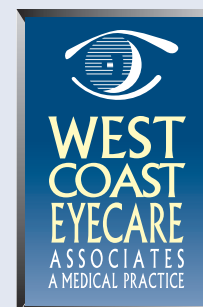
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Jennifer LeSar

San Ysidro," according to the disclosure. The charitable tax return of the group, which reported it raised about \$9000 in 2008, says its purpose is "giving scholarship to the people in general." The return, filed in May of last year, listed the group's president as **Richard Gomez**. Last week, a *Union-Tribune* exposé revealed that the City would lose \$200,000 in unrecovered greens fees and maintenance costs due to the Farmers tournament, held at City-owned Torrey Pines. ... **Jennifer LeSar**, who married her longtime partner, ex-city councilwoman **Toni Atkins**, back in September 2008 when gay marriage was briefly legal in California, has been cleared by the City's Ethics Commission to lobby the Centre City Development Corporation, where LeSar recently retired from the board. In a January 15 advice letter, Ethics Commission general counsel **Alison Adema** told LeSar, a development consultant, that since the CCDC post was not compensated, the City's post-employment lobbying limits don't apply to her. "Moreover, your past service on the CCDC Board does not preclude you from now offering your services to CCDC under a consulting contract, but only to the extent that you did not participate as a CCDC board member in the creation of that contract or in creating any needs that would be fulfilled through the execution of that contract."

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Erroll Southers

steroids as a bodybuilder, a Republican staffer expressed interest in the case; four days after that, the nomination was pulled.

The file revealed that the couple also quarreled over racially sensitive matters. Southers, an African American, raised questions when his wife, who is white, moved with their son to Poway while he was living in Los Angeles. "Ms. Southers advised my mother in response to questions of diversity, that Poway is a diverse area. If one considers the 1990 census information of 2.7% African American and 77% Caucasian as being diverse, then I guess it is," he said in a 1997 court declaration. Southers told the court that his success in life was "the result of a strong African American father, who demonstrated personal pride and a dedicated work ethic. I am requesting the opportunity to provide the same encouragement for my son, who like myself, is constantly reminded of the disproportionate number of African American males in custodial settings, or supervised by the criminal justice system." ... *Wired* magazine's website is reporting that another Predator drone, made by La Jolla's General Atomics, has gone down over Pakistan. "According to U.S. Air Force statistics, Predator and Reapers drones have suffered at least 85 'class A mishaps' — accidents which caused a million dollars' worth of damage or more."

Last hurrah Virtually unknown to the public here, **Bill Cavala**, a onetime UC Berkeley professor and top aide to Speaker **Willie Brown Jr.**, was for most of two decades the Democratic operative most indispensable to the party's San Diego legislative hopes. Cavala was a combination of the old and new politics. When he visited San Diego in the years before smoking was banned in bars, Cavala, a hard-drinking five-pack-a-day man, held court in the hazy happy hour at Bully's East, where a steady procession of politicians and attractive women would stop by his table. Cavala had an uncanny grasp of slicing and dicing voters into groups to which precisely calibrated mail pieces could be sent. He also created TV campaigns for generations of local Democrats, including the famous "trench coat and fedora" spot in 1996, portraying Assemblyman **Howard Wayne** — whose public-speaking skills were not his strong suit — as a silent gumshoe. Cavala, 66, died in Sacramento the day after Christmas.



Bill Cavala

— Matt Potter

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Football First, Water Last

By Don Bauder

In his State of the City speech on January 13, Mayor Jerry Sanders devoted 434 words to the possibility of taxpayers shelling

out hundreds of millions of dollars for a subsidized Chargers stadium and 174 words to the idea of those taxpayers paying for an expansion of the convention center. But Sanders devoted only 114 words to the subject of water — far and away the most critical short-term and long-term problem facing San Diego. He devoted zero words to water conservation.

The day after the speech, a Sacramento County Superior Court judge knocked down critical parts of a 2003 agreement that, among many things, had cleared the way for San Diego to get water from the Imperial Valley. The San Diego County Water

Authority pays a stiff price for that water, and it's now fully 26 percent of the amount



Salton Sea

the county uses. Unless the Sacramento case is reversed on appeal, more woes lie

ahead.

Most frighteningly, those woes include possible desertification of the Southwest — the drought of today leading to a dust bowl by the middle of the century. Some experts foresee that horror. Actually, when San Diego wangled the deal for Imperial water, some citizens there had visions of a Depression-era dust bowl. Already, that concern is hitting home. Transfers of water to San

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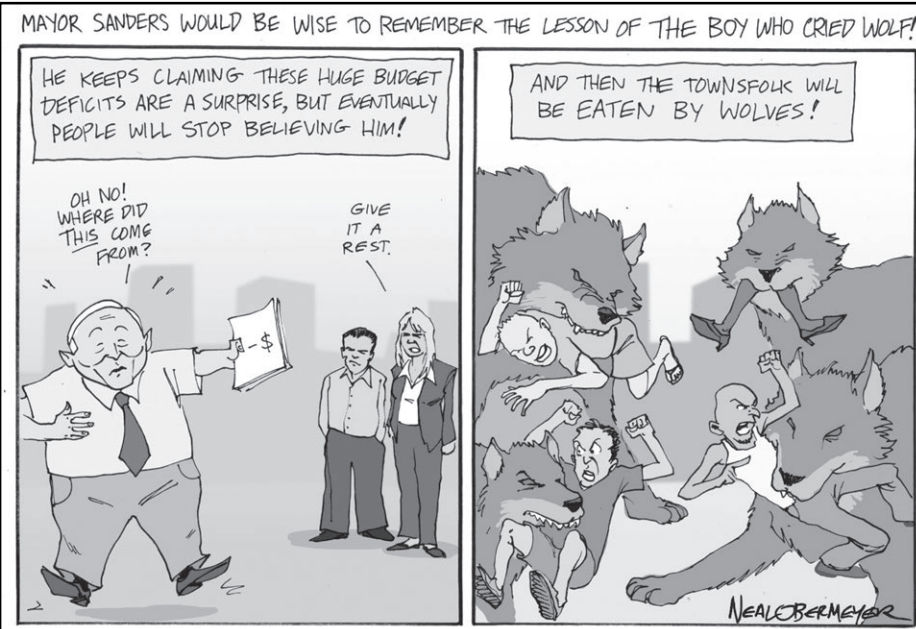
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Diego reduce the Salton Sea's shoreline, resulting in blowing dust that produces harmful health effects on Imperial Valley residents. That's part of the battle in the Sacramento lawsuit.

"Water is the basis of this entire region — not stadi-

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He Got Quite An Education

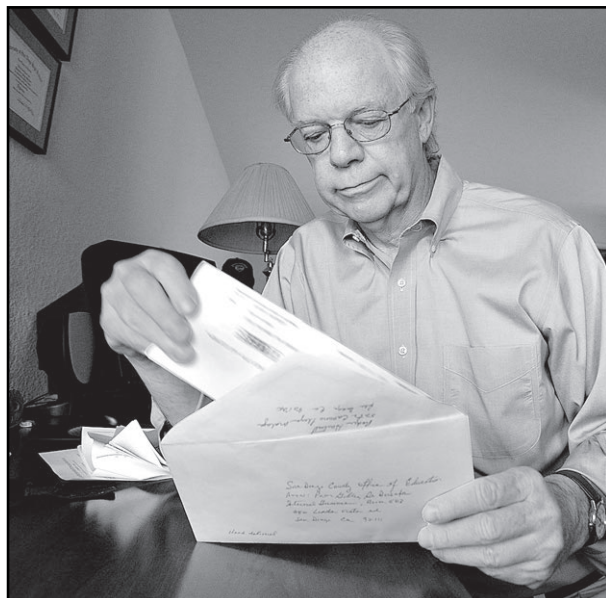
By Dorian Hargrove

Every morning at seven o'clock, Rodger Hartnett starts his day. The 62-year-old law school graduate and county employee

breakfasts inside his Tierrasanta home as he watches the news. Afterwards, he opens up his book of word puzzles, and for two or three hours he works on them. The puzzles are a strategy to correct his visual processing impairment, an adult learning disability that he was diagnosed with back in January 2006. In the afternoon, following lunch, it's time for exercise, a five-mile stroll around the neighborhood. This is a typical day for Hartnett, that is, ever since October 2007, when the San Diego County Office of Education-Joint Powers Author-

a payroll check for \$5237.28 and slides the check into a new envelope addressed to his lawyer, who mails the check back to the San Diego County Office of Education. The checks started rolling in to Hartnett's mailbox in early December, eight months after Judge Steven Denton granted a writ in Hartnett's wrongful termination suit and two months after the Office of Education's appeal was denied.

It's not that Hartnett doesn't need the money. He cashed in his 401(k) in 2007. He draws partial Social Security benefits, and he adheres



Rodger Hartnett

the news, exercise, and work puzzles.

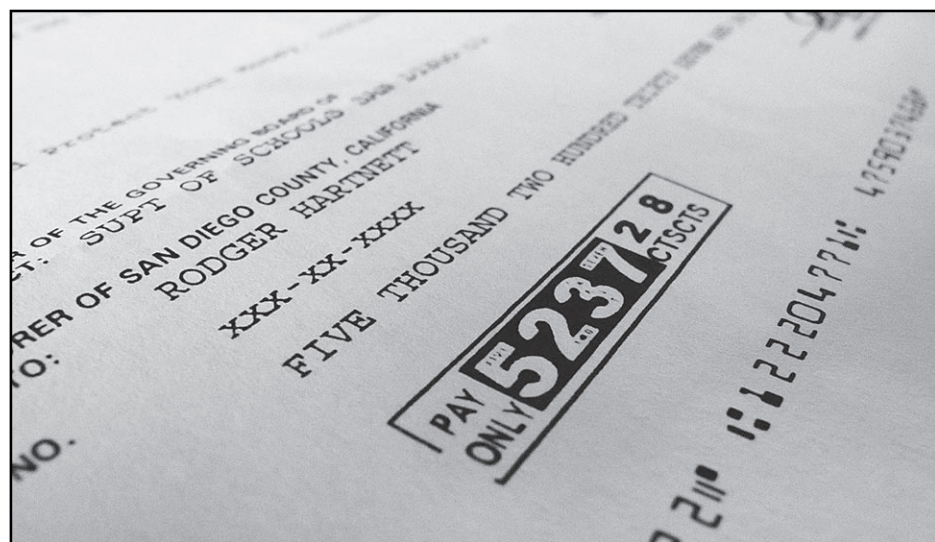
And there's another reason he doesn't cash the check. To cash the check, says Hartnett, would mean he's agreed to a \$21,000 pay cut. Before he was terminated, Hartnett's salary was \$112,000 a year; now it's \$91,000.

30 years. Working in public service was something he had wanted to do since the 1980s, when he worked for the County Counsel, a county department that handles the county's civil lawsuits. He also wanted to vest in the California Public Employees' Retirement System. Hartnett was in charge of three people. He and his team handled third-party lawsuits, such as employment claims and sexual-molestation cases, that were lodged against the county's school districts. During his first two years on the job, he received positive annual performance reviews from his superiors.

"I walked on water," quips Hartnett. "Not to pat myself on the back — never mind, no one else is going to — in one of my performance reviews I was described as being a real asset to the operation."

The positive reviews ended and the problems began in 2006, a year after his boss, executive director of the San Diego County Office of Education-Joint Powers Authority, Diane Crosier, asked him to reduce legal expenditures to outside law firms by 10 percent. Hartnett looked at the law firms the office used. He discovered that in one recent year, the Office of Edu-

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Rodger Hartnett's paycheck: sent back to the Office of Education

ity, the agency that handles legal claims for 69 school districts and charter schools in the county, terminated Hartnett from his position as a claims coordinator for incompetence, dishonesty, and insubordination.

One day a month, Hartnett's list of daily activities increases. On that day, Hartnett opens an envelope from his employer, pulls out

to a tight budget, leaving him just enough money in the bank to last him another year. No, Hartnett needs the money, and he wants to return to work. He sends back the check because he says it condones his employer's decision to put him on paid administrative leave. He says he hates to think that taxpayers are paying him \$43 per hour to watch

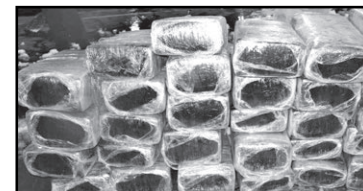
Sitting outside a Hillcrest coffee shop, Hartnett, a tall, lanky, gray-haired man wearing corduroy pants and a blue-and-white-pinstriped button down, recalls the sequence of events that brought him to this impasse.

It started in August 2003, when the Office of Education hired Hartnett as a claims coordinator, a job he had performed for corporations for

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708 Lbs. of Pot Found in Truck's Fish Cargo
Otay Mesa — The evidence was hidden in a cargo of fish, but authorities at the Otay Mesa border cross-



Fishy blocks of pot

ing sniffed out 708 pounds of marijuana anyway.

The pot stash was uncovered on the evening of January 21, after a 34-year-old Ensenada man drove a 1992 bobtail truck into the inspection area with what he said was a cargo of fish. The CBP agent decided a more intensive exam was in order and sent the truck and driver to the port's X-ray station.

The X-ray indicated something was odd about the shipment, so it was determined the truck should be unloaded. After probing one of the containers, officials found 29 wrapped packages they said had a street value of \$424,565.

By Steve Perez
Tuesday, Jan. 26

Caltrans' Conundrum

Lawsuit, New "Adopt-a-Highway" Policy
San Onofre — In November of 2007, the volunteer border-watching organization known as the Minutemen was granted a two-mile-long section along Interstate 5 in accordance with Caltrans' Adopt-A-Highway program.

The roadside area the Minutemen would be responsible for keeping clean was near the San Onofre immigration-and-

customs checkpoint. Once the sign was posted, Latino rights groups complained and demanded Caltrans remove the sign.

Caltrans director Will Kempton heeded the protests, ordered the sign removed, and assigned a length of SR-52 near San-tee to the Minutemen. The Minutemen filed a federal lawsuit, and in June 2008, Caltrans was ordered to reinstitute the adopted section and repost the Minutemen's sign.

Since the conflict began two years ago, the adoption program has been shut down throughout the state. A series of hearings were held in Sacramento with the goal of instituting stricter policies as to what types of organizations could adopt a section of highway.

This month, Caltrans told its local offices to accept again applications for the program and seek new sponsors. According to a Caltrans official, not



Sign near San Onofre checkpoint

much will change with the new 74-page policy; it only protects Caltrans from getting its hand slapped by the courts.

By Ken Harrison
Thursday, Jan. 28

What Video Feed?

Local Calls out I.B. Council on Video Access
Imperial Beach — In a quest to promote democracy by educating the public, Ed Kravitz of SaveIB.com has

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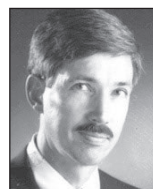
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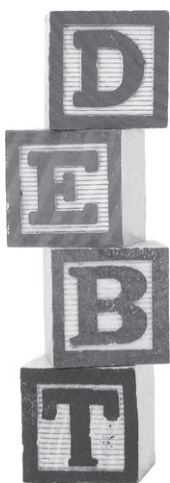
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ums, not convention centers. Water has to be our first priority," says Steve Erie, director of the Urban Studies and Planning program at the University of California San Diego, where he is a political science professor. "The Salton Sea remains the Achilles' heel of San Diego's water future." But Mayor Sanders is blithely unconcerned. "It's not the stuff below ground," says Erie, "but the legacy projects above ground that preoccupy this mayor."

Says Councilmember Donna Frye, "My position is that you take care of basic needs — infrastructure, deferred maintenance, homeless issues, basic services that citizens need before you look at things that are nice to have. If the Chargers want to put up the money to build a stadium, I will be happy to be helpful." San Diego's water situation is most critical and "is going to get much worse than some people even imagine."

"Putting a football stadium ahead of water reflects an immaturity of leadership that has permeated San Diego for the last three mayors — Golding, Murphy, and Sanders," says former city attorney Mike Aguirre.

Says Norma Damashek, president of the local League of Women Voters, "The mayor talks about clean technology, which will depend on a reliable and adequate water supply. Biotech and high tech depend on a stable source of water. There are many opportunities for him to step forward and talk about a water conservation plan for San Diego that could put us on the map. But he does not act as a responsible leader should act. He substitutes words for planning and action."

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles "is producing a \$3 billion water conservation and recycling

program," says Erie. San Diego gets more than half of its water from L.A.'s Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. "L.A. has its own supply and is not in the dire straits that we are in. We are the most at risk and act as if it's of limited concern."

The San Diego City Council wanted to look at water recycling, the process with the distasteful political moniker "toilet-to-tap." (Actually, a large amount of the water that San Diego buys is already recycled. Water that comes down the Colorado River is used by municipalities upstream that treat it and dump it back in the river.) The mayor initially vetoed the idea, but the council overrode him. Now, the City has a demonstration project, indirect potable reuse, that augments a local reservoir with recycled wastewater. "The mayor has not been particularly helpful," says Frye, head of the council's Natural Resources Committee and the leader who has done by far the most to address the water question.

She is pushing to make mandatory conservation permanent, have tougher penalties for those breaking conservation rules, clamp down on new development, and offer tax credits to homeowners who dig up lawns and plant drought-tolerant native vegetation.

As global warming progresses, the snow pack will melt earlier, water will flow more quickly to California, and there will have to be more storage facilities to capture runoff. Frye is already pursuing ways for citizens to capture rainwater.

Carlsbad hopes to have a desalination plant up and running in two years, but it would serve only 100,000 households and faces financing and environmental legal barriers. "It is so energy inefficient," says Frye. "Why use outdated technology?" Some would like to see the City of San Diego have its own

desalination program.

Recently, the nonprofit Environmental Working Group studied exhaustive data on the quality of water in 100 U.S. cities. San Diego came in 92nd and was cited as one of the ten worst metropolitan areas. The study focused on 315 pollutants in tap water, more than half of which are not subject to health and safety regulations. A significant number exceeded federal guidelines. "I am amazed that nobody at city hall has addressed this study of contaminants in the water," says civic activist Mel Shapiro. "Maybe there should be a regular investigation." Frye says her Natural Resources Committee will soon docket the matter.

Meanwhile, Centre City Development Corporation, the downtown redevelopment facilitator, will look into whether it can lift the cap on how much future property tax revenue can be directed downtown. It expects to hit the state-mandated limit in 2023 or so. To raise that cap, Centre City would have to get permission from major state and local bodies. There is no question that the money would be earmarked for the Chargers, who expect to rake in a subsidy of \$500 million to \$700 million or more.

"I am real concerned about the financial condition of CCDC," says Frye. The city administration won't provide her with information she sought long ago. "I don't see any point in rearranging things, trying to figure out how to restructure something [Centre City] that is out of money."

But Centre City and its development-industry puppeteers are only interested in more construction, even though the current rotting infrastructure won't support what is already in place. In football parlance, it is high time that all the city leaders who are under the thumb of developers got sacked. ■

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cation had paid nearly \$2.9 million to outside legal firms. One firm — Stutz, Artiano, Shinoff, and Holtz — received more than \$1.49 million, ten times more than the next-highest-paid firm. Only three firms — Daniel Shinoff's firm; plus Winet, Patrick, and Weaver, a law firm located in Vista; and Best, Best, and Krieger — received all of the school districts' lawsuits.

Much of that money, says Hartnett, was for work that could have been done internally: "Shinoff's law firm was assigned all the labor-intensive work, which was my work."

Hartnett had an idea. The idea was to use a rotation method to choose which law firm would receive each case. "My thinking was, with competition comes better pricing," said Hartnett.

Hartnett suggested his idea to Crosier, but she rejected it, saying that the district preferred Daniel Shinoff's firm. "She said that's the way it is, that I should leave it alone."

"That's when I started asking myself if there was a reason this law firm was getting so much of the work," says Hartnett. "If a lawsuit was getting sent to a particular law firm because it's quid pro quo,

that's a criminal offense."

Hartnett recalled a lunch he and colleagues had had with Daniel Shinoff, a lunch that Shinoff had paid for. During lunch, Shinoff and Crosier had talked about a legal case involving Crosier's son in San Francisco. Shinoff was representing him. Later, Hartnett discovered that Crosier had worked for Shinoff's firm in the '80s, after she passed the bar exam.

A few weeks later, Hartnett again pitched his idea to Crosier and again she rejected it. Frustrated and worried that he would be held accountable for overlooking the conflict-of-interest issues, Hartnett included the recommendation in his report for his annual performance review. In her portion of the review, Crosier wrote that he should forget his idea.

"At the time, I thought if I ignored it and it blows up, I would be the guy that gets thrown under the bus," said Hartnett, reflecting on his decision to press the issue further instead of dropping it as Crosier wanted. "If I knew the ass kicking I would take from doing this, I would have said fuck it, you can have the money. I'm not putting up with this shit. But at the time I didn't think any of this would happen."

He went to William

"Woody" Merrill, general counsel for the Office of Education and a partner of the law firm Best, Best, and Krieger, to discuss his findings. Merrill advised Hartnett to discuss his concerns with Crosier's superior, Lora Duzyk, assistant superintendent of business services.

Shortly before he went to Duzyk, Hartnett discovered additional conflict-of-interest issues. He discovered that Merrill is married to the director of human resources at the Office of Education, Michele Fort-Merrill. According to Hartnett's attorney, Barry Vrevich, only after Merrill's wife took control of the human resources department did Best, Best, and Krieger, the second-highest-paid firm on the county education office's panel, start receiving cases.

"The further I went, the more corruption I discovered," Hartnett said.

Earlier that year, in January 2006, Hartnett misplaced a set of keys. His girlfriend suggested he try to picture the last time he had had them. Nothing came to mind. Hartnett's girlfriend, a speech pathologist, asked him to spell a three-syllable word. Then she asked him to spell it backwards. Hartnett couldn't. He wasn't surprised; he says he assumed he was "dumb" and had a poor memory. As a col-

lege student in St. Louis, he'd been forced to take off a semester due to poor grades. Playing basketball in high school, he couldn't remember how the coach drew up plays. He had never passed the bar exam, failing the multiple-choice part four times. His girlfriend asked him if he had ever been tested for a learning disability. Hartnett had not. She recommended the Lindamood-Bell Learning Center in Del Mar, and a few weeks later, after a series of tests, specialists confirmed that Hartnett suffered from visual processing impairment. His scores revealed that his reading comprehension was at a sixth-grade level.

Hartnett sent an email to Crosier informing her of his condition. He explained that the visual processing impairment affected his work. He would forget emails; anything visual would not stick, or as he explains it: "It affected my ability to do my job. Your mind acts like a camera. My brain doesn't have a camera — or there's no film in the camera. I have to paint by numbers."

In June 2006, Hartnett asked for financial assistance to help pay for the \$5000 corrective training at the Lindamood-Bell Institute. His request was denied. "I was a little pissed off," said Hart-

nett, before laughing. "If I would have lost my arm, there would have been some help, some accommodation."

He was, however, allowed to use his vacation and sick leave for his five-week training program to help him cope with the disability. Every day for five weeks, Hartnett left the office at 2:30 p.m. and drove to Del Mar for a two-hour training session. Most of the exercises consisted of reading a paragraph and then describing what he'd read. During his training, no one at the Office of Education commented on his disability, though shortly after beginning the training, Crosier stripped away Hartnett's supervisory duties.

By the time the five weeks were up, Hartnett had gone from a 6th-grade reading-comprehension level to a 12th-grade level. A couple of months later, Crosier restored his supervisory duties, but he had only one person to supervise. "She took away my investigator and my secretary. It was a violation of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. They are not supposed to discriminate against you because of a disability."

The following summer, in June 2007, Hartnett sent an email using the office's email account to a Los Angeles lawyer, one he had known for years,

asking his opinion on a class-action lawsuit his boss had accused him of mishandling and overpaying for. He attached a copy of the closing report on the case. Hartnett later mailed the lawyer a copy of the original lawsuit at his own expense. The lawyer did not charge any fees for reviewing the matter.

A few weeks later, Crosier called Hartnett into her office. She asked him whether he had used county resources to consult with the lawyer. He had not. She asked him whether he had used the county email system to send the document. He says he forgot that he had sent it using his county email address and he told her no.

"I didn't remember doing it," said Hartnett. "That's the basis for the dishonesty. Knowing all the while that I have a visual processing impairment that affects my ability to remember visual events. They knew that."

On October 5, 2007, Hartnett was terminated. Seventeen months after that, on March 27, 2009, San Diego superior court judge Steven Denton granted the writ that ordered the San Diego County Office of Education to reinstate Hartnett and award him back pay for the time he was out of work. In October, the

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office's appeal was dismissed. On November 30, Hartnett reported to work, the first time in two years, only to be handed a letter that stated he was being placed on paid administrative leave and ordering him not to speak to any school district representatives.

Hartnett says the county must have hired someone else to do his job, meaning taxpayers are paying not only Hartnett's salary but also the salary of whoever is replacing him. In addition, Hartnett claims the county is not following the court order to send him back pay for the past two years. In early December he received two checks for back pay; the gross amount was \$46,000, not the \$300,000 he was owed.

According to Jim Esterbrooks, public information officer for the Office of Education, the office will not com-

ment on Hartnett's case. The office also refused to provide its legal costs associated with Hartnett's termination suit.

The San Diego County Office of Education "continues to request Shinoff and Winet," wrote Esterbrooks in an email. "Both are extremely experienced and successful in their work on behalf of school districts. That's why school districts request them. SDCOE continues to use Best, Best & Krieger, where Merrill works."

Hartnett estimates that the cost of fighting the wrongful termination suit and of paying him to stay home is approaching the million-dollar mark.

"These are public funds," Hartnett says. "This isn't corporate greed; this is public money we are talking about."

On December 15, Hartnett received a letter notifying him that once again the Office of Education recommended that he be terminated. He is appealing. ■

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sought access to a video feed of Imperial Beach City Council meetings. His intention is to stream the meetings through his website. I.B. appears to be the only local jurisdiction not broadcasting its city council meetings.

Initially, Kravitz was told that the City did not have video capability and, thus, no video feed existed. The City recently spent approximately \$200,000 on upgrades to council chambers.

Believing modern technology would have been included in the upgrades, Kravitz doubted the truth of that statement. So, he paid a visit to the I.B. City Council meeting on January 20 to complain about what seemed like stonewalling.

In his presentation, Carr confronted the council with the fact that the City



Seized weed from 1/28 busts

did indeed have video capability, saying that moments before arriving at the meeting he had seen the same council meeting on a large video screen in the adjacent "community room."

By Suzanne Ramirez
Saturday, Jan. 30

Synchronized Smugglers?

Total of \$3.2M Worth of Pot Seized at Border
Otay Mesa — On Thursday afternoon, January 28, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in San Diego County seized over 5000 pounds of marijuana val-

ued at \$3.2 million. The largest seizure occurred at about 6:15 p.m. at the Otay Mesa cargo facility: over 300 packages of marijuana, weighing in at 3877 pounds.

A 46-year-old Ensenada man entered the port driving a tractor-trailer with cargo manifested as peppers and green beans. The officer inspecting the cargo referred the driver to a secondary inspection area, where the pot was found.

At about 4:30 p.m., a truck loaded with 769 pounds of marijuana was busted at the Tecate port of entry. Two hours ear-

lier, a 37-year-old Temecula man was caught at the San Ysidro border station with 48 packages of marijuana weighing 297 pounds in a false compartment of his Dodge pickup truck.

By Steve Horvath
Saturday, Jan. 30

Wells Park to Fare Well

City Heeds Residents' Improvement Ideas

El Cajon — New improvements may be in the works for Wells Park in El Cajon. The City of El Cajon recently announced that it is applying for a \$5 million state grant to revitalize the 18-acre park, located on East Madison Avenue between First and Orlando Streets.

Over the past month, the City held two neighborhood forums to seek ideas from the public on improving the park.

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By Nathaniel Uy
Saturday, Jan. 30

Bowling and Brawling

Multiple Fights, Chaos in Funplex

Vista — Located off the 78 Freeway in Vista is the Vista Entertainment Center, a megaplex of adult fun and games that includes 40 bowling lanes, an arcade, a karaoke machine, and a sports bar called the Turf Room. "Everything Can Happen Here," reads the center's website.

On January 28, a lot did happen there. Minutes

before midnight, deputies from the San Diego Sheriff's Department arrived at the North County fun zone in response to a 911 call about a large ruckus on the property.

Multiple fights were going on at the same time, read a Sheriff's Department press release. While two 26-year-old males, Tim Moy and Lucas Hayes, were duking it out in the parking lot, John Gyues and Alphonso Sorrell battled with security guards inside. While trading blows with the security detail, Gyues and Sorrell were "instigating others inside the bar to fight."

Deputies were able to detain Moy and Hayes outside, arresting them for public drunkenness, and managed to restrain Gyues and Sorrell — but not before Sorrell forced a deputy to the ground.

"Sorrell and two other subjects then attempted

to 'rush' the deputy on ground," read the press release.

By Dorian Hargrove
Saturday, Jan. 30

Lights Out

Storm Knocks Out Traffic Signal Grid

Encinitas — On Tuesday night, January 19, during a storm that pounded San Diego, traffic signals all over the City of Encinitas went out. Traffic engineers believe lightning stuck a main controller in the Mountain Vista area and spread through the signal's "interconnect" system, disabling lights at most intersections.

To keep traffic moving on El Camino Real and Encinitas Boulevard, city staff removed the working signal controllers from less-traveled streets and installed them on those roads. As a result, four signals on Santa Fe Drive were left flashing red. As of Tuesday,



Disabled traffic lights in Encinitas

January 26, the four Santa Fe Drive signals, still unpaired, have caused traffic congestion from the signal just west of I-5, at Scripps Memorial Hospital, to one mile east, at Lake Drive.

The signals affect commuters getting to and from the freeway, as well as hundreds of cars dropping teenagers off at San Diego Academy. Fortunately, the Santa Fe Drive signals at I-5 continued to operate because Caltrans uses their own circuits.

By Ken Harrison
Wednesday, Jan. 27

Comments

1. Hello, this was not just Encinitas. Didn't you hear there were massive power outages, affecting homes and

traffic lights downtown and uptown, and probably other areas? Happened again last night, too.

By SDaniels
11:36 a.m., Jan 28

That's What Friends Are For

Teen Stabs Friend in Gang Fight
Fallbrook — A Fallbrook gang member will have to stand trial for stabbing his childhood friend, a San Diego superior-court judge ruled on January 27.

Authorities allege that at around 10 p.m. on September 29, Skyylr Hamilton, 18, stabbed then-18-year-old José Barrera twice in the abdomen on West Aviation Road in Fallbrook during a gang altercation.

Hamilton was arrested a week after the stabbing.

Sheriff's deputy John Klimek testified that when he arrived on the scene, Barrera's intestines were partially protruding from his wounds.

Hamilton faces up to 24 years in prison if convicted, deputy district attorney Cal Logan said outside the courtroom.

By Randy Kalp
Thursday, Jan. 28

Books or Bullets?

Proposals Will Cut City Services Budget
Escondido — "It's really a life raft to keep the city afloat," said Escondido councilmember Marie Waldron during Wednesday evening's city council meeting.



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The life raft that Waldron was referring to was a list of proposed cuts to account for the \$10.5 million deficit during this fiscal year and \$9.1 million for next fiscal year. During the past three years, sales tax revenues have dropped by \$20 million.

To balance the budget, city councilmembers heard a list of cuts to city services, including \$2.4 million from the city's police and fire departments, \$1 million from libraries, and \$770,000 from the parks and recreation department.

"We need to look at different and more creative solutions. We haven't done enough outsourcing," said councilmember Sam Abed after pitching his idea to outsource the city's library to the county, which he says would save the city \$750,000.

Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler

suggested the city use its reserves to balance this year's budget instead of making additional cuts to city services. This would leave the reserves at ten percent of the budget, not the 15 percent required by council policy. "You cannot balance this budget in this short a time," said Pfeiler.

"I'd rather buy books than bullets," said councilmember Olga Diaz, showing her objections to shaving any more from the

library budget.


By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, Jan. 28

They Preyed on Their Neighbors

Eight Burglary Suspects Caught in East County

Santee—In an early-morning warrant sweep on January 28, about 60 detectives and county sheriff's deputies assisted in arresting eight suspects in connection with a series of burglaries that have

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occurred in Santee, Lakeside, and unincorporated El Cajon since last summer.

San Diego County Sheriff's Sgt. Tom Poulin said more than \$50,000 worth of property was stolen during the crime spree that began six months ago and targeted jewelry and video-game systems. Much of the jewelry was taken to pawn shops and gold-buying kiosks in East County malls.

All eight suspects (Nicholas Curl, 21; Kelli Cannon, 19; Cole Ensign, 18; Brian Shay, 18; Steven Shay, 21; Taylor Tidmore, 18; and two juveniles) lived in the neighborhood where the burglaries occurred. They preyed on their neighbors and other acquaintances.

By Craig Vansant
Thursday, Jan. 28

This Will Hurt

San Diego Fire Stations to Cut Crews

San Diego — Instead of laying off fire and rescue personnel, Mayor Jerry Sanders's budget cuts include implementing daily rolling "brownouts" — defined as a reduction of a station's crews by one — at 8 of 13 San Diego fire stations that have more than one fire engine. Under the plan, those 13 stations will no longer house multiple crews permanently.

The plan is expected to result in \$11.5 million in savings from a reduction in overtime pay. According to the City, firefighters displaced by the brownouts will be used to replace firefighters who are away on vacation, sick leave, injury, training, or other department needs.

Councilmember Sherri Lightner asked city chief operating officer Jay Goldstone to consider statistics on two fire stations in her district that serve a large geographical area and also contend with a

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high volume of incidents.

"Available data makes it reasonable to expect that stations 35 and 40 should be two of the five double houses exempted from brownouts," said Lightner. "We cannot jeopardize public safety or economic stability by putting at risk the residents of University City and Rancho Peñasquitos; the students, faculty, and staff at UCSD; or San Diego's high-tech businesses on the Torrey Pines Mesa and in the Golden Triangle."

On January 26, the City released the official brownout plan, which included both stations 35 and 40. The brownouts represent a reduction of as much as 13 percent in the City's firefighting force.

By Nathaniel Uy
Thursday, Jan. 28

Chula Vista's R.A.P.P. on Urban Blight

City Amends Abandoned Property Program

Chula Vista — When the housing market crashed, wreckage was scattered throughout Chula Vista. In 2007, 12–15 homes out of every 1000 went into foreclosure. Many of those thousands of homes that fell vacant soon also fell into disrepair. Lawns turned brown, broken windows could be seen from the street, and swimming pools turned into cesspools of algae and debris. The abandoned properties became open invitations to vandals, vagrants, and "urban miners" who would break into the house and strip the property of copper and aluminum piping.

In July 2007, the city council adopted a Residential Abandoned Property Program, requiring banks and owners to register a property as abandoned and holding banks responsible for maintaining the properties. The ordinance put into place certain fines for infractions that created blight.

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During the past 30 months, the city has registered more than 3500 abandoned properties, with 2500 complaints and 770 violations issued. In all, the city has fined banks and lenders approximately \$1.8 million for these infractions.

The program has since been used as a model in other communities throughout the country that have also reported a high number of foreclosures. In May 2009, Harvard University recognized Chula Vista's abandoned property program as one of the most "innovative government programs in the nation."

Despite this support, local banks and real estate professionals feel the fines are too high and the program enforcement is arbitrary and inconsistent.

They took those concerns to city hall during a January 26 council meeting. City councilmembers debated whether to amend the program to address the concerns from the area's real estate industry.

"When we get \$1000-a-day fines, it really hurts the banks and the sellers," said one speaker, a representative from the San Diego Association of Realtors.

"To fine somebody \$250 a day because a gate is not locked is not reasonable."

Councilmembers agreed to tweak the ordinance, voting in favor of allowing banks and property owners to register abandoned properties online, saving them the \$70 registration fee for those properties registered during the previous year. The amendment also gave the city council the authority to reduce the schedule of fines.

By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, Jan. 27

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Let's Hear It For Science

Would you fly on a plane designed by opinion ("Global Warming Is Crap," Cover Story, January 28)? Does no one remember what science is for?

Science provides a path to reality — the kind of reality that allows for planes to fly and medicines to heal.

Science provides a path out of the chaotic sea of opinion that "Global Warming Is Crap" presents, as if it mattered. This sea of opinion is a lot like "crap." Everyone contributes some and it stinks. Oddly, though, with opinions, everyone thinks theirs is the right one. Yet in reality, mere opinions do not matter.

Actions matter. Results matter. Science matters.

I've pored over the evidence that is independent of opinion. Whether we believe it or not, the evidence has piled up that change is coming whether we're prepared for it or not.

This is not about fear; it's about what matters. We disagree with reality at our own peril.

In the end, our biggest problem may indeed be not climate change itself but that we seem obsessed with talking about science as if it didn't matter.

By the way, I attended the COP-15 United Nations conference in Copenhagen as part of the Sierra Club delegation. I attended Scripps Institution of Oceanography briefings and have their materials.

Carolyn Chase
via email

On Thin Ice

I was curious about the author's statement that Arctic sea ice coverage is the same today as it was 30 years ago ("Global Warming Is Crap," Cover Story, January 28). That appears to be the case if you compare January to January, although the images at the Cryosphere Today don't show the thinning of the ice. However, if you look at September 1980 and September 2009, the difference becomes very clear. It looks like 2009 has 30 to 40 percent less ice coverage than 1980.

Also, the theory of underwater volcanoes contributing to the melting of the Arctic surface ice has been shown to be inaccurate. The heat stays trapped near the bottom, and there is not enough of it to raise surface temperatures.

Lawrance Bailey
via email

Bill Manson replies: Mr. Bailey is right. I should have asked about summer-to-summer as well as winter-to-winter ice comparisons.

Too Small To Matter

Thanks for publishing this article ("Global Warming Is Crap," Cover Story, January 28). The skeptics should be heard.

Carbon dioxide is currently around 380 parts per million of the atmosphere. That's 0.038 percent!!! Even if doubled to 0.076 percent, how can such a minuscule part of the atmosphere possibly cause a temperature rise of 5 to 10 percent as claimed? There simply is not enough mass to do that (subatomic particles to be energized by heat radiation and reradiating it back to earth).

The second claimed anthropogenic greenhouse gas — methane — is even scarcer. It's measured in parts per billion!

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BACK WHEN *in the Reader*

Thirty Years Ago

George Marston thought the Nolen plan presented sound concepts for developing the city, but not everyone in San Diego agreed with him, as he found out when he ran for mayor in 1913.

"The people who were critical of the Nolen plan called themselves the smokestack group, and their motto was 'Smokestacks versus Geraniums.' And they called my grandfather 'Geranium George.'"

— "WE'VE ALWAYS LOOKED AFTER OUR CITY," *Gordon Smith, February 7, 1980*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

On the northern side of Mt. Soledad, just off Torrey Pines Road, one can hear Bob Freppel screaming. He screams until he becomes hoarse, until he can scream

no more, at any time of the day, even late into the evening. What he yells are the two words "slow down."

One neighbor, who declined to be named, said of Freppel's months-long crusade, "His yelling can be disquieting at times, especially in the morning, but shortly after Christmas there was an accident not far from his house and I'm sure he felt vindicated."

— CITY LIGHTS: "SOLEDAD BROTHER," *Abe Opincar, February 7, 1985*

Twenty Years Ago

Life may be short for the four baby mustangs about to be foaled in the herd of wild horses running around Jacumba. They've also discovered that domestic lawns make for good eating, and while they're in town, they might as well fill up on the food and water that a few kindly town folk leave out for them at night. But the horses, especially the young colts, haven't quite gotten the hang of running back and forth across the two-lane highway, and several of them have been struck and killed by motor vehicles in recent years.

— CITY LIGHTS: "COLT CROSSING," *Colin Flaherty, February 8, 1990*

Fifteen Years Ago

The unedited letters printed below were written by students.

My name is _____. I am a student from the San Diego High School. I am in the 11 grade. I am a resident of this county. I have viled here 3 years. I came from Mexico

and I be proud of my country. I write this letter because I read flyer. It said really bad things the people writing that don't have feelings, for us. They only care about money. What they forget is the fruit they eat and vegetable they eat are grown and cut by the

same people they want to deport.

— "YOU DON'T KNOW US," *Victor Esquer, February 2, 1995*

Ten Years Ago

Talk off-the-record with other Chinese about the Chinese Historical Society Museum and you are lickety-split down the rabbit hole of what "Chinese" means. You hear talk of a power struggle. Taiwanese, you are told,

aren't much interested in the immigrant experience and want to turn the museum into a showcase of Chinese culture.

Moreover, the question of Taiwan's reunification with the mainland is the central question to *all* Chinese — to *all* Chinese, that is, other than the American descendants of immigrants who, like Murray Lee, stand outside the fray with an amused calm.

— "WIND, WATER, A RICE FIELD," *Abe Opincar, February 3, 2000*

Five Years Ago

On the day that we talked, Mr. McClatchy was in his office in Manhattan and I was at home in California. An interview with Professor McClatchy, for me, is like an afternoon in one's favorite seminar. I have spoken with him many more times than are seemly. But I can't help myself. In this newest book, the professor refers to the "American isolato."

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— READING: "AMERICAN WRITERS AT HOME," *Judith Moore, February 3, 2005*

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Matt:
Why can't I tickle myself? Anybody else can tickle me, but when I try it, nothing happens.
— Anonymous, via email

Somehow this was also a burning question in Swedish academic circles. Maybe something to do with those itchy wool sweaters. At any rate, some Swedes took pictures of the brains of tickle-ees when set upon by others and then themselves. The brain maps of the surprise tickles lit up like Vegas. Electrons zapping all over the place. And the self-tickle response? A ghost town. Hmmm... What does it all mean? they mused. Ticks and laughs are so complicated.

What the Swedes did was compare the anticipation of a tickle with the actual tickle activity itself. Darned if the brain maps didn't look similar. Even in the brains of self-ticklers. It seems our brains can anticipate what it's going to feel like to be tickled and will respond accordingly. The Brits ran some tests and opined that the self-tickling reaction may be related to our brains' ability to anticipate the effects of our own movement on our own bodies. Anyway, it's this ability to anticipate what's coming that makes self-tickling such a flop. The out-of-control, can't-tell-when-it's-coming other-person tickle works beautifully.

So, why should we laugh when tickled or in anticipation of a tickle? Laugh? Most of the time, what you really want to do is sock the tickler in the nose to get him to stop. Anyway, more science brains suspect that tickle laughter is somehow linked to our basic panic response because of the brain centers that are involved. But on the up side, looking at ape, monkey, and human activity, they also think laughter is a group bonding experience and an indication to the group that danger has passed. Truth is, apes' and monkeys' equivalent of laughter is panting. They don't really chuckle or anything.

Hard to believe it, but the laughter brain circuit, say, in response to a good joke, goes from the left side of the cerebral cortex to the frontal lobe, back to the cerebral cortex (except on the right side this time), straight to the sensory area of the occipital lobe. This covers brain areas involved in word analysis, emotional responses, intellectual analysis, visual processing, and physical responses. So, laughter is a real workout.

Anyway, laughter is such serious busi-

ness, there is even an International Society for Humor Studies. And UCSD developed its own automatic tickling machine for research studies. Would like to have read the grant proposal for that one.

Matthew:
How did the tune "Turkey in the Straw" become the perennial favorite for ice cream trucks?
— Summertime Dreamer, La Mesa

To be fair, "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin and "Pop Goes the Weasel" are equally ubiquitous, nationwide. The elves flagged down an engineer with Magic Box in Jacksonville, Florida, who offered them some Popsicles left over from 1963 and the answer to your question.

Once upon a time, Beals Music Inc. was the only manufacturer of loudspeaker systems for ice cream trucks. For many years, if you wanted one, you had to buy theirs. They started out with mechanical chimes, then graduated to a loudspeaker system using guitar pickups, then took to digitizing analog recordings of an attractive tune. Attractive and cheap. "Turkey in the Straw" et al. are in the public domain, so Beals didn't have to pay royalties every time a truck rolled down the street. Beals is now out of biz, replaced by two companies that make the "music boxes," as they're known in the trade. Magic Box now offers about 60 different songs in the form of a digital chip and can customize your system if you'd like to broadcast dogs howling the Notre Dame fight song or your kid playing "Lady of Spain" on the accordion. But "Turkey/Pop/Entertainer" are still the best sellers. Tradition. Inertia. Cheapness. Standard output used to be 16 watts, but Magic Box has reduced theirs to 8 watts to appease the irritated multitudes.

Matt:
Why do avocados have such big seeds? Sometimes they're all seed, no guac.
— GuacamoleGirl, South Bay

The pit's designed to reproduce the parent tree, not to please you. The wild avocado grows in subtropical jungles, so the new sprout has to get several feet tall before it can share sunlight (to make food) with its neighbors. Until it grows out of their shadows, it relies on nutrients in the seed, so it better be big.

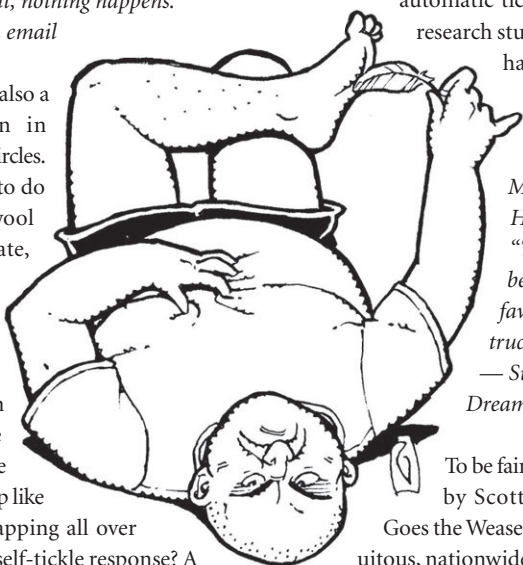


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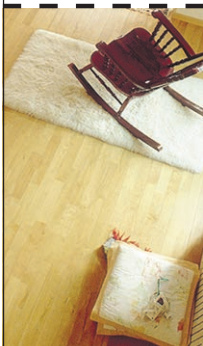


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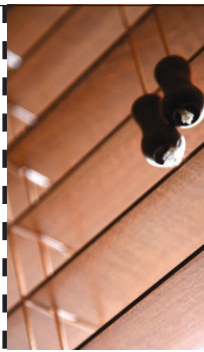
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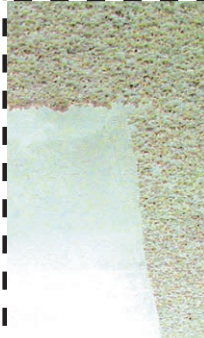


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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Super Bowl Edition



Nate Kaeding

An NFL placekicker has his own world. For him, the word “placekicker” is another way of saying “no contact.” Contact, for a placekicker, is referred to as “roughing the kicker.” A normal day at the office means he’ll be in the game for two minutes, maybe less. A good placekicker can keep earning NFL money into his 40s. Many do.

Placekickers enjoy a unique situation in professional football. Besides the aforementioned job perks, his stats are separate and independent from his team’s stats. The questions for him are: “How long was my field goal?”; “How many field goals did I attempt?”; “How many were successful?” Sure, he’s not completely untethered — a lousy snap or bad blocking can alter his stats, but for the most part a placekicker is on his own in a way unlike any other player on the field.

Kickers have the lowest salaries in the NFL. Saying that, being on the low end of the NFL salary range doesn’t seem like much of a burden. The 2009 NFL median salary for all players is \$770,000. Kickers are doing okay.

But, you ask, what about San Diego’s placekicker, the one whose name must not be spoken, the one who missed three ordinary field goals in the season-ending *three-point loss* to those loathsome thugs known as the New York Jets? Well, our lad made \$1,450,000 in 2009.

Hold on there, citizen. Put down the gun and consider this: There are tens of thousands of people (mostly in San Diego, but others scattered across the face of the Earth) who will remember those three missed field goals for as long as they live. Indeed, the person whose name must not be spoken could be sitting in a bar in Kingman, the year might be 2068 (the man would be 82 years old then), and he’ll be sitting at the bar staring into the mirror and somebody in that saloon will remember those three missed field goals. Which is a long way around to suggest he’s probably

not overpaid.

As far as Super Bowl XLIV teams, the New Orleans placekicker, Garrett Hartley, has a base salary of \$385,000 (more of this anon). The Indy placekicker, Matt Stover, has a base salary of \$845,000. These men came to their jobs in the usual way. To wit: the previous starting placekicker was injured or cut. In Stover’s case, the starting placekicker, Adam Vinatieri (\$2,255,720 total salary) had an operation on his right hip and knee last summer, worked six regular-season games, and then had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. (By the way, Vinatieri will be on the sidelines and on the roster this Sunday. Therefore, this will count as his sixth Super Bowl appearance and mayhap allow Vinatieri to join Charles Haley as the only players who own five Super Bowl rings.) No matter, the Colts Super Bowl placekicker is Matt Stover. He’s only 42 years old — mid-career, actually — and he’ll be fine. In fact, Stover recently told reporters, “I want to play for another handful of years....”

Longtime San Diego placekicker John Carney turned up in New Orleans this season. Ronald Reagan was president when Carney kicked his first field goal in the NFL. He played for the Chargers from 1990 to 2000, was there for the Chargers’ Super Bowl season. And you know Carney (who will be 46 in April) still has a lot of good years left in his working leg.

Carney’s 2009 salary is \$830,000. I should insert here that all these salary numbers are bogus. No contract is guaranteed in the NFL. You might sign for \$3 million, miss three field goals in one crucial game, thereby causing the coach to cut your ass, and *bingo*, your \$3 million contract is void. The team owes you nothing.

Kickers move around a lot. You’re always three missed field goals away from being cast out. Sooner or later you will be cut. Follows is Carney’s NFL itinerary: he was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in 1987. Since then he’s played for Tampa Bay, L.A. Rams, San Diego Chargers, New Orleans 1 (2001 to 2006), Jacksonville, Kansas City, New York Giants, and New Orleans 2 (2009).

He got his New Orleans 2 job courtesy of NFL police. The starting placekicker was suspended (four games) after testing positive for a banned stimulant. The spot was turned over to Carney, who signed a one-year contract. Carney played 11 games, did good at first, but then his performance began to fall off. Hartley was brought back to start the 12th game, made four field goals, including a game-winning overtime field goal.

Say hello to the Saints new/old starting placekicker.

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fast break

By Anthony Gentile



Hoover forward Shawn Lathan puts up a shot in the middle of a crowd

No. 6 Torrey Pines uses home court advantage to knock off No. 2 La Costa Canyon

Posted January 31, 2010

When No. 2 La Costa Canyon met No. 6 Torrey Pines on Friday night, the difference wasn't made on the floor — it was made in the stands. In a game that came down to the wire, Torrey Pines' student section lifted the Falcons to a 48-43 win over the Mavericks.

"Good home court advantage is priceless," said Torrey Pines head coach John Olive. "Our students and fans have made this a tough place to play."

Santa Fe Christian sinks Army-Navy from beyond the arc

Posted January 30, 2010

Santa Fe Christian (15-6, 4-0 Coastal North) led by six after the first quarter and opened the game up with their shooting in the second. Five of the Eagles' six baskets in the quarter were treys as they led by double digits at the break. Santa Fe Christian's hot shooting made up for a definite size disadvantage they had against the Warriors, who started 6'8" Kregg Jones and 7'0" Cheikh Ndiaye in the frontcourt.

No. 1 Hoover dominates San Diego to stay perfect in section

Posted January 27, 2010

Hoover has played like the best team in the section all season long, not yet dropping a game to a local opponent. The Cardinals stayed unbeaten in the section on Wednesday night with a convincing 77-46 win over San Diego.

Said Hoover guard Dame Ndiaye. "We plan on not losing to any San Diego teams."

COMMENTS

Gotta love Hoover's mentality, and I would love to see them represent the San Diego section in the state playoffs. Hypothetically speaking, would Jeremy Tyler have made a net 31 points of difference in this game?

By Broncosdynasty24 12:44 a.m., Jan 29, 2010

It would have been a closer game for sure, but with the way [Angelo] Chol has improved offen-

sively, I don't know if it would have been 31 points closer. It's a shame these teams didn't get the chance to play at Hoover last year.

By anthonygentile 9:53 a.m., Jan 29, 2010

No. 8 Poway uses big fourth quarter to drop Vista

Posted January 26, 2010

With one possession separating Poway and Vista through three quarters, it looked like the game would come down to the wire. Instead, the eighth-ranked Titans scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter and never looked back on their way to an 85-67 win.

COMMENTS

The size advantage definitely helped Poway down the stretch. It's just like in football: if you pound the rock and go right at the other team, they will be tired by game's end. Also, five players in double figures is very impressive; sounds like a college stat line.

By Broncosdynasty24 12:38 a.m., Jan 29, 2010

They definitely showed a balance and that not everything has to go through [Sam] Beeler on the offensive side. Couple that with fundamentally sound play and Poway is going to be tough to beat going forward.

By anthonygentile 9:54 a.m., Jan 29, 2010



Vista forward Anthony Thompson tries to make a pass from the floor around Poway guard Derek Green

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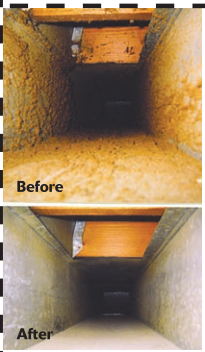


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— EVE KELLY

Water roared down our street, pooled up around the clogged street drain, and began to overflow into our neighbor's front yard. By the time Patrick unclogged the drain — two plastic 'No Parking' signs were the culprits — the water was inches from their living room.

My friend Bernice's bedroom was flooded, the carpet got soaked, and the wall was damp. Water sat in my backyard in mini ponds, some six inches deep. Water, water everywhere! What to do? A call went out to Michael Fahouris, owner of Flood Masters (619-546-6034).

"We do emergency water removal, and we do structural dry-down," Fahouris explained. "Emergency water removal could be water in somebody's backyard, or it could be in their garage. Last night we went out and did a carport. The carport was filling up, and if we didn't get to it in time, it would have affected four condos. We have a submersible pump, so with standing water that is over a quarter of an inch deep we put on the pump and it will drain the water down to a quarter of an inch. Once we take away the bulk of the water that way, then we use a hard-surface tool like a squeegee and squeegee it into a vacuum."

Fahouris says only three percent of his business is weather-related.

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If wet carpets are involved, says Fahouris, "We use a weighted extraction tool that removes the water from the pad and the

"If that gets wet and stays wet, it is a host for growing mold."

carpet. You need specialty tools to extract a carpet and the pad together. The process is called 'subsurface extraction.' That's when you pull the moisture out of the carpet and the pads without disengaging the carpet.

"Carpet and padding and even drywall is considered

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\$250. The service

charge is **\$125.**

"The service charge determines what is wet, how wet it is, and how much it costs to repair. The average cost for a three-room job is about **\$3000...** that includes bringing everything

back to a pre-loss condition."

Several flood companies said they could not quote prices over the phone. One company did offer a rate: D-Mac Restoration (858-874-2363) says that their charge for a water extraction and treatment with an anti-bacterial is about **\$250** (emergency service call included). That is just for the water extraction — if there is damaged drywall, the cost goes up.

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Style Stalker

BY KENDRA CLARK



BIG IS BACK! Everything from corporations to cars may be downsizing, but baubles and bags are getting bigger. Spring lines from Hermes, Louis Vuitton, and Christian Dior boast huge purses that hang as low as the knee. Take a look at how these San Diego women brandish their bodacious bags to make a stylish statement.



My Style

Jessica Coburn Hair designer at a Robert Cromeans Salon in P.B.
My inspiration Classic blonde bombshell with a rock-n-roll twist.
My favorite pieces I love belt buckles and shoes and chains.
My secret I like getting dressed to music. If I listen to punk rock, I walk out with a punk-rock flair. If I listen to classic rock, I might go for something like ripped jeans.
My advice If it doesn't make someone do a double-take, it's not worth wearing!



Feather Earring

I like asymmetrical, or what I call imbalance balance — a little bit off, but it still flows. I got this feather earring at the Buff in Pacific Beach.



Golden Opportunities



by Barbaraella

It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are.

— Roy Disney

A tight shot on George Clooney's face opened and drew back, across the bare hotel room in which he sat, beyond the walls of the building, and further still, until he was nothing more than the silhouette of a lone man in one of a hundred windows. I recognized the image from my father's description — this was the scene that had resonated with Dad, the one that had prompted his trademark chuff, that emotionally loaded vocal burst he expels in those extraordinary instances he can't find words.

Like my father, David and I had gone to see *Up in the Air* for a number of reasons, not the least of which is our dedication to our frequent flyer program. Last year,

Dad flew over 100,000 miles on United Airlines. He's approaching one million miles total. The highest level I reached was Premiere Executive, or 50,000 miles in a year. That was a few years ago, before the economy tanked. Now I'm lucky if I can scrape together the 25,000 a year that keeps me enjoying the perks of the lowest level. As travel fiends, we pride ourselves on knowing the tricks to get-

ting ahead in the air.

"Well, that was a bummer," I said to David as we left the theater. What I'd expected to be a funny, upbeat flick about the ins and outs of flying turned out to be a morose parable about priorities. It wasn't the long shot that got me so much as the scene in which the frequent flyer (Clooney) is preparing for his sister's wedding. He offers but is denied the opportunity to walk her down the aisle; a moment later, he asks what time he is needed at the big event and is told to arrive when all the other guests are expected. After years of being the absent family member, he'd been relegated to the role of acquaintance.

"Did that movie make you feel like you don't spend enough time with your family?" I asked David. We'd been home for about an hour, most of which we'd spent working on the 1500-piece puzzle I'd dumped onto the granite counter in our kitchen.

"Are you feeling guilty?" David asked. "Wait, what am I thinking — of course you are," he said. He looked up at me to confirm he was

right before he continued. "I don't know why. You're not like that character at all. You see your family all the time."

To David, whose siblings and parents all live in different cities, it may seem as though I see my family "all the time." But though my sisters and parents live locally, I only see the clan en masse at choice events (e.g., birthday parties or holiday barbecues). To my family, the majority of whom congregate every single weekend, I'm the absentee member.

"I know," I said, bringing an end to the conversation by way of tacit agreement. I found an end piece and added it to a growing pile. As with every other aspect of my life, I have a particular method for piecing together puzzles.

I stepped away from the counter to check email on my phone. That's when I saw Fely-Jo's message. "Oh. My. God. Fely-Jo wants to know if I want to go with her to some red-carpet party for the Golden Globes," I said, scrolling through the message.

"What does that mean?" David asked.

"I don't know. That's all she says. Maybe a viewing party? Whatever it is, it sounds like fun! Oh, wait... Sunday. This Sunday? Shit, shit, shit. That might not work. Liam's birthday party is Sunday."

"Just find out the details and don't stress," David said. "You might be able to do both."

After a bout of phone tag, I finally connected with Fely-Jo the following morning. I thought the invitation was to an event in San Diego, but Fely-Jo clarified that it was the red carpet she was inviting me to. She'd

won a lottery at work for two seats in the bleachers alongside the infamous carpet for the preshow. "We'll be driven there and dropped off right where the limos drop the stars," she explained. "We might even get on camera! How fun will that be? You have to let me know in the next hour, though, because they need a head count."

The excitement in Fely-Jo's voice was so contagious, I almost said yes without thinking. But something nagged at the back of my mind, and I told her, "Can I call you right back?" I hung up the phone and turned to David. "It's in L.A."

"You know if you do that, that's the only thing you can do all day," David said.

"It sounds like fun," I said.

"It does," David agreed. I knew what he was doing. It was clear in his gentle tone, his agreeability — he was playing the role of devil's advocate, waiting for me to arrive at the correct conclusion to my conundrum.

I picked up the phone and dialed Fely-Jo's number. "It kills me to tell you no," I said when she answered. "I'm so honored you'd think of me...and I'm torn, I really am. I mean, if it was any other day, I'd be all over it. But this Sunday is my nephew's birthday party, and I already said I was going."

"I'm sure they'd understand," said Fely-Jo, and she was right. If I asked their advice, my sisters would probably insist I go to L.A. But this wasn't about them understanding. Liam had just turned eight. Maybe he wouldn't notice if one fewer aunt was at the family shindig. But it didn't matter — I wanted to show up, as I had said I

"We'll be driven there and dropped off right where the limos drop the stars. We might even get on camera!"

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would. To back out of plans because something came along that sounded "more fun" was to become that which I deplored.

All of the decisions we make in life add up to who we are. We are our choices. If I chose to blow off my nephew's birthday party so that I could frolic in sight of some of my favorite celebrities, I'd be choosing strangers over loved ones.

As Liam opened his present (books David had selected titled *The Way the World Works* and *Everyday Science Explained*), I

thought of George Clooney, acting disconsolate as his character's priorities shifted a little too late.

"Thanks for coming," said Heather. She smiled with pride as her son began reading the index aloud.

"Are you kidding? I wouldn't miss this for the world," I said. "In fact, I'd rather be right here than anywhere else, even the red carpet at the Golden Globes." ■

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Mysterious Danish group builds exotic compound on Baja Coast



Tvind founder, Mogens Amdi Petersen



In the early 1970s, my late grandfather, an artist and retired San Diego State art professor, took me camping to a beautiful and remote setting along Baja's northwest coast. While exploring the peninsula's back roads, he and a colleague had discovered a hundred-yard-long sandy cove at San Juan de las Pulgas, with glowing sunsets, a rocky point for fishing,

and solitude that stretched for 15 miles, from a promontory to the south all the way up to the lonely lighthouse at Punta San José. It became known to us and our camping companions as simply Pulgas, "fleas" in Spanish.

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Over the next 20 years, occasionally seeking refuge from urban San Diego, I introduced various friends to this peaceful, desolate place. Though it is only some 50 miles south of Ensenada, first-time visitors would have a hard time finding it unguided, and parts of the dirt road leading in from the highway could present challenges even to vehicles with four-wheel drive.

In the early '90s I married and started a family, and though I did not return for over a decade, there was always a comforting feeling that Pulgas remained, untouched and

unknown, apart from the few ranchers, farmers, and fishermen who made their living in the area.

In the spring of 2005, I persuaded my family to join me in journeying to this destination once again, setting out in a small pickup with our Chesapeake Bay retriever riding in the truck's bed. Although the cove is only 150 miles south of San Diego, the trip can easily end up taking six or seven hours, slowed particularly once you turn off Mexico's Transpeninsular Highway, 30 miles south of Ensenada, onto an inconspicuous dirt road behind the pueblo of Santo Tomás.

The rains that winter five years ago had been heavy — about 15 inches — and the hills along the 20-mile pastoral route from Santo Tomás to the coast were rich with wildflowers.

While enjoying that scenery, I soon learned to watch the road because, unlike what I'd encountered in the past, enormous trucks would appear from either direction at high speed, kicking up great clouds of choking dust. By the time we passed under the portal of a wooden sign reading "Rancho San Juan de las Pulgas" and looked out upon the Pacific, dusk was approaching and several miles of the most difficult terrain remained.

Before we had gone much farther, however, we faced something new: the road down the coast to Pulgas was completely fenced off. A guard was posted at a gate as trucks came and went to a giant construction project that had now come into view to the south (this explained the big rigs). We were told that no one was allowed to enter this area, but with the late hour and an anxious

family looking on, I somehow persuaded someone to let us proceed — a cold cerveza might have been offered — assuring him

sense of isolation of Pulgas, I thought that as large as it was, this development might not be visible from our cove a few kilometers to the

down around the side of a steep arroyo and crossed a creek before climbing up again. With relief I spotted a lighted house where I remem-

...brightly hued buildings, cavernous halls, cathedral-styled structures, a towering pointed monolith, colonnades, a strange-looking sphere, and an elegant Hearst Castle-like swimming pool.

we were merely passing through to reach our old campsite a few miles beyond.

We were instructed to follow a large truck and did so. As we passed the site, we could see that something extraordinary was being undertaken here. There in this pristine, obscure location we could see the foundations and walls of massive buildings that were going up. While disheartening to my

south, due to the contour of the coast and the project's location slightly inland from, though overlooking, the sea.

It was now dark, and with headlights on we crept toward the next landmark in my recollection, the simple, rustic ranch house of Señor Morales, a friend of my grandfather's. His home was situated a few hundred yards back from the ocean, just before the road wound sharply

bered Señor Morales's abode to be. As we came closer, however, I was startled to see an immaculate, modern-looking home, something one might find in a suburban American neighborhood.

I got out of our truck and approached the house to greet its occupants and to get advice on the condition of the road before descending into the arroyo. Looking through

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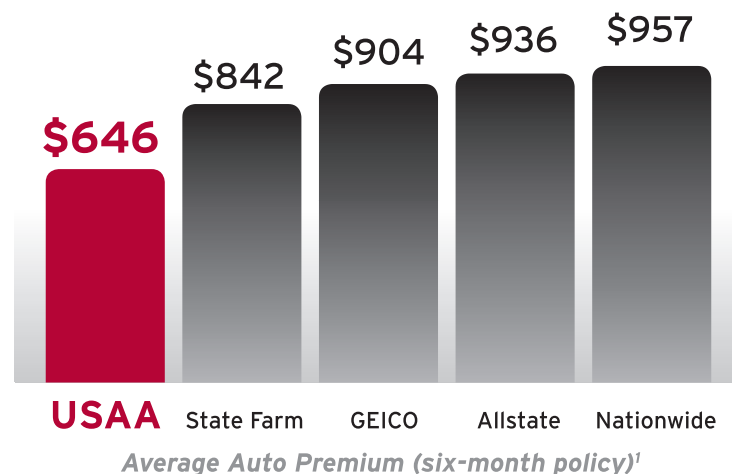
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the windows of the brightly lit home, once again I saw something strange. Several stations of what appeared to be sophisticated computer drafting equipment filled the front rooms. With stars shimmering overhead and waves crashing nearby, I called out into the darkness, "Buenas noches."

I had surprised the occupants, and one of several inside came outside wanting to know what we were doing there. He spoke in English but had an accent that sounded German. He appeared middle-aged, with brownish hair, and he obviously was very disturbed by

our presence. We were on private property, he said, and would have to leave at once. I explained that we were trying to reach our longtime campsite a short distance ahead. Hoping to put him at ease, I called to my wife, who speaks German, to converse with him. Although he spoke with her, he did not seem at all interested in doing so. Another accented Northern European man appeared from the house for a moment but then went back inside. The first fellow's German sounded a bit strange to my wife, and from his vague responses during our conversation I understood his nationality to be successively German, Swedish, and finally Danish.

The encounter had now reached a level of bizarreness unrivaled in my decades of Baja camping. One of the beauties of travel in remote lower California had always been the humanity and warmth

one finds among the Mexicans in rural areas. We were encountering a coldness, detachment, and almost hostility at the site of the former home of my grandfather's friend, the amiable Señor Morales. Further, they weren't Mexicans but Scandinavians — evidently doing high-tech engineering work in a modern-looking home in Baja's coastal wilderness.

Who were these guys, and what was the purpose of the nearby complex? These were questions no one, even the locals, could seem to answer adequately — then or now. Today there stands against the brown and barren littoral landscape of San Juan de las Pulgas a huge, mystic compound of brightly hued buildings, cavernous halls, cathedral-styled structures, colonnades, a towering pointed monolith, and a strange-looking sphere, inhabited, it appears, by a small group of mostly middle-aged Danish men and women.

The Danish man expressed doubt that we could safely cross the stream at the bottom of the arroyo and urged us to drive to a camping area miles to the north at Punta San José, a noted surfing destination. After his repeated insistence that we do this, he escorted us in his large pickup back out the way we had come and locked the gate behind us. Following an hour-long ride up the coast, past deep and perilous ruts caused by the heavy rains, we pulled off the road and set up camp in darkness above high cliffs near the lighthouse and primitive fishing camp at Punta San José. Over the next couple of

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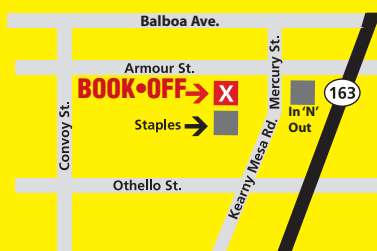


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days that we spent in the area, I asked several local residents what was going on down at San Juan de las Pulgas, but no one knew. Some speculated that a fancy hotel or resort was being built or perhaps an institute.

On two subsequent forays to the area in the next couple of years, fellow campers and I were able to reach the old Pulgas campsite using a different route, though on the first expedition I got stuck in a ravine and on the second I experienced simultaneous flat tires

on the passenger side of my truck on the dirt road behind Santo Tomás. On each trip we watched from high bluffs the progress of the mysterious edifices rising to the north.

On the second journey, one friend said he might be getting a late start and if necessary would find our campsite on his own. He prepared by buying a detailed satellite map, packing his GPS, and looking up "San Juan de las Pulgas" online. Fortunately, we met up with him after all

in Santo Tomás; he acknowledged later he would never have found us otherwise. While his online search hadn't helped with directions, he had come across something intriguing: a website detailing a controversial construction project at San Juan de las Pulgas undertaken by a strange organization.

What he had seen was *Tvind Alert*, a journalistic watchdog website, which I reviewed on my return. The site described a Danish group called Tvind,

"small stream" in Danish and the name of a farm in western Denmark where the group originated.

The website displayed photos of the top figures in Tvind, and I recognized one of them: the curious man we had encountered at the site of Señor Morales's old home. He was identified as Poul Jørgensen and described as "the lawyer."

Tvind is well known in Denmark, and numerous English-language newspaper articles, TV interviews, and

watchdog websites have covered the organization.

It was founded by a charismatic Dane, Mogens Amdi Petersen (sometimes spelled Pedersen), and some fellow radical teachers in 1970, about the time of my original visit to Pulgas.

In the first several years, the group organized "traveling folk high schools," in which students and teachers journeyed together to third world countries to attempt to improve living standards of the

poor. Petersen's views at that time have been characterized as Maoist.

"Amdi Petersen was for most of us a revolutionary hero on the level with Chairman Mao, Fidel Castro, Ché Guevara, and others," wrote an early member, Steen Thomsen, the *Miami New Times* reported in 2002.

As the years went on, the group established schools for troubled youth in Denmark, funded with government money. In 1977, members founded the

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Humana People to People Movement to run a variety of humanitarian aid projects in third world nations.

Suspensions of fraud by Tvind had begun to surface in the Danish press in the late 1970s, and in 1979 Petersen disappeared and wasn't seen for over two decades, though he is believed to have continued as the organization's mastermind.

In subsequent years, Tvind grew into a global conglomerate with numerous profit-motivated enterprises reportedly worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Its interests range from farms, plantations, timber, forestry, and real estate to retail clothing, with businesses in Europe, the United

States, Brazil, Ecuador, Malaysia, and Belize. A major means of making money appears to be collecting and selling used clothing donated for humanitarian purposes

on the controversy surrounding Planet Aid and Humana entitled "Rags to Riches." A number of countries in Europe, including France and Britain, have withdrawn

They adhere to a communal lifestyle in which earnings are turned over to the organization.

at bins placed around western Europe and the U.S. — here by allegedly affiliated organizations such as Planet Aid and Gaia. Planet Aid has a big presence on the East Coast; Gaia is active in Chicago, the Bay Area, and Sacramento. Fox 5 News in Washington, D.C., broadcast an investigative report last year

the charitable status of several Tvind "charities." Another source of money is government aid. At the end of 2008, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that Planet Aid in Malawi and Mozambique had been granted commodity donations of wheat worth a total of \$33.8 million. According

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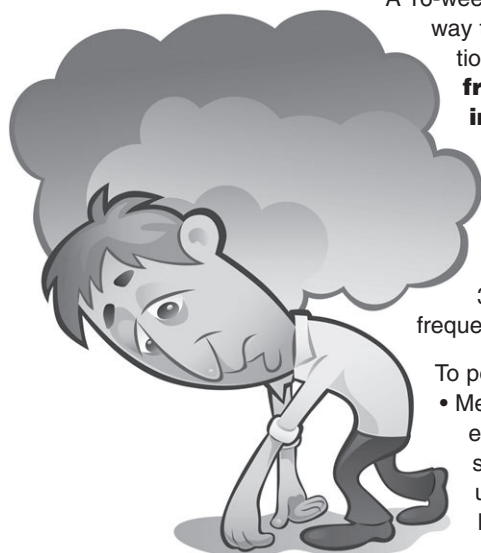
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To possibly qualify for the study:

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- 3) Must have moderate to severe cramps and/or headaches with your period

Participants may receive at no cost:

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- 3) All study medication at no cost
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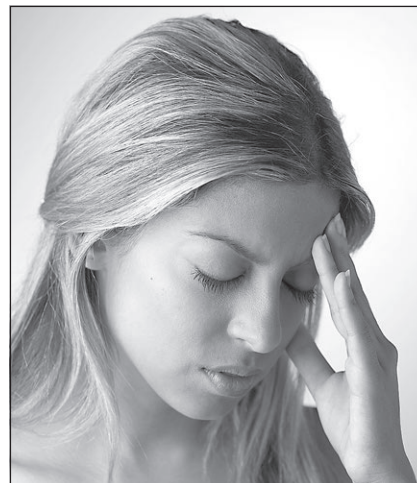
To possibly qualify for the study you must be:

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

Qualifying participants receive at no cost, study-related:

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- 3) compensation for time and travel

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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
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to the Danish paper *Jyllands-Posten*, the USDA recently announced that it will be investigating grants valued at more than \$96 million it has made over the past five years to Planet Aid to determine whether the aid has been properly administered.

Numerous people involved with Tvind have quit the group, accusing Tvind of mental coercion and intimidation, and there have been allegations of restrictions on members' access to outside information, such as newspapers. "Tvind is a cult or cult-like organization that takes away the individual will of those who join," according to Zahara Heckscher, who was quoted in a 2005 *LiP Magazine* article, con-

tributed by *Washington Post* staff writer Kari Lydersen. Heckscher, an American, attended a Tvind-run school in 1987–1988 and briefly

member Britta Rasmussen in a 2002 BBC News broadcast. "He would fix you with his stare. He was a very brilliant speaker. He was like

Petersen possesses extraordinary ability to influence and control others. "It was the eyes," said former member Britta Rasmussen.

volunteered in a Tvind program in Zambia.

Former members have described Petersen as a mesmerizing figure who possessed extraordinary ability to influence and control others. "It was the eyes," said former Teachers Group

a god to us."

The Teachers Group, often abbreviated TG, is Tvind's inner circle and consists of several hundred persons, according to a case summary of a Danish public prosecutor. They adhere to a communal lifestyle in

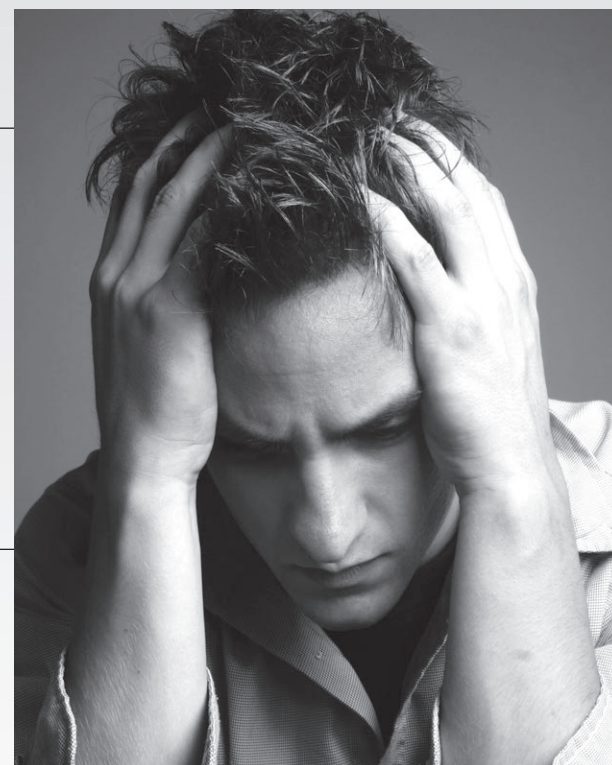
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which earnings are turned over to the organization. Steen Thomsen, a disaffected former member who was in Tvind for 26 years, claimed in a 1998 report to the Danish Ministry of Education that TG members are encouraged to sever contacts with family and friends. He has also stated members are discouraged from marrying or raising children. Relates Thomsen in a document posted at *Tvind Alert*: "Once Amdi Peterson asked, in front of [a large group of followers], 'Well, Steen Thomsen, are you really working for the Teachers' Group? What is going on in your mind since you have not done this or that? Are you thinking of love life, hav-

ing children, your own little f—ing house? Tell us what is going on!' "

In 1999, after a Danish news show interviewed former teachers who alleged that Tvind was committing tax fraud, the Danish government began a criminal investigation into Tvind's financial practices. In 2001, several of its alleged leaders, including Petersen and Jørgensen, were charged with embezzlement and tax fraud. Prosecutors contended that Tvind had diverted charity money to private enterprises and investments, such as a plantation in Brazil and condos in Miami.

A British journalist created *Tvind Alert* about the same time. He, along with a Danish

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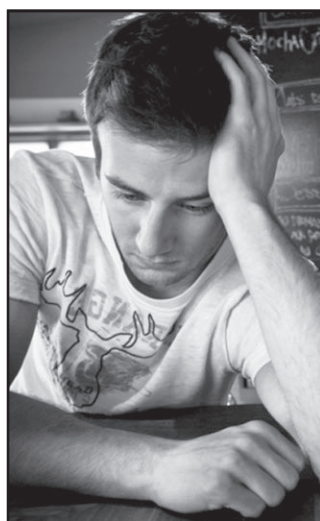
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Sadness? Low energy? Trouble sleeping? Can't concentrate? These are symptoms of depression!

If you, or someone you know, is:

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- In overall good health

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You may qualify for this study if:

- You are 18 years of age or older
- Maintain a normal daytime/awake, nighttime/asleep schedule, including 6½ to 8 hours in bed at night
- Have been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, or regularly experience the symptoms associated with the condition, including muscle pain, stiffness, headache and fatigue
- Have experienced difficulty sleeping for at least three days out of the week

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journalist who joined the effort in 2002, have monitored the organization ever since, reporting on accusations of abuses of volunteers and members and alleged financial improprieties.

On February 17, 2002, FBI agents arrested Amdi Petersen on an Interpol warrant at Los Angeles International Airport, while he was traveling between Mexico (San Juan de las Pulgas?) and London, shortly after tighter 9/11 airline screening went into effect. According to *Jyllands-Posten*, he had been living in a multi-million-dollar condo on Fisher Island, a wealthy community south of Miami Beach, and had the use of a \$5 million Tvind-owned yacht named *Butterfly*

McQueen.

Petersen initially asked for a public defender to fight extradition, explaining that as a member of a communal group he owned virtually nothing. Eventually, however, he was represented by high-profile defense attorney Robert Shapiro, one of O.J. Simpson's lawyers in his murder case. Danish journalists flocked to Los Angeles to cover the story. After being held for seven months, Petersen was extradited in September.

The trial took place in Denmark between 2003 and 2006, with long intervals during which Petersen and the other defendants were allowed to leave the country. We encountered Jørgensen at San Juan de

las Pulgas in late March 2005.

According to court records, Petersen spent at least part of his time in Zimbabwe. Tvind has an international headquarters in Zimbabwe, where President Robert Mugabe is said to be a strong supporter. The watchdog website speculates that the San Juan de las Pulgas complex may have been built to serve as the group's future worldwide headquarters after Mugabe dies. *Tvind Alert* also notes that the organization has been expanding its Latin American operations.

In August 2006, Petersen and six other defendants, including Jørgensen, were acquitted. Tvind's financial director was found guilty of lesser charges and was

given a suspended sentence. The next month prosecutors appealed six of the acquittals, including Petersen's and Jørgensen's and the financial director's partial acquittal, on the basis of new evidence. This required Danish authorities to serve those six defendants personally with legal papers, but before that could happen, all but Jørgensen vanished.

Danish authorities made efforts to find them, supposedly including, reports *Tvind Alert*, a visit to San Juan de las Pulgas. The whereabouts of four of them remain unknown. The fifth, Marlene Gunst, was recently identified by authorities while changing planes in London and served by British

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police on behalf of the Danish government.

Poul Jørgensen's second trial began in November 2007, and in January 2009 he was convicted of tax fraud and embezzlement for his part in establishing a humanitarian foundation through which money went to for-profit businesses. He was given a two-and-one-half-year sentence.

Tvind Alert suggests those who disappeared may have gone into hiding at San Juan de las Pulgas or in Zimbabwe. Mexico does not have an extradition treaty with Denmark, nor does Zimbabwe — though the

missing Danes are not fugitives because they could legally leave Denmark following their acquittals. A photo of Petersen on *Tvind Alert* was purportedly taken at San Juan de las Pulgas in November 2007.

Tvind Alert's suspicions seemed validated when Mexican authorities reportedly tipped off Danish police as to the whereabouts of Gunst. According to a December 26, 2009 story in *Jyllands-Posten*, U.K. police detained Gunst at Heathrow Airport in order to deliver the Danish summons and then allowed her to continue her journey. If she does

not appear at her retrial, prosecutors will now be able to issue an international warrant for her arrest.

Tvind recruits young, idealistic people to attend Tvind schools in Europe and the United States where, according to its various websites, students are trained in third world humanitarian work before volunteering in missions in Africa, Latin America, and elsewhere. Projects have included AIDS education, cholera prevention, and farming improvements. Two schools, both named the Institute for International Cooperation and

RESEARCH STUDIES

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As donation boxes became more common in U.S. communities, newspapers around the country began looking into Planet Aid's and Gaia's financial records and questioning their claims to be a charity. In April 2002, the *Boston Globe* reported that Planet Aid had made \$3.6 million in 2000, only 6 percent of which was spent on charity. In February 2004, the *Chicago Tribune* reported that Gaia had brought in \$2 million between 1999 and 2002, and only 4 percent had

been donated to charity — a Swiss charity called Gaia Movement.

The complex at San Juan de las Pulgas is known as TG Pacifico, the name of the company that developed the property. TG Pacifico is represented by the Ensenada law firm of Morachis and Associates, whose principal, Javier Morachis, is a former director of the PRI political party in Ensenada.

The Tijuana weekly *Zeta* published a story in 2008 about the San Juan de las Pulgas development. *Zeta* quoted a November 2006 article in *Jyllands-Posten* in which Morachis said that he was not aware that Petersen or other heads of Tvind were guests at the compound.

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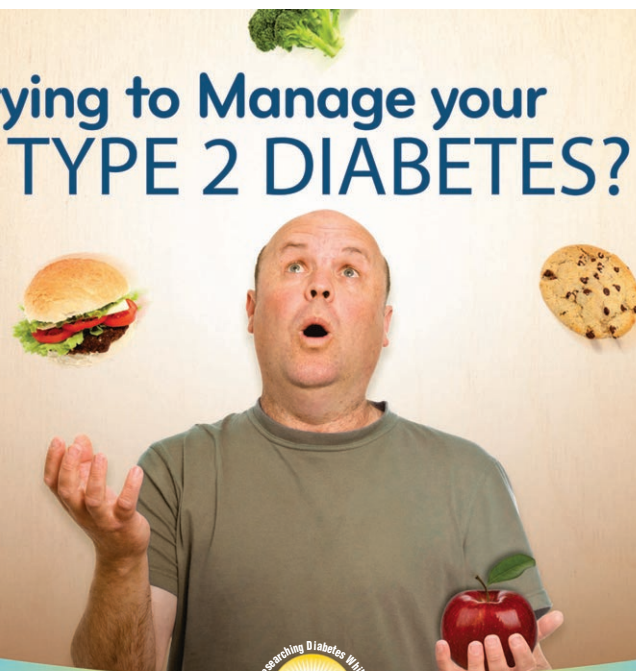


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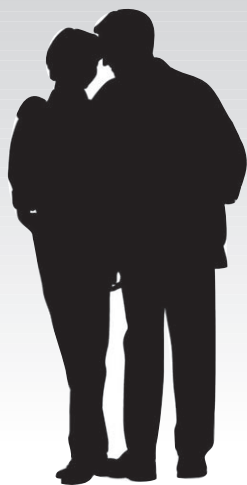
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"I don't know him," Morachis told the Danish paper. "I haven't spoken with the head of the organization. I talk to Brigitte [Krohn]." Krohn is a senior member of Tvind's financial directorate and was involved in the development of the property at San Juan de las Pulgas, according to *Tvind Alert*.

Krohn denied to *Zeta* that Petersen and his principal collaborators, which include several of the figures sought by Danish authorities, were living in the complex. That leaves open the question whether they might be residing down the road, at the

site of Señor Morales's old home. Krohn also denied that TG Pacifico has any relationship with Tvind and Amdi

Santo Tomás.

Last September, I visited the Pulgas area again with two others, a camping friend and a

Workers on ranches near San Juan de las Pulgas are sure they have seen Petersen driving a pickup.

Petersen.

Nevertheless, according to *Zeta*, workers on ranches near San Juan de las Pulgas are sure they've seen Petersen driving a pickup on the road to

translator. From my prior contact with Jørgensen and what I'd since read about Tvind, I did not expect to gain access to the compound or to interview any of its members. I did hope to

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Our first stop was a *llantera*, or tire-repair shop, not much more than a lean-to in the Santo Tomás Valley a few miles north of town, at the Highway 1 turnoff to Puerto Santo Tomás, a fishing village to the west. There I found Francisco and José, the men who had salvaged my two flat tires on my

last trip. They remembered the incident when I mentioned the explanation one of them had given for the mishap at the time: "*la misma piedra*," the same rock. The two said they had heard the complex was a conference center for executives of big companies such as Coca-Cola.

The pair helped me find an acquaintance of many years before, Juan Margerum, at a nearby agricultural storage facility. The wind was blow-

ing furiously that afternoon as one of us found Juan taking a siesta inside. An older man who has lived in the valley much of his life, Juan knew of the development and believed it was for "international conferences with heads of state."

We continued down the road, and after rounding a big curve at the south end of the Santo Tomás Valley, we entered Santo Tomás and stopped at its most

prominent establishment, the El Palomar restaurant, hotel, and general store. I

something."

I asked Daniel if he recognized Amdi Petersen from his photo.

Pipps, "the financial wizard."

A worker from Pemex, the Mexican oil

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approached the clerk behind the counter, who, auspiciously, was wearing a T-shirt with a pair of eyes on it. He introduced himself as Daniel. "Everything is like a secret," he said when asked about the center. "Nobody knows what happens. What we know is that it's a convention center for big companies, international, like Coca-Cola." He added, "Nobody can go in unless they're going specifically for

Daniel said he did not, but he did recognize one of the other supposed top lieutenants, a blond-haired woman in *Tvind Alert's* gallery of persons sought by Danish prosecutors. He seemed to identify — I didn't see exactly where he pointed — either Marlene Gunst, "the accountant" (the *Tvind* member recently detained in London), remarking that her hair was shorter, or Kirsten Fuglsbjerg, alias Christie

company, overheard our conversation. He said that he was working in Santo Tomás temporarily and had seen the Danes coming and going. A few minutes later, he approached me discreetly and told me that one of them had just driven up in a black Jeep.

The driver of the Commander was a short, smallish, older middle-aged man with dark hair and a receding hairline. I later recog-

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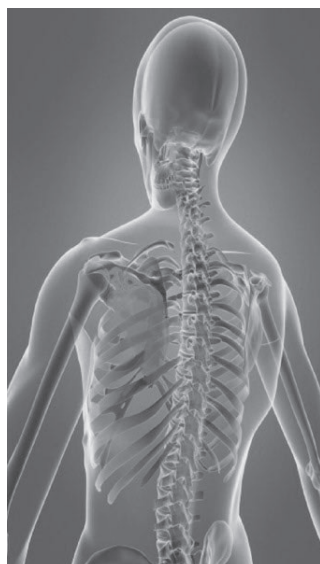
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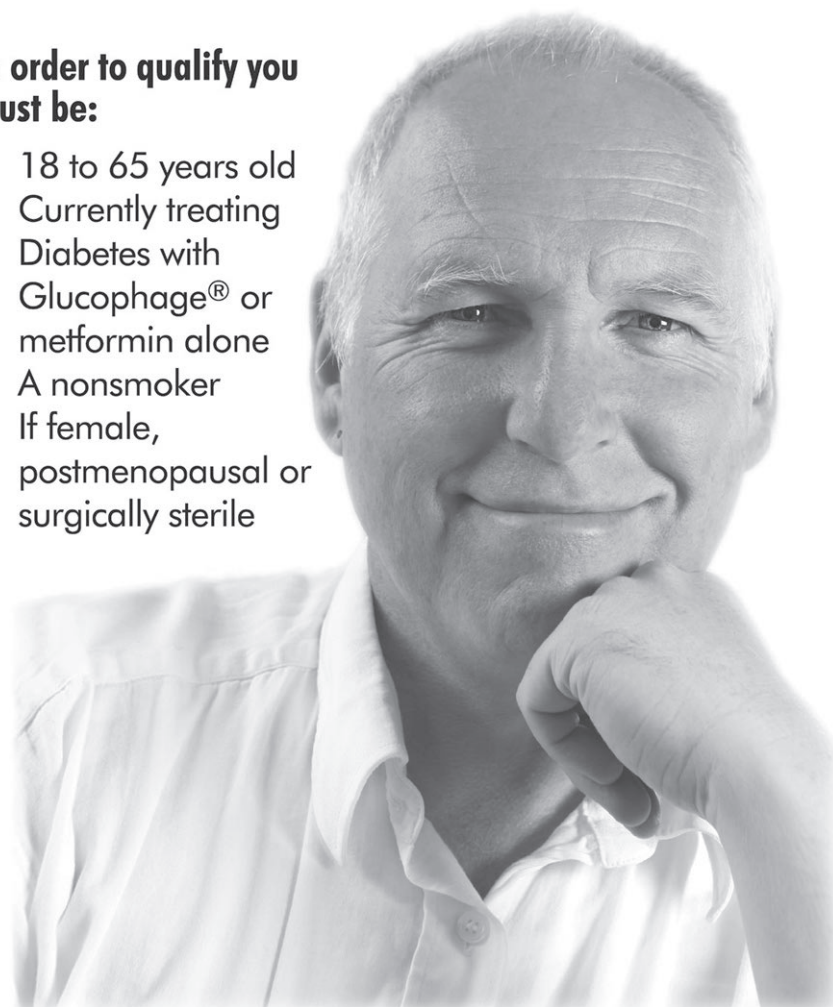
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nized his photo on another website critical of Tvind, *Humanatvind Blog*, though he was not identified there by name. After talking on a cell phone outside El Palomar, he entered and browsed around the goods in the store, as we did the same. I approached him and asked if he lived out at the coastal development run by the Humana organization. He appeared quite startled and replied, with an accent, "I live at San Juan de las Pulgas." I asked if he were Danish and he said yes. I indicated I was interested in writing a story about the development. He smiled meekly but didn't respond. I asked him why they had chosen that remote location, and as he started to

move away from me, he said he didn't know. I asked his name and he said "Nelsen" or "Nielsen." Then he was gone.

We drove on out to the coast after that and stopped at TG Pacifico's new, elaborate entry gate. Security cameras watched us from overhead, and a sign on the gate read cryptically in English and Spanish: "You have arrived without an appointment. We welcome you anyway. Security cameras are installed for safety reasons. In your case management will open the gate. The guard cannot open the gate." (We were not allowed in, and a later formal request through the Morachis law firm for a tour and interview with a repre-

sentative of the facility went unanswered.)

A heavysset Mexican guard approached us at once from a building a short distance away. I noticed an oversized pair of binoculars hanging from an outside door-knob. He cheerfully introduced himself as Salvador. He was a talkative man. When asked about the purpose of the complex, Salvador gave the by-now-familiar answer that it was a "conference center." When pressed for specifics, he said that courses were given there for the Humana organization and that a group of about 60 had been there not long before. He mentioned the Danish Teachers Group and TG Pacifico and even referred me to a website,

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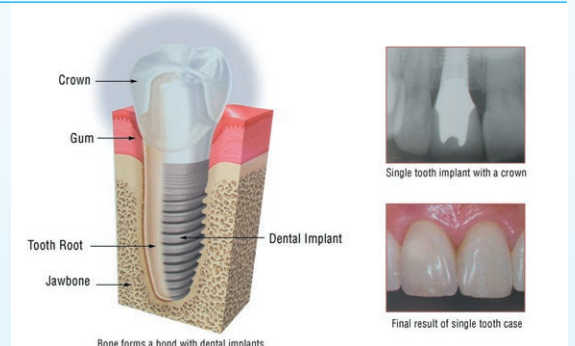
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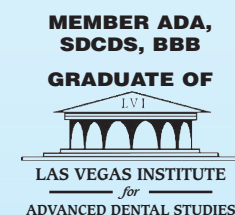
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jovially saying, "We have nothing to hide." Without my asking, he volunteered the name of lawyer Morachis and his law office address in Ensenada.

As we talked, Nielsen drove up on his way back from town. I looked toward him, and he gave me a brusque wave of the hand and then, as the gate automatically opened, sped inside without stopping. I asked Salvador whether he had ever seen a man of about 70 (Petersen's age) there. His answer was equivocal, that those staying at the complex were mostly younger.

While we spoke, Salvador's cell phone rang, or more correctly, jingled a classic Mexican ranchero song. My translator later told me

he suspected from the ensuing vague dialogue that the guard was being instructed to get rid of us. After our conversation with Salvador ended, I offered him a beer, but he declined — one of the few times, if ever, that has happened in my encounters with rural Mexicans. That in itself seemed very suspicious to me.

A little later, something happened that made me even more suspicious. We stopped alongside the road a couple of miles north of the compound after trying to locate and speak with a few more locals. As we did, an SUV with a Baja license plate approached. When passing other drivers — Mexican or American — on these roads, it is my

experience that it is customary to give a friendly look or nod to the person you are passing. This man, an Anglo wearing a cap and sunglasses, looked dead ahead, away from my glance, and he did the same when he returned 20 minutes or so later. That wasn't enough time for him to have gone out to Punta San José, and there's little to see or do elsewhere down that road. I suspect he had been sent out from the compound to keep a close eye on us.

The development is a remarkable sight and certainly invites curiosity and a desire to get a closer look and understand its mysteries. (See the slideshow at the *Tvind Alert* website: <http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/mikefromlondon/Las>

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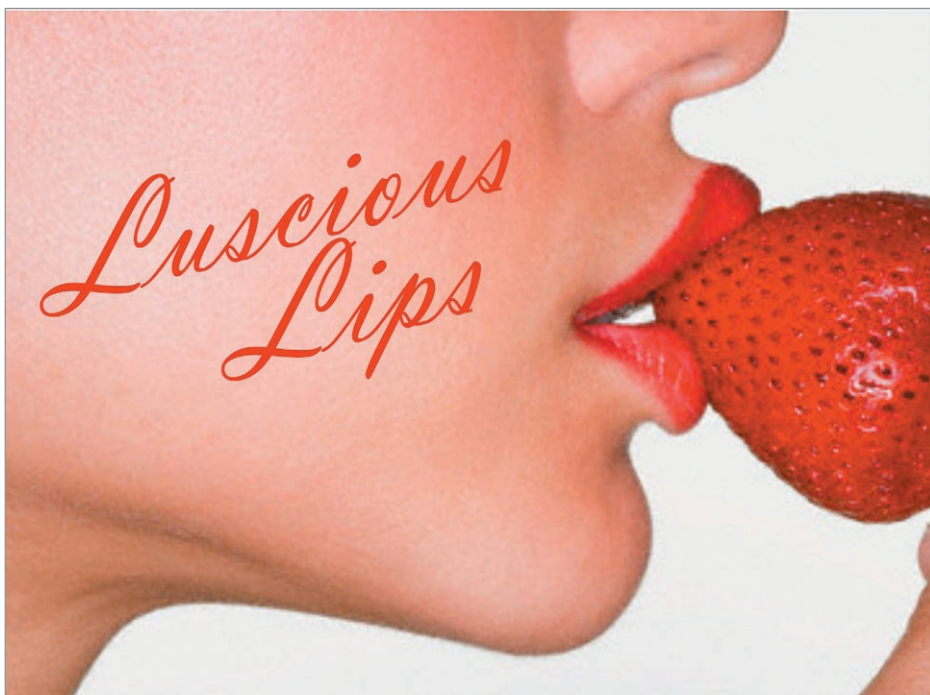
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Pulgas Slideshow#.) The best view we could get was a mile or so away, just west of the gate. The buildings are reported to have been designed by Jan Utzon, a Danish architect who is the son of Jørn Utzon, the architect who designed Sydney's famous opera house.

Tvind Alert says that the complex cost \$10 million to build. The watchdog website says that a Mexican-Danish company bought the land from local landowners between 1999 and 2003. Attorney Morachis informed me that the landowner is a Mexican company. Allegations have been made that title to some of the property was improperly obtained and that ownership by the Teachers

Group violates Mexican laws of foreign ownership of coastal land, but TG Pacifico's lawyers say that the title and ownership are sound.

The property is said to encompass 740 hectares (1828 acres). Morachis remarked in an interview appearing in 2005 in *Skyscrapercity.com*, a building and architecture website, that "the developers chose this site for its tranquility." *Tvind Alert* says the development includes housing for 300 staff, "complete with boardroom, exhibition space, gymnasium, squash courts, Olympic-sized swimming pool and helipad." Several local people spoke of the luxuriousness of the compound. The *Zeta* article refers to "tile from

Puebla, pottery from Tlaxcala and marble from Durango."

The French government has officially designated Humana as a cult, while some of Tvind's critics, as well as Danish prosecutors, have called Tvind a secular religion. Several buildings have a modern ecclesiastical look: identical-looking ones at the northern and southern ends of the compound resemble cathedrals, with nave and narthex. One space has the appearance of a sanctuary. An obelisk-like monument is portentous and enigmatic. "From what we can see in the photos, the building complex near Pulgas deserves to be applauded for its design, if not for its function," comments Thomas Williamson, a

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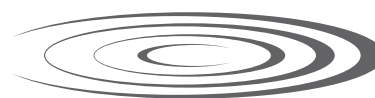
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retired San Diego architect and former assistant professor of architecture at Stanford University, whom I asked for a review of Utzon's creation.

To the east of the complex on a nearby ridge is a strange-looking sphere, which Salvador told us is an observatory. My friend

was convinced it enclosed some sort of laser weapon; I thought it looked like a gigantic golf ball on a golden tee waiting to be driven into the Pacific. The stars can certainly shine clearly in the skies above Pulgas. Danish author Jes Møller, who wrote a book about Tvind in Danish published in

1999, has a "frequently asked questions" website about the organization that says that in Ulfborg, Denmark, Tvind has a "search for extraterrestrial intelligence" observatory. Møller adds, however, in commenting about the group's ideology that "[this search] doesn't seem to play any significant role." It nev-

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ertheless does bring to mind a cult in Rancho Santa Fe from the late 1990s: Heaven's Gate.

Because of sizable excavations at the site during construction, *Tvind Alert* speculated that huge underground cellars were being built and reported that locals said they'd seen "men with arms" guarding the compound, conjuring up images of David Koresh and Waco. When I talked with Salvador, I asked him if the guards had guns, and he laughed and said no. He also said there were no bunkers, nor was there a helipad. I later asked Mr. Morachis's son, Gustavo Morachis, an attorney with his father's firm, about the gun allegations. He did not believe them and remarked that gun possession is illegal in Mexico.

The second day of our trip in September I ran into a Mexican at Punta San José, a marine biologist who runs a sportfishing business that flies anglers to Cedros Island, several hundred miles to the south of Ensenada. He said he had flown over the compound and been fascinated by the strange new buildings. He later informed me he had not noticed a helipad from the air. Given the curious nature of the development, he wanted to know if the story I intended to write would be science fiction.

What is Tvind? California Campus TG's website says, "The Teachers Group is the group of people...who have decided to share life within the principles of joint economy, joint time and joint work.... Campus California TG is a network of entities, each acting in its own

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tion, development, the environment, cooperation and a broad spectrum of initiatives generating values. Campus California TG is a movement of entities, organ-

ized as a Non-profit public benefit corporation, where the entities with their collective diversity can promote a dynamic growth of the whole." Whatever that means.

Early on Tvind "set out to conquer the world," said former member Hans la Cour, in a February 2004 *Chicago Tribune* story. "Their original ambition

was world revolution." Jes Møller notes in his FAQ site that years ago Tvind was suspected of having ties to the regimes of North Korea and Cuba and was under

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surveillance by the Danish Security and Intelligence Service.

"We don't yet understand what the purpose of Tvind is," offers Danish reporter Jakob Rubin, quoted in the *Miami New Times* story. "Yes, Mr. Petersen is trying to collect millions, but that [simple answer] is not satisfying. We believe they were trying to create an alternative economic world order."

"They don't have a religion," comments former volunteer Heckscher in the same article, "but they do have an obscure political theory that no one can articulate."

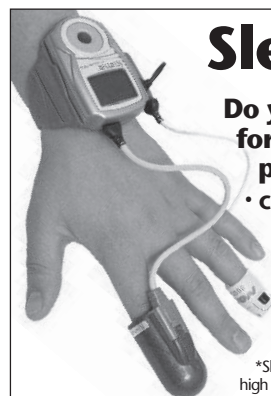
Jes Møller concurs that Tvind is not a religion, writing in his website: "It is an ideology with no hopes of an afterlife. It is very pragmatic and unromantic. Personal feelings as well as love for nature are

considered disturbing elements in the correct perception of the world."

This would not sit well with my late grandfather. Despite the names it is known by — People to People and Humana — in my encounters with Tvind members I was struck by their lack of humanity, in contrast to their rural Mexican neighbors. I can't picture one of them sitting down to share a drink or friendly conversation or offering to help, or even slowing down if one's vehicle were disabled in this still-remote area.

Perhaps that's unfair. They could just be your stereotypical stolid Scandinavians. During the September visit, I spoke to a farmer named Tomás as he tended his zucchini fields near the

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compound. Tomás had actually been inside the TG Pacifico complex, which he thought was a hotel. "When they were building it," he said, "we gave them water. They had a party and invited us. It's very luxurious," he added.

My last impression as we were leaving San Juan de las Pulgas this fall (my friend wanted to donate his old shirt as we drove by the compound) was not, however, favorable. Passing an SUV on the dirt road back to Santo Tomás, I made eye contact with the other driver — a middle-aged woman with very short blond hair and a weathered face — by my surmise a Tvind member. She gave me a wary look and a quick backhanded wave — perfunctory, emotionless.

Mexican authorities do not seem concerned with the presence of what may be a Tvind headquarters in their country. The *Zeta* story, written two years ago, seems to question the propriety and timing of governmental approval of aspects of the development. It presses a local delegate of the office of the state secretary for economic development as to whether there will be a review of TG Pacifico's background and the source of its financial resources to verify that the company is "clean." The article notes that in the photo purportedly showing Petersen at the compound, there also appears César Mancillas Amador, who was then the mayor of Ensenada and later the state's secretary of fisheries. Supposedly, the paper says, Mancillas didn't know who Petersen was. *Zeta* ends its piece with the

comment, "Mexican authorities continue supporting the project of the Danes unconditionally."

As we headed home to the United States, we came to a military

checkpoint on the highway just north of the Santo Tomás Valley. A machine gunner watched from a hillside, and soldiers behind barricades of sandbags and

used tires gripped automatic weapons — signs of Mexico's drug-war violence. The vehicle in front of us was thoroughly searched after all of its riders were

required to step out. We were asked by a soldier where we had been, and I replied, "San Juan de las Pulgas." He quickly waved us through. Though relieved, I

momentarily wondered, as someone who might pass for a middle-aged Dane, about the extent of Tvind's influence in Mexico. ■

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“I never had a problem before moving to San Diego,” says Maureen Dayon, who recently gave up one of her dogs due to her new townhome's breed restrictions. Like most rentals and properties with HOAs (housing

associations), the townhome also has weight limits that further prescribe the type of dog a tenant may keep. Dayon still has Jack, a black lab-pit mix who frolics at the Laurel Street dog park while she tells her tale. It began in 2005, when she moved here from Florida to live with her boyfriend. When the relationship ended, Dayon had to move into a hotel for almost two months before finding an apartment that would take Jack, who doesn't conform to most weight or breed restrictions — or both.

“Places didn't advertise their pet policies,” Dayon says, making it that much harder. On her next move, she and her new husband, a marine sergeant, faced the same problem. They



eventually rented an older house in Serra Mesa, but when Dayon became pregnant, the couple sought a larger home.

By now they had a second dog, Miley, a pit bull mix Dayon was fostering — meaning she didn't own Miley, but was sheltering her temporarily — through a rescue organization called It's The Pits. Dogs that are fostered have a higher chance of adoption, rescues say. Dayon describes Miley as timid.

When the couple toured the Mission Valley townhome they hoped to rent, the manager advised her there was a 35-pound weight limit per pet. No breed restrictions were discussed, Dayon says. Since Miley was a foster

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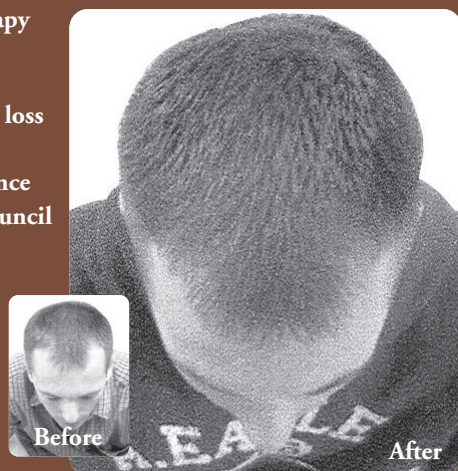
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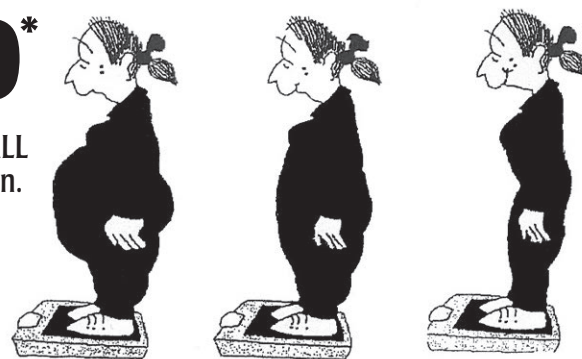
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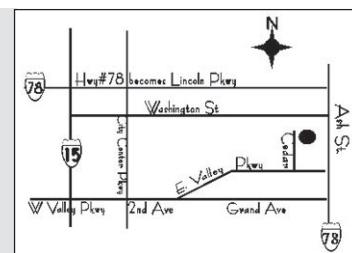
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dog, she only mentioned Jack — and the fact that he was “larger.” The manager replied that they were “trying to get corporate to allow” dogs that exceeded the limit. Three weeks later Dayon was told that Jack would be allowed in. A written pet policy she had requested wasn’t provided, Dayon says.

It wasn’t until she signed the lease that Dayon saw the breed restrictions, prohibiting pit bulls. By then she had movers lined up and her husband was about to leave for Afghanistan. Restarting the house hunt wasn’t much of an option.

Dayon’s dogs were pit bull mixes, and she reasoned that the pet fees gave them additional leeway. “My pet deposit was more than my move-in deposit,” she says. On top of a steep rent, the couple was also charged \$35 per month “pet rent.”

It was after they’d moved in and Dayon’s husband left for Afghanistan that she got a call from the leasing office.

“We were looking in your window and saw that you have a pit bull,” Dayon says, relating the conversation. “We definitely don’t allow pit bulls.”

The dog in the window was Miley, whom a photo shows to resemble primarily a “pit bull” — a catch-all breed category that encompasses the American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and the American Pit Bull Terrier.

“You haven’t seen our pet policy. It’s on page two,” Dayon was told.

According to the townhome’s website, its pet policy is: two pets per home; a maximum weight limit of 35 pounds per pet; a \$500 refundable deposit; monthly pet rent of \$50 per pet; and breed restrictions that prohibit Rottweilers, Dobermans, Chows, pit bulls, and German Shepherds. “Additional breeds may be restricted,” the site states. No mention is made of pit

bull mixes.

Dayon told them Miley was a “lab mix.”

In September, as she unloaded a new crib one day, Jack left the garage and bounded up to a neighbor walking by. Dayon says he

jumped up, but didn’t harm the woman, who nevertheless filed an incident report with the leasing office. Soon after, Dayon says, “I got a 36-hour notice to get rid of Miley.”

Faced with moving

again, Dayon decided to return Miley to the rescue organization. “I literally had a nervous breakdown,” she says of their parting. It was hard on the animals, too. “Jack lost ten pounds in the week after she left.”

Shannon Van Dorn, a Los Angeles attorney, is now at the center of a case that may set a precedent on issues for renters across the state. Van Dorn’s case against a Homeowner’s Association in Los Angeles challenges its

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tion. Her claim states that the association's rule unreasonably dictates the type of dog a homeowner may have. "There is really no case law to follow here," she says in an email interview; the statute has not been challenged since it was implemented in 2001. Initially, the association sued Van Dorn for keeping a 75-pound golden retriever. Van Dorn, who says her lease allowed the dog, countersued.

Deborah Schowalter, a property owner who rents her Mission Hills duplex to dog owners, says the San Diego County Bar Animal Law Committee "years ago started recommending that landlords not put weight restrictions, as they were unenforceable and not justifiable."

That concern is echoed by agent Steve Berg, owner of San Diego Castles Realty, in a September blog post, "HOA Rules Gone to the

Dogs." In it, Berg describes how his well-qualified client couldn't make it into escrow because of his dog's 45-pound weight; another case that "may go legal." Berg says he only recently learned that most condominiums

limits. But the property owners and HOAs say insurance companies make the rules; they just follow.

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Most condominiums have pet restrictions — and "they all seem to be different."

have pet restrictions — and "they all seem to be different." Why, he asks, is a 29-pound dog okay while a 31-pound dog is not? The limit set by the various HOAs "is random at best. Sometimes it is 30 pounds, other times 35 pounds, and still others, 15 is the magic number..."

Opponents of breed restrictions say the limits are as random as weight

many options.

In California, where an owner is liable if a dog bites, even if the dog has never bitten before, homeowner's or renter's insurance is all the more important. Most bites occur in the owner's household.

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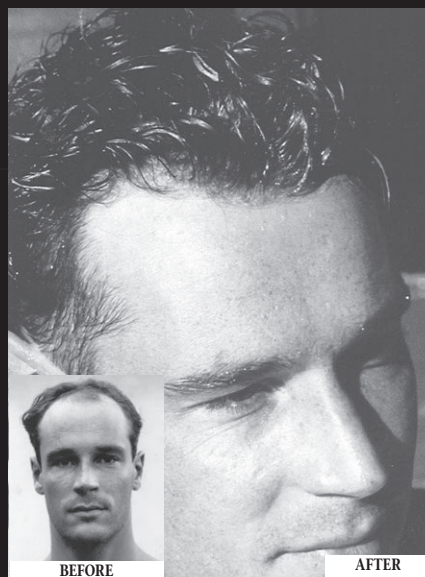
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Chows, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, St. Bernards, and pit bulls. But others, from Dalmations to Labradors, make some lists — and weight limits alone can exclude all large and most medium-size dogs from housing.

Landlord Schowalter agrees with the practice of breed restrictions. "Breed is a reasonable way to choose potential traits and characteristics, and makes sense," she says. "I think people should just not try to keep those breeds in houses, particularly rental houses."

Insurers, however, have no one central repository for data about dog-bite injuries and related claims to refer to in creating their lists, nor are they required to break down claims payments

based on dog bite or breed.

Kenneth Phillips, a lawyer who represents dog-bite victims and is considered the leading authority on the topic, says on his website, *dogbitelaw.com*, that the insurance industry is "engaging in the controversial and probably ineffective practice of 'breed bans.'" Denying insurance to dog owners, he says, "is placing them at risk and infringing on their right to own dogs."

Megan Holt, a San Diego leasing agent for an apartment advertised on Craigslist, responded to a query about breed restrictions and German Shepherds, saying, "Most apartment complexes cannot accept them due to insurance purposes." German Shepherds, "along with

many other breed types," she says, "are on nationwide breed-restriction lists due to their aggressive nature.... Most insurance companies do not want to take their chances, even with pet references." Holt isn't sure what data insurers rely on, but says, "I think it is a national breed list."

Another ad for a La Mesa duplex points to the same list used by insurers: "Pets are allowed with approval and deposit (no dogs on the dangerous-breed list please)."

But neither the Centers for Disease Control nor the American Veterinary Medical Association supports any such list. So what source have insurers turned to in profiling breeds to exclude from coverage —

and therefore from housing?

Several years ago, investigators for the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Centers for

Centers for Disease Control published a statement that the study does not "identify specific breeds that are most likely to bite

since 1975, "more than 30 breeds have been responsible for fatal attacks on people, including Dachshunds, a Yorkshire Terrier, and a

"It is not possible to calculate a bite rate for a breed or to compare rates between breeds."

Disease Control conducted a joint study to assess fatal dog bites and recommend ways communities could protect citizens. That report, released in 2000, has been used to sweep breeds from rental and homeowner policies — even though the

or kill, and thus is not appropriate for policy-making decisions related to the topic." An AVMA task force concluded, "It is not possible to calculate a bite rate for a breed or to compare rates between breeds." In fact, the study revealed that

Labrador Retriever." In California, a child was killed by a Pomeranian in 2000. Recent studies finding small breeds the most bite-prone support the study's claim that small dogs are also "capable of causing severe injury."

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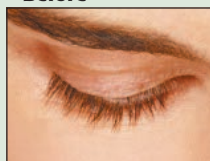
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CDC statistics show about 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year, requiring costly medical attention—but the agency stopped tracking bites by breed in 1998, partly due to problems identifying the breeds involved, as well as the fact that popular breeds are likely to be in the statistics more often only because there are more of them.

Landlord Schowalter thinks the popularity of pit bulls should be addressed by “requiring that all pit bulls be sterilized,” which, she says “would get rid of the breed.” Many breeds, she feels, have gotten “a bad rap”—but when it comes to pit bulls—“those jaws are too deadly,” she says. “Sorry, but I don’t think we need that sort of dog hanging around kids and folks. There are too many nice ones.”

San Diego-based Einhorn Insurance Agency is one of only a few insurers that issues renter, home-

owner, landlord, condo, and townhome policies for all breeds. “We look at each dog on a case-by-case basis and believe it’s the environment that makes the dog who they are, not the breed,” says agent Dori Einhorn. In other words, they don’t accept all owners. “It’s more important to consider ‘bite history,’ “ she says. She recently declined a potential client because one of his two dogs had recently bit someone. “Because of the irresponsibility of the owner, we don’t care what kind of dog they own. They are more likely to have an incident in the future.” Einhorn says her agency will insure a home and provide liability coverage for the dogs at no extra charge. “But if a bite occurs, the homeowner must sign an exclusion which states that all dogs in that household are no longer covered.”

Another prospective

client with a golden retriever formerly had a claim “well over \$300,000,” she says. Hence, Einhorn asks potential clients a probing set of prequalifying questions to determine what kind of owners they are.

In 2008, dog bites represented a third of all homeowner insurance liability claims, according to the Insurance Information Institute. The number of dog-bite claims keeps rising—even though most homeowner policies now exclude “high risk” breeds from coverage.

Einhorn says that in her two years in business, and currently covering 600 households, with around 60 percent of them owning pit bulls, she has had only one bite claim...a dachshund that allegedly leaped up and bit a woman’s face.

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—Sheila Pell

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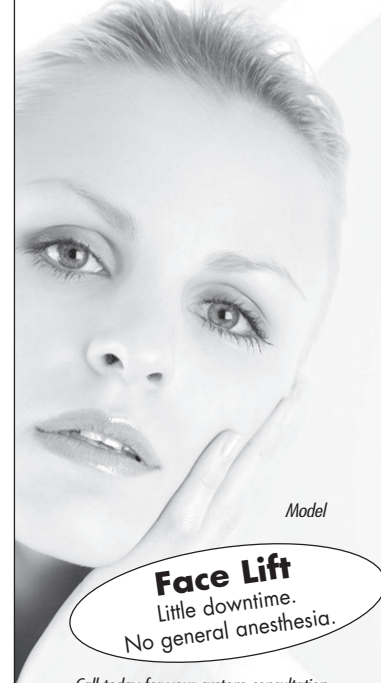
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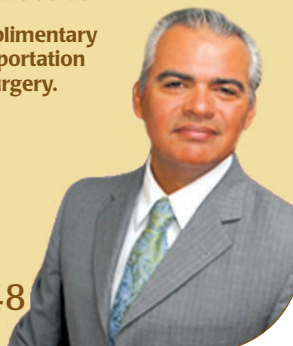
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be self-compensating. It's nonanthropogenic, of course, so rarely gets mentioned.

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Do your readers a favor. Look into the so-called science and see if these things are not so. Then, let's get on with reducing air, water, and land pollution — real problems causing real harm now — not perhaps in 2100.

John Suhr
via email

Ice Out, Boats In

The *Reader* has done a disservice to all of us with airing the views of this Luddite Wampler ("Global Warming Is Crap," Cover Story, January 28). Global warming cer-

tainly is not "crap." We all know it isn't crap, including the illustrator of the polar bear on the ice chunk. I'm a mariner, and if anyone would like to know what the maritime community is up to regarding arctic ice, I suggest they look at Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment from the Institute of the North's website: www.institutenorth.org. Available in PDF, it'll tell you about the huge boom in maritime activity in the arctic that is occurring as the ice recedes in the summer. Activity such as marine traffic, energy exploration, and tourism, which was unthinkable just a few years ago. Wampler is crap.

Tom Summers
via email

Use It Twice

They used to play baseball in the football stadium ("National Football Liars," "City Lights," January 28). Why can't they play football in the baseball stadium? What happens in Petco Park when

baseball season is over? We need to use our expensive assets as frequently as possible.

Thank you, Don, for as always a very good article.

Mary Slupe
via email

Football Business

I have a suggestion for the Spanos family ("National Football Liars," "City Lights," January 28). I understand you are in the development business and have done very well. Since you think a new stadium is needed and a good investment, why don't you put together a proposal and make an offering to private investors, venture capitalists, and any other investment group?

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Julie McKane
San Diego

Emperor Of Whisper House

Thank you so much for your insightful review of *Whisper House* (Theater Review, January 28). When I read some of the other reviews, I wondered if they had seen the same play I did. Bravo for the man with some taste and the guts to say the emperor has no clothes.

Name Withheld

Perfect Prison

Thank you for letting us know about Ad Seg's music, which will help educate listeners ("Dope and a Pistol," "Blurt," January 28).

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incarcerating people.

The *Reader* is always interesting, and I often learn about topics I would not think to investigate on my own.

Marie Callahan
via email

Delightful Diva

What happened to the diva diary? I looked forward to reading her column each week. I hope you didn't drop it for good. At least her column was positive and funny — the only one I could count on to make me chuckle. Most of the stuff you have in the paper is SOOOOOO... negative! There is good, fun stuff around too. Even your movie reviewer seems to be too jaded to find any fun in the movies he reviews.

Nedda Viscovich
via email

"Diary of a Diva" resumes this week. — Editor

Irishman Slapped?

I read with interest your story on Brett Favre ("Sporting

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Box," January 21), until in the very last paragraph, Patrick D. used the term "bitch-slapped." To me that is absolutely inexcusable. I don't think I need to explain why "bitch-slapped" is intolerable.

To add to the shame, it sounds like this columnist is of Irish descent.

Kathy Saunders
via email

Comments from Reader Website

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

Cover Story

Published Jan. 27

By PistolPete 3:11 p.m., Jan. 27, 2010

Great article. I now know not to buy Big Red anymore. Always appreciate it when someone lets me know where my consumer dollars are being spent. Sounds like Steve has his s*** together. Also sounds like Gore is going to get richer because of stupid people who depend on their politics instead of their brain.

By Altius 10:19 a.m., Jan. 28, 2010

I have a hard time believing anything Big Science says anymore. The scientific community is home to some of the worst money-grubbing whores on earth. These global warming/climate change types created and gold mine of funding by selling fear. And they'll do anything to keep the \$\$ coming, including fudging the data and actively silencing other view points. I applaud Steve Wampler for calling these people out.

By SDaniels 11:58 a.m., Jan. 28, 2010

Is this what you two got out of it? Did you really read the article? Manson, who wrote it, meant to present the issue from a variety of perspectives that seem to boil down to several crucial prescriptions: We need to control population, control emissions, and educate, as well as cultivate our own gardens—this latter point may escape you if you haven't read Voltaire's *Candide*: In the context of the article, it means that we haven't gotten the big solutions to the big prob-

lems yet, but it doesn't mean that we should give up on trying to change things locally, especially if we can develop technology to help us adapt to the increase of heat and radiation implicated by global warming.

To conclude from this article that global warming is not a fact is to say that you want to hide your heads in the sand, and let someone else take care of it. You create this monster of "Big Science" to counteract the monster you think has been created, of "Global Warming." For some people, the only way to grapple with science, since they can't read or understand its conclusions, is to do what they were taught in Sunday school—create more mythical monsters to slay. Pathetic. Get an education, and learn to read critically. I never hear you talk about population overgrowth, Pete, while you moan about how global warming is just a myth. That is because you have no clue—if you'd gone to college, you might understand a bit more what's at stake.

The attitudes in comments #1 and 2 might be summed up best in this snippet from the article, no doubt misread by both commenters:

"Somebody's got to step back and say, 'Look, we've got a problem which goes well beyond these issues on the surface.' And it's not that we couldn't do something. It's just that there appears to be no political will to do it and very little education and information, so people don't even realize where we are and where we're headed."

By PistolPete 12:59 p.m., Jan. 28, 2010

As soon as I read, "Steve. What a contradiction. I thought he'd be a global-warming shoo-in, a great first interview on my mission to find out what green San Diegans are doing, post-Copenhagen, to save the world. To undo - uninvent - global warming. Because it turns out (who knew?) that San Diego invented global warming, or at least discovered a way of understanding it. Just over 50 years ago, in March 1958, Charles Keeling of UCSD's

Scripps Institution of Oceanography set up camp on the summit of Mauna Loa in Hawaii. His idea was to take daily measurements of the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, to see if that number was increasing as a result of humanity's use of fossil fuels.

And over the course of 50 years, the figures tell us it was. Keeling's graph does one sexy curve up, up, and up. Each notch equals more CO2 in every molecule of air. The Keeling curve "marked a key moment in American science history," says Scripps, commemorating the anniversary in an article on its website. It's "become one of the iconic images of science, rivaling the double helix, or Darwin's sketches of finches.... It turned speculations about increasing CO2 from theory into fact."

I knew this whole article, with the exception of Steve's viewpoint, was going to be more propaganda on Global Warming.

I admit that Global Warming DOES exist. It exists along with Global Cooling. 50 years ago, there were a hell of a lot less people on this planet. The Earth has survived much worse things than humans could ever dream up to throw at it. The Earth itself IS a recycler. I'm not advocating throwing your car battery in the nearest lake. I am however advocating that we stop and track the money flow when it comes to "going green". All this green talk started with the braindead hippies in the 60's and it's snowballed. I don't have a garden. Is the Earth going to stop? NO! I throw my cans and plastics away. Is the Earth going to stop? NO! I'm perfectly content to just live life.

You want to go green and look like a retard? Be my guest. I'll even stand here and watch you. It's free entertainment.

Bottom line? People are going to be extinct FAR before the Earth will see any kind

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of damage that we have done to it.

By Zwills 2:37 p.m., Jan. 28, 2010

Hold on a minute, people. Steve's degree in Environmental Engineering doesn't make him any more of an authority on climate change than my own degree in Mechanical Engineering does. We're both engineers - not climate scientists.

The statement "There are 100,000 scientists out there who think it is total crap too but they get shunned" is, at best, a gross exaggeration, and at worse, utter nonsense. Here is a rather authoritative list of 600 or so leading climate scientists: http://www.eecg.utoronto.ca/~prall/climate/climate_authors_table_by_clim.html

Among the 500 leading researchers, 4.6% have skeptic

views toward human-induced global warming while 37% have activist views (seeking action on climate change). The majority of leading researchers have not firmly sided with either camp.

Let's be clear - the scientific debate is NOT whether global warming is occurring - even ExxonMobil now concedes that fact. The debate is whether humans are responsible for global warming and whether we should do something about it.

Let's take a look at one issue cited by Steve - arctic sea ice. Steve says that the University of Illinois shows early satellite photos (1979) that have the same sea ice extent as today...well here's the website: <http://arctic.atmos.uiuc.edu/cryosphere>

If Steve knew how to read a graph (<http://arctic.atmos>

uiuc.edu/cryosphere/IMAGES/seaice.recent.arctic.png), he'd see that U of IL is showing a current 1 million sq km. ice shortage relative to the historical average. The Reader article doesn't question his statement... shame on you guys.

The article's title statement of "Global Warming is Crap" is contributing to a misconception among the general public that is at odds with the available data - satellite measurements, land-based measurements, ocean measurements, models, etc. There is no conspiracy here - independent meteorological organizations worldwide, even the Chinese - are all reaching the same conclusion. The San Diego Reader interviewed some very knowledgeable people right here at UCSD and SDSU - why give so much airtime to Steve

Wampler? He's spouting his mouth "a la Glenn Beck" - I expect better out of the San Diego Reader.

For further reading: <http://climate.nasa.gov/evidence>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_opinion_on_climate_change#Statements_by_dissenting_organizations

<http://skepticalscience.com>
By PistolPete 3:43 p.m., Jan. 28, 2010

Is there Global Warming? Yes. Are humans responsible? Very good possibility. Do I give a s***? Hell no!

Global Warming enthusiasts are usually Eco-Nazis who are too stupid to realize that the majority of Independent free-thinkers like myself view them as Chicken Littles. "The sky is falling!!!! The sky is falling!!!!" has become "We're all going to suffocate the poor little planet if we don't stop our evil ways!!!!"

It's utterly ridiculous that 200+ years of industry can wipe out something that has not only been around for billions of years but lived through alot worse than what humans could ever throw at it. Human arrogance at it's finest.

By SDaniels 6:38 p.m., Jan. 28, 2010

Hey Zwills, thank you for correcting at least two misconceptions. I'll correct another, a small one:

"The article's title statement of "Global Warming is Crap"

...was meant as an irony. It points critically at the form the so-called "anti-global warming" rhetoric takes, but of course the same people who have nothing to say BUT "Global Warming is Crap" will create a further irony when they show they do not understand that irony, and prove they cannot read.

And they create another bugbear, the 'leftist green-obsessed idiot' who "believes" it, in the same way they create a right-wing rhetoric brimming over with creationist swill—all the while shouting how WE have created the "myths" of global warming AND evolution. Hmmmm, who's swallowing prepackaged rhetoric

(and from what sources!!) and fairytales again, now?...

By SDaniels 6:40 p.m., Jan. 28, 2010

Pete, the Independent in Libertarian clothing is the biggest Chicken Little around. Please.

By dannyboy7293 11:20 p.m., Jan. 28, 2010

Wikipedia as a reference to support global warming??? You green weenies crack me up. And don't think I'm not for clean air/water/earth and maximizing resource efficiency. Who isn't?

The real "denialists" in this saga are the pinheads like you who are so smug in your ignorance you haven't even looked at the facts. James Hansen and the rest of the twerps at NASA/GISS have now been caught using taxpayer funds to cover their butts when it was discovered they've fudged temperature data regarding warming. Investigations are underway. Michael Mann and his "hockey team" at Penn State are under investigation by the university and the National Academy Of Sciences. Ever heard of "Mike's Nature trick?"

The University of East Anglia's Climate Research Unit, the supposed gold standard of climate research facilities, is now under investigation by the British government for violating England's Freedom of Information Act when they were asked for the data that supports warming. They DELETED hundreds of data records to hide the fact that instead of warming, the earth has been COOLING for the past decade. The foregoing stories have all been dubbed "ClimateGate" due to the scandalous behavior of the principals, among whom are a Who's Who of global warming scaremongers.

And today, ABC News has a report on "GlacierGate", wherein the head of the UN's International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has resorted to using opinion pieces from the World Wildlife Fund to scaremonger Global Warming. These claims were not only not peer reviewed, they aren't even science!

CAN CLIMATE FORE-

CASTS STILL BE TRUSTED?

Confidence Melting Away: Doubts Grow in Climate Change Debate <http://abc-news.go.com/print?id=9685251>

The IPCCs Chairman, Nobel laureate - and mechanical engineer - Dr Rajendra Pachauri (who's been lining his own pockets in this scam) is now under fire in his native India, where calls for his immediate resignation are clamoring daily. They don't want any more embarrassment.

By Zwills 2:30 a.m., Jan. 29, 2010

Danny, please don't misrepresent my intentions by citing Wikipedia - we both know Wikipedia is not a source of original research. The article I linked is a good summary of the consensus on climate change among scientific organizations of national or international standing... and their sheer number and diversity. Many or most of these various groups do not stand to gain financially in any way by making their opinion statements. This is not a hoax. There is a consensus (not without detractors, but debate is a good thing) precisely because the evidence is real and compelling.

Your post seems designed to spread fear, uncertainty, and doubt... so let me briefly address your points.

1) NASA "fudged temperature data". This is a new allegation, and one that I could find no support for beyond blogs which appear to be hung up on a lack of understanding of data interpolation between temperature stations. Surely if there was a scandal here, a legitimate news organization (ok, even Fox News?) would have picked up the story?

2) Michael Mann under investigation. Here's what's true - Penn State is reading through his emails with Phil Jones, formerly of the CRU. Mann himself is welcoming the investigation, and none of the leaked emails show any wrongdoing on his part.

3) "Mike's Nature trick" - the most notorious of the hacked CRU emails. If you've read about it already, you'll

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know this was in no way deceitful. <http://www.skepticalscience.com/What-do-the-hacked-CRU-emails-tell-us.html>

4) "the earth has been COOLING for the last decade." Nice time period selection - you're right... but only because the beginning of the past decade registered as the warmest temperatures since records began. Here's the full graph from three independent temperature data sets, along with uncertainty bands: <http://climateprogress.org/2009/12/08/world-meteorological-organization-wmo-2000s-warmest-hottest-decade-on-record>

5) GlacierGate - Not so much a scandal, but it is an embarrassing prediction. One they've now been forced to retract. The glaciers won't be gone by 2035, but that doesn't change the fact that they are receding rapidly.

Fear, uncertainty, and doubt. Let's keep the debate civil and fair. Cooler heads acknowledge that there is uncertainty in this science, but the best information available (CO2 measurements, temperature measurements, sea ice extent, glacier extent, etc) indicates that we're at risk of affecting our climate in ways that will likely have significant consequences for our future.

Theater Review Published Jan. 27

By Sandyb12 1:06 a.m., Jan. 28, 2010

Duncan Sheik's modern, singer/songwriter-driven songs of Spring Awakening are what made it so compelling to so many. 8 Tony Awards and a Grammy later, that show is responsible for introducing an entire new generation to musical theater.

With the genre plagued by mediocre revivals and blockbuster-inspired tripe, Whisper Houses's shotgun wedding of drama, rock concert and film represents another innovation, to say the least. The show is already Broadway-bound: it's premiere at the Old Globe is a feather in the cap of both the theater and the city's arts community.

But even in the flagging world of musical theater, innovation can be divisive. So perhaps it is no surprise that reviewer Jeff Smith's conservative sensibilities were offended by this brilliant new work.

Mr. Smith's hand-wringing over what ghosts are REALLY like and the breaking of the precious fourth wall — as if that is unprecedented — are simply silly; but ultimately, his review betrays a deep contempt for San Diegans' ability to comprehend and appreciate new theater. In his review, he pats us on the head and tells us what songs in musicals are for. But his understanding of what new theater can be is not just old school, it's downright asinine in 2010.

So it is unfortunate that his nasty review will stand as the Reader's take on this play, a production which respects the modern audience by avoiding the predictable.

Moreover, Mr. Smith

stands alone in his harsh criticism: the LA Times says "In an age of shamelessly commercial blockbusters, [Whisper House] is every bit as noteworthy as a return from the dead." Theatermania concluded "there's enough promise in Whisper House that Sheik might have another hit musical on his hands." Both publications noted the excellence of the performances, music, arrangements and unique set design.

But perhaps most unfortunate of all is the failure here to note Whisper Houses' subtle commentary on war, racism and the culture of fear — all points that, remarkably, Mr. Smith seems to have missed.

Or maybe he avoided comment on the themes of the play because he doesn't think we'd get it.

For those more interested in indulging in 20th century tropes, there is an excellent take on Neil Simon's Lost In Yonkers playing next door. For those interested in the future

of musical theater, there is Whisper House.

Off the Cuff ("Where do you take out-of-town guests?")

Published Jan. 27

By tikicult 3:23 p.m., Jan. 29, 2010

Depends on who comes to town...

Family with kids - the zoo, Balboa park. The Birch Aquarium is cool, too.

Buddies - Out to good Mexican food, cocktails at a dive bar, PB. A nice parking lot to lean against an old car and tell lies while drinking beer out of a paper bag. All the classy joints.

If I want to impress someone... maybe out to Napa Valley Grill or Adams Ave. Grill. The bar at the top of the Hyatt is pretty spectacular.

Oh, and Tabbie, Sunset Cliffs is never boring. I love that place. Next time climb down the rope.

I try to avoid the tourist traps...

- Joe

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See **LECTURES**, page 79.

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California Center for the Arts Escondido will screen a new Sesame Street film that aims "to help families with children aged two to eight who are experiencing difficult economic challenges." Financial journalist George Chamberlin hosts Q&A while entertainers and activities engage the kids. See **FILM**, page 76.

TET FESTIVAL

An khang thinh vuong! (Security, good health, and prosperity!) The Vietnamese Federation of San Diego hosts a

Vietnamese

lunar new year Tet Festival with lion and ethnic dances, an *ao dai* fashion show, costume contest, games for kids, floral and fine arts exhibit, music, and Vietnamese food. See **SPECIAL**, page 74.



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POSTMORTEM

New Vision Theatre Company stages Ken Ludwig's "Sherlock Holmes-type whodunit" about William Gillette, a famous actor who holds a séance in his Connecticut castle in an attempt to catch his would-be killer. See **THEATER**, page 119.



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Scripps oceanographer Tony Koslow presents "Taking the Pulse with California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigation" for this Perspectives on Ocean Science lecture series. Learn how a 60-year ocean observation program can clarify the impacts of storm cycles and human-induced climate change. See **LECTURES**, page 78.



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Margaret Erhart will discuss and sign her latest book, a Grand Canyon river and hiking guide. Also, the San Diego Natural History Museum will provide a cream-of-the-crop butterfly display so you can see these beautiful creatures up close. See **IN PERSON**, page 78.



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Glencar Lake, Ireland

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By Eileen Feely

The words “heaven on earth” have oft been used to describe places dear to a writer’s heart. Such a place of enchantment I’ve found in Glencar, County Leitrim, Ireland.

Glencar’s two-mile-long lough is teaming with salmon and sea trout, and swans float on its peaceful, silvery waters. Along the lake’s northern shore, the low road snakes to the Glencar waterfall, old thatched cottages, and modern homes.

Those willing to traipse up the mountain alongside sheep and goats to the waterfall or walk up to the lake’s edge can do so from this road. At the lake’s eastern tip, the ascent begins to the high road, where roadside overlooks afford stunning views of the lake and waterfall. On a windy day, the water from the falls blows back up the mountain instead of cascading downward.

Glancing across the lake, you can see trees shaped in the form of a Celtic knot nestled amid a patchwork of green fields.

Here one of Ireland’s beloved poets, W.B. Yeats, was inspired to write “The Stolen Child.”

Reasonably priced B&Bs and cottages are available for stays. For more information on Yeats, Glencar, and the surrounding area, check out the Yeats Country Driving Tour at geovative.com.

Cloud Forests of Monteverde, Costa Rica

By Derek Ray

At an altitude of 4662 feet, the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and neighboring Santa Elena Reserve are protected areas along the Continental Divide, characterized by nearly 100 percent humidity year-round. Trade winds from the Atlantic cool and condense to form



Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve

clouds. The six ecological zones and biodiversity of life contained within the forest reserve are bathed in a constant mist. This keeps it relatively cool — different from what I expected for a tropical forest.

Vegetation rules here. The highland

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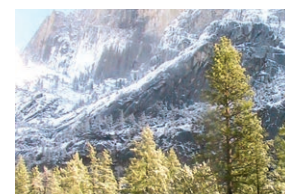
Other Adventures



rachelwasko: At Julia Pfeiffer State Beach, overlooking the coastline in Big Sur



abuensucoso: Maid of the Mist boat soaks into the basin of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls



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OUTDOORS

The Sun Strides North In February, swinging higher across the sky each successive day. Already quite noticeable is the change in the time of sunset, currently almost a minute later per day, and sunrise, currently almost a minute earlier per day.

Big Ocean Swells and wild surf conditions occurring during San Diego's winter season can leave certain area beaches partially or wholly denuded of sand. The powerful waves pull sand off the beach and move it into deeper waters offshore, leaving behind deposits of rounded cobbles where sand has been removed. During spring and summer gentle wave action returns

much of the sand, usually in time for the arrival of summer tourists. Artificial sand-replenishment projects are usually in the works, too, whereby sand dredged from waters offshore is transported back to the shoreline.

Ornamental Pear Trees are bursting into bloom all over town. The thousands of white blossoms appear in sheets and clusters, rather like snow when viewed from a distance. Nice specimens can be seen along Lake Murray Boulevard, along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard between Highway 163 and Interstate 15, in and around Balboa Park, and in parts of downtown San Diego.

The Planet Venus makes its debut this month as an "evening star," visible in the west after sundown.

At first (around mid-February) the elongation angle of Venus relative to the sun will be small, and Venus will barely be visible over the west horizon during early twilight. By late spring and through summer, the elongation angle will increase to nearly 45 degrees, and Venus will assume a commanding position in the western sky for two or more hours after the sun sets. In October, Venus will disappear from view in the evening sky, and reappear afterward as a "morning star" — visible in the east at dawn.

"Dirt Time" Adventures Learn art of discovering signs left behind by wild creatures when trail guide, tracking team member Mike Gibbs leads "Wildlife Tracking" outing. Wear long pants. 619-668-3281. Saturday, February 6, 8:30am; free. Mission Trails Re-

gional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"Walk and Draw" Naturalist Liz Goetz leads 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, February 4, 3:15pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Gaze Through a Telescope Search for a shooting star or Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) in MiraCosta College's baseball field. Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday, February 5, 8pm; Saturday, February 6, 8pm;

free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Hike Boulder Loop Naturalist Katya McLane leads four-mile trek over Boulder Loop with side trip to Ranch House. 760-839-4680. Saturday, February 6, 1:30pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Nature Discovery Hike Naturalists lead hikers "into chaparral glistening with new growth" to see

early blooms, learn native plant biogeography, hear songbirds, find a packrat nest. 619-668-3281. Saturday, February 6, 9:30am; Sunday, February 7, 9:30am; Wednesday, February 10, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Nature Walk with Views! Ranger-led walk along 1.5-mile Wooten Loop—Riparian Trail with views of Stelzer Ridge and Wildcat Canyon, returning through shaded oak- and sycamore-lined trail along Stelzer Creek. Expect easy to moderate hike on unpaved, maintained trail. Parking: \$3. 619-787-2810. Saturday, February 6, 8am; free. Louis Stelzer County Park, 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

See Spectacular Geologic Formations Canyoneers lead hike promising those geologic formations and desert landscapes showing effects of weathering. See *Nolina* (bear grass), high-desert vegetation. Hike starts, ends at an old Highway 80 embankment and involves boulder scrambling with loose gravel. Directions: take I-8,

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SMOKE TREE CANYON

Venture deep into Anza-Borrego's fascinating Santa Rosa Mountains.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 110 miles

Hiking length: 6 miles or more round-trip • **Difficulty:** Moderate to moderately strenuous



Smoke Tree Canyon

Stark and barren, yet glorious in their nakedness, Anza-Borrego's skeletal mountain ranges conceal more than they reveal to casual passersby. If you want to know them better, you must leave the security of the automotive cocoon and start walking — up a canyon or a wash, or onto a hardscrabble ridge sweeping upward into the fierce blue sky.

The southern spurs of the Santa Rosa Mountains, near the eastern border of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, are a great place to do this. Midday temperatures are rising into the 70s and 80s now — warm but not too hot for an extended hike of 6 to 10 miles, such as the one up along Smoke Tree Wash and into the canyon that lies above. Wear hiking boots to keep cactus spines at bay, and carry at least a pint of water for each hour of active hiking.

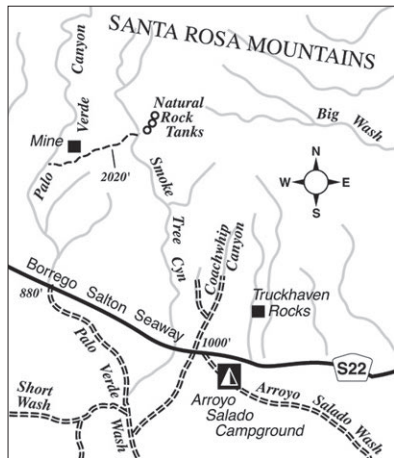
To get to Smoke Tree Wash, drive east from Borrego Springs on Highway S-22 (Palm Canyon Drive and later Borrego-Salton Seaway) and park near mile 34.6,

about 0.2 mile west of the signed entrance to Arroyo Salado Campground. On foot, simply follow the wide, sandy bed of Smoke Tree Wash north into the mountains looming above. Flat and easy to travel at first, the wash progressively narrows to what becomes, after 2.3 miles, a fissure overhung by menacing conglomerate cliffs (definitely not a good place to be during an earthquake). Up the canyon another 0.5 mile, look for a major side canyon on the right, heading northeast. Scramble up this side canyon a short distance to discover the "natural rock tanks," a feature noted as a point of interest on many maps. These are large depressions in the bedrock created by the scouring action of flash floods. The tanks hold water for

weeks or months after major storms, temporarily meeting the needs of the local bighorn sheep and other wildlife.

You can retrace your steps back to your car, completing a hike of nearly six miles. Or you can extend your exploration by traveling west a short distance on an obscure, disused miner's trail, or by traveling north a mile or more through various upper tributaries of the Smoke Tree canyon. By climbing upward toward any ridgeline or peaklet in that area, you'll get a fine view of the corrugated Borrego Badlands to the south and the flat, spacious Borrego Valley to the southwest.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



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forests contain a tangled growth of orchids, bromeliads, fern, vines, and mosses. The sound of the birds is constant as one hikes, contributing to an almost sacred sense of the forest as a cathedral of nature.

There are 100 species of mammals here and 400 species of birds. The wildlife, however, is less apparent here than in Manuel Antonio to the southwest, where sloths, howler monkeys, and capuchin monkeys are numerous. The Holy Grail of sightings in Monteverde is the mysterious, elusive quetzal bird. Alas, I did not see one when I was here. The most memorable wildlife sighting I had was a swarm of bats on the night hike.

At nearby Selvatura Park I climbed a series of elevated hanging bridges. These allow one to move back and forth from forest floor to forest canopy. The canopy is filled with life — insects, butterflies, and birds, birds, birds. The bridges allow you to more intimately immerse yourself in the biodiversity of life here.

But the most exciting way to experience the canopy is to zip across the forest from tree to tree on lines strung and secured between the platforms. For the truly adventurous, a Tarzan swing is offered.

Kamakura, Japan: Surf and Zen

By Matthew Penna

Just a short train ride from Tokyo, Kamakura is a small seaside town with a big green Buddha. Besides seeing the



Kamakura's famous Buddha

famous Buddha, there are plenty of temples and shrines dotting the hills and valleys of the community. This was once the seat of Japan's military dictatorship, and remnants of those times still remain.

One is the regular horseback archery demonstration called *yabusame*. Colorfully clad riders gallop down paths and take aim at circular targets set up along the way. Interested parties can see it live at Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine in April and September. The shrine is 20 minutes from Kamakura Station on foot.

However, Kamakura's main summer attraction is the beach. The coast from Yuigahama Beach down to Enoshima is where the surfers come to ride. Besides a surfer or two, be prepared for some trash to float by. Beaches in Japan are notoriously unclear, and Kamakura is no exception.

Need a break? Set back from the water are makeshift restaurants and bars. They're only open during the summer season and are good fun.

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exit at Mountain Springs (past Jacumba), turn left under freeway, park in open area on right. Car-pool from there to starting point. 619-255-0171. Sunday, February 7, 10am; free. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Drive. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Seeking Residents and Visitors! Naturalist Sally Sanderson leads slow-paced bird walk of about three miles, focusing on "Bird Identification: Resident and Wintering Birds at Daley Ranch." Bring binoculars, water. Wear layers, walking shoes with good tread. Rain cancels. 760-839-4680. Sunday, February 7, 8am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

SPECIAL

"Art. Life. Yoga." Yoga classes led by Shelby Lafrinere. Yoga Fusion for mixed levels on Wednesdays; expect "vinyasa class full of surprises." On Sundays: mixed-level vinyasa class (1:15pm); and mixed-level vinyasa class incorporating "more in-depth meditation and/or *pranayama*" (breathing practices). Bring a mat if possible. 858-354-6294. Sundays, 1:15pm and 2:30pm; Wednesdays, 6pm; \$10. Thumbprint Gallery, 2637 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"Cards with Coronado Cats" Class with Diane Turner features "scampering cat stamps from Coronado Island, Perfect Pearls, Fun Flock, and the Cuttlebug to make five purrfect cards." 619-667-5060. Saturday, February 6, 2pm; \$20. 18 and up. Stamp Addict, 7151 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Coffee with CCDC" Centre City Development Corporation hosts discussion forum with information about downtown redevelopment, projects, plans. Center is located above CVS pharmacy. 619-533-7148. Thursday, February 4, 6pm; free. Downtown Information Center, 193 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

"Flowing with Nature" Paisley Close leads anasara yoga classes, helping students "align with universal principles of goodness." All levels. Wear comfortable clothing, bring a mat. Offering. 619-303-6609. Wednesdays, 5:30pm. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

"Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace" Exhibit opens with talk by Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., dean of Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College in Atlanta. Exhibit on view through February 25 in Donor Hall of Love Library delivers "striking message about individual leadership and the difference that one person can make in promoting peace through nonviolent action" with photographs, quotations, historical information. 619-594-8276. Friday, February 5, 5pm; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

The Believers Discuss Zoë Heller's 2009 book with speaker

Mark Stover. 858-268-3674. Sunday, February 7, 1pm; free. Congregation Dor Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court. (KEARNY MESA)

Explore Possibilities! Artist Misty Hawkins focuses on "Drawing with Pastels." Learn basic techniques of creating textures, blending and layering pastels on colored paper. Create a still life while learning about color relationships. Materials: \$15. Registration: 619-223-0058. Friday, February 5, 1pm;

\$50-\$58. 16 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Fabulous! Make a beaded watchband using semiprecious stones and lamplighter beads during Open Studio First Saturday. Reservations: 619-593-2205. Saturday, February 6, 10am; \$45. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Focus on Arts and Computers Artists thinking of publishing giclée prints, writers hoping to illus-

trate books may speak with artist Hyacinthe, "computer expert" Steve about art and computer needs. RSVP: 760-408-1881. Wednesdays, 6pm; through Wednesday, March 31, free. Computer Arts Gallery, 4985 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Free Saturday at Lux Art lovers and their families invited to take part in guided tours, refreshments, music by jazz guitarist Daniele Spadavecchia. Guests may work on

a collaborative painting project in Lux classroom. View large-scale abstract paintings by current resident artist Iva Gueorgieva. Also, see "Operation Astronot" experiment, consisting of a handheld digital camera housed in a Styrofoam cooler attached to a weather balloon; the "space capsule will travel between 90,000 and 111,000 feet into the stratosphere to the edge of space while the camera, set on auto, incrementally takes pictures of the flight." 760-436-6611.

Saturday, February 6, 11am; free. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Friday Night Liberty Open House See a metals demonstration on making a copper heart (6pm), watch mosaic making (7pm), view exhibition of student and instructor work, register for workshops. 619-223-0058. Friday, February 5, 5pm; free. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade,

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(POINT LOMA)

Glass on Glass Lauren Becker Downey leads mosaic workshop. Learn to cut stained glass, combine it with mosaic techniques to produce light-gathering objects of art. Workshop concludes February 22. Materials fee: \$10. Registration: 619-223-0058. Monday, February 8, 6pm; \$74-\$86. 14 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

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

KISSING

They are kissing, on a park bench, on the edge of an old bed, in a doorway or on the floor of a church. Kissing as the streets fill with balloons or soldiers, locusts or confetti, water or fire or dust. Kissing down through the centuries under sun or stars, a dead tree, an umbrella, amid derelicts. Kissing as Christ carries his cross, as Gandhi sings his speeches, as a bullet careens through the air toward a child's good heart. They are kissing, long, deep, spacious kisses, exploring the silence of the tongue, the mute rungs of the upper palate, hungry for the living flesh. They are still kissing when the cars crash and the bombs drop, when the babies are born crying into the white air, when Mozart bends to his bowl of soup and Stalin bends to his garden. They are kissing to begin the world again. Nothing can stop them. They kiss until their lips swell, their thick tongues quickening to the budded touch, licking up the sweet juices. I want to believe

they are kissing to save the world, but they're not. All they know is this press and need, these two-legged beasts, their faces like roses crushed together and opening, they are covering their teeth, they are doing what they have to do to survive the worst, they are sealing the hard words in, they are dying for our sins. In a broken world they are practicing this simple and singular act to perfection. They are holding onto each other. They are kissing.

—Dorianne Laux



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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)

Ineffable and Transient Consider William James on mysticism with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, February 6, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

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)

Know Lino? Learn art of woodblock printing when artist Kirsten

Francis leads linocut relief workshop. RSVP: 760-633-2746. Wednesday, February 10, 6pm; free. 14 and up. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Lavender Time Learn to weave lavender sachets using portable hand-held loom from instructor Nadine Spier. Participants "warp the loom, weave a small piece of fabric, fill with freshly dried organic lavender or other herbs, and stitch it closed." Embellishments provided for decoration. Learn how to dry lavender, how to strip buds to make potpourri. Keep the loom. Materials fee: \$27. Registration: 619-223-0058. Sunday, February 7, 10am; \$50-\$58. 16 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

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)

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; Tues-

days, 5:30pm; Wednesdays, 9am; free-\$15. Porto Vista Hotel & Suites, 1835 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Scrap Happy! Learn how to put "treasured photos into an artful format" during class teaching basics of scrapbooking designed for beginners (and as refresher course). Bring four or five photos of a single event. 619-667-5060. Wednesday, February 10, 10:30am; \$15. 18 and up. Stamp Addict, 7151 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Tet Festival Vietnamese Federation of San Diego hosts Vietnamese lunar new year Tet Festival with lion and ethnic dances, *ao dai* fashion show, costume contest and games for kids, floral and fine arts exhibit, music, Vietnamese food. 858-204-6953. Saturday, February 6, 10am; free. Linda Vista Library, 2160 Ulric Street. (LINDA VISTA)

The Art of the Circus! Circus Vargas raises its new big top for performances around county. Circus "bridges the gap between old tradition and modern innovation." Prior to each show, audience is invited into center ring for "crash course in circus skills such as juggling, feather balancing, and hula-hooping." Tickets: 877-468-3861. Thursday, February 4, 7:30pm; Friday, February 5, 7:30pm; Saturday, February 6, 1:30pm, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, February 7, 1:30pm, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Monday, February 8, 7:30pm; Wednesday, February 10, 7:30pm; \$15-\$55. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Tuesday Night Art Artist-painter Geoffrey Stone leads workshops with subjects including perspective, beginning cartooning, basics of acrylics. 760-767-5162. Tuesdays, 6pm; through Tuesday, February 23, \$10. Borrego Art Institute, 587 Palm Canyon Drive Suite 105. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

What Is the Scientific Method? How is it used? Consider the questions when P&R Discussion Group gathers. 619-370-1027. Thursday, February 4, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"American Accents" La Jolla Symphony and Chorus presents "concert of perspectives on and about America," with program boasting pieces by Ives, Lou Harrison, Dvořák. Soloist Wu Man joins

group on *pipa* (Chinese lute) for Harrison selection. 858-534-4637. Saturday, February 6, 8pm; Sunday, February 7, 1pm; \$15-\$29. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Compositions, Improvisations, Conversations" Trombonist, laptop-musician George Lewis improvises with UCSD performers including saxophonist David Borgo, pianist Anthony Davis, contrabassist Mark Dresser. 858-534-TIXS. Wednesday, February 10, 7pm; \$1-\$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Ignite: Flamenco Beat" Camarada offers evening with "Il Lamento di Tristano" by Robert Rodriguez, "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5" by Villa-Lobos, "Tempestad" by Juan Serrano, "Malaguena" by Lecuona, Chick Corea's "Spain." Flamenco dancer Gloria Lanuza performs with Beth Ross-Buckley (flute), Fred Benedetti (guitar). Also on offer: wine, hors d'oeuvres, art. 619-231-3702. Saturday, February 6, 6:30pm; \$50. Perry L. Meyer Fine Art Gallery, 2400 Kettner Blvd., Suite 104. (LITTLE ITALY)

"The Galileo Project: Music of the Spheres" Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra plans concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society. Program "uses music, words, and images to explore the world of 17th and 18th Century astronomers." Listen for selections by Vivaldi, Lully, Monteverdi, Galilei, Purcell, Rameau, Handel, Telemann, others. 858-459-3728. Friday, February 5, 8pm; \$25-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Camera Lucida Three pieces by Schumann are performed by renowned UCSD faculty musicians with San Diego Symphony players. 858-534-TIXS. Monday, February 8, 8pm; \$1-\$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Classical Piano Israeli pianist Victor Stanislavsky — "one of 30 chosen to participate in the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition" — takes stage for Barbara and William Karatz Chamber Concert Series. 858-454-5872. Sunday, February 7, 7:30pm; \$30-\$35. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

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Old Masters of Music and Art Listen to Renaissance and baroque music performed by the Odeum Guitar Duo — Fred Benedetti and Robert Wetzel. Concert takes place surrounded by works of the same period in museum's permanent collection. Included in museum admission (free-\$12). 619-232-7931. Sunday, February 7, 2pm. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, February 7, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Pegasus Trio Enjoy music by Puccini, von Weber, Rossini, and Bizet when Elena Yarritu (flute), Matt Gill (clarinet), Miho Gary (piano) perform for family music program. 858-522-1668. Wednesday, February 10, 7pm; free. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Piano Recital Selections by Beethoven, Crumb, Scarlatti, Sciarrino promised when UCSD pianist and master's degree candidate Brendan Nguyen takes stage. 858-534-3229. Friday, February 5, 8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Piano at Lunch Pianist Greg Watson entertains during mini-concert. 858-454-5872. Monday, February 8, noon; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Simple Yet Passionate San Diego Opera season opens with "one of the greatest love stories ever told," Giacomo Puccini's *La bohème*. Cast includes soprano Ellie Dehn, tenor Piotr Beczala, San Diego soprano Priti Gandhi, baritone Jeff Mattsey, bass-baritone Alfred Walker, many others. Conductor is Karen Keltner, director is E. Loren Meeker. Performed in Italian with English translations above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Friday, February 5, 8pm; Sunday, February 7, 2pm; \$35-\$210. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Winter Showcase and Ovation Concerts Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory offer Showcase concert with works by Saint-Saëns, Rimsky-Korsakov, Bizet, Dello Joio, Bocook, Shaffer, Zdechlik, and Ivanov performed by preparatory ensembles (1pm).

The program for Ovation concert by advanced ensembles includes selections by Mozart, Barber, Bassi (featuring concerto competition winner Juhwan "Jay" Shin on clarinet), Borodin, and Stravinsky (7pm). 619-233-3232. Saturday, February 6, 1pm and 7pm; \$10-\$30. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

DANCE

American-Style Social Dance Party DJ plays ballroom, Latin, nightclub plus requests for couples, singles of all ages. Dance lesson at 8pm; dancing 8-10:30pm. 619-275-3533. Saturday, February 6, 8pm; free-\$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Belly-Dance Night Gloria, Amira, Alioth Lotus, Cantara, Genevieve perform to live drumming by Frank Lazzaro and Cairo Beats. 619-282-0437. Wednesday, February 10, 9pm; \$5. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Building Community Through Dance Eveoke Dance Theatre residency culminates in performance sponsored by North County Higher Education Alliance. 760-795-6815. Friday, February 5, 8pm; \$12. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

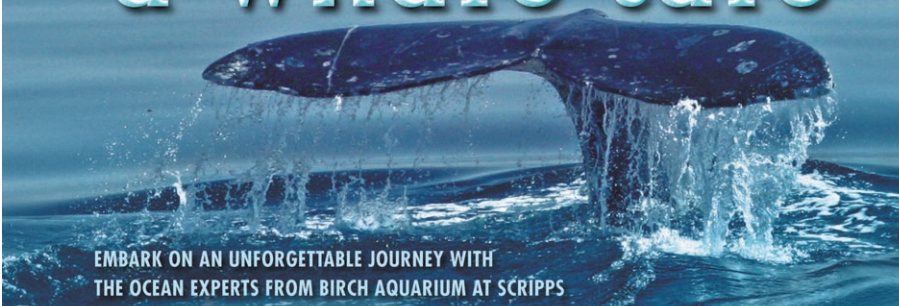
English Country Dancing Ellen Riley calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6pm. 858-676-9731. Sunday, February 7, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Magnificent from Moscow Moscow Festival Ballet company performs beloved ballets with music by Tchaikovsky and choreography by Marius Petipa. See *Swan Lake* on February 5; *Sleeping Beauty* on February 6. Classical company per-

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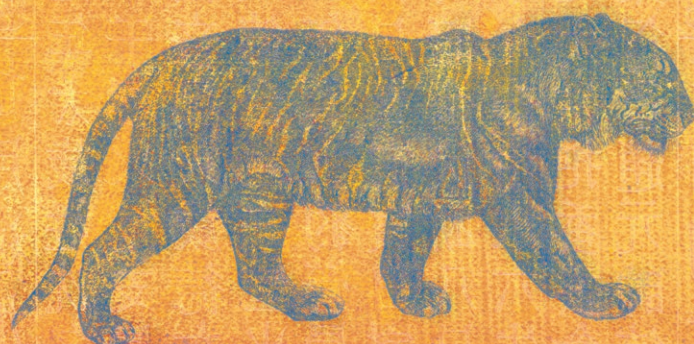
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LOCAL EVENTS

forms under leadership of founder, artistic director Sergei Radchenko. 619-570-1100. Friday, February 5, 8pm; Saturday, February 6, 2pm; \$39-\$69. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Pick of the Lizard Steve Barlow calls to music by this band during contradance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, February 5, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn 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)

Sweethearts Swing Ball Celebrate Valentine's Day at Firehouse Swing Dance for singles and couples of all ages. Introduction to Jitterbug lesson: 8pm. Swing music by Downbeat Big Band (9-11:30pm). Guest DJs David and Tammy Francis spin tunes during band breaks. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, February 10, 8pm; \$15. San Diego Woman's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

FILM

Can't Buy Me Love This 1987 film screens for 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, February 10, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Families Stand Together: Feeling Secure in Tough Times Screening of new Sesame Street film, aiming "to help families with children aged two to eight that are experiencing difficult economic challenges." Financial journalist George Chamberlin hosts question and answer. Kids' activities, including performance by the Jumpitz. Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog. RSVP: 619-594-0134. Saturday, February 6, 9am and 12:30pm; free. 2 and up. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

The Letter Ziad H. Hamzeh's 2003 documentary tells of 1100 Somalia refugees who settled in predominately white town of Lewiston, Maine, after 9/11. Film — in English and Arabic with English subtitles — screens for Sunday Matinee series. 619-236-5800. Sunday, February 7, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Other Man Liam Neeson, Laura Linney, Antonio Banderas star in this "twisty dissection of infidelity" screening for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, February 8, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Up for a Screwball Romantic Comedy? Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant, James Stewart — need we say more? *The Philadelphia Story* (1940) screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Ann Zivotsky leads prefilm (5:30pm) and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, February 10, 6pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

FOOD & DRINK

"Winter Storm 2010" All 32 bistro taps (and more) "pouring an avalanche of year-round beers, special releases, archived vintages, barrel-aged brews, collaborations, brewer's one-off creations, casks," more. The "storm" lasts one week; not all of the rarest brews on tap the first day. 760-471-4999. Sunday, February 7, 9am; free. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Best Way to a Person's Heart... Bravo *Top Chef* season-five contestant Rick Sweeney leads hands-on Valentine's cooking class.

Menu includes mixed greens with pear and bleu cheese salad, shrimp skewers with roasted red pepper pesto, roasted lamb chops, chocolate fondue. Fee includes food, wine/beverages, appetizers. Registration: 858-578-2665. Wednesday, February 10, 6pm; \$49. 18 and up. Cooking With Class, 8290 Miramar Road. (MIRAMAR)

Black Valentine's Day Pub Crawl Put cupid on the shelf, gather your friends, "celebrate you" during pub crawl benefiting Kids Included Together. Participants start at Tavern on the Beach, stroll to Cabo Cantina, Bub's, Cass Street Bar and Grill, end at 710 Beach Club. Tickets include T-shirt, drink and appetizer specials. 858-225-5680. Saturday, February 6, 3pm; \$15-\$20. 21 and up. Tavern at the Beach, 1200 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Latin American Chocolate and Beer Tasting Learn about specific wine, beer, and chocolate-producing regions while you indulge in bites and beverages, in conjunction with Umali performance. Tickets include four to five drink selections, sweet or savory snacks. 858-534-TIXS. Wednesday, February 10, 6:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

May We Suggest Tofu Curry? Demonstrated foods include stuffed pita, fried rice, and the aforementioned curry during "live cooking show" with free foods, gift bags. Advance reservations: 858-705-3987. Saturday, February 6, noon; free. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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, February 6, 1pm and 2pm; free-\$4. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Valentine Entertaining Make mini three-meat meatballs with blue cheese sauce, three squash soup with fried sage and fontina cheese, braised beef filet mignon, chocolate hazelnut biscotti with dolce de leche chocolate ice cream, and more when Nadia Frigeri leads class. Fee includes food, wine/beverages, appetizers. 858-578-2665.

Friday, February 5, 6pm; \$49. Cooking With Class, 8290 Miramar Road. (MIRAMAR)

FOR KIDS

"Maintain Your Swag — It's Your Body" It's theme for tenth annual African American Student/Parent Conference hosted by Sweetwater Union High School District and its partner elementary school districts. Keynote speaker is Dr. Rodney Hood. Among workshops: "Walk It Out," "Change Is Gonna Come," "Peanut Butter and Jelly Time," presented by nutritionists, health experts, educators. Registration: 619-585-7800. Saturday, February 6, 9am; free. Otay Ranch High School, 1250 Olympic Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

"Pretty and Pink" Meet radiantly pink animals, learn how they show their love for each other during Kindernights and Kindermornings program. Hear "heart-felt stories," make a heart-healthy edible necklace while sipping on pink lemonade. Fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Saturday, February 6, 9am; \$12-\$15. 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Chu Chu the Dragon Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales present story of a thieving dragon who steals a precious pearl from Mother Chin; which of her brave sons will retrieve the gem? 619-544-9203. Thursday, February 4, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, February 5, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, February 6, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, February 7, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Wednesday, February 10, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Beyond Decorative! Chinese paper lanterns are more than just decorations; since 250 BC they have been used to celebrate births, deaths, weddings, social status, approaching danger. Create an original Chinese paper lantern during family art day. Learn to paint Chinese characters during calligraphy workshop. Materials provided. No experience required. Docent tours geared for kids (1:30, 2:30pm). 760-435-3720.

Sunday, February 7, 1pm; free. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Bothersome Backyard Bandits One is masked! Preschoolers (with an adult) learn about nocturnal omnivores during "Ant-Sized Adventures" program with skulls, scats, pelts, craft, trail walk. 619-582-6261. Tuesday, February 9, 10am; Wednesday, February 10, 10am; free-\$5. 2 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Bullets Outta Guns City Heights poet Jim Moreno offers poetry writing workshop with microphone skills and performance skills for middle school to high school students. 760-802-2449. Tuesdays, 4pm; through Monday, December 20, free. 11 and up. Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Make Some (Maritime) Noise! Kids, adults learn to sing old sea songs (chanteys) and "how the songs kept sailors motivated by singing while they worked and sailed on the high seas" during family day. Sign up for a short cruise on San Diego Bay aboard historic *Pilot* (\$3). Adults pay regular admission; children (under 13) must be accompanied by adult to enter free. 619-234-9153 x101. Sunday, February 7, 11am; free-\$14. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Outdoor Survival Skills Kids of all ages (with an adult) learn life-saving techniques during "Nature Explorers" program, trail hike. Bring flashlights. Meet at campground shade structure. 619-582-6261. Friday, February 5, 6pm; free-\$5. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

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

Tots and Tales Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Tuesday, February 9, 10:30am; \$3. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

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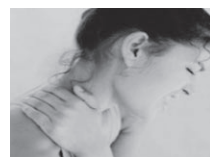
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"California Fibers: Liminal Spaces" Opening reception for exhibition of work juried by Jessica Hemmings, who selected 32 pieces including sculpture, woven cloth, jewelry, book art, basketry, quilts, beadwork, photography. Closes Sunday, April 25. 619-546-4872. Friday, February 5, 5pm; free. Visions Art Quilt Gallery, NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Rd., Suite 100. (POINT LOMA)

"Gotta Have Heart" Reception for 11th annual Valentine's show, featuring a collection of vintage records transformed into timepieces, watches, mosaic clocks, found-object frames. Party includes "wine, love potions, hors d'oeuvres," DJ spinning tunes. Suggested donation: \$20. 619-593-2205. Friday, February 5, 5pm. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

"Hope and Tragedy" Opening reception for exhibition of contemporary paintings by Sapphire. Also on view: paintings by Sunna Bohlen and Heidi Rufe; fine art photography by Art Wolfe, Lisa Ross, Abe Ordovery, Peter Fay. Through Sunday, April 11. 858-720-1121. Saturday, February 6, 5pm; free. Ordovery Gallery, 410 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Love Is in the Air" Reception for artists whose 75 original watercolor paintings are on exhibit through Saturday, February 27. 619-876-4550. Friday, February 5,

5pm; free. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road #105. (POINT LOMA)

"Paintings in Gray and White Frames" Opening reception for exhibition of new works by Icelandic artist Kristján Gudmundsson. View display of "new sound-absorbing paintings" consisting of canvases painted in a single color and covered by mass-manufactured perforated grids normally used in the construction of sound-absorbing walls for building interiors" through Saturday, March 6. 858-454-3409. Friday, February 5, 6pm; free. Quint Contemporary Art, 7739 Drury Lane. (LA JOLLA)

"The Garden of Mythos" Reception for exhibit of large-scale oil-on-canvas works by Anna Zapoli and gallery grand opening, in conjunction with NTC Friday Night Liberty. See show, subtitled "Abstraction in Collaboration with Nature," through Friday, April 2. 619-239-1713. Friday, February 5, 6pm; free. Swift Gallery at NTC, 2820 Roosevelt Road. (POINT LOMA)

"Tick, Tock, Rock Around the Clock" Reception for "Gotta Have Heart," a collection of vintage records transformed into timepieces, watches, mosaic clocks, found-object frames. Wine, hors d'oeuvres served. Requested donation: \$20. 619-593-2205. Friday, February 5, 5pm. Sophie's Gallery NTC, 2690 Historic Decatur Road Barracks 19. (POINT LOMA)

Faculty Exhibition 2010 Courtyard reception for exhibition

of work produced by members of fine art faculty. Closes Wednesday, March 3. 619-388-2829. Wednesday, February 10, 4:30pm; free. Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (MESA COLLEGE)

Intriguing in Process and Technique Opening reception for exhibition of new works by Susan Davidoff and Joseph Maruska. "The visual experience of their work reveals each artist's personal interpretation of nature and the reinventing of the natural world." Closes Sunday, March 14. 858-793-4442. Thursday, February 4, 6pm; free. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery, 415 South Cedros Avenue #160. (SOLANA BEACH)

Recent Paintings Reception for senior exhibition by Kaitlin Andrews. On view through Thursday, February 11. 619-849-2396. Monday, February 8, 6pm; free. Keller Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

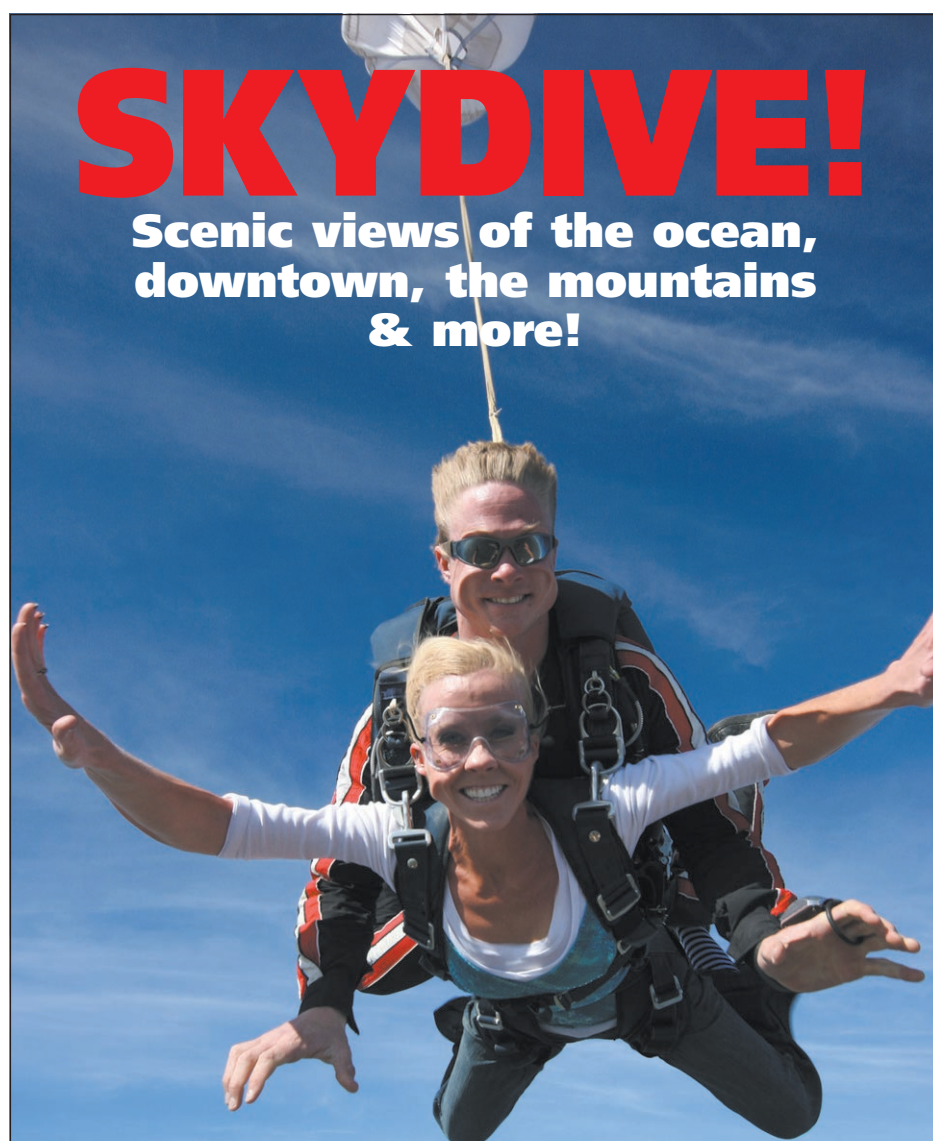
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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

sonal favorite) when Solana Beach Art Association hosts poetry reading. Sign-ups limited to first 25 people (email: srleib@roadrunner.com); two-minute time limit on readings. 858-755-3735. Saturday, February 6, 6:30pm; free. 14 and up. Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

"Fireworks for the Soul" Diane Mandle "weaves harmonics of sacred sound with precision-tuned Tibetan bowls, chiron gong, and other instruments" during concert, in which "participants are bathed in a projection of colored lights of sacred geometry." Bring a mat. 858-513-0034. Friday, February 5, 7pm; \$20-\$25. 7 and up. Affirmations Yoga Studio, 12222 Poway Road. (POWAY)

"Save Our Music" Local musicians pay tribute to Stevie Wonder, raise money for Save Our Schools program headed by Latanya Lockett of the Billy's Kids Foundation. 619-231-3586. Saturday, February 6, 7pm; \$20-\$25. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

"Southern Charm, Strong Women, Wacky Humor" Debut novelist Beth Hoffman visits shop to discuss and sign her new book, *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, February 10, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Don't Label Me, Don't Limit Me Gospel play presented by High-n-Low Productions. Piece "is about second chances and showing the love of Christ to those we meet regardless of their past," a "mixture of comedy and drama." 858-362-1348. Friday, February 5, 7pm; Saturday, February 6, noon and 7pm; \$30. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Images of America: Lemon Grove Lemon Grove Historical Society hosts co-authors Helen Ofield and Pete Smith. New book traces story of Lemon Grove from antiquity to present. Book signing, refreshments. 619-460-4353. Thursday, February 4, 7pm. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

The Butterflies of Grand Canyon Grand Canyon river and hiking guide/novelist Margaret Erhart will discuss, sign her latest novel. Also on tap: "cream-of-the-crop" butterfly display from San Diego Natural History Museum. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, February 9, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Gospel Concert Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir performs. 858-581-9934. Wednesday, February 10, 7pm; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Open-Mike Night Musicians, singers (including karaoke), actors, poets, comedians invited to entertain. Purchase requested. 619-299-

9360. Sundays, 8pm. Café Liberta, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Pre-Super Bowl Poetry Terry Spohn is featured reader for open poetry event. Reading is "moved up one hour...for all the Super Bowl fans." Bring a few poems or short written pieces for open reading. 760-480-4101. Sunday, February 7, noon; free. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Put 8 Candles on the Cake! Langston Hughes Poetry Circle celebrates eighth anniversary with reading, followed by open mike. 760-802-2449. Saturday, February 6, 4pm; free. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

The American Songbook Tony Award winner Judy Kaye sings songs of Harold Arlen and other giants of American songbook during cabaret performance in Globe's new Hattox Hall. 619-234-5623. Monday, February 8, 8pm; \$30. Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Twiggs Poetry Group Bring poetry to read or just enjoy readings by others. 619-296-0616. Monday, February 8, 8pm; free. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

LECTURES

"By the Rivers of Babylon: Judaism, Empire, and Exile" William Propp, director of UCSD's Judaic studies program, joins Nicolas Reveles of San Diego Opera to discuss Verdi's opera *Nabucco*, based on Biblical story of Nebuchadnezzar. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Monday, February 8, 7:30pm; free. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Cities Under Siege" Steven Graham of University of Durham, UK, focuses on "The New Military Urbanism" for "Public Culture" series in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. 858-822-7755. Thursday, February 4, 6:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Climate and the California Current" Scripps oceanographer Tony Koslow presents "Taking the Pulse with California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations (CalCOFI)" for "Perspectives on Oceans Science" lecture series. Learn how a "60-year ocean observation program...is unraveling the impacts of the El Niño/La Niña cycle, decadal-scale climate cycles, and human-induced climate change." Required reservations: 858-534-5771. Monday, February 8, 6:30pm; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Fear of Dying" Ancient philosophers "are known for their profound reflection on the origin and rational basis of emotion." Tobin Barrozo draws on years as a hospice volunteer and study of ancient Hellenistic philosophy to relate "some important lessons learned" for Oasis. 760-839-6020. Wednesday, February 10, 1pm; \$3. 18 and

up. Joslyn Senior Center-Escondido, 210 Park Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Holistic Home" Gain "easy tips on how your home can be healthier for you and your pets" and introduction to complimentary health-care modalities during program by Margarit Nee, owner of the Art of Dog. Well-mannered dogs are welcome with their owners. 760-753-1982. Sunday, February 7, 1pm; free. Dexter's Deli, 1229 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

"Inside Afghanistan" Dr. Bonita Chamberlin discusses her work with the Afghans for Daughters of the American Revolution luncheon meeting. Call for space availability: 858-279-2677. Thursday, February 4, 10:30am; \$15. Admiral Baker Golf Course, 2400 Admiral Baker Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Keeping Older Adults on the Go" Goal is to educate seniors, families about decision to stop driving, learn how brain exercises can improve driving skills, discover community alternatives to driving. 858-637-3223. Wednesday, February 10, 3pm; free. Temple Adat Shalom, 15905 Pomerado Road. (POWAY)

"Making Magic in Your Home" Simone Butler discusses "Astro Feng Shui" for National Council for Geocosmic Research in room SAN-307. 760-753-0325. Saturday, February 6, 10am; \$22-\$25. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

"Meadows by Design" Grass expert John Greenlee focuses on "A Revolution in Sustainable Landscapes" when San Diego Horticultural Society gathers. Greenlee will explore new developments in meadow making, discuss why and how turf lawns can be converted into natural lawns. Plant forum follows. 760-295-7089. Monday, February 8, 6pm; free-\$10. Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"Medical Marijuana Law" Learn from "prominent cannabis lawyers" about laws protecting medical marijuana recommendation holders Expect information about politics of cannabis, legal decisions shaping the industry, guidelines for distribution, more. 858-864-8787. Saturday, February 6, 9am; \$99. 18 and up. Instant Imprints, 9808 Waples Street. (MIRA MESA)

"Mindfulness and Intimate Relationships" Romantic relationships on your mind? Personal and clinical applications considered during discussion with dharma teacher Larry Ward, psychology professor Marina Dorian, doctoral researcher Nate Bohy. Event begins with wine-and-cheese reception. Donation. 858-635-4870. Friday, February 5, 6pm. Alliant University, 10455 Pomerado Road. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Printmaking in the Circle of Rembrandt" Walter Liedtke, curator of European paintings at Metropolitan Museum of Art, and other experts will discuss "Rembrandt, His Pupils, and Ferdinand

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Bol," "The Genius of an Old Master: Rembrandt in Middle Age," "Rembrandt as a Printmaker" during symposium. 619-260-4261. Saturday, February 6, 8:30am; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Refugee 101" Bob Montgomery, executive director of San Diego office of International Rescue Committee (IRC), leads discussion on refugee resettlement in U.S. in conjunction with ongoing One Book, One San Diego community reading campaign. 619-236-5817. Wednesday, February 10, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Saving Buddhism from Buddhism" "Do the various Buddhist schools relate to Buddha's teachings? Are they relevant today?" Take part in discussion of early and current Buddhist traditions. Donation. Registration: 619-298-9978 x8014. Thursday, February 4, 6:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"The Dynamic Ocean" Steve Bartram tells stories of people, events "that have shaped our understanding of our ocean planet." 760-753-7376. Saturday, February 6, 1pm. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Nabucco: The Jewish Story in Art and Opera" Nicolas Reveles of San Diego Opera and museum European art curator John Marciari plan conversation about depictions of Jewish people in art and opera for "Art in Context" series. Included in regular admission. RSVP: 619-696-1978. Wednesday, February 10, 7pm. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Big Questions Answered! Research scientist Greg Wanger divulges "The Origins of Life" when Humanist Fellowship of San Diego gathers. 619-335-0206. Saturday, February 6, 2pm; free. 12 and up. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Free Your Voice Judy Fjell leads vocal workshop for nonsingers. Learn games to relax your voice, simple pointers on how to take care of it, songs and movements to expand your vocal range. "No experience or talent necessary." 858-270-7922. Saturday, February 6, 1pm; \$10-\$30. Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Get "Fiscally Fit" "Financial expert" Rick Bueter shares basic principles of cash management, accumulating wealth, locating and maximizing discretionary income, having financial blueprints, more. Bueter is a volunteer for Society for Financial Awareness. 619-297-4366. Sunday, February 7, 11am; free. 18 and up. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Get Happy! Psychology professor Dr. Lisa Fast discusses "Three Things That Determine Happiness and How You Can Become a Happier Person" when Life group meets in room 201. 760-634-7806. Friday, February 5, 1pm; free. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Lemon Grove and The Grapes of Wrath Helen Ofield, Lemon Grove Historical Society's curator of historic sites, discusses John Steinbeck's novel *The Grapes of Wrath* and its links to Lemon Grove during Great Depression. See 1930s photographs of town, discuss 1931 school desegregation case, more. Question-and-answer period, refreshments. 619-463-9819. Tuesday, February 9, 6:30pm; free. Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

Meet Some Natives Landscape designer Doug Kalal focuses on "Thirty Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden," including salvias and California natives. 619-200-7066. Wednesday, February 10, 6:30pm; free. Tierrasanta Library, 4985 La Cuenta Drive. (TIERRASANTA)

Meet the (Dystopian) Artist Images of a dark dystopian future haunt work of San Diego artist

Greg Brotherton, who discusses concepts and techniques behind his work in conjunction with current "Discoveries in Dystopia" exhibit. Included in museum admission (\$8 general). 760-435-3720. Saturday, February 6, 2pm. Ocean-side Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Mysterious! What do you look for in a mystery novel? Sisters in Crime seeks readers and writers of mysteries to answer the question. Bring excerpts to read from favorite, or least favorite mystery novels. Expect "open discussion on what works and what doesn't." Writers invited to read from their latest projects. 760-585-5383. Thursday, February 4, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Pastel Painting Techniques

Pastel Society of San Diego gathers for demonstration by art teacher Drew Bandish. 619-470-7117. Sunday, February 7, 2pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sogetsu School Ikebana

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

The Tempest and Scouting

Tracy Williams and David Ellenstein discuss revenge, magic, humor, and bring actors to perform scenes from Shakespeare's play for Life learning group in room 1068 (1pm). "100 Years of Scouting" examined at 2:30pm. 760-721-8124. Friday, February 5, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

What Are Mixed-Medium

Mosaics? Find out during demonstration by Ellablanche Salmi for San Diego Art Guild. 760-942-3636. Thursday, February

4, 1:30pm; free. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

What's New and Developing?

Discussions focus on "Geographic Policing" by Chief of Police David Bejarano, code-enforcement issues by Doug Leeper, a planning department update on 3rd Avenue improvement project by Garry Williams and staff during town hall meeting hosted by Northwest Civic Association of Chula Vista. 619-307-3460. Monday, February 8, 6pm; free. Chula Vista Civic Center Library, 365 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

What's the Interactive Radio

for Justice Program? Group founder Wanda Hall presents "Interactive Radio for Justice — Connecting ICC Justice and War-Torn Communities (Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic)" in Cognitive Science Building room 001. Project is designed to encourage dialogue between people in regions where International Criminal Court (ICC) is investigating serious crimes and the authorities responsible for rendering justice. Registration: 858-822-5297. Tuesday, February 9, 12:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

WriterPalooza!

Learn "50 Tips in 50 Minutes to Boost Your Writing Business" during workshop

hosted by San Diego Press Club. Panelists Dennis Morgigno, Kimberly Edwards, Lee Swanson, Jan Rieger "will enlighten and inspire professional and aspiring writers and editors." Reservations: sdpressclub@cox.net or 619-231-4340. Wednesday, February 10, 6pm; free-\$10. KGTV Channel 10, 4600 Air Way. (CHOLLAS VIEW)

SPORTS

Biking with Didier Join Alliance Française bicycling group for "relatively easy" seven- to eight-mile off-road adventure on north side of lake. Directions: take I-15 to West Bernardo Drive exit; turn left on West Bernardo Dr., turn right at first light to enter Rancho Bernardo Community Park. Park at end of driveway, after visitors' center. Mountain bikes recommended. Nonmembers: donation. 858-550-0144. Sunday, February 7, 9:30am. Lake Hodges, Lake Drive at Via Rancho Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Board and Brew the Long

Way Bring money for lunch during 50-mile ride with San Diego Bicycle Society. 619-243-8617. Saturday, February 6, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Meet the Mitten Kittens!

San Diego Derby Dolls All Stars take on Michigan's Mitten Kittens on new banked roller derby track. 619-206-9711. Saturday, February 6, 7pm; free-\$20. Del Mar Fair-

grounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Melisa's Memorial 5K Walk

and Fun Run Celebrate lives of loved ones, support San Diego Hospice. Walk individually or as team. Participants who raise \$25 or more receive event T-shirt. 619-278-6441. Saturday, February 6, 7:30am. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Monster Energy Supercross

Supercross riders James Stewart, Chad Reed, Ryan Dungey, others battle for 2010 AMA Supercross crown during this off-road motorcycle racing competition. Ticketmaster: 800-745-3000. Saturday, February 6, 7pm; \$10-\$35. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Puppy Love 5K Run/Walk

Celebrate your love of animals by running or walking near Pacific Ocean. After completing course, take part in Furry Valentine Canine Costume Contest, Doga Yoga, doggie boot camp, agility, more. 858-756-4117 x349 or x339. Saturday, February 6, 7am. Puppy Love site, Via de la Valle at Highway 101. (SOLANA BEACH)

Ramona — The Short Way

Expect 70 miles of pedaling with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, lunch in Ramona (bring money). 619-473-8513. Sunday, February 7, 8:45am. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Running Clinic in the Park

Exercise physiologist/coach Dr. Jason Karp leads clinics, workouts in

park for runners of all abilities. "Learn how to run smart and then experience the workouts." Different clinic and workout each week. 619-546-8386. Mondays, 6pm; through Monday, March 8, \$10. Morley Field sports complex, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Super Run 2010

Select 10k or 5k run/walks in Mission Bay Park, starting south of Hilton. Event-day registration: 6am. 619-298-7400. Saturday, February 6, 7:30am; \$15-\$35. Hilton San Diego Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Birch Aquarium at Scripps

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

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

California Surf Museum

Along with a timeline of surfboards, featured opening exhibit at new location is "Sidewalk Surfers," offering historic look at roots of skateboarding. The skateboard evolved as a method of enjoying feeling of surfing while waves were flat or inaccessible. Display focuses on surfboard shapers and professional

riders and their skateboard models over the years. 312 Pier View Way, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Chula Vista Nature Center

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

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

Coronado Museum of History

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

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

Flying Leatherneck Museum

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

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

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

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

"Transformed by Fire" is a career-spanning exhibition of 90 objects by June Schwarcz, considered the nation's premier enamelist. Also on view: "Fifty-Six Chinese Hat Boxes — And One Hat!" Exhibition of 56 Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) hatboxes created to hold officials' hats boasts boxes made of wood, lacquer, paper, leather, all from late 19th or early 20th Century. The hat in question is a summer hat. Both exhibits close Saturday, July 3.

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

Olaf Wieghorst Museum Displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists' American West art.

Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20x20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst's painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. 131 Rea Ave., 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum The 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court

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

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

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Sour Grapefruit

Can you judge a chef's palate by a single dish if that dish represents how he cooks when he's showing off for his peers? Before moving to San Diego, ten years ago I came down from San Francisco on a two-month freelance assignment, a cover story on "The 10 Hottest Chefs in San Diego." New to town, I used the *Zagat* guide, tourist guides, and local publications to point me to the highest-reputed restaurants. Most useful of all was that year's Chef Celebration dinner series (then running twice a week at Thee Bungalow). Each dinner presented one or two dishes each by four top local chefs. I attended nearly all of them, and when a chef indeed seemed "hot," I followed up with a dinner at his or her restaurant.

Pamplemousse (French for "grapefruit") is perennially one of *Zagat's* most popular restaurants, and chef-owner Jeffrey Strauss participated in the first week's Chef Celebration lineup. His contribution was an entrée of squab stuffed with foie gras and bacon, a trendy dish invented by some big-time Manhattan chef. I don't know how it turned out in New York, but Strauss's rendition was unforgettable: I found it vile. I love squab, foie gras, and bacon, but combined like that, I was shocked by how clunky and overstated it seemed, what a waste of great foodstuffs, compared to the subtler, more graceful and creative food I'd been eating up north. I made a risky lightning judgment that I probably just couldn't like Strauss's palate, and I dropped him from my list of "hot chef" contenders.

A couple of months later, when I was back home scribbling the feature story, both my predecessors at the *Reader* (then alternating weeks) reviewed Pamplemousse in turn. First came Max Nash's scorching debunking. (This came as something of a relief, supporting my judgment.) The next week, Eleanor Widmer rode to the defense with another rave for her favorite restaurant — her third, I believe.

Now I've finally eaten at Pamplemousse (an-



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other "better late than never"). The occasion was Restaurant Week, which (at \$40 per meal, rather than an average of \$40 per entrée) made it affordable. Unlike most, Pamplemousse offered four (not three) choices per course, plus "supplemental" additions for sturdy surcharges, so I invited posse regular Sam and his charming neighbors Rebecca and John to help me eat. (The posse kindly covered the wines this time, which would have blown my expense budget for the month, leaving me fighting Tin Fork for burger joints — yeah, that steep.) Commendably, just about everything on the Restaurant Week menu was drawn from the regular menu and (aside from a Kobe Burger with truffled fries, normally \$24) not even the cheapest dishes.

The restaurant resembles a French country inn/Paris bistro/art museum. The room was full of

celebrants all evening, taking advantage of Restaurant Week: birthday parties, anniversaries, engagements, whatever. We were seated at a spacious banquette and celebrated the bread basket's

delightful miniature corn muffins, miniature chived soft rolls, and baguette slices with soft chive butter for a spread. "These small breads are so much more civilized than

big hunks you have to tear apart," said John.

My tablemates took to the velvety puréed Sugar Baby pumpkin soup topped with toasted pumpkin seeds, but I found it cloyingly sweet and so heavy it filled me up in three tablespoons. I longed for a waft of cream to diffuse its weight and intensity. More sweetness arrived in the form of candied pecans, mingling with intriguing minicrescents of chopped Belgian endive, hearts of palm (which I'm not sure I ever found on the

DINING REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Pamplemousse Grille

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HOURS: Lunch Friday only, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; dinner nightly, 5:00 p.m.–closing (about 10:00 p.m., later on weekends or when busy).

PRICES: Appetizers, \$18–\$24 (sampler plate \$39); soups, \$13–\$15; salads, \$10–\$21; entrées, \$24–\$45 (most around \$40); desserts, \$12; cheese plate, \$15; weeknight happy-hour bar snacks menu, \$8–\$18.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: French-California bistro cuisine and grilled meats, garnishes of local-grown veggies. Huge wine list (mainly California and France) with many great bottlings, slim pickings under \$50. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Smoked-salmon salad, roast beet and goat cheese salad, game mixed grill. Possible good bets: day-boat scallops, cowboy rib eye, vegetarian platter, panna cotta, happy-hour bar menu.

NEED TO KNOW: Many dishes heavily salted; desserts very sweet. One vegan entrée, plenty of veggie starters and sides. Rating based on Restaurant Week dinner, adjusted to compensate for extra pressures on kitchen from crowds.

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plate), a pouf of Gorgonzola, and baby spinach, all couched atop ultra-thin slices of silky cold-smoked salmon of extraordinary quality. Lacking my ancestral lox addiction, my tablemates weren't impressed. Every element in the combination was tasty, but we all agreed they didn't add up to a harmony.

We've been eating roast-beet salad with goat cheese for a full 36 years now, ever since Alice Waters popularized it at Chez Panisse. I would like to see it go away for a long while, while chefs



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invent brand-new starters. That said, Pamplemousse does as fine a version as anybody ever has, with toasted pine nuts and crisp-surfaced warm patties of goat cheese plus balsamic-dressed slim-sliced grilled artichoke, arugula, and thick slices of pickle-sweet multicolored beets. Cliché or not, it's scrumptious enough to justify another 36 years' worth of table-life, if only it weren't as common as dirt.

Last and strangest appetizer: a single large lobster-filled "ravioli" with a delicate wrapper, topped with a few succulent slices of shiitake mushroom and garnished with skinny asparagus spears, deep-flavored roasted baby tomatoes, and a thin, transient underlay of ginger-soy beurre blanc. The plump pasta pillow was overstuffed, but the stuffing was something other than lobster claw or tail meat. Neither ten-

der nor buttery, it was shreddy and coarse, its texture resembling canned crabmeat — commercial lobster knuckle-meat, perhaps? There are no lobster entrées on the regular menu, so obviously there are no good spare parts around to make a filling from fresh lobster. "Where's the sauce for this?" asked Rebecca. "There's not enough of it to taste — and this really needs a sauce!"

The disadvantage of Restaurant Week meals is that popular restaurants are slamming, and this one had a full house all evening. That may explain the surprising slipups in the execution of the entrées. On the other hand, Pamplemousse is often crowded, a tough reservation during holiday season, tourist season, and with every new edition of the *Zagat* guide. The kitchen should be used to throngs.

Rebecca is English and I'm not, but both our mothers (typical of that era) were hopeless cooks, neither of them thinking to wring some extra flavor from

a salt shaker. As adults, we both cook ambitiously but salt minimally, and John's accustomed to that by now. So as we were tasting entrées, a repeated melody went around the table: "Ooh, so much salt!"

The best main dish was a "supplemental" entrée (\$20 extra) of game mixed grill, combining a juicy medium-rare venison chop *au poivre* with a quail and lightly house-smoked Muscovy duck breast. "This is remarkably flavorful venison," said Rebecca. Indeed, it was richer tasting than the usual bland farm-raised Cervena deer favored by most local restaurants, but not as gamy as wild deer. It most resembled New Zealand farm-raised elk. Its surface was salty — but the quail suffered an overdose: this most forgiving of birds was tender and savory in a lemon-thyme marinade, but the skin was so heavily salted it stung our lips like chilis. The duck breast's light, house-smoked flavor was intriguing — but the meat ranged from chewy to unchew-

able. (One of the two small chunks saved in my doggie bag would require a canine's canines to tear apart — a thin layer of meat overlaying an impenetrable wad of gray connective tissue.)

The dish also brought a varied vegetable array (probably from local Valdivia Farms, the chef's favorite): a little bundle of green beans tied by a chive, baby carrots, a roast hunk of celery root, and a modest pile of lacy sliced cabbage happily soaking up the savory au jus. There was also a heap of lean and grainy "truffled mashed potatoes," made without butter or milk, as far as I could tell, but evidently relying on soi-disant truffle oils (offering no discernible truffle flavor — but then, most truffle-oil brands nowadays include little or no actual truffle, merely chemical imitation-truffle flavor). Next night, with the leftover mash, I tasted and inhaled extra carefully — snuffling like a Perigordian truffle-hunting hog — but still detected no hint

of the precious fungi, merely a trace of some oily emollient to smooth the sludgy spuds. At least they didn't tempt me to gobble empty carbs.

From fine venison to, well, the opposite... Beef short ribs "osso bucco style" braised in red wine offered only two flavors — flesh and fat. The top side of the bones had shreddy, greasy beef. Even after braising, the underside retained a thick, jiggly coating of unmelted fat. The neutral white beans acting as garnish (along with a few green beans) contributed as much contrast as the freckles on the face of the cow that yielded the beef. The combination screamed for some acidic garnish (e.g., real osso bucco's citrus-peel gremolata, or tomatoes in the beans, Tuscan-style). "Doesn't compare to Quarter Kitchen's short ribs," I reflected. "Or to that great version at George's," said Rebecca. "Or to my mom's Korean short ribs," said Sam.

Our waiter had raved about the prime rib of pork. "You

know how so many chefs don't know how to cook pork, and they serve it all dried out? Our chef does it completely tender, like velvet!" But "our chef" happened to be spending the evening schmoozing (rather loudly) with the people at the table behind my head. The line chef who roasted our pork was less sensitive or maybe didn't bother with a meat thermometer. (The secret: roast to 130°F, remove from heat, let stand five minutes while plating and garnishing — zap, perfect pink!) The huge slab (a double rib-chop) was mainly white all through, with traces of pink in the lucky spots and near the bone. Given the meat's pedigree, it was still relatively flavorful, and my tablemates could tolerate the doneness, less so the shower of salt. I tried a bite from near the outside, chewed it to a pill of sawdust, and discreetly removed it to my bread plate. A bite nearer the bone was edible — dry but tender. Officially, the pork came with a mustard sauce, which

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was imperceptible, plus good “caramelized vegetables” and more grainy truffle-oil mash.

More surprising yet was the desiccated miso-glazed mahi-mahi, salty from the glaze and dried out in the cooking, with nice bok choy and ginger-glazed baby carrots. Should we have specified the fish’s doneness, as we usually do in the Gaslamp to counter conventioners’ tastes for bone-dry fish? We shouldn’t have to specify here at Pamplemousse, we all agreed. It would be almost insulting at a restaurant of this caliber. Insulting, perhaps, but apparently necessary. Rebecca was sorely tempted to send it back to the kitchen, but we were already too tired of eating to face a redo.

Desserts come with Restaurant Meal dinners, want ’em or not. Our waiter paid attention to my request to bring my espresso along with the sweets, and it was a good-enough espresso. In the past few years, when Jeffrey Strauss contributes to charity eat-a-thons (which he does quite a lot), he’s been contributing lavish dessert arrays, possibly indicating a

change in his culinary interests toward the sweet end of dinner. And most of the desserts were very sweet, indeed. A bitersweet chocolate bombe with a caramel-cake center was worthy of any patisserie in Paris or Vienna, although none of us felt transported by it. Chocoholic Rebecca fell hard for the molten chocolate cake with raspberry compote, and the tart fruit did make a major contribution to the balance of flavors. Normally I love tarte tatin but didn’t love the pear version here, so syrupy-sweet it overwhelmed the fruit flavor. We all enjoyed a trio of sorbets, especially the sprightly key-lime version. Not one of us could guess what fruits went into the red or orange-colored sorbets, tasting mainly cold and sweet. We did suffer palate fatigue by then. Still, not a clue from the flavors?

Strauss is hugely generous (other chefs call him “the gentle giant”), contributing time, effort, and money to numerous charity events (much like the Cohns of Cohn Restaurant Group). That’s good karma,

but karma is beside the point in evaluating a restaurant. Perhaps he’s playing Robin Hood, overcharging the North Coastal rich to help the poor, but looking at the regular menu prices, Robbin’ the Hood is more like it — particularly in these lean times when nearly all our top local restaurants have lowered prices or offer regular bargain meals. Pamplemousse’s cuisine is neither classic haute cuisine (e.g., with fresh truffles and real lobster, et al., in elaborate, labor-intensive dishes), nor is it particularly inventive cuisine that offers a perceptible chef’s signature — a personal style with distinct authorship of the dishes. Instead, for what is basically bistro cuisine (unevenly executed at that), prices average ten bucks higher than at El Bizcocho, approaching those of the very top chefs in Manhattan, San Francisco, and Las Vegas. There, world-famous names with Michelin stars spilling from their apron pockets devise thrilling new creations and demand flawless execution from their sous-

chefs and line chefs. (I eat up the *NY Times* Wednesday food section religiously and am amazed by the affordability of so many serious restaurants there that would probably eclipse every restaurant here.)

You’ve already picked up the theme: Pamplemousse is merely a nice local bistro, one that’s outclassed in cooking by other local bistros (e.g., Cavaillon, Tapenade, Farmhouse, et al.), not to mention high-end local restaurants that offer more modest pricing for more pre-

cise and original cooking. “Very good” is a very good rating, but this chef and his many fans would likely expect much higher.

A few years ago, during a telephone interview with chef Strauss about that year’s Chef Celebration, he told me he was such good friends with Eleanor Widmer that he often accompanied her to dinner at other restaurants she was reviewing. Eleanor was hugely influential but not good at anonymity. Not only did she appear on TV,

but after she enjoyed a dinner, she’d insist that the chef come out from the kitchen for a kiss. Back when she started reviewing at the *Reader*, quite likely a decent meal was worth a kiss — San Diego really was a culinary wasteland. Well, this is now: I don’t kiss chefs (except in print) or recruit them as restaurant escorts. And when it comes to the food at Pamplemousse, I’m with Max Nash. Thousands may love it to death, but I find it overrated and overpriced. ■

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"What would you like?" asks this youngish guy with a French accent. Hmm... I'm not sure, except something with heft, 'cause it's 3:00 in the afternoon and this is breakfast.

Fabrice — that's his name — says that one of the sandwiches would be most filling. "Or maybe Alison's Special crêpe. Everybody loves it."

He's from Marseilles. His wife Alison is from here. Turns out, this place's name — Fabrisson's — is a combination of "Fabrice" and "Alison."

So, he leaves me with the menu. Breakfasts are in the "croissantwich" line (comes with ham, cheese, and eggs and costs \$5.50) or bagels (\$2 with butter, \$5.95 with cream cheese, capers, and salmon) or waffles (\$6 with fruit topping or Nutella). The eight crêpes are all \$6.95, either savory (like spinach and mushroom topped with béchamel sauce) or sweet (with, say, fruit or lemon and sugar).

Lunches are sandwiches or salad. Natch, the first thing I zero in on is the Niçoise salad. Love that tuna, egg, and caper combo. 'Specially if it has anchovies, too. This doesn't, but I forgive them. Salads are all \$7.50.

Then I think, *Hold it, man, I'm really hungry here. Think "sandwich."* And the grabber is Alison's Special, chicken and cheese with pesto

(\$6.95). Pan Bagna (\$6.95) looks filling, too, with tuna, hard-boiled egg, and olives. But, sorry Alison, I go for the French Delight because it's stuffed with salami and ham plus lettuce, pickles, and a vinaigrette.

Good choice. So fresh and strong-flavored. I order an oolong tea (\$3). Oh, Lord. Too long since I had oolong.

I'm through the first half of the sandwich, lickety-split. Crave that salty ham-salami combo.

Then I make myself stop.

"What's the problem?" says Fabrice.

"I promised to take half home to Carla, my wife," I tell him. "Problem is, I'm still so hungry I could eat a *cheval*."

"Well, why not have something else, and take half of that home, too?" he suggests.

See, that's brilliance. I order the crêpe Alison thought up, Alison's Special. Henri, Fabrice's cook, sets about cooking it on a big crêpe cooker. "A Krampouz, the best crêpe machine there is," says Fabrice. "Cast iron, so it cooks evenly."

Have to say, this crêpe is one for the ages. I see roasted tomatoes, chicken, cheddar, roasted red bell peppers, and green pesto all oozing out. The crêpe itself is quite thick, but man, that's good.

It seems that "pesto" means "pounded" in Italian. It's an uncooked sauce from Genoa, made from basil, garlic, pine nuts, Parmesan cheese, and olive oil. Wow. That explains the zesty twang. The little vinaigrette salad on the side gives your mouth a fresh feel.

Big, cheerful-looking guy comes in. "Hey, Steve," says Fabrice. Steve orders one of these latte-cappuccino-mocha-decaf-vanilla combos I've never figured out. Runs a software company right here in Little Italy. Cofounder of the technology behind *whorungov.com*, which tells you



Alison

who the deciders really are, according to Steve. "I get lunches here for our employees," he says, "about three times a week. They all like that Alison's Special crêpe."

"This is what Alison and I want this to be," says Fabrice. "Not a tourist place, but a *café du quartier*, where we know everybody's name. My grandfather had a place like that in Marseilles — Le Bar du Moulin. We had our first baby just after we opened. We'd like to have something like this to pass on to him."

"So, you actually give free French lessons?" I ask.

"Yes, from 2:00 to 3:00 each Saturday afternoon for beginners, and 2:00 to 3:00 on Sundays for more experienced speakers. It's going great."

Why not charge?

"I couldn't care less about the money. I arrived with \$300, couldn't speak English, wanted to be a cowboy. Had my hat, everything."

The Place: Fabrisson's Crêperie and Boutique, 1425 India Street, 619-955-8834

Type of Food: French

Prices: Croissantwich, with ham, cheese, eggs, \$5.50; bagels with butter, \$2.50; with cream cheese, capers, salmon, \$5.95; waffles, with fruit topping or Nutella, \$6; spinach-and-mushroom crêpe with béchamel sauce, \$7.95; lemon-and-sugar crêpe, \$5.95; salade Niçoise (tuna, egg, capers), \$8.50; Alison's Special ciabatta sandwich with chicken, cheese, pesto, \$7.95; Pan Bagna (with tuna, hard-boiled egg, olives), \$7.50; French Delight, with salami, ham, lettuce, \$7.50

Hours: 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday; 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Saturday–Sunday

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Alpine

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

Baja

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

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

La Espadaña Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Tijuana, 664-634-1488. This place does great oven-cooked leg of lamb, tasting like wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its juices with oregano. Terrific flame-grilled beefsteaks, too. Moderate.

Mercado Sobre Ruedas Colonia Lucio Blanco (from Tijuana, on toll road,

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

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

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

Tacos el Francés Paseo de Playas de Tijuana #2553, Tijuana. Cisco the cook flaps the cloth open, pulls a tongue out, plonks it on the chopping

block. Chop chop chop. Your first cow-tongue quesadilla? Inexpensive.

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

Banker's Hill

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

Inn at the Park 3615 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-291-0999. Despite a touch of mango here, chipotle there, it's the nice, conservative, meat-and-potatoes comfort food that the regulars here prefer. Wilder hits include

calamari fritto misto, duck breast, and coconut-lime crème brûlée. Moderate.

Bonita

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

Carlsbad

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, but even better are the owner's mom's *kibbe* (nut-filled lamb meatball) and rosewater-scented *kashta lea* dessert. Lovely elevated patio. Moderate-plus.

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. Fresh California cuisine in a luxurious hotel dining room. Moderate to expensive.

Nozomi 3050 Pio Pico Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Gorgeous Japanese inn-style premises with food ranging from simple *nigiri-zushi* to party rolls to fusion grazing dishes and entrées (including genuine Wagyu beef) and back to Japanese standards. Don't miss the *ankimo* (monkfish liver pâté). Moderate to expensive.

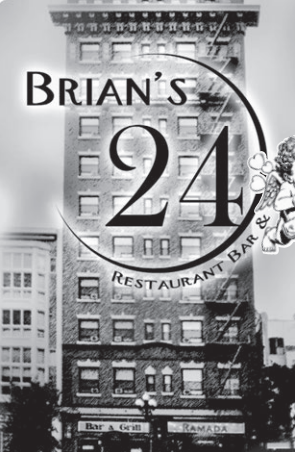
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<div><p>Free Sizzler entrée</p><p>Up to \$10.99. Purchase one adult entrée with two beverages and receive one adult entrée of equal or lesser value free.</p><p>Sizzler San Diego: 2855 Midway Dr. 619-224-3347 Escondido: 355 N. Escondido Blvd. 760-741-2568 Oceanside: 3805 Plaza Dr. 760-630-1551</p><p>Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p></div> <div><p>Central North</p></div>	<div><p>Free burrito</p><p>Buy a Monster Burrito at regular price and receive any burrito of equal or lesser value free! Valid at San Diego County locations only. One coupon per customer. Not valid with any other offer.</p><p>Los Primos Visit losprimosmexicanfood.com to find a location near you!</p><p>Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p></div> <div><p>Central North South</p></div>	<div><p>Thai dinner for two \$20</p><p>Pick one appetizer and two entrées. Served all day. Ask for menu options. Not valid with any other offer. Some restrictions.</p><p>Basil Thai College: 5157 College Ave. 619-582-THAI La Mesa: 8680 Navajo Rd. #104 619-460-THAI</p><p>Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p></div> <div><p>Central East</p></div>	<div><p>\$7⁹⁹ Indian lunch buffet</p><p>11 am-3 pm. Reg. price \$8.99. Limit one per customer. Buffet includes Paneer Tikka Masala, Tandoor Chicken, Beef Boti, Naan and more.</p><p>Village Indian Cuisine San Diego: 9187 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. 858-874-3663</p><p>Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p></div> <div><p>Central</p></div>

Calendar

RESTAURANTS

755-1454. Also 1355 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-1422. Flash-cooked steaks of USDA Prime, topped with butter and parsley, are the hallmark of this chain. Side dishes are à la carte. The broiled tomatoes are a delight. Very expensive.

Chula Vista

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 E. H St., Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain prides itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it's adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." Moderate.

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. The tasty happy-hour specials make a visit worth the trip: Have a 1/2-pound hamburger with french fries, chicken

Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Inexpensive.

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Down-home dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Inexpensive.

City Heights

African Spice Restaurant 4348 54th St., City Heights, 619-342-5945. Fascinating Somali food, just seven dollars — as much rice, salad, spaghetti, goat meat, beef, chicken (lamb and tilapia when available) as you can fit in your polystyrene box, along with a banana to break up and mix in, Somali-style. Inexpensive.

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4352. The Vietnamese do French

baguette sandwiches better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. Inexpensive.

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Ave., City Heights, 619-583-5788. At this gathering place for Somalis, the cuisine combines African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences, emphasizing fish, lamb, and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed sampler plate of meats, spaghetti, rice, and veggies. Inexpensive.

College Area

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-229-9050. Classy atmosphere, tame spicing. You'll have to ask for "hot." Chicken *mussaman* is delicious with taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Health treat: *som tum*, green papaya salad. Inexpensive.

Coronado

1500 Ocean 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-8490. Modern Cal cuisine with a blissful bay view and superb ingredients, so finely cooked you'll be thrilled to eat your veggies. Expensive.

Café 1134 1134 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-1134. Interesting omelets, salads, and *panini* (e.g., roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles) from a local reincarnation of a Left Bank café to hang out, chat, think deep thoughts. Inexpensive.

Candelas on the Bay 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-4900. Same serious Mex cuisine as the downtown branch in blissful byside surroundings, with great happy-hour grazing bargains in the bar. Otherwise expensive.

Costa Azul 1031 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3525. Enjoy people-watching on the patio, with tasty Mex-

ican seafood like coconut crunchy shrimp, swordfish tacos, lobster burritos. Higher priced: flat-iron steak with Gorgonzola, baby back ribs, garlic Mexican shrimp. Inexpensive to expensive.

Spiro's Gyros 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-1225. Watch the sunset sipping Greek wines. Low prices keep Spiro's popular with locals and tourists. Try moussaka or souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Inexpensive.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Ave., Coronado, 619-435-8110. An island of serenity, with gentle dishes cooked with care. The complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all woes, and the calamari in seafood arrays is knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness. Inexpensive to moderate.

Del Mar

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this gracious restaurant serves exquisite versions of the sophisticated Vietnamese dishes of prewar Saigon. Low-moderate.

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Surf 'n' turf by the sea, with a patio overlooking the waves. Menu offers seafood with fusion-y touches, Prime or Choice steaks. Crabby Dungeness crab cake appetizer makes a whole lunch. Lunch and Sunday brunch moderate, dinner expensive.

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. Jewish deli goes multiethnic. Stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Star of India 3860 Valley Centre Dr., Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also 423 F St., Downtown, 619-234-8000. The lunch buffet can lead you by the nose into Punjabi food. Pick among vegetable *pakora* fritters, eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, *palak paneer* (spinach with curry). Inexpensive to moderate.

Downtown

Bay Café 1050 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-595-1083. If famished at the ferry landing, you can eat decent burgers, good clam chowder, or other basic fare in the bare-bones interior, or tote it upstairs to a serene bay-view terrace. Inexpensive.

Blue Point 565 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy, noisy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops. Expensive.

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. Civilized oasis for tasty "retro" favorites, popular for pre- or post-theater grazing, including lush mussel bisque, creamy crab hash, perfect fried-oyster salad, plus heavy pastas, grilled meats. Romantic dining room up steep staircase, or reserve tables in lively bar — except Fridays, when downtown big-shots take all tables, all meals. Moderate to expensive.

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-5818. The pub was handcrafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. There's a fine corned beef and cabbage, plus Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, and grilled fish. Moderate.

The Fish Market 750 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-3474. Additional locations in Solana Beach and Mission Valley. The sushi bar downtown is superb, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. Oth-

erwise, a noisy barn with plain cooking. Moderate to expensive.

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7967. Rare regional delicacies include appetizers of crunchy *sev poori* (wheat wafers with a fresh spicy topping), *bel poori* (India's railway snack), and Chennai's *uttapam*, pancakes. Entrées include *mirchi tikka*, tender tandoori chicken steeped in spicy lime-juice marinade. Moderate.

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-744-2077. Now thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce. Very expensive.

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Dr., Downtown, 619-298-6802. Amazing bay-view venue with delicious steaks and roast beefs, plus chef Deborah Scott's creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Very expensive.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 W. Market St., Downtown, 619-231-9680. The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are smoky, cooked over an oak-fueled fire, although some diners complain of toughness. Good happy-hour deals. Inexpensive to moderate.

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves the repertory of "northern Indian cuisine made easy." Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 pm.

Nobu 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-814-4124. Imaginative Japanese-based fusion from international celeb chef Nobu Matsuhita, ranging from miso soup and classic sushi to moderate-priced Nihon-Peruvian grazes to caviar-topped tartares and Wagyu beef (at "market price," meaning "if you have to



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Kensington: 3492 Adams Ave.
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50% off entrée

Buy one entrée at regular price and get a second entrée of equal or lesser value for half off.

Skewers
Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd., Ste. 106
858-658-0109
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Free Thai lunch or dinner

With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Up to a \$10 value. Not valid on holidays. One per table.

Jade Thai Cuisine
Mission Gorge: 10330 Friars Rd. #105 • 619-280-4048

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Free special sushi roll

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Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd. Ste. 102 • 858-458-2858

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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
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Free entrée or sushi roll

With purchase of a second entrée of equal or greater value and two drinks at regular price. Maximum value \$8. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per table or per party.

Kirin Sushi
San Diego: 4111 Voltaire St.
619-223-3388

Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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
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Free Mexican combo plate

With purchase of a combo plate of equal or greater value and two drinks. Some restrictions. Valid Mon.-Thurs. only. Only combos 1-16.

Emiliano's Mexican
Del Cerro: 6690 Mission Gorge Rd. Ste. E • 619-284-2460
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Free Italian entrée

With purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. One coupon per table. Dine-in only. Max value \$10. Lunch specials not included. Not valid with any other offer or on holidays.

Da Nino's
Bay Park: 410 Ashton St.
619-275-0321 • 619-275-4395
Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free taco

With purchase of \$5 or more. Not to be combined with any special offers or coupons. Extras not included. Limit one coupon per customer.

Sombrero Mexican Food
Visit www.sombreromex.com to find a location near you!

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50% off breakfast or lunch

Purchase one entrée and two beverages at regular price and receive a second entrée of equal or lesser value at 50% off. Some restrictions.

Honey's Café
San Diego: 7947 Balboa Ave.
858-565-4244
Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

ask...”). No reservations for sushi bar. Upper-moderate to expensive.

Stingaree 454 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-544-0867. The Mediterranean food, sized for grazing or gourmandizing, features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables, served in a glitzy, clubby setting. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just \$40.

East Village

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-531-8869. Hipster atmosphere, late-night hours, and thin-crust Connecticut pizzas, which include toppings like mashed potato with bacon and cheese, or Little Neck clams. Inexpensive.

Café Chloe 721 Ninth Ave., East Village, 619-232-3242. Parisian atmos-

phere, creative cooking, e.g., breakfast poached eggs with sage-truffle beurre blanc. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include lavender lemonade, root beers, an intelligent wine list. Moderate.

Cowboy Star Restaurant and Butcher Shop 640 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-450-5880. A Western-themed restaurant specializing in great steaks and game meats, where the food is as good as the decor, and the decor is more fun than a rodeo clown. Expensive.

The Mission 1250 J St., East Village, 619-232-7662. Also 2801 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-8992. Eco-conscious big breakfasts and Chino-Latino lunches in arty surroundings are halfway between health nut and old-time diner fare. Great eye-opener: bounteous chicken-apple sausage and egg platter. Inexpensive.

Salad Style 807 F St., East Village, 619-255-6731. Original salad concoctions for lunch include Scott's Grilled Skirt Steak, with organic greens, tomatoes, smoky mushrooms, hearts of palm, bleu cheese, red meat. The Totally Vegan, a golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Inexpensive to moderate.

El Cajon

Chen's Golden Palace 530 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-442-2541. A Lao-Chinese family serves mostly basic Chinese cuisine, plus a few Southeast Asian dishes like Thai spicy shrimp noodles — and good fish 'n' chips. Inexpensive.

Palms Family Restaurant 1255 E. Main St., El Cajon. Traditional Middle Eastern eatery and social center for Iraqis, Syrians. Which means excellent

food, especially appetizers like eggplant and tabbouleh. Mideast videos. Inexpensive.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage), smoky but uneven in texture. Good fried catfish, fried green tomatoes, ham breakfast. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Encinitas

El Callejon Restaurant 345 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. Great atmosphere in a hacienda with multiple rooms and patio spaces, serving zesty mainland Mexican cooking with unusual dishes like shrimp zarandeados with sauce of chiles, beef in cilantro sauce, and a parrillada (mixed grill) to serve two. Moderate.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán 290 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Also 248 Main St., Vista, 760-758-4531. The food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Their specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up by the plate or by the pound. Open late weekends. Inexpensive.

Kealani's 137 W. D St., Encinitas, 760-942-5642. At any hour the food is Hawaiian "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig — zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork. Inexpensive.

The Original 101 Diner 552 First St., Encinitas, 760-753-2123. The down-home cooking includes all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top-sirloin steak and eggs. A ba-

con-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo, or try spinach salad. Inexpensive.

Vigilucci's Ristorante & Pizzeria 505 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. Also in Carlsbad, Coronado, Oceanside, and La Jolla. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas

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<div><div>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 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</div></div> <div>East</div>	<div><div>\$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 Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</div></div> <div>East</div>	<div><div>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 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</div></div> <div>East</div>	<div><div>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 Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</div></div> <div>East</div>
<div><div>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 Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</div></div> <div>East</div>	<div><div>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 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</div></div> <div>East</div>	<div><div>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 Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</div></div> <div>East</div>	<div><div>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 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</div></div> <div>East</div>

Calendar

RESTAURANTS

are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni), the staff spirited. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive.

Escondido

Centre City Café 2680 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-489-6011. Classic American fare, including exemplary chicken-fried steak with a crackly crust and smooth, peppery cream gravy. USDA Choice steaks offered at rock-bottom prices. Huge portions, low prices.

O-Nami North County Fair, 240 E. Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. Also Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North, 619-295-9774. These Japanese buffets offer fresh, artful dishes, including *sumomono* (cucumber salad), teriyakis, sashimis, and sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll, tempura shrimp, guacamole roll, veggies, green tea ice cream. Moderate.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-740-5963. Recipes are from all of Europe for breads with great textures and depths of flavor. A treat: breakfast on the front porch with cup of espresso and scones. Inexpensive.

Sand Crab Café 2229 Micro Pl., Escondido, 760-480-2722. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked in a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Margarine's the dip, but you can BYO butter and they'll melt it. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Krakatoa 1128 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. Ghost-ridden coffee house and neighborhood hangout offers garden seating and light eating, mainly breakfast or lunch sandwiches named after the volcanoes of the world (get it?). Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth St., Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. A narrow, ever-crowded room with a long menu offering a familiar regional Italian potpourri, including reliable veal in a brandy cream sauce, "straw and hay" pesto pasta, shellfish pasta. Moderate.

Baja Betty's 1421 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-269-8510. Extensive cocktail, margarita, and tequila list and regular Cal-Mex food in a lively atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here — lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads and meats, rich and complex but mildly seasoned. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. Moderate.

Ciro's Pizzeria 1202 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-2476. Also 534 Market St., Downtown, 619-696-0405. This small pizza parlor has that "back East" feel about it: old-time photos of baseball fields, New York City. Best combo: chicken bacon pesto. Inexpensive.

Jimmy Carter's Café 3172 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery at the edge of Balboa Park has Indian breakfasts — try chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, gin-

What the Chef Eats

by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

CHOCOLATE GINGER COOKIES

BY CHEF RICARDO HEREDIA

Executive Chef, Alchemy

What I make depends on how I feel that day. I love Latin food. Anything South American. My grandmother was Mexican, so I grew up with Mexican food and really love that, too. Monday is my day off, so often I like to go out to have other people make me food. Last night I went to four restaurants in Hillcrest. I was in an Asian mood so I had some Vietnamese, bounced off to some Thai food, and then went to a wine bar for some cheese and pinot. I finished it off with some steamed buns at a Chinese restaurant. I almost always go out with friends. But, sometimes,

they just can't hang.

I started cooking really young. I think I was eight or nine. It was kind of a necessity — I had really bad parents. My mom would leave for days at a time. I used to go down the street and hang out with my grandmother in her kitchen. She didn't really think a boy should be doing that, but I roasted my first chicken when I was barely ten.

I moved here — to San Diego — from Dayton, Ohio, when the culinary scene there was dying. People were going to corporate restaurants and all those self-made places were going under. I had to get out. After I got

to San Diego, I met Ron [Troyano] and Matt Thomas when they were in the process of building Alchemy. We just clicked. They were very cool cats.

It was like destiny, like we were supposed to meet. I just poured my life into the restaurant like they did. Alchemy has a home-like feel to me, like friends or family. I live above the restaurant now, so Alchemy is kind of like my living room. It's convenient. Unfortunately, I don't get off my corner often.

On Tuesdays, I teach a cooking class to kids in fourth to eighth grades at Albert Einstein Academy. They come over to



Alchemy and I give them chef coats. I can only take eight kids at a time, so it was tough to narrow it down.

We make all kinds of stuff. Pastries and cakes. Breads. I had them make pizzas and stuffed peppers and chocolate ginger cookies, which are delicious. We also created a menu and executed a dinner for their friends and family for the last class.

We're trying to push legislation to change the way kids eat at school. It's



Free Mexican entrée

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Broken Piñata Bar & Grill
El Cajon: 1221 Broadway
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East



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
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Rally's Burgers
El Cajon: 1216 E. Main St.
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East



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Crave Yogurt
San Carlos: 8680 Navajo Rd.
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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
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East



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 with specials. Dine-in only.

Ranch House Restaurant Santee: 11510 Woodside Ave.
619-448-2087

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East



\$11⁹⁹ large one-topping

(Original thin crust only.) Additional fee for thick crust. Not valid with other offers, promos or discounts. Dine-in, carry-out or delivery. \$20 minimum purchase for free delivery. Limited delivery area and hours. Some restrictions.

Round Table Pizza
La Mesa: 8032 La Mesa Blvd.
619-462-8800
Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East



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

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East



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

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East



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.

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Penguin Yogurt Factory
Santee: 9621 Mission Gorge Rd.
619-562-1879

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East



50% off Mexican entrée

With purchase of one entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Max discount \$7.95. Valid Monday-Thursday. One coupon per customer. Some restrictions.

Hacienda Casa Blanca
El Cajon: 700 N. Johnson
619-442-9827

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East



Free Japanese entrée

With purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value. One per party/table. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

Sushi Fun
Santee: 8790 Cuyamaca St., Ste. K
619-562-5151

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East

What the Chef Eats

ridiculous that they have to eat those lunches. It really surprises me what some people feed their kids.

- INGREDIENTS
- Makes about 5 dozen cookies
- 1/2 lb. softened butter (2 sticks)
- 2 C. brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 tsp. fresh grated ginger
- 1 C. dark chocolate shavings
- 1/2 C blackstrap molasses
- 5 C. cake flour
- 1 tsp. fleur de sel (substitute with table salt)

- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 Tbsp. fresh ground cinnamon

HOW TO DO IT

Preheat oven to 400 degrees and grease two cookie sheets or line them with parchment paper. Cream softened (not melted) butter and sugar in mixer using paddle attachment. Add the eggs one at a time and beat until combined. Add ginger, chocolate, and molasses and continue to beat slowly until fully

incorporated. Make sure to scrape the sides of the bowl and the paddle attachment.

In a separate bowl, combine dry ingredients (flour through cinnamon). Add dry ingredients a little at a time to the batter until the dough comes together. The dough will be a little sticky. If it's too soft, chill in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour. Roll dough into 1-inch balls using a teaspoon as a scoop.

Place them approximately 2 inches apart on the cookie sheet and bake for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool on the cookie sheets for about 30 seconds.

Remove the cookies to a wire rack to finish cooling. Store in zip-lock bags with a slice of bread to keep them moist.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to [sdreader.com](#).

Pancake or Dutch Baby are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the filling mushroom omelet. Inexpensive.

Suzuya Japanese BBQ 5447 Kearny Villa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-0611. Japanese BBQ — called *yakiniku*, similar to Korean BBQ (minus the free side dishes) — offers cook-it-yourself over tabletop grills. Kobe boneless short ribs and tongue are the superstars here. Japanese tapas, noodles, tempura, etc. fill out the bill. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for seasonal California cuisine. Early-bird three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive.

La Jolla

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Bl., La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Great Cove view, with best food at breakfast/brunch: Coast Toast, the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with orange flavor. Coffee is excellent. Moderate to expensive.

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Solid food, like the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian stout) or the roasted potato. Best of all, the hefty, low-cholesterol buffalo burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus

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you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Moderate.

Pannikin Coffee & Tea 7467 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Additional locations in Del Mar and Encinitas. Cute cottage decor. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and breakfast burrito. For lunch try chicken curry or fresh, generous "pannwiches" like ham or tuna. Inexpensive.

Tapenade 7612 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Major French chef Jean-Michel Diot presides at this bistro featuring sunny Provençal flavors, where the dishes balance creativity and rigorous technique. Some bargain early-bird dinners. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive (and worth it).

La Mesa

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth St., La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real '50s place with burgers and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. On Sundays (1 to 7pm only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat. Inexpensive.

ger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Good Mexican and decent Chinese food, too. Inexpensive.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. In Chef Deborah Scott's cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest. Good choices include mussels in chipotle cream sauce; spicy, sweet-sour layered jerk chicken; and the signature Skirts on Fire — a tender, grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Extremely noisy. Moderate.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. Several San Diego locations. The carne asada

burritos are rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with carne asada. Inexpensive.

Imperial Beach

Lydia's Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. Easygoing dancing/eatery (since 1957) offers sporadically available entrée platter of *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) and filling snacks like taquitos *cu-*

caracha (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream). Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

China Max 4698 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. Local Asians flock here for authentic Hong Kong cooking, including seafood in live tanks (black cod, Dungeness crab, abalone), dim sum daily, superb Peking Duck. Even homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Inexpensive to exorbitant, mainly moderate.



\$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.
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50% off pasta, pizza, or entrée

With purchase of one of equal or greater value and two beverages. Some restrictions.

D'Lish
Chula Vista: 386 East "H" St.
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\$15 off upscale Mexican cuisine

With minimum purchase of \$40 in the dining room area. One per table. Some restrictions.

Romesco Bonita: 4346 Bonita Rd.
619-475-8627

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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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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
Bonita: 4154 Bonita Rd.
619-470-ONOS

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\$10 off dinner

Buy 2 entrées and 2 beverages, get \$10 off. One coupon per customer. Not valid on holidays or with any other offers.

Café La Maze Steakhouse
National City: 1441 Highland Ave.
619-474-3222

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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

Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free pizza

When you purchase one pizza. Dine-in only. One coupon per table. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions.

The Brewhouse at Eastlake
Chula Vista: 871 Showroom Place
619-656-BREW (2739)

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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
Chula Vista: 2260 Otay Lakes Rd.
#104 • 619-421-7777

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Free pasta dish

Buy one pasta dish and two drinks, get one pasta dish free. Dine-in and take-out only. Excludes other offers.

Big Red Pizza
Carlsbad: 7740 El Camino Real
Ste. F • 760-635-9000

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Free Indian cuisine entrée

With purchase of one entrée and two beverages. Some restrictions.

Star of India Restaurant
Carmel Valley: 3860 Valley Centre Dr.
858-792-1111
Downtown/Gaslamp: 423 Fir St.
619-234-8000

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Free entrée

With purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Dine-in only. Not valid with any other offer.

Fresh ground burgers, specialty pizzas, steaks, seafood and pastas.

The Bullpen Bar & Grill
Encinitas: 149 S. El Camino Real
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15% off seafood lunch or dinner

We don't have a "fresh fish of the day" because all our fish are always fresh! Call for offer details.

Solana Beach Fish House
Solana Beach: 124 Lomas Santa Fe Dr.
858-481-FISH (3474)

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50% off entrée

Buy one entrée with two beverages and receive a second entrée at 50% off.

Boston Sports Café
Mira Mesa: 6625 Flanders Dr.
858-200-2101

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Free entrée

With purchase of any entrée and two beverages at regular price. Receive second entrée of equal or lesser value free. Up to \$8 value. Dine-in only. Not valid with breakfast specials, discounts, on holidays or with any other offer. One coupon per table.

Keith's Restaurant
Mira Mesa: 9449 Kearny Mesa Rd.
858-271-4670

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Large pepperoni pizza \$5⁹⁹

Plus tax. Carry-out only. No limit.

Pizza Depot
Mira Mesa: 9430 Mira Mesa Blvd.
Ste. 5C • 866-820-4949

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Free yogurt

With purchase of another yogurt.

YoFresh
Escondido: 1022 W. El Norte Pkwy
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50% off burger

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Cheeburger Cheeburger
Carmel Mountain Ranch:
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50% off yogurt

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Yogurt Heaven

Scripps Ranch:
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Free pizza or large salad

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ZPizza
Carmel Mountain:
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La Bonne Bouffe
Encinitas: 471 Encinitas Blvd.
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Chicken Pie Diner & Fueling Station
Poway: 14727 Pomerado Rd.
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Smoked baby back ribs \$7⁹⁵

Includes coleslaw, beans and bread. Good with this coupon only. One coupon per person.

Chicken Plus Greek Cuisine
Escondido: 309 W. Mission Ave.
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Two large pizzas \$20⁹⁹

Two 14" pizzas with two toppings. Delivery special. Call for details.

New York Giant Pizza
Mira Mesa: 11255 Camino Ruiz
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San Diego: 3715 India Street
619-692-1169

Rancho Penasquitos: 12812 Rancho Penasquitos Blvd. • 858-538-6868
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Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-433-0180. Comfort food in generous quantities. All the omelets are four-egggers, with sides like biscuits and gravy. Evening meals include meat loaf, liver and onions, stuffed pork chops, whole (head-on) fish. Inexpensive.

Mystic Grill and Bakery 6990 University Avenue (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-461-1985. Former pizza joint now offers exciting Middle Eastern revelations. Top ingredients (Halal Prime beef, fresh baby chickens) and skilled cooking from scratch create flawless falafel, thrilling *kibbe* (Mediterranean schnitzel), lemony spinach pie, sensitively grilled seafood and *shawarma*, and sublime desserts. (Also basic take-out pizzas.) No alcohol. Inexpensive.

West Coast Barbecue 6126 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-3663. Pit-smoked Texas-style "Q," but more like the Bushes of Crawford than the soulful South. Best bets are full-flavored ribs, chicken wings, and authentic Texas bean-free chili with classic fixins. Low-moderate.

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café 6792 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-582-4024. A bike museum with food offers tasty toasted *panini* and cold sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

The Calypso Café 576 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. The cuisine is French, ranging from warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. Mussels are the specialty, and

their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Upper-moderate.

Linda Vista

Sab-E-Lee 2405 Ulric St., Linda Vista, 858-650-6868. Tiny eatery serving authentic, fiery, fabulous food from northeast Thailand, as spicy as you want. Don't miss onion-rich *tom yum* soup or amazing liver salad. Look for "Linda Vista Food" awning. Cash only, BYO, no reservations, waits at prime-time. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Anthology 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. User-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) in huge, chic jazz nightclub. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water.

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-233-5757. Wet-aged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with "Continental" sauces, milk-fed calf's liver, plus some seafood and poultry. The chef is one of a few who can manage Beef Wellington correctly. Very expensive.

Logan Heights

La Doña 1784 Newton Ave., Logan Heights, 619-233-4939. This historic café serves home cooking, Mexican style, with super-spicy salsa and meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans, *chicharrones*, *pozole*, and menudo. Inexpensive.

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main St., Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Several San Diego locations. The flame-broiled

poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-296-2060. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll throw in a bottle of red wine. Inexpensive.

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-223-5501. N'awlins-style food to eat in, to go, or to have catered at your party. Deli-grocery also sells the ingredients, including ready-made roux, Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage in season. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Hospitable chef-owner Kim Trang makes excellent *pho bo* (beef noodle soup) but also offers hundreds of other items, all cooked home style. Inexpensive.

Miramar

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Rd., Miramar, 858-695-6229. Vegetarian cuisine of South India, centering on stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp, crepe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, fritata-like *uttapams*. (Try the last with

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the delicious, not-too-spicy chili-onion stuffing.) Inexpensive.

Super Buffet 8998 Miramar Rd., Miramar, 858-566-1888. Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*. The fresh sashimi — such as salmon or tuna — is scrumptious. Don't miss the chicken feet. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

Jake's Tiki Bar at Mission Bay Deli 1548 Quivira Way, Mission Beach, 619-223-5056. This everyday deli does the usual sandwiches, burgers, and dogs for boatyard crews — but on Sunday afternoon don't miss the scene at the palapa with beer and live music. It's one of this town's best-kept secrets. Deli daily till dusk. Inexpensive.

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the thin home-made teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. Service till midnight or later. Moderate.

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy fish 'n' chips platter. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Izakaya Masa 928 Ft. Stockton Dr., Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. Friendly spot serves interesting Japanese tapas. Among the hits: crunchy, spicy *chuka kuraage* (jellyfish salad); fried oysters (*kaki*); ethereal fried tofu in broth; and

kara-age (spicy fried chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken 3731 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-0177. Saffron Noodles and Saté is sit-down, all about Thai noodles and saté. Next door, take-out only, owner Su-Mei Yu serves skewered grilled chicken marinated in garlic, ginger, and spices. Delicious green curry, too. Inexpensive.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. English pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing). Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

All American Grill 7510 Hazard Center Dr., Mission Valley, 619-296-9600. This huge indoor-outdoor sports pub offers genuinely good food from a wood-fired oven and grill. The gifted chef highlights seasonal American ingredients (many local) in creative mini-pizzas, grazes, hearty entrées, smart desserts. Muted TV's sound turns on for game Sundays. Low moderate.

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. Or try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Healthy Swedish food amidst Nordic housewares: meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. Inexpensive.

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. Generously sized entrées come with soup or salad and two hefty side dishes. The menu changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Moderate.



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50% off Mexican entrée

With purchase of another entrée and two beverages. Monday-Thursday only. Not valid with any other offers.

La Tapatia
Escondido: 340 W. Grand Ave. 760-747-8282

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Free frozen yogurt

Buy one frozen yogurt, get one free. Not valid with any other offer.

Seaside Yogurt
Del Mar: 1231 Camino Del Mar 858-720-1168

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Free Texas Bar-B-Q sandwich

Buy two sandwiches at regular price and receive a third sandwich of equal or lesser value free. Valid at Miramar location only. Not valid with any other offers or discounts.

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q
Miramar: 6904 Miramar Road 858-566-2333

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Family special \$22⁹⁵

Includes one 18" one-topping pizza, one large family salad, and one order of garlic knots. \$2 extra for specialty pizza. Not valid with any other offer.

Flippin' Pizza
La Costa: 760-436-7499
Vista: 760-598-8005
Encinitas: 760-632-1497
Carlsbad: 760-434-4468


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Free sushi roll anytime!

Izumi Sushi
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With purchase of two entrées and two beverages. Steakhouse menu only. Not valid with any other offers.

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Escondido: 503 W. Grand Ave. 760-233-1104

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Free entrée

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Free Thai entrée

Purchase one dinner entrée and two beverages, get a second dinner entrée of equal or lesser value free. Maximum value \$10.95. Dine-in only. Some restrictions.

Taste of Thai
Del Mar: 15770 San Andres Dr.
858-793-9695
Hillcrest: 527 University Ave.
619-291-7525

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Free Italian cuisine entrée

With the purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages.

Dominic's Italian Gourmet
Escondido: 391 N. Escondido Blvd.
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20% off sushi

20% off your entire bill. Not valid with any other offer or on Happy Hour Menu.

Hooked On Sushi
Carlsbad: 2508 El Camino Real
760-434-8811

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Free yogurt

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RB Yogurt
Rancho Bernardo: 16588 Bernardo Center Dr. #130 • 858-673-5300

Expires 2-25-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Hooters entrée

With purchase of one entrée at regular menu price. Max value \$9.99. One coupon per table. Dine-in only. Some restrictions.

Hooters
Oceanside: 3186 Vista Way
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50% off pizza

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Bongiorno's New York Pizzeria
Poway: 13332 Poway Rd.
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National City

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-474-5546. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut) and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

McDini's 105 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-6771. Open continuously since 1890 in various locations, now under a new owner who spiffed up the room. The eats are hearty diner-style food like Irish breakfasts, meat loaf sandwiches, roast beef. Inexpensive to moderate.

Normal Heights

Jyoti Bihanga 3351 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Bengali-tinged vegetarian health food from Sri Chinmoy devotees can be delicious. Chutney-topped Neatloaf bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, Infinite Blue (brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing). Inexpensive.

North Park

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th St., North Park, 619-295-1720. The ultimate is Lefty's "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, 8-pound monster that needs one hour "make and bake" time. They do Chicago

hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

The Linkery 3794 30th St., North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. The focus is on sausages. Some of the best include the juicy "super bison Mexi-dog," the linguisa, and the Polynesian pork. Moderate.

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-297-4007. Georgian food sings with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht, the lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout. Moderate.

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th St., North Park, 619-283-1618. A quiet, civilized tavern serving Niman meats, Jidori chicken, locally grown organic vegetables, and a mouth-filling, étouffée-thick Saddlebrush (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots but no okra or file). Moderate.

Ocean Beach

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro 2265 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Also 897 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-2104. Eclectic dishes designed to go with wine until late evening, with bottles a pittance over retail. Low-moderate.

Portugalia 4839 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. The menu is split between the homeland and Brazil, including coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia rarely found locally. Enjoy salt cod fritters, fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp, codfish with chickpeas. Moderate.

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also

3910 30th St., North Park, 619-574-1288. Healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in a tropical setting. A big plus: zero attitude. Top picks are the seafood dishes and the house-made mole sauce with a zillion ingredients. Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-0124. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced over salad, and the gyros mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials and meaty burgers. Inexpensive.

Old Town

El Agave 2304 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-220-0692. Serious Mexican food highlighting mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas). Moderate.

Pacific Beach

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. Try the Road Kill sandwich (grilled chicken breast with hot sauce and cheese) or the huge, baroque Aussie Burger. Inexpensive.

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Charming setting with folk art, live blues, offering Louisiana fare in dire need of a refresher course (avoid the jambalaya). Safest choices: crawfish bisque, lush "purple fries" (eggplant), gumbo. High-moderate.

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Box Office Rebound
Each year *Pollstar* magazine lists the 200 top-grossing concert headliners. No San Diego-based artists showed up on the 2008 list, but three local bands with multimillion-dollar tours appear on the 2009 list. The reformed blink-

number 162 on the list. *American Idol* star Chris Daughtry's band (which includes guitarist Josh Steeley of Carlsbad) grossed \$6.8 million (107th place). The average ticket price for the blink and Mraz tours was \$34. Tickets were more for Daughtry (\$37)

country, up from 27th in 2008. "Surprisingly, 2009 was a record-setting year for concert venues," says *Pollstar* publisher Gary Bongiovanni. "More tickets were sold last year than in any year in the past decade." He says the increase in box-office business is due to the fact that promoters reacted to the bad economy and charged \$5 less per ticket, on average.

Belly Up, Soma, and 4th&B did not show up on the 2009 list of the top 100 U.S. club venues.

In previous years, the local House of Blues showcase sold fewer tickets than most of the other HoB venues across the country. But in 2009, HoB San Diego rebounded and sold 86,500 tickets, placing it at 38th place (up from 49th in 2008) and higher on the list than HoB clubs in New Orleans, Las Vegas, Myrtle Beach, and Atlantic City. House of Blues venues in Anaheim, L.A., and five other U.S. cities were higher on the list than HoB San Diego.

The Sports Arena, which hosted AC/DC, Mudvayne, and Miley Cyrus concerts last year, had a much-improved year in 2009, according to *Pollstar*'s list of U.S. arenas, moving 271,000 paying customers through its turnstiles (47th in the country), compared to 117,000 (98th place) in 2008. Its comparable venue, SDSU's Viejas Arena, did not make the list.

— Ken Leighton

Lions in Fancy Shoes
"We haven't played locally for over six months," says Kristofer Towne, singer-guitarist for a Scribe Amidst the Lions. "We've been busy

that this country has globally helped shape the modern world we live in, for better or worse.... After WWII, this country was a leader to the world, and to be a leader



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working on the first in a concept trilogy of releases." *The Last Sting Trilogy* will unfold over three maxi-singles, planned for release over a nine-month period and available on vinyl and in digital formats. "We've decided to take a full-length album and break it up into three different parts. Each chapter comes with some bonus songs and lots of music. We want to bring back the golden era of records and B-sides."

The concept behind *Trilogy* involves politics. "Money and the Mouth" is the first chapter," says Towne, "followed six months later with 'Land and the Law,' and three months after that, 'Climax and Conflict.'" Lyrically and conceptually, we're talking about the evolution of the American Dream — the massive impact

again we need to act by example and with honor.

"As a band and individually, we're a little antiestablishment, very anti-Big Brother, completely anti-oppression, and most definitely antiwar. This entire project is dedicated to a unified ideal or vision that delves into those feelings."

A Scribe Amidst the Lions will debut *The Last Sting Trilogy* at the Casbah on Saturday, February 6, topping a bill that includes the Burning of Rome and Astra, with River City in the Atari Lounge. "People can expect to see a new band member, never-before-heard songs, special guest musicians — strings, maybe some brass — and probably some fancy shoes, too. Yeah, definitely some fancy shoes."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Hick Pop On a January evening, Phil Bensimon stood on the porch of his home on Highfield Avenue in La Mesa. The front room of the house had been converted into a recording studio. Bensimon listened through an open window as instrumental parts were mixed in advance of alt-country band Tornado Magnet's forthcoming album, tentatively titled *Hick Pop*. Loud guitars blasted into the night air, but it didn't matter much; Bensimon's house sits high up on a hill, far away from everybody.

The one neighbor of Bensimon's least likely to complain about loud music that night was actually the source of it — Joey Harris.

"Joey lives up the hill from me about a couple hundred yards, or three blocks as the crow flies," Bensimon tells me.

Harris, a former Beat Farmer, was in the studio with his Les Paul, trying to fit a lead into one of Bensimon's originals.

"A lot of times, I write stuff in my head," said Bensimon. "This song that we're working on right now with Joey is called 'High Time.' I was out on a fishing boat for a week, didn't have my instrument with me, and there were lots of long hours where there was nothing going on." He said he worked out the parts on his guitar as soon as he got back on dry land.

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blur

the inside track

182 took in \$26.7 million from their 52-city tour, coming in at number 32 on the list. (U2 was on top with \$123

but slightly less for Slightly Stoopid (\$27).

Other *Pollstar* year-end lists indicate that Cricket (for-



BLINK BRINGS HOME THE BUCKS IN '09

million.) Jason Mraz had a \$9.4 million box-office take, placing him at number 76, while the Slightly Stoopid/Snoop Dogg tour's \$3.7 million gross put them at

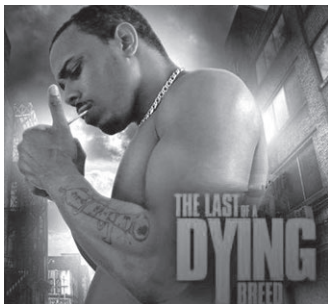
merly Coors) Amphitheatre had a good year, selling 276,000 tickets, up from 210,000 the year before. Coors was the 20th most popular outdoor amphitheatre in the

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"I am the bass player in this band," he said. "However," he said of the bass players that may float through his home studio, "the Magnets will give each of them a crack at the part and then go with the best one. This same process," he said, "goes for all instruments." He mentioned Magnets cofounders Tom Owens and

ing and then rejecting a string of solid rave-ups.

"They just weren't pretty," Harris said. "I'm self-conscious. It has to be good for the project. It has to be right."

Tornado Magnet has a simple, rambling sound, memorable in the way of Jimmy Buffett or Gram Parsons or Uncle Tupelo. But, Bensimon admitted that it isn't as easy as it looks. "We just mixed a song yesterday that had over 40 tracks. We nixed a multitude of gems,



TORNADO MAGNET AT HOME...IN THE STUDIO

Mike Ashley and names such as Rand Anderson on pedal steel, mandolinist and steel guitarist Doug Myer, and Wolfgang Greaskemp on accordion, all Magnet regulars, and Harris, who, when not otherwise engaged with his own projects, performs and records as a Magnet.

"Joey has not officially joined the lineup, but he plays regularly with us live, and he plays on all our records. So, unofficially, he is officially part of the lineup."

Harris took a break from recording. He'd been perform-

such as backing voices, 12-string guitar, other guitars, percussion, and so on. We ended up using less than 8 tracks when the song was finished."

— Dave Good

Know Your Metal Ritual Torture says playing death metal doesn't mean they want people to die. "We're not about violence," says guitarist Jesse Jensen. But Ritual Torture's lyrics can get gory and morbid. "Humanity has always been obsessed with death," says bassist-singer

Steve Pearce. "Christians are preoccupied with the cross, which is a piece of torture equipment..."

He says there is a brotherhood among local death-metal bands, such as Infinitum Obscure, Inhuman Sacrifice, and Condemned. For starters, they all appreciate aggressive riffs, intricate guitar work, and guttural vocals. "Whereas hip-hop advocates rape and killing people, we like to get together and drink and hang out and watch horror movies," says Jensen. "We promote unity and brotherhood."

He says some venues have a built-in prejudice against death metal.

"People outside the metal scene just don't like metal-heads. Bars are afraid to have death metal. They are afraid that the fans will tear the place apart. If anything, death metal is less violent than

punk. Hensley's [in Carlsbad] specifically won't play death-metal bands, but they are okay with punk. But, punks can be less respectful than metalheads."

While drummer Rick Carter says people should not be concerned with death-metal band violence, he tells me about a dangerous metal subgenre emerging. "Hate-edge is an offshoot of straight-edge. If you go on tour and you don't follow the straight-edge lifestyle, they'll kick your ass. In other words, if you smoke, drink, or have sex."

Death metal is not to be confused with the much more popular strain of metal known as metalcore, spearheaded by bands like San Diego's As I Lay Dying.

"I went to [Vista] high school with one of the guitar

players of As I Lay Dying," says Pearce. "He had short hair then. He used to make fun of me for having long



NO MTV BUBBLEGUM CRAP FOR RITUAL TORTURE

hair and listening to heavy metal. Now he has become all that but even more so. To death-metal people, As I Lay Dying is a fucking joke. It's MTV bubblegum crap."

"Metalcore bands today are what the hair-metal bands were in the '80s," says Jensen. "Hair-metal bands came out of thrash metal, but they found a market and a way to make a fashion statement. Now glam-metal bands want to be in our genre, but they are too pussy to play death metal."

Ritual Torture's *Rise of the Fallen* is available on cassette. "A label in Sweden called Blood Harvest Records put it out," says Pearce. "They heard about us from our friends in this L.A. band Unholy Lust. People want to see the old-school formats like vinyl and cassettes. You can get it online for \$4.50."

Ritual Torture plays February 8 at Radio Room.
— Ken Leighton

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Thursday 4

The Brooklyn-band hype machine needed something different, a new sound and language to distract from the steady stream of ornate art-pop acts — the TV on the Radios and Dirty Projectors, the Animal Collectives and Grizzly Bears — flowing down the East River from that NY borough. Enter **Vivian Girls**, three Ramones-inspired ladies with '60s girl-group sass, detuned, overblown guitar swagger, and a s/t collection of inspired, pop-punk numbers about alienation and heartbreak. You had to hit repeat. Their obstinate lo-fi-ness and decided lack of chops has been a hindrance and brought the



VIVIAN GIRLS AT CASBAH

backlash bitch-slap down hard on the Vivians, whose sophomore set, *Everything Goes Wrong*, "falls flat for its sameness." *Sameness*? What does Ramones-inspired mean? The Vivians are more "Brooklyn" than any of them. Get to their Space for a taste (try "Where Do You Run To?" off the debut or their new single — a Chantels cover — "He's Gone") and check out this gig to get to tonight at Casbah, where the she-punks will be joined by like-minded Los Angelinos **Best Coast** and **Pearl Harbor**.... Miss the door in Middletown, Bar Pink will host a benefit for Haiti, featuring garage-rockers **The Old In Out** and **Grand Tarantula**.

Friday 5

"Michigan"-based instrumental sextet **NOMO** will bring their Afro-beat post-rock jazz chops to Casbah Friday night. They are out to tout their latest Ubiquity Records release *Invisible Cities*. Sounds like a very horn-y Tortoise. Engaging stuff, if you can

forgive the occasional new-age refrain. With **Mutant Space Boy**, these'll be some heady sets.... Down the street at Anthology, it'll be **Mark Hummel**'s Harmonica Blowout, featuring Fabulous Thunderbird **Kim Wilson** and Riverside **Rod Piazza** blowing a night of West Coast swing for all you harp addicts.... A couple of good ones uptown, too, with electro-jam dance bands the **Attack!** and **Achachay** (Austin) taking the stage at Ruby Room.... Radio Room dials in Texan **Scott H. Biram** and ex-Legendary Shack Shakers the **Dirt Daubers** for a night of Austin punkabilly and Paducah bluegrass.

Saturday 6

Rumble San Diego will ring the bell at Bar Pink Saturday night, when ex-Blood Brothers **Jaguar Love** takes on Mario Rubalcaba's (RFTC, Hot Snakes, Earthless) new sonic assault **Spider Fever** at the NoPark hot spot. Drum-and-bass duo the **Dabbers** will be there to mop up.... Out at the Ken Club, it'll be North County stray cats the **Embalmers** with beach-punks **Chango Rey** and NYC garage-rock gang the **Choke** for what promises to be one greezy triple decker.... Metal Blade Records artist **Lizzy Borden** plays 4th&B. The L.A. heavy-metal act has

been on and off for nearly 30 years, regrouping behind constant lead singer Lizzy Borden for 2007's conceptual song cycle *Appointment with Death*. **Negative Void** and **Vasene** are also on the bill.... The Mosh Lives Tour continues — this one's actually billed as Mosh Lives II — spinning a pit at Soma with **Emmure** (NYC) and **Terror** (L.A.) and a whole bunch of other heart-racing hardcores.

Sunday 7

So, it's Saints v. Colts in Super Bowl number whatever. Celebrate (or annihilate) the outcome by heading up to Solana Beach for one of the gigs to get to this week, as the **Thermals** take the stage at Belly Up behind **Thao with the Get Down Stay Down** and **Boomsnake**. The Thermals are a three-piece pop-punk act from Portland that hit the world stage behind 2006's *The Body*, the



Movies disc. In '09, the singer-songwriter won an AMA for Emerging Artist of the Year and is unapologetically likened to his namesake, country-folk artist Townes Van Zandt, as well as the legendary Hank Williams.... Odd-pop peeps **Kenseth Thibideau** (Sleeping People) and **Rafter** have appointments at the Beauty Bar with Chama, NM, big band **Ohioan**, a cinematic country act that blows woozy, rattles strings, and sings backwoods goth tales that recall our own Castanets and a little bit of the old Oldham Palace music.... Acourse, all the indie kidz will be at House of Blues, which has British alt-pop act the **Editors**. The Birmingham band is out to woo the world with its third effort, *In This Light and on*

THERMALS AT BELLY UP

Blood, the Machine, an inspired song cycle that "tells the story of a young couple who must flee a United States governed by fascist faux-Christians." Whatever. The hook-heavy record holds water and is one hell of a peak to re-reach for head Thermal Hutch Harris, who looks and acts as if he could be Malkmus's kid brother. Last year's follow-up, *Now We Can See*, followed Thermals formula in cadence and timbre but missed the mark in the songwriting. Still and all an engaging disc that creeps up on you with repeated listens. Their fifth, *Personal Life*, is due out on Kill Rock Stars later this year.

Monday 8

Langhorne, PA's **Langhorne Slim** will play Casbah's Anti-Monday with **April Smith** and the **Great Picture Show**. Slim's a folk-pop singer-songwriter who's made a commercial breakthrough in commercials. Get to his Space page, bend an ear to raw-sugar cut "Worries," and see if you can place the ad.... Bedroom chanteuse Christina Tsui calls her solo acoustic act **A Book About Elephants**. *Slowcoustic.com* says of her debut EP, "a DIY masterpiece with its simple strumming, honest lyrics, and great melodies." Check it out here: myspace.com/abookaboutelephants. And pick one up when the San Gabriel girl plays Espresso Roma in the Price Center at UCSD at 8p.... Uke virtuoso **Jake Shimabukuro** plays Belly Up behind his "world-music" recording *Live*. FYI: the Beatles, Zeppelin, and Michael Jackson are all part of young Jake's world.

Tuesday 9

Son of folk-rock hero Steve Earle, **Justin Townes Earle**, will visit the Loft at UCSD. Justin's a 28-year-old Nashville native currently making inroads for his *Midnight at the*

This Evening. Brooklyn trio the **Antlers**, which scored an indie-crit hit with last year's dramatic-pop concept album *Hospice*, and emerging L.A. act **Princeton** will set the downtown stage.

Wednesday 10

Clap Your Hands front man **Alec Ounsworth** will check in at Casbah Wednesday behind his first solo disc, *Mo Beauty*, a critical curiosity that was inspired by the artist's tenure in New Orleans. Anyone else who's heard this get the feeling that this guy's on a long, slow slide back to earth? I'm still rooting for him.... Annie Clark is **St. Vincent**, a singer-songwriter who's worked with Sufjan Stevens and Polyphonic Spree and this year broke *Billboard*'s top 100 with her sophomore set *Actor*. **Wildbirds and Peacedrums** set the Solana Beach stage.... Else: an '80s goth-pop act revisited, **Jay Aston's Gene Loves Jezebel**, plays Bar Pink...and multi-instrumentalist Grammy nominee (ten times!) and all-around soul sister **Meshe'll Ndegeocello** "presents the Best of Bitter & More" at Little It. supper club Anthology.

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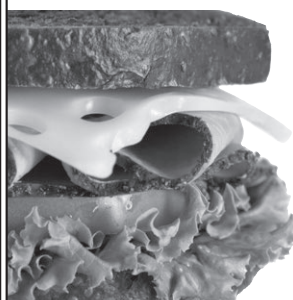
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Before moving to North County, singer-songwriter Spud Davenport drummed for various L.A. and San Francisco bands, the most successful of which was Toymuzic. After learning how to play both guitar and keyboard, he penned the tune "Overnite," heard in the 1983 Brat Pack movie *Class*.

"I was writing songs long before I learned the drums," says Davenport. "I briefly tried to learn the accordion, and I still struggle sometimes with guitar. Damn sausage fingers." Davenport's first solo album, *Green*, was released in 2007.

"While a lot of my heroes are British, I must send out big props to our great American songwriters and composers — my heroes — such as Paul Simon, Tom Waits, Johnny Cash, Randy Newman, John Hiatt, Warren Zevon, Steve Earle, and Frank Zappa, all of whom are odd and oddly present in my music, somehow."

In addition to his solo work, Davenport schleps his vintage Gretsch drum kit around with the Shamey Jays and performs with the Messy Necessities.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Gregory Page, *Bird in a Cage*. "This one's in

top rotation. Freakin' awesome songwriting and production."

2. Guns N' Roses, *Chinese Democracy*. "I'm still trying to decide if I like it. It's a mixed bag."

3. The Shys, *You'll Never Understand This Band the Way That I Do*. "My favorite new band, with killer bluesy, early rock 'n' roll songwriting."

4. Frank Zappa, *Live in New York*. "I'm a huge Terry Bozzio fan, and I can't get enough 'Titties N' Beer.'"

TOP FIVE DVDs?

1. *The Kings of Comedy*.

2. *Curb Your Enthusiasm: The Complete First Season*.

3. *Rain Man*.

4. *This Is Spinal Tap*.

5. "And Halo with my Xbox...does that count?"

QUOTABLE QUOTE?

"Warren Zevon once said, 'Enjoy every sandwich,' which says so much."

GREATEST FEAR?

"That Tom Waits will never play another live show in San Diego."

MOST MEMORABLE DREAM?

"The one where I got my johnson stuck in this...wait a minute, that wasn't a dream."

WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

"I think Paul Reubens would be hysterical."

HARD HABIT TO BREAK?

"Just the U-T sports section."

WHAT CELEB DO PEOPLE SAY YOU LOOK LIKE?

"The drummer from Iron Maiden, and they're right."

SIMPSONS OR FAMILY GUY?

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TV COMMERCIAL THAT MAKES YOU SQUIRM?

"All the Viagra and ED commercials...how do you explain that stuff to your young daughter?"

WHAT MAGAZINE DO YOU READ IN WAITING ROOMS?

"Medical journals, on how to avoid ED."

THREE THINGS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT SPUD DAVENPORT?

1. "One of my neighbors, and an early drum stu-



Spud Davenport

dent of mine, was Mike Bordin, of Faith No More and Ozzy Osbourne's band."

2. "I had retired from music and didn't play drums in a band for 15 years, until Dave Howard twisted my arm to start the Shamey Jays with him in 2007."

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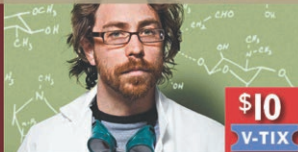
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

A few months ago I came across a wonderful new band with a familiar sound. There were jangly and distorted guitars, raggedy drums, aloof female vocals, and singsong melodies and everything cloaked in a haze of reverb. It brought to mind girl groups of the '60s, British indie in the '80s, and half-forgotten California bands from the '90s such as Tiger Trap, Henry's Dress, and the Aislars Set. And someone else from the distant past...who am I forgetting? Oh yeah, the **Vivian Girls**. Whatever happened to them?
I'm kidding...sort of. The Vivian Girls

came out of Brooklyn just a couple of years ago, but the hype-and-backlash cycle is so quick these days that many bloggers were tired of the band by the time they released their debut album. In the months since, we've had a series of new bands mining similar veins. The novelty (if you're young and don't remember the older bands) or nostalgia (if you're old, like me) has worn off. These bands now have to stand on their songwriting ability or risk falling behind the competition.

If last year's *Everything Goes Wrong* is any indication, the Vivian Girls may have what it takes. While there's nothing as catchy as their first-album tracks "Where Do You Run To?" or "Tell the World," there's a much healthier killer-to-filler ratio this time around. Song titles such as "Can't Get Over You"



and "End" give a clue to what inspired guitarist **Cassie Ramone's** songwriting, but thankfully she doesn't wallow in grief. One song is called "I Have No Fun," but it may be the most fun thing the Vivian Girls have recorded.

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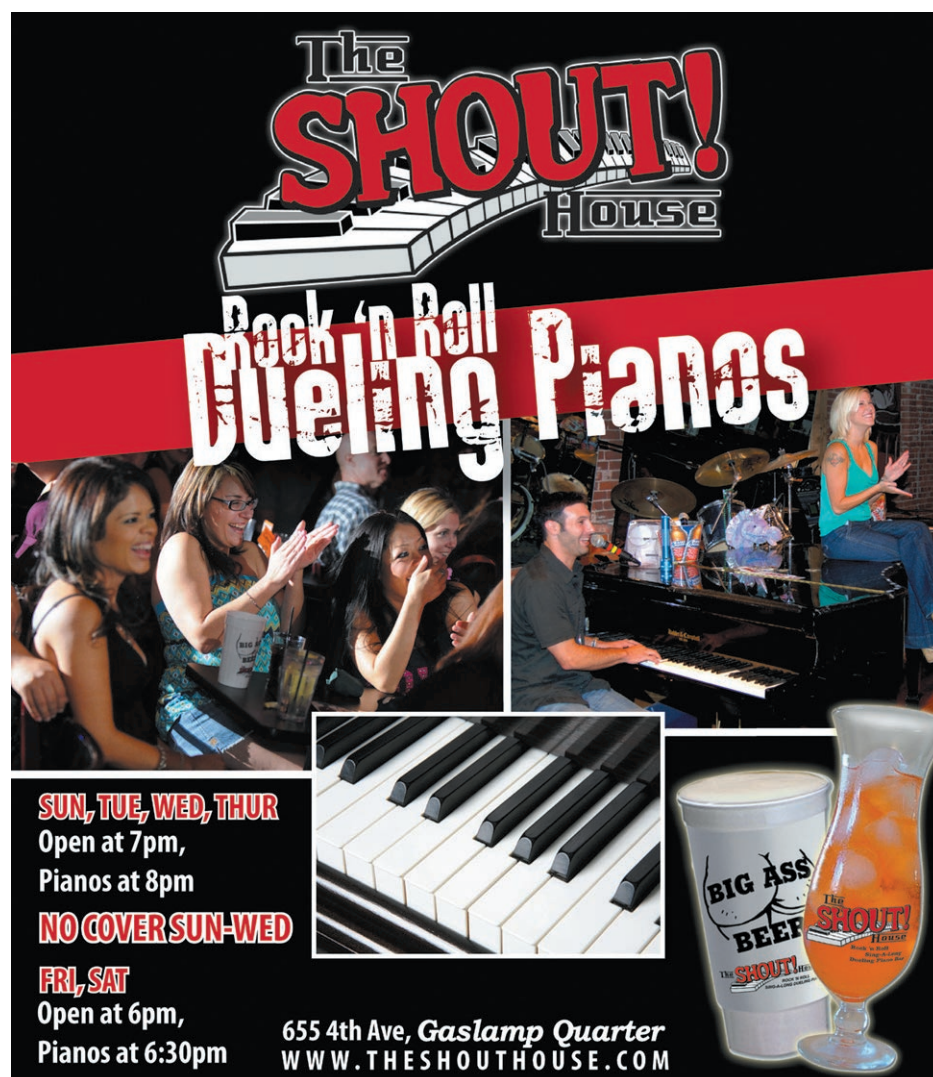
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February 25, February 26 — Dave Mason.
February 28 — Ray Manzarek.
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May 28 — The Average White Band.

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March 6 — Kate McGarry.

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February 18 — The Head Cat.
February 19 — Steve Poltz 50th Birthday Bash.
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March 10 — Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
February 11 — NSD Presents Hip-Hop.
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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

We know the year Mississippi Delta blues legend Booker T. Washington White died, but we can only guess at when he was born. Sometime around 1909? By the age of 16, Bukka, as he was also known, was a fairly accomplished performer on slide guitar, and he could sing, too, according to family accounts. White cut records in the '30s and had a little brush with fame. He is said to have taught his younger cousin Riley King a few notes. Riley, later known as B.B. King, went on to stardom; White went on to prison for shooting a guy. He recorded more songs after he got out of the joint but fell off the radar until the blues revival of the '60s. He was a rising star

again for a short time, but in 1977 Booker White fell ill from cancer and died. In his time, he influenced a range of artists including Bob Dylan, Derek Trucks, and **Eric Bibb**.

Bibb is a singer-songwriter-bluesman born in New York, now living in the blues-friendly Netherlands. When a fan showed up in London with Bukka's old guitar and offered to let Bibb play it, he was inspired. "It was a revelation. It was a direct link. I read all these books, and I listen avidly to recordings and reissues, but this was something different. This was actually playing the guitar that Booker had played and had been resonating against his chest for all his years."

Bibb later recorded *Booker's Guitar*, released last month. "You can't get rid of these guys. This music and those people are too strong, and one way or another they're still with



ERIC BIBB

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February 17, February 18 — The Damned.
February 19 — The Donkeys.
February 20 — Anya Marina.
February 21 — Harlem.
February 23 — Author & Punisher.
February 24 — The Soundtrack of Our Lives.

February 25 — Chain and the Gang.
February 26 — The Adolescents.
February 27 — Moving Units.
February 28 — The Screamin' Yeehaws.

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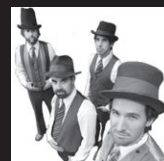
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February 17 — Medeski Martin & Wood.
February 18 — Bob Schneider with Smile Smile.
February 19 — Lights.
February 20 — Winter Blackout 2010.
February 25 — Dashboard Confessional.
February 28 — George Thorogood & the Destroyers.
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March 24 — Kreator.
March 26 — The AD Tour 2010.
March 28 — HammerFall.
April 1 — The Alkaline Trio.
April 7 — Five for Fighting.
April 21 — Overkill.
April 25 — HIM.
April 29 — The Avett Brothers.
May 15 — Steel Pulse.
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Vampire Weekend: *Contra*

CD Review
by J. Dean

Vampire Weekend's sophomore record is a short, sweet grower. Admittedly, I didn't care for it after the first listen. The abstract, African-influenced sounds

threw me off of what I expected from an American indie band. But after the third listen, it was clear that this electro-reggae montage is what makes the CD and this band unique. The NYC quartet mixes the sounds and beats of traditional world music and modern electronica in a poppy, refreshing way. *Contra* has echoes of the Monkees, the Shins, New Order, and at times — dare I say — Jimmy Buffett and Harry Belafonte.

This album is as hopeful as it is kitschy and romantic. It's "hipster date music" — seriously unserious. Songs such as "Horchata," "Holiday," and "Cousins" (the first single), leave you tapping your feet and feeling like running through the sprinklers in the summertime. And the quiet but cute "Taxi Cab" paints a vivid picture of riding with a new love in the back of a New York cab. *Contra* achieves its purpose: to make you feel good.

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Frank Fairfield

CD Review
by Andrew Hamlin

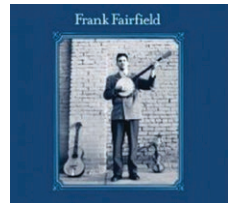
Frank Fairfield wants nobody to know much about Frank Fairfield, which is his right, up to a point. His debut contains no bio, no liner notes, and damn few credits. From an online article I've gleaned that he bicycles around Los Angeles (in a suit, no less), setting up shop on street corners with the banjo, fiddle, and guitar shown on

the CD cover.

A man who may be the only bicyclist in all of L.A. (in a suit, no less) is clearly dedicated to whatever he's dedicated to.

The music? Sounds a lot like old 78s, with better production values, of course, although the CD assures you this is a "monaural recording." Fairfield sings in no affected yawp or drawl. He's almost too straightforward. His girlfriend may "Call Me a Dog When I'm Gone," but she'll change her tune when he shows up with folding money. That's how it's always been. The "Dying Cowboy" goes down for the count, slow and painful. That's how people have always gone down.

Frank Fairfield performs at the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach on February 22.



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February 24 — Ramekega.
February 28 — The Robin Henkel Band.

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February 11 — Brooklyn Rider.
February 13 — Swarmius.
February 16 — Suzanne Vega.
February 18 — Mauger.
February 24 — We Were Promised Jetpacks.
February 28 — Zee Avi.
March 10 — Dawes.
March 17 — Kalman Balogh & the Gypsy Cimbalom Band.
April 7 — Gretchen Parlato.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
April 15 — Mark Knopfler.

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April 24 — Leon Redbone.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
May 7 — Celtic Women.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
February 15 — Tribute to the Reggae Legends.
March 2 — The Zac Brown Band.
March 23 — Hank III & Assjack.
May 1 — Daughtry.
May 23 — The National.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
February 12 — Abacabb.
February 13 — In Fear and Faith.
February 19 — Children of Nova.
February 20 — Strung Out.
February 27 — The Toasters.
March 5 — Unearth.
March 6 — Scary Kids Scaring Kids.
March 7 — Alesana.
April 8 — Lights.

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Café Sevilla: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ New Yo Rican. Salsa. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ Israel. Bachata. 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-5979.

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Music Reviews from Our Readers

Break-Dancing Horse

Concert Review
by Tracy Ibarreta

Before taking the stage, Trophy Wife treated their fans to the music-video premiere of "Move to the Desert" at Bar Pink. Attendees included the video's director, comic-book artist Jeremy Cox. A highlight of the colorful, quirky video was the break-dancing horse.

Basking in red lights and laser dots, Trophy Wife played their set to an attentive crowd that delighted in their rock

'n' roll abandon, alt-country melodies, and signature silliness. Singer-guitarist Joel MacAskill and bassist Matt Nelson

shared a tender moment during Steve Sabo's guitar solo by resting their heads on each other's shoulder. One lady yelled a request for tongue-in-cheek stalker song "Watch You Sleep."

Between songs, they gave away T-shirts and posters. Drummer Jason Lewis pointed out the brown-paper swag bags nearby. Contents included a two-track CD sampler, a "Move to the Desert" DVD, and a desert diorama action set.

Love and support for the local band poured forth in the form of numerous liquor shots purchased and brought to the stage.

Concert: Trophy Wife
Show date: January 23
Venue: Bar Pink
Seats: Front, stage right



God Forbid

Concert Review
by Geoff Haynes

After hiding my camera in my underwear, I made my way down the stairs at House of Blues and found a pile of vomit on the landing. Had no idea opening band 2 Cents was that good.

God Forbid was just added to this tour and was the reason I was in attendance. They went on around 8:15 and played a short, brutal set that ended with "Ode to the Fallen Hero."

Shadows Fall was

equally loud and performed with good energy, especially lead throat Brian Fair, who I'm convinced hasn't cut his hair since I saw them in the early aughts.

Hung out with God Forbid guys at their merch table while waiting for Five Finger Death Punch to go on. GF guys posed for pics and signed whatever was put in front of them.

FFDP is too much style, not enough substance. The spinal cord/ribcage mic stand came off as a bit desperate. Got bored and left halfway through the set. The vomit was still on the landing. No less odor two hours later, surprisingly enough.

Concert: Five Finger Death Punch, Shadows Fall, God Forbid, 2 Cents
Show date: January 22
Venue: House of Blues
Seats: Standing



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Renzulli and DJ Eric B. Adult/contemporary. 416 Third Ave., Downtown. 619-702-4455.

Celebration Center for Spiritual Living: *Saturday:* Therapy 18. Industrial/electronic. \$4. 5820 Oberlin Drive #108, Sorrento Valley.

Club 67: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: DJ Power. Electronica. Free. 10109 Main St., Lakeside. 619-443-4100.

Confidential: *Fridays*, 10pm: DJ Henry Diaz. With Tone Capone and Omar. Electronic/hip-hop/lounge. 901 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-696-8888.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: *Saturdays*, 10:30pm: DJ Paul Dumesnil. 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. 760-729-4695.

El Cajon Grand: *Fridays*, 8:30pm: DJ Neko. Spins classic rock. *Saturdays*, 8:30pm: DJ Chuck. Spins classic rock. 351 W. Main St., El Cajon. 619-444-0949.

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

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The Flame: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurty. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

The Fleetwood: *Saturdays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 639 J St., Downtown. 619-702-7700.

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Gaslamp Tavern: *Thursdays*, 8pm, *Fridays*, 4pm, *Wednesdays*, 8pm: C-Phish. 868 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-239-3339.

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4.0 Deli: Monday-Friday, 4-7:30pm: \$6.75 Stella, \$5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock Doc/Hefeweizen, \$4.75 Bud Light. Saturday-Sunday, 2-5:30pm: \$6.75 Stella, \$5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock Doc/Hefeweizen, \$4.75 Bud Light.

California Kebab: Every day, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$6 sangria carafes.

Cucina Fresca and Sons: Every day, 3-5pm: \$1.75 domestic beer.

Pal Joey's: Every day, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

CORONADO

Beach 'n' Diner: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$2 off shakes, floats, malts, appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Café 1134: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: discounted beer, wine, and appetizers.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$1 off appetizers, 1.50 sliders. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2-off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off all appetizers.

DEL MAR

Brigantine: Every day, 4-6pm: \$1 off Kenwood wines; \$5.50 Georgia Peach Mezzacorona, chardonnay; \$4 Alaska white ale, Brig Brew Golden Ale; \$4 house margarita.

Bully's Del Mar: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3 bottle beer, \$3 domestic pints, \$4 micro-brew pints, \$4.50 wells, \$3 house wine by the glass, \$6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers.

DOWNTOWN

923 Dive Lounge: Wednesday-Saturday, 8-10pm: \$2 wells/drafts.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

Asti Ristorante: Every day, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Athens Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$5 appetizer menu, \$4 shots, Jameson, Jack Daniels, Jaggermeister, Jose Cuervo Gold.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

Blue Point: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks, select appetizers, discount on caviar, \$1 oysters.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 select beer, wine, spirits.



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Candelas: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2 price.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 pints of the day. 40% off appetizers.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports. Saturday-Sunday, open-5pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports.

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.

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.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Sunday, all day: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm; 10pm-midnight: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria. 1/2-off seafood bar and appetizers.

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

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.

Rock Bottom Brewery: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

Stage Saloon: Every day, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 premium pints, \$4 wells, \$5 cosmo, appletini, margarita; 1/2-price appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, till 6pm: \$3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer, \$4 wells, Bloody Mary, \$5 mimosa.

Suite & Tender: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

T.G.I. Friday's: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$3 large domestics & bottled beers, \$4 well/wine, \$5 Ultimate Long Island Ice Teas & Ultimate Margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers.

Tabule: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

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

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

Urban Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 signature cocktails, \$5 house wine. 1/2-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

Café Chloe: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$4 verdejo, Côtes du Rhône, oatmeal stout; \$5 white bordeaux, Monte Bucciano, blonde ale; \$6 chardonnay, zinfandel, Trapezoidale.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday-Saturday, 11pm-close: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

Jewel Box: Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs & happy hour all night w/military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls.

EL CAJON

The Broken Pinata: Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

Double D's on Broadway: Every day, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. Saturday-Sunday, \$5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

ENCINITAS

Boston Gourmet Pizza: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm and 10pm-close: \$1 off pint, \$2 off schooner, \$4 domestic bottles, \$4.50 imported bottles, \$6-\$9 wine, discounted appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, all day: \$1 off pint, \$2 off schooner, \$5 Bloody Mary, screwdriver, discounted appetizers, pizzas.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.



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Brigantine: *Tuesday-Saturday, 3:30-7pm: \$2-\$9 appetizers, \$1 off draft beer, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 red wine, \$7 Krista vodka cosmo, \$7.50 Brig hand-shaken margarita.*

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: *Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.*

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic beer by the glass, \$9 pitcher, \$4 imported beer by the glass, \$12 pitcher, \$5-\$6 appetizers, 1/2 off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).*

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + bag of chips. Noon-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

Baja Betty's: *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 draft, house margarita, well, house wine, sangria, \$3 quesadilla.*

Bangkok Thai Bistro: *Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.*

Wine Steals: *Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.*

IMPERIAL BEACH

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday, all day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.*

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.*

The Butcher Shop Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: drink specials and discounted appetizers.*

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.*

Pampas Argentine Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials. \$2.50 empanadas (bar only).*

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

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

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: *Every day, 4-6:30pm: \$2.50 small saki, \$4 large saki, \$1.95 select hand rolls, \$3 cucumber roll, \$3.50 California, spicy tuna, veggie roll.*

Beaumont's: *Every day, 4-6pm: \$3 draft, well; \$5 cabernet, chardonnay. Special prices on featured drinks: margarita, sangria, wine cooler.*

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 Bud/Bud light, \$3.50 wells, Bull & Bear reserve wine, \$4.95 appetizers.*

Clay's La Jolla: *Every day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine.*

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

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.*

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

Roppongi: *Every day, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.*

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.*

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

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.*

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: *Every day, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glass of wine.*

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: *Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts; \$2 off 8-oz. sirloin.*

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: *Monday-Friday, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12-oz. drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.*

LEUCADIA

The Calypso Café: *Every day, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.*

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.*

LINDA VISTA

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: *Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).*

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: *Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, feature beer, martinis, margaritas. \$4-\$8 appetizers.*

Fat City Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.*

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 draft beer, \$8 pitcher, \$2.50 french fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.*

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: *Every day, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.*

MIRA MESA

Bamboo Hut: *Every day, 3-6pm: Buy a large beer, get a small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 glass house wine.*

MIRAMAR

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2.49 small sandwich, \$1.99 hot link, \$2.49 pint Bud, \$2.99 Hefeweizen, Shiner Bock.*

The Filling Station: *Monday, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. Tuesday, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$2 wells, domestic beers, \$6 domestic pitchers. Free pool. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. Sunday, noon-7pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.*

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 cocktails, beer, shots.*

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. Friday, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.*

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday, 2-7pm: .50 cents off beer. Wednesday, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.*

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: *Every day, 4-7pm: \$4.95 all imported 20 oz. draught beers, \$3.75 well drinks, \$1 off all bottled beers and house wines by the glass.*

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.*

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Wednesday, \$3 wells, beer, house wine.*

Adam's Steak & Eggs: *Monday-Friday, 3:30-7pm: Double well drinks, complimentary hors d'oeuvre.*

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: *Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 draft beer, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails.*

Bully's East: *Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: \$2.50 domestic, draft; \$3.50 wells, \$5 wine: chardonnay, merlot, Jacobs Creek cabernet.*

In Cahoots: *Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.*



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Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm:* \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Triple Crown Pub: *Saturday, noon-5pm:* \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers. *Sunday, noon-2am:* \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers.

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.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday, 5* ho-mojitos. \$10 build-your-own tacos.

The Office: *Every day, 5-8pm:* 2-for-1 prices on all drinks.

Toronado: *Monday, 11:30am-5pm* \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday-Sunday, 11:30am-5pm:* \$1 off drafts.

West Coast Tavern: *Every day, 4-7pm:* \$1 off all drinks. Five menu items for \$5 each.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm:* \$1 off all drafts, \$3 margaritas, wells, \$1 off select appetizers.

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.

OCEANSIDE

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.

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, 9pm-close:* \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters.

OLD TOWN

Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm:* 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Barra Barra: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$2 drafts, house wine, \$3 house margaritas, \$2 off absinthe specials. \$2 flat-bread tacos.

Café Coyote: *Monday-Friday, 3:30-6pm:* \$3.75 draft beers, \$4 specialty shots, \$4.95 Coyote drinks, \$5.95 flavored margaritas, flavored shots, \$2 assorted tacos.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday, 5* specialty cocktails.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Monday-Friday, 1-7:10pm:* \$7.10 beer & shot. *Saturday-Sunday, noon-7pm:* \$7 pitchers.

Bare Back Grill: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$3 Miller Lite, amber ale, well drinks.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm:* \$2.50 beer, wine.

Costa Brava: *Every day, 4-7pm:* 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4* pitchers.

Moonoggies Pacific Beach: *Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7pm:* \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

Moray's Lounge: *Every day, 4-7pm:* \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm:* \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Sinbad Café: *Every day, 4-8pm:* \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar: *Monday, Wednesday, Sunday, all day:* \$3 wells/Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Heradura tequilla shots, margaritas, sun-rises. *Tuesday, Thursday, all day:* \$8 12-oz. bottle of beer and a shot, \$3 pints of Bud Light. \$4 appetizers. *Friday-Saturday, noon-10pm:* \$3 Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints. All appetizers \$4.

Tavern at the Beach: *Monday-Saturday, noon-7pm:* \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. *Sunday, noon-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. Ap-petizer specials.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-7pm:* \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm:* \$1 off drinks, \$2 off appetizers.

C-Level: *Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm:* \$3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine. \$5 crispy calamari, ahi tuna poke, steamed Fox River mussels.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: *Every day, 5-7pm:* 1/2-off all drinks & menu items. Excludes holi-day/concert nights.

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm:* \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles, \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast. *Saturday, 3-7pm:* \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles, \$6.50 domestic pitchers. *Sunday, all day:* \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles, \$6.50 domestic pitchers.

Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* 1/2-price appetizers.

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The Coldest Wind

"You just want to make me miserable because someone in Germany made you miserable."

At first it looks as if Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers* (1991) will repeat the coming-of-age theme in his Brighton Beach trilogy. It's 1942. When their father hits the road to pay off a loan shark, Jay and Artie Kurnitz move in with their grandmother, a Germanic glacier who runs her walk-up apartment with Hitlerian control. The battle looks to be between the hip, wisecracking boys — based, most likely, on Simon and his older brother Danny — and the cane-wielding battleaxe, who won't let anyone touch her. And it looks to be no contest.

But instead of another Oscar-versus-Felix opposition, in which adversity generates sitcom-ish one-liners, *Yonkers* focuses on a sad, in some ways tragic, couple: Grandma Kurnitz and Bella, her 35-year-old, mentally challenged daughter. Bella's mind is "closed for repairs," one of the boys quips. But she has enough irrepressible feelings for herself and her grandmother combined. When Grandma K learns that Bella has a beau, she squelches her daughter with the emotional equivalent of a fire extinguisher.

Simon suggests that Grandma K's at least partly responsible for Bella's condition, and for that of her other son, Louie, who learned how to steal and

fight back from her.

Grandma K steals from her store downstairs and blames others. She also sucks all the oxygen from a room. Simon hammers this point into the

ground: the apartment is stifling and her daughter, Gert, has trouble breathing, literally. Simon also offers a reductive diagnosis for Grandma K's repression: "You just

want to make me miserable because someone in Germany made you miserable," shouts Arty, finally fighting back like Uncle Louie.

In the Old Globe's production, Judy Kaye doesn't need the persistently melodramatic effects — the lights dimming, her cane thumping the ground like a metronome — that accompany Grandma K's entrances. When she enters a room, limping on a foot broken in Germany, it's clear why her children have stayed far away. Kaye suggests positive qualities but, to her credit, never attempts to make her character likable. She's an iron gray cold front set to storm on any opposition.

Ralph Funicello's set defines her character instantly. From the worn rugs to the crocheted doilies, Grandma K's living room screams "order" and probably has for decades. Change doesn't come hard to this locale; it doesn't come at all.

On opening night, Jennifer Regan's Bella took

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Jennifer Regan, Judy Kaye in *Lost in Yonkers*

Lost in Yonkers by Neil Simon

Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by Scott Schwartz; cast: Steven Kaplan, Austyn Myers, Spencer Rowe, Jennifer Regan, Judy Kaye, Jeffrey M. Bender, Amanda Naughton; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Alejo Vietti; lighting, Matthew McCarthy; sound, Paul Peterson

Playing through February 28; Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-234-5623.

The Piano Lesson by August Wilson

Cygneth Theatre, 4040 Twigg Street, Old Town

Directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg; cast: Laurence Brown, Monique Gaffney, Madeline Hornbuckle, Keith Jefferson, Antonio "T.J." Johnson, Tanya Johnson-Herron, Mark Christopher Lawrence, Grandison Phelps III; scenic design, Jerry Sonnenberg; costumes, Megan Schmidt; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, George Ye

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some getting used to. Hands waving, eyes bugging, she was excessively giddy and external. Once she settled, however, Regan went inside Bella and revealed a grown woman trying to break out. Jeffrey M. Bender gave Uncle Louie a similar arc. The mob “henchman” began like a cardboard character in a Neil Simon comedy. Then he erupted, again and again. Louie has survived his upbringing, he’s proud to say, but may fare less well in the near future.

Steven Kaplan and Austyn Myers play the young brothers with impressive, minimalist choices. Amanda Naughton and Spencer Rowe also contribute in minor roles. Alejo Vietti’s costumes evoke the period and the family’s economic status.

Lost in Yonkers marks the official opening of the Old Globe’s new Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, which looks to be a fine replacement for the Cassius Carter. I do



Monique Gaffney, Mark Christopher Lawrence in *The Piano Lesson*

have one complaint. Thus far the Globe has mounted two shows — the musical *I Do! I Do!* and *Yonkers* — on the new arena stage. We’re a decade into the 21st Century. Isn’t it time for more current, state-of-the-nation fare to match the state-of-the-art space?

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Cygnets should make it an annual tradition: Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directing one of August Wilson’s “Pittsburgh

Cycle” plays. Two years ago, her *Fences* earned a passel of Craig Noel awards. Cygnets’ current offering, *The Piano Lesson*, again displays her deep affinity for the material.

So does her top-notch cast. Wearing Megan Schmidt’s 1936 costumes, the ensemble conveys a sense of pride in the work — and also of fun when they break into the old Parchman Farm lament, “O Lord Berta, Berta O Lord Gal” (she’s up in Meridian,

living at ease, while they’re at the state penitentiary, a Mississippi plantation, slaving from dawn to dusk).

There’s a lot of Wilson in all of his characters, but especially in Boy Willie, the fast-talking African-American who spent three years at Parchman Farm and who dreams of owning land in the South. Neither backs down: Wilson refused to conform to restrictive aesthetics for his plays; and Boy Willie only halts when a gun points at his eyes. In Mark Christopher Lawrence’s terrific performance, Boy Willie also resembles Sir John Falstaff. Both are larger than life and, no matter the question, they always have a sharp retort. The difference: Boy Willie’s as serious as Falstaff is playful. Born “in a time of fire,” Boy Willie will do anything — even wrestle a ghost — to fulfill his dream.

The family heirloom, an old piano with carvings, could be his answer. To his sister Berniece, however, the piano is a priceless legacy, telling the history of their family from slavery

and even further back. “You can’t sell your soul for money,” she tells Boy Willie.

As Berniece, Monique Gaffney is a force for preservation. Her toe-to-toe battles with Lawrence attain such epic stature that their dilemma feels unsolvable (unless they Solomon the piano in half, there seems no way out). But the play’s ending, “from somewhere old,” makes for a dramatic, terrifying, and ultimately moving resolution. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Aurelia’s Oratorio

The La Jolla Playhouse presents Aurelia Thierree and Victoria Thierree Chaplin’s dreamlike piece, its stage illusions inspired by “the magic of music hall and circus.” LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28.

boom

The fish suspect trouble. So does Jules. The gay marine biologist lives in an old bomb shelter and expects a comet to strike the earth soon. Since he might become the next Adam, Jules places an ad for meaningful sex. Jo, his one respondent, wants “no strings” but becomes a “postapocalyptic cohabitant.” Peter Sinn Nachtreib’s doom-drenched comedy raises questions about where — and who, and even if — we are. Except for blaring almost every sentence as a HEADLINE (which saps energy from the final scenes), the Rep’s staging’s a good one. Rachael VanWormer and Steven Lone, a deft mismatch, flit around David Lee Cuthbert’s cinder-block set like gymnasts. Barbara, the narrator, pulls levers and cues effects (esp. Tom Jones’s

house-rocking galactic intrusion) like a corporate Wizard of Oz. San Diego favorite Sylvia M’Lafi Thompson makes her both regal and insecure (and funny) and suggests throughout that there’s something fishy going on. (Note: Due to popular demand, the Rep has extended the show’s run.)

Worth a try:

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 6.

Breaking and Entering

Pacific Coast Theatre Company stages this romantic comedy about a charming con man and an apartment he thought would be empty. Instead, a mysterious woman awaits who knows his every move. 858-442-8543. MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL, 10510 REGAN RD., MIRA MESA. 6PM FRIDAY, 3PM AND 6PM SATURDAY.

Expecting Isabel

Miranda and Nick never thought they wanted to have a child. When they did, they couldn’t. So in Lisa Loomer’s lengthy comedy-drama they become rats in a bureaucratic maze, jumping through every adoption hoop — and they are legion — in the process. *Expecting Isabel* presents a 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 ethereal 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.

Worth a try:

MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BLVD., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 7.

Fever

For six performances only, Compass Theatre presents Wallace Shawn’s drama about “the awakening of a pampered man’s conscience.” Bryan Bevell reprises a role he played, to critical acclaim, in 2000.

COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. 4PM AND 9:30PM SATURDAY, 4PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, 7:30PM MONDAY, 7:30PM TUESDAY.

Glorious! The True Story of Florence Jenkins, the Worst Singer in the World

Before it had a name, Florence Foster Jenkins was a cult classic. The wealthy eccentric sang so badly, but with such bliss, that her small, devoted following included Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. She became, says playwright Peter Quilter, “a symbol to all those who dream, but never dared.” Her story, however, doesn’t make for much of a play. *Glorious* is a one-joke show. Once you’ve heard Susan Denaker

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sing, you get the point; then again and again. Denaker has a knack for singing horribly (no mean feat: she just misses notes and ping-pongs through Mozart's "Der Holle Rache" with ear-splitting panache) but has almost nothing, other than a rose-colored attitude, to work with. David McBean is elegant and funny as the pianist Cosme Mc-Moon (much of the show's humor comes from his reactions, a tactic that grows old before intermission); and versatile Annie Hinton plays an assemblage of supporting characters decked in Renetta Lloyd's apt period costumes. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 7.

Hansel and Gretel

Lyric Opera San Diego presents Engelbert Humperdinck's musical, based on the children's fairy tale. LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVE., SUITE 1, NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 2:30PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

The House of Yes

Compass Theatre stages Wendy MacLeod's "dark comedy" about a hurricane, a neighbor of the Kennedys' named Marty, and a threat to Jackie O. Jay Mower directed. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 14.

La Mandragola

A comedy by Niccolo Machiavelli, author of *The Prince*; Yes, and for young, horny Callimacho, the end justifies the means. He's loopy over Lucrezia, wife of Nicia, the wealthiest man of Florence, and she's fidelity personified. Aided by Ligu-rio, a nogoodnik, Callimacho devises a scheme to convince the husband that his wife should make love to another man. And in the end, the duped and dupers live happily ever after. At UCSD, director Isis Saratial Misdary has bold visual ideas (and satiric references to local and university economics,



Whisper House

not to mention playing "Amazing Grace" on an amplified kazoo). It begins on a loading dock and uses huge crates to good effect, especially the one that becomes Lucrezia's bedchamber. On opening night, however, the execution of these ideas left much to be desired. With few exceptions — among them Spencer Howard's wry Ligu-rio and Lee Montgomery's Siro — the acting was many rehearsals away from precision and, in some instances, from clarity. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-2230. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 6.

Lost in Yonkers

The Old Globe Theatre stages Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about brothers, in the summer of 1942, living with their financially strapped grandmother. Scott Schwartz directed. SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28.

The Man Who

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Postmortem

New Vision Theatre Company stages Ken Ludwig's "Sherlock Holmes-type whodunit." The famous actor William Gillette holds a séance, to which comes his murderer. SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-529-9140. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 14.

Pump Boys and Dinettes

Lamb's Players stages the popular roadside musical about a diner and filling station down on Highway 57 where locals entertain the customers. Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed. 619-437-0600. HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Swingtime Canteen

Moonlight Stage Productions presents the San Diego premiere of this "canteen musical." Hollywood star Marian Ames gathers up her "gal pals" to entertain the troops during WWII. Don Ward directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM AND 2PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 21.

They're Playing Our Song

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages the musical — book by Neil Simon, music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Carol Bayer Sager — about a

straight-laced composer and a free-spirited lyricist. Rick Shaffer directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 20.

Whisper House

The idea behind Duncan Sheik and Kyle Jarrow's new musical has potential: What if only certain characters sing? And what if they're ghosts haunting a light-house during WWII? Death in the midst of heightened life. But what could be a daring experiment — a Goth musical — ends up a dismal hybrid with each side tripping over the other. Sheik (who wrote the magnificent score for *Spring Awakening*) and Jarrow cram in every cliché about death, but without enough menace to hold the various elements together. The ghosts (who must kill someone to escape their plight) aren't tormented—they're rock stars. David Poe and Holly Brook sing quite well, but when they do they drop character and a concert breaks out. Except for Mare Winningham and Arthur Acuna, who smartly underplay their roles, the rest of the cast play stock characters overburdened with lengthy exposition, and the story evolves around predictable lines. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 21.

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Back in the Spotlight

It offers a fair share of ah-ha moments.

It seems impossible to speak of Mel Gibson's "comeback" in *Edge of Darkness* without speaking of what it is he is coming back from. But speaking strictly, the aftermath of his arrest for drunk driving in 2006 was altogether another form of entertainment, another medium. And while his behavior on

that occasion may have rendered him unfit for any number of things (political office leaps to mind), it could hardly be said to exclude him from the role of a Boston police officer tracking down his daughter's shotgun killer. Perhaps, given Mad Mel's inflammatory views of Jews in *The Passion of the Christ* and under the influence of tequila, it was asking for trouble to have him in the course of this role spew a line like, "You had better decide whether you're hangin' on the cross or poundin' in the nails," and further to highlight this line in the trailer. In context, though, it is the trouble of no more than a moment. To make any-

thing at all of it would be to make too much. People who can no longer look at Mel Gibson without hearing in their mind's ear some of his more unfortunate turns of phrase from the arrest report

have a choice to make: either hereafter avoid the tabloids or avoid the movies. Mel Gibson is not the only movie star about whom we know more than we need.

Nearer the point, he has done nothing to unfit himself for the role at hand in his gracious surrender to the advances of age. (It has been eight years since his last leading role in *Signs*.) The thinning hair, the sagging jowl, the three deep horizontal grooves in his forehead crossed with two vertical diagonals give him a humanity that is vital to the grieving avenger. And, with or without any outside knowledge of his inner demons, he is very believable when angry. He wears the role well. The detective work — the mistaken first assumption is that the detective him-



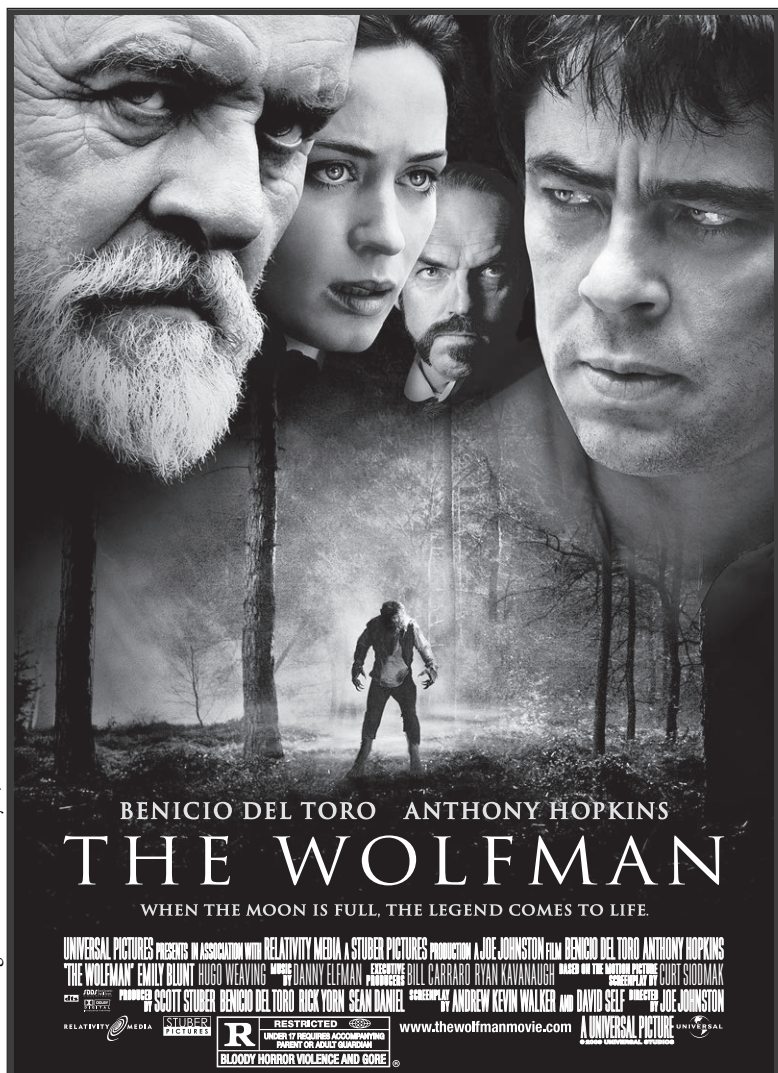
Edge of Darkness

self was the intended target — is solid and followable, and it offers a fair share of ah-ha moments. (Nice one: the lock of the daughter's hair snipped on the coroner's slab later reads as radioactive on the Geiger counter in her personal effects.) If the investigation depends overmuch on bullish Dirty Harry tactics to move it along, it at least pulls up short of the overscaled action — the

outrageous chases, the explosions, the Hong Kong combat — that has so numbed the contemporary action film. Thanks primarily to the scale, it's a sufficient thrill when Gibson simply unholsters and cuts loose with his sidearm. Thanks secondarily, right before that, to the alarming agitation of Caterina Scorsone at a secret roadside assignment, and to the suddenness

of the interruption of that meeting, and thanks in general to the self-effacing professionalism of director Martin Campbell and cameraman Phil Meheux.

There are other ways to heighten the scale, however. And at this late date we can scarcely be surprised, we can at best be resigned, that a grade-A mainstream murder mystery (based, like Steven Soderbergh's *Traffic* and Kevin



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Macdonald's *State of Play*, on a British TV miniseries) would lead ultimately to matters of national security and nuclear weaponry. The components of the paranoia thriller are by now mere conventions, and the shadowy figure of the lone-wolf federal troubleshooter, the Mr. Fix-it, the "cleaner," although played with relish by Ray Winstone, brings with him no measure of reality. No doubt it took a little crust to identify the complicit U.S. Senator as a Republican, especially as this is likely to irk some of the staunchest defenders of *The Passion of the Christ*. (Jesus, we've been taught to believe, was at some point converted to the GOP.) The greedy corporate type has been, so to speak, democratically photo-shopped into companionship with Clinton and Pelosi as well as Bush and Cheney, but that won't throw anyone off the scent: Eau de Républiquein.

At the finish, as the film sank into slow-motion sentimentality, I could not help but look back nostalgically — not terribly far back — to another Boston murder mystery, which, for all its social breadth and emotional depth, was finally just a murder mystery: *Mystic River*. The fate of the free world did not have to hang in the balance. The crime did not have to be pinned on Big Brother. The scale could stay local. There is a passing reference in *Edge of Darkness* to F. Scott Fitzgerald's familiar quotation about "the ability to hold two opposed ideas in mind at the same time," and although I don't offer it up as evidence of "a first-rate intelligence," I can say in that spirit that I myself am of two simultaneous minds about the film. I found it to be as enjoyable as I found it lamentable.

When in Rome, directed by Mark Steven Johnson, is a frightfully unfunny romantic-comic fantasy revolving around a junior curator at the Guggenheim, a single girl in Rome for her younger sister's wedding, who does as the Romans do not: pilfering five coins from the Fontana d'Amore and in magical consequence drawing their last owners to her like a magnet. If nothing else, with creamy-dreamy cinematography by John Bailey, this serves as a test of whether or not the chiselled and clenched Kristen Bell (*Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, *Couples Retreat*, etc.) can carry a movie by herself, albeit only a balsa-light one. Reckless would it be, off the results, to repeat the experiment taking away the helping hand of the casually confident Josh Duhamel or adding a bobby pin of extra weight.

Dear John weaves a wartime romance beginning in the spring of 2001 (you know what's coming) and stretching up to today, staggeringly basic and banal in its specifics, turning on a senseless withholding of information

for the sole purpose of contrived misunderstanding and revealed nobility. It issues from a novel by Nicholas Sparks, always a harbinger of goopy absurdity, and the chief function of director Lasse Hallstrom, at one time a halfway serious filmmaker, is to pour sunlight, moonlight, and firelight over it like syrup. The buggy-eyed Amanda Seyfried manages to convey maybe a month's worth of maturation over the decade-long storyline, but Channing Tatum makes a tiptop military type, a strong, silent type, guarded, humble, a tad pent-up, a tad petulant, several tads chivalrous. He merits some sort of medal for his recitation of the "I am a coin" letter to his dying numismatist dad. I can see good things in his future. Not in his past or his present.

Honesty compels me to admit I screened *La Danse* on DVD. But inasmuch as the Reading Gaslamp, which opens the film on Friday, has taken to projecting some of its "alternative" fare on disk, the point might be moot. I

can't say for a certainty that that's how this film will be shown to the public. I only have my suspicions. With that caveat, this privileged peek inside the Paris Opera Ballet — more than a peek, a thorough probe — ought to be catnip to anyone interested in classical and modern dance, or for that matter in artistic creation in any form, the process of bringing execution in line with conception. Veteran documentarian Frederick Wiseman provides no narrative thread and no commentary from within or without the picture frame, just random drop-ins on rehearsals (predominantly), polished performances, conferences in the inner sanctum, costume and makeup departments, the cafeteria, the corridors, anywhere and everywhere, down to the lone custodian picking up trash in the baroque auditorium. At over two and a half hours, it would be difficult to say that it couldn't have been tightened. Illuminating as it all is, it would be equally difficult to say exactly where it could

have been tightened. Honesty again compels me to admit I watched the two disks at separate sittings. ■

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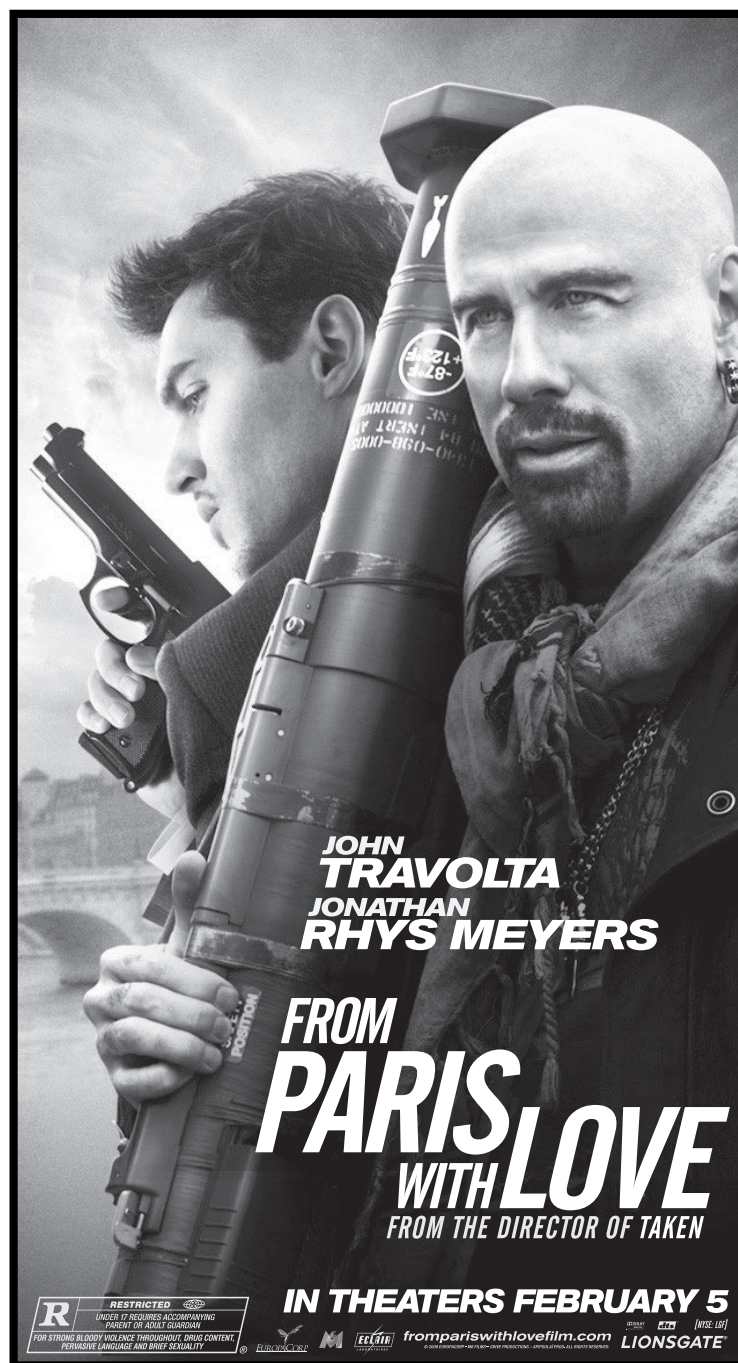
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Avatar — Ambitious merger of live action and computer animation, with at least one groundbreaking 3-D effect: English subtitles for the language spoken on the celestial body of Pandora inserted on a plane in the middle distance between a foreground figure and an upstage figure, as if the foreground one could look down and read the subtitle himself. This effect is silly, is pretentious, is pointless, and nonetheless is fun. Much the same could be said of the movie as a whole. Silly, pretentious, pointless, and fun is surely less than writer and director James Cameron had in mind for his first feature film since *Titanic* twelve years before, a two hour and forty-five minute "visionary" science-fiction epic that dishes up an allegory on globalism, a warm-over of

the old science-versus-military debate, a dose of Noble Savage romanticism, a Capt. Smith and Pocahontas culture-clash romance, an ecological message, and a tree-felling that insistently recalls the toppling of the World Trade Center. There appears little doubt that Cameron drew upon all his mental powers, yet happily those powers prove too feeble, too reliant on convention and stereotype, or if you wish to make it sound better, on tradition and archetype, to ruin the fun. The powers themselves, with their rumble of self-importance and their straining for significance, are part and parcel of the kitschy fun. Sam Worthington, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang, Giovanni Ribisi, Michelle Rodriguez. 2009.

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The Blind Side — Soft warm cozy sports story from the maker of *The Rookie*, John Lee Hancock, about a headstrong well-to-do white Memphis housewife who takes under her wing and under her roof a homeless black gentle giant, an irresistible force meeting an immovable object. Sandra Bullock stays obstinately on the surface of her



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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. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 Pienaar, struggle to outdo one another in stoical underplaying, and neither struggles noticeably with the accent. Eastwood, meantime, has his own struggle in making an unfamiliar sport comprehensible (“So, it is very important that we beat Australia”), and although he fails at that on the field of play, he succeeds stirringly in the stands and on the streets and in front of the nation's televisions. 2009. ★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

The Last Station — Light sport made of a great figure, Tolstoy in his “eccentric” later years of anti-materialism, nonresistance, celibacy, vegetarianism, or, in short, Tolstoyanism. Under the starry eye of the author's new secretary, a battle of wills, including a battle over the literal will, boils up between his leading disciple and his long-time wife, the latter not fully behind the concept of giving away their private property: “You all think he's Christ, don't you?” It remains for the most part a spectacle of disinterested amusement, although something deeper develops around the deathbed. Expertly, if theatrically, acted by Christopher Plummer and Helen Mirren, and archive footage of the real personages during the closing credits affirms the studiousness of the project. With James McAvoy, Paul Giamatti, Anne-Marie Duff, and Kerry Condon; written and directed by Michael Hoffman. 2009. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 2/5)

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Legion — The fate of the world plays out at a roadside diner in Paradise Falls at the edge of the Mojave Desert: the Archangel Michael and the Archangel Gabriel battle over the imminent illegitimate baby of a dirty-blond hash-slinger. Bombastic horror film with idiotic dialogue: “Either your child lives or mankind dies.” Paul Bettany, Adrianne Palicki, Lucas Black, Dennis Quaid, Tyrese Gibson; directed by Scott Stewart. 2010. ● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Lovely Bones — Fourteen-year-old rape and murder victim, marooned in “the in-between,” a/k/a “the blue horizon” dividing life and afterlife, continues to watch over her family, friends, and unapprehended killer, a quintessential creep who looks to be guiltily, self-incriminatingly, in disguise: Stanley Tucci with a blond comb-over hairpiece, paste-on matching mustache, aviator glasses, and cotton-stuffed cheeks. Some of the depictions of the closeness of the two realms are reasonably subtle and well done: the cold gray dreamscape

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The Last Station (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55, Sat. & Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05, Sat. & Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **The Imaginarium Of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45, Sat. & Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **A Single Man** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40), 6:50, Sat. & Sun. (1:40) 6:50; **Broken Embraces** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:05) 9:15; Sat. & Sun. (10:55) 4:05, 9:15

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel

(PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:35, 2:50; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45) 12:00, 2:20, 3:30, 6:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:05) 12:00, 1:30, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:25; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05p.m.; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50) 3:35, 8:15 Sun. 2:00, 7:05; **Dear John** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 3:05, 5:45, 8:20, 11:00 Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00 Sun. 12:30, 3:05, 5:45, 8:20; **Edge of Darkness** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 1:55, 2:55, 4:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:25, 10:15, 11:15 Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 2:55, 4:40, 5:35, 7:30, 8:25, 10:15; **Extraordinary Measures** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; **From Paris with Love** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 12:55, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55 Sun. (10:35) 1:20, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40; **Leap Year** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50 Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:15, 6:40, 9:15; **Legion** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 1:30, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00, 11:25 Sun. (11:05) 1:35, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:05 Sun. 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:40) 1:35, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20 Sun. (10:10) 1:00, 3:55, 6:50, 9:50; **The Tooth Fairy** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:25, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (10:00) 12:25, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:05) 12:40, 3:20, 5:55, 8:30, 11:10 Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55; **When in Rome** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10 Sun. (10:25) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10:10; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 6:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:45) 4:30, 9:35

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Dear John (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Mon.-Wed.**: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **Thu.**: (10:00, 11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **From Paris With Love** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **Sun.-**

Thu.: (11:00, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:30; **Edge of Darkness** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Sun.-Thu.**: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30; **When in Rome** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Sun.-Wed.**: (12:15, 3:00), 5:45, 8:15; **Thu.**: (12:15, 3:00), 5:45, 7:00, 8:15; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Sun.-Wed.**: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00; **Thu.**: (11:45, 2:30); **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.: 4:30, 10:00; **Sat.**: (11:00), 4:30, 10:00; **Sun.**: (11:00), 4:30; **Mon.**: (11:00); **Tue. & Wed.**: 4:30 pm; **Thu.**: (11:00), 4:30; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (1:45), 7:15; **Mon.**: (1:45); **Tue. & Wed.**: (1:45), 7:15; **Thu.**: (1:45); **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; **Sun. - Thu.**: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00; **Super Why!: Attack Of The Eraser** (NR) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am; **World Opera in Cinema: Otello** (NR) Wed: 10:30 am

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:10; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 11:30) 12:15, 2:30, 3:10, 4:00, 6:05, 6:45, 7:35, 9:45, 10:25, 11:15 Sun. (10:45, 11:30) 12:15, 2:30, 3:10, 4:00, 6:05, 6:45, 7:35, 9:45, 10:25; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri. (10:50) 12:55, 1:40, 3:50, 4:45, 6:50, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40 Sat. (10:50) 1:40, 3:50, 4:45, 6:50, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40 Sun. (10:50) 12:55, 1:40, 3:50, 4:45, 6:50, 7:45, 9:50; **Daybreakers** (R) Fri. 4:40, 7:05, 9:30, 11:50 Sat.-Sun. 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; **Dear John** (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 11:00) 12:45, 1:45, 3:40, 4:35, 6:30, 7:20, 9:10, 10:05, 11:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 11:00) 12:45, 1:45, 3:40, 4:35, 6:30, 7:20, 9:10, 10:05; **Edge of Darkness** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:15 Fri. (10:25) 12:30, 1:20, 3:30, 4:15, 6:25, 7:10, 9:20, 10:15, 12:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 12:30, 1:20, 3:30, 4:15, 6:25, 7:10, 9:20, 10:15, 12:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 12:30, 1:20, 3:30, 4:15, 6:25, 7:10, 9:20, 10:15, 12:00; **From Paris with Love** (R) Fri. (11:15) 12:05, 1:50, 2:40, 4:25, 5:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:35, 10:30, 12:00 Sat. (11:15) 12:05, 1:50, 2:40, 4:25, 5:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:35, 10:30, 12:00; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20; **Legion** (R) Fri. (11:20) 1:55, 4:20, 6:55, 9:25, 11:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:20, 6:55, 9:25; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:25, 3:25, 6:35, 9:40; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:50, 3:45, 6:40, 9:55; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15; **The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra** (Not

Rated) Sat. 10:00a.m.; **The Tooth Fairy** (PG) Fri. 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35 Sat. (10:00) 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35 Sun. (10:00) 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:30; **To Save a Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:05, 7:05; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **When in Rome** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; **Youth in Revolt** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 4:50, 9:55

UPTOWN

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Crazy Heart (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:35; Sat. & Sun. (10:55) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; **An Education** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:20, 9:55, Sat. & Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; **A Single Man** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05, Sat. & Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; **The White Ribbon** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:15) 8:30; Sat. & Sun. (10:45) 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; **Precious: Based On The Novel 'Push' By Sapphire** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; No 7:10 pm show Mon., 02/08/10, Sat. & Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

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

Avatar 3D (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:35) 7:00, 10:20; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:35; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; **Dear John** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **Edge of Darkness** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **From Paris with Love** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30)

5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 5:00, 7:40; **Legion** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:05, 8:20, 10:40; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 10:25; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:45) 4:35, 7:25, 10:10; **When in Rome** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10, 10:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:25, 4:50) Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:50; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 3:00) 6:40, 10:15; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:20) 7:00, 10:35; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 10:05; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:55) 7:25, 10:10; **Dear John** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:45, 3:15) 6:50, 7:20, 9:30, 10:00; **Edge of Darkness** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Extraordinary Measures** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50a.m.); **From Paris with Love** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:20, 5:00) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 5:00, 7:50, 10:20; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri. (12:15) 3:05, 7:10, 10:00 Sat. (12:15, 3:05) 7:10, 10:00 Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 7:15, 10:00; **Legion** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:10) 7:05, 9:40; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 6:55; **Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:30, 10:25; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:35) 6:45, 9:55; **The Tooth Fairy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:20) 7:15, 9:45; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; **When in Rome** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 10:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG); **The Book of Eli** (R); **Edge of Darkness** (R); **Tooth Fairy** (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

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



Dear John (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **From Paris With Love** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: (3:45), 6:00, 8:15; **Edge of Darkness** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30 AM), (2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.: (11:30 AM), (2:15), 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 5:00, 7:45; **When in Rome** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.: (12:45, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: (3:00), 5:15, 7:30; **Legion** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:45, 8:00; **The Tooth Fairy** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.: (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30; Mon.-Thu.: (4:00), 6:15, 8:30; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: 4:30, 7:15; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri.: (11:45), 4:45; Sat.-Thu.: (11:45), 5:45; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.: (12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: 4:45, 7:00; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:30), 7:00; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu.: (2:45), 8:45; **Super Why!: Attack Of The Eraser** (NR) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)

Avatar 3D (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 2:35,

6:15, 9:45; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; **Dear John** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:15) 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15 Sat. (10:30) 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 4:50, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:30) 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15; **Edge of Darkness** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; **From Paris with Love** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **It's Complicated** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 1:10, 4:05, 6:55, 9:50; **Legion** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:20) 12:55, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20 Sun. 12:55, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:00, 7:05, 10:00; **The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 1:40 Sun. 1:40p.m.; **The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:00a.m.; **The Tooth Fairy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:25; **When in Rome** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:20

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (888-262-4386)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG); **Avatar** (PG-13); **The Blind Side** (PG-13); **The Book of Eli** (R); **Daybreakers** (R); **Dear John** (PG-13); **Edge of Darkness** (R); **An Education** (PG-13); **From Paris with Love** (R); **It's Complicated** (R); **Legion** (R); **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13); **The Princess and the Frog** (G); **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13); **The Spy Next Door** (PG); **Tooth Fairy** (PG); **When in Rome** (PG-13)

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NATIONAL CITY

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG); **Avatar** (PG-13); **The Book of Eli** (R); **Daybreakers** (R); **Dear John** (PG-13); **Edge of Darkness** (R); **From Paris with Love** (R);

Legion (R); **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13); **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13); **The Spy Next Door** (PG); **Tooth Fairy** (PG); **When in Rome** (PG-13)

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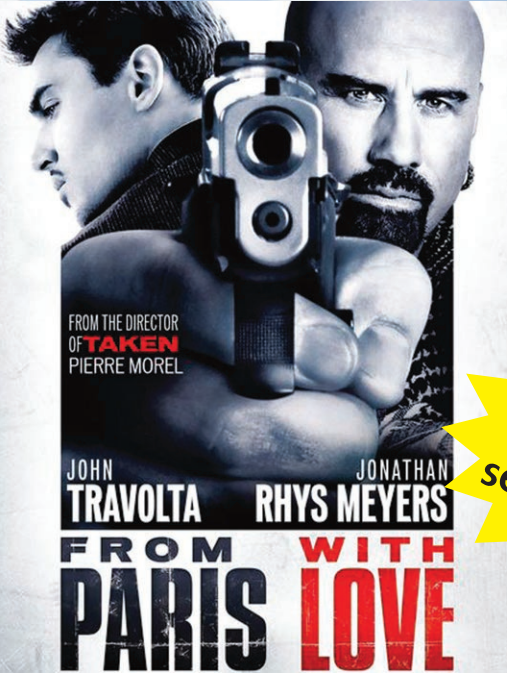
River Village 6

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



Dear John (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Mon - Thu: (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **From Paris With Love** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Edge of Darkness** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.: (11:15, 2:00), 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 5:00, 7:45; **When in Rome** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.: (12:45, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: (3:00), 5:15, 7:30; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: 4:30, 7:15; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:30), 7:00; **Super Why!: Attack Of The Eraser** (NR) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

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Avatar 3D (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:40, 3:35, 4:15) 7:10, 7:50, 10:35; **The Book of Eli** (R) Fri. (11:10, 2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:15; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Dear John** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:00) 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20; **Edge of Darkness** (R) Fri. (11:15, 1:15, 2:05, 4:45) 7:05, 7:45, 10:30; **From Paris with Love** (R) Fri. (12:00, 12:40, 2:35, 3:15, 5:00, 5:40) 7:25, 8:10, 9:50, 10:30; **Legion** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:35) 8:00, 10:25; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri. (4:05) 9:45; **The Tooth Fairy** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:35, 10:00; **To Save a Life** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; **When in Rome** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 12:15, 1:10, 2:40, 3:20, 4:55, 5:40) 7:15, 7:55, 9:40, 10:20

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Edge of Darkness (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30;
When in Rome (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45, 9:50 Sun. (11:25, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45

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occupied by the fresh murder victim who doesn't yet realize she's dead and doesn't understand why she can't connect with the people she sees; or the flickering reflection of an unflickering candle flame by which the girl makes her presence known to her grieving father. But too much of the Other Side, in particular the climactic communion of all the victims of the serial killer, is spoiled by the music-video vulgarity of the CGI. With Saoirse Ronan, Mark Wahlberg, Rachel Weisz, and Susan Sarandon; directed by Peter Jackson. 2009.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 di-

vide 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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST CINE-MAS)

The Princess and the Frog — Throw-back Disney cartoon, a blessed retreat from plumped-up computer animation and smart-alek anachronisms. The updated and retailored fairy tale serves primarily as a valentine to Old New Orleans: jazz, voodoo, gumbo, beignets, riverboat, street-car (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.

★★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.

● (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; 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 convincingly a photographic eye to go along with a curatorial taste in the early-Sixties period, although the total ambience resembles that of a retro pictorial in *Harper's Bazaar* rather than an accurate depiction of a gloomy Brit in sunny So-Cal during the Kennedy Era. And he controls the color saturation of his imagery as if through an IV, maintaining gray drained faded tones for the present tense, pedantically contrasted with florid flushed flashbacks; and any passing sensory sensation in the faded present, any flicker of life, any tremor of reanimation, any stir of passion, will bring a sudden surge of saturation. It's a definite idea, even if a transparent one. With Julianne Moore, Nicholas

Hoult, and Matthew Goode. 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Thing — Who on earth (or off it) could have felt the necessity to re-do Howard Hawks's sci-fi classic? Since the answer to that seems to be John Carpenter, the question becomes: hasn't Carpenter paid sufficient tribute to Hawks on other occasions? But perhaps Carpenter wanted to disconnect himself from Hawks by staying truer to John W. Campbell, Jr.'s original story, *Who Goes There?*, which the Hawks version vastly improved on. The differences from the 1951 film are numerous: blame for thawing The Thing out of the ice has been sloughed off onto Norwegians (this wasn't in the original story either, but something was needed to pad the running time); the humor has been eliminated, notwithstanding some early evocations of the college-dorm atmosphere of Carpenter's *Dark Star*; and the *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* dehumanization theme has been restored to prominence. And then there are oodles of state-of-the-art special effects: slimy, gristly, gelatinous sights, accompanied by crackly, gurgly, slurpy sounds — plus plenty of flares, fires, and explosions. With Kurt Russell, Richard Dysart, A. Wilford Brimley. 1982.

★ (KEN, 2/6 MIDNIGHT)

A Town Called Panic — Gallic nonsense in claymation, centered on toy figures generically identified as Cowboy, Indian, and Horse, whose adventures take them to the earth's core, the polar ice cap, and the bottom of the sea. The human figures are appealingly balanced on puddle-like green bases for stability, while the animal can make do on all fours. Without exception they possess irritating voices of one type or another, and the runaway whimsy is cumulatively, and quite quickly, leaden. Directed by Stéphane Aubier and Vincent Patar, who themselves supplied some of the irritating voices. 2009.

★ (KEN, 2/5 THROUGH 11)

Up in the Air — A comedown from Jason Reitman's auspicious first two features, *Thank You for Smoking* and *Junio*, 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 back-sliding George Clooney, back at least as far as Danny Ocean if not all the way to Dr. Ross on *ER*, makes him an unlikely candidate to be handing out pink slips, unless as a grotesque expressionistic subjective projection of the pink-slip recipients. The recipients themselves, while widely varied in type, many of them having been downsized in real life, are for the most part penned up in bum's-rush montages. And the movie overall seems to share rather too much of the protagonist's glibness and frigidity. Waiting for a crack to appear in his façade is a sufficiently conventional plot hook, and patching up the crack afterwards is an insufficiently unconventional ending. Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Jason Bateman, Melanie Lynskey, Danny McBride. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

When in Rome — Reviewed this issue. With Kristen Bell, Josh Duhamel, Anjelica Huston, and Danny DeVito; directed by Mark Steven Johnson.

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The White Ribbon — In starchy, flat, monotonic black-and-white, Michael Haneke details the unsettling goings-on — unsettling being Haneke's staff of life — in a Protestant town in northern Germany in the year leading up to the First World War. If the reminiscing narrator, in old man's voice, hadn't suggested at the outset that the events "could perhaps clarify some things that happened in this country" — presumably things that happened in the lead-up to the Second World War — it is doubtful whether the viewer would find much significance in the goings-on or would be much disposed to search for some. They're dispersed over a two-and-a-half-hour running time, such that there's a disconnectedness about them and little tension or suspense in between. In the end, it's difficult to escape the feeling that the whole infested village couldn't just as well be plunked down in Sweden or Holland. And what would be the significance of that? Christian Friedel, Leonie Benesch, Ulrich Tukur, Burghart Klaussner, Rainer Bock. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 moustache, 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, unexpected 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.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15, FROM 2/5; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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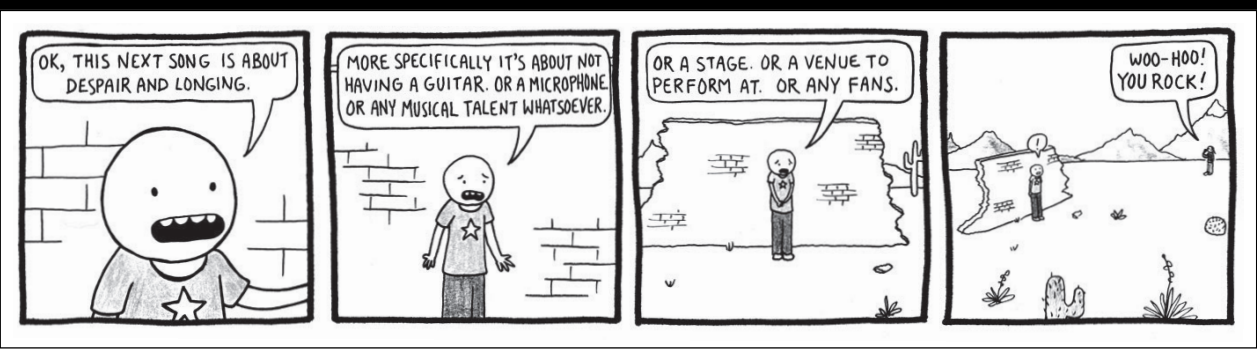


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2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great 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 619-231-0489 or 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: puzzles@sreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
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And now for the really small print:
1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Late entries will not be considered.
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- 1. Palindromic title
- 6. Pop
- 10. Marine hue
- 14. Unaccompanied
- 15. Temperament
- 16. Partner of void
- 17. Acknowledge silently
- 18. "I didn't think you'd be here ..."

- 19. "Here ____ nothing!"
- 20. 2008 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee
- 23. Photo ____
- 24. Choose (to)
- 25. Illinois city on the Mississippi
- 29. "Nighttime, Enigma, Nostalgia" painter
- 33. "Pleeeeeease?"
- 35. Dinghy propeller
- 36. "... or so ____ told"
- 37. Annoying quality in some people (that is literally found in 20-, 29-, 45- and 55-Across)
- 42. Year in Ivan the Great's rule
- 43. Spy org.
- 44. Have the ____ for
- 45. Reality TV mom to five girls and three boys
- 50. ____ fat
- 51. End of a private email address?
- 52. Penn & Teller, e.g.
- 55. Pulitzer-winning cartoonist of 1948
- 60. Furniture seller since 1943
- 63. Milk, to Marcel Marceau
- 64. Wander
- 65. Best man's charge
- 66. Writer Sarah ____ Jewett
- 67. Lauder of cosmetics
- 68. Stuffing herb
- 69. Delighted
- 70. Calls for

Down

- 1. Juicy fruit
- 2. Knock for ____
- 3. Numbskulls
- 4. Actresses Gasteyer and Ortiz
- 5. Fast, as a rise
- 6. Peanut butter choice

- 7. Reactions to fireworks
- 8. Homer Simpson outbursts
- 9. Track #9 on "Closer: The Best of Sarah McLachlan"
- 10. San ____, Tex.
- 11. Status ____
- 12. Suffix with glob
- 13. "Happy Days" diner
- 21. Family MDs
- 22. ____ order
- 26. Country singer Travis
- 27. Sanctions
- 28. Citi Field team, on scoreboards
- 29. It starts with enero
- 30. Smidgens
- 31. Choreographer Lubovitch
- 32. Verdi's "____ tu"
- 33. Tree on the Lebanese flag
- 34. Heartburn
- 38. Green: Prefix
- 39. Grafton's "____ for Noose"
- 40. Kids
- 41. Charged particle
- 42. Shopping ctr.
- 46. Bring to a boil?
- 47. Atlanta sch.
- 48. Acted badly?
- 49. Hip-hop's ____ Kim
- 52. Al ____ (a bit firm)
- 53. Prodded
- 54. S-shaped moldings
- 56. Surfer's reading
- 57. Warren of the Supreme Court
- 58. Actress Gershon
- 59. Stop on the way home?
- 60. 1040EZ issuer
- 61. Sedona maker
- 62. Subj. including grammar

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Personal Message: _____

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 4. Mudder! Mudder!!
Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 4. I love my girls Michelle, Sarah, and Sandy
Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 4. Grandma's here!
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 4. Happy Birthday V
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 4. Plan ahead- it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark
☛ **Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 4.** Rain will come again.
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 4. Happy Birthday to me!
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 4. Padres — looking better

Eric Cash, Escondido, 4. Eavan loves to show off her big new vocabulary.
Leslie Chase, Campo, 4. Team orange teleconference tackled the puzzle
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 4. I saw a book titled "Theft Prevention" I shoplifted it
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 4. Kill your grass and plant natives.
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 4. Got a GPS, found some geocaches. It's a lot of fun
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 4. Happy Birthday, Sahar
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 4. It's "Wayne" not "Wayde"!!

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 4. Pedal your bike every day. You'll be better for it.
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 4. God bless our troops
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 4. I really love NewYork
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 4. 48 across British business woman human rights activist and environmentalist
Dorothy Kruse, Carlsbad, 4. Had fun with this!
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 4. I'm glad the hypocrite Arnold is termed out.
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 4. Rejoice! This is the day God has given us!
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 4. Be nice to the elderly-someday you'll be old too!

Ron Meyer, Santee, 4. Hunny, I love you
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 4. Is the answer Shoganai or Ennui?
☛ **Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 4.** Carpe diem!
Jim Odell, Vista, 4. Spare the rod and spoil the child, they once said.
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 4. Battin' 1000
P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 4. Thanks for the T-shirt
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 4. still waiting for fame!
John Pertle, Santee, 4. God gives eternal life as a free gift.
Romans 6:23
Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 4. Happy Bday Phyl
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 4. Snowy peaks reflect the orange of sunrise

☛ **Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 4.** B/I is beautiful!
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 4. 60 is the new 40! Really! No... Really
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 4. It is gone
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 4. Happy birthday to me!
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 4. Happy 10th, Rosa and John.
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 4. I hope Gomer Pyle, I mean Peyton Manning chokes, golly!
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 4. The way to greatness is paved with toil
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 4. There's more in number four
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 4. Rodriguez is "A-rod" or "A-fraud now"
Norman Williams, San Diego, 4. What da fuss??

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4. Hey, Barack, government jobs don't grow the economy!
Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 4. No matter where you go, there you are
☛ **Ken A., Ocean Beach, 3.** All hail Baba Jeebus, the lab of gob.
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 3. yo Obo- It's still the economy, stupid!
Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 3. Best snow in years=no time for crossword
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 3. God is good!
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 3. Hi All! Love ya!
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 3. I have a laminate
Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 3. Your plastic Pat who's fun to be with!

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 3.
2010: exercise, cut alcohol, lift weights, no sugar, salt. Naah!
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 3. *The jig is up on this one*
George Elam, Vista, 3. *Go Brees, go Bush.*
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 3.
Better the Saints than the Colts.
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 3.
I love you Pooh! Abilio Magellan is fruity!
Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 3.
Adopt a pound puppy! You'll love it

Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 3.
Let the painting begin!
Carmen Jacobo, Clairemont, 3.
Hooray! I finished it!
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 3.
Happy Groundhogs Day! Kiera Bodo!
Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 3.
The most wasted days r that in which we have not laughed.
Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 3. *A week and a half left. Barona here we come!*
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 3.
Don't pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 3.
For petes sake. For your sake
Don Romero, La Mesa, 3.
Happy Anniversary sweet Mei Ling!! I Luv U
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 3. *Everton*
Dave Small, San Carlos, 3.
"Boxed in" Good crossword solution
Duane Tremaine, East Village, 3. *I keep and pass and turn again*
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 3. *Shirt #2 thanks!*
☛ **Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 3.** *Great!*
Al Alcazar, National City, 2.
Happy Valentines, Nitz

☛ **Kaye Benton, San Diego, 2.**
Reader should run a T-shirt design contest...
Steven Crock, San Diego, 2.
Made 270 days sober; "good deal" Hi mom and Tom
John L. Drehner, North Park, 2.
All politicians stand for the same thing: Reflection
Chad Griffith, Poway, 2. *Happy belated Anniversary Kate 21 years and counting!*
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 2. *I love Larry. Larry loves me and poker. Win big*
John Pilch, San Carlos, 2. *The Chargers want a new what? Go Saints! Great t-shirt*

Susan Naslund, San Diego, 2. *I want to hold your hand*
Ray Schwartz, No Clairmont, 2. *Go Kings Go*
Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 2.
Congratulations Brew Brees!
Carly Stone, San Diego, 2.
Thanks for the tshirt
☛ **Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 2.** *Sometimes you feel like a nut...*
Jay Andrada, San Diego, 1.
Jaytoh rules!
Robert Handon, Middletown, 1. *Dyno Brand Rocks!*
Tara Lawrence-Stuart, Ocean Beach, 1. *Tougher than the Noo Yawk times- puzzle*

Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 1.
Jesus loves you
Linda Morris, Encanto, 1. *Having football withdrawal syndrome!*
Ron Pollack, Encinitas, 1. *For Chloe Wayne- smartest girl in the 2nd grade*
Dayn Richardson, University Heights, 1. *Peace love and pimpin'*
Celtic Sloan, Clairemont, 1. *Go Celtics!*
Zona Wahrenbrock, San Diego, 1. *Hard one*
Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 1. *C'omn Carla!*

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- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

	1	4	9	6		8		2
9		3						
7	2			5	8		4	
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	7		8	2	9	3		
	4		5	9			1	7
						6		8
6		7		8	1	4	3	

MEDIUM:

			9			6	3	2
9		6					8	
		3		1		5	9	
			4				2	
4			3		1			5
	7				9			
	9	2		5		1		
	6				7		3	
7	1	4			3			

HARD:

		8			2		6	
	9				3			5
		1	5	9				3
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9								1
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6				5	4	1		
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	5		7			8		

EVIL:

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Name: _____

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Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

3	1	7	9	8	5	4	6	2
4	9	6	3	1	2	5	8	7
2	5	8	7	6	4	1	9	3
5	6	9	8	4	3	7	2	1
1	4	3	2	7	9	8	5	6
8	7	2	6	5	1	9	3	4
9	3	4	1	2	8	6	7	5
7	2	1	5	9	6	3	4	8
6	8	5	4	3	7	2	1	9

MEDIUM:

9	5	4	7	8	2	3	6	1
2	7	6	5	1	3	4	8	9
3	8	1	9	4	6	7	5	2
4	1	5	6	9	7	2	3	8
8	6	2	1	3	4	5	9	7
7	3	9	8	2	5	6	1	4
1	4	7	3	5	9	8	2	6
6	9	3	2	7	8	1	4	5
5	2	8	4	6	1	9	7	3

HARD:

8	1	7	6	4	3	9	2	5
4	5	3	8	2	9	6	7	1
9	6	2	5	1	7	8	4	3
1	7	6	9	5	2	4	3	8
3	8	4	7	6	1	2	5	9
2	9	5	4	3	8	1	6	7
7	4	8	2	9	5	3	1	6
6	3	9	1	7	4	5	8	2
5	2	1	3	8	6	7	9	4

EVIL:

2	9	6	8	1	7	4	5	3
3	8	7	6	5	4	2	9	1
1	4	5	3	9	2	6	7	8
8	1	9	2	6	5	3	4	7
7	5	4	9	8	3	1	6	2
6	2	3	4	7	1	5	8	9
9	7	1	5	2	6	8	3	4
5	3	2	7	4	8	9	1	6
4	6	8	1	3	9	7	2	5

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

EASY:

Aaron Abramson, Williamstown, 4. *Go Saints!*
Don Bowman, Santee, 4. *Said "six more weeks of winter"...Rain*
Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 4. *Can't wait for SuperBowl*
M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 4. *I love tangerine trees.*
Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 4. *Hey Bren doggy doggy did you find me?*
John Pertle, Santee, 4. *You cant earn salvation through good deeds. Titus 3:5*
Justino Rochin III, San Diego, 4. *Got my shirt thanks mom!!!*
Ed Rull, San Diego, 4. *Hello Everyone*
☛ **D. Stiewig, Santee, 4.** *Ditto*
Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 3. *Happy Valentine's day everyone!*
P. Alcarese, Banker's Hill, 1. *Many more happy birthdays, Greg.*
I love us
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1. *Go Saints!*

☛ **Ben Breeding, San Diego, 1.** *Chargers- superbowl baby! Next year!*
Phil Brockman, Spring Valley, 1. *Even in our strongest time, we are humbled*
Dr. Dave, Pt Loma, 1. *Crissy thanks 4 waiting love D*
Chris Dunn, Lemon Grove, 1. *No more jumping out of trees Adrian!!*
Rossinna Ippolito, University Heights, 1. *New project- indexing Swedenborg*
Harvey Mozer, La Mesa, 1. *I love you, Ina*
Juli Richardson, Chula Vista, 1. *Do you recycle?*
Jenna Rushie, Lakeside, 1. *Hi dad! I love you Travis!*
Cathryn A. Ward, Clairmont, 1. *Buy art*

MEDIUM:

Betty Archer, La Jolla, 4. *If you turn "evil" around, you will get to "live"!*

Robyn Johnson, Vista, 4. *Thank you for everything mom! I love you*
Dave Small, San Carlos, 4. *Beach weather's comin'.*
David Tomasin, San Diego, 4. *Steve Wampler is right*
Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 3. *You guys are not so bright!*
Linda Bible, El Cajon, 3. *Haiti needs "your" help*
Henry Chung, San Diego, 3. *Yay for Modern Warfare 2!!*
Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 3. *Thank god, for good old sunshine*
Willam Stiewig, Vallejo, 3. *49er forever*
Hans Butikofer, Mission Beach, 2. *One of these weeks I'll do hadr*
Jose R. Cadava, Spring Valley, 2. *Where is my shirt (medium)?*
Emily Posedel, San Diego, 2. *Hi Susan!*
Pretty Sara , Ocean Beach, 2. *Im have...*
☛ **Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 2.** *Root for Drew!*
Susie Boyko, Spring Valley, 1. *This is my 2nd hip replacement*

George Elam, Vista, 1. *Too much on my mind Congrats Dana!*
Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 1. *Glad to live in Americas finest city*
Robert Lindahl, Collage Area, 1. *To my hott sweet sexy Phyllis I lovey a cutie*
Julie Simons, City Heights, 1. *Thanx for the tshirt*

HARD:

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 4. *Made it just in time*
Esther Hays, La Mesa, 4. *Now THAT was a very hard sudoku*
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 4. *Oh WTF, why not cry "c'est la vie!"*
Skully, San Diego, 4. *Monkey-Boy Kitten loves you big bunches, come home soon please*
Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 4. *Any day you wake up is a good day!*
Green Dave Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 2. *Fabulous hip replacements: Sunshine Company- Ocean Beach: Saturday, February 6th*
Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 2. *Conan is rarely funny*
☛ **Erik Carroll, San Carlos, 1.** *Go Aztecs! Get to the tournament!*

Ray Hunt, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. *Happy New Year- Jean Marie, Tom, Maranda, and Brandon*

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 4. *Real Reason 4 "5/4 Decision" is 2 stop POPULIST 3RD PARTY !*
Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 4. *Get well soon, J.P. HB. G.M.*
Rainier Bernardo, San Diego, 4. *Shop the Spare Room Ladies Cosignment in Bonita*
Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 4. *Sex rehab? What a joke! Tee it up Tiger!*
Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 4. *Climate change is a millenius-old, naturally occuring phenomenon!!*
Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 4. *Vertigo must go*
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 4. *Sometimes its not wise to be clever*
Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 4. *Oxygen is great!*
Larry Clark, Clairemont, 4. *All women are beautiful, but some just barely make it.*
Roger Doughman, San Diego, 4. *Give thanks to the lord, for he is good. PS 136:1*

Butch Hays, La Mesa, 4. *Evil evil this week*
Dan Holslin, San Diego, 4. *Go to JREF with an open mind*
Belmont Hope, Vista, 4. *Brave new world!*
Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 4. *A tough 2010 week 4*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 4. *Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo! Happy February!*
Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 4. *All you need is love!*
Raymond Land , Escondido, 4. *We need a new constitutional convention*
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 4. *Hate noisy cars and moterbikes- stop muffler removal*
Julio Magno, San Diego, 4. *Hi Eileen!*
Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 4. *We are almost there!*
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 4. *I'm glad Arnold the hypocrite is termed out!*
P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 4. *This one is for Stephanie*
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 4. *Does Mary Bentley still play Dominoes? Please call*

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Tom Norris, Santee, 4. Something, something, something, dark-side. Something, something, something, complete...

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 4. Things ain't stuff

Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 4. The evil was real...

David Schwartz, Clairemont, 4. Did you have a good Hocky weekend in America

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 4. Send the ProBowl back to Hawaii after SuperBowl

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 4. Take a hike - see calendar/outdoors section

Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 4. Big daddy makes everything ok!

John Strauch, Point Loma, 4. Walked titus St. Climbed Benchmark High

Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 4. Larger government results in more crony capitalism

Duane D. Tremaine, E. Village, 4. They know not well the subtle ways

Harry R. Walker , La Jolla, 4. Hi to Donna and Glenn. I love you both a lot!

Susan Williams, North Park, 4. RIP Kate McGarrigle

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4. Hey Jerry- is everything in the budget higher than...?

Mark Xitco, San Diego, 4. It won't be long now!

☛ Michael Boyko, Spring Valley, 3. Bulent time to catch up Paul Brugger, Downtown, 3. Extraction crowns done last week, call me Mr Puffy Cheek

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 3. Happy Anniversary Charles! Happy Birthday Kayla and Paulina.

Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 3. Happy Bday Pam!

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 3. Simple, cheap transportation, your bike

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 3. Thanks for lunch Dennis

Karen Friedman, Kensington, 3. Cant wait for February

Lou Guillou, Winoma, 3. Back to normal

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 3. Bert, I miss you get better

Christine Hennes, San Diego, 3. True to myself

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 3. Out of town for 1 week- will be hard to...

Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 3. Glad you're better Dan, thanks Ron, Betty, Ken, and Eve.

Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 3. With ET closing, who will find the next PARP

Terri Okerlund, San Diego, 3. Spread kindness

Charles Reader, Del Mar Heights, 3. Reader reads Reader

Joe Selig, San Diego, 3. Make the house and clean the dinner

Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 3. Thank You for the T-shirt.

Eleanor Burbank, Escondido, 2. By the clouds and stars and pass where no one...

☛ Sean Hammer, SDSU, 2. Man made global warming is a hoax! No cap and trade

Lark Herrick, Alpine, 2. Did the evil again. Woohoo!

Jeannie Higbee, Spring Valley, 2. Girl Scout Cookies!

Stuart Lester, Santee, 2. For Joannie, who's got it all!

Ken Pae, San Diego, 2. Better to lose a lover than to love a loser

Michael Shaw, Lakeside, 2. Shower- it rids you of BO

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 2. Stop Sunrise Powerlink, its an Ecological Disaster!

Jackson Sutton Clark, Coronado, 2. Thanks for the classy tshirt

☛ Bulent Yoldas, Ramona, 2. One less evil to worry!

Linda J. Blevins, Oceanside, 1. Feels good to get evil

R. Dusa, San Diego, 1. Missing you already Aunti Paning

Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 1. This really is evil!! Give us more

Elaine Howell, Escondido, 1.

Hey Alton your name in Reader via spotlight of Hollywood

Steve Koenig, Bay Park, 1. Go job go

Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 1. Just got back from the other side.

What'd I miss?

Bruce Richter, Cardiff, 1. Love the west coast

Charles Rion, Allied Gardens,

1. Love U K

Louie Rodriguez, Chula Vista,

1. Love my San Diego super

Chargers!

Ray Sarve, Oceanside, 1. I

want to thank my family and

friends

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 1.

The best part of hard times is the

end

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Jacob Miranda
Valet
North Park

The thought of having to do — and think about — more school-work ahead of me. I’m actually studying nursing. So, pretty much school keeps me up at night because I’m always stressed out about having to study more and more and just keep up with everything. It’s been hard to go to school and keep a day job like this.



Rosa Ruiz
Student
Ocean View

Probably, like, situations that are going on. Things that you always think about that just get you thinking. You want to think and think and you just can’t *sleep!*



Ian Osterberg
Firefighter
Escondido

It’s probably just thinking about stuff that’s gonna happen the next day — thinking about stuff that’s going on and stressing about it. If there’s something big going on, like tests or a job interview — a test to study for or job interviews will definitely keep me up at night...the anxiety.



Chandra Osterberg
Server
Escondido

Usually just staying up too late the night before. My biggest problem is that I stay up too late and then it’s just kind of a downward cycle; I’m not tired the next night. I need to not sleep in too late, or else I’m not tired, but it’s still 11 o’clock. My husband’s always telling me that I need to go to bed earlier. That, and just kind of destressing from work. I’m a server and I work a lot of nights. When I get home from work, my brain’s still going crazy and I’m still serving tables. I just need to get out of the work mode.



Allison Zeman
Firefighter
Escondido

I have a hard time sleeping. Most of the time I probably just can’t shut off my mind. It just keeps going and going at night. That’s the biggest thing, I think. You lay there and think about the day and what you need to do in the next day — and just stuff throughout the day.



Alex Madrid
Musician
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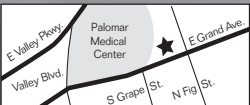
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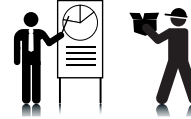


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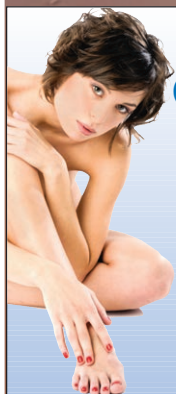


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Mind, Body Fitness and Wellness Clinics. Thursday, February 4. 5pm: Fitness class – core strength stability and conditioning mat class. 6pm: Yoga – Hatha Vinyasa mix. 7:30pm: Alternative Wellness Clinic – Acupuncture/Massage/Energy Medicine. \$10 donation for the evening. Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, San Diego 92116. 619-884-2662.

Keeping Older Adults on the Go! Wednesday, February 10, 3-5:30pm. Goal is to educate seniors, families about decision to stop driving, learn how brain exercises can improve driving skills, discover community alternatives to driving. Admission free. Temple Adat Shalom, 15905 Pomerado Road, Poway CA 9206. 858-637-3223.

Fireworks for the Soul. Friday, February 5, 7pm. Diane Mandle "weaves harmonics of sacred sound with precision-tuned Tibetan bowls, chiron gong, and other instruments" during concert, in which "participants are bathed in a projection of colored lights of sacred geometry." Bring a mat. Admission \$20-\$25. Affirmations Yoga Studio, 12222 Poway Road, Poway CA 92064. 858-513-0034.

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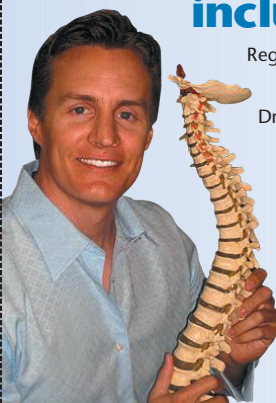
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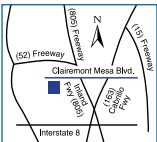
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Another mode of sarcasm is to push the victim's logic to its illogical conclusion.

How to Use the Various Shades and Styles of Sarcasm

One sarcasm delivery vector is the false misunderstanding. It makes the victim feel foolish, and expresses your opinion.

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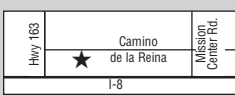
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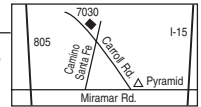
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The Continuing Crisis

— A man identified in China’s *Chongqing Evening News* in November as Mr. Zhang, 32, admitted he is competitive with his wife and “never wants to lose an argument,” but inevitably his contentiousness leaves him with “bruises and scars all over” because Mrs. Zhang is a kung fu master. After negotiations led by Mrs. Zhang’s par-

ents, she agreed by contract to limit any beatings to no more than once a week, with a parent-administered penalty for exceeding that.

— The Kirklees (West Yorkshire, England) Environmental Health department cited farmer Ronald Norcliffe, 65, in 2008 for inadequate lighting in his barn, which inspectors said failed to meet the “psychological needs” of his one cow and her calf. In his formal appeal, heard in October 2009, Norcliffe noted (unsuccessfully) that he has had a clean record as a farmer for 30 years and that he still lives fine without electricity in his own house. After his defeat, Norcliffe’s lawyer sighed. “I still have no idea how much lighting is appropriate for a cow.”

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— Plastic surgeon Mark Weinberger, who skipped town in Merrillville, Ind., in 2004 to avoid mounting malpractice lawsuits and Medicare-fraud charges, was finally cornered living in a tent on the southern slopes of Italy’s Mont Blanc in December. As authorities approached to arrest him, Dr. Weinberger grabbed a knife and plunged it into his neck, but perhaps owing to his rusty skills (or incompetence, if the malpractice claims are accurate), missed the major artery and was captured.

— The Great Yarmouth Sea Life Centre in Norfolk, England, lowered the water level in its giant aquarium for Christmas because the big turtles (which are herbivores) were scheduled to receive their annual holiday treat of brussels sprouts. Officials know from experience that if they fail to lower the water level, the gas bubbles from the powerful turtle emissions will lift the water high enough to trigger the emergency tank-flooding buzzers.

Just Can’t Stop Myself!

— In November, Oprah Winfrey’s mother, Vernita Lee, and the luxury fashion store Valentina Inc. announced a settlement of the latter’s lawsuit over Lee’s \$155,547 outstanding tab. On a previous tab of \$174,285 in 2002, Lee had agreed to make periodic repayments, but the store apparently allowed her to open another account, and as the new balance swelled, Lee sued, claiming the store should not have reextended credit to her.

— In December, pedophile Theodore Sypnier (the first-ever New Yorker to turn 100 years old while behind bars) was released from prison even though he continues to deny that he did anything wrong. He was sent once again to a halfway house near Walden, N.Y., run by Rev. Terry King,

who took Sypnier in twice before and warns that Sypnier is still highly dangerous. “As a father,” said King, “I would not want my child anywhere near him.” Noting that Sypnier continues to reject counseling, King said, “He’s been adamant that, ‘I’m 100, and I’m not gonna change.’”

Least Competent Criminals

— A news summary of traffic stops on Christmas Eve in Alice Springs, Australia, noted that 11 people were charged with DUI, including one man who was spotted driving despite his car’s hood being broken in the “up” position and having smashed through his windshield. The driver maneuvered down the street by craning his neck out the side window.

— In mid December in Trumbull, Conn., police arrested Christopher Frazao, 27, after watching him drive despite a windshield full of snow (except for a small opening he could peer through). A search of the car produced marijuana, other drugs, and items believed to have been stolen.

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SAN DIEGO ★ TEXAS

By Isabel Moreno

The Green Season. Border Patrol agents in Laredo, Texas, confiscated 745 pounds of marijuana; the bundles were wrapped in Christmas paper. During a routine immigration inspection, a drug-sniffing dog alerted agents to a passenger van where the pot was found. Border Patrol turned over the driver, van, and marijuana to DEA agents. "It's kind of a different strategy that was employed," said Border Patrol

Fancy Inn. Construction workers have laid the wood floors for San Diego's first bed-and-breakfast. Currently, the only lodging available to those visiting San Diego is in Alice, ten miles to the east. Although the inn's proprietor, Mrs. Ann Hoffman Bayless, does not yet have a date for the grand opening, she is eager to welcome visiting lawyers and judges. "We have a lot of high-profile lawsuits in this town,"

she says. "I thought maybe some of the attorneys from out of town — the trial lawyers — would be staying here. We're just two blocks from the courthouse." The two-story house is a replication of the old French architecture of New Orleans, with wrap-around porches both upstairs and downstairs.

Claro Goes Country. Local radio station KUKA 105.9 changed its music format from *conjunto* to country. Bobby Peña, general manager with Claro Communications, hopes to appeal to a wider audience with artists such as Tim McGraw and George Strait.



Baby of the Year Ariel Georgette Lugo (with parents)

Conjunto is a genre of Mexican music that features the accordion and the *bajo sexto* (12-string bass).

Smile, Baby. Ariel Georgette Lugo of San Diego won "Baby of the Year" in a vote conducted by the *Alice Echo News Journal* and the CHRISTUS

Spohn Hospital in Alice. Voters cast more than 650 ballots based on pictures that had been published in the newspaper. The five-month-old winner received 119 votes. "We had to take a hundred pictures," said her 21-year-old mother, Mariabel, "It was so hard to get her to smile."

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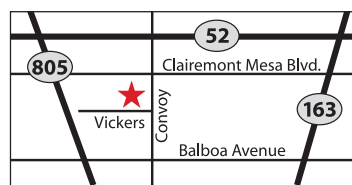
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Founded locally: 1954
Senior pastor: Michael Beach
Congregation size: 100-125
Staff size: 4
Sunday school enrollment: 4-12
Annual budget: about \$200,000
Weekly giving: about \$4500
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to formal, mostly semi-formal
Diversity: majority Caucasian, but diverse
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Website: southbaybaptist.com

"2010: A New Beginning" reads the label on the binder in the ministry booth set up in the church hall. The table surrounding the decorated cardboard triptych is strewn with candy. Other, similar booths advertise the church's music ministry; its preschool and kindergarten; its youth group, Awana; children's ministry; deaconess's board; and Bible ministry. Out in the courtyard, they're setting up the popcorn machine; after the service, there will be nachos and hot dogs. In the yard: an inflatable "jumpy" and some games. A

banner out front welcomes new pastor Michael Beach, and today, the church is hosting an open house. To help get the word out, congregants have invited friends. And they have left flyers in mailboxes and hung notices on neighborhood doorknobs.

Inside, you are greeted by a Thomas Kinkade painting (Dogwood Chapel) and a sense that at some point, the building's orientation has been shifted — from long to wide. Once, maybe, the sanctuary was situated beneath the stained-glass windows to your right; once, maybe, the organ pipes on your left rang out their tunes from the rear of the church. Now, windows and pipes occupy the side walls; instead of a sanctuary, a broad stage serves to raise up preacher, choir, and worship band. The organ is silent, replaced by baby grand piano and electric keyboard.

But if some things have changed, others haven't. Tentative sopranos still praise Providence from the traditional choir: "If you don't understand/ And you don't

see His plan/ When you can't trace His hand/ Trust His heart." And after a couple of standard praise jams, the youngsters in the band launch into "Before the Throne of God Above," ringing out the chorus in haunting old-time Baptist harmony: "My name is graven on His hands/ My name is written on His heart..." It's the first time in a long time that I've had chills in church.

For first-time guests, there are cool black coffee mugs bearing the church's logo and free Bibles for those who don't have them. "We want you to know that we're a Bible-believing church," explains Beach. "That's our tool and our foundation, and if you don't have one, we'd like to give you one. We want you to know that this home, this family, this church is open to you — to all of you. Hopefully, this is a place you'll feel at home. You are loved...our hearts are open to you and it's because of the love of Jesus Christ."

There are announcements. The church has sent

\$750 to the Salvation Army's relief efforts in Haiti. On Valentine's Day (a Sunday this year), the church will provide childcare from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (after the service on "relationships God's way"), "so you can go out and spend time together as a couple." And the youth group is planning to attend a screening of the film To Save a Life. A congregant urges teens to sign up, to see how "your high schools are mission fields. There are opportunities for you every day to stand up and make a difference."

Beach's sermon compares salvation to a bank transaction — Jesus taking on our spiritual bankruptcy — and extends an invitation. "There are no hoops to jump through, nothing magical. All you have to do is take a simple step of faith. It's a prayer: saying, 'Lord, I need Your forgiveness. I want You to take my sin on the cross.' If you do pray this prayer, I'm going to ask you to mark it on this communication card. Because I am going to — hopefully this week — follow up with you



Michael Beach

South Bay Baptist Church
Chula Vista
★★½

Table with 2 columns: Category and Rating. Categories include Sermon content, delivery, Liturgy, Music, congregational band, Snacks, Architecture, and Friendliness. Ratings range from ★★ to ★★★★★.

Legend for ratings: Poor to satisfactory (none), Good (★), Very good (★★), Excellent (★★★), Extraordinary (★★★★).

to ask you to look up and make eye contact with me. I'd like to know that you prayed that prayer. God bless you. I see you. I see you."

And once you've said the prayer? "I ran across a Swahili proverb that says, 'Treat your guest as a guest for two days; on the third day, give him a hoe.' Once you become part of the family of God, we will expect you to throw yourself into serving the Lord. There's more to being a part of South Bay Baptist than just showing up and sitting here. There's a lot of work to be done for God's kingdom."

What happens when we die?

"Basically," said Beach, "we enter into God's presence if we have trusted Christ as our Savior. If we haven't, then we enter into a place of separation from Him that the Bible calls hell."

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