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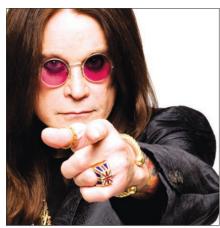
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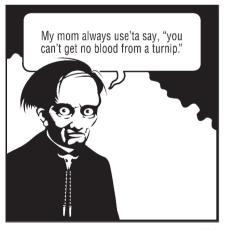
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UNDER THE RADAR

It's all about the money A topsecret plan by KPBS, the taxpayer-funded pub-



lic broadcasting arm of San Diego State University, to buy an additional FM radio station here and devote its current FM frequency to a lucrative classical music format has been killed. SDSU owns and operates a public television station and FM radio

station in San Diego; in November 2004 it spent \$1.1 million to buy KQVO-FM in Calexico, which later fell dramatically in value. According a document titled "Funding Our News Future: A Case for Purchasing a New Radio Frequency," obtained from the university under the California public records act, KPBS management contemplated paying \$8 million for KPRI, a 30,000-watt FM station broadcasting from Mount Soledad and reaching 2.6 million people. By comparison, KPBS-FM, powered with just 2700 watts, has an antenna on Mount San Miguel in the southeastern part

of the county and reaches 2.3 million people. The current owners of KPRI, who had originally hoped to sell the station for \$30 million, according to the proposal, "have controlled the station for more than three decades and are looking to unload the property." The document says, "If KPBS is successful in purchasing the frequency, we will run a full-service classical

music station on 89.5 FM [currently operating

as KPBS-FM] and move our news service to

102.1 FM." The report notes that, "All things being equal, News and Information services have greater audiences than classical music services." But though classical audiences are smaller than those for news and talk, the proposal argues, they have more money, and therefore the music-only station would be a cash cow for the university. "San Diego is home to one full-time classical station (XLNC1) that has a weekly audience of approximately 50,000. Their signal is difficult to receive, and their programming strategy has proven to be unsuccessful. In any case, their performance in the market cannot be used as an indicator of future performance....

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"There are untouched philanthropic dollars in San Diego that will be pledged to support a classical music station. These donors are not currently available to us because of our news format. It is advisable that we create a plan that focuses specifically on soliciting major gifts from donors who want to support the Fine Arts.

"A properly run classical music station can generate significant revenue. In fact, this scenario, with a purchase price of \$8m and conservative listener sensitive revenue projections, shows positive cash flow after debt service in year #2. We could potentially reach \$1.5m cash flow by year #5. These revenues will go toward funding the KPBS News service, which rarely operates with positive cash flow."

The records show that **Erik Langner** of Public Radio Capital, a broker based in Boulder, Colorado, specializing in public broadcasting stations, was paid at least \$5000 to work on the KPRI

deal but was denied additional funding by KPBS general manager **Tom Karlo** last summer. "A new agreement needs to go through SDSU. At this time with the State of California budget issues, this is something I don't have the time or energy to pursue," he wrote Langner in an email



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dated June 25. Langer agreed to continue working on the proposal under his old contract, but a spokeswoman for Karlo said last week that he had shelved any plans to buy KPRI.

Council's convention center

cash San Diego city councilmembers are awash in special-interest cash. During the last



employees lined up to give a total of \$2100 to the reelection bid of Second District councilman **Kevin Faulconer**. And 19 Sempra workers gave a total of \$2350 to **Tony Young's** Fourth District campaign. Two October fundrais-

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ers were organized by **J**.

William Ichord, vice president of government relations. Another Tony Young fundraiser was held December 2 by four employees of the law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, which netted \$1550. During the final quarter of the year, Sheppard was paid \$42,000 by

the city-owned San Diego Convention Center Corporation to provide real estate and contract negotiations related to the proposed expansion of that facility. Not to be outdone, **Ben Haddad** of California Strategies threw a fundraiser at his personal res-



fundraiser at his personal residence on November 2, rais-

ing \$3000 for Faulconer. Haddad's clients include HNTB, an L.A. contractor that wants a piece of the center expansion; it paid California Strategies \$30,000 to lobby mayoral staffer **Phil Rath**. — Matt Potter

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Why Your Pocket Is Empty

By Don Bauder

The classic description of a city living off personal services, and bringing in too little outside money through activities such as manufacturing, is "a report by the San Diego

such as manufacturing, is "a bunch of people doing each other's laundry." Increasingly, that describes San Diego.

Indeed, in the past ten years, the number of San Diegans working in laundry services has risen 8.4 percent to 14,200, according to data from the California Employment Development Department.

That's not good because according to a 2008 report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average annual pay of San Diego laundry and dry cleaning workers is a puny \$20,100 a year. That's not even half the pay of the average local worker: \$47,250. And according to a 2008

to earn \$33,734 a year just to make ends meet, and 37.2 percent of local workers don't

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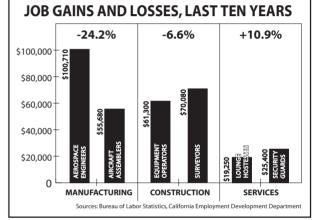
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make that much. And remember, that's for a *single* person. A family of five (two adults, three children) needs almost \$111,000.

To find out how many San Diego jobs are dependent on other San Diegans, and *not* on money flowing in from elsewhere, I counted job gains or losses over the past ten years. I also looked at ten-year employment patterns at a number of local companies.



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is alarming, particularly since the population continued to grow, although not at rates the county experienced in the 1980s (sometimes 3 percent or more a year). In ten years alone, manufacturing *continued on page 11* ΙΤΥ LIGHTS

Please, Put Me In Jail

By E.A. Barrera

ast year, employees of Geo Group, a private prison corporation, contributed more than \$2000 to the campaign fund of

San Diego's interim sheriff Bill Gore. Geo operates San Diego's old downtown jail at 220 C Street, where the company houses more than 750 federal prisoners awaiting trial or transfer to a federal prison.

Documents filed with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, as well as memos obtained under the California Public Records Act, reveal that Geo Group used San Diego lawyer Mike McDade



Sheriff Gore hasn't returned questionable donations

and Geo Group's Ken Fortier to lobby county officials in an effort to renew their lease of the downtown jail, as well as take charge of the Descanso Detention Facility.

Formerly a unit of Wackenhut Corporation, Geo Group is headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida. The rise of their influence in California has coincided with the administration of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

In April 2006, the Institute on Money in State Politics issued a white paper titled "Policy Lock-Down: Prison Interests Court Political Players" that was critical of the use of private prisons. Their

existence, the paper contended, was largely due to political decisions regarding crime.

McDade, an attorney with the downtown firm of Wertz, McDade, Wallace, Moot & Brower, is registered as a lobbyist in the city of San Diego but not the county. McDade once worked for former San Diego County supervisor and city mayor Roger Hedgecock. He served as chairman of the San Diego Port Commission in 1997 and has been heavily

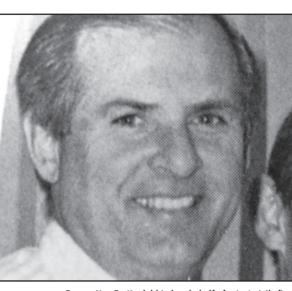


Downtown lawyer McDade lobbied for Geo Group

involved in redevelopment projects downtown.

Last September, McDade and Fortier lobbied April Heinze — director of the county's Department of General Services, which oversees county leases of buildings about renewing Geo's lease on the downtown jail. Neither McDade nor Fortier registered as a lobbyist with the county of San Diego in 2009.

San Diego County defines a lobbyist, or legislative advocate, as "any individual who, on behalf of another individual, firm, corporation, or organization other than himself attempts to influence any County decision by contact-



Ex-cop Ken Fortier lobbied on behalf of private jails firm, donated \$1000 to Sheriff Gore's campaign

ing, personally or by telefocused on renewing the phone, any of the specified County officers or employees." The county does provide

exemptions to this requirement, including allowing "a member of the State Bar of



Geo executive Calabrese donated to Gore campaign

California who is performing a service which lawfully can be performed only by an attorney licensed to practice law in California."

McDade's primary focus as an attorney is government and land-use issues, and he said it was not necessary for him to register as a lobbyist with the county, citing the provision for attorneys. He added that his role in advocating for Geo Group was "sporadic," and he considered himself only a part-time consultant for Geo.

"The county usually provides an exception for practicing attorneys working on leasing issues. My advice was

downtown jail lease for Geo, and I was not trying to lobby for any new lease," said McDade.

District attorney spokesman Steve Walker said he was not sure what the exemption included nor what the penalty for failing to file would be. But David Hall of the San Diego County clerk's office noted that "every attorney was not exempt from registering as a lobbyist due to being an attorney."

Fortier does not fall under any county exemptions, as he is not a lawyer and does not qualify by any other county exemption standards listed by the county clerk. A former San Diego police officer, Fortier graduated from the San Diego Police Academy in 1962 and served as a patrol officer until being transferred to investigations in 1966. A year later, he was promoted to sergeant.

"He continued to climb through the ranks, earning the positions of lieutenant, captain, inspector, deputy chief and assistant chief. He left San Diego in 1992 and began employment with Riverside on Jan. 18, 1993," wrote Lisa O'Neill in an August 17, 1997 article for the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* newspaper.

Fortier took over as continued on page 12

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Winter Swim and a Twist

Nude Bather Causes Incident in O.B. Ocean Beach — On Satur-



Officers subdue nude swimmer

day, January 30, as I walked to my worn-out Toyota pickup in the parking lot at the Ocean Beach Pier, I heard screaming, yelling, and swearing coming from the direction of the seawall. A man had taken his clothes off and gone swimming by the pier. People yelled at him to put his clothes on. He ignored them.

Lifeguards were waiting for the man when he waddled ashore. Words were exchanged, and soon there was a brawl taking place. Somebody threw a can at lifeguards and yelled profanities at them. Lifeguards called for San Diego police backup, due to the crowd that had gathered and the conduct of a few. Lifeguards assisted San Diego police in taking the man into custody.

At one point, four police officers and two lifeguards were struggling to subdue the man, who wore only large, loosely fitting green boxers.

The move that took the offender down was implemented by a female police officer. She grabbed the man's testicles from behind with two hands and twisted hard. The man went to the asphalt and got several bumps and bruises.

By Jim Grant Wednesday, Feb. 10

Elderly Scare

Senior Citizen Jailed for Arson

El Cajon, National City — Mary Louise Wilson was sentenced to nearly 20 years in state prison on February 8. The 54-yearold admitted to setting fires at the two nursing homes she stayed at briefly during 2009.

According to state prosecutors, in January 2009, while a resident at El Dorado Care Center in El Cajon, Wilson shared a room with two other women who couldn't get in or out of

bed without nursing help. While one of the women was sleeping, Wilson set fire to her bed. A smoke alarm alerted a nurse, who used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire. No one was hurt.

Soon after being transferred to Golden Paradise Senior Living in National City in April, Wilson set fires in a trash chute, Dumpster, and the library. The facility's sprinkler system successfully put out those fires.



Nursing home arsonist Mary Wilson

Wilson's sentence, 19 years and four months, is the longest prison term in an elder-abuse case or prosecuted by the state attorney general's office. By Steve Perez

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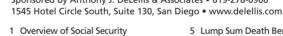
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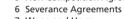
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continued from page 6 employment has plunged 24.2 percent in the county. Now only 7.4 percent of county jobs are in manufacturing, down from 27 percent half a century ago. Why is that important? Local tool and die makers make \$49,510 a year. Electronics engineers make \$98,770 and mechanical engineers \$81,370.

Construction jobs have dropped 6.6 percent in the past decade. Had the real estate bubble not popped, they would have risen significantly. The average construction job pays \$47,780. Brick masons make \$62,500 and glaziers \$55,330.

While manufacturing and construction jobs have been falling, jobs in services have been rising sharply. The number of service jobs over the past ten years has soared 11 percent to more than one million. But look at the compensation in these fields. Retail jobs have gone up 4.2 percent. But retail salespersons make \$25,770 a year. Cashiers make \$22,390 a year.

Ouintessential service jobs are in the restaurant business. In the past ten years, jobs in food services and drinking places have shot up 23 percent. With two people often working, families dine out more these days. But the business is not remunerative for those providing the service. Waiters and waitresses make \$20,200 (almost the same as laundry workers), although those serving meals do get tips. Fast-food cooks make \$18,600, shortorder cooks \$23,490, and dishwashers \$18,890.

One service industry that does bring in money from the outside is tourism. The establishment wants taxpayers to pay for another expansion of the convention center, for example, and a whopping subsidy for a new Chargers stadium (although pro sports teams do *not* bring in significant amounts of money from the outside, contrary to the propaganda). Tourism jobs have gone up 14 percent in the past ten years. But pay is dismal. Maids and housekeepers make \$20,490 a year. Hotel desk clerks make \$22,040.

Jobs in amusement, gambling, and recreation have soared 33.6 percent in the past decade. But recreation attendants make \$20,710 a year. Ushers and ticket takers gross \$20,270.

Information jobs have risen by 4.2 percent, but one subset has plunged: newspaper, periodical, and book jobs, down 36.6 percent, to no one's surprise. Reporters make \$42,770 --- those that are working, anyway. Healthcare jobs have risen 17.3 percent. There is good money there: physicians and surgeons make more than \$200,000 on average while physical therapists make \$78,180 and dental hygienists \$83,810.

Government has provided a cushion — at a price. Total government jobs have risen 10.9 percent to more than 225,000. College physics and law professors gross more than \$100,000. Elementary schoolteachers make \$67,020. But controversy abounds: overly generous pension benefits and very early retirements of fire and police employees may very well break the City of San Diego financially.

Although some in the service industries make good money, it is clear that a metro area in which people do one another's laundry lacks economic oomph, or money coming in from outside.

But there are a plethora of variables holding down manufacturing employment. The biggest problem, of course, is the shipping of jobs overseas. That has been the rage since the 1980s and has wounded the U.S. economy. But there are other factors: companies increasingly use part-time and temporary employees. Through use of sophisticated electronics methods, firms have *continued on page 12*



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learned to make do with fewer workers. That is why productivity has been soaring: output per worker-hour is rising.

A look at some San Diego companies is instructive. In ten years, revenues at digital wireless superstar Qualcomm have gone up more than two and a half times, from \$3.94 billion to \$10.4 billion. But the number of full-time, parttime, and temporary employees has only gone up 66 percent. At Cymer, a maker of semiconductor equipment, sales have shot up two and a half times while employment has risen 41.4 percent. At Callaway Golf, which makes golf equipment, sales have gone up 58 percent while employment has gone up 20 percent.

At WD-40, maker of lubricants and household cleansers, sales have doubled while employment has gone up 76.3 percent. Two local manufacturers have kept employment rising with sales: revenue at Cubic, maker of defense electronic and fare collection systems, has doubled along with employment. At Cohu, maker of semiconductor equipment, employment has gone up at a slightly higher rate than sales.

Biotechs have varying patterns. At Isis Pharmaceuticals, sales have gone up 2.7 times but employment has gone down 13.3 percent. Sales at Amylin have gone up 52 times while employment has risen 28.6 times. At Quidel, revenues have tripled while employment inched up 4 percent.

Low-paid cooks and ordertakers are well-nigh ubiquitous at fast-food chain Jack in the Box. In ten years, the company's sales have risen from \$1.46 billion to \$2.47 billion. But employment has gone down 5.5 percent. That is deceiving. Increasingly, the company is franchising more outlets and owning fewer. In four years, Jack has gone from 25 percent franchised to 46 per-

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cent franchised. The employees of franchisees are not recorded on the books of Jack. So there are more people working in Jack outlets but fewer on the company's payroll.

Bottom line: employers hold the cards, especially as manufacturing recedes and services rise. High unemployment in the United States and San Diego could be around for quite a while.

Put me in jail

Riverside's police chief in January 1993. His tenure was credited with lowering the city's crime rate and modernizing the Riverside Police Department's organization.

But Fortier left Riverside under the cloud of repeated battles with the police union of Riverside, and in July 2000 he was appointed vice president of Geo-Wackenhut's western region. The company announced Fortier would be based in Irvine, California, and would manage "eight current facilities and one facility under development, with a total of 6,866 beds."

In multiple emails last summer to San Diego County staff, Fortier campaigned for Geo Group to gain control of the Descanso Correctional Facility, closed by the sheriff's department as a costsaving measure last June, and to renew the lease on the downtown jail. Fortier contacted Carl Harry, Real Estate Services Division project manager for the county, on several occasions. Harry often referred to Fortier as a representative of Geo Group to other county officials.

"Ken represents GEO Group in California and Nevada and is currently working with both the U.S. Marshal and with I.C.E. [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] on programs to try and provide more inmate beds in San Diego County," said Harry in an October 12 exchange with April Heinze and Cal Fire unit chief Howard

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The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, usually known as Cal Fire, expressed an interest in the Descanso site. But between June and November, Fortier maintained constant contact with Harry and other members of county staff regarding the Descanso Detention Facility and the downtown jail. April Heinze acknowledged meeting with Fortier and McDade. Geo Group, which operates private prisons throughout the United States and specializes in the detainment of immigration detainees, was seeking to expand its base in San Diego through acquisition of the Descanso facility.

In September, the county decided to turn over the Descanso facility to the San Diego County Probation Department. But on November 26, the Probation Department announced it would not take the facility, citing expenses. Heinze said the Department of General Services contacted Geo Group and Cal Fire to let them know the facility was once more available. As of early this month, no decision had been made, but Corrections Corporation of America, the largest private prison corporation in the country, had also expressed an interest.

Fortier donated \$500 to Sheriff Gore's campaign on February 19, 2009, and gave a second donation of \$500 on June 30. Both times he identified himself as "retired" on Gore's campaign donation lists. Among other contributors to Gore's campaign were Wayne Calabrese, president and chief operating officer for Geo Group; Eric Noonan, warden at Geo's downtown facility; and Kyle Schiller, director of business management for Geo's western region.

When asked why his employment by Geo was not disclosed on Gore's campaign statements and why he had not registered with the county as a lobbyist, Fortier refused to comment and referred all questions to Geo Group's corporate headquarters in Florida.

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Repeated calls to Calabrese or anyone in authority at Geo Group as to why they were contributing money to the Friends of Bill Gore campaign for sheriff were not returned.

According to Roman Porter of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, complying with the state's legal requirement to disclose contributors' true occupations is the responsibility of the campaign. A campaign has 60 days from the date of the donation to either correct the information or return the money. A December look into the campaign forms revealed no contributions returned or corrections made to Fortier's employment status.

Repeated calls to the Gore campaign were unreturned.

STRINGERS

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day morning on February 10, a man was seen rummaging through a white Mercedes-Benz parked on the corner of Tenth and Island avenues in East Village. He immediately fled on foot after being confronted by two men. A chase then ensued, and a plainclothes police officer driving near the scene decided to join the pursuit.

According to witnesses, the police officer drove ahead of the suspect, exited his vehicle, and tackled the man. Residents from the area likened the chase to something out of a movie. The suspect was described by bystanders as a chubby adult male with red hair and a scraggly red goatee.

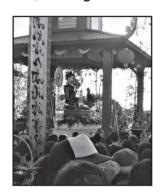
A building engineer from the M2i condominium (one of the men who confronted the perpetrator) said that a huge key ring was found in the suspect's possession. On the key ring were "hundreds" of keys and security fobs believed to access nearby condos. It was also discovered that the suspect had a lengthy criminal history and is out on parole. The man is suspected of being involved

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By Nathaniel Uy Saturday, Feb. 13

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Festivities included live music (drumming and cymbal clashing), a parade, and addresses by local Buddhist leaders. Loud cheers erupted as the golden drape was removed and doves and balloons were released

> By Daniel Magos Tuesday, Feb. 9

By the Book

Mexican Passport Law Ouestioned Baja — It appears that a Mexican law requiring citizens of the United States to carry passports when crossing into Tijuana will go into effect beginning March of this year.

In an article published in Frontera, Mario Escobedo Carignan, president of Canaco (a Tijuana business association), said that the measure will have a negative effect on U.S./Mexico business relations and will put the squeeze on TJ's already battered economy.

The business leader was most unhappy with the notion that the federation was making its decisions unilaterally, then imposing them on Tijuana's business community. He also mentioned that there wasn't an "infrastructure" to process all the passports coming into Tijuana and that crossings into Mexico would add to the waits recently created by the SIAVE vehicle identification recording devices. By T.B. Beaudeau

Saturday, Feb. 13

Comments

1. Guess those "Enhanced **Drivers Licenses" some** states use will be no good.

> By Silvergate1 4:36 p.m., Feb 13

More Than a Catfight

Two Women Busted in **Bar Stabbings**

San Marcos — On Februarv 6. two women were arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and battery at the Jumping Turtle Bar and Grill in San Marcos.

Deputies responded to a call from a security guard at the restaurant who said "a large fight" had broken out, involving at least 20 people. A second caller with sounds of a raging crowd going on in the background — instructed the dispatcher to "send as many cops as possible."

Every available deputy in the city (a total of 15) plus the fire department was dispatched to the scene. The first deputies to arrive found a stabbing continued on page 14

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continued from page 13 victim lying on the steps. He said that he had walked into the middle of a fight upon leaving the men's restroom and wouldn't identify his attackers if he could have. One patron, however, did say that a gang name had been shouted during the brawl.

Irene Cardenas, 32, of Escondido, was booked into Vista Jail on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. Her bail was set at \$30,000. Valerie Valadez, 32, also of Escondido, was cited for battery and released.

By Craig Vansant Tuesday, Feb. 9

One-Sided

Trimmed Tree Collapses on House

Ramona — Alisa McVay and husband Tim Lehr left home in a hurry last week after SDG&E arborist Michael Daleo informed the couple that they were "in imminent danger" and needed to leave immediately.

SDG&E, according to area residents, has been trimming trees on only one side for years, leaving the other side to grow.

"I kept asking them to trim the other side," said McVay. "The tree was so big and heavy on one side. They said no.... The tree was leaning against the house, and we were told to not go back inside."

The tree, according to McVay, was leaning against the power lines, putting an "obvious strain" on the lines.

"It looked like the pole was going to get pulled down too," said McVay. "I called SDG&E and told them they needed to turn off the power or cut the lines. If the tree fell, it could cause fire hazards all over the place."

McVay said as the electrician from SDG&E cut the lines, the tree came down. ("The power lines

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"The power lines were all that was holding it up."

were all that was holding it up.") The family is in temporary housing at the Riviera Oakes Resort in the San Diego Country Estates.

> By Dixie Pettit Wednesday, Feb. 10

Policing Pot Shops City Task Force Advises Limitations

Hillcrest — The recommendations from San Diego's 11-person medical marijuana task force are in: they include establishing a permitting process for dispensaries, restricting dispensaries from opening in residential areas as well as keeping them 1000 feet from schools and playgrounds and 500 feet from other dispensaries, requiring security guards to stand watch during business hours from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and prohibiting the storefronts from painting their storefront more than two colors and from excessive use of marijuana leaf designs outside the store.

On Tuesday, February 9, at the Joyce Beers Community Center in Hillcrest, Stephen Whitburn, vice chair of the task force and former city council candidate, addressed the community's questions and concerns.

"Why have such an early closing time?" asked one resident. "People can get other medications late into the night."

Whitburn answered by saying that the 9 p.m. closing time was recommended to address concerns from many residents that the storefronts would be a magnet for crime if they were open late.

"Hillcrest is not all of San Diego and the attitudes for medical marijuana dispensaries is entirely different," he said. "We have to balance your perspective with perspectives from other parts of town."

By Dorian Hargrove Wednesday, Feb. 10

Jaywalk to Moondoggies

Bar Goers Cited, Face \$108 Fines

Pacific Beach — On Thursday, February 4, I saw at least seven people receive jaywalking tickets before 11 p.m. in front of PB Bar and Grill and Moondoggies on Garnet Avenue.

As I waited in line to get into Moondoggies, I watched two girls get tickets from two separate policemen next door. It took me a second to figure out what they could be getting tickets for because it was barely 10:30 p.m. — they were still standing, coherent and fairly sober-looking.

The more boisterous of the two girls was livid by the time she joined the line I was in, waving her ticket above her head, yelling, "I can't believe I just got a f@cking jaywalking ticket!" every time a new person showed interest. The look on her face went from anger to shock and disgust as someone turned



around to inform her how much her dash across the street would cost (\$108). By Elena Buckley Wednesday, Feb. 10

Zapped

Man Gets 8 Months for Laser Pointing

San Diego — Because he pointed a green laser at a police helicopter, a San Diego man was sentenced to eight months in state prison on February 8. Timothy Allen, 39, pleaded guilty to the charge in January.

In November, an SDPD helicopter had a series of green laser beams pointed at it. The pilots were unable to locate the Southeast San Diego residence from which the laser originated. Lindbergh Field contoltower officials also received reports from several commercial jets that had green laser beams flashed at them while on approach to the airport.

On November 26, again someone from the same area used a green laser on SDPD pilots. That time, pilots were able to determine the source. Allen was arrested and charged with two counts of discharging a laser at an occupied aircraft.

> By Craig Vansant Thursday, Feb. 11

Prepped to Pump

Storm Preparations in P.B. *Pacific Beach* — **At about 4:30 p.m. on February 9**,



in the cul-de-sac where

Mission Boulevard meets

Pacific Beach Drive, a City

of San Diego Street Divi-

sion truck blocked cars

from entering the park-

ing lot between the Best

Western Sea Lodge and

the World Famous Restau-

rant. Some drivers, dis-

pleased with the barri-

cade, drove their vehi-

cles over the orange cones

as if they weren't there.

the truck said that he was

awaiting the storm and

that additional pumps

had been stationed on

Pacific Beach Drive to

minimize the potential

ing at the front desk of the

nearby Surfer Beach Hotel,

stated that this was the

third time extra pumps

had been placed in front

of the hotel during this

as she recounted having

seen some individuals

kayaking during the pre-

vious storm. "I've lived

here all my life, and I've

never seen anything like

it — someone was actu-

Black's eyes widened

Kimberly Black, work-

for flooding.

rainv season.

The city worker inside

SD streets truck blocks P.B. parking lot

ally kayaking down Mission Boulevard."

By Carolyn Grace Matteo Thursday, Feb. 11

Factoring the Fringe

DeMaio Objects to Council Salary Increases San Diego — San Diego city councilmember Carl DeMaio continues his fiscal conservative crusade to drive away San Diego's structural deficit. In a February 9 letter, he objected to the Salary Setting Commission's recommendation to increase the salaries for the mayor and San Diego city councilmembers. DeMaio believes the salary increase is a poor idea considering the city's financial standing.

DeMaio asserts that the commission failed to include the "generous" pension benefits offered to the city's elected officials. He says that councilmembers' \$75,000 salary is not representative of their actual compensation — that after "fringe benefits" are included, a councilperson's annual compensation is more like \$135,000. The council will vote on whether to accept or reject the panel's recommendations at a future city council meeting.

> By Dorian Hargrove Wednesday, Feb. 10

Bullet for a Brother

T.J. Cops Shoot State Officer in Chase Tijuana — In a contretemps that the TJ newspaper La Segunda referred to as a "confuso incidente," a patrol team of the city police shot a member of the state investigative police after he failed to pull his vehicle over at their behest on Sunday night, February 7.

The officer, with the sex crimes unit, remains gravely wounded (though stable) after being hit in the back by at least one shot fired during a high-speed chase along Bulevar Federico Benítez.

An investigation is under way to determine why the

incident occurred between the two police organizations and if excessive force was used by Tijuana cops. By T.B. Beaudeau

Thursday, Feb. 11

 This was not a traffic stop gone bad. "Patrol" isn't looking for vehicle code violations. Mr. State Officer was up to something, and whatever it was, the City cops didn't like it. Smells like dirty cops chasing another dirty cop.

> By refriedgringo 4:57 p.m., Feb 11

Gracias por la Migra

Copter Rescues Illegal Immigrant

Jamul — A Mexican immigrant who entered the country illegally was rescued from a mountain near Jamul on Wednesday, February 10, at about 4:00 a.m.

The 29-year-old male used his cell phone to call 911 at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday night after becoming disoriented during the latest winter storm in the East County mountains.

The San Diego Border Patrol's Search and Rescue team responded to a 911 distress call from a mountainous region near Jamul. After assessing the situation, the border patrol requested a Customs and Border Protection helicopter unit to help with the rescue.

At around 3:00 a.m., the CBP helicopter pilot detected the faint light of the victim's cell phone and directed the rescue team to the location. Agents found the man, who was suffering from hypothermia and unable to walk.

> By Steve Horvath Thursday, Feb. 11

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Yonder MESSAGES FROM TIJUANA Lies It

YOU COULD SPOT THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE THE ONLY ONES IN THE TRENDY CLUB WITH A JUICE BOX ON THEIR TABLE.

by Lorena Mancilla

A Schizoid City

Tijuana has suffered from multiple personality disorder for way too long. It's been a place for trade and fugitives — for anyone who needed to escape from anything, whether it be extreme poverty, a violent husband, a shotgun wedding, a jail sentence, a closeted gay life, or boredom. All were welcomed in Tijuana. In the past five years, though, it became a place to escape from.

Anyone who needed a dose of Mexican kitsch, a couple of prescriptions filled, a Cuban cigar, and a margarita found heaven on Avenida Revolución. This is the Tijuana most tourists knew, but now it's gone; La Revo is a ghost town of empty commercial spaces and former bars. Some say it happened because of the downturn in the U.S. economy, but we all know it was fear. The former visitors of Tijuana were afraid that once they crossed the border they would be dodging bullets.

Tijuana's nightlife was always diverse. There were small bars, expensive clubs. lounges, and little cantinas all over the city. There was business for all of them until it became fashionable for gangsters (narcos) and gangster posers (the new term for them is mangueras) to flaunt their success by reserving tables with bottles of overpriced Remy that they mixed with grapefruit soda or Jumex orange juice. (You could spot them because they were the only ones in the trendy club with a juice box on their table.)

One night in late 2007, I accidentally bumped my shoulder into a man and as his jacket opened I saw a gun. After that, I decided to ditch my favorite dance club forever...so did everyone else with a favorite place in Tijuana. Since 2007, few people dared run the risk of being at a *narco* hangout. People lived for the news, the newspapers. Morbid stories intensified the paralysis; fear became the most ubiquitous feeling throughout the city.

The Last Ones Were the Younger Ones

Since the early '90s, downtown cantinas and dancehalls were a refuge for intellectuals and artists who visited them as tourists, walking the dark, downtown streets and the redlight district in the infamous Paseo Inmoral, going into any gloomy strip joint or cantina with a jukebox, scouting the bars for the cheaper beer, the ones that were more comfortable, getting to know the characters, the bartenders, the *ficheras*, and street musicians.

In 2004, art exhibits and



Cine Bujazan: Scorched theater becomes concert venue/exhibition hall

poetry readings were held at

iconic cantinas such as Zaca-

zonapan and Dandy del Sur.

Bar Turístico in Plaza Santa

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Cecilia was (and still is) a meet-

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students, intellectuals, artists,

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Alai, and although they were

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musicians and mixed it in their

music, they went from dentists

cians with day jobs for

to rock stars.

Nortec Collective: Rescuers of the norteño street musicians' sound

The downtown scene was still underground but was attractive. Cine Bujazán, an old movie theater on Avenida Constitución, was destroyed by a fire in 1993 and it became an abandoned space until 2001, when Julio Orozco held a photo exhibit in its ruins (the roof burned completely). In 2004, the space was taken by a group of young music promoters; they called it Multikulti. It became an alternative venue for rock concerts and art exhibits. Then Radio Global, an internet radio station based in Tijuana, started to hold parties downtown. Yonkeart made a documentary on La Estrella, an old-school dancehall with

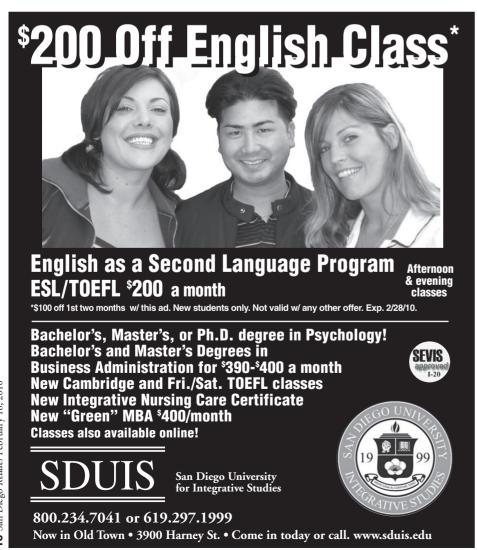


Rafael Saavedra: "No bar with a velvet rope will be successful here."

wooden benches

In 2007, Sonidero Travesura, a music project that rescued the *cumbia* sound and the grupero style of musicians that usually play at quinceañeras and *bailes*, brought the younger crowd to La Estrella and the forgotten downtown cantinas. All of this had been documented since the early 2000s by emerging Tijuana bloggers who were long-standing visitors of the Centro nightlife. All of a sudden, everybody noticed that they could have fun in these places — there were no narcos. guns, or hard drugs (or even soft ones, with notorious

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exceptions). The beer was cheaper than anywhere else (no wine or fancy martinis), and there was a jukebox that took pesos and dollar bills. There were candy sellers, Polaroid photographers, men who carried a generator on their neck and offered electroshocks for a tip, and the waitresses were long-haired *señoras* that brought a little *botanita* with the beer. It was a paradise for nostalgia lovers.

The traditional local-bar areas of Tijuana started to suffer from this migration, and the only customers left there were *narcos, mangueras,* and a couple of lost Tijuana *fresas* that didn't get the news on time: downtown was being taken over by every urban tribe any night of the week.

At some of the places, it became almost impossible on a Saturday — body heat, smoke, and poor ventilation made them uncomfortable. It was too much for the original bars, so others moved in. A whole bunch of bar owners escaped the expensive rents and the risks of other bar areas. They moved into old bookstores, former Chinese restaurants and camera-repair shops, turning places that were empty for decades into diverse bars among the traditional cantinas and old nightclubs.

The Calle Sexta Phenomenon

During the '90s, I had a special outfit that I wore every time I went on the Paseo Inmoral or Tour Histórico Cultural (as some humanities students used to call it); the outfit's closest relative would be a potato sack — a pure wool *chuj* that I bought from an Indian in Chiapas many years ago. It was my armor because no one would take a woman wearing such a thing to the dance floor. We all did the same: no woman who went to the downtown cantinas would dare wear a skirt or a sleeveless blouse if she didn't want to run the risk of being mistaken for a fichera. And we always went in a group. It was a tradition for many students to go cantina hopping, starting the tour in the red-light district and ending it on Calle Sexta. For veteran visitors, it can be a shock to see how the scene and crowd have changed. There are hordes of cute miniskirts and strapless dresses, shorts, and trendy boots; kids who get together to flat-iron their hair before they go out; guys with perfectly groomed beards and ear expansions. Some bars serve tomato pulque and mocha mezcal. At some of the hippest bars, a ten-peso coin can be exchanged for a Styrofoam cup of cold beer. There's even a little coffee shop that has a cinema club with art films. There are a couple of lounges that would fit in easily in Mexico City's Colonia Condesa, but also there is a bar that's a death trap of metal staircases, walls made of cyclone fence, and empty trash bags. Some say it's Tijuana gone Mad Max; I say if the Nazis ever dreamed of having a bar in Auschwitz, this would be it.

This radical change started when La Mezcalera opened in January of 2009, followed by many others. Even though business openings are great for Tijuana's economy, sometimes the new bars can feel weird...like a sterilized prototype designed to satisfy upper-middle-class hipsters, the same people that in other times would have never gone downtown because it was considered a dirty, poor, and dangerous place.

On the other hand, the migration back out into the night is seen as the way new generations of *tijuanenses* are reclaiming their city and their right to have fun and feel safe, to feel on par with the crowd that traditionally visited the old cantinas, the ones that served a famous writer, a maquiladora worker, a taxi driver, or a Grammy winner. For decades, anyone who walked Avenida Revolución would be harassed and fought over by club workers competing for a commission on the customer's tab. In fancier *antros* or *discotecas*, the bouncers would profile people at the door and leave anyone outside who didn't meet their standards. These are practices that don't belong here.

Rafa Saavedra, the most notorious chronicler of Tijuana's nightlife says: "The rules have changed. No bar with a velvet rope will be successful here, cover charge is gone for good, there's no special treatment for anyone, none of the bars take reservations or offer full bottles. That's why it's very unlikely that *malandros* move in, since they like to be noticed, to get preferential treatment, and this won't happen here. The Calle Sexta phenomenon's secret is simple: celebration. We all like to be a part of it."

I can't deny it. I have mixed feelings toward the new popularity of Calle Sexta. I'm sure it will bring a new set of problems or revive some of the old ones, but today the most attractive part of visiting downtown at night is diversity. There's everything for any taste (except narco-corridos): industrial music, Japanese pop, '80s new wave, cumbias, norteño love songs, electronic pop from Spain, an occasional tocada of local and foreign indie bands or DJs. And even though the range of options keeps growing, there's nothing like exploring the old cantinas; when one finds a place with a jukebox full of José José songs, walls of mirrors, red vinyl booths, silk flowers, a little empty dance floor, a clean restroom, and two-dollar beers, one can forget about time, the economy, love, crime, and the fact that the car is at a public parking lot that closes at 1:00

a.m....well, that can be a problem.

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Glossary

Antro: Nightclub.

Botanita: Little snack. There is a variety of snacks served in cantinas all over Mexico, most of the time served for free.

Chuj: A rigid, thick, square sweater woven by hand that falls below the hips.

Colonia Condesa: A Mexico City neighborhood that has a high concentration of cafés, book-stores, bars, and restaurants; a lot of artists and intellectuals live there.

Fichera: A woman whose job in a bar consists of drinking with customers or dancing with them; the bar pays her a commission (not to be mistaken with a stripper or sex worker).

Fresa: A person who belongs (or pretends to belong) to the upper-middle class. Malandro: Delinquent, criminal.

Manguera: One who thinks it is glamorous to act, look, talk, like a drug trafficker, even when he only aspires to be one.

Narco-Corridos: Songs that pay homage to Narcos and their accomplishments, deaths, cars, guns, stories, codes, lifestyle.

Pulque: Fermented sap of the agave plant (very sour), served in many flavors, such as pineapple, mango, and strawberry. **Tocada:** A small rock concert.

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Got It, LT?

Re "Super Bowl Edition" ("Sporting Box," February 4). I look forward to Patrick's Super Bowl result column. Drew Brees not only has a Super Bowl ring now but is also the MVP. L.T., if you want a Super Bowl ring, you know what you have to do...it's not too late. Geoff Hill

via email

Scientists And Sailboats

Re"Global Warming Is Crap!" (Cover Story, January 28). A record cold winter currently does not disprove global warming, nor does a single record hot summer verify it. We live in a scientific age. How many of us are really forming our opinions from science, from scientists?

The northwest passage is the sea route at the top of North America leading from one side to the other. Eight boats transited the northwest passage last year — a record. Not big ships — small yachts unable to punch through ice, mostly sailboats. That's about eight more than the entire 20th Century. Let's not let our political biases determine our viewpoints about a very large topic which should be approached in the spirit of scientific inquiry. Let's look at actual data.

> Mark Allen Harborside

Sit Near The Sink

Naomi, you have a great column (Restaurant Reviews), and I read it every week. Are there any restaurants in SD that allow dinner parties to sit in or near the kitchen, similar to what they do in other large cities? Thank you. Kenneth Selzer

via email

Ben Sally's Restaurant (at the Harbor Village Marriott) has a chef's table in the kitchen, and A.R. Valentien has a similar arrangement that includes a chef tasting dinner at a large "family" table. (I've heard raves about the latter.) - Naomi Wise

Shoehorn Missing

Well, what happened to "Shoehorn Technique"? That was a perplexing and wonderfully ironic cartoon, and I miss it very much. What did you do with it? Will it come back?

> Name Withheld via email

Ben Katchor discontinued "Shoehorn Technique" in 2009. — Editor

Roam-o-Rama **Published Feb. 10**

By GriffithParkWayist 1:39 p.m., Feb. 11, 2010

A little fact correction -O'Melveny is either the 4th or 5th largest regional park in L.A. City, behind Griffith Park, Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area, Hansen Dam Recreation Area, and possibly Verdugo Hills Park.

It's still a gorgeous park and connects to county park land in Santa Clarita.

Of course, all of the park except park central was completely burned in wildfires 18 months ago, so expect an altered landscape from some of your lovely description.

Regardless, O'Melveny is one of our favorite LA City parks!

Of Note

(Medeski Martin & Wood) Published Feb. 10

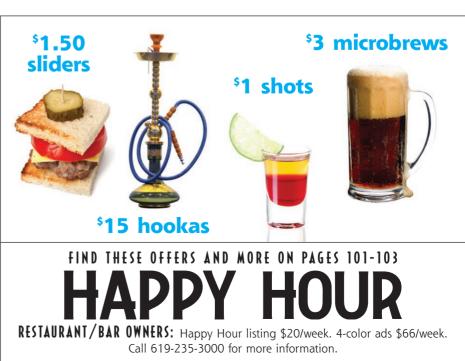
By veepreekins 4:19 p.m., Feb. 11, 2010

MMW is way more than a "Jam" Band...I don't think words can describe///you have to see them

City Lights ("A Town Left Dry")

Published Feb. 10 By lenny 6:56 a.m., Feb. 11,

2010 If the situation gets any better in Borrego I may drive continued on page 54







BACK WHEN in the Reader

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Map Heading East on Old Highway 80

Old Hwy. 80 36700

San Diego Reader, February 22, 1990

Thirty-Five Years Ago

Watching Lyn Lott play the final hole on Sunday was an honest lesson in the pro golf version of catch-22.... On the seventy-second, par five, eighteenth hole, the left side of

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on the

the green fronted by newly created water, Lott drove into the left rough, but had a good lie. Lott, two over par through seventyone holes, rhetorically asked the gallery what they thought, then played safe, pitching his second hit short of the water hazard, chipping over the pond, then two putting for his par. His performance won him \$663.

— **"IN THE GREEN,"** Richard Pesin, February 20, 1975

Thirty Years Ago

One adjective in the critic's lexicon which is often construed as pejorative is "pleasant." For example, Kenny Loggins is pleasant. Even though I can't imagine myself wrestling with insomnia over missing Loggins's upcoming concert Sunday night at the Sports Arena, I wouldn't mind attending it. His stuff with Jim Messina was always nice, soothing, and, well, pleasant.

— MUSIC SCENE: **"THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS,"** Steve Esmedina, February 21, 1980

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Fellow tourists you encountered on the street have told you that there's a four-hour wait at the San Ysidro border crossing. But you've seen the local TV news coverage of the brand-new Otay Mesa crossing, and you've heard that there is virtually no wait to cross at the facility. The only trouble is that there's not a single sign on the entire length of Revolución that would indicate its whereabouts. — CITY LIGHTS: "LOOKING FOR SIGNS," *Abe Opincar*,

February 21, 1985

Twenty Years Ago

As Sooze sees it, the use of speed methamphetamine — is rampant in Jacumba and Bouelvard. "Not long after I first came here, I was working at a tavern in Boulevard," she relates, "and I said to one of the other waitresses, 'Why are all these people constantly going outside and then coming back in?' She said, 'Just how dumb are you, anyway? They're going out to have a little hit of speed, that's all.' She said you could tell the speed monsters by the little bumps on their faces. I started watching for that, and before too long I realized that almost everyone who came into the place had those bumps."

— "DOTS ON THE MAP: HEADING EAST ON OLD

HIGHWAY 80," Roger Anderson, February 22, 1990

Fifteen Years Ago

San Diego and Imperial counties have the worst rate in the state for lifethreatening birth defects, topping the list for five of the seven categories measured by state researchers.

Critics, who suspect that environmental pollution might be contributing to the problem, are calling for further study into the increased birth-

defect rate. Also alarming: due to budget cuts, San Diego County has been eliminated from the monitoring program altogether. — CITY LIGHTS: **"BABIES OF A TOXIC BORDER,"**

Melinda Powelson, February 16, 1995

Ten Years Ago

I've just gotten off the trolley at 25th and Commercial, looking for breakfast. Here we're in WWII-era San Diego. Developer money won't touch it.

I cut up 30th Street toward Imperial. But lots of its shop fronts are locked and boarded.

That's when I get the whiff. Across 30th. Catalano's Pizza, a stucco place in an ancient corner building. I mean, I'd been hoping for sausages and eggs, but, hey, pizza guy's cooking in there.

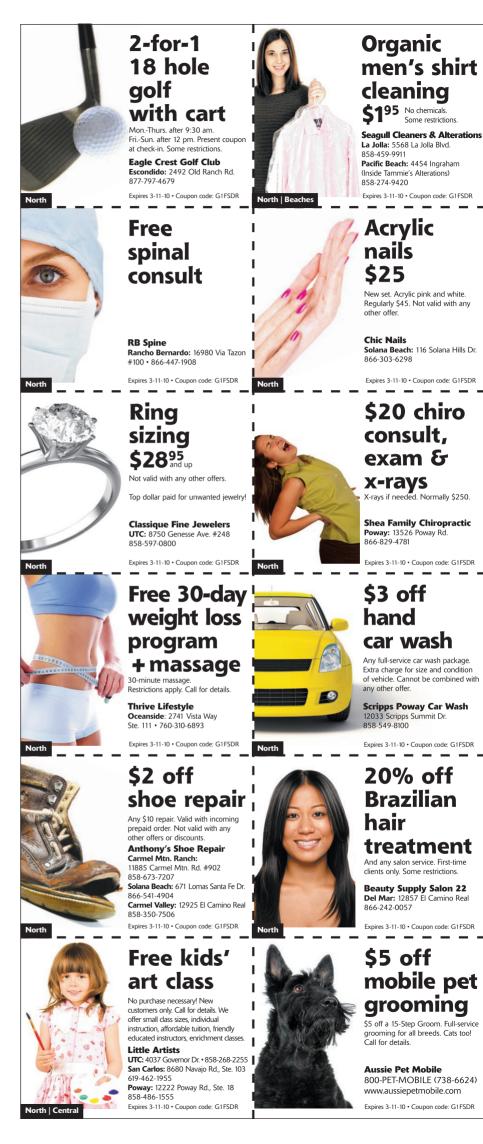
— TIN FORK: **"PIZZA FOR BREAKFAST,"** Ed Bedford, February 17, 2000

Five Years Ago

Whenever I'd imagined myself in police cars, I was always in back. Cops were the bad guys, just the "man" out to get you. But that was before my sister Jenny began dating Brad a couple of years ago. When I found out he was a "CHiP," the first thing I thought was, I guess Jen's not coming to any more of my parties.

--- **"BARBARELLA SWEEPS THE BEATS WITH THE HIGHWAY PATROL,"** *Barbarella, February 17,* 2005

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Heymatt:

With all the snow back East, I was wondering if any of the waterfalls freeze when the rivers freeze. Or is moving water not likely to freeze. — No name please, via email

Oh, yeah. The East Coast branch of the research elf family is having a time. They're on stilts with snowshoes on the bottom and little floppy Jack in the Box antenna heads on their beanies so they can be located if they blunder into a drift. They keep calling here. We know they want to come visit, so we pretend we're not home. When they're here, all they do is complain about the pizza, anyway.

But 1'm sure somewhere back there there are a few frozen waterfalls. Niagara Falls has frozen, so anything is possible. Moving water can freeze

if conditions are right. First we need sub-freezing temps. Below 32° Fahrenheit. We need to slow down the water molecules, and cold will do that. Next, we need a "seed" water molecule, one stuck to a rock, maybe. If the water is cold and slow enough, a second water molecule will eventually stick to the first, then another, then another. Pretty soon, we've got ourselves some ice stuck to rock. A good cold wind and maybe a little snow to act as a seed would speed things up. To get a good waterfall freeze takes a lot of details to fall into place.

Waterfalls and rivers usually freeze from their edges toward the middle, though that depends a little on the contours of the rock face behind the falls. Our ice seed maybe gets sprayed by the falling water hitting rocks, and that fine layer of water begins to build up into a pyramid at the foot of the falls or an icicle at the top. If ice has slowed the river enough, we might end up with a solid wall of ice that looks like icicle wallpaper. Perhaps the river is still flowing under its outer shell of ice, and water could be spilling behind the icicle wall. But if it gets cold enough, the ice walls can get thick enough to climb. It's rock climbers' favorite winter sport - sticking crampons, ice axes, and rope bolts into a big berg and working their way to the top.

Dear Matthew:

I think we live in the First World, and I'm pretty sure places like Haiti are the Third World, so that means there must be a Second World, so what's the deal with that? — First Worlder, via email

It was the Commies. The sneaky pinko weasels such as Russia and Cuba and China and Albania. All those countries out to conquer the world and turn it into a socialist workers' utopia. The whole scheme was a clever shorthand for the global situation during the Cold War. The First World of industrialized, capitalist countries such as us and England (the good guys); the Second World of the Red Menace (the bad guys); and everybody else, all those little countries that don't count, the Third World.

Matt:

How come if a human being drinks seawater he'll probably get sick and die, but whales, dolphins, and walruses, and penguins can drink ocean water and thrive on it?

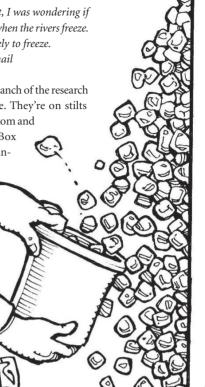
— Curious Bob, University City

Yeah, a cup or two of Mission Bay water would do vou in, that's for sure. I'm not even positive a walrus could handle it. But I have a surprise for you. Most marine mammals don't drink salt water. They couldn't deal with a constant diet of Pacific Ocean either. Scientists are a little bit in the dark about the drinking habits of whales and some dolphins, since they're hard to observe in the wild. But since the mammals need water, how do they get it? From the fish they eat. Fish are low-sodium tidbits, so marine mammal kidneys can handle it. In fact, they can extract water as they metabolize the fish to satisfy their needs. The salt content of marine mammals' blood is not so different from the blood of terrestrial critters

Sea otters, seals, sea lions, and manatees have been observed occasionally drinking seawater. But they're capable of concentrating and excreting highly salty urine, so they can handle it. Any creatures (including birds, sharks, and snakes) that live in or even near a saltwater environment have some method of getting rid of excess sodium. For that matter, so do all marine fish. Too much salt apparently doesn't do anybody any good.



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Winter Olympics Backgrounder



Triumph Bonneville

he first time I visited Vancouver was in the late '60s. I was living in Fairbanks and decided to spend the winter outside, which is what we called any place not in Alaska.

Since it was August, the weather was still good, so I set upon a plan to buy a motorcycle and drive it to California. I'd never ridden a big bike before, but no matter: I bought the first one I looked at - a used, 650cc Triumph Bonneville

Two days later, bike and long-haired self were headed south. No helmet, no gloves, and a day-pack for luggage. Mind you, my trip wasn't entirely irrational - the route was paved from Fairbanks to the Alaska/Yukon Territory border, thence 310 carefree miles on a hard-packed dirt road, thence reenter Alaska at Dalton Cache, and 40 paved miles later I'm parked in front of the Alaska ferry terminal in Haines (then a city of 800, built near the head of the Inside Passage). Thence, board the ferry, sleep on the deck, party with backpacking students, enjoy the restaurant, doubleenjoy the bar, promenade, read a book, watch trees go by, and generally lollygag for the entire 39-hour ride to Prince Rupert, British Columbia. Thence disembark and drive on paved roads 1100 miles to Seattle.

Didn't look like a big deal to me, particularly the last leg. That looked like the standard San Diego-to-Portland two-day grind. And the ferry ride would be fun.

It was fun. I arrived in Prince Rupert refreshed and enlivened. I should back up here and tell you the motorcycle broke down three times during the 650-mile Fairbanks-to-Haines run. Saying that, the breakdowns were super convenient: I was at or ridiculously near a gas station or truck stop every time. The fixes were free or cheap. I took leave of Prince Rupert on good terms with the world.

But, as Tiger Woods knows, the world can turn on you. From PR on, I never drove 75 miles without a mechanical collapse. The relentless breakdowns were made worse by my profound ignorance of internal engine world, a lifestyle choice that remains pure and unsullied to this day.

The first breakdown occurred 60 miles out from Prince Rupert. The motorcycle coughed twice and died. Now what?

Now nothing. No traffic...hadn't seen a house or building in a good while. I climbed off the odious metal dunghill to curse, sigh, and pace. A banged-up Ford pickup pulled up. Middle-aged man wearing a black-and-yellow CAT baseball cap stuck his head out the driver's window, asked, "Are you a hippie?"

I renounced hippies and all their works, then made a neat transition to the bike and its present situation. The man said, "Mind if I take a look?" Five minutes later, the cycle was restored

Thanks, farewell, and on the road again. Thirty miles further on, the engine stopped. Thutt. Like that. Thutt. No drama. Engine just stopped. Very shortly, another man, this time driving a GMC, pulled up, asked, "Are you a hippie?'

And so it went. Every 30 to 70 miles, the engine quit. I'd dismount and wait for first, second, or third vehicle to pull over. I'd answer the hippie question and the bike would be restored.

It wasn't always men. Women, too. They wanted to know if I was okay. Everyone had this pre-Columbian, New World, forestdwelling, never-seen-a-Conquistador-before expression on their faces. My life was awash in sincerity

It took nine days to reach Vancouver. I crashed at a frat house next to the University of British Columbia and refused to leave until the motorcycle was stolen or sold.

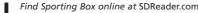
The second time I visited Vancouver was four or five years later. I drove up from Las Vegas with Peggy O'Brien. I'd been thinking about buying land on one of the islets that lay between Vancouver Island and the mainland.

When we got to the border crossing at Blaine, the Canadian agent ordered us inside for questioning. Two agents questioned us together and then separately, and then we were brought together again and escorted to the plastic-chair room to sit for awhile. Awhile passed and we were walked to the wooden-chair room and told we would not be allowed to enter Canada. I asked the agent with the black mustache, "Why?'

I felt the heat of Canadian hatred: "You are traveling with an unmarried woman.'

Unmarried woman and I returned to my truck, drove back to Seattle, over to Port Angeles, boarded the ferry to Victoria, thence to Lasquitae Island and thence to Vancouver. We stopped by the frat house for a beer

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fast break



Torrey Pines guard Max Heller goes for a layup against Escondido forward Jesse Sahagun

Mount Miguel beats Santana to climb closer to league crown

Posted February 13, 2010

Friday night, Mount Miguel took a big step toward winning the Grossmont Valley League. The Matadors beat Santana at home 72-63 to move within one win of a share of the crown. "It feels good. Mount Miguel boys haven't won a basketball league in a long time," said Matadors guard A.J. Stanford.

The teams combined for 24 fouls in the first half. "It was very physical," Stanford said. "We couldn't come out here playing soft. We knew it was going to be a real physical game."

Mount Miguel (21-6, 6-1) made their move in the third quarter by attacking the rim offensively and playing aggressive man-to-man defense. The Matadors closed out the quarter with a 15-2 run en route to a win in the rubber match between the two teams this season. Mount Miguel beat Santana in the DIII Challenge in December, and the Sultans returned the favor in their previous league meeting.

No. 5 Torrey Pines holds Hudson to beat No. 9 Escondido Posted February 10, 2010

After being gashed by Escondido guard Joe Hudson in their first meeting, No. 5 Torrey Pines vowed not to let it happen again. The Falcons kept Hudson in check after the first quarter and earned an 81-64 win over the ninth-ranked Cougars.

"We really made an effort to be in help defense and really make it hard on Joe to get points up," said Torrey Pines guard Max Heller. "We followed the game plan tonight."

From the opening tip, the game looked like it would be a fast-paced shootout. Escondido had a 25-22 lead after a first quarter in which Hudson scored 11 of his 26 points. Torrey Pines (21-3, 6-1 Avocado) tightened up their defense in the second quarter, holding Escondido to only six

By Anthony Gentile

points. The Falcons got a boost off the bench from Scott Mainquist, who scored 10 of his 13 points in the quarter.

Escondido (15-9, 5-2) turned up the pressure to start the second half and just more than a minute in, Hudson hit a three to make it a fivepoint game. But Torrey Pines pulled away in the fourth quarter on their way to the 17-point victory.

No. 6 Christian beats Kearny to extend win streak to 20

Posted February 9, 2010

The last time No. 6 Christian lost was so long ago that they might not remember how it feels. The Patriots (22-2, 9-0) won their 20th consecutive game on Tuesday night, beating Kearny 68-59.

Christian held Kearny (8-12, 4-5) to only eight points in the third quarter and led by double digits headed into the fourth. The Komets rallied to make it a five-point game with two minutes to play. But after a timeout Christian guard Cody Poteet hit a three that ended any chance of a Kearny comeback and allowed Christian to win going away.



Christian guard Icaro Parisotto goes up for a shot against a Kearny guard

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BestBuys

-EVE KELLY

We've been driving beaters almost since we got married. Our last "new" car was eight years old when we bought it. Every now and then I catch him noticing the new Dodge Challenger, and he knows how much I'd like a convertible PT Cruiser (oh, to take the top down and still be kid friendly).

On Valentine's Day I teased him about the lack of a red PT in the driveway, even as I started thinking about maybe getting him a vanity plate that hinted at future glory: CHLNGER.

My first call was to Deein McKee at McKee's Auto Registration in Lemon Grove (619-698-8818)

"You can order personalized plates online at *dmv.ca.gov*, but the plate will be sent to

the DMV," she said. "You choose it online, but you have to go in and wait in line in order to actually get it assigned. But if you come to us, we can have it sent to our private DMV address - we pick it up for you and get it assigned for \$25. You don't have to wait in line at all." (McKee also does registration renewal for \$29.)

McKee said that it was a good idea to show up with a list of possible ideas and/or spellings for a desired phrase.

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"Tons of personalized-plate sayings are already taken," she says, "but I can check right away to see if what you've got on your list is available. And if it is, I can reserve it for you. After that it takes two or three months for your plate to get made. Once it's ready, you get a card in the mail, and you bring in your old plates and your registration."

A standard personalized plate costs \$49, with an additional \$38 a year (above regular registration costs) to renew.

If you want to spend a little more, the extra expense can do the world some good even as it satisfies your vanity. "There are probably 20 different types of plates that you can choose," says McKee. "The plate with a whale tail gets your [additional] registration donated towards the beaches and public coastlines. The arts-council plate — the one with the palm trees and the sun setting over the ocean means your proceeds go to California arts and education. The kids' plate - you can choose a hand, a heart, a plus sign, or a star before your personalized message - puts proceeds toward children's health and safety. I have the California Memorial plate — there's a flag in the background, and it says, 'We will never forget' at the bottom. Proceeds go to

"They won't allow anything

having to do with sex or gangs,

and no cuss words."

antiterrorist work and a memorial scholarship fund."

Specialty plates cost \$98, with a \$78 annual renewal fee, except for the kids' plate, which is **\$50** up front and **\$40** a year after that.

Adds McKee, "They won't allow anything having to do with sex or gangs, and no cuss words. The computer is programmed to kick back any inappropriate stuff."

Finest City Registration (858-270-1471, finest cityreg.com) offers the same services as McKee, but in a La Jolla location.

But this is "Best Buys," and I'm all about the bargains. So I looked into getting Patrick a message he could send without

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changing the plates. Maybe something snappy around the edges?

Gina at Gunther Gifts in Carlsbad (760-476-9131; gunthergifts.com) told me that her most popular license-plate frames were the personalized stainless steel (\$25) with the engraved message and the "superior chrome" (\$14.95), "which has engraved plastic strips that attach

to the frame. Our most expensive is 'The Best in Chrome' [\$80] — the inscription is cut out of the chrome and then color is painted into the groove. That one is made from solid brass.'

All Gunther offerings come with a choice of 14 different font styles. "Most plates take three to five days to make, and shipping is \$6 to \$6.50. You can put anything you want on it - we get some really interesting things."

If you want same-day service, try Fast Keys & Engraving in Clairemont (858-278-1323; fastkeys.com).

"We have metal frames in black or chrome for \$15.99," said employee Cesar. "We do the engraving on plastic inserts that we glue onto the metal. The inserts come in red, black, blue, gold, white, and silver, and there are four fonts to choose from. There's room for about 20 letters on the top and 30 more on the bottom. And you can say anything you want."

Jason at Pep Boys in Normal Heights (619-283-7107; pepboys.com) says, "We have a range of frames from \$4 to \$30. If you want to personalize something, we sell one for \$12.99 that comes with plastic letters - you slide them in, and you can arrange them however you like."

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Beer and rugby are more or less synonymous.

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like to think of myself as pretty hip. It's not as if I'm walking around with an iPad or anything, but when it comes to most things, I'm definitely more "early adopter" than "laggard." I was the first among my group of foodie friends to point out that burrata (a gooey-centered mozzarella) had become the chocolate lava cake of 2009 — the latest "in" food to appear on all restaurant menus.

On the day the iPhone was released in June 2007, I stood in line with David so he could be among the first to pick one up. When something fresh is produced, the sooner I acquire it the better, so that I can get as much

I offered my ration
to a guy I'd just
met, a naval
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engineer who
reacted as if I'd
just handed him a
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use out of it as possible before the next thing comes along, beckoning me with its nerdy siren call. Us early adopters don't care much for what is; we want to know what's next.

But one cannot be forever vigilant. As hip as I like to think I am, one recent fad has just about passed me by, and it's my own damned fault. I was too busy huffing fermented grapes to notice that, to the rest of my comrades who pride themselves on being in the know, beer had become the new wine.

Oh, there had been hints, but I could not fathom beer existing outside of its role as manly social lubricant. High school keggers and college parties fueled by Natural Light had fomented my prejudice against bitter beer.

The first time I went to Blind Lady Ale House in Normal Heights (one of many new beer-centric bars), I ordered a glass of wine. Only now do I realize what a fool I'd been, clinging to my glass of mediocre merlot as I shared pizza with a handful of draft devotees.

Toronado, Pizza Port, Karl Strauss, Stone Brewing, Ballast Point — I was familiar with a number of San Diego's brew-tastic joints; I'd even eaten at a few of them. But in the past five years, I could remember ordering a beer only once...and David was quick to tell me that didn't count because "pear cider is not exactly beer." Speaking of my man, he was way ahead of me on this one — on our last few grocery runs, he'd been skipping the wine section and bringing home strange-looking bottles with even stranger names on the labels, such as Arrogant Bastard, Moose Drool, and La Fin Du Monde ("the end of the world").

"Where did you find those?" I asked. The only beer brands I knew were the ones I'd passed in the supermarket — the Buds and Coors whose gigantic displays featured digital clocks counting down to the Super Bowl; beers aimed at guys who consider drinking a hobby (with that lowalcohol content, you can pound 'em all day and remain standing long enough to hoot and holler at the television screen in the final minutes of the game).

"Whole Foods," David said, as he cleared space in the fridge for his bottles. "You know, you might like some of these."

"I seriously doubt it," I said.

Because I'm totally down with the slow-food trend, I was quick to RSVP when I caught wind of a "fresh dinner" event happening at Stone Brewing Company in Escondido. Each ingredient from the menu was to be procured from a local farm on the same day as the meal. The chef and his staff drove all over the county to collect fare from eight farms (including Peterson Specialty Produce, Wing Lee Poultry & Meats, Carlsbad Aqua Farm, and Suzie's Farm).

I don't really think about breweries *making* beer. It's not that I didn't under-

stand the concept, it's just that — having never sampled the concoctions from any of San Diego's 33-odd breweries — I tend to think of them more as restaurants that serve beer than breweries that serve food. It was David who informed me that Stone (makers of that Arrogant Bastard stuff he'd brought home) is favored among "beer geeks," the malty libation's version of the "wine snob." Still, as we drove from Hillcrest to Escondido, it had yet to register that I'd be ordering beer with dinner.

Before we were seated, patrons were allowed into the huge space that houses the fermentation tanks. Each of us received a tall glass of fresh, unfiltered beer, poured right from the tap of the tank. I had one sip and declared it too acrid for consumption. Back in the mingling area, I offered my ration to a guy I'd just met, a naval submarine engineer who reacted as if I'd just handed him a 20-dollar bill.

David assured me that not all beer is bitter and reminded me of the flavored Belgian lambics I'd enjoyed. When the server came around, I trusted David to make my selection for me. There is nothing that David is not particular about, be it liquor (Junipero is his favorite gin, Grey Goose his preferred vodka), wine (Carnival of Love, the Prisoner), or beer (Dark Lord, Bourbon County). He once tasted over a dozen different bottledwater brands in one sitting before settling on the Spanish Mondariz brand (which, he often laments, is no longer attainable



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"What do you have that's on the sweet side and not hoppy?" David asked our server, his head gesturing my way, thereby outing me as the beer novice. The server brought me a glass of white ale. I was pleasantly surprised when the refreshing sour/floral flavor paired well with the first course.

David, always looking for new experiences, had ordered a dark and viscous Belgian beer that resembled motor oil (we were informed that Stone's menu offers an extensive selection of

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beers they don't make themselves).

"Trv this," David said, sliding his glass toward me on the dark wood of the table.

"That's okay, I'm liking this one," I said. He nudged the glass

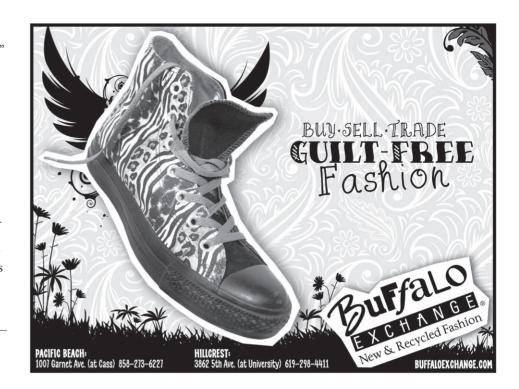
closer until it clinked against my plate and said, "Come on, can't hurt."

I raised the glass, sniffed at its muddy contents, and brought it to my lips, allowing barely a drop to enter my mouth. I made as if to return the glass but then hesitated and licked my lips as David watched my face. "Is that caramel I'm getting on the aftertaste?" "Yeah, I can see that,"

David answered. "I was also getting a hint of fruit. And mavbe chocolate."

This time, I took a much bigger sip and allowed the liquid to linger on my tongue. It was only after David cleared his throat that I realized I had been reluctant to return his glass. Finally, I slid it back over to him and uttered words I never thought I'd hear myself say: "I think I'll have another beer."

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HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION

We put out the call, "Tell us your HOA horror stories," and you came back in your millions. Okay, your dozens. Okay, nearly a dozen. The issue was courage. How could people report on the hell they were living without incurring the wrath of their homeowner association condocomplex captains, who ruled members' daily lives, from where to place their garbage bins, to what color to paint the doors of the homes they owned, to whether they could park in their own driveway? Here's "Ada" (not her real

name — like many, she is afraid of retaliation), HOAcomplex resident, venting: "Life in my complex? Think a thousand little Watergates. "Noisegate — I complained about the neighbor's noise. The HOA board sent me a letter — and I was on the HOA board.

"Treegate — I got neighbors to complain about the board's removing too many trees without notice, like the one outside my door. They tried to remove me from the board.

"Doorgate — The board harassed me, first by making me repaint my screen door twice, then making me remove it, taking away my only view.

"Petgate — I complained about cat poop and dog bark, and the board continued to



allow all sizes and number of pets.

"Woodgate — The property manager is replacing wooden decks needlessly, and the board is helpless to control them. And we're expected to pay for them.

"Meetingate — The board canceled two meetings in four months when owners wished to complain. The board does not allow any discussion except for threeminute complaints. It holds secret sessions about contracts and claims this is the law." And more. You can get fazed by the

largeness of the number of issues and the apparent smallness of each individual issue.

"The [HOA] told me to paint [my screen door]. I painted it black. But they told me to paint it again. As soon as I had finished painting it green, they told me to remove it."

But Ada echoes a sentiment of the many condo homeowners living at the whim of the few, the powerbrokers who can do anything from fining you to actually foreclosing on your home in the vague legal atmosphere that governs the 6000 HOA condo complexes of San Diego County.

Why no easy-to-understand laws governing this very San Diego societal phenomenon? San Diego is the most HOA-dominated county in the state after Los Angeles. And interestingly,

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San Diego HOAs seem to be a lot richer: they have a total annual revenue of \$1.5 billion, just a hair behind L.A.'s \$1.6 billion, even though L.A. has 13,258 HOAs, double San Diego's 6000, according to figures put out by Levy Erlanger & Co., a San Francisco accounting firm representing 1000 HOAs in the state.

That shouldn't be a bad thing.

Homeowners' associations are supposed to be an exercise in democracy, right? The developers build the com-



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plexes, people buy the condos, then take over responsibility for the upkeep and appearance and running expenses and legal title to the place through their duly elected representatives on the HOA Board. So how come there seems to be a continuous chorus of complaints from people living what you might call the perfect kibbutzin, socialist-capitalist marriage: homes, but in a community setting, designed and grouped together to share grounds and gardens and values for harmonious living?

In a way, the whole HOA is a sucker's game set up by a collusion of developers and local governments. Unpaid HOA boards use HOA assessment fees to pay for what should be the municipality's responsibility, such basics as roads, electricity, sewage, and water. Developers create high-

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profit, high-density housing and then hand it over, lock, stock, and all financial and legal responsibilities to these amateur boards not only to run what often amount to million-dollar businesses, but also to keep on paying property taxes to local government for the infrastructure services those authorities didn't actually have to provide or keep up. No wonder cities love them just as much as developers. No wonder HOA-run condo complexes have mushroomed sixfold, from 7000 in California 20 years ago to about 43,000 today, housing around 10 million, maybe a quarter of the state's entire population.

HOAs are basically nonprofit associations that homeowners form to maintain their development's common areas, with a bottomline mandate to protect their property values.

Each homeowner pays a monthly "assessment," or fee, to finance common expenses, like maintenance of the landscaping, repairing of walks and roads, and keeping pools swimmable. Fees are also supposed to fund a reserve of money to take care of assessments.

In the ultimate in outsourcing, some giant HOAs run virtual cities in the government's place. Irvine's Woodbridge Village Association has to maintain 35 parks and 48 swimming pools. The Aliso Viejo **Community Association**

But the one saving grace is this is supposed to be democracy in action. HOA boards are elected and work at the pleasure of homeowners.

* * * That's what Ada believed, too. "I live in a condo complex in a

"They wanted to save water, so they cut all the bushes back to the bone. So now we don't have bushes, we have sticks."

big jobs, such as reroofing, that might come up. Even though each owner has a deed to his/her home, they agree to a set of rules that restrict their independence — including a recognition of the HOA board's right to foreclose on your home, just for not keeping up with the monthly HOA

is responsible for over 15,000 housing units, a small metropolis of maybe 50,000. And authorities love these cities within cities. In fact, many mandate that any new developments be run by HOAs, because they always substantially relieve authorities of new infrastructure costs.

lower-income area on the border with Clairemont, and they're probably the cheapest ones in the Western Hemisphere. I paid \$40,000 for my studio in 1998. One-bedrooms were \$60,000 at that time. Now they're worth maybe three times that much. Our mortgage and the maintenance is





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\$600 a month. And this complex is half studios and half one-bedrooms. A lot of single people live here. Maintenance [assessment fees] started at \$150 per month, and now it's at \$250. It's 12 buildings with two levels. I'm a 'downstairs.' We have these patios that face each other. You go on your patio, you might as well be in my bedroom. Patio, studio/bedroom, that's it. Nowhere else to go. You can hear everything, but for that price, who's complaining?

"I got in here and I was so rah-rah. I volunteered for the board. I ran against no one and I got on the board."

That's when the problems of close-living started.

NOISEGATE: "I heard a scream in the middle of the night. [A neighbor] was watching a horror movie. [After I complained] the woman who made the noise

started yelling at me. And I just said, 'Hey, wait. I'm a volunteer [board member]. Don't treat me like that.' She comes down [to the board] and tells them that I was using my position on the board to tell her to be quiet.

"And they said to me, 'No, you're not allowed to do that.' It was nothing like me [throwing my weight around], telling her I'm on the board. But there were three people who just didn't want to hear from me or anyone else on the board.

"We had a woman with a 50 lb. dog that would jump off her bed every morning at 4:00. *Thump!* We had another lady who left her dog at home crying until 2:00 in the morning. We had people putting their dogs outside and [the dogs] barking all night. Also, parties late at night. There has been one quiet year since I

have moved in. Now they're saying we can't talk to our neighbors? We're supposed to go straight to the police? Come on. The police tell us, 'Work it out. With the board or whatever.' Right."

DOORGATE: "My screen door was that very dark brown-black metallic that it comes in. They were supposed to be black or green. The [HOA] told me to paint it. I painted it black. It was one of the colors that was allowed. But they told me to paint it again. And then as soon as I finished painting it green, they told me to remove it. Remove the door. They can do that. They were saying that it was too old. Except, if I wanted a view. I had to look out the screen door. Now I have no view. I don't think anybody else in the complex ever got asked to take their door off. I felt that that was a

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certain amount of harassment. They can do things like that, so people are afraid. The atmosphere is just terrible."

TREEGATE: "They don't ask, they don't tell you that they're going to take down this tree that you've been living with for ten years. You wake up one morning to see people outside your door just cutting down your tree. I called up neighbors and said, 'If you don't want the tree removed, call up the president or someone on the board.' And

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someone did and must have yelled at them. So they got very mad at me. It's 'You're not allowed to contact the board, except [for] that three minutes you're allowed at the [monthly] meeting. I said, 'Why did you remove this tree, when that [other] tree is the one overhanging the cars?' And they removed that one too. It's just awful. Nobody voted on this. Nobody votes for anything.

"Then they wanted to save water, so they cut all the bushes back to the bone. So now we don't have bushes, we have sticks...with little leaves growing out of the trunks. The hedge was here for ten years. All of a sudden it's dead. And now we have a little hedge here and there, and it's totally barren."

PETGATE: "I had an incident with a cat [pooping] on my porch for six months. And every time you bring it

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up to them they say that a cat is a feral animal and they can't regulate it. People told me exactly who it was: it was somebody who had two cats, and one would stay on the property, and the other would have to go [poop] somewhere else. Until I finally took the droppings and brought it to whom I thought it was, and then, magically, it stopped."

PIPEGATE: "They gave us notice on a Monday. They were going to put locks on our door on Friday, start[ing] on Monday. We got one week's notice. And some people weren't even home. They were [doing repairs, including] putting epoxy [lining] in our pipes, which we know is more toxic, but also only ten years' warranty, and we know that it can't be fixed. If anything rips again, we don't know what we're going to do. You can't replace epoxy-lined pipe."

Again, no consultation, she says.

"I mean, it's our property! We couldn't even get 30 days' notice. People had pets that they had to get rid of for two weeks, three weeks. We got one extra week's notice. The whole attitude in the letter was 'Remove your stuff or



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we will remove it for you.' Just this attitude like a landlord. Very harsh. I was much happier as a renter. My worst landlord was a dream compared to these people."

BOARDGATE: "I found out that we [the homeowners] are supposed to vote for any contracts with vendors, like the landscapers. It's more than a year [since] I found that law, and they somehow have got around it. They go into secret session for contracts. I even asked them, 'Why is it secret?' 'Oh, it's the law.' Whenever you ask anything, they just tell you, 'It's the law.' For me, you're only secretive when you're fining somebody or when you're talking about an individual homeowner. I asked them to give notice [of meetings, for example], but they don't respond to things like that. Here it is 2010, and they don't communicate with us by email yet. They post things on a bulletin board that they're having a meeting, and that's it. We never get any minutes. We have to pay for minutes. Yeah. Real bad."

But can't an active majority of the homeowners sway the board? "They're not active! Not too many people come down to the meetings. We have a lot of apathy and a lot of younger people moving in who don't quite know what's up yet. And we have a lot of absentee landlords because we're probably 50 percent rental, so we have a lot of trouble with those owners, who don't even show up or take care of their tenants. There are some owners that I'm friendly with, but people are

afraid to make any waves. They just give up. I'm almost always there alone."

My Neighbor, the President: Or, take Warren Reidel, living cializing in gastroenterology at Scripps Clinic in Torrey Pines — lives on a fouracre swathe of Rancho Santa Fe, in the gated community of Rancho Farms Estates. The homes go for from

come through, then follow him in.

It looks idyllic — if you're into breaking the social contract and living a kind of apartheid life of exclusivity. But Reidel is at war with his HOA...and its presi-

"Here it is 2010 and they don't communicate with us by email yet. They post things on a bulletin board."

proof that the rich don't escape HOA conflicts either. Those small, intensely annoying things between neighbors, and especially neighbors hog-tied to HOA rules, can create a war that makes only lawyers happy. Dr. Reidel — a physician spe\$1.5–\$8 million and range from 5000–10,000 square feet. There are 40 residences on four different streets. It's a 13year-old development without guards, so you punch your code in or use your garage opener to open the gates. Or wait for a gardener to dent, businessman Dean Reese, who is not only his neighbor but also accesses his home via Reidel's driveway.

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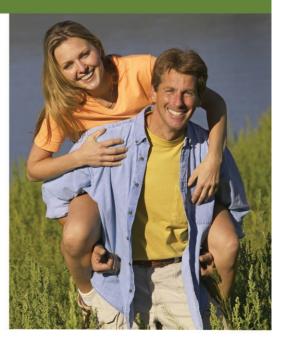
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over my property to get to his house. Otherwise there are no homes on the street. So all was peaceful. Then a few years ago, [my wife and I] were parking our cars up our driveway in front of our garages, and when he [Mr. Reese] was driving by to his house, he would see them. He decided that he didn't like to see our cars parked in front of our garages. So, being the president of the homeowners' association, he sent out a letter saying, 'You're not allowed to park your car in front of your garage. It has to be in your garage.' Now the homeowner association's CC&R [covenants, conditions, and restrictions] just says everyone must have a garage. Doesn't say you have to park your car in the

garage. So he sent out this letter. He's the only one who can see my house. That was four years ago.

"And then we decided we would improve this driveway by planting it with lots of nice California peppers and bougainvilleas. We irrigated it and lighted it and I spent a lot of money. And while I was doing it, he said to me, 'This is great.'

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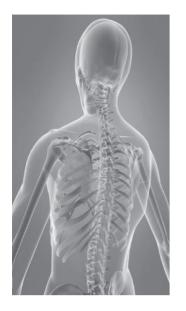
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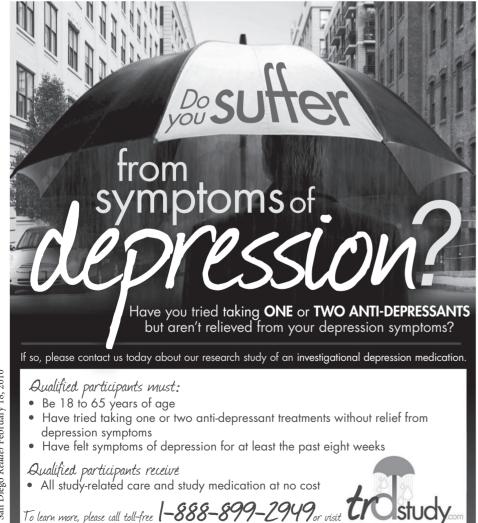
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"So this was two years ago. We finally finished the job, and they said, 'How wonderful, lighted at night, trees, all irrigated.' Of course, I'm paying for all the irrigation and electricity for the driveway that he gets to use, okay? So then when I finally brought the receipts in this last summer to the HOA, they said, 'Oh, there's no money. That was all gone years ago. There's no record of it here?

"Then last year I built the swimming pool. It was expensive about \$60,000. The whole backyard project cost \$120,000. I decided I would put a solar panel in to heat the pool. So we put that in. I must say it was big and ugly, and it was on the side of my property facing his home area.

"Once it went up, and we didn't even finish it, he went berserk, and he planted large trees to block my sunlight. And you can't do that. There's something called the California Solar Rights Act. Then the homeowners sent me a 'cease and desist' letter. So we stopped in the middle of it. And they said, 'Now we want \$4500 as a deposit for you to finish vour project, or we'll fine you.' We gave them \$4500 this last February, and they were obligated to respond to our plans within 45 days. So they said, 'We're going to have the architectural committee come over to your house and review what you've done, and we're

probably going to ask you to move your solar panel to a different location so it's not in his face.

"In the meantime, he called the County Building Department on me to see if my solar panel was in a legal spot, and they said it's fine, it's legal. There's nothing he can do about it.

"And then he called the county on me to say that we did illegal grading, because when we built the swimming pool, we took some of the dirt out of the pool and put it on the side of the house on what's called Open Space. And we packed it down. We just added some more dirt to an area of dirt. So the county came out and said, 'It looks fine,' and that was the end of that."

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Have Diabetes Type 2? Consider Volunteering for a Clinical Research Study

You may qualify if you:

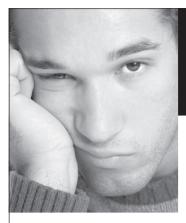
- Are 18-70 years of age
- Have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes
- Take oral medication to control your diabetes

As a qualified participant, you will receive study-related care, glucometer, investigational study medication at no cost and compensation for time and travel.

Please call: Synergy Clinical Research **1-888-365-3203**



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Struggling with Psoriasis?

Therapeutics Clinical Research, a center of excellence in psoriasis care, is conducting a research study of a topical psoriasis medication.

We need participants:

- 18-75 years of age, in general good health
- Chronic mild to moderate plaque psoriasis

Qualified participants will receive:

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

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Diabetes Clinical Trial

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If you qualify you may be compensated up to \$1040.



For More Information Call 1-877-500-3788



Hepatitis C Research Study

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You may be eligible if you have:

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

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



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COUGHING, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, WHEEZING, YEARS OF SMOKING

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



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

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

Compensation for time and travel may be availble.

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Overweight? Underactive? Yoga and Stretch Study

University of California San Diego is conducting a study to see whether voga or stretching therapy improves metabolic and cardiovascular risk factors.

You may qualify for the study if you are:

- Between 21-65 years old and
- **Overweight and Underactive**
- If you qualify for the study, you will have:
- Either yoga or stretching classes for 1 year
- 2-hour Oral Glucose Tolerance Test and other blood tests; measures of sleep quality; abdominal CT scan measures

You will be modestly compensated for your time. If you are interested please call (858) 534-8118, email: prysms@ucsd.edu or visit our website: http://coe.ucsf.edu/scor/prysms

Do you have Diabetes?

Are you experiencing pain, tingling, burning, or numbness in your legs or feet?

You may be suffering from painful diabetic neuropathy, or nerve damage caused by diabetes.

Coordinated Clinical Research is conducting a clinical research study to determine the effect of an investigational drug and its ability to treat pain associated with diabetic neuropathy.

For more information call 858-455-5463 or email us at ccr@sandiegotrials.com.

Qualified participants will receive clinical evaluations, lab tests and investigational drug for up to 2 years. You may also be eligible to be reimbursed for \$50 per visit to cover meals and travel-related expenses.



Coordinated Clinical Research www.sandiegotrials.com Scripps Memorial Hospital (Ximed Building) 9850 Genesee Ave. Suite 320, La Jolla CA 92037

But still the war escalated.

"In 135 — not 45 — days, [the architectural committee] finally came over to my house, and they wanted me to move the solar panel and plant large ficus trees to the side of the panels, so fewer people could see it, including a neighbor who lives a quarter-mile away, up on a hill. The ficus trees were \$250 each. I said, 'Forget it. I'll take the solar panel down.' I removed it. Meantime, they charged me \$300 to have the landscape architect come around and say that 'you should plant the ficus trees over

RESEARCH STUDIES

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At this point, Reidel

'Sometimes I can see the

reflection of your galva-

over on the other side of

instead of silver.'

make your fence black

"And then they said

Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study

Looking for:

- Healthy volunteers
- Ages 18-45 years
- No major medical problems • No mental health problems
- No alcohol or drug problems

Study involves an investigational drug and FDA-approved medications and brain imaging while doing simple computer tasks. Compensation up to \$1250. For more information call: 858-405-6677

tling the solar panel. So I asked for \$1400 back.

"In the meantime, my neighbor who was so adamant that I couldn't park my cars in front of my garage has parked his cars for the last three years in front of his garage. The homeowners say you can't store a boat: he's had a boat in his back yard for three months. I took pictures of it every week. This is the president. He thinks he can break all the rules. He can store the cars [outside], he can bring a boat in, and then on top of that, in his back yard he's got silver-colored fencing with barbed wire on it. How come they don't make him change his silver-colored fencing?

"You know what he says? 'It's not on my property.' But it surrounds his back yard. Then he's got this large shed in his back yard, and the CC&R says no sheds are allowed. He even has a flagpole, and I don't really care about his flagpole, but the CC&R says you're not allowed to have flagpoles. So he can break



Are you or someone you know currently diagnosed with

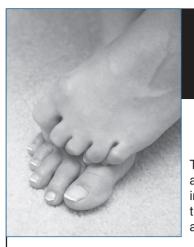
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE **AND DIABETES?**

Has your blood pressure been high recently?

If yes, gualified participants may be eligible to be in a research study involving an investigational medication. Qualified participants will be compensated for time and transportation.

Please contact

CNRI-San Diego at 619-481-5252



Afraid to show your feet?

Do you have toenail fungus?

Therapeutics Clinical Research is conducting a clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy of an investigational, topical medication in the treatment of onychomycosis, also known as toenail fungus.

We need participants:

- 18-70 years of age
- With toenail fungus on at least one big toe

Qualified participants will receive:

- Examinations by a Board-Certified Dermatologist and study medication at no cost
- Compensation for time and travel

No health insurance required.

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3 inches across or more and one of the following:

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

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



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

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Do you suffer from **Schizophrenia?**

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Do You Suffer from Excessive Shyness?

Have you experienced intense fear of being embarrassed or evaluated negatively by others in a variety of social and performance situations such as:



Meeting new people? Talking in front of a group? Going to parties? Interacting with those you are attracted to? **Dealing with authority figures?** Eating or writing in front of others?



You may be eligible for a research study at UCSD Department of Psychiatry.

If you are 18 years of age or older, and are interested in this research program, please call:

1-877-UCSD-SHY (1-877-827-3749) or e-mail: veryshy@ucsd.edu

all the rules.

"It has been a nightmare, and I'm ready to sue them in smallclaims court if I don't get some satisfaction here."

And as with Ada, Reidel's problem is a dormant democracy. "Nobody who lives here really cares about the homeowners' association. These are wealthy people who mind their own business. At the meeting there was the president and two other people. That's it - plus me, the only homeowner who was not on the board of the committee. You've got this guy there [the president,

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do You Have Type 2 Diabetes?

Dr. Henry and his associates have a clinical research study that is looking at the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication (similar to aspirin) compared to placebo, in the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes. The study drug is <u>approved by the FDA to treat arthritis</u>, but it has not yet been approved for diabetes. See if the TINSAL study is right for you.

Duration:

Approximately 55 weeks total: 11 clinical study site visits at UCSD Study visits may include: an initial screening visit, vitals, laboratory samples, physical exam, EKG, medical history, quality-of-life questionnaires, blood sugar readings from provided glucose monitor

If you meet the following criteria you may be eligible to participate

- Inclusion Criteria:

 - Males or Females aged 18-74
 Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
 Diabetes controlled with diet and exercise or up to 3 medications, stable for
- Baweeks (excluding current use of Actos, Byetta, and insulin)
 HbA1c between 7.0-9.5%
 No recent weight loss of greater than 10 lbs. or currently on any weight loss drugs
- No Plavix, Heparin, Coumadin, or any other anticoagulants (aspirin OK) If you have any questions about the study or would like to find out if you are eligible, please contact Research Coordinator at: (858) 552-4326

Qualified participants will be compensated for participation up to \$700.

'Get a life.' And 'I pity vou.' I brought out pictures to the other two members. I said, 'Look. Here's a boat. It's been

"It has been a nightmare, and I'm ready to sue them in small claims court if I don't get some satisfaction here."

down a certain queen palm tree. For \$3000. He's happy to do that with my HOA money. When I read this demand letter, he said,

Dean Reese] who's mak-

like, 'We should raise the

fees,' and we should tear

homeowners' monthly

ing all the decisions,

there for three months. I can see his boat, but I really don't care. But how come he complains about my silver fence when I can see his boat. Here's his flagpole, and here's his shed, and here's his barbed-wire gate.' They did nothing.

The final nail? "His wife sends us an email that says, 'Would you like to have the community Christmas party at your house this year?' First of all I'm Jewish, so that's one issue. Secondly, I hate them. Why would I want to spend my money holding a Christmas party at my house?"

Why doesn't Reidel run for president of the

Is COPD Leaving you Breathless?

Right now we're enrolling adults with COPD ages 40+ years in a research study of an investigational medication for COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease).

Coughing

Wheezing

Feeling of suffocation

Breathlessness

Qualified participants will receive at no charge all: • Study-related care and evaluations • Study medication • Compensation for travel may be provided

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



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We need participants:

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

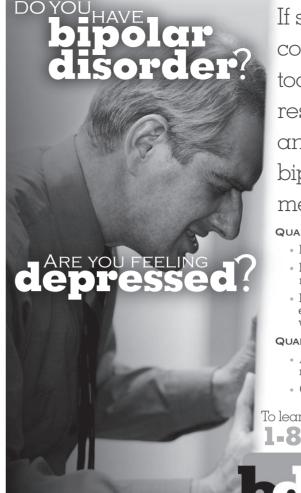
Qualified participants will receive:

- Examinations by a board-certified physician
- Study-related examinations and therapy at no cost
- Compensation for time and travel

No Health Insurance Required Confidentiality Maintained

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

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Be 18 to 65 years of age
- Have had a manic, hypomanic or mixed episode of bipolar disorder
- Have suffered from a depressive episode for at least the past four weeks

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:

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

To learn more, please call toll-free **1-866-428-9499**

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Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling men and women in inpatient and outpatient studies.

Eligible participants may receive all study-related care at no cost, and may be reimbursed for time and travel.

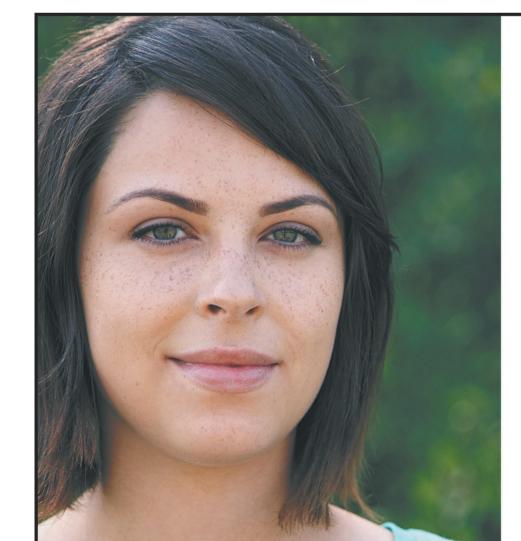
Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, call the Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital Clinical Research Center at **(858) 836-8350**.





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HOA himself?

"Well, I could, and I could start by sending out an email, attaching all the pictures of his boat and his shed, and his barbed wire, and his flagpole, and then his cars, and then saying, 'This is your president! He breaks all the rules! Maybe we should get rid of him!"

Reidel thinks a moment. "The thing is there's such a giant [lack of] interest in it, nobody wants to be the president. That's why there are only three people at the meetings. Nobody cares!"

"It's a thankless job, being president of the

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For more information call University Clinical Trials at: (858) 278-8470 Ask for Julia or Eric. Visit our website at: www.univct.com

Have you been diagnosed with **Bipolar Disorder** and are currently **Feeling Depressed?**



Call 858-ARTEMIS (278-3647) today to see if you qualify for this research study. Confidentiality is strictly honored.

HOA, an unpaid, thankless job," says Dran Reese, Dean Reese's wife. Both are prominent in business and the social life of the county. "I'm not 1000 percent that my husband would want to give you an interview, only because there are so many things that go on in our neighborhood. We try to be so good with all

of our neighbors, but when you have neighbors who don't care about you as a neighbor and don't go by the good-neighbor policy and do what they feel like, it's harmful to the rest of the community, and especially to immediate neighbors. And we deal with that. Not just one time, two times, three times, but multiple times. It's like having a set of little children. And you can quote me on that. They're childish! They're petty and childish."

But Dean does agree to talk, a day later. "I try not to let [this issue] rent space in my brain," he says on the phone.

settled in this expansive (though less expensive than the coveted Covenant) area of Rancho Santa Fe.

"It's a thankless job, being president of the HOA. An unpaid, thankless job."

He and his wife made their money selling earthquake kits they created and now have

He emails me a packet of three photos. They show spacious yards in the foreground,



Too Shy?

Trouble with dating? Parties? Public speaking? Starting conversations? Speaking to authority figures? Always worried about what other people think of you?

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Attn: Heavy Drinkers

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

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

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

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



If so, and you are between the ages of 18 and 65 and currently taking medication for your bipolar symptoms you may be eligible to participate in a research study of an investigational medication for bipolar disorder.

Qualified participants will receive:

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- in the study



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Forgetting simple tasks? Memory fading? Can't seem to complete projects?

- If you or someone you know is:
- Male or female Between the ages of 45 and 90
 Experiencing memory loss? Unable to organize or plan? Forgetting simple tasks?
 In overall good health

• In overall good health

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our research study! If you qualify and choose to participate, you may receive an investigational study medication. You will also receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits all at no charge. Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.



If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact: (619) 688-6565 See our website: www.ari-inc.com

Have you been diagnosed with schizophrenia and currently taking medication?

Are you:

• Male or female between the ages of 18-55?

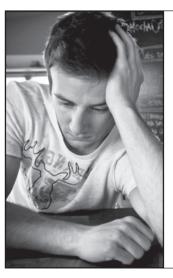
Currently taking a stable dose of medication?

Currently in a stable living situation?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our investigational drug research study. If you qualify and choose to participate, you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge. You may receive study medication to be used in addition to the schizophrenia medication you are currently taking. Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.



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

If you, or someone you know, is:

- Between the ages of 18 and 55
- Currently experiencing a depressive episode
- In overall good health

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible to participate in a research study for an investigational drug for depression. If you qualify and choose to participate, you will receive study-related consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge to you or your insurance company. You may be reimbursed for participation.



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Do you want to quit smoking?

Quitting smoking is one of the most important things you will ever do because:

- You are likely to live longer
- · Quitting smoking will lower your chance of having a heart attack, stroke, or cancer
- The people you live with, especially your children, will be healthier
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ You will have extra money to spend on things other than cigarettes

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a clinical trial on an investigational vaccine that may help participants quit smoking and maintain smoking cessation. To qualify for this research study, you must be between the ages of 18 and 65 years and smoke an average of 10 cigarettes per day. If you qualify for participation, all research medication and study-related care will be provided at no cost to you. You will receive smoking cessation counseling to help you succeed in your effort to stop smoking.

Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.



If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact: (619) 688-6565

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Overactive Bladder?

Millions of people each day are bothered by urinary urgency. If you awaken at night to urinate, call to find out about our research study.



Is alcohol running your life?

Could a daily investigational medication break the cycle?

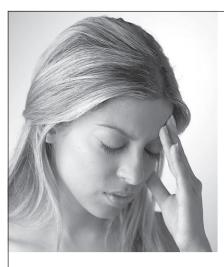
Participants will receive, at no charge, study-related:

- Physical Exams
- Laboratory Tests
- Study Medication

All participants will be monitored by a medical team and the study doctor.

All information is strictly confidential

To learn more, please call: NCCR North County Clinical Research 760-639-4378



Menstrual Migraine Headaches

Wishing your period would <u>never</u> come?

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

To possibly qualify:

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

Participants may receive at no cost:

- Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- All study-related medications, labs, and Pap smear
- Compensation for your time and travel

Medical Center for Clinical Research (619) 521-2841 www.mccresearch.com with messy business going on next door, behind a band of young trees. Builders' barrows, lengths of pipe, construction debris. A long sloping frame, ready to accept solar panels.

"We dealt with this amount of garbage and this crap that we all had to look at for six months," he says. "We

RESEARCH STUDIES

requested on multiple

occasions for Mr. Reidel

to clean up this area and

So how about the

"If you were to drive

up there right now, you

would see most of his

cars parked in front of

his garage. Because he

to do something about

the drainage as well."

whole cars-outside-

garages issue?

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has custom cars that take up all the space on one side. The other side is full of his personal whatever...[stuff]. That has not been an issue. But the association asked for people not to park their cars on the street overnight. Mr. Reidel had spare tires and debris and garbage in his front area — an eyesore that we were asking for him to remove or relocate to another position, where it would not be visible from the street. He was able to build a small wall. Did a nice job. Looks good. Was able to cover all that stuff up. So kudos to him. Thank you very much for doing that.

"With regard to my property: Yeah, in the summertime, sometimes I'll leave my boat there. I travel quite a bit so...should I have left it

Menopausal women... Where has the love gone?



A 6-month clinical research study is underway to evaluate naturally menopausal women of any age who are bothered by a **decrease in their sexual desire** since entering menopause. An investigational medication for hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) in postmenopausal women will be evaluated.

To possibly qualify for the study you must be:

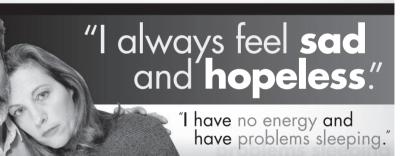
- 1) a healthy, naturally postmenopausal woman
- 2) presently on or off hormones
- 3) in a heterosexual relationship for at least 1 year
- 3) bothered by your decreased sexual desire, which you have
- experienced for at least 6 months

Qualifying participants receive at no cost, study-related:

1) consultation and examination by a board-certified OB-GYN

- 2) labs, EKG, Pap smears, and study drug
- 3) compensation for time and travel

Interested, call: Medical Center for Clinical Research 619-521-2841 www.mccresearch.com



"I'm not interested in anything.

If this sounds like you or a loved one, please contact us now about our medical research study of an investigational medication to treat the symptoms of depression.

Qualified participants must be:

• At least 18 years of age • Currently suffering from the symptoms of depression **Those who qualify will receive** all study-related care and study medication at no cost.



there for as long as I did during the summer, when we were using it? No. Can anybody see my boat from anywhere CC&R] that allows you to fly a United States flag. I'm not sure. I'll have to check on that one. If it really bothers

"If it really bothers him that much that I fly the American flag on Veterans' Day and Memorial Day, I'll tear down my flagpole."

in the association property? No. When Mr. Reidel told me that it bothered him, I removed it. "The flagpole? Actually I think that there might be some-

thing [in the HOA's

him that much, that I fly the American flag on Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, and those days acknowledging our fallen heroes, if it bothers him, I'll tear down my flagpole. If Mr. Reidel has any issue with me doing anything, all he has to do is submit, in writing, to the architectural review committee, any complaint he might have. He has not done so. So until such time as he submits a written complaint, verbal complaints are not subject to action.

"There was a special hearing for Mr. Reidel sometime in the spring, when we asked him to submit plans. At that meeting, he did not submit complete plans, did not submit plans of the solar [array] and [its] location. He did submit a planning schedule, and an irrigation schedule, but he did not submit any schedule with regard to his fencing, or the solar.

"As one of the neigh-

RESEARCH STUDIES



Hand Eczema?

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

We need participants:

- 18-75 years of age
- with hand eczema lasting at least six months

Qualified participants will receive:

• study-related evaluations by a board-certified dermatologist and study medication at no cost

• compensation for time and travel

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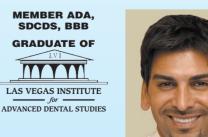
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lowing week to move in and went into our parking stall — and immediately got a nastygram on our windshield that we were going to be towed because that was not our parking stall. And then the you-knowwhat hit the fan. The HOA came to us and said, 'You must be mistaken. You only have one parking place that goes with your unit.' And we said, 'Oh, no, no, no. We verified this in writing with your management company.' And they said, 'Sorry. Screw you. It comes with one space. You don't get [the second space].' And the bottom line is our real estate agent, our escrow agent, everyone told us there was no other way to verify this except from the

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"We contacted a lawyer about it, and he said, 'You've got a winning case, but it's going to cost you more to litigate this than the darned parking space is worth.'"

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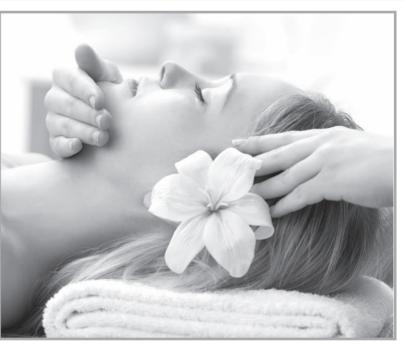
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[brushed us off], told us, 'No way in heck are we doing anything for you. It's not our fault.

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Just unbelievable. In other condo situations. we've experienced members of the board who were on top of the situation, willing to listen. The board members in [our HOA condo complex in] Phoenix are extremely competent. And that was the case when we lived in San Diego before. This is the worst, most stressful experience we have ever had in our lives. We have never been talked to like this. And all over a parking space."

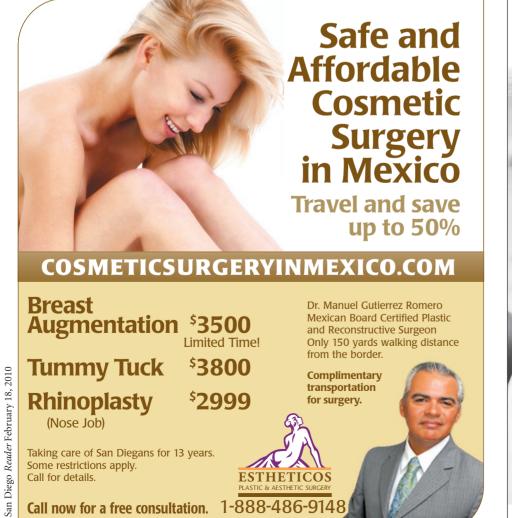
Property Management: Fiend or Friend? Claudia Medina is so-o-o glad she's out of it. You try organizing a large complex's HOA, where that HOA is continually broke. Medina says she

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was in effect a onewoman property management company for a 310-unit HOA just north of San Ysidro. Most owners and tenants are Spanish speakers — not a problem for Claudia; she's bilingual — but she says many don't understand their rights as community owners of the property and allow their HOA to assume too much power.

Medina, a realtor/property manager, is aware that property management companies, which most HOAs subcontract to do the actual running of their property, get a bad rap, often rightly so. Incompetent HOA boards throw money at them and hope they'll manage the condo community properly and

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"Condo associations are having a lot of problems, because there are so many foreclosures, and people are not making the money, and they're not paying their association fees. That's the bottom line," she says. "They don't have enough for maintenance." Not only that, but foreclosed properties are being bought up by investors, who then rent them out till condo unit prices rise enough to sell at a profit. "So what happens is that the per-

centage of renters goes up, and the homeowner-occupancy ratio gets lowered." And that, says Medina, has real consequences. For, say, first-time home-and HOA-managed condo units are the classic entry-level opportunity — loans come with specific conditions. "In a VA or FHA government-backed loan, you have to have a certain homeowner occupancy rate in the association. It could be anywhere between 50-55 percent." She says the government may soon lower that to 45 percent. But "if there are too many renters in an association, that means a potential homeowner can't qualify for government loans." And investors

crowd out the market. "They bring down the value of the property," Medina says. "Also, the more renters you have, the less those renters care about the property. In the complex I managed, the majority of the problems were renters. Loud parties, dogs, cats, [ignoring] weight restrictions on dogs. With pools, they'd invite over huge numbers of guests. In associations, you only have a certain parking spot. But the tenants take up assigned owners' spots. That was a big issue. Every day somebody gets towed. I used to manage trying to collect the [HOA] fees. What a job! Especially right now. You have to be knocking on doors. People are running from you because

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they owe you money. And even if you file a lien on their property, you're not likely to get anything from them, because most of the time they're in default."

She says a lot of the problems come because HOA homeowners don't know they have a voice in running their association. "A lot, especially the Hispanics, don't know that they have certain rights or that they can vote. When I got to that association, because it's pretty much Hispanic — 80 percent they didn't know that they could kick out board members. So they got the same [people representing them] over and over. And these board members tend to pretty much dominate. So I started giving advice: 'There are things you can do.' "

Where these essentially amateur boards, who have fired the management company, often fall short, she says, is in prioritizing money. "When a lot of homeowners say, 'The priority is, let's get our landscaping done,' I say, especially when you don't have any money, 'The priority is paying the water bill, your electricity bills, and the plumbing.' That was my biggest priority in that complex, the water and plumbing. They do patch-up jobs. Like water heaters. In my first two months I [told them they had to] replace three water heaters, \$5000 apiece. I said, 'It's better to spend the money now, because in the long run you'll be spending more.'

"But often they wouldn't listen. And when you have HOAs not bringing in the \$30,000-\$40,000 a month they're supposed to, and you're only bring-

ing in \$10,000 and your water bill's \$10,000, and you have to pay your insurance of \$1800, and your electric bill, it was just a laugh.

"And here's the

thing: nobody was interested! Of the 310-plus homeowners, only ten would show up. This was their future. And that's how the board members would get away with

doing whatever they wanted. Plus, renters don't get to have a voice, and that's why, if it's more investor owned ----investors don't care, as long as they get their

rent, right? — they just pay their HOA fees. They don't go up to the meetings. And right now, the number-one foreclosures are in the condo associations, because they're not

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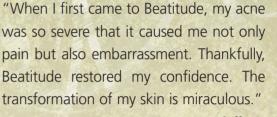
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plex's eligibility for FHA approval for prospective condo buyers. "You have to have a certain amount of money in your bank account, and this complex didn't have those reserves. And that's why this complex was not approved for new homeowners. The majority of the board members don't get this. They get on this high and mighty trip sometimes. There are some people who have been [on the board] forever, and they just don't get it."

So Medina wanted to change the CC&Rs not to allow investors. "Investors are bringing down the home-occupancy rate, and you have problems with tenants, and homeowners don't want to live around tenants. That's why they *bought* a place, right?"

No luck. And the HOA said they could run the place without her.

Would she go back. if the board asked her? "That's what a lot of the homeowners asked me. I said, 'Look, if I don't get this association back in 30 days, then I won't come back, because I just know that they're going to mess it up so bad that it's not even worth it for me.' They have gone through three or four property-management companies in the last ten vears. The same board members have been in position all along."

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folk, clustered communities of relative security. Yet problems go beyond the mechanics of running them and access to management, to the concept itself: They were supposed to create high-density accommodation solutions for inner cities, but for a long time they bolstered the rush to suburbia. They were supposed to embody the democratic community, but as private enclaves, they are walled off from normal constitutional guarantees to the individual and the normal constitutional restrictions on the limits of the HOAs' powers. These "outsourced" mini-polities, like private armies, can become rogue fiefdoms where, if individual homeowners want to sue the HOA Board for, say, breach of duty, they have to pay for it from their own pockets. Whereas HOA insurance will pay not only for a board member's legal expense, but any judgment against him or her. More disturbingly, several court judgments have hinted that HOA boards may have the right to place limits on entrenched freedoms such as political speech. Could HOAs turn into little bubbles of not-America, where a private, corporate "constitution" trumps the national Constitution? HOA voting rights are based on property, not the individuals committed to living there. Shades of 18th-century England? And where maybe half of the properties are owned by investors, renters have no voting rights, and the investors become like absentee voters. The result is that permanent

owner-dwellers are underrepresented, the threat of a bullying, unimpeachable HOA government rises, and you get the scenario at Medina's complex

where 10 voters out of 310 regularly turn up to decide the future of all.

Yes, there are probably thousands - millions - of satisfied customers out there. And

so many of the fights are neighbors' issues, not peculiar to HOA situations. But with a quarter of the nation's most populous state living under HOA rules, some-

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body — an elected somebody - needs to take a hard look at how — if — HOAs fit into the greater society and the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution — or if they are a gathering force committed to sidestepping those freedoms behind walls of corporate law. Let the horror stories continue! -Bill Manson



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Cajon on dimly lit mornings.

I don't mind it. In fact, I look forward to it. We moved here from South Park nearly half a year ago, and it's not the respite from living in the hippest area known to man that centers me, but the break from the culture of La Jolla. I've worked in La Jolla for six years now, and I have never gotten used to it. Hey, I admit my perception of the place is limited to daytime excursions, but overall, condo-complexes and strip malls are not my thing.



Not to say El Cajon Boulevard exactly is. In the mornings I'll head out of my alley and head toward 70th Street, and I typically have to wait for the light to turn before I head down my loop on El Cajon. I try to avoid stepping in those brown puddles near the curbsides — I hate having to wipe the dried, oil-coated water off my shins.

This routine gives me comfort. I'll see the same set of characters in a

week. Sometimes I'll see the same girls for days, then they'll disappear. Lately I've noticed someone new. It always looks as if she's wrapping up for the night, maybe trying for one last driveby before the sun exposes too much. She's white, dresses in black, looks young, and she's always smoking a cigarette. I wonder how many times I need to pass by her before we make eye contact, before we say "good morning." Once in a while we'll cross at the bus

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For the next 30 minutes I'll head down to La Mesa Village, turn up to University Avenue, and then make my way back to El Cajon. I enjoy the silence of the morning, the low hum of people driving to their jobs, people stopping to get gas before heading to their cubicle. The other half of the people I see don't seem to stray much from El Cajon.

There are two elderly men who live in one of the section 8 complexes, for example. The place is awful, no chance for romanticizing here...but every day those two are out. I've gotten the nerve to say "Hello," and now one guy sometimes throws me a few words as I pass: "Looking good, girl" or "Keep on pushing."

I don't expect to be in the College Area for long. I'll have finished my doctoral program in a few years, and if all goes as planned, my husband and I will be heading back East. But I don't necessarily look forward to moving. Yeah, I miss South Park and will still head out there on the weekends, but being where I am now, I feel more centered.

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a 20-foot ladder to change the batteries of that smoke detector on your cathedral ceiling, you know who to ask (I will never understand why our landlord put that thing up there...). I like where I live. I feel comfortable where I live. Did I mention what my daytime gig in La Jolla was? I work on research programs in the public-health field. One day a few classmates and

I were participating in an informal interview from a professor about how we feel when someone next to us starts smoking. "Disgusting," one

girl said. "I hate the

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smell." "I'd ask them to move," said another. I kept my mouth shut. All I could think of was El Cajon Boulevard and the face full of smoke I get when I jog past the bus stop near that office building.

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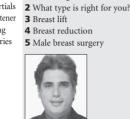
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down from Oregon with my dogs and mountain bike and camp in the dessert for the winter like I used to.

By dbauder 10:41 a.m., Feb. 11, 2010

Response to post #3: I'm sure Borrego would welcome you. It needs tourists. Best, Don Bauder

By Twister 11:35 a.m., Feb. 11,2010

Economy used to be efficiency. The Borrego Valley is a model for the whole state, the world, San Diego, or any other subset. It is profit based on waste and other flimflamming, not long-term survival or a level of quality of life which is (I hesitate to use the word) SUSTAIN-ABLE. It's robbing Peter to

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Cover Story

("Sweat Like a Rockstar") **Published Feb. 10**

burning its cargo and do so

until it runs out of steam.

By pellis 1:19 p.m., Feb. 10, 2010

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This is not at all surprising for anyone in the industry and it shouldn't be surprising for anyone outside the industry. Look at what happened at Electronic Arts, for example. It was the same story.

At the same time I don't feel sorry for the engineers at game houses at all. They are living their dreams, and the nature of their dream is a high pressure work environment. It goes with the territory. It's similar to how long hour, low paying residencies goes with working as a doctor.

By refriedgringo 2:02 p.m., Feb. 10, 2010

Waaaah!

These wives and developers need to go read "Soul Of A New Machine", by Tracy Kidder. It was written in the days of the dawning of the mini-computer wars between Data Electronics and Data

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By capsandbottles 12:42 p.m., Feb. 12, 2010

What the article doesn't talk about are entry level positions where the employees have to work 12 hours days, 6 days a week just to earn an adequate living wage since they are compensated at an hourly rate comparable to kids flipping burgers at In-N-Out. At a lot of companies, one would have to first work as a temp or contract worker for over a year before possibly being hired full time to receive benefits. Even then, the raise is minimal while the hours remain as demanding. Sure, there are a lot of people making out quite well, but there are even more working just as many hours and barely getting by.

Under the Radar ("Well Insured") Published Feb. 10

By HonestGovernment 6:51 p.m., Feb. 11, 2010 How does the \$146K com-

pare to other candidates?

The curse of the reappearing bad guys. The Huesos (all of 'em; they are all corrupt), Atkins, Kehoe.... By a2zresource 11:47 a.m., Feb. 13, 2010

One wonders if there are cross-purposes involved in the numerous Vargas supporters cited above and SDG&E's inability to find enough wildfire insurers for the Sempra Energy-owned public utility to withdraw its Wildfire Expense Balancing Account (WEBA) application, now pending before the California Public Utilities Commission as a stealth rate increase to consumers of unknown size...

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Under the Radar ("The Big Payoff") Published Feb. 10

By MURPHYJUNK 7:58 a.m., Feb. 11, 2010 its a shame we still get the

same recycled trash running San Diego. *By a2zresource 10:50 a.m.*,

Feb. 13, 2010 "Committee chairwoman Donna Frye asked staff to

produce figures on the actual cost of the pickups over the previous two years, and when they couldn't, the committee voted to postpone the matter until February 24."

Has the mayor or anyone else in city administration provided the media with any hard numbers where members of the public can plainly see any advantage to this outsourcing plan?

If so, do the alleged savings significantly outweigh the reported political contributions

Restaurant Review Published Feb. 10 By Saint_Steve 8:10 p.m., Feb. 13, 2010

Oh Naomi, how I miss dining with you. Reading your column on a regular basis keeps my 'Naomi fix' sated. Sorry to hear your appe-

tites weren't at Lighthouse. Hope you're well. -Steve

By Visduh 9:03 p.m., Feb. 14, 2010

Two stars. How generous. That restaurant has survived on its view for decades. Tourists in San Diego are often from areas where "gourmet" means charbroiled steak and onion rings. That operation can get them drunk on mai-tais and the view of the bay, to hell with the food. I must confess I haven't been there in over twenty years, and I'm mildly incredulous that it still is there, same name and all.

But on those few occasions that I remember in the 70's and the 80's the food was at best pedestrian, and terribly uninspired. But hey, with a view like that one, who needed a chef or even a kitchen? Local dining tourist traps live!

Neighborhood News from Stringers ("Ripped Up, Revamped")

Published Feb. 3 By tinastar 12:52 p.m.,

Feb. 5, 2010 I don't want them to chage TJ, I love going because the way that it is now;and always have. best taco place in TJ: Baja fish Tacos(he has everything;Andy) by the wax mueseum right b4 the arch. Best dive bar, Happy Fish!!! by Mcdonalds, ask for Wicked... and if you find a hot dog cart always get one, soo awe-

Neighborhood News from Stringers ("Pinched") Published Feb. 3

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By tinastar 1:02 a.m., Feb. 5, 2010

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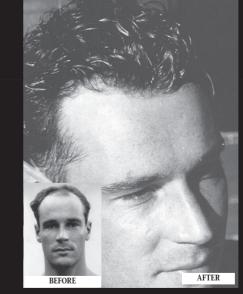
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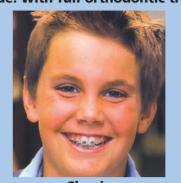
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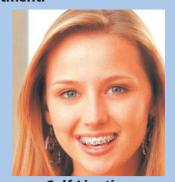
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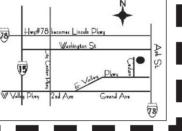


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By PistolPete 1:10 a.m., Feb. 5, 2010

Feb. 5, 2010 LULZ @ that being illegal. What exactly is illegal about a Repo man doing his job? Sue? Puhleeze! Raise hell? Yeah. That'll do ya ALOT of good*wink wink*. Methinks tinastar has been watching too much Operation Repo.

Neighborhood News from Stringers ("Tijuana, Refined") Published Feb. 2

By SDaniels 12:57 a.m., Feb. 4, 2010

"Now, scofflaws will be fined and ultimately closed down if they violate the new stipulations."

"Scofflaws!" I love it! Where has this

word been all my life?... By refriedgringo 2:31 a.m., Feb. 4, 2010

Actually, scofflaw is a word invented during prohibition in 1924. Someone (the government?) held a national contest to come up with a

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derogatory term for one who drinks (illegally, at the time). The winning prize was \$200 split between two entries that came up with the same word by chance. Mr. Beaudeau, who I suspect is a good friend of mine and continues to deny to me (for reasons I don't understand) that he is submitting these little stringer gems to the Reader, used the word quite appropriately.

Neighborhood News from Stringers ("Sell It to the Jury") Published Feb. 2

By Momfer 6:36 *a.m.*, *Feb.* 3, 2010

So how secure are the court documents that are electronically transfered throughout the building? And what about the professionals who work in or visit the building, attorneys, researchers, clerks etc. who could be dealing with private client information while in the building for court business? There are certainly hackers capable of reviewing or altering court records in the guise of awaiting ordinary jury duty.

By Fred_Williams 7:40 p.m., Feb. 3, 2010

Fear not, Momfer.

Internet access is not the same thing as network access. Hooking up to a wi-fi connection at the court house is the same as hooking up to a wi-fi connection at the coffee house.

On the other hand, one does wonder if the network itself is secure, if attorneys are required to use strong passwords (and change them regularly), and if the network administrators are able/willing to monitor their system for infiltration.

But that is completely different from the standard internet access point the court seems to be providing.

Neighborhood Blog Winners ("Road Rage on Horseback") Posted Jan. 23

By PistolPete 11:34 a.m., Jan. 23, 2010

Something tells me this guy and his sons are Native Sandy Eggans. Midwesterners are taught to respect the trails. I don't ride bikes but I've done ALOT of boonin' and muddin' in my day and no matter how much I had to drink, I always made sure nobody was sharing the trail with me.

By SDaniels 2:03 p.m., Jan. 23, 2010

I do not use the word HATE lightly, and I absolutely HATE motorcycles in the preserves. Hikers and horseback riders have to put up with the incessant whine of



their machines, instead of getting the peace and quiet we all came to enjoy. Their selfish need to go fast out here, something they could do with aplomb in the city and on the freeways, ruins it for people who want to enjoy the little unspoiled land we have left—with respect.

Motorbikes should absolutely be banned on all county and state preserves. Of course one problem is that even if they are banned, they trespass—and with the supreme arrogance that only braindead yahdudes feel with a half ton of metal between their legs.

I've been unapologetically sprayed with mud while hiking, and I tell you what,derf, I would have gotten in that guy's face—and I'm a 5 foot 4 inch girl. It may be stupid, but motorbikes bring out the dumb animal rage your horse had the good sense not to feel ;)

By SDaniels 2:10 p.m., Jan. 23, 2010

Forgot to add the exception: I have enjoyed riding a motorbike that was the

equivalent of a bicycle with a small engine in the desert, where it is allowed—places like Plaster City, where offroad vehicles reign. These areas have been open to riders of ATVs, ATCs, motorbikes, and dune buggies for many years, so there is no longer a question of whether or not we are ruining the indigenous flora of these limited areas. My cousin builds and races dune buggies in places like this, often near the border. One can share with others the joy of riding machines without guilt here-these designated areas are your motorcyclists should have gone-and they know it.

By MsGrant 5:16 p.m., Jan. 23, 2010

"Was I just trying to scare the rude, inconsiderate motorcyclist by giving chase for a minute or two? Or did I really want to catch this teenager and explain the rules of the trail and proper etiquette between motorcycles and horses?"

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Thursday | 18

I SWEAR TO GOOD YOU ARE GOD AT THIS

Holiday Matinee presents its "inspiring guide to being creative and making awesome" at Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar. The book-launch party features live performances by Joel P West, art installations from

Sezio, interactive photography, presentations, DJs, and more, emceed by architect Graham Downes. See IN PERSON, page 71.

NEW IDEAS ON TIME

Looking to boggle your mind? Theoretical physicist Sean Carroll discusses and signs From Eternity to Here: The Quest for the Ultimate Theory of Time, which combines "accessible language with fascinating new ideas to explore the elusive arrow of time." Fortunately for novices, a questionand-answer session follows. See IN PERSON, page 72.

Friday | 19

THE PHYSICS **OF SUPER-**

HEROES Science professor and author James Kakalios discusses and signs The Physics of Superheroes: Spectacular Second Edition, an in-depth examination of the "real science behind comic-book heroes and villains." See IN PERSON, page 71.

MEET A PRINCE OF DARKNESS — OZZY!

The bad boy himself, Ozzy Osbourne, is in town to sign his new memoir, I Am Ozzy. "I've done some bad things in my time...but I ain't the devil." Purchase a copy from Warwick's and receive a ticket for the signing line (only books purchased at the store will be signed). See IN PERSON, page 72.

NIGHT OF THE LAUGHING DEAD... WE'RE DYING TO CAST YOU!

Mystery Café Dinner Theatre celebrates its 20th season with Victoria Valasco and James Pascarella's interactive comedy. An eccentric director is doing a live broadcast of his full-length horror film, and the audience is encouraged to audition. Directed by Valasco. See **THEATER**, page 106.

Saturday | 20

BURNING MAN FILM FESTIVAL

San Diego members of the Burning Man community will show their collection of shorts and feature-length films about the annual arts festival in Nevada's desert. The after-party will be held at 4th&B. See **FILM**, page 70.

Sunday | 21

BOOKS, BEER, AND ATTITUDE

"You have a beer, he'll have the attitude!" While in town for his show John Leguizamo — Diary of a Madman, the actor and author is going to swing by Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, where he'll be happy to sign any of his books. See IN PERSON, page 70.



MUSHROOMS IDENTIFIED!



of fresh fungi are promised during the 12th annual Mushroom Fair, hosted by the San Diego Mycological Society. Talk with experts in identification and cultivation of fungal life,

Vast displays

and buy your own mushrooms, mushroom foods, and books. Also, a cooking demonstration and mushroom dyeing and crafts. See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

Monday | 22

SECRETS OF IMPROVISATION COMEDY DIVULGED

From the comedy troupe Upright Citizens Brigade Tourco: "Mainstream comedy is for jerks. You don't want to be a jerk, do you?" Prior to their show, the troupe will conduct a 90-minute workshop, sharing tips and tricks for the think-on-your-feet comedy genius. See LECTURES, page 73.

Tuesday | 23

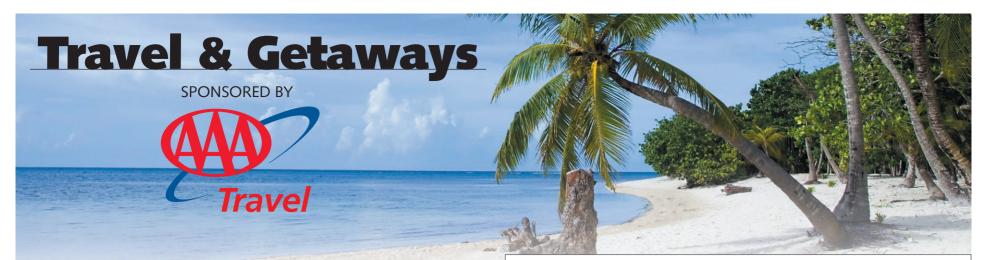
HORROR AND THE BODY

Learn what makes a fake gash appear realistic enough to scare! Makeup artist Julz Perez and film critic Beth Accomando discuss the horror genre and its special effects at CSU San Marcos, moderated by Professor Martha Stoddard-Holmes. See LECTURES, page 72.

Wednesday | 24

TEEN ART CAFÉ

Teen artists can meet their peers and take part in art-making activities in conjunction with an exhibition of modern art representing some of the 20th Century's most influential artists. Artist Hugo Crosthwaite will be on site and even doing some drawing. See FOR KIDS, page 70.



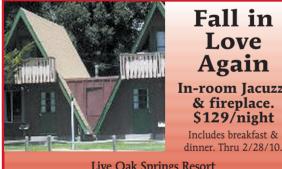
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From the end of Harford Pier, Avila Beach

Avila Beach, California By Leonard Fry

Avila Beach is located in San Luis Obispo County between the county seat and Pismo Beach. As a south-facing community (similar to Santa Barbara), it enjoys milder weather than other nearby towns. It's reached via a long, winding road from Highway 101, past a series of wineries and hot springs.

Avila Beach was once known as the nearest town to the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. The town remained small due to a building moratorium and limited water supply. Then in 2000, Unocal agreed to undertake a massive cleanup of contaminated soil under the town, which involved demolishing all structures in a large part of town, removing the soil, and rebuilding the town.

When we first visited this town 20 years ago, it reminded us of Ocean Beach. It was out of the way, a little hard to access, and definitely caught in a time warp. When we returned, it more closely resembled Avalon on Catalina Island, which brought mixed emotions.

One local attraction was as we remembered it: At the end of Harford Pier in nearby Port San Luis, we had a great meal at the Olde Port Inn. It boasts a 360-degree view of the area and a variety of local seafood. They'll even prepare fish you bring in with you if it's not on their menu. A large part of the attraction for us was their extensive wine collection, including many from smaller local wineries.

Sosúa, Dominican Republic

By Robert Isenberg "My friend, my friend!" the men called as we passed. They started as the sun rose, drifting out of their kiosks. "You are hungry, yes? Here is a menu!"

"Pretty necklace for the lady?" "See this painting! You like? Good price for you!"



Rainforest reclaims Sosúa

The beach of Sosúa stretches for a full mile, and all along the white dunes runs a wall of vendors' stalls. The hawkers approached with open arms; they

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Other Adventures



BonnieMaffei: Montezuma's Castle National Monument, near Sedona, Arizona



Minda: Zen-sational sunrise. Sanur

Beach, Bali



robyman: An old barn in Thornton, Colorado



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OUTDOORS

Ocean Water Temperatures, of late in the high 50s Fahrenheit, are finally on the upswing this month as the davlight hours lengthen and the sun arcs higher

overhead in the sky each day. It will take about five months of spring and summer sunshine before the ocean's enormous mass and large heat capacity fully responds to the input of solar energy. A maximum water temperature in the low- to mid-70s is expected sometime between July and September.

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

ARROYO SECO & MONUMENT LOOP

Loop through Cuyamaca's southern area and discover a monument to an early aviation accident.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 44 miles

Hiking length: 7.2 miles • Difficulty: Moderately strenuous

ery from the fire.

Ice Plant is responsible for many of the carpet-like splashes of yellow, pink, red, and purple we're beginning to see around San Diego. Popular as a ground cover for concealing and stabilizing road cuts or any other easily eroded slope, ice plant covers the shoreline bluffs at La Jolla, road embankments in

Rancho Santa Fe and Balboa Park, and front and back yards from Point Loma to El Cajon.

Ceanothus, or wild lilac, begins its annual blooming cycle this month - at least in the warmer coastal areas. Assuming sufficient rainfall arrives, by March virtually every chaparral-covered canyon and hillside on the coastal strip may exhibit blue- or white-flowering specimens. The peak of the ceanothus bloom will work its way eastward, reaching Ramona and Alpine by March or April, and the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna mountains by April or May. For the next several years, ceanothus growth will be rampant in Cuvamaca Rancho State Park, where the devastating 2003 Cedar wildfire incinerated nearly all of the trees and opened up opportunities for postfire, pioneering vegetation such as the ceanothus species.

Tree Heights can be easily measured this week if the sun shines at midday. On or near February 18, at or very near 12 noon, the sun as seen from San Diego County stands at an altitude of 45 degrees above the horizon. Under those conditions, the length of a shadow cast by a vertical tree trunk on a horizontal surface equals the height of the tree trunk. Even if you lack a measuring tape, you can still use your own feet to pace the distance heel-to-toe: the length of an average adult male's shoe sole. for example, is very close to one foot.

"Daley Ranch Scenery" A diverse plant population, expansive views await those taking "occasionally strenuous" four-mile hike with naturalist Rick Paul. Ask about "the Daley Ranch keepsake." 760-839-4680, Sunday, February 21, 9am; free, Daley Ranch - Cougar Pass trailhead, North Broadway and Cougar Pass Road. (ESCONDIDO)

"Discover Daley Ranch" Meet naturalist William Sherrard for moderately paced seven-mile hike. 760-839-4680. Tuesday, February 23, 7am; free. Daley Ranch - La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Early Birds, Bugs, and Botany" Naturalist Lee Dezan plans two- to three-hour hike

Sosúa continued from page 62

embraced me around the shoulders and smiled like close relatives.

Hard to believe that Sosúa was once a Jewish kibbutz built by Jewish immigrants in the 1940s. Beginning in the late '30s, European Jews escaped to the Dominican Republic — the first country to openly accept Holocaust refugees. They built wooden houses, farmed the land, congregated at an ersatz synagogue, and spoke German and Yiddish.

A half-century later, the rainforest has reclaimed the meadows and fields. The wooden buildings are gone, and we couldn't even find the temple (where a few stragglers reportedly still worship on the Sabbath).

The only lasting monument is El Museo Judio de Sosúa, a small but moving museum that lies on a quiet avenue and is open at odd hours. Far from the hawkers forcing their wares, the *museo* offers a quiet exhibit of WWII-era documents and photographs. As we moved around the museum, it was more and more apparent how much the town has changed.

As we left the *museo*, we saw the baseball field across the street. Kids pitched and slammed homers. They ran and called excitedly. All of them were skinny and wore secondhand clothes.

Oil City, Pennsylvania By William Holman

Nestled in the Allegheny Mountains, Oil City might just be the most relevant small town in the world today. Here lie the remnants of the world's first commercially successful oil wells, dating from the 1860s. This former boomtown and the surrounding forest demonstrate how man's relationship with fossil fuels has been disastrous from the start. In the middle of town, the Allegheny River

Oil-well remnants of Oil City, Pennsylvania

is joined by Oil Creek, and history overflows.

Hiking trails surround the town, and you'd never know that Oil Creek, meandering lazily through the rolling hills, was once the site of mass industry — and massive pollution. The soft ground underfoot has given way to new growth since the last oil wells were closed down, but the musty smell of old wood and rusting metal still lingers.

Plaques along the trails depict historic moments and sites: Edwin Drake's original commercial oil well, for instance, and the point where the stream was once dammed (when that dam was dynamited, a man-made tidal wave propelled skiffs loaded with oil barrels downstream, piloted by prospectors with dollar signs in their eyes). A plaque shows the location of a once world-famous gusher, which produced oil faster than barrels could be made to contain it; oil overflowed into the little stream and blackened the water. That spot is now a thicket of briars and red berries.

The 7100 acres of state parkland surrounding the stream provide lively hiking and the three-sided Wolfkiel shelters for camping, but the real treasures await an explorer willing to venture off the beaten path. Remnants of oildrilling operations still pepper the steep hillsides around the foggy valley, and multistory wooden shacks and centuryold slabs of concrete conjure images of bustling industry.

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n Memory of Col. F. C. Marshall and 1st Lt. C. L. Webber who fell at this spot Dec. 7, 1922." Without this inscription, the presence of an old 12-cylinder engine permanently mounted in stone atop remote Airplane Ridge wouldn't make a lot of sense to hikers passing by. The looping hike in Cuvamaca Rancho State Park described here visits the Airplane Monument along with plenty of territory nicely recovering from the ravages of 2003's Cedar Fire

To get to the starting point, follow Highway 79 15.2 miles south from Julian or 7.6 miles north from I-8 at Descanso to reach a large parking area and equestrian trailhead just south of the Sweetwater River bridge. This trailhead is located at mile 4.9, according to the Highway 79 mile markers. From that starting point,

walk north over the bridge and

immediately turn left on a short

spur trail that hooks up with the

West Side Trail. Continue north

about 0.4 mile, paralleling the

highway, and then bear left on

Japacha Fire Road, You now wind

uphill, following the south side

of the Japacha Creek canyon.

After about 0.8 mile, you cross

the flowing (in winter and spring,

at least) creek. Bracken fern,

sword fern, thimbleberry, and

wild strawberry thrive in the shade

Plane-engine monument

Japacha Creek once again. Now watch carefully for the small side path — on the right about 0.2 mile past the creek crossing leading to the Airplane Monument. You can sit on the stone bench there while a breeze fans you and look northward toward Arrowmakers Ridge and distant Stonewall Peak

Trail, you continue around a hairpin turn, doubling back to the northwest to follow the top of Airplane Ridge. (The Monument Trail

5825' WEST Japacha 5210' Peak Arroyo Se Arroyo Seco California Riding & Hiking Trail en Vallev Campground -----

of oaks and sycamores branches south from the hairpin along the creek botturn, providing a shortcut to Green Vallev Campground if you want to tom. The trees themselves are staging a bail out of this trip early.) Conslow but sure recovtinue for one mile along the top of the ridge, staying left at the next junction. Then, just after-

south end of a wide meadow fre-

guented by mule deer and other

Past the campground, con-

This article contains infor-

wildlife.

-RAMA

Turning northeast to follow a shady ward, turn left on a narrow, poorly maintained segment of the Calidraw, vou soon come to a spur trail leading fornia Riding and Hiking Trail. The to Japacha Spring. The trail descends rapidly on a series water merely dribbles of long switchbacks (watch for from cracks in the poison oak here) and passes an bedrock, but nearby intermittent spring marked by an are some flat rocks to old water trough. Turn left at the rest upon in a shady bottom of the trail and continue downhill into Arroyo Seco Primiarea tive Camp. The camp lies at the

Go back down to Japacha Fire Road and follow it north to the West Mesa Trail, where

tinue downhill on Arrovo Seco Road toward Green Valley Campground, 1.5 miles away. Before you reach the campground take the cutoff trail on the left that slants over to West Side Trail. Then follow West Side Trail over to the Sweetwater River bridge.

Returning to the West Mesa

mation 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.

ROAM-

you turn left (southwest). Climb gradually through encroaching chaparral and nascent oak/pine forest, and cross along moderate to easy trails (depending upon group). Wear hat, treaded footwear, bring water. Rain does not cancel! 760-839-4680. Saturday, February 20, 7:30am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Rancho Santa Fe-sion Invasion Walkabout adventurers "invade the serene and surreal realm" for brisk, three-hour amble. "Discover pristine pathways and tantalizing trails." 619-231-7463. Sunday, February 21, 9:30am; free. Rancho Santa Fe Library, 17040 Avenida de Acacias. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Birding by Sound "Fun and challenging way to find and identify birds." Learn some bird sounds, increase identification skills when Claude Edwards leads outing in part of canyon supporting willows, live oaks, sage scrub, grassland. Expected birds: scrub jay, Nuttall's woodpecker, redshouldered hawk, house wren. 619-282-8687. Saturday, February 20, 8am; free. Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Birding in Buchanan Canyon Friends of Buchanan Canyon host birding outing in the canyon. View many birds — thrashers, woodpeckers, warblers, finches — who call the canyon home. Wear good shoes, bring field glasses. 619-297-2957. Saturday, February 20, 9am; free. Johnson Ave., Johnson Avenue at Lincoln. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Black Mountain Peak Hike Naturalist Linda King leads moderately paced hike promising early wildflowers, great vistas. 858-484-3219. Sunday, February 21, 8am; free. Black Mountain Open Space Park — Laurentian Drive trailhead, 9606 Laurentian Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

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)

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)

Help the Western Snowy Plover San Diego Audubon Society restores nesting habitat for threatened western snowy plover; join group to pick up trash and remove ice plant encroaching on nesting grounds. Wear old clothes, long pants, boots, or sturdy shoes. Work gloves, tools, snacks, water provided. Meet at entrance of bike path on east side of street just as Marina Way curves to right; park along Marina Way or west of marina at Pepper Park. 619-550-9529 or 858-273-7800 x101. Saturday, February 20, 9am; free. Pepper Park, Tidelands Ave., south terminus. (NATIONAL CITY)

Hike and Speak French! Alliance Française hosts hike led by George. Bring cheese, fruit, or bread for informal pot luck picnic. Leashed dogs allowed. Donation. RSVP: 858-550-0144. Sunday, February 21, 9am. Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, 16275 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Hike Pinyon Wash Canyoneers lead two-mile hike to Harper Flat, once the site of a large Indian camp. High-clearance vehicles needed to drive to end of Pinyon Wash to trailhead; hikers will consolidate into four-wheel drive or high-clearance vehicles to travel to trailhead. To reach spot, take I-8 to Highway 79, drive through Cuyamaca Rancho State Park to Julian; turn right on Highway 78. Meet leader at the Yaqui Pass Junction (Highway 78/S3). 619-255-0171. Saturday, February 20, 10am; free. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Drive. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Interested in Native Flora? Join Friends of the Point Loma Native Plant Garden, learn about native flora while caring for collection of rare, endangered native plants and trees. Watering, trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, other light gardening activities. Tools provided. Find garden next to GreenCliff Apartments, 4444 Greene St., Ocean Beach. 619-297-7380. Sunday, February 21, 9am; free. Point Loma Native Plant Reserve, Mendocino Boulevard and Greene Street. (POINT LOMA)

Miracle of Rain Open your eyes to "phenomenal growth and plant diversity" in park during trail guideled walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, February 20, 9:30am; Sunday, February 21, 9:30am; Wednesday, February 24, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Oak Grove Bird Watching Explore an oak grove habitat with park's resident birder and naturalist. Learn to spot and identify which birds call this area home. 619-668-3281. Saturday, February 20, 8am; free. Mission Trails Re-





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Rediscover Old Escondido East Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Saturday, February 20, 10am; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

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 21, 8am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Walk and Write (Haiku) Study haiku poetry with naturalist Liz Goetz during slower-paced hike, covering about three miles, with several stops to observe first wild flowers. Write some of these threeline poems for one-half hour at picnic tables. Don't wish to write? Join group to read or draw. 760-839-4680. Thursday, February 18, 3:15pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

SPECIAL

"Art in the Heart of RB" Reception for artists George Galaich, Aimee Jo Fahrner, Monica Cadish, Fujiko Isomura displaying recent artwork, describing their techniques. Refreshments, conversation. RSVP: 858-521-7000. Wednesday, February 24, 4:30pm. UBS Financial Services, Inc., 17140 Bernardo Center Dr., Suite 350. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Biblical Texts That Challenge Open discussion revisits "hard Biblical texts that often keep people from exploring Christianity Seek new perspectives about God." Series opens with look at creation; creation stories in the Bible as well as from other cultures. Part of conversation examines debate between those who sav humans were created sinful and those who think not. 619-466-4163. Wednesday, February 24, 7pm; free. 13 and up. La Mesa First United Methodist Church, 4690 Palm Avenue. (LA MESA)

"Entre Nous" Want to practice your French skills? Meet-up with Deborah of Alliance Française for two hours of French conversation. RSVP: 858-550-0144. Friday, February 19, 10am; free-\$5. Ópera Patisseries Fines, 9254 Scranton Rd., Suite 101. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Luscious Librarians" Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School convenes for sketching session with members of Hell on Heels Burlesque Revue posing. Bring your art supplies. 619-501-9325. Saturday, February 20, 3pm; \$10.21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Opening to Love" Gathering features vibrational healer, "certified advanced aromatherapist" Dana Plant leads "play with essential oils and invokes messages from the Devic Realm." Guided meditation with Elivia Melodey on her singing crystal bowls. Explore aphrodisiacs. 760-471-7304. Sunday, February 21, 4pm; free. 7 and up. Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association, 2975 Washington Circle. (ESCONDIDO)

"Our Bay—Our Lives—Our Future" Chula Vista Kayak hosts event promising booths, speakers, performers including Running Grunion (Abel Silvas), He Nani O Polynesia Dance, the Fremonts, Nihon no Soran Gakuen, Chula Vista High School's Ballet Folklorico. 619-422-3600. Sunday, February 21, 11am; free. J Street Marina Park, 550 Marina Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

"PechaKucha Global Day for Haiti" San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts "unique 'wave' presentation" in conjunction with Architecture for Humanity benefiting rebuilding efforts in Haiti. Global event sticks to "now-famed presentation format" of 20 images in 20 seconds, this time taking place in 200 cities. Guests include Howard Blackson of Placemakers and Josh Higgins of Haiti Poster Project; live music by Chad Farran and friends, Soul Choro, others, Donation: \$20. 619-232-1385. Saturday, February 20, 8pm. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

"Taste of Japanese Teas of Winter" These teas are more robust than summer tea. Participants make an assortment of tea bags to take home and a Japanese teacup during class led by Lisa Halverson. Registration: 619-232-2721 x102. Sunday, February 21, 10am; \$15-\$18. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

"Trashing Our Seas" Learn how to help save seas from trash overload. Meet Scripps scientists as they share stories, investigations of a large ocean garbage patch during "SEA Days" program. Become a scientist, investigate ocean samples, discover how a stuffed toy dog ended up 1000 miles off coast. Included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. Saturday, February 20, 11am; free\$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"What!" Exhibition with works by artists Neko, Exist 1981, Tocayo; the latest fashion series from Claws and Fangs; music from Color Vision DJ duo. Benefit for Classics 4 Kids. 619-298-3830. Saturday, February 20, 7pm; free. 21 and up. Disconnected Salon, 3830 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Goblin Market Christina Rossetti's poem, featuring "remarkably sexual imagery," is discussed by San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, February 20, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Art, Wine, Food, Music Mosaic Gallery opens with Rich Walker showing his "Project 365," a collection of 52 paintings, each made up of seven one-foot-byone-foot panels, one for each day of year. Also on view through Saturday, March 20: abstract pieces by Sanford Wolcott. 435-770-8670. Saturday, February 20, 5pm; free. 21 and up. Mosaic Wine Bar, 3422 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Baseball Fans Beckoned! Photographs assembled by local baseball historian/author Andy Strasberg as part of his ongoing "Fantography" project to gather snapshots taken by fans over the last 100 years are currently on view at library. Strasberg visits library to accept submissions of fans' snapshots, listen to stories behind the pictures. "He is interested in photographs of players, ballparks, mascots, or almost anything else related to professional baseball" (though not photographs by professional photographers or pictures of baseball game action). 619-236-5810. Sunday, February 21, 1:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Bee and Books and Bites Program sponsored by Warwick's Bookstore promises lunch and discussion with Chris Cleave, author of the amazing novel *Little Bee*. With purchase of *Little Bee*, lunch tickets are \$20. Required reservations: 858-454-0347. Thursday, February 18, 12:30pm; \$20. Burgundy Grill & Wine Bar, 830 Kline Street. (LA JOLLA)

Books to Good Homes Bargain-priced books in all categories on offer. 619-297-3166. Saturday, February 20, 8am; free. University Heights Library, 4193 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Celebrate Year of the Tiger Welcome lunar year 4708 during Chinese New Year Fair hosted by San Diego Chinese Center. See traditional lion and dragon dancing, Chinese acrobats, storytelling, children's activities, martial arts demonstrations, calligraphy, cultural exhibits. Food and wares for sale. 619-398-7025. Saturday, February 20, 10am; Sunday, February 21, 10am; free. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Choices for Sustainable Living

Seven-part series considers "ties between lifestyle choices and their impact on the Earth." Donation. 619-298-9978 x8014. Sunday, February 21, 1pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Don't Be Daunted by Color! Selecting the "right" paint color for a project can be daunting. Take in color design class led by an interior designer, receive one Perfect Palette sampler. 760-741-3633. Saturday, February 20, 11am; free. Dunn-Edwards Paint — Escondido, 505 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

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

KnitNight Gather with fellow fiber artists for social knitting, crochet, spinning. 760-806-6744. Tuesdays, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

Lion Dance and Kung Fu See a traditional lion dance and kung fu demonstrations by Oceanside Shen Chinese Kung Fu Academy in celebration of Chinese New Year, on lawn at center of campus. 760-757-2121 x6477. Thursday, February 18, 12:15pm; free. Mira-Costa College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

Mushrooms Identified! Vast displays of fresh fungi promised during 12th annual Mushroom Fair hosted by San Diego Mycological Society. Talk with experts in identification, cultivation. Mushrooms, mushroom foods and books for sale. Cooking, growing demonstrations; mushroom dyeing and crafts; lectures; education tables for children. 858-204-7142. Sunday, February 21, 10:30am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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For more information and advance tickets, please contact: Bach Collegium San Diego, P.O. Box 33754, San Diego, CA 92163 www.bachcollegiumsd.org • 619.341.1726 sources, sample timelines, planning guides, one-hour consultation gift certificate with veteran wedding planner, goodie bag, more. 858-793-0901. Saturday, February 20, 10am; \$150. Grand Del Mar, 5300 Grand Del Mar Court. (CARMEL VALLEY)

One Love for V-Day One Love yoga flow class hosted by Inner-Mission and Triad Productions benefits V-Day 2010. Suitable for all levels. 619-549-3408. Saturday, February 20, 2pm; \$20. 13 and up. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Paint-Out Paint/draw/explore Balboa Park, whether you work in oils, acrylics, watercolor, digital, charcoal, pencil, pastels, or mixed media. All artists, amateur to professional, encouraged to participate. Co-hosted by Maura McHugh and Lee Sautereau. At noon, meet back at SDAI for group discussion of work created. potluck meal (bring food and/or drink to share). 619-236-0011. Saturday, February 20, 9am; free. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (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; Tuesdays, 5:30pm; Wednesdays, 9am; free-\$15. Porto Vista Hotel & Suites, 1835 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Smile, Laugh, Relax Laughter yoga class led by Dr. Funshine, a.k.a. Caroline Meeks, M.D. Dress warmly, bring a chair if needed to spot on grass just south of Visitors' Center. 858-490-6288. Sundays, 9:30am; free. Mission Bay Visitors' Center, 2688 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Sweetheart of a Book Sale Books offered for \$3.50 per bag during sale promising live music by Molly (12:30pm), caricaturist (10am-noon). Book donations welcome. 858-220-3312. Saturday, February 20, 9am; free. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNVERSITY CITY)

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 hulahooping." Tickets: 877-468-3861. Thursday, February 18, 7:30pm; Friday, February 19, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Saturday, February 20, 1:30pm, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, February 21, 1:30pm, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Monday, February 22, 7pm; \$15-\$55. Westfield Plaza Bonita, 3030 Plaza Bonita Road. (NATIONAL CITY)

The Death Penalty Focus on Amnesty International with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, February 18, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Timken in French Alliance Française hosts guided tour led by Susanna Hernandez Peredo, in French, of museum's Putnam Foundation Collection. Tour begins outside at museum entrance. Suggested donation for nonmembers: \$5. Reservations: 858-550-0144. Friday, February 19, 1am; Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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



"A Different Drum: Music for Organ and Percussion" Civic organist emeritus Robert Plimpton and San Diego Symphony principal timpanist Jason Ginter perform "innovative arrangement of Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition,'" ragtime pieces by George Hamilton Green, works by Karg-Elert, Creston, and Rheinberger to benefit California Music Project and American Near-East Refugee Aid. Offering. 619-297-4366. Sunday, February 21, 7pm. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Celebration of American Strings" Hutchins Consort in concert featuring John Schneiderman on banjo and lute. Selections include "Appalachian Suite for Banjo and Octet" arranged by McNalley, "Octet Comparsas" by Walczyk, and "Concerto for Lute and Octet." 760-632-0554. Saturday, February 20, 7:30pm; \$15-\$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Pinnacle of the Motet Tradition

J.S. Bach's "Six Motets," written in German in 1720s and 1730s, may be enjoyed during concert by Bach Collegium San Diego. Reception follows. 619-840-7353. Saturday, February 20, 7pm; \$15-\$35. Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

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All Bach! On the occasion of 260th anniversary of death of I.S. Bach, renowned organist Anthony Newman performs "program of the Baroque giant's greatest compositions for organ." Program includes "Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor," "St. Anne Prelude and Fugue in E flat," "Fantasia and Fugue in G minor," "Toccata Adagio and Fugue in C." Offering. 858-459-3421. Sunday, February 21, 4pm. Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Bark in the Park 4 Concert of "animal-themed music" planned by dog lover, civic organist Carol Williams. Bring your pet for the pet parade. Benefit for San Diego Humane Society. 619-702-8138. Sunday, February 21, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Breathtaking Virtuosity Joshua Bell (who owns and plays the Gibson Stradivarius, described as "one of the world's great violins") is joined by pianist Jeremy

Rhyme & Verse

Two poems by Christina Rossetti

Song

- When I am dead, my dearest, Sing no sad songs for me; Plant thou no roses at my head,
- Nor shady cypress tree: Be the green grass above me With showers and dewdrops wet:
- And if thou wilt, remember, And if thou wilt, forget.

I shall not see the shadows, I shall not feel the rain; I shall not hear the nightingale Sing on, as if in pain: And dreaming through the twilight That doth not rise nor set, Haply I may remember, And haply may forget.

Denk for La Jolla Music Society concert. 858-459-3728. Friday, February 19, 8pm; \$25-\$95. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Collaborations and Contexts

Performers from UCSD's department of music present "new music" ranging from Schoenberg, Schnittke, and Stockhausen to Feldman, Cage, and Maderna, 858-534-3229. Friday, February 19, 8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive, (LA JOLLA)

Remember

- Remember me when I am gone away, Gone far away into the silent land;
- When you can no more hold me by the hand, Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.

Remember me when no more day by day You tell me of our future that you plann'd: Only remember me: you understand It will be late to counsel then or pray.

- Yet if you should forget me for a while And afterwards remember, do not grieve: For if the darkness and corruption leave A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
- Better by far you should forget and smile Than that you should remember and be sad.



Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830–1894) was one of the leading poets of Victorian England. Deeply religious, she was opposed to slavery, war, animal research, and the exploitation of women. From 1859 to 1870 she served as a volunteer at a refuge for former prostitutes. The portrait of Christina Rossetti is by her brother. Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

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satz)" and "Adagio in E Flat Major

(Nocturne),""Piano Trio No. 1" by

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No. 1 in B Major." 858-534-TIXS.

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concertos to compete for honor of plaving their piece with their full respective ensembles at Spring Showcase Concert hosted by San Diego Youth Symphony. Winners selected by panel of music educators. 619-233-3232. Monday, February 22, 7pm; free. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208.

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Paris Organist Christophe Mantoux - organist of Church of Saint-Séverin in Paris and professor of organ at Conservatoire, Strasbourg, France — plays music of 17th-century German and Dutch composers on Baroque pipe organ for "Music on the Point" series. Reception follows. Donation: \$5. 619-223-6394 x13. Sunday, February 21, 4pm. All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Piano Recital After eight years "of piano education," Robert Kwiatkowski plans concert with selections by Luxemburg, Chopin, Beethoven, Mozart, Joplin. 619-298-5313. Saturday, February 20, 4pm; free. PianoSD.com, 1233 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Poulenc Trio Oboist Vladimir Lande, bassoonist Bryan Young, pianist Irina Kaplan Lande perform for Barbara and William Karatz Chamber Concert Series. 858-454-5872. Wednesday, February 24, 7:30pm; \$30-\$35. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Sights and Sounds of Spain and France Take "visual and musical excursion through the churches and countrysides" when resident organist Janice Fehér performs organ compositions by Soler, Cabezón, Guridi, Couperin, Widor, Franck, and Boëllmann, interspersed with photographs by Béla Fehér. Offering. 619-232-7513. Sunday, February 21, 7pm; 8 and up. First Presbyterian Church, 320 Date Street. (DOWNTOWN)

The Bitwise Operators Debut performance of UCSD's new laptop ensemble — made up of Cooper Baker, William Brent, Michelle Daniels, Ignacio Lopez, Daniel Shapira, Chris Warren performing world-premiere compositions by Brent, Lopez, Warren for Winter Festival. Also: computer-aided improvisations by New Brutalists and Rick Snow. 858-534-4830. Thursday, February 18, 8pm; free, Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive, (LA JOLLA)

541.482.3722

Verdi's First Masterpiece San Diego Opera season continues with Nabucco. Cast includes Richard Paul Fink, Sylvie Valayre, Raymond Aceto. Conductor is Edoardo Müller; Lotfi Mansouri directs. Performed in Italian with English translations above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Saturday, February 20, 7pm; Tuesday, February 23, 7pm; \$30-\$180. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Winter Chamber Heat Enjoy chamber music performance by faculty and student musicians. 619-260-4171. Sunday, February 21, 2pm; \$5-\$12. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

DANCE

"David Patrone \$10,000 Swing Dance Spectacular" David Patrone Productions hosts swing dance competition and lessons. Contestant registration: 4-4:45pm; swing dance lessons with Jim and Margie (5-5:45pm); live music for swing dancing (6-9pm). Semifinals: March 21. Finals: March 28. 619-517-2719. Sunday, February 21, 5pm; free. 21 and up. Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, 5000 Willows Road. (ALPINE)

Ballroom, Latin, Swing Mixer Shawn Torgerson hosts ballroom,

Latin, swing dancing, salsa, tango, and "everything in between." 858-565-9575. Saturday, February 20, 8pm; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Belly Dance Showcase Alethea. Annamarie, Nadirah, Rachel perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. Thursday, February 18, 8pm. Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Cajun/Zydeco Dancing Party with beginning dance lesson (7pm); DJ spins zydeco tunes (8-10:30pm). Free for first-time visitors; \$5 tickets include lesson, dance. 619-857-8409. Tuesdays, 7pm; 21 and up. Riley's Music Lounge, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Contra Dance Chris Page calls to tunes by the Remnants during dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, February 19, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing Chris Page calls for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, February 21, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Jammin' Hustle Dance Party DJ plays contemporary and retro hustle music plus nightclub mix for singles and couples of all ages. Hustle with New York-style lesson. 619-275-3533. Saturday, February 20, 8pm; \$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

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Swing Fun Firehouse swing school's roster includes "Lindy Hop 1" class focusing on eight-count Lindy basics; Lindy 2 ("Whip It Good: Vintage Dean/ Jewel Moves"); and a specialty class (California routine). Class fee includes admission to Firehouse Swing Dance (8-11:30pm) featuring DJ Doug LeClair and friends, return of "Pro-Am Jack 'n' Jill Contest." Fee: \$15 per class or \$50 for four weeks. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, February 24, 7pm; \$15-\$50. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

Swing Matinee Enjoy music by the Swingin' Kings during event hosted by Firehouse Swing Dance. 858-395-6060. Saturday, February 20, 3pm; \$8-\$10. 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Trocks (Still) Rock! Enjoy "ballet performed by blokes in drag" when Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo hit the stage replete with tutus, tiaras, tights! 619-570-1100. Thursday, February 18, 7:30pm; \$30-\$66.6 and up. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

"A New Generation of Spike and Mike Animation" Festival promises "flat-out best and funniest animated shorts the world has to offer." The 19 featured films include *Key Lime Pie, Stillwaters, A Town* *Called Panic: Cake.* 858-459-8707. Saturday, February 20, 7:15pm and 9:30pm; \$12-\$15. 6 and up. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Forever Enthralled International Film Series features 2008 Chinese film by Chen Kaige about Mei Lanfang, regarded as most legendary opera performer in all of Chinese history. Screening takes place in room 204. In Chinese with English subtitles. 760-944-4449 x7758. Friday, February 19, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. Film repeats at 7pm on Oceanside campus, One Barnard Drive; free. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

Forever Wild: Celebrating America's Wilderness See film narrated by Robert Redford, "help the California Wilderness Coalition celebrate" successful preservation of thousands of acres of state's wild areas. Expect short presentation about coalition. RSVP: 909-946-1855. Tuesday, February 23, 4pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

La Scorta Ricky Tognazzi's film screens for "Anti-Mafia Film Series" hosted by San Diego Italian Film Festival. In Italian with English subtitles. Suggested donation: \$5. 619-238-7559. Thursday, February 18, 7pm. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Romancing the Stone Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny

DeVito — enjoy this 1984 flick during cinema social. Dive-In theater 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 24, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Root of All Evil? Television documentary written by Richard Dawkins screens before roundtable discussion focusing on "alternative religion." 619-335-0206. Thursday, February 18, 6:30pm; free. 15 and up. San Diego County Health Building, 3851 Rosecrans Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

The Lady Eve "Screwball Romantic Comedy" series concludes with 1941 film by Preston Sturges starring Barbara Stanwyck, Henry Fonda. Ann Zivotsky leads prefilm (5:30pm) and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, February 24, 6pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

The Lion's Journey Screening of *The Story of Wadie Deddeh* in conjunction with "One Book, One San Diego" program. Film offers "portrait of retired California senator and San Diego-area Chaldean Iraqi leader, an Iraqi immigrant." 619-236-5817. Wednesday, February 24, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Z Award-winning 1969 film by Costa-Gavras is "fictionalized account of the events surrounding the



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assassination of Greek politician Grigoris Lambrakis in 1963." Film screens in French with English subtitles for Sunday Matinee series. 619-236-5800 Sunday February 21. 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

A "Nervy Philosophical Farce" See the Coen brothers' latest film. A Serious Man, when it screens for Film Forum, 619-236-5800, Monday, February 22, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Burning Man Film Festival San Diego members of Burning Man community "show off for their city" with collection of shorts and feature-length films about the annual arts festival in Nevada's desert. Afterparty follows at 4th & B (10pm). 619-408-0039. Saturday, February 20, 5pm; \$20-\$35. 24 and up. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego/Tijuana DANCEon-FILM Festival Enjoy "international collection of experimental short dance films" following "latest dance filmmaking production technology from feature films to virtual worlds." Program includes Becoming, Dot Dance, Entanglement Theory, Sunscreen Serenade, others, 858-405-9555, Wednesday, February 24, 6pm; free. CSU San

Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Vallev Road. (SAN MARCOS)

FOOD & DRINK

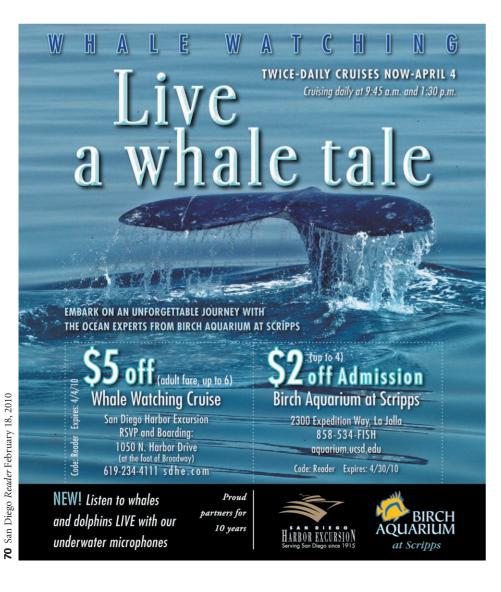
"Cooking with Passion" Vegan San Diego club offers cooking class with featured dishes: variety sushi, heavenly salad, tofu club sandwich with special sauce. Food samples, gift bags, cookbook raffles. 858-705-3987. Saturday, February 20, 1pm; free. Del Mar Library, 1309 Camino del Mar. (DEL MAR)

"Wintertime Treats" Learn how to make snacks for cold winter days from chef Maniula Jain. Menu includes lentil soup, vegetable pakoras, sooji halwa, more. Fee includes food, beverages, appetizers, recipes. 858-578-2665. Friday, February 19, 9pm; \$49. Cooking With Class, 8290 Miramar Road, (MIRAMAR)

What's Cooking? Personal chef Betsy G. prepares gold-medal Reuben panninis, described as the "perfect Olympics-watching fare." Demonstration, samples, 619-906-4000. Sunday, February 21, 1pm; free. 1Mission, 845 Fort Stockton Drive, (MISSION HILLS)

FOR KIDS

"Faces: Using the Elements" Instructor Nancy Isbell helps children have fun, explore use of line, shape, texture, color to draw faces.



Required reservations: 619-223-0058. Monday, February 22, 4pm; \$23-\$26.12 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

"Presidents' Family Day" Museum showcases information, examples of past presidential rail cars. Make an edible American train flag, learn some history of U.S. presidents. 619-696-0199. Sunday, February 21, 11am; free-\$7. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pretty and Pink" Meet radiantly pink animals, learn how they show their love for each other during Kindernights and Kindermornings program. Hear "heartfelt stories," make a heart-healthy edible necklace while sipping on pink lemonade. Fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Friday, February 19, 6:30pm; \$12-\$15. 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

The Three Wishes An old man and his wife "foolishly waste three wishes granted them by a fairy" when Puppet Express takes stage. 619-544-9203. Thursday, February 18, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, February 19, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, February 20, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, February 21, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK

All Aboard! Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. Donation: 50 cents. 619-421-5227. Saturday, February 20, noon; Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road, (BONITA)

I Think I Can! Help Eddie the En-

gine deliver a birthday present to Bunny Rabbit during The Little Engine That Could puppet shows by Big Joe Productions. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, February 24, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West, (BALBOA PARK)

Teen Art Café Teen artists invited to meet other teen artists, take part in art-making activities in conjunction with exhibition of modern art representing some of 20th Century's most influential artists. Artist Hugo Crosthwaite will be on site drawing during event. Café activities include art making inspired by work of several modern artists. 619-232-7931, Wednesday, February 24, 6pm; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

About Printmaking Explore, learn about "From Rembrandt's Studio: The Prints of Ferdinand Bol" exhibit through child-friendly tours, storytelling, art making during Family Drop-In Day for those with children 6-12 years old. Included in regular admission (\$12 general). 619-232-7931. Sunday, February 21, 1pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

GALLERIES

"Intelligent Design" Opening reception for exhibit of "witty and socially sharp clay pieces" by Johanna Hansen. See installation created of many clay and mixed-media creatures through Sunday, March 28. 760-765-1676. Saturday, February 20, 4pm; free. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

"Only Human" Opening reception for exhibition of large oil paintings and small narrative drawings by figurative painter

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Linda Kardoff. Closing reception: Saturday, March 13, 619-299-4278. Saturday, February 20, 6pm; free. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Prints in the Artist's Studio: **Rubens's Print Collection** Reconstructed Opening reception for exhibit focusing on "how old master prints were used in a 17th Century European artist's studio" with 20 objects by artists such as Andrea Mantegna, Albrecht Dürer, Hendrick Goltzius, Marcantonio Raimondi. Closes Sunday, May 9. 619-260-4261. Thursday, February 18, 5:30pm; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Selections from Almost Alice...and More" Opening reception for exhibition by Maggie Taylor. "After reading Lewis Carroll's classic story Alice's Adventures in Wonderland for the first time in many years. Taylor decided to create a series of images to accompany the original text.... Each of Taylor's 'Alices' is a different Victorian girl." Closes Saturday, March 3. 858-456-5620. Saturday, February 20, 5pm; free. Joseph Bellows Gallery, 7661 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Recent Paintings Opening reception for exhibition of work by Los Angeles artist Charles Arnoldi. Through Saturday, April 3. 858-459-3917. Saturday, February 20, 5pm; free. R.B. Stevenson Gallery, 7661 Girard Ave., Suite 201. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

"A Celebration of Toys and the Art of Play" Michael Klam of Puna Press performs as part of museum's Joaquin Torres-Garcia's wood abstractions exhibition opening. Klam has written a series of poems as a teacher, father, and little boy in a grown man's body; poetry is in dialogue with Torres-Garcia's ideas about toys, games, play as an essential way for all to learn and create. 619-232-7931. Sunday, February 21, 3pm; free-

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\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Books, Beer, and Attitude!"

Actor, author John Leguizamo on hand for book signing and beer (in conjunction with La Jolla Playhouse performance of John Leguizamo — Diary of a Madman). 760-471-4999. Sunday, February 21, 1pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Grammy-nominated storyteller Diane Ferlatte weaves "tapestry of folktales, myths, legends, and personal stories that reflect a central theme: trouble may come, but it doesn't last forever." Storvtellers of San Diego gather in Manchester Executive Conference Center for concert. 619-298-6363. Saturday, February 20, 7:30pm; \$10. 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Happiness Is a Warm Tommy

Gun" Technomania Circus presents "the Mob Show," promising two hours of mobsters and circus arts. Program boasts "acts featuring mobsters and their hit men. musical numbers conveying love of tommy guns, pink mobsters, Joe's SpeakEasy, the MoonShine Barn, mob Olympics," more. Reservations: 619-231-1950. Saturday, February 20, 8pm; \$15. 18 and up. Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Intimate Miracles" Sebastian presents "close-up" magic show. Tickets include two drinks. RSVP: 619-865-2973. Friday, February 19, 8pm; \$20. Wine Cabana, 2539 Congress Street. (OLD TOWN)

"Something for Everyone" Annual variety show by San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus, Women of Note, Serra-Naders, and Men of Note promises variety of music and dance. Reservations: 619-501-7298. Saturday, February 20, 4:30pm; free-\$10. Patrick Henry High School, 6702 Wandermere Drive, (SAN CARLOS)

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leader Wendy Craig-Purcell discusses, signs her book, subtitled *Questions to Open the Heart, Expand the Mind and Awaken the Soul.* 858-454-0347. Tuesday, February 23, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Good Luck Life Spend "An Evening with Rosemary Gong," author of this "essential guide to Chinese-American celebrations and culture," in Aztlan A and B rooms of student center. Event begins with book signing (5pm). Tickets include dinner buffet. 760-757-2121 x6477. Thursday, February 18, 5pm; \$30. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

I Swear to Good You Are God at This Book-launch party for "book of creative inspiration and a showcase for the work of people who do what they love" by Holiday Matinee. Fête promises live performance by Joel P West, art installations from Sezio, interactive photography, presentations, DJs, more. Emcee: Graham Downes. RSVP: 619-795-4505. Thursday, February 18, 7pm; free. 21 and up. Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar, 410 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Life as a Sandwich Author Eric Peterson signs books. 760-480-2760. Tuesday, February 23, 6pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Escondido, 810 West Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Muhammad Ali and the Greatest Heavyweight Generation Former San Diego Union- Tribune sports editor Tom Cushman discusses his new book, chronicling "the behind-the-scenes stories of the great athletes in boxing's biggest-and-best age." 858-456-1800. Saturday, February 20, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Outcasts United Author Warren St. John discusses his "story of a refugee soccer team, a remarkable woman coach and a small Southern town turned upside down by the process of refugee resettlement." Read the book, participate in some "One Book, One San Diego" events. 619-531-1539. Thursday, February 18, 1:30pm; free. Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)

The Ghost of Mt. Soledad Author Joan Brady talks about and signs her new novel. Regional historical work is filled with "local color and charm." 619-232-4855. Thursday, February 18, 6:30pm; free. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

The Physics of Superheroes

Science professor/author James Kakalios discusses and signs his *Spectacular Second Edition*, an indepth examination of "real science behind comic book heroes and villains." 858-268-4747. Friday, February 19, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Vietnam No Regrets: One Soldier's Tour of Duty Author J. Richard Watkins signs copies of his book. Watkins presents brief history of his experiences in Vietnam, answers questions (2pm). Included in museum admission. 619-239-2300. Saturday, February 20, 11am. Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, 2115 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Actor/Director/Author Amber Benson visits Galaxy to sign, discuss *Cat's Claw.* 858-268-4747. Tuesday, February 23, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Awaken Your Vast Potential! Patricia Kay and Dr. Barry Grundland, authors of *Cell-Level Meditation* — *Breathing with the Wisdom and Intelligence of the Cell,* on hand for book signing and discussion. 858-755-4254. Saturday, February 20, 11am; free. Earth Song Bookstore, 1440 Camino del Mar. (DEL MAR)

Books and Produce! Author J. Richard Watkins signs copies of *Vietnam No Regrets: One Soldier's Tour of Duty* during La Jolla Open Aire Market (on school's upper playground). 858-454-1699. Sunday, February 21, 9am; free. La Jolla Elementary School, 1111 Marine Street. (LA JOLLA)

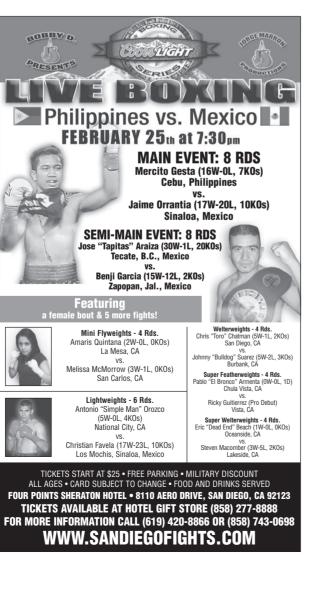
Dirtbag Comedy Show Comedian Jim Florentine (*Howard Stern Show, That Metal Show, Crank Yankers*) performs. 858-204-3111. Friday, February 19, 8pm; Saturday, February 20, 8pm; \$20. 17 and up. Dirtbag Music, 1135 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Hocus Pocus Hijinks The 53rd annual edition of "It's Magic" features six "top magic and variety acts from around the world." 800-988-4253. Saturday, February 20, 7pm; \$22-\$35. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Live Music and Paintings! Enjoy event with "swanky musicians, composers, and poets" including Gladstone Bags, the Night Rocker, the Preteens, Alan Silva and the Cosmik Originals, Indian Camp, light show by Array Light Orchestra, original paintings. 619-519-4738. Friday, February 19, 8pm; free. Ice Gallery, 3417 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Lunch and Book Signing Bring lunch and join J. Richard Watkins, author of *Vietnam No Regrets: One Soldier's Tour of Duty*, for picnic at Liberty Station Marketplace (courtyard on corner of Womble and Historic Decatur Roads, next to Tender Greens). 619-573-9260. Wednesday, February 24, 11am;





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Mysterious Afternoon Southern California mystery author Melinda Wells (The Proof Is in the Pudding) and "biblio" mystery author Kate Carlisle (If Books Could Kill) discuss, sign their books. 858-268-4747. Saturday, February 20, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

New Ideas on Time Theoretical physicist Sean Carroll discusses, signs From Eternity to Here: The Ouest for the Ultimate Theory of Time, combining "accessible language with fascinating new ideas to explore the elusive arrow of time.' Question and answer follows. 858-755-3735. Thursday, February 18, 7pm; free. Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle, (DEL MAR)

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

Pearl's Palace Talent and varietv show with Eddie Green and his "Puppet Divas," Boy Shakira, MC Granny Pearl. Tickets benefit Mama's Kitchen, 760-737-7326.

Sundays, 8pm; through Sunday, May 9. Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Poetry, Music, Mayhem Ted Washington and Pruitt Igoe read from their work for Drunk Poets Society. 619-222-3802. Monday, February 22, 6pm; free. 21 and up. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Sight & Sound Preview night with musical performances by Buddy Akai, Mission:Valley, Gregory Page, Machete. See short production from Mo'olelo's upcoming play Self (The Remix). Art by Billy Martinez, Todd Sanders, Francis Camacho, Sculpture, video projections, more. MC: Rob Deez. 619-846-7180. Saturday, February 20, 7pm; \$10. 21 and up. Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street, (NORTH PARK)

Silly Saturdays Comedy show hosted by D'Sean Ross, comedians Clayton Thomas and Tobe Hixx. 619-708-7975. Saturday, February 20, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. McDini's, 105 E. 8th Street. (NATIONAL CITY)

Want to Be a Storyteller? Learn art of basic storytelling from international storyteller Diane Ferlatte. Participants may have opportunity to join Black Storytellers of San Diego, Inc. Donations accepted. 619-422-7053. Sunday, February 21, 2:15pm. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

Spring Literary Series Warren St. John, author of Outcasts United, the current "One Book, One San Diego" selection, reads from his work, signs books. 619-388-3596. Thursday, February 18, 9:35am; free. 14 and up. Saville Theatre at San Diego City College, 14th and C Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Storytelling Concert Black Storytellers of San Diego Inc. present

international storvteller Diane Ferlatte. Donations accepted. 619-422-7053. Sunday, February 21, 3pm. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

Stress-Free Tuesdays Comedy show by Thai Rivera, James Davis, Matt Morales, host Byron Bowers. No cover before 7:30pm. 619-708-7975. Tuesday, February 23, 7pm; free-\$5. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Sunset Poets San Diego poet Chris Vannoy is featured reader. Open-mike reading follows. 760-758-2410. Sunday, February 21, 3pm: free, Pizarro's Pizza, 2216 S. El Camino Real. (OCEANSIDE)

Tone Road Ramblers Group combines "toy instruments, microtonal music, improv, and other elements into their idiosyncratic sound," 858-534-3229. Wednesday. February 24, 7pm; \$1-\$15. Conrad Prebvs Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Train of Thought Open-mike showcase for poets, storvtellers. singers, songwriters, comedians, musicians, 619-255-5147. Wednesdays, 8:30pm; through Wednesday, December 29; \$5. Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street, (NORTH PARK)

Upright Citizens Brigade Tourco This sketch comedy troupe "that birthed improv legends Amy Poehler and Horatio Sanz" takes stage for ArtPower performance, 858-534-TIXS, Monday, February 22, 9pm; \$10-\$12, Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

West Coast Funnies Comedy variety show with Kurt Swann blends sketch and stand-up comedv. Headliner is Barry Diamond of HBO's Curb Your Enthusiasm. 760-720-2460. Saturday, February 20, 8pm; \$20. 18 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

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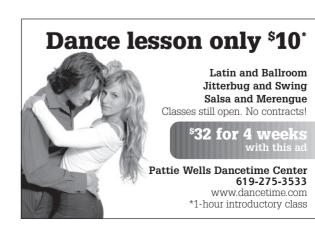
"A Critique of Love, Knowledge, and Pity" USD professor Dennis Rohatyn divulges "The Three Passions of Bertrand Russell" during talk hosted by Humanist Fellowship of San Diego. How did "Russell's three governing passions" guide his life and work, and why did they fail to bring him or anyone else the happiness he sought? 619-590-0491. Sunday, February 21, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"André Kertész: On Reading" Exhibition of 104 photographs by "one of the 20th Century's most influential photographers" opens with lecture by Arthur Ollman, former director of Museum of Photographic Arts (4pm). Reception follows (5-7pm). Series illustrates Kertész's "penchant for the poetry and choreography of life in both public and private moments, tapping the absorptive power of reading as a universal pleasure." Exhibit continues through Sunday, April 18. 760-602-2021. Saturday, February 20, 4pm; free. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"Balancing Business and Love" Ponder "The Joys and Challenges of Co-Preneurship" during panel discussion focusing on "starting a business with your significant other" hosted by Ladies Who Launch. Panelists include Jennifer Finch (Firehouse Brewing Company), Renata Carlseen (Kapreeza European Lingerie and Swimwear), Michelle Bartok (Innovative Body Science). 619-880-7852. Monday, February 22, 6pm: \$35, Cozymel's Mexican Grill, 4303 La Jolla Village Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"Building Health into Our Community Design" Tracy Delaney - manager of Chronic Disease and Health Disparities for San Diego County's Public Health Services — focuses on enhancing community health through environmental systems, policy change for Friends of San Diego Architecture. Requested donation: \$5; students free, 619-224-8584, Saturday, February 20, 9:30am, NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Finding Your Ancestors in the Old Country" Anne J. Miller, education director for Temecula Valley Genealogical Society, speaks to North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Learn how to



find names, locations of your immigrant ancestors without "crossing the pond." 858-509-4937. Tuesday, February 23, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"From Concept to Object" James Brown, a principal of San Diego architecture firm Public, plans talk. 619-884-8783. Wednesday, February 24, 6:30pm; free. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street, (EAST VILLAGE)

"From Words to Actions to Architecture" Vito Acconci speaks for "Public Culture" series in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. 858-822-7755. Wednesday, February 24, 6:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, (LA JOLLA)

"Fur Shui: Year of the Tiger" Paula Brown "discusses animal communication and offers a fun introduction to the energy and characteristics of the Chinese New Year of the Tiger." Brown is author of Fur Shui: An Introduction to Animal Feng Shui. 858-792-3707. Sunday, February 21, 1pm; free, Dexter's Deli, 1229 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

"Greenovation Forum: Nature and Sustainability" Forum focuses on research, commercial activities "ranging from pharmaceuticals derived from marine organisms to biology-based next generation fuels and chemicals," with speakers from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, San Diego Zoological Society, Synthetic Genomics, Inc. Program takes place in Calit2 Theatre at Atkinson Hall. RSVP: 858-822-2521. Wednesday, February 24, 4pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Health-Care Reform in California and the Nation" California Teachers Association health benefits specialist Kathy Rallings "explores the health-care crisis we face and possible solutions" for Life senior learning group, meeting in room 1068. Program includes discussion about pending legislation in California. 760-721-8124. Friday, February 19, 1pm; free. Mira-Costa College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail" East County resident Dana Law recounts his recent section hike along the PCT. Photographs promised, 619-463-3236, Friday, February 19, 10:30am; free. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #180. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Horror and the Body" Makeup artist Julz Perez and film critic Beth Accomando discuss horror genre, special effects, the human body. Talk in Arts 240 moderated by Professor Martha Stoddard-Holmes. 760-750-4011. Tuesday, February 23, 6pm; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"How to Conserve Water in Your Landscape" Steve Jacobs of Nature Designs Landscaping shares knowledge on reducing water use while improving landscape when California Rare Fruit Growers meet in Horticulture Building room 7003. Fruit growers, gardeners, hobbyists welcome. 760-806-6678. Friday, February 19, 7pm; free. 10 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Iraq's Secular Past" Palestinian refugee Ibrahim Ebeid speaks for Atheist Coalition of San Diego. 619-342-7388. Tuesday, February 23, 6:30pm; free. North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Managing Your Media in Fi-Platt College's new "Final Cut Pro" instructor, producer of "increasingly viral video" FCP Muscle Memory - discusses a recent project he's producing for Media Arts Center. He will "share the workflow that has worked best for him." Bring laptop with FCP if you'd like to follow along during seminar. 619-230-1938. Saturday, February 20, 1pm; \$10. 15 and up. Media Arts Center, 921 25th Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

"One Book, One San Diego" Talk Literature professor/library staffer Phillip Gunderson discusses Outcasts United by Warren St. John. 619-236-5817. Monday, February 22, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Prisoner Release 101" Learn "truth about inmate release under new law" during forum sponsored by a New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing). "California's inmate population will be reduced by 6500 this year to comply with law." Speakers include Sheriff William Gore, Craig Gilmore, Caroline Stewart, Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Reverend Dennis Malone, others. RSVP: 619-670-1184. Monday, February 22, 7pm; free, 16 and up. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Reflections on Forging the 2010 U.S. Trade Agenda"

Dean Peter Cowhey draws on his experience serving in the Obama administration as senior counselor to Ambassador Ron Kirk at Office of the United States Trade Representative. Reception follows. Required reservations: 858-822-6756. Tuesday, February 23, 5pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"The Cloths of Heaven" Artist talk planned by Siobhan Arnold in conjunction with her exhibition described as "a body of work in-

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spired by the historical representation of female figures from Biblical, allegorical, and mythological narratives." Photographs on display through Thursday, March 4. 760-795-6657. Thursday, February 18, 11am; free. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Visiting Time: Contemporary Time-Based Art" Boris Groys of New York University speaks for "Public Culture" series in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. 858-822-7755. Thursday, February 18, 6:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Attractive to Butterflies? "Create a Butterfly Garden with California Native Plants" when Greg Rubin of California's Own Native Landscape Design Company teaches how to attract butterflies, create a sustainable butterfly habitat. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Tuesday, February 23, 6:30pm; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Beyond Pulling Weeds Theresa Sinicrope Talley of Scripps Institution of Oceanography presents "Improving the Recovery of Coastal Ecosystems" for Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series. "Limited time, money, and person-power lead us to ask, 'Can we do more with existing resources to improve the recovery of coastal ecosystems?" 619-575-3613. Saturday, February 20, 11am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Computer Genealogy Society Gather for user group for Roots-Magic, user groups on DNA and *ancestry.com* (9am). Aaron Underwood, developer of GenSmarts, speaks about this "add-on" software program (10:15am). 858-674-0749. Saturday, February 20, 9am; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Eminent Domain Attorney Daral Mazzarella and others focus on eminent domain and Chula Vista's Proposition C during Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association meeting. Why is redevelopment agency paying off its debt to the city? 619-425-5771. Monday, February 22, 6:45pm; free. MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Exploring Frontiers of Science Jason Shulman of Texas Center for Superconductivity, University of Houston, presents "Probing an Electrorheological Colloid: General Mechanism for Negative Capacitance." Campus location: 760-750-8575. Thursday, February 18, noon; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

First Aid for Dogs and Cats American Red Cross class covers treatments for pet emergencies including choking, shock, poisoning, broken bones. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. Saturday, February 20, 1pm; \$60. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA) Friendly Natives See, touch, smell some drought-tolerant plants such as salvias and California natives — when landscape designer Doug Kalal presents "Thirty Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden." 619-200-7066. Monday, February 22, 6pm; free. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Future's So Bright... In *The Next Hundred Million*, social and economic trend analyst Joel Kotkin looks beyond short-term challenges to reveal why a brighter future for America may lie ahead. Kotkin speaks for Revelle Forum, focusing on evolution of more intimate units of American society (families, towns, neighborhoods, industries). Registration: 858-882-8000. Tuesday, February 23, 7pm; \$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Get Grooming Learn canine grooming techniques, basic fleacontrol strategies, options on preventing external parasites. "Discover at-home grooming equipment every dog owner should have as well as more advanced options." Class is for people only. Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, February 18, 6:30pm; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Get a Job! Looking for a new or part-time job? Learn basics of online job searching, gain hints and techniques to make searches more efficient, during class at Oasis. Fee: \$24 for two classes (February 18 and

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25). 619-574-0674. Thursday, February 18, 10:15am. Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog Workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Thursday, February 18, 6:30pm; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Myths Dispelled! Debt-relief and bankruptcy seminar for consumers and business owners struggling with debts. Registration: 760-431-2200. Wednesday, February 24, 6pm; free. 18 and up. Legal Objective Law Firm, 2544 Campbell Pl., Suite 100. (CARLSBAD)

Plant Propagation Made Easy Learn everything you need to know about making new plants from cuttings during class taught by Connie Beck, experienced nursery manager and landscape designer. Learn successful techniques for preparing, storing, and planting seeds. Bring samples of plants and seeds you wish to propagate. Registration: 619-660-4350. Saturday, February 20, 9:30am; \$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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judge, presents "The California Judiciary: A Search for Justice in a Democratic Society" for San Diego Independent Scholars in Chancellor's Complex room 111A. 760-751-3094 or 619-296-4055. Saturday, February 20, 1:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLA)

Secrets of Improvisation Comedy Divulged! Upright Citizens Brigade Tourco hosts workshop before show (9pm at Loft). Fee includes workshop and show. 858-534-8497. Monday, February 22, 6:30pm; \$18. Price Center at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Seeking Attention? Barbara Fisch and Sarah Shealy of Blue Slip Media (a children's book publicity and marketing agency) share insights into creating a media campaign for children's books. Talk hosted by Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators offered in USD's Hahn School of Nursing Building (Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). 619-713-5462. Saturday, February 20, 2pm; \$7-\$9. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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. Tuesday, February 23, 9:30am. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

The Music of Mendelssohn Carlsbad Music Guild presents "Music in Your Life" program. 760-633-1953. Tuesday, February 23, noon; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

What's Up with Ko'ie'ie Fishpond? State parks historian Alex Bevil recently participated in restoration of Maui's 500-year-old Ko'ie'ie Fishpond, a spot listed on National Register of Historic Places. Bevil presents "Laulima: Reflections on the Restoration of an Ancient Hawaiian Fishpond" for San Diego Archaeological Society, divulging ancient fishpond history, construction, preservation. 858-538-0935. Tuesday, February 23, 7:30pm; free. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

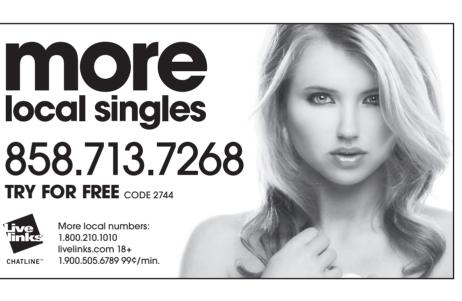
Who Was Fawzi al-Qawuqji? McGill University professor Laila Parsons focuses on "The Return of Narrative to the Historiography of the Early 20th-Century Arab World" in Social Sciences Building room 104. "Using the life story of the Arab-nationalist soldier Fawzi al-Oawuqii as an example," Parsons argues "the historiography of the early 20th-century Arab Middle East can be further enriched by narrative histories and biographies in which the people of the region itself (rather than colonial bureaucrats) serve as the protagonists." 858-822-5297. Monday, February 22. 4pm: free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Alpine Climb Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society for 70-mile bike ride to Alpine for lunch (bring money). 619-561-3846. Sunday, February 21, 8:45am. McDonald's, 551 Telegraph Canyon Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Big Lagoon Ride Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride "up and around." 619-255-5360. Saturday, February

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20, 8:45am. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

California Classic Gymnastics Invitational Youth gymnastics competition. Saturday, February 20, 9am; \$7-\$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Coastal Cruising Knickerbikers bicyclists plan 40-miler along coastal back streets. Bring money for lunch in Carlsbad. 619-255-2890. Saturday, February 20, 9am. Glen Park, 2149 Orinda Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Horse Hike to Hell Creek Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve sponsor horse hike through challenging terrain surrounding this North County creek. Hike requires a trail horse of intermediate ability; horses must be able to cross water. Riders should bring water, snack. 760-751-9700. Saturday, February 20, 9am; free. Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve, 19324 Santee Lane. (VALLEY CENTER)

NEDA Walk UCSD's Eating Disorders Treatment and Research team hosts NEDA Walk in conjunction with Eating Disorders Awareness Week. 858-534-8026. Sunday, February 21, 9am; \$20. Crown Point, 3700 Crown Point Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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. Nobel Athletic Fields and Recreation Center, 8810 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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

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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)

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)

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 colorcoated 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 ob-



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jects by June Schwarcz, considered the nation's premier enamelist. Also on view: "Fifty-Six Chinese Hat Boxes — And One Hatl" 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 Cen-

tury. The hat in question is a sum-

mer hat. Both exhibits close Satur-

ing" continues through Sunday,

September 5. The self-taught artist

lived in enforced isolation for 15

years in a remote village in central

India, developing an innovative art

form that she later taught to other

artists. Exhibition includes 33

sculptures by Sonabai and her

family as well as 38 works by four

artists trained by Sonabai. 1439 El

Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art

San Diego, La Jolla "Classic

Contemporary: Lichtenstein,

Warhol, and Friends" — opening

Sunday, February 21 - showcases

major pop, minimalist, color field

works in museum's collection of

American Art dating from 1960s

and 1970s. View iconic pieces by Ed-

ward Ruscha, Ellsworth Kelly, Claes

Oldenburg, Sol LeWitt, others

"Pleasure Point: Celebrating 25

Years of Contemporary Collectors."

Exhibit boasts "major highlights of

the acquisitions" group has made

possible during past 25 years, in-

cluding works by Tony Oursler,

Also opening on February 21:

through Sunday, March 21.

"Sonabai: Another Way of See-

day, July 3.

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

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

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

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 service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. 2384 San Diego Ave., 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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No Joke

"The learning curve was like being shot out of a cannon," says new winemaker Linda.

n Saturday, February 6, Mike and Linda McWilliams celebrated their one-year anniversary as owners of San Pasqual Winery. The brand itself dates back to the early

'70s, when a lawyer, Mickey Fredman, and a judge, Charlie Froelich, decided to build a winery to process the grapes they harvested from a vineyard they planted in Escondido as a tax shelter. Pierce's disease got the better of them, and in 1986

they sold to real-estate man Paul Thomas and three members of the vineyard-rich Jaeger family, who changed the name to Thomas Jaeger Winery.

Local real-estate developer Paul Marx resurrected the San Pasqual name (though not the vineyard) in 1999. But distribution proved tricky, and in 2006, he sold to a young winemaker named Erik Humphrey. Humphrey moved the winemaking operation to a light industrial zone of Pacific Beach, started drawing thirsty visitors, and began making plans to move his facility into PB proper. His dream: "A wine bar that would be like a microbrewery, where you could see the tanks, see us making wine."

Enter the McWilliamses — he's a research psychologist for the Navy, she's a speech therapist at a middle school. "We were looking to start a wine bar downtown," explains Mike. "I was searching for 'wine bar' online, and 'urban winery for sale' popped up." The winery move had never quite happened for Humphrey, and San Pasqual was back on the block. "I showed [the ad] to Linda, and we kind of joked about it for a while" — until it stopped being a joke. "They had changed the law so that wineries could start serving wines by the glass, and so we could still have our wine bar downtown, but we'd be serving our own wine."

They visited, fell in love, contracted Humphrey as a consultant, and closed the deal. "I remember

the first day we showed up — we met Eric there on a Saturday," recalls Linda. "I thought, *Wow. We own this winery. What are we going to do?* Eric showed me the floating lids for the fermentation tanks and

said, 'You need to scrub these.' I thought, *Oh — okay.*" Welcome to the glamorous world of wine.

The downtown part of the plan is still in the works. (Government regs and alcohol sales can make for a tricky mix, and the per-

fect location — walking distance from the convention center — has yet to present itself.) But in the meantime, the McWilliamses, longtime residents of La Mesa, have opened a tasting room/wine bar/art gallery on their own main drag. (Just now, celebrity portraits by Mike's brother Tim line one wall in the tasting bar; the warm yellow sitting area behind it features landscapes from local painter Grace Schlesier.)

On February 8, they hosted their first gathering in the high-ceilinged back room. The occasion, fittingly enough, was a meeting of the San Diego County Vintners Association. "The learning curve was like being shot out of a cannon," says new winemaker Linda. "Waking up in the middle of the night, thinking, *What am I doing*?"

Fortunately, she had Humphrey to answer the question. "I've got him on speed-dial, and we text all the time." She also had the association. "There are four winemakers who are helping me, and I can call anyone in the association. They've been so welcoming."

On the formal side, she took a wine-production class at Mira Costa College from Jim Hart, winemaker at Milagro Farm Vineyard & Winery in Ramona and son of Hart Winery's Joe Hart. "We had classroom work every week, but we also went out and did a harvest at Hart and went through crush and bottling and everything. I've got 14 gal-



Mike and Linda McWilliams (left) and the crew at the San Pasqual tasting room

lons of Cabernet Franc from that class. The rest of the guys make fun of me — 'You have 500-gallon tanks of wine; what are you doing with this?' But I can play with it and not worry about screwing up 500 gallons." Classes in chemistry are still to come, as is winemaker certification from UC Davis.

For now, San Pasqual is still selling through its wide-ranging back inventory — Humphrey's stuff, made mostly from Guadalupe Valley fruit brokered by Escondido's Belle Marie Winery. (The Sauvignon Blanc glides down with the Valley's distinctively unctuous character, and the '01 Nebbiolo-Cabernet blend reminds me of similar wines from L.A. Cetto.) But under its new owners, the winery has shifted its interests northward. Says Mike, "We did a collaborative buy with another winemaker, and there were a couple of other sources. But nothing from Mexico this year. We have fruit from Napa, Sonoma, Lake County, Mendocino, Monterey — and San Diego County."

"Fallbrook," adds Linda. "I'd like to do more wines made from local fruit. But this was our first crush. We're still sorting things out. We've got so many wines going, and there are going to be more. Every Sunday during crush — from the end of August to October — we were doing something like 10 to 12 tons. We'd start at 7:00 in the morning and work until 1:00 the next morning. When we bought the winery, they advertised 1000 to 1500 cases. I think we'd like to get to double that but not get so big that I have to hire people to do the fun job of winemaking and tasting."

And on Sunday, February 14, the McWilliamses will bottle the first wine made entirely under their watch: the San Pasqual Passionfruit. The fruit comes in from San Marcos/ Vista and gets mixed with Mount Palomar spring water, "so it's all local product," says Linda. "Most people have a preconceived notion of what it's going to taste like, so we give away complimentary tastes. Almost everybody says, 'Wow, that's really good.' It's one of our best sellers — a lot of white grapefruit on the palate."

"People hear 'passionfruit' and think it's going to be sweet," adds assistant Brenda Nason from behind the tasting bar. "But it's not — it's tart." (It is, and it's a touch spritzy-prickly, too. Refreshing, really.) "If people think it's *too* tart, I tell them it makes a great sangria." ■





RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Alpine

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef-lovers heaven, with a juicy special ground-in-house (so rare-cooked is feasible) Texas burger. Crowded weekends. Moderate to expensive.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico. **Chiki Jai** Avenida Revolución #1388,

Tijuana, 664-685-4955. The food's Spanish, so paella is big (with soup,

salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but try baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) à *la vizcaína*, trout with olive oil and garlic. Inexpensive to moderate.

La Escondida Santa Monica #1, Tijuana, 664-681-4458. House specialties at this hidden mansion are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (cacerola de mariscos); the tambor (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (cabrito tatemado). Moderate.

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, km. 59, Rosarito, 646-155-0307. The bilingual menu, written on chalkboards, changes nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house, Baja wines. Great breakfasts, lavish Sunday brunch buffet, blissful patio seating. Inexpensive to moderate.

Original Ortega's Calle Principal (next to Casa de la Langosta), Puerto Nuevo. The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are fried in lard, finished off on the grill, and served with melted margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Many other starters, entrées, desserts available. Moderate to high, low-moderate specials.

Los Pelicanos Calle Cedros #115, Rosarito, 661-612-0445. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little sister, with a shorter menu. It serves good steaks and surf 'n' turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. Moderate. **Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas** Corner of Constitución and Third, Tijuana. The cart is only here from 6pm to 6am, but from tongue to chicken mole to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, carne asada, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create meals right there. Inexpensive.

Balboa Park

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215 Pan American Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-0048. The teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweetish *udon soba* noodle soup with tofu *kitsune*, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab" meat are good and feel Japanese. Inexpensive.

The Prado 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. Exquisite setting in the park offers generous portions on a something-for-everyone menu. Top choices: meaty crab cakes, slow-roasted pork loin, banana *tres leches* cake. Moderate to expensive.

Banker's Hill

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is a deli rightly famous for its Original Philadelphia Cheese Steak Sandwich. Inexpensive.

Avenue 5 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-542-0394. Chef-owner Colin MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced California cuisine (and house-made desserts) in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Happy-hour bargains at bar; otherwise high-moderate.

Azuki Sushi Lounge 2321 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-238-4760. Skillful, creative sushi and sashimi in a convivial atmosphere. Don't miss the spicy Pon Hama (yellowtail sashimi with yuzu juice and chili powder) or the fusion-y RU Kidding Me roll, the owner's favorite. Moderate to expensive.

Cucina Urbana 505 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-239-2222. Uptown food at neighborhood prices. The creative, playful Italian menu emphasizes light, shareable dishes — mini-bites on through appetizers, pizzas, polentas, and interesting pastas and entreés, with adventurous wines priced only \$7 over retail. Lively, comfortable, noisy. Bar grazing until midnight. Moderate.

Joe's New York-Style Deli 3401 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boar's Head liverwurst is da bomb. Inexpensive.

Carlsbad

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also 4645 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. It's not Southern so much as SoCal "Q," but the meats are genuinely smoked. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor; ribs come in three versions. Inexpensive to moderate.

Pizza Port 571 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-720-7007. Also 135 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the Pizza Carlsbad or the Pizza Solana. Inexpensive.

Carmel Mountain

Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Mountain, 858-675-2225. Vickie Pappas (sis of Mary) serves up the Greek classics at this offshoot of Athens Market, with particularly flavorful lamb souvlaki and lamb chops. Inexpensive to moderate.

Chollas View

Thai Garden 110 47th St., Chollas View, 619-527-8890. They do Thai here, but cognoscenti come for the Lao cooking. This place is the town's unofficial Lao Embassy, and the *larb* and fresh-pestled green papaya salad are the real thing. (A great place for buying Lao silks, too.) Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. Rustic-looking family-run restaurant offers Italian-American standards, big portions, low prices, late hours. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite" eight-inch pizza. Inexpensive.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill 311 Palomar St., Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. Zesty Peruvian dishes include *papa rellena* (creamy potato with a lively beed and raisin filling), *seco de cabrito* (young goat in a complex, herbal stew). Mexican-style seafood served here, too. Inexpensive to moderate.

City Heights

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-281-1355. Specializes in fascinating Mexican lamb dishes, including spicy, smoky *mixiote* (lamb cooked inside thin maguey skin) and *pancita*, similar to haggis. Inexpensive.

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Ave., City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned Ethiopian cuisine served on a porous pancake, *injera*. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is good, the *gored gored* (meat in spicy butter) is excellent. Vibrant veggies, too. Inexpensive.

Super Cocina 3627 University Ave., City Heights, 619-584-6244. Mexican housewives prepare specialties for the restaurant. They're complex meat or poultry stews made without border compromises. The dozen entrées change daily from a rotating repertory of about 100. Inexpensive.

Tom's Chinese BBQ 4414 University Ave., City Heights, 619-563-8225. The roast ribs, roast pork, and BBQ spare ribs are excellent. So is pork fried rice and the dim sum. But you should also try the pig's rectum, duck's feet, stomach lining, ears, and wiggly small intestines. Inexpensive.

Van Hoa Vietnamese Restaurant 4016 54th St., City Heights, 619-582-2642. They have 20 versions of *pho dac biet* ("special combo") is a good place to start — plus rice and rice vermicelli plates and Vietnamese crepes and spring rolls. Inexpensive.

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Clairemont

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint 4577 Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-483-9500. Create-your-burger options include horseradish, artichoke hearts, carrots, cranberries, cheeses, and mushrooms. Chop and tuck these into raw burger meat, like a joey into mama roo's pocket. Inexpensive.

Lightnin' Jack's BBQ 4705-H Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Mall atmosphere, but hickoryfueled Texas-style pit barbecue turns out tender, moist pork ribs and reasonably smoky brisket. Nice fried catfish, too. Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the tastiest sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

College Area

4.0 Deli 5844 Montezuma Rd., College Area, 619-281-4040. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a kick-butt Southwestern dressing. Inexpensive.

San Diego Desserts 5987 El Cajon Bl, College Area, 619-287-8186. What was just a wonderful bakery has expanded to include full sit-down lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunches. Comfort dishes like meatloaf and chicken pie, sandwiches, salads. Good wines, wicked desserts, great patio. Inexpensive to moderate.

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-265-0999. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy. Inexpensive.

Coronado

Bistro d'Asia 1301 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy Lizard Lounge serves gentled-down dishes from East Asia. Good sushi bar in the Lounge. Moderate.

Crown Room Hotel Del, 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6611. In this vaulted dining room, presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. Open only for elaborate Sunday brunch, with cooking not quite up to the visual grandeur. Expensive.

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-4545. Sidewalk tables, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta — and dog-friendly, too, plus a nice wine list. A good vegetarian special: *verdure* pasta, with artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives. Inexpensive.

Mexican Village 126 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3111. Old restaurant revives with new (Mexican) owner. Old Coronadans say the signature burritos (filled with tripe, pork and potato, chorizo and eggs, etc.) match even their gilded Korea- and Vietnam-era memories. Inexpensive to moderate.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-2121. Meat and fish choices are prepared simply with generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Del Mar

Americana 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Casual breakfast/lunch, serious dinners, with flavors of the American melting pot and summer veggies from the chef's home



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garden. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. Italian seafood, garden setting. Best are the daily specials, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment) and lobster risotto. Save room for dessert, especially if offerings include *torta alla nonna*. High-moderate to expensive.

Poseidon 1670 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-9345. It's all about the glorious seaside view. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood. Dinner dishes mingle Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. Moderate to expensive.

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Manly retro atmosphere, huge portions. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. Expensive.

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the mind along with the palate, e.g., a lemon-pistachio cake that changes as you cut it, crumbling into a berry coulis. High-moderate to expensive.

Downtown

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-0382, Mainly plain Tuscan cuisine, highlighted by pleasing vegetarian pastas and risottos featuring earthy porcini mushrooms Moderate (pasta) to expensive.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0101. Skillful, healthful cooking from an ancient high cuisine. Refined entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborately garnished; rose-flavored Persian ice cream is a romantic ending. Moderate.

Beach City Market 3 Horton Plaza Downtown, 619-232-2491, Enjoy soupand-sandwich deals like minestrone and the Londonport roast beef sandwich flavored with port, white herbs, and spices; or the Deluxe roast beef with horseradish. Inexpensive.

Café Sevilla 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979. A loud, convivial tapas bar adjoins a quieter, romantic Spanish restaurant, but you can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar. At both, the choices are varied, interesting, and cosmopolitan. Great sangria. Moderate.

Café de L'Opera 1354 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-0425. Pastry chef Thierry Cahez offers a genuine French feeling and food, in a pâtisserie with exquisite dessert pastries, breakfast croissants, and Gallic lunches like mini-pizzas and croque monsieurs (toasted cheese sandwich with ham). Inexpensive.

Candelas 416 Third Ave Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in sophisticated, delectable Mexican haute cuisine made with French techniques. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive.

China Too 916 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4283. The menu claims "New York–Style Fine Chinese Cuisine," How about decent Bronx-style eat-in/takeout? Cheap but good fare, including huge lunch specials, made with no MSG, minimal cornstarch. Free delivery to a wide area. Inexpensive

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-232 8414 At this Euro-style sidewalk café try the spicy grilled breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegeta-bles. Also salads: taco or Southwest chicken. Inexpensive.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, transported whole hog from the Ould Sod, offers Irish music live most nights. Try the herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty - potato crepes with a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Low-moderate.

Greystone 658 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-0225. The Italian steak house fare here centers on Prime beef, game meats, lobster, and pastas. Loud, conventioneer-y ambience. Extremely expensive.

Hub Market & Deli 748 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-544-1917, Take-out only, with a hot pastrami sandwich that draws long lines. Breakfast? Try the giant three-egg burrito stuffed with sausages and hash brown patties. Open morning till late night, daily. Inexpensive.

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-237-4900. Fifties-style surf 'n' turfer owned by King's Seafood,

with fine fish quality, simple fare, Best dishes include New Orleans BBQ shrimp — a buttery, spicy Creole ex-travaganza (available as starter or en-— and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Fish moderate, meats expensive.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant Omni Hotel, 675 L St., Downtown, 619-645-6545. Nationwide seafood chain with good, simple, freshfish dishes. Awesome weeknight happyhour offers. Each for under two bucks: steamed mussels, chicken satay, a halfpound burger and fries, California rolls, fish cakes, cheese plate. Regular entrées upper-moderate.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-1183. Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusioncuisine seafood are ballast for the real gourmet fare: tropical umbrella drinks. Moderate.

Morton's of Chicago 285 J St., Downtown, 619-696-3369, Swanky, manly Chicago steakhouse offers juicy, marbled grain-fed beef in numerous cuts and sizes, wet-aged and grilled to your specification, or good fish. Pricey à la carte sides. Verv expensive.

Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 J St., Downtown, 619-858-2277. The best dishes tend to be the least ambitious, from the "Simply Grilled and Broiled" section. Or you can gamble on more elaborately composed entrées. Great crab cakes. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive.

Osetra Watergrill 904 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-1800. Las Vegas glitzy decor here. Appetizers tilt Asian, but most entrées are Italianate seafood. The restaurant has switched from the endangered Caspian caviar it's named for to a California-farmed sturgeon product (at the same steep tab). Very expensive.

The Palm 615 J St., Downtown, 619-702-6500. The fare features tender dryaged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Also consider shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes. Very expensive.

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-233-7800. Family-friendly menu offers greaseless dishes to suit all tastes. Tofu with eggplant and the Mongolian Hotpot, a meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage, are among the more authentic choices. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

RA Sushi 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant creates a high-energy atmosphere with loud music and louder decor. The grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus substantial noodle dishes and entrées. Moderate.

Super Jr. Market & Deli 1036 Seventh Ave., Downtown, 619-232-6367. Sandwiches include Boar's Head meat, cheeses, and fixings galore. Hot dishes sold by the pound: pork loin, chicken fajitas, honey ham, turkey, catfish, tilapia — all with two side dishes like rice, veggies, baked potato. Inexpensive.

Taka 555 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0555. Top-quality seafood enlivens exquisite sushi, with rice freshly made all evening and savory appetizers like miso-baked cod and mushroomtopped agedashi (lightly fried) tofu. Reserve and go early for quiet. Most dishes inexpensive, but they add up.

East Village

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Ave., East Village, 619-239-5478. Stick to their Hakka specialties, like the sizzle plate stuffed tofu - deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in the tender centers, resembling meatflavored roasted marshmallows. Mainly inexpensive

luice in the Raw 1060 LSt East Village, 619-550-1240, Algae, anvone? This fitness bar serves raw, organic. meal-sized smoothies loaded with stuff like goji berries, almond butter, hemp protein, bee pollen, ground chia seeds, blueberries, plus bars loaded with bluegreen algae from Lake Klamath. Just call it antioxidant central.

Sole Luna Café 702 Ash St., East Village, 619-232-0436. Umbrellastrewn terrace is fun. Many items taste straight from Milano, like the breakfast croissant with prosciutto and smoked mozzarella the Rustico Panino and the Siciliana salad. Inexpensive to moderate.

El Vitral Restaurant 815 I St. Fast Village, 619-236-9420. This huge spiffy room with Petco-facing patio offers creative, deluxe revisions of multi-regional Mexi-classics, backed by an impressive array of house-made masa creations. Huge tequila list, multinational wine list. Expensive mains, but better yet are affordable grazes on soups starters, gourmet tacos.

El Cajon

Downtown Café 182 E. Main St., El Caion, 619-440-5687, A Mexican-style patio restaurant serving gringo food. Reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, burritos, or Louisiana chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

Geno's Barbecue 291 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted Jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and combread are good. but if you're light of pocket go for the Ripcurl (hot dog). Inexpensive.

Greek Town Buffet 345 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Have gyros, but also try chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken) or start with excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). Don't skip Greek desserts. Inexpensive.

Encinitas

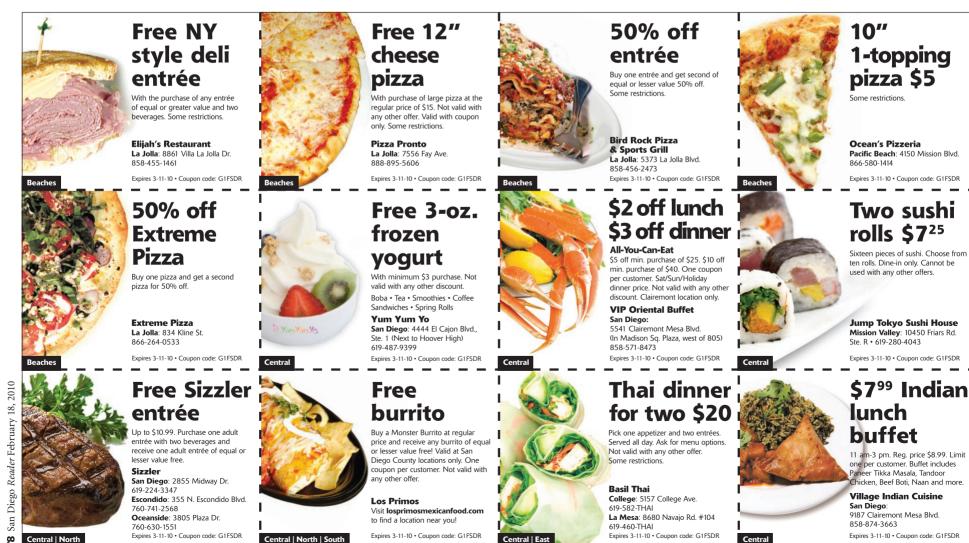
Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Kick back to reggae with a fresh coconut water and the Jamaican sampler, including luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of fillings. The jerk's way mild. Inexpensive.

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encipitas, 760-634-5556, Chef-owner Pascal Vignau serves a changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. Moderate.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-633-3587. Great sushi, including fabulous uni, world-beating silky toro. Appetizers like salmon tower tartare and drunken black cod are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusiontinged seafood entrées. Moderate.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800, The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Moderate

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. Domestic and imported meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the Caprese sandwich on focaccia bread. Inexpensive.



Escondido

Bistro 221 221 E. Grand Ave., Escondido 760-737-7398 Simple dishes shine at this genteel bistro, like sophisticated lunch quesadillas and dinner appetizers like Florida gumbo and Maryland crab cake. Moderate.

El Galeón 503 W. Mission Ave., Escon dido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood stars here. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster" in fishermen's terms) are house specialties. Consider a marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish) or savory albondigas soup. Inexpen sive to moderate.

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-738-9805, In gorgeous surroundings (mansion and garden), Señora Vega offers sophisticated Mexico City cuisine. You'll find interesting appetizers along with entrées featuring complex sauces and a huge bargain-priced Sunday brunch. Inexpensive to moderate.

Fallbrook

El Parque 2659 Reche Rd., Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Good combination plates include the tostada with beef taco and the burrito with enchilada. Better vet, on Sunday morning, agricultural workers pour in here for menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Inexpensive.

Wayside Café 507 South Main Ave. Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. The place used to be a gas station. You can even sit in the old lube bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain piles of red-skinned home fries as a side at breakfast. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Babbo Grande 1731 University Ave. Hillcrest, 619-269-8038. This is becoming your neighborhood drop-in place for Uptowners. Big breakfasts, really

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Baby Back Jack's Barbecue 1290 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1644. Jack's Sampler (four-bone baby back ribs, one half chicken, one por tion of BBO beef, fries, and slaw) is a good intro. Or pork-rib tips or just a Cajun sausage sandwich or one of Jack's chili cheeseburgers with bacon. Inexpensive.

Bread and Cie 350 University Ave. Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Crusty European peasant breads include anisefig and black-olive loaves. Focaccia pizza and savory sandwiches (many with thick bread and thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot. Inexpensive.

City Delicatessen 555 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2747, Some folk come for the Jewish-American food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the artdeco colors until midnight (3am weekends). Inexpensive to moderate.

Ichiban 1449 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Inexpensive.

Lucky Buck's Patio Bar and Grill 1459 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-0660. The only question: which burger? The Buck 'n' Bleu Ribbon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck's on Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck's Lucky Mushroom? Inexpensive

Pasha Mediterranean Grill & Café 3614 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-4444. Turkish specialties (including grilled beef cubes over eggplant mashed with garlic and yogurt) distinguish this Turkish-Lebanese halal restaurant from generic Middle Easterners, with which it shares a menu of kebabs, shawerma, salads, et al. Loads for vegans. No alcohol. Moderate.



Pizza Fusion 3827 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-278-0057. Everything's green and organic at this eco-conscious chain. The pizzas are odd-shaped but tasty, with multigrain oval crusts, plenty of veggies, cheese, and sweet Italian sausage or organic steak. Inexpensive to moderate.

St. Tropez 3805 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-497-0297. Additional locations in Encinitas, Rancho Bernardo, downtown. These bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of yummy housebaked breakfast pastries, desserts, and good coffee, plus Parisian-style croque monsieur and madame, crepes, quiche, onion soup, sophisticated sandwiches, and panini. Simple French dinners at some branches. Inexpensive.

Terra 3900 Vermont St., Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather. Moderate.

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The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. Also 170 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-8100 (lunch only). The bill of fare features fish - fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. Great crab cakes. Inexpensive to low-moderate

Imperial Valley

Owl Café 674 Main St., Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This café, over 50 years old, serves rib-sticking food. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners include roast beef and chickenfried steak. Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

B & B Deli & Catering 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-292-1636. Airmen's Comfort Food Central, offering plate-bursting lunch specials with al the fixin's: roast pork loin, meat loaf,

curried chicken, Polish sausage, pepper steak, cabbage rolls. Generous break fasts, too. Inexpensive

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Tiny, plain setting offering authentic northern Chinese and Szechuan dishes. Ten fish and green-chive dumplings, spicy three-ingredient lo mein (with jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken) and superb jellyfish salad are challenging and exciting. Inexpensive

The Philadelphia Sandwich **Company** 3904 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. The menu centers on Philly's two cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is more flavorful than a mere hero. For cheese steak, try the luscious "everything" with pro volone, unless you're a Philly-born purist. Inexpensive.

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy St. Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. Hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. Try the delicious Rainbow Salad and outstanding dumplings, especially the seafood ones The jellyfish salad is a treat for the adventurous. Inexpensive.

La Jolla

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-7373. Nestled in an English garden, you can dine indoors or out enjoying house-baked sourdough and a daily changing eclectic menu, cooked with imagination. Outstanding fresh fruit crepes in season. Moderate Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Dr., La Jolla, 858-551-3620. With a penthouse view of La Jolla, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. Expensive.

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

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BY CRAIG COWLING Chef/Owner, O'Brothers

The whole concept for our restaurant started in my backyard. We had a party and I was grilling up these organic burgers and my brother Derek kept noticing people's responses. People were, like, "This is the best burger I've ever had in my life." Derek said, "We have got to do something with this," so we decided to open up a restaurant. We actually had no experience in the restaurant industry, so it was a shot in the dark. But that's how O'Brothers was born

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Everything we serve in our restaurant — from the oil we cook our french fries in to the burgers and the buns is organic. We are the only 100 percent certified organic restaurant in the world. It's a natural thing for me because everything I cook at home is organic. It all started back in about 2000 and was spurred on by my wife and two kids. My daughter was only six but on the path to being overweight, and I weighed about 315 pounds. We realized we really needed

lunches like fruit plates and veggie-mozzarella sandwiches. Inexpensive to moderate: dinners a little more expensive.

to change our diets.

You know, America is number one in the world for cancer, diabetes, and obesity. We're going the wrong way, and I think it's all due to our diets. Something has to give. All these chemicals and pesticides and partially hydrogenated oils. Our bodies don't know what to do with all that. Since I started eating organic, I feel great. I lost about 65 pounds and my daughter is 16 now and so healthy and beautiful. I haven't had a cold in years, and my energy level

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454-4244. This informal rooftop eatery

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is through the ceiling. We still cook all the time at home. We do a lot of egg whites and salsa and my kids love my Chicken Crunchies, which are tortillas toasted on the grill with chicken and cheddar. For the last three to four weeks we've been doing these gluten-

> Iolla Cove, but the food isn't the fine cuisine of the Dining Room downstairs it's essentially spiffy grazing. Excellent mussels are the sole memorable dish.



Free Thai lunch or dinner

> With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Up to a \$10 value. Not valid on holidays. One per table

Jade Thai Cuisine Mission Gorge: 10330 Friars Rd #105 • 619-280-4048

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free taco

Central | East | North

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! Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDF

Centra

Free special sushi roll Buy one special roll and get a second of equal or lesser value free

Our special rolls include the rainbow roll, fire roll, caterpillar roll and more!

Convoy Sushi & Fish Market Kearny Mesa: 7905 Engineer Rd. 858-634-3233 Expires 3-11-10 • 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 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Centra

What the Chef Eats

free pancakes. These pancakes are amazing. I'm not kidding. My wife and daughter eat them with butter and maple syrup. What I do — and this grosses my wife and daughter out — is I cook up some Applegate organic bacon and roll it up in the pancakes and eat it like that. They're the best. Seriously, you've got to try them.

Skip the owner's "famous" bean soup, a

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift

Dr., La Jolla, 858-459-7222. Sea-level

ocean view and Chef Bernard Guillas's

oceanic culinary inventiveness with

fresh, exotic ingredients make every visit

a voyage of discovery. Preparations are

so elaborate, each menu listing reads

like a whole tasting dinner. Expensive.

Nine-Ten 910 Prospect St., La Jolla,

858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's culi-

nary sophistication is big-city smart,

offering adventurous seasonal cuisine

emphasizing fresh sustainable or or-

ganic ingredients and fresh ideas, with

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel

Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-1315. Fresh seafood specials are available every

flawless flavor matches. Expensive.

vanity item. High-moderate

INGREDIENTS

SERVES 4 1–2 tbsp. butter or oil $1^{1/4}$ cup buttermilk 2 tbsp. olive oil 1 egg 1 cup Bob's Red Mill Gluten-Free Pancake Mix

HOW TO DO IT Heat a griddle or large

pan on the stove. Griddle is ready when a drop of water sizzles on the sur-

night. Excellent pasta with mushrooms,

ravioli with quail, and lamb chops.

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect St.,

La Jolla, 858-454-0709. The seasonally changing menu could be called avant-

garde Italian, a style that more than

pushes the Italian envelope with inter-

national influences. Desserts are superb.

Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.

La Mesa

Mario's de La Mesa 8425 La Mesa

Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-9390. Tasty

gringo-Mex food. Tamales are rich, pil-

lowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding

richer shredded pork scattered with

El Caion: 101 Jamacha Rd.

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

619-444-9522

Moderate (pastas) to expensive

face. Melt 1-2 tablespoons of butter or oil on the griddle and spread evenly until the griddle is coated

In a medium bowl, whisk together buttermilk, olive oil, and egg. Add pancake mix and stir until well combined. Batter will be slightly lumpy. Pour about a quarter of a cup of batter onto the hot griddle. Flip pancakes

raisins. Pork also gets loving treatment

in the carnitas rojas, browned to the

Lakeside

The Neighbor's Pub and Grub

12169 Woodside Ave., Lakeside, 619-

561-8890. A neighborhood place

beloved by locals serves until midnight

(2am weekends). Big portions of sim-

ple, filling food, with standard pub

grub and daily specials like meat loaf, roast beef, fish 'n' chips, pork tender-

loin. Inexpensive.

barest crisp. Inexpensive.

when the edges look cooked and the batter bubbles on the top. Serve hot with butter, jam, syrup, or all three.

NOTE: You can purchase Bob's Red Mill products at health food stores like Whole Foods or online at: bobsredmill.com

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to sdreader.com.

Linda Vista

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-275-4114. Nice introduction to Cuban cuisine, including lush "Cuban sandwiches" of pork, ham and cheese, and ropa vieja ("old clothes") - shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, peppers, tomatoes. Inexpensive to moderate

Sushi Diner 7530 Mesa College Dr., Linda Vista, 858-565-1179. Most places, you can eat good or cheap. Here, you can eat good *and* cheap. No surprise that students from Mesa College cram in at lunchtime for rolls, bowls, curries. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

The Glass Door Restaurant & Lounge 1835 Columbia St., Little Italy, 619-564-3755. Great bay and city views (especially from roofed balcony tables) draw a lively young crowd that enjoys the loud music and cut-price tasty drinks and grazes during the extended happy hours. Fun scene, not serious cuisine. Happy hour inexpensive, dinners moderate

Indigo Grill 1536 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-6802. Deborah Scott expands her original Native-American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Po Pazzo 1917 India St., Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted at 1700 degrees, and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful - especially the Sicilian steak. The pasta dishes and veggies are even better. Expensive.

Logan Heights

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Ave., Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. The Estudillo family has been serving Mexican food here for three generation. Rice, beans, pork tacos (no beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs that's about it. Breakfast/lunch only. Inexpensive.

Tamale Cart 1852 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-338-9140. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include pork, beef, chicken, cheese, pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. Try the champurrado drink: milk mixed with masa, chocolate, and cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-692-1410. Dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can make a meal of appetizers like coxinhas, paste-



Free Thai Free Free entrée Mexican With purchase of an entrée and two entrée drinks. Dine-in only. Excludes lunch special. One per table. Maximum With purchase of a second entrée scount of \$8. Some restrictions of equal or greater value and two Some restrictions. beverages. Maximum value \$7 Some restrictions Thai Time II & III Midway: 3545 Midway Dr 619-224-3245 El Indio Mission Hills: 3695 India St. Clairemont: 4310 Genesee Ave 619-299-0333 #111 • 858-278-4949 619-297-7888 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR \$1.50 off Free breakfast, dinner lunch or buffet dinner Asian and American cuisine. Over 150 items daily. With purchase of With purchase of equal or greater value and two drinks. Excludes manager & window specials. Some restrictions. Max \$7 value. dinner at regular price. Valid for up to 2 people. One coupon per table. Some restrictions. restriction Taste of Italy **Panda Garden Buffet** ChickeNest Santee: 70 Town Center Pkwy La Mesa: 7200 Parkway Dr Ste C • 619-596-4888 619-589-0088 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR East Free Italian 50% off any entrée entrée With purchase of another entrée With the purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Up to a \$9.95 value. of equal or greater value and two drinks. Valid only at La Mesa location. Dine-in only. Excludes pizza and calzones. Not valid on Fridays. Dine-in only with this coupon. Some restrictions Ottavio's Cucina Italiana

Pedro's Mexican Cocina La Mesa: 6155 Lake Murray Blvd 619-668-1090

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

sushi roll

With purchase of a sushi roll of equal or greater value and two beverages Maximum value \$12.95 Dine-in only. Not valid during Happy Hour

Nami Sushi Bar & Fusion Japanese

Hillcrest: 501 University Ave. Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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.

Rancho San Diego: 2512 Jamacha Rd. • 619-660-6300 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

East

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 Caion: 2650 Jamacha Rd 619-660-7362 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free smoked **BBO**

cuisine

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 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

619-461-7000

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Free Mexican entrée With purchase of an entrée and

two drinks. Not valid with any other oupon or discount.

Broken Piñata Bar & Grill El Cajon: 1221 Broadway 619-447-5665 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free torta or quesadilla

With purchase of entrée and two drinks. Not valid with any other offer One coupon per customer

La Torta Café Mexican Deli La Mesa: 8356 Allison Ave 619-741-6230 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free steak, chicken or gyro wrap With purchase of wrap and two

Spinners Fresh Mediterranean El Cajon: 2654 Jamacha Rd. Ste. 101 • www.ilovespinners.com Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free frozen yogurt

Buy one frozen yogurt for \$3.50 or more and get a free yogurt valued up to \$3.50. Limit one coupn per party. Not valid with any other offers.

Self-serve. Over 60 toppings and 12 premium flavor

Penguin Yogurt Factory e: 9621 Mission Gorge Rd. 619-562-1879 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

10% off catering Not valid with any other offer of

Rally's Burgers El Cajon: 1216 E. Main St. 877-758-9837 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

\$11⁹⁹ large onetopping

(Original thin crust only.) Additiona fee for thick crust. Not valid with 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 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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 custome Some restrictions.

Hacienda Casa Blanca El Cajon: 700 N. Johnson 619-442-9827 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free frozen yoqurt

Purchase 8 oz or more frozen yogurt and receive 8 oz. free. Not valid with any other offer. Some restrictions

16 premium flavors. Over 60 toppings.

Crave Yogurt San Carlos: 8680 Navajo Rd. 619-337-7888 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Sushi Fun Santee: 8790 Cuyamaca St., Ste. K 619-562-5151 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

\$5 off breakfast or lunch

Any purchase of \$20 or more. Not valid on holidays or weekends. Cannot be combined with any other offer

The Omelette Factory La Mesa: 5270 Baltimore Dr 619-460-4423

50% off Asian-Pacific

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. me restrictions **Ono's Cafe**

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North

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. 619-585-1371

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

\$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

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free pasta dish

Buy one pasta dish and two drinks, ake-out only. Excludes other offers.

Big Red Pizza

Carlsb Ste. F • 760-635-9000 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

North | Central



With minimum purchase of \$40 in the dining room area. One per table. Some restrictions Romesco

Bonita: 4346 Bonita Rd. 619-475-8627 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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

Expires 3-11-10 • 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 restriction

The Brewhouse at Eastlake Chula Vista: 871 Showroom Place 619-656-BREW (2739)

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free entrée

With purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Dine-in only. Not valid with any other offer

Fresh ground burgers, specialty pizzas, steaks, seafood and pastas.

The Bullpen Bar & Grill **Encinitas**: 149 S. El Camino Real 760-635-9020

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Bonita: 4154 Bonita Rd. 619-470-ONOS

get one pasta dish free. Dine-in and

d: 7740 El Camino Real



les, croquetas, and *kube* (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kibbe*). Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Bamboo Hut 9172 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. A strip-mall taste of Hawaiian plate lunch and sushi, with outdoor wood-roofed patio. Uneven, but ahi poke, chicken katsu, and Rainbow Roll are good. Inexpensive.

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 9045 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-530-1664. Several San Diego locations. Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. The étouffée (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India St., Mission Hills, 619-497-0914. Delicious simple fish cookery in no-frills eatery, plus a fish counter offering restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood including big, buttery oysters. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Saffron Noodles and Saté 3737 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy Thai chicken grilling that gets you. Choice of five sauces, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try delicious, spicy noodle soups, like Tom Yum with shrimp. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. This cute spot mingles chefs and dishes from Indonesia and Thailand. Standard Thai fare, but unique Balinese corn fritters, spicy shrimp, comforting chicken noodle soup. No reservations on weekends. Low-moderate.

Seau's 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Vast sports bar offers 70 TV screens and varied pub grub: pizza, hefty burgers, wings with three sauces, sushi, and Junior Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Rd., National City, 619-477-8494. Although the Hawaiian-style kalua pig here isn't cooked in a hole in the ground, it tastes like the real thing and comes with an islander plateload of cabbage, rice, mac salad, and kimchi. Inexpensive.

Point-Point Joint 916 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-2866. Dozens of Filipino dishes are available, from the familiar (chicken grilled on a bamboo spit) to more mysterious choices like *kare-kare* (peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) and *dinuguan* (pork meat and blood stew). Inexpensive.

Normal Heights

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Fill up on all-day breakfasts including huge omelets; Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is a popular lunchtime dish. Inexpensive.

North Park

El Comal 3946 Illinois St., North Park, 619-294-8292. Also 262 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. Home cooking from the mainland (Michoacan, Guerrero, others). Stuffed tortilla dishes (no numbered combos) are appetizers or lunches. For entrées, look to casseroles like tongue in tomatillo sauce, tender goat in a lively red "barbecue" sauce, and sweet-spicy mole poblano chicken. Inexpensive.

Old World Deli & Café 3930 30th St., North Park, 619-238-0568. Fine mittel-European casual food, with house-made sauerkraut the badge of honor. Try the bounteous sausage platter or the Great Grilled Grueben sandwich. Inexpensive.

The Philly Grill 2041 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9437. This tiny café takes Philly cheese steak seriously: delicious thin slabs of rib-eye steak with "fourteen-ingredient seasoning" plus onions, cheese, optional mushrooms and garlic. Plus a Philly hoagie and an Atkins Lite Philly (on lettuce). Moderate.

Ocean Beach

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. Genuine "Q" of meats and poultry smoked "low and slow" over oak, then charbroiled. Southern-style sandwich (choice of protein plus colesław and tangy, spicy sauce) is a good value. Inexpensive. **Kaiserhof** 2253 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Big, convivial German *Bierstube* with all the usual dishes. Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. Avoid entrées with one sauce-fits-all brown gravy. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Moderate.

Oceanside

101 Café 631 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. Try the Original Cheeseburger with secret sauce. Inexpensive.

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-9999. On the mainly Mexican menu there's a Caribbean chocolate-y, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. Inexpensive.

Oceanside Café 1938 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall — a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and cheddar is wicked. Inexpensive.

Old Town



El Agave 2304 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-220-0692. Serious Mexican food highlighting mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas). Moderate.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney St., Old Town, 619-295-3272. Also 301 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-967-1820. These trendy spots draw mainly under-35 scenesters with a DJ turning up the amps, a vast choice of sakes, and a menu of sushi (heavy on the party rolls), Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées. Sushi lower than most, entrées moderate.

Zócalo Grill 2444 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-298-9840. Tropical something for everyone — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Baleen 1404 Vacation Rd., Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. The menu features seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, in a room with a water view and monkey-motif decor. Very expensive.

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. Also 624 E St., Downtown, 619-237-9990. The Kiwi owners guarantee healthy, hormone-free, organic beef and lamb from New Zealand — mainly in burgers, from grass-fed organic beef burgers to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. Inexpensive.

Café Athena 1846 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. Sister restaurant, Apollonia Greek Bistro, in UTC. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. The garlicrich Spanish cuisine here includes tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Moderate.

The Fishery 5040 Cass St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. The Fishery's menu is extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish 'n' chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées. Moderate to expensive.

Hoboken Pizza & Beer Joint 1459 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-7766. They offer thin-crust East Coast-style pizza or inch-thick, square Sicilian pizza. Crusts are airy and crunchy, and they paddle-slide your slice into the oven to finish it off, fresh and hot. Open late. Inexpensive.

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. Cheerful spin-off of Mission Café serves Latin-Asian-sorta health food. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals and include luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and California coastal cuisine, e.g., fusion-y tapas, many going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. Sushi bar with friendly chefs takes reservations. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Point Loma

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-298-6802. The name is the grade for food, but nice for visiting aunts, with scenic heated patio at water's edge and California-Mediterranean comfort food from chef Deborah Scott in laid-back mode, lovely for a sunshing lunch. Moderate to expensive.

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. The kitchen features seafood, juicy meats, and Prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preshow prix fixe upper-moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive.



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bundt cakes Any purchase of \$25 or more. Incredibly moist! Flavors from chocolate choicolate chip to pecan praline. Some restrictions.

\$5 off

Nothing Bundt Cakes Poway: 12205 Scripps Poway Pkwy. #104 • 866-777-5064

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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

Expires 3.11-10 • Coupon code: G1F5DR

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

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free large cheese pizza

With purchase of family meal. With this coupon. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per visit.

Bread Bites and More Carmel Valley: 7845 Highland Village Place, Ste. C101 858-780-2501 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free entrée, side or dessert

Choose from any item on our menu! With purchase of a lunch or dinner plate and two beverages.

Pita King Escondido: 1061 W. El Norte Pkwy. 760-480-5662

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

\$5 off any speciality pizza

Bobby D's Vista: 425 S. Melrose Dr. 760-295-3851 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



With purchase of an entree and two beverages. Dine-in or takeout. Excludes seafood, BBQ and specialties. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per customer.

Bua Thai Poway: 12378 Poway Rd., Ste. C 858-679-7073

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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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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

Vista: 760-598-8005 Encinitas: 760-632-1497 Carlsbad: 760-434-4468 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free steakhouse appetizer

With purchase of two entrées and two beverages. Steakhouse menu only. Not valid with any other offers.

Steakhouse at Jalapeño Grill Escondido: 503 W. Grand Ave. 760-233-1104

Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free yogurt With purchase of yogurt of equal

with purchase of yogurt of equal or greater value. Not valid with any other offer.

Desserted Island Yogurt & More Solana Beach: 153 N. Highway 101 858-345-1451 Expires 3-11-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR





Kaminski's Bar-B-Que Sports Lounge Poway: 12735 Poway Rd. 858-748-1106 Expires 311-00 - Coupon code: G1F5DR



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Solana Beach

Pacific Coast Grill 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. A free-form menu integrates Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the Bag of Bones (house-smoked pork ribs) and any fruit creation for dessert. Moderate to expensive.

Sorrento Valley

Karl Strauss Brewing Company 9675 Scranton Rd., Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739. Additional locations in La Jolla, Carlsbad, and Downtown. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like the mountainous Hump Day meat loaf (Wednesday). Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Moderate.

WineSellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples St., Sorrento Valley, 858-450-9557. Luxurious modern French cooking, upscale but comfortable, with vast wine list at minimal markups from wine store downstairs. Lunches highmoderate, dinners very expensive.

South Park

Alchemy 1503 30th St., South Park, 619-255-0616. Arty décor and playful international grazing plates and seasonal entrées make eating fun. Cooking and service are adept. But with no reservations for small parties and noiseamplifying architecture, eat early on weeknights to avoid waits and din at this neighborhood favorite. Moderate.

Tierrasanta

Andiamo! Ristorante Italiano 5960 Santo Rd., Tierrasanta, 858-2773501. This is right up where Tierrasanta meets Miramar, but it's worth the trip for — seriously — the bread. Rosemary focaccia with addictive tomato basil dip. Also butternut squash soup, lasagnas, and prosciutto and fig pizzas. Live music on patio Saturdays. Inexpensive.

University City

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar 8970 University Center

Lane, University Cell, 858-535-0078. Also 380 K St., Downtown, 619-237-1155. Less-masculine atmosphere than many steakhouses, but wet-aged Prime steaks are still the main event. Great wine list. Very expensive.

University Heights

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Ave., University Heights, 619-298-8440. Eclectic, ever-changing menu can be hit or miss, but soups are good, and lavender-infused crème brûlée makes an aromatic dessert. Inexpensive to moderate.

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-295-2244. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush pupies, and delicious corn muffins. Cajun-Creole efforts are uneven. Moderate to slightly expensive.

Park Boulevard Cafe 4646 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-5248. The menu offers authentic Iraqi dishes plus echoes of Vietnam and Italy. Try Vietnamese-style coconut milk soup or lamb shank with red curry sauce and couscous. Open until late except Mondays. Inexpensive.

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Willie Psycho vs. the

Pyrate Punx Phone messages posted January 31 on YouTube are alleged to be recordings of promoter-performer Willie Carter Tuckerson, aka Willie Psycho, threatening rival promoter Captain Sid of the San Diego

Sid said, "I'm actually headed up to Escondido right now to file a police report [about Psycho's threats]. I would love for you to do a story on us about this, but I don't want to throw myself under the bus on this. I just don't wanna expose what we do too much,



Pyrate Punx. A few excerpts: "If you wanna come and

get into some f***ing gang shit, then come handle your business.

homie.... There's 20 motherf***ers that I know that just rolled up off of your spot, dude.... I can only control my f***ing homies, dude, I can only control them for so long. They are f***ing seriously ready to f***ing start s**t and, dude, this isn't a game any-

more.... You guys wanna bring it up and start some kind of gang shoot, dude, you guys can deal with the homies."

Contacted the next day,

'cause we do a lot of shows in illegal places and don't want too much attention." Willie Psycho provided



the Reader with his account of what led to the phone messages, which he admits leaving. "Sid from SDPP and myself have hated each other

for years. The dude used to do security at the gutter shows I used to book. I fired him.... Ever since then, the dude has been spreading rumors, acting like a f***ing baby, trying to be the king of the punk scene."

As reported in the Reader in 2006, several shows presented by Psycho with Pyrate Punx resulted in destruction and police intervention at venues such as the Heartland Masonic Lodge (El Cajon) and Brengle Terrace Park (Vista). Psycho alleges that Sid, in an attempt to stop him from promoting competitive punk shows, was the first to issue threats.

"My wife, who has terminal cancer, has received over 20 threats from Sid," according to Psycho. "He also posted our business number on craigslist in the hooker section, advertising my wife as a prostitute, [and he left] 73 messages on our business line.... You threaten my wife or my kid, you better be ready to lay your f***ing life down."

Both Psycho and Sid have filed police reports alleging threats from the other. At this writing, only Sid has posted related phone messages online.

San Diego Pyrate Punx will hold a free Mondaynight concert at the Radio Room on February 22. Willie Psycho appears February 24 at the Jumping Turtle. – Jay Allen Sanford

are silenced. One promises to return. The Calypso Mediter-

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Surf & Saddle LAST CALL, REALLY

ranean Cafe in Leucadia had live music since it opened in 1995. Artists such as Jack Tempchin, Candye Kane, Danny Way, and Semisi filled out the seven-night-aweek blues, jazz, Latin, and acoustic lineups. A kitchen fire closed the café in September. Owner Gilles Knafo says omplying with city regulations is slowing down Calypso's reopening. "We have to bring everything up to code now," says Knafo, noting that previous deviations from building codes, including wheelchair access, had been grandfathered in. The Calypso is located in a former house on Highway 101. "I don't want to move anywhere else. Leucadia is very low key." When the Surf & Saddle

closed in November, it left the Belly Up as the only music venue in Solana Beach. A block from the beach, the Surf & Saddle had bands four nights a week.

Co-owner Patti Gilstrap says her lease at the 58-yearold bar was to expire last month. But she had to leave earlier than planned. The state Alcoholic and Beverage Control (ABC) department revoked her license in October because one of her bartenders sold pot on the job. "If it had been some 23-year-old with tattoos and piercings, maybe you could say I made a bad decision in hiring," says Gilstrap. "But it was a lady in her late 50s who lived in a senior-citizen complex. She had worked for the phone company for 25 years.... She served 90 days at Las Colinas." Gilstrap says she eventually sold her liquor license to her landlord, who plans to reopen the bar as an Irish pub without music.

For eight years, Tami Ridley hosted blues, acoustic flamenco, and Irish bands at her Spanish restaurant and wine bar in San Marcos, Friar's Folly. "We were doing well, but I just decided I wanted to take a break for a while." Ridley never charged admission as she hosted Skelpin, Ruby and the Redhots, Flamenco Nova, Lisa Sanders, and Jimmy Patton Wednesday through Saturday nights.

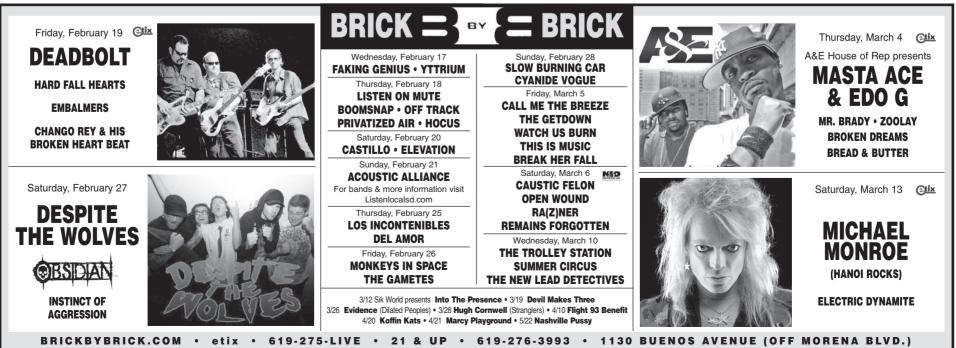
"My dream is to eventually open up something that would be a cross between the Belly Up and Anthology more supper club than the Belly Up but not as high-end as Anthology."

Ridley says the space in Restaurant Row that housed Friar's Folly has been vacant since she closed last August. — Ken Leighton

Nothing Serene

About It San Diego screamo band a City Serene has had an eventful 2010 so far. In January, the band discovered they were voted the third top unsigned band in Alternative Press Magazine for the year 2009. Their posthardcore tune "With Swords Crossed" was the numberone song on purevolume.com for two weeks, and in January, *smartpunk.com* announced a City Serene was the "Top-Selling Unsigned Artist" on the website.

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A pleasant change for the group, considering that it was last September when a truck crossed over the median outside of Bakersfield and collided headfirst into their tour bus, sending the entire band to the hospital and two of the members (drummer Mike Buxbaum and the band's female vocalist, Carly

was a perfect opportunity," the band writes in an email about their latest venture. But recording the video

didn't go without incident, such as when police nearly arrested them for trespassing at an abandoned lot in San Marcos, or when they nearly got mugged during a shoot in North Park. And then there's the ongoing recovery.

"It made the video really tough to shoot," reads the email. "Kris [Renfro] can't stand up for more than a



Baker) into comas.

Despite spending the remainder of 2009 in hospital rooms and rehab facilities, the band did not lose focus. In January, when members weren't working on new material or getting their chops back, they were busy shooting a music video for their song "With Swords Crossed."

"Since we won't be able to do any shows until everyone is healed up a little better, we needed something to keep the band going, build buzz, until we get back onstage, so this

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couple seconds without feeling really out of it. Mike [Buxbaum] isn't back enough to really play drums all that well right now, but it was good enough to kind of fake it. So, after lots of good edits and hard work from our director Kevin Longwell, you would never know we

ever got in an accident." On March 5, a City Serene will release the new music video at an invitationonly event at Mira Mesa allage venue the Epicentre. After the premiere, the



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band plans to record a fulllength record this summer and then hopes to get back on the road later in the year. — Dorian Hargrove

The Six-String Circle of

Life "Suzy Bogguss and I knew each other when we were teens," says Jessica Baron. "I was a music teacher who gigged a little bit. Suzy was already an early celebrity. She would come through Chicago in her tour bus.... We got to be friends," she says, "because we were peripherally part of the same music scene. Then, we lost touch for a long time."

Jessica Baron is founder and executive director of a national outreach called Guitars in the Classroom that is headquartered in Solana Beach. Suzy Bogguss's country albums reached platinum and gold sales in the '80s and '90s; to date, she has had six top-ten singles.

Baron says that when she learned her old friend would be performing at Anthology, she reached out. "I said the people who own that club [Marsha and Howard

Berkson] support Guitars in the Classroom. And Suzy said, 'Well, let's do something. I don't know what, but let's put something in the evening." To date,

Anthology has donated five pairs of tickets to

Bogguss's February 18 concert with profits to benefit GITC, and a Martin guitar donated by a GITC supporter will be raffled as part of the event. Guitars in the Classroom

has been active for more than a decade. Their website states that they have trained 9000 teachers in 29 states. Unlike

other charitable music programs, GITC puts instruments in the hands of teachers.

"We're a train-the-trainer model," says Baron. "We train the educators. We loan the



teachers the guitar, and when they feel secure on the instrument, they give it back and we pass the guitar along to the next teacher."

She says that there are currently 100 local teachers enrolled in the program, which is evenly divided between Crown Point

Elementary and Oak Park Elementary schools.

Baron says that if an instructor wants to continue on as a classroom troubadour after the loaner guitar has been returned, he or she must purchase their own.

"Then, you become a customer of the music-products business, which is how we get funded by NAMM." Baron says that NAMM, a trade association for music-product companies, has given them grant money for five years. "When a teacher does purchase a guitar, there is a good chance that they will become a customer of a NAMM member business.

"I started the program as an experiment. It's just grown from there," says Baron. — Dave Good

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Crawler This Week In Music



English goth-rockers the **Damned** will finish up their two-night stint at Casbah. Sold out, it ... So go check out Motörhead Lemmy's new joint the Head Cat at Belly Up. They're a rockabilly super-trio, featuring Slim Jim Phantom of the Stray Cats on drums and guitarist Danny Harvey of the Lonesome Spurs. Lemmy's naturally singing and "slappin' de bass." Get a taste of the stage show off of Rockin' the Cat Club: Live From the Sunset Strip. The Buzzbombs and Grass Heat go first Austin artist Bob Schneider plays House of Blues. His last one - his 11th fulllength - was last year's Lovely Creatures and was reportedly about his breakup with actress Sandra Bullock. Bob says, "Nu-uh".... A new proggy post-punk project called Scales checks in at the Tin Can Ale House in Banker's Hill. Give them a listen here: myspace.com/wear escales. They've got a bit of Slint/June of 44 in 'em. That works Uptown, you got L.A. psych-rock outfit Lemon Sun shining on Bar



Pink...and Soda Bar sets up garage gang the **Old In Out** with O.C. pop-punks **Some Days**. They're all named Day, and the drummer is the singer. How fun.



Start your Friday-night club crawl at a bookshop. The iron man of metal, **Ozzy** freaking **Osbourne** will be signing copies of his new tome, *I Am Ozzy*, at Warwick's in La Jolla. So bizarro. *SHA-RON! I've come up wif a ti-tul!...* Out with the old: some San Diego scene perennials will be hitting the boards Friday night, starting with **Steve Poltz**'s 50th birthday bash at Belly Up with his new band the **Cynics**, his old band the **Rugburns**, and Eagle killer **Mojo Nixon** sets the Solana Beach stage...barroom



WILD YAKS AT KEN CLUB

rockers Joey Harris and the Mentals fly over the Tiki nest in P.B. behind their s/t debut ... while Brick by Brick in Bay Park exhumes the scariest band in the land. **Deadbolt** ... And in with the new: indie-pop chanteuse Maren Parusel makes a Whistle Stop stop. She'll be off to SXSW in the spring...sunshiny folk-pop foursome the Donkeys clop into Casbah behind Hot Moon, the Modlins, and Joel West ... and indie kids the Fascination, Drowning Men, and Deadly Syndrome fill a bill at the Beauty Bar.... Brooklyn screamo act Wild Yaks features guitarist Sean Kennerly from NorCal's '90s punx Samiam. They'll do whatever wild yaks do with Reverse Cowboys at the Ken.... Singer-songwriter J.R. Richards of alt-rock hits Dishwalla visits House of Blues. His debut solo, A Beautiful End, dropped via download last year.



Got some serious aping going on Saturday night as the **'80s for Haiti** benefit hits 4th&B, featuring some of the more convincing tribute acts in the biz covering that decade's darlings: U2, the Cure, the Smiths, Duran Duran, the Police, Depeche Mode, GNR, and on and on. Starts at 7p, and all the green goes to the victims of January's Haiti earthquake And up at Belly Up, more of that with Platinum Rockstars playing like arena rockers Led Zeppelin, Boston, Journey, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, and Van Halen. Damn the Torpedoes. a Tom Petty trib, will warm it up.... Hip-hoppin rocker P.O.S. will take the mic at UCSD's Loft space. The Minneapolis rapper is out to tout last year's Never Better, which made Spin's "Top 10 Best Albums You Might Have Missed."

Check him out: *myspace.com/pos*. Dude's got it, and I don't even know what *it* is.... Ladera skateboards' Winter Blackout comes to House of Blues, featuring heavy-hit reggae by the **Expendables** and Hawaiian dub dudes **Iration**.... Uptowners can get with **Recordable Colors**, which is playing a CDrelease at the Ken with **Mia Valentine** and the **Canton Mudders**...or troubadour **Jack Tempchin** ("Peaceful Easy Feeling") at AcousticMusicSanDiego's church on Mansfield Street.

Sunday

Austin garage-pop group Harlem meets likeminded Los Angelinos Thee Makeout Party at Casbah. With locals the Glossines, that's a trick triple bill right there.... Banjo-jamming throwback **Frank Fairfield** rolls into Belly Up Sunday night. For more on this vintage cat, have a look at what rock critic Andrew Hamlin wrote in these pages last month: sandiegoread er.com/news/2010/jan/17/frank-fairfield/. Pop-rock Raconteur Brendan Benson headlines.... Up thataway at the Ché Café, it'll be up-and-coming goth-rockers Blessure Grave with Blacklisted, OK?, and Nails. SanDago's Blessure Grave is a stereogum.com band to watch.... SanFran instrumental band Silian Rail hits Bar Pink behind debut And I You, to Pieces. The boy-girl, guitar-drum duo hit like post-rock groping for classic-pop melodies and rhythm. Way cool. Go here: myspace.com/sil-



ROYAL CROWN REVUE AT VIEJAS

ianrailmusic. Fever Sleeves opens the show.... Else: Bedlam of Cacophony, Hanab Ku, and Dead Ghosts haunt Radio Room with grindcore...and L.A. big-band revivalists Royal Crown Revue swings into Viejas' DreamCatcher thing.

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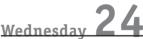
Casbah's Anti-Monday team tags local acoustipop duo **Metrofique**, Hollywood-via-London one-man band **Samuel Stewart**, and



Americana crew Longstay.... The Pyrate Punx shanghai Radio Room with Ms. Fits, Blood Stained Reality, Abject, and Nuclear Tomorrow. More on the Pyrates' latest plunders in this week's "Blurt".... Comedy troupe Upright Citizens Brigade returns to the Loft.



Jersey boy and jazz-fusion guitarist **Al Di Meola** checks into Anthology for two nights starting Tuesday. Al D. recently reunited with his old band Return to Forever for last year's live catchall *Returns*. Suffice to say, the player's in fine form for you fusion fans.... Need something noisier? Get thrashed with **Kavana**, John Wayne Gacy Daycare, Toreback, and Race Against Space at Radio Room.



Hump-night highlights look like this: Casbah's got Swedish psych-rock big band the **Soundtrack of Our Lives**, which is touring in support of 2009's ambitious double disc *Communion*. L.A. alt-rock trio **Nico Vega** goes first.... Belly Up fills a locals-only alt-pop bill with ready-to-blow-up **Dynamite Walls**, **Republic of Letters**, and **Tommy Graf**.... And Scot indie-rock band **We Were Promised Jetpacks** lands at the Loft behind Fat Cat debut *These Four Walls*. Not bad once

Fat Cat debut *These Four Walls*. Not bad once you get past the accents, but Jetpacks are so Hanna-Barbera.

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"My mom says I started playing guitar when I was six, but what does she know?"

obin Henkel hoots, hollers, walks out into the audience with his guitar, sits at their tables, and tells stories. He favors the raw end of what his instrument can sound like, and when he sings it comes out in an unexpected baritone.

Henkel is a self-styled blues man, a revisionist, and an expert in performing the country music

of the Delta. As such, he makes both bottleneck slide and lap steel guitar look easy. Favoring the use of severely dated axes that look to

be on their last leg, Henkel plucks solos from them like a man taking aim with a bow and arrow. It's the high tension he keeps on the action of the strings, he explained once, that is partly responsible for his distinctive sound.

And while it is true that the two-time San Diego Music Award recipient has, for a number of years, looked upon the acoustic music of the Mississippi Delta of the 1930s and '40s as his muse, Henkel is also a student of country swing, funk, fusion, bop, and Americana.

That's where his side project for the past couple of decades comes in. It is a dual sax with trumpet-guitar-bass-and-drums horn band. "Robin Henkel with Horns" performs at Lestat's in Normal Heights on Sunday, February 28.

WHAT'S IN THE WORKS?

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"I'm creating arrangements for my horn band. I've sat at the piano for a long time, harmonizing and reharmonizing the diminished chords in [Duke Ellington's] 'Caravan.' I'm also in the second semester of Spanish at Grossmont College."

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING GUITAR?

"Fifty years. I'm 58. My mom says I started when I was 6, but what does she know?"

HOW DID YOUR STYLE DEVELOP?

"As a kid I listened to and played Josh White songs. Musically, he was like a father. Later, I thought

> Jimi Hendrix was the ultimate best, and although I do not really sound like him today, his phrasing and style made some core-level

impact on me. Phrases that I learned when I took lessons from Peter Sprague in the late 1970s still pop out all over the place in my playing today. Last and most certainly, the influence of the countryblues guitarists — Robert Johnson, Mississippi Fred McDowell, and Lightnin' Hopkins — has left a stamp on my style."

YOU REMIND ME A LITTLE OF BOB WILLS...

"Around the early 1990s I picked up a Bob Wills tape. It caused me to reminisce that the 'ah-ha' sound that my dad used to make was possibly imitative of Wills. His music is so contagious."

WHICH OF YOUR ORIGINALS IS YOUR BEST?

"I have particular fondness for 'Mahtochiquala.' Also, 'Egg' is a standout, and so is 'Paddy Cake.' You rerecord a lot of your songs. Each new recording carries with it the possibility that this will be the one. When combining the skills and sensitivity of the musicians with the recording process, there is always the factor of chance that each new



Robin Henkel looks upon the acoustic music of the Mississippi Delta as his muse.

version will be special."

NO MORE HOME VIDEOS AT GIGS?

"Sometimes it's hard to find a peaceful balance between being egotistically self-indulgent and just sharing what I have to offer. Maybe I should get the videos going again."

DID YOU GET INTO MUSIC TO GET RICH?

"No. Apart from loving music and wanting to make it my career, my agenda was probably to be popular and meet women."

WHERE DO YOU SHOP FOR CLOTHES?

"I've purchased cowboy shirts in Nevada and Utah. I get those shiny pants at Lee's Menswear. You can buy a pimp suit there. In *American Pimp*, one of the retired pimps had become a blues singer. He said one of the reasons he liked playing the blues was because he could wear the same clothes as when he was in the game."

LAST FIVE BOOKS READ?

1. *Mexicanos: A History of Mexicans in the United States* by Manuel G. Gonzales

2. The Broken Spears: The Aztec Account of the Conquest of Mexico by Miguel León-Portilla

3. *A Pictorial History of the Confederacy* by Lamont Buchanan

4. From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans by John Hope Franklin

5. The Bay of Pigs: The Untold Story by Peter Wyden

FAVORITE BANDS OR PERFORMERS?

"Miles Davis playing bop or pop fusion such as *Birth of the Cool* and *Tutu* is great stuff. Antonio Carlos Jobim's *Stone Flower* is wonderful. My interest in Duke Ellington has been growing. While going through my records from the 1970s I found several by George Duke and realized how much I still love his infectious rhythm. Herbie Hancock's 'Watermelon Man,' Chick Corea's [band] Return to Forever...this could go on for a long time."

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710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844. Friday, 9pm — Mower, With Split Finger and Pushin Rope. Metal/rock.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. Saturday, 7:30pm - Jack Tempchin. Blues/rock.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Thursday, 7:30pm — Suzy Bogguss. Country Some proceeds to benefit Guitars in the Classroom, guitarsintheclassroom.org. \$25. Friday, 9:30pm - Tony Lucca & Keaton Simons. With the Greening. Blues/rock. \$14.

Tuesday, Wednesday, 7:30pm — Al Di Meola. Jazz. \$39.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla,

858-454-5872. Thursday, 7:30pm — The La Paz Trio. Brazilian/jazz. \$19-\$24. Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North

Park, 619-564-7194. Thursday, 10pm — Lemon Sun. With Red Arrow Messenger. Rock/alternative.

Reachside Grill: 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-8850 Friday, 8pm - The Optimators and Irusalem. Reggae/ska.

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Iolla, 858-459-0474. Thursday, 9pm — Allegra. Acoustic/alternative/covers. Free. Friday, 9pm — Mark Fisher, Acoustic/covers/rock. Free.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140

Thursday, 8pm — The Head Cat. Lemmy (Motörhead), Slim Jim Phantom (the Stray Cats), and Danny B. Harvey (Rockats, 13 Cats, Lonesome Spurs). Rock 'n' roll. \$20-\$22

Friday, 9pm — Steve Poltz 50th Birthday Bash. With the Rugburns, the Cynics, and Mojo Nixon. Folk/ rock. \$20-\$22. Saturday, 9pm — Platinum Rockstars. With Damn the Torpedoes and DJ Man-Cat. Recreations of Led Zeppelin, Boston, Journey, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Van Halen, and Tom Petty. \$10-\$12. Sunday, 8pm — Brendan Benson. Raconteurs member gives show, with Frank Fairfield Indie/rock \$12-\$14 Monday, 8pm — Trio Eletrico

Armandinho, Music and dance of authentic Brazilian Carnaval. With Dodo and Osmar Band. Latin. \$15-\$17.

Tuesday, 9pm — Tarrus Riley. With Sherieta Lewis, Dean Fraser, and the Blak Soil Band. Reggae. \$18-\$20. Wednesday, 8pm - Dynamite Walls. With Republic of Letters and Tommy Graf, Indie-rock/ alternative. \$8

BlueFire Grill: 2100 Costa del Mar Rd., Carlsbad, 800-854-5000. Thursday, 6pm — David Patrone. With Sky Ladd and Grant Clarkson. Jazz/lounge.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. Thursday — Jonah Matranga, With Alvssa Jacev and Heather Green. Rock/acoustic. Friday - Steal Dawn. With DJ Big Dude. Rock/covers.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Thursday, 9pm — Privatized Air. With Off Track and Hocus. Alternative/rock/punk

Bub's Dive Bar: 1030 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-472-1713. Thursday, 9pm - DMF. With 8 Ft Face and Reservoir Tips. Punk. \$3.

Cabo Cantina: 1050 Garnet Ave. Pacific Beach, 858-270-0805. Sunday, 7pm — The Ambassador & the Chosen Few. Reggae/ska.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4438. Friday, 8pm - Richard Elliot, With special musical guest Rick Braun. Jazz, \$30-\$90.

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Tuesday - Author & Punisher. With Riververb. Experimental/ noise/rock. \$5. Wednesday - The Soundtrack of Our Lives. With Nico Vega. Rock. \$15.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6pm - Bonevard. Rock. Friday, 6pm - Smokestaxx. Motown/funk Saturday, 6pm — Len Rainy & the Midnight Players. Blues/soul. Sunday, 5pm — The Pheromones. Blues/soul/funk/rock. Wednesday, 6pm — Scott Carter Duo. Reggae/R&B.

Dizzy's: Harbor Club Towers, Downtown, 858-270-7467. Friday, 8pm — Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda. Flamenco/jazz/ world. \$10.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Sunday, 2:30pm - Chet and the Committee. Open blues jam. Free.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131. Saturday, 9pm — Privatized Air. Alternative rock/punk. \$5. Tuesday - Cheetah & the Radio Flyers. With Rockabillion Trio. Country/rock/rockabilly.

Ducky Waddle's Emporium: 414 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-632-0488. Thursday, 8pm — Candye Kane. With guitarist Skip Heller. Blues/soul/jazz. \$10.

El Cajon Grand: 351 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-0949. Friday, 10pm - The Cured. A tribute to the Cure. Rock/pop. \$5. Saturday, 9pm - Full Moon Feyer, Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers cover band. Sunday, 3pm — Southbound Jonny. Country.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143

Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204 Friday, 9pm — The 921 Band. Variety. Saturday, 9pm — The San Diego Jazz Quintet. Saturday, 9pm - Ramones Tribute Band, With Tiny Frank, Punk/rock,

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Church: 4321 Eastgate Mall, La Jolla, 858-458-1501. Saturday, 7pm — Yve Evans & Company Benefit Concert. For Burundi Friends International. Blues/soul/gospel/jazz. \$10-\$20.

The Harp: 4935 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168. Tuesday, 7pm — Chet and the Committee. Blues. Free. 21 and up.

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House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. *Thursday*, 8pm — Bob Schneider with Smile Smile. \$20-\$37. *Friday*, 8pm — Lights. Journey tribute band. \$15. 21 and up. *Saturday*, 8pm — Winter Blackout 2010. Featuring the Expendables. Reggae. \$17-\$19.

Humphrey's Backstage Music

Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Thursday, 7pm - Paradise. With Michele Lundeen. Latin funk and dance. \$5. Friday, 9:30pm — Rockola. Classic rock, \$12. Saturday, 9:30pm — Detroit Underground. Motown, dance. \$12. Monday, 7pm — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/funk/rock. Free Tuesday, 7pm - Blow by Blow. Jeff Beck tribute band. \$5. Wednesday, 7pm — Rhythm & the Method. Acoustic/blues/rock. \$5. Java Joe's at Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360.

Thursday, 8pm — Rob Deez. With Lindsay White. Acoustic/ alternative/hip-hop. \$5.

Kashtan European Market and Bistro: 12125 Alta Carmel Court, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485 5856. *Wednesday*, 7pm — The Ted Apollo Trio. Jazz. Free.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483. *Thursday* — The Pieces. Free.

Larry's Beach Club: 1145 S. Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-439-6646. Saturday, 5pm — Live Wire. Covers. Free. 21 and up.

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505. *Friday* — The Subtitles. Covers/ rock/surf. Free. *Wednesday*, 8pm — Taters Invaders. Blues/funk/jazz. Free.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343

Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. *Friday*, 9pm — Rob Deez. With Chad Cavanaugh. Acoustic. \$5. *Saturday* — Matthew Ryan. Acoustic, rock, folk. *Sunday*, 8pm — Kasey Anderson, Michael Miller, Beth Thornley. Acoustic/alternative/rock. \$5. *Wednesday*, 9pm — Ramekega. Alternative/rock/pop. \$5.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD,

858-534-8497. *Thursday*, 8pm — Mauger. Jazz. \$16. *Saturday*, 9:30pm — P.O.S. Hiphop/rap. \$10. *Sunday*, 8:30pm — Luminance. Featuring Asian American musicians Jenny Suk, J.R. Aquino, Dawen, and Legaci. Pop/funk/R&B. \$10. *Wednesday*, 8:30pm — We Were Promised Jetpacks. Rock. \$12.

Main Tap Tavern: 518 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-749-6333. *Friday*, 9pm — Hugh Gaskins & the 5NTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

You'd be forgiven for not thinking of Minneapolis as a hotspot for hip-hop; the city is better known for its long, cold winters than its urban atmosphere. But 25 years after *Purple Rain*, the Twin Cities are producing nationally recognized hip-hop acts such as Eyedea & Abilities, Brother Ali, Atmosphere, P.O.S., and Doomtree. Many of these artists collaborate in a friendly, neighborly, multiracial manner that is all too rare on the coasts. They're also creating some of the most adventurous hiphop today.

One of the rising stars of this scene is rapper and singer **Dessa**, also known as

5280.

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6641. *Friday, Saturday,* 9pm — Tommy Budd's Windy City. Rock/covers. Free. 21 and up.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435"Dessa Darling of Doomtree." Born Margret Wander, Dessa is a published poet, has a degree in philosophy, and teaches at a music college. She got into hip-hop by way of the spoken-word scene and also be cause she happened to live next door to most of Doomtree. (Remember what I said about neighborliness?)

But no matter what brought her to hip-hop — what Dessa brings with her is a fierce intelligence and beautiful musicality. NPR described her as a combination of Dorothy

Parker's wit and Mos Def's beats, but she's actually more original than that. On her recently released debut solo album, *A Badly Broken Code*, she uses her songs to create characters and short stories that explore the many meanings of "family" in an urban setting. She also combines hip-hop with classical music through the song "Chaconne," which was inspired by Bach. And the combination

Fierce intelligence, beautiful musicality

works both ways. Dessa is also a member of a mostly female a cappella act, the Boy Sopranos, in which the singers sometimes vocalize hip-hop beats behind more or less traditional choral arrangements. **P.O.S.** headlines.

DESSA: The Loft, Saturday, February 20, 9:30 p.m. 858-534-8497. \$10.

Vista, 619-276-5637.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050. *Friday*, 9pm — Fuzz-Huzzi. Alternative/pop/punk.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-

438-5996. Sunday, 2pm — Latin Jazz and Beyond. Composer, producer, and musician Allan Phillips is joined by leading musicians to present a musical journey of the history of Latin jazz. Free.

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Oceanside Library: 330 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. Saturday, 9:30pm — The Fishtank Ensemble. Cross-pollinated Gypsy music. World. \$15.

Onvx/Thin: 852 Fifth Ave Downtown, 619-235-6699 Sunday, 8:30pm - 619 Lexington. Alternative/reggae/rock. Free.

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., College Area, 619-582-6699. Friday - West of 5. Rock.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. Friday, 4pm - Willovealot. Blues/soul. Free. Friday, 9pm — Spuntaneous. R&B/soul/pop. Free. Sunday, 4:30pm — American Asian Variety Show. With the Rising Star Band and impersonators of Michael Jackson, Rick James, Prince, and Morris Day & the Time and Philippine cultural dancers.

Pannikin Coffee & Tea: 1234 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-481-8007 Friday, 8pm - Mark Lopez and Tony Taravella. Jazz guitar.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077. Thursday, 9pm - 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Friday, 9pm — Missy Andersen. Blues/funk/soul. Saturday, 9pm — Shari Puorto and the Rhythm Addicts. Blues/rock. Sunday, 9pm — Burnsville Blues. Monday — Chet Cannon & the Committee. Blues/soul, rock. Tuesday, 9pm - Jasper and Ain't Misbahavin', Rock. Wednesday, 9pm — The Bill Magee Blues Band



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Pounders: 125 West Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-739-1288. Friday, Saturday, 9pm - Stone Wolf. Rock covers.

Prohibition: 560 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8068. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9:30pm - David Patrone. Jazz/lounge. Free.

Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park. 619-255-5147. Saturday, 7pm — Buddy Akai. With Mission:Valley, Gregory Page, Machete, Pop. \$10.

Saturday, 8pm - Rob Deez. With Gregory Page. \$5.

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BY DAVE GOOD

It's a great name for a band, We Were Promised Jetpacks. The Glasgow indie quartet is something like a motorcycle - their songs are made for speed. The faster WWPJ plays them, the better and more stable they sound. Not a band to stray too far from the basic 4/4 rock beat, We Were Promised Jetpacks is propelled by the simple but most effective rhythm team of Sean Smith on bass guitar and Darren Lackie on drums.

The band's roots are in American postpunk-pop, with songs that go for days on two or three chords. The chorus is where WWPJ gets you. The song hooks are on loan from Blink or the Strokes, minus the pretension. The band

760-789-7008.

Friday, 7pm — Paul Di'Anno (from Iron Maiden), With Icarus Witch, Nihilist, Sicarus, Aventale, Metatonic, Rebirth From Ash, and Satramote. Metal.

Saturday, 7pm — The Angry Samoans. With DI, Unloaded, Social Spit, the 383s, T.F.L., and Loose Nuts. Punk.

Sunday, 7pm - Battle of the Bands. With the Monsoon, Sunz of Zion, the 25th Hour, the Machinery, 4th and Dock, the Avalanche Symphony,

plays hard in that clean, indie-rock band way with a unified feel of sincerity: singerguitarist Adam Thompson's vocals often trip the Bono meter for sheer passion.

And that's where the band should fall apart. Thompson's got a thick accent and a voice that climbs into the higher registers. Smith and Lackie should pound him clean off the soundboard, but they don't. What would be a bloody struggle for any other singer with Thompson's vocal register isn't. He holds his own, and the rest of the band finds balance within the contrasting dynamics.

WWPJ is a young band. Theirs is a story of rock-and-roll cliché: less than a decade ago, while still in high school, four dudes form a band, play school dances, and lie about their ages to get into clubs. Music-industry attention comes via a MySpace page, and their debut These Four Walls gets them chart traction in

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and Roosevelt. Alternative/pop/rock.

Bewilderness.

The faster they play, the better they sound

America and abroad. You get a sense (especially from the obtuse lyrics) that WWPJ has little in the way of backstory, but there's room to grow. We haven't heard their best work yet.

WE WERE PROMISED JETPACKS: The Loft. Wednesday, February 24, 8:30 p.m. 858-534-8497 \$12

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Friday, 8pm — David Sanborn. Jazz. \$25-\$35.

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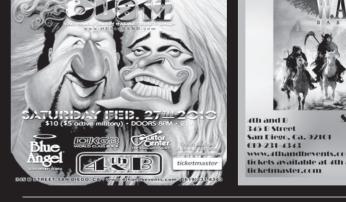
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Nirvana: **Bleach Deluxe** CD Review

by Andrew Hamlin

Some noise, yes, very nice. And that was my only thought on this white-vinyl Sub Pop thingy my brother dragged home. I wish I could tell you I was hip to from the first snarly moan and diseased power chord. But that would not be true.

Later on, of course, I went with them all the way, or as far as I knew how to go at least. When "In Bloom" spilled out of a boom box at a bus stop tuned to a classic-

and Arzola1, '80s/ industrial/underground. 3054 University Ave., North Park. 619-299-2032

Bar Dynamite: Thursdays, 9pm: Dynamite Thursdays. Sound Selectors Smoovgroovs, Hobbs One, Eclektic, and Thumbprint. Hiphop/soul/dancehall. 1808 W.



No spectacular audience-baiting

friends I had from in and around that moment, but nobody calls or writes.

My brother went through a bad patch and sold the white vinyl, but he did emerge alive, unlike others we could name. The singer's obsessions with decay and helplessness and nightmares and dragged, smeared repetitions (how many different ways can one mangle the word "alcohol") would sear the Western world. But how fascinating to hear the revolution still confined to someone's basement.

Or somebody's small theater. The live tracks have no spectacular audience-baiting (Kurt painted his neck red for one early show), but they blister. Some noise. Yes. Nicer all the time.

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CD Review by Mary Leary

hat, smoking a cig for all his photos, the intently hip Kottarashky (aka Nikola Gruev) is a Bulgarian architect by day. On this debut, he's mixed a compelling collage of his particular "World" ingredients: rhythms mashing train bells, field samples, accordions, horns, and avpsv groans and shouts. Among the CD's near trance-outs is

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Kottarashky: **Opa Hey!**

With his goatee and

"Tempe," with sounds just shifting/intelligent enough to pull cognition back in, which can be a bit jarring, but is one of the best ways to exercise mental muscles Whether it's through

his introduction of sam-

ples collected from



A collage of "world" ingredients

around Bulgaria or from more established Balkan artists, including Fanfare Ciocarlia and Jony Iliev, Kottarashky blends it all to convey warm urban and rural snapshots. More than a few tracks, like the Latin/gypsy-beat-based "Chetiri," provide fodder for what I like to call "interpretive dance." But the whole ends up feeling more contemplative than clubby, especially through interludes conveying more than a digital heart, as with the touching "September," and, to some degree, "Mandra," which is alluring and catchy. I'd get his next one just to see if he comes up with more tracks like those two.

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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.

Camel's Breath Inn: Fridays. Saturdays: Live DJ. 21 and up. 10330 Friars Rd., Mission Valley. 619-281-1722.

Candelas: Fridays: Sessions at 420 Third Avenue, DJ Chris Renzulli and DJ Eric B. Adult/ contemporary. 416 Third Ave., Downtown. 619-702-4455.

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El Cajon Grand: Fridays, 8:30pm: DJ Neko. Spins classic rock. Saturdays, 8:30pm: DJ Chuck, Spins classic rock, 351 W Main St., El Caion, 619-444-0949.

Fannie's Nightclub: Thursdays, 9pm: DJ Undaground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. Thursdays, 8pm: DJ Mick B. Spins hip-hop tunes. 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. Hiphop/reggae. 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

The Flame: Wednesdays, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurty. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

The Fleetwood: Saturdays DI Ramsey, '80s/hip-hop/house, 639 J St., Downtown. 619-702-7700.

The Flying Bridge: Fridays, 9pm: DJ Ricardo. Reggaeton/salsa. Saturdays, 9pm, Sundays, 9pm: DJ Waistline. Hip-hop/R&B. 1105 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. 760-722-0081.

Gaslamp Tavern: Thursdays. 8pm, *Fridays*, 4pm, *Wednesdays*, 8pm: C-Phish. 868 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-239-3339.

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Dave Rawlings Machine Concert Review

by Dennis Donley

Touring behind the critically acclaimed Friend of a Friend, Dave Rawlings Machine made their second appearance in the past year at the Belly Up. A full house was treated to two covers-heavy sets, with selections ranging from Dylan's "Dear Landlord" and the Grateful Dead's "Candyman." to "Cortez the Killer" and "This Land Is Your Land," which was worked into "I Hear Them All." There were also generous portions of the new

Hawthorn's Restaurant:

University Ave., North Park. 619-

Wednesdays: DI Kiki 2895

CD: "Ruby" and "Sweet Tooth" were highlights. **Rawlings** proves

few equals with his

intricate picking on

his 1935 Epiphone



Olympic; his solo on Dylan's "Queen Jane Approximately" was sublime.

Gillian Welch, a frequent Rawlings coconspirator, provided vocal harmony and rhythm guitar throughout the evening and contributed some of her own tunes, including crowd favorite "Look at Miss Ohio" and an unreleased tune from her upcoming CD. Local folk guitarist Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek) joined the Machine for the encore covers of the Stones' "Dead Flowers," "The Weight" by the Band, and "To Be Young (Is to Be Sad, Is to Be High)," which Rawlings cowrote with Rvan Adams.

Concert: Dave Rawlings Machine Show date: February 2 Venue: Belly Up Tavern Seats: side of stage

Saturdays, 9pm: DJ Kool T. Spins

Top 40, techno, and '80s, 15 and

up. 775 Metcalf St., Escondido.

Soft Pack 'Em In Concert Review by Rollo Cabeza Ten days before the

A guitarist with few equals

Muslims returned to the Tower Bar in City Heights to release their s/t debut. The

Soft Pack take the

stage on the David

Letterman show, the

San Diego band for-

merly known as the

show was free, and by 10 p.m. the venue reached capacity. Outside, a line wrapped around the building. Inside, more than a hundred fans elbowed up next to each other to hear the group's newest material. Playing in front of a

projector screen show-

Heather Hardcore, Adamnation,

Wednesdays: Night Vision. Drum

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ing '70s porn, the Soft Pack started the gig in usual fashion: Matt Smith cracked a steady

and loud snare beat.

distorted and busy

Dave Lantzman picked

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A line wrapped around the building

bass lines, Matty McLoughlin strummed clean, raw, reverb-heavy guitar riffs, and Matt Lamkin yelled out punchy vocals while filling it out with garageinspired rhythm-guitar tones.

The quartet mixed new songs, such as "C'mon" and "Down on Loving" with older tunes like "On My Time." By the eighth song, "Bright Side," the crowd bobbed their heads and pumped their PBR tall boys in the air, helping the band with the chorus.

The Soft Pack ended the same way they finish the new album, with busy snare beats, choppy guitar riffs, fuzzy bass lines, and Lamkin's punk-croon vocals on crowd favorite "Parasites "

Concert: The Soft Pack Show date: February 2 Venue: Tower Bar Seats: Underneath dangling speaker

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Lips Restaurant: Tuesdays: Ladies of the 80s Retro Night, \$13. 3036 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295-7900

McDini's: Tuesdays, 9pm: '90s Throwback Tuesdays. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

Ocean House: Friday: DJ Grim and Justin Marx. Spinning in both rooms. \$5 after 10 pm. Saturday: DJ Dam presents Damnation. With DJ

Upendaspot, \$10 after 9 pm, 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. 760-729-4131

The Office: Sunday, 8pm, Sundays, 10:30pm: Club '80s. Featuring DIs Bryan Pollard, Adamnation, Ambone. DJ/electronica. 21 and up. 3936 30th St., North Park. 619-450-6632

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: Wednesdays, 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey **Dive Bar:** *Mondays*, 6:30pm: Metal Mondays. Metal all night

long. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-2827. **RT's Longboard Grill:**

Mondays, 9pm, Wednesdays, 9pm: DI Famous Dave, Mixes music videos, 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach 858-270-4030

Ramada Inn: Saturdays, 9pm: Dance Party. Hiphip/reggae/dancehall. DJ. Free. 5550 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa. 619-596-9777.

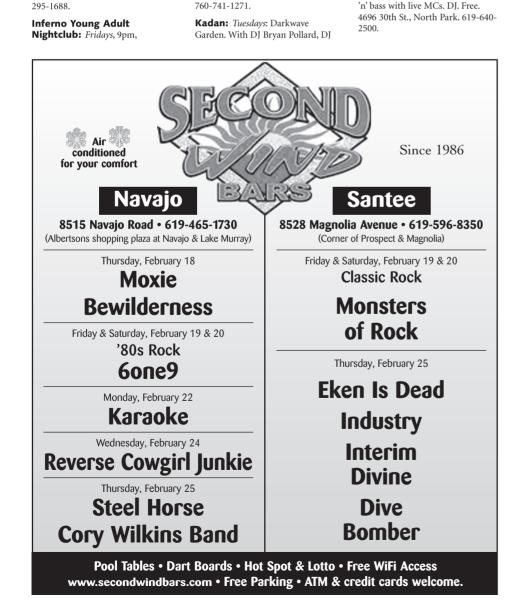
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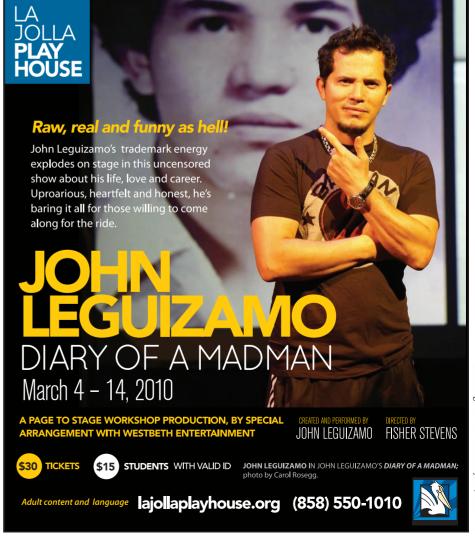
Tuesdays, 8pm: Zydeco Dance. Dance lessons at 7 pm. DJ, blues, folk/roots. Free. 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

SIN Niteclub: Sundays, 9pm: Reggae Sundays at Sin. With DJ Ez Doe, DJ Hektik, and DJ Winston T. Dancehall, reggae, hip-hip, and soca. 526 West F St., Downtown. 619-232-4746.

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Seau's: *Thursdays*, 7pm: DJ FOS. Hip-hop/jazz. 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-291-7328.

Side Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Ruby Thursdays. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946.

Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill: Thursdays: Tattoo Thursdays. With DJ Viktor and DJ KB. Fridays: DJ Tony Sleeze. Spins Top 40 and hiphop hits. Saturdays: DJ Girth. Spins hip-hop and rock hits. Sundays: Soul Glo Sundays. With DJ Girth and friends. Wednesdays: Beer Pong. With DJs. 10109 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-561-6767.

Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/rock. Free. 21 and up. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: Saturdays, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

Stout Public House: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ CC. 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown. 619-702-7933.

Tavern at the Beach: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ D-Skwiz. *Fridays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. *Saturdays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. With DJ MIC-E. *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066.

Tiki House: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Tunes by Joe Marson. Every Tuesday. 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

True North: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. *Fridays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. *Sundays*, 10pm: DJ Waly Mayhem. *Mondays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

U-31: *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Artistic. With Cros 1. '80s and '90s hip-hop. 21 and up. *Fridays*, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance/indie/rock. 21 and up. *Saturdays*, 9pm: Dance Party Mash-Ups. 21 and up. *Sundays*, 9pm: Tribe of Kings. Featuring DJs Jestor, Peril, Dash Eye, Unite, and Rashi. Reggae. 21 and up. 3112 University Ave., North Park. 619-584-4188.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays, 9pm, Saturdays, 9pm: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. Mondays, 9pm: U-Call-It Mondays. With DJ Marc Thrasher. 600 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-236-1616.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Sundays*, 9pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. 21 and up. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

The Wit's End: *Fridays*, 5pm: DJ Artistic. 420 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest. 619-294-4848.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Almost Famous Thursdays. Electro/funk/house. *Fridays*, 10pm: Red Carpet Fridays. Dance/top 40. 750 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-0500.



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ALPINE

Donato's Italian Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 imports & house wine, \$6 Long Islands, \$3 wells.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

BANKER'S HILL

Azuki Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 large Saki, \$5 large Sapporo. \$4 sushi rolls, discounted specialty rolls and appetizers

Pizzicato: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine; \$6 pizza slice + pint or wine

BAY PARK

Bay Park Fish Company: Every day, 3-5pm: \$2 fish tacos, 20% off sushi rolls, 25% off draft beers, wines by the glass, and appetizers.

Offshore: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$3 sangria, well and micro imports, \$5 Tommy Bahama mojitos.

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CARDIFF

Besta-Wan Pizza House: Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm: \$1 pint, glass of house wine; \$3 pitcher.

Chart House: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 premium drafts, wells, glass of wine, \$5 cocktails, \$6 martinis

CARLSBAD

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Clubhouse: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Drinks priced by the hour (4-5pm: \$4, 5-6pm: \$5, etc.), offering wine, beer, premium liquors.

Bistro West: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: Discounted wine, draft, well, specialty martinis, bar appetizers

Boar Cross'n: Thursday-Saturday, 8-9pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: Monday-Wednesday, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer, margaritas, \$3 off appetizers, 10pmmidnight: \$3 beer, wine, well drinks. Thursday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer, margaritas. \$3 off appetizers. 10-11pm: \$3 beer, wine, well drinks. Saturday, 10-11pm: \$3 beer, wine, well drinks. Sunday, 10pm-midnight: \$3 beer, wine, well drinks

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.



4.0 Deli: Monday-Friday, 4-7:30pm:

\$6.75 Stella, \$5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock

Cucina Fresca and Sons: Every

Pal Joey's: Every day, all day: \$3 per-

Bistro d'Asia: Monday-Friday, 5-

7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.75 draft

beer, \$4.50 house wine. \$5-\$7 appetiz-

Café 1134: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:

discounted beer, wine, and appetizers.

Clubhouse Bar & Grill: Monday-

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923 Dive Lounge: Wednesday-Sat-

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urday, 8-10pm: \$2 wells/drafts

Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$2.75 wells (short). \$3.25 wells (tall).

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: Every day, 4-8pm: \$3 snacks, \$10 grilled calamari, \$5 premium drafts, \$6 Arterra wines, \$7 specialty signature collection.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Every day, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks, \$5 appetizers.

Black Angus: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off well, draft, appetizers. Blue Haven: Every day, open-7pm:

\$2.50 domestic beer, \$3.50 imports. D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: Monday-

Saturday, 3-5pm \$2.50 domestic beer, house wine, slice of pizza, Texas brisket slider, 3 St. Louis ribs, mozzarella sticks, pulled pork sandwich.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 margaritas. \$1.50 tacos.

Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drafts, wells.

CLAIREMONT

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: Discounted draft beer. \$3.50 house wine. Saturday, 4-7pm: Discounted draft beer. \$3.50 house wine

Fat Tony's Pizza: Thursday, 5pmclose: \$2 Karl Strauss, \$4 taps.

Joe's Pizza: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

Asti Ristorante: Every day, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Bice: Every day, 5-6:30pm: \$5 house wine, wells, draft Moretti. \$5 bar menu items.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: Every day, 2-6pm: \$3 Buster's pale ale, amber; \$3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island Ice Tea.

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangarita. Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato.

Candelas: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2 price.

Chianti: Every day, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$5 martinis, house wine, \$6-\$7 appetizers.

Dobson's: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts. \$4 margaritas. \$5 wells. \$8-\$11 appetizers: fried calamari, steamed muscles, muscle bisque soup, brie.

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 ovsters. \$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.

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.

Horton's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine, \$7 margaritas/cosmopolitans: \$7 potato skins/mozzarella sticks: \$7.50 nachos grande/buffalo wings.



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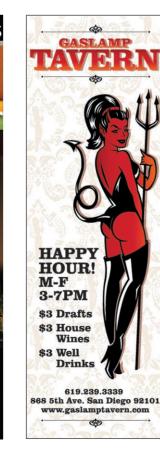
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nis, 1/2-off select appetizers.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant: Every day, 3-7pm; 9-11:30pm: Wine and drink specials; 1/2-lb. cheeseburgers \$2.95.

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marvs

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-*Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee. Noon-9pm: tasting flights.

Tabule: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2off all drinks and appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: Mondav-Fridav, 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.

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Café Chloe: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$4 verdejo, Côtes du Rhône, oatmeal stout; \$5 white bordeaux, Monte Bucciano, blonde ale; \$6 chardonnav, zinfandel, Trapezoidale.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$.99.

Jewel Box: Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs; happy hour all night w/military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls.



The Broken Pinata: Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

Flinn Springs Inn: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

ENCINITAS

Bullpen Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am; \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

D Street Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 wells. \$2.50 domestic drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers.

ESCONDIDO

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

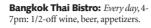
Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sun*day*, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

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 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, appetizers, quesadilla.



Cafe Eleven: Every day, 2-6pm: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer. \$3 appetizers: shrimp cocktail, stuffed mushrooms,

Thai chicken skewers

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, 1/2price bottles of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials. \$2.50 empanadas (bar only).

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Kensington Cafe: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25

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.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 Bud/Bud light, \$3.50 wells, Bull & Bear reserve wine, \$4.95 appetizers.

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





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LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, featured 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. Desi N' Friends Bar and Grill:

Monday-Friday, 2-7pm: \$2 well drinks, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 draft.

MIRA MESA

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 house beer, do-mestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, \$1 off appetizers.

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, 7pmclose: \$4 margaritas. Tuesday, 7pmclose: \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, 7pmclose: \$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 Reach Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

MISSION HILLS

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 imported 20-oz. beer, \$3.75 well drinks, \$1 off bottled beer and house wine by the glass.

MISSION VALLEY

Adam's Steak & Eggs: Monday-Friday, 3:30-7pm: Double well drinks complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.



NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, Bloody Marys, \$5 you call it, \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare

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

Cricket's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm: \$2 domestic pint, \$6 domestic pitchers.

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night: Industry Night. \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls. 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: Every day, 5-8pm: Twofor-one price on all drinks.

Toronado: Monday, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts. Tuesday-Sunday, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

OCEAN BEACH

Cheswick's West: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 5-7pm: domestic bottles. \$3 wells. \$6 domestic pitchers. Tuesday, 5-7pm: domestic bottles. \$3 wells. \$6 domestic pitchers. All day: free pool.

Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: Tuesday-Sunday, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine; \$4-\$10 food specials.

OCEANSIDE

333 Pacific: Every day, 4-7pm, 9-10pm: \$7 vodka cocktails (100+ types of vodka). \$7 appetizers (calamari, oyster trio, Caesar salad).

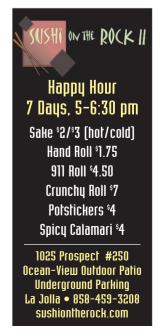
Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters. Saturday-Sunday, 9pm-close: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters.

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

Casa Guadalajara: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. \$3.50 well drinks, margaritas, drink specials.



Brick by Brick: Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

house wine. \$3.50 beer. LINCOLN PARK L & L Hawaiian BBO at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings LINDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 bottled

La Jolla Rancherita: Monday-Fri-

day, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$2.50 domestics,

The Melting Pot: Every day, 5-

7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads,

The Shores Restaurant: Sunday,

3-7pm: Red/white sangria: \$7 glass,

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

Whaling Bar & Grill: Monday-Fri-

day, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts.

\$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

Casa de Pico: Monday-Friday, 3-

7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita.

Charcoal House: Monday, 3-7pm:

\$.75-off all drinks. \$1-off all appetiz-

ers. Tuesday-Sunday, 11-7pm: \$.75-off

Hearth House: Every day, 4-7pm:

\$2 domestic beers, \$3 premium beers,

wine & wells. \$2 bratwurst & fries, \$3

Coo Coo Club: Monday-Friday, 6-

8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles,

The Calypso Café: Every day, 5:30-

7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4

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710 Beach Club: Monday-Friday. 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Satur day-Sunday, noon-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

Big Kahuna's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

Bub's Dive Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts. \$10 pitchers. Saturday, 7-9pm: 1/2-off pitcher of anything. \$1 chicken tacos. Chateau Orleans: Wednesday, all

day: 1/2-off all wine bottles. Thursday, all day: \$5 Louisiana hurricanes, margaritas. 1/2-off champagne bottles.

The Dog: Monday-Thursday, Sun-

day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$1 off house wine, wells, \$3 well shot/\$4 call shot, \$5 drink specials. Saturday-Sunday, till 1pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

day-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

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, Herradura tequilla shots. Tuesday, Thursday, all day: \$8 12-oz. bottle of beer and a shot, \$3 pints of Bud Light. Fri day-Saturday, noon-10pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, pre-

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

Costa Brava: Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2price sangria. 1/2-price tapas. day, \$6 pitchers. Hennessev's Tavern: Monday-Fri-

Miller's Field: Monday-Friday, 3-

Moray's Lounge: Every day, 4-

Pacific Beach Ale House: Mon-

Sinbad Café: Every day, 4-8pm: \$1



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Tony Roma's: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 house margaritas, Long Island Ice Teas, \$3 wells, draft beer. Appetizer specials.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off drinks, \$2 off appetizers.

The Boathouse: Every day, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

C-Level: Monday-Friday 3:30-5:30pm: \$3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine. \$5 crispy calamari, ahi tuna poke, steamed Fox River mussels.

Captain's Quarters: Every day, 3-7pm: \$2 you-call-it wells, \$2.25 do-mestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, discounted shots.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: Every day, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items. Excludes holiday/concert nights.

Paradise Lounge and Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles, \$6.50 domestic pitchers, 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast,

Pete's Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines. \$0.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos, \$5.99 for a 1/4-lb. burger, fries, small soda or Bud draft.

Riley's Music Lounge: Monday, 4-7pm: \$4 calls. *Tuesday, Sunday,* 4-7pm: \$2.50 pints. *Wednesday,* 4-7pm: \$4 Jäger bombs. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$4 Jäger bombs. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 calls. Saturday, 4-7pm: \$5 Long Island/Long Beach.

POWAY

Brigantine: Every day, 3-6:30 pm: \$3-\$9 appetizers, \$1 off draft beer, \$3.50 champagne, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5.75 chardonnay, red wine, \$7.50 Cuervo Gold hand-shaken margarita.

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, & wine. \$5 appetizers.

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings, more.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

Cheers of Ramona: Monday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. Tuesday. 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. Thursday, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard'O Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm: \$4 wells, \$2.75 domestic, \$3.50 imported/specialty, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house wine.

Café on the Park: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

Capri Blu: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar menu food. Sunday, All day: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar menu food.

Carvers Steak & Chops: Monday-Friday, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. \$3-\$4 off appetizers.

Kelly's Public House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

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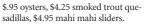
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The Right Life

"There's a missing link between the mind and the body," he says.

patient of Dr. Oliver Sacks suffered a massive stroke. "Mrs. S" retained her intelligence and humor but could no longer see anything left of her nose. "She has totally lost

the idea of left," Sacks wrote, "with regard to the world and her own body." Damage to the right hemisphere of her brain blocked half of her visual field. She couldn't

make left turns, saw only half of her plate when eating — and complained of small portions and only applied makeup to the right side of her face, which drew laughter whenever she went out.

Mrs. S understood the problem intellectually, Sacks wrote, "but it is impossible for her to know it directly" because patients with the syndrome ("unilateral neglect") behave as if "nothing of any importance could be expected to occur there."

Sacks wrote his observations in The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat, the 1985 bestseller that drew attention to a relatively unknown subject: syndromes related to the right hemisphere of the brain. While the rational left hemisphere controls language, math, and logic, the allegedly space, recognizing faces, imagery - and also music. In effect, Sacks contends, damage to the right hemisphere can take away "the emotional, the

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larly difficult," he adds, "for even the most sensitive observer, to picture the inner state, the 'situation,' of such patients, for this is almost unimaginably

concrete, the personal," and the real. "It is singu-

remote from anything he himself has ever known."

Sir Peter Brook's play The Man Who, based on Sacks's book, depicts right-hemisphere syn-

dromes: twins who have "direct cognition, like angels," or a man convinced his left leg is someone else's. When Brook began the project, he wanted the patients to be epic adventurers, like Odysseus, exploring unknown parts of the brain/mind. Onstage, however, this approach led to melodrama, so he and cowriter Marie-Hélène Estienne pared down the stories and the theatricality.

In New Village Arts' staging, it's clear that director Kristianne Kurner wants to avoid turning The Man Who into a freak show (at times however, atonal notes in Scott Paulson's otherwise excellent soundscape suggest ghoulish comments; two circles on the rear wall, zapping electric charges, also contribute to this sense). Less clear is what has replaced it. The approach, for the most part, is cold and clinical: an overhead projection announces a condition ("Broca's aphasia," "loss



Playwright Peter Brook wanted the patients to be epic adventurers (The Man Who)

The Man Who by Peter Brook and Marie-Hélène Estienne New Village Arts Theatre, 2787 State Street, Carlsbad

Directed by Kristianne Kurner; cast: Ron Choularton, Sandra Ellis-Troy, Manny Fernandes, Walter Murray; scenic design, Tim Wallace; costumes, Amanda Sitton; lighting, Jason Bieber; original score and sound design, Scott Paulso

Playing through February 26; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday at 3:00 p.m. 760-433-3245

The Revenger's Tragedy, author unknown

UCSD Theatre & Dance, Potiker Theatre, University of California, San Diego

Directed by Christopher Ashley; cast: Marshel Adams, Maren Bush, Maritxell Carrero, Mark Christine, Ross Crain, Johnny Gill, Zachary Harrison, Hugo Medina, Jenni Putney, Jessica Watkins, Bowman Wright; scenic design, Robert Tintoc; costumes, Sarah Cogan; lighting, Stephen Siercks; sound designer/composer, Alyssa Ishii; digital media designer, Ian Wallace

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of proprioception"), and a scene demonstrates it as merely a pathology. But what Sacks wanted was the human side of these case studies (the right brain, he says several times, is "the self," and at one point, "the soul"). Most of the 90-minute show has a rational, left-brain quality.

Toward the end, breakthrough scenes reveal what a patient's "situation" feels like. Ron Choularton plays "Witty Ticcy Ray," who has Tourette's syndrome. He twitches, growls, and shakes uncontrollably and is both happier and angrier than anyone else in the room. Four-letter words blast from a smile. He even imitates his condition; then it dominates him. Then he jokes about it. "There's a missing link between the mind and the body," he says. "Joking apart, it's no joke to be like this."

In "Jargon," Manny Fernandes speaks in orderly, deeply felt sentences. If you could turn off your inner dictionary, he'd make complete sense. But many of his words are just jumbles of letters. They frustrate him to no end when others just shake their heads.

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"The true story of a political dynasty...they agreed to have their lives on TV."

How often have we seen 400-year-old plays given a "concept" that lets the designers frolic in a period-paradise but doesn't serve the text? Hamlet, for example, has been reset in almost every era - and most countries. Many shifts of this sort, like a witness relocation program, are merely cosmetic. At UCSD, however, director Christopher Ashley has turned The Revenger's Tragedy, a Jacobean, vengeance-driven bloodbath, into reality TV ---and it works! Cameras stalk the plotters, mikes broadcast confessions and teeth-gnashing asides. And the staging raises a persistent question: if they weren't being filmed, would the killers be so bold?

On Robert Tintoc's splendid multilevel set, walls drop or rise, revealing posh rooms and even a hot tub, where the dynasty — with emphasis on *nasty* — frolics. Projections on TV monitors and the walls make the actors at once lifesized, onstage, and gigantic, emblazoned across huge screens. The result's as surreal as real.

The opening-night performances were less fluid. Many in the cast delivered the iambic pentameter lines — most likely written by Thomas Middleton (though I hear a young John Webster) — stiffly. The words were clear, but they had yet to bulge emotions and hair-onfire vengeance through them. Those who did both, like Jessica Watkins as fickle Gratiana and Maritxell Carrero as conniving Ambitioso, stood out.

The director keeps the concept alive even during intermission. When the lights come down, the Duke sprawls on the floor, poisoned by Vindice and Hippolito. Instead of the actor stealthing offstage in the shadows, two others drag him off. The Duke isn't an actor. He's a real corpse!

THEATER LISTINGS

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Ain't Misbehavin': The Fats Waller Musical Show

Fourthwall Entertainment presents the musical tribute to Thomas "Fats" Waller. Songs include "Honeysuckle Rose" and "Ain't Misbehavin?" 619-817-8130. LAFAYETTE HOTEL & SUITES, 2223 EL CAJON BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28.

Aurélia's Oratorio

For 70 minutes, the elastic, irrepressible Aurelia Thierrée un-jibes time and space: effects (like a kite flying its handler or an alarm clock putting her to sleep) cause their causes; inanimate objects assault people (beware of sport coats bearing gifts); and fictions, like a toothy cartoon monster, can have a devastating chomp. Thierrée becomes an Alice in a dualistic Wonderland, like a photograph and its negative, and her stage, like space itself, is warped. Objects move backwards or upside down. At one point, Jaime Martinez, a lithe dancer and Thierrée's co-contortionist, walks up a curtain. The evening has several lulls, in part because while some effects are magical, others don't translate (prompting thought - what did that last one mean? - rather than wonder). Nonetheless, when Thierrée's dangling by her ankles from a red sash. or rain on a dotted lace scrim pelts her, she not only makes the stage a Wonderland, she owns it. Worth a try.

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 WEDNES-DAYS, THROLIGH FERRILARY 28

Birds of Paradise

SDSU Theatre presents Winnie Holzman's musical about an amateur theater group rehearsing a musical based on Chekhov's *Seagull* whose characters begin to resemble the actors (performed by the 2010 MFA Musical Theatre candidates). SDSU'S EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., COLLEGE AREA. 619-594-6884. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRI-DAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 21.

The Canaris Enigma

Project Vanguard presents a staged reading of Robert Landis's drama about the secret services of wartime Berlin and London. The story comes from documents and Landis's own experiences in WWII. WESTMINSTER THEATER, 3598 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-224-6263. 2PM WEDNESDAY.

Companion Piece

OnStage Playhouse presents a staged reading of Kevin Armento's drama about a lonely computer repairman whose only companion is a life-sized doll named Rosemary. Then an actual woman enters his life. Jenna Long directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 7PM SUN-DAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 21.

Culture Clash in AmeriCCa

The San Diego Rep brings back one of local theater's most popular groups, this time with stories presented in "performance collages" — from around the country. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 7.

A Delicate Balance

OnStage Playhouse offers Edward Albee's portrait of a complacent couple taken aback when longtime friends arrive at their door. Michael Thomas Tower directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. & PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SAT-URDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27.

Hansel and Gretel

Lyric Opera San Diego presents Engelbert Humperdinck's musical, based on the children's fairy tale. LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO, 2891 UNIVER SITY AVE., SUITE 1, NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 2:30PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Jacques Brel Is Alive and

Well and Living in Paris For three performances only, Point Loma Actors Theatre stages the off-Broadway musical based on the legendary songwriter's music. John H. Cochran directed. POINT LOMA ASSEMBLY, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. 8PM FRIDAY. 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY.

A Little Night Music

Lyric Opera San Diego presents Stephen Sondheim's Tony Awardwinning musical, based on Ingmar Bergman's film *Smiles of a Summer Night.* J. Sherwood Montgomery directed.

BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891

UNIVERSITY AVE., NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 7:30PM FRIDAY, 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2:30PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 21.

Little Women

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Jacqueline Goldfinger's "adaptation of a play with music," based on Louisa May Alcott's novel. Kirsten Brandt directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM SATUR-DAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 14.

Lost in Yonkers

In Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, young Jay and Artie Kurnitz move in with their grandmother, a Germanic glacier who runs her walk-up apartment with Hitlerian control. But what promises to be a battle between wisecracking kids and a cane-wielding battle-ax instead focuses on a sad, in some ways tragic couple: Grandma K and her 35-year-old, mentally challenged daughter Bella, whose mind, a boy quips, "is closed for repairs." In the Old Globe production, Judy Kave doesn't need the persistently melodramatic effects - lights suddenly dimming, her cane thumping the ground - to accompany the grandmother's entrances,

since Kaye makes her an iron-gray cold-front set to storm on all opposition, including Jennifer Regan's Bella, a grown woman trapped in a child's mind. Stephen Kaplan and Austyn Myers play the young brothers with impressive minimalist choices. Jeffrey M. Bender's Louie, a mob "henchman," has been a survivor, up to now. Amanda Naughton and Spencer Rowe contribute in minor roles. And Alejo Vietti's costumes evoke the period -1942 — and the family's strapped economic status. (Note: Due to popular demand, the Old Globe Theatre has extended the run of this show.) Worth a try.

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 TUES-DAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 7.

The Man Who

New Village Arts presents the play based on Oliver Sacks's best-seller, *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, about the inner workings of the mind and dealing with extreme mental trauma. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787-B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

The Marriage Bed

In Nona Shepphard's comedy, Val's a radical lesbian feminist convinced that marriage is an ancient patriarchal institution. Her partner of seven years. Jenava, is a middle-class lawyer who has concealed her sexual preference from her Hindu family. When the British government passes the Civil Partnership Act, which recognizes and gives rights to gay and lesbian partnerships, the should's and should-not's stack up swiftly. For Diversionary Theatre, director Rosina Reynolds has crafted a charming two-hander with deft theatrical touches, including shadow- and real puppets. Craig Noel Award-winner Dana Hooley (Val) and a sprightly Dre Slaman (Jenava) perform in, on, and around a prominent four-poster bed. Accentuated by Jennifer Brawn Gittings's excellent costumes, Val and Jenaya are at once diverse - the one extroverted, the latter intro- - and a keenly matched pair.

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRI-DAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28.







mother killer

The Theatre, Inc., stages Marianne McDonald's new translation of Euripides' *Orestes*. Because she murdered his father, Orestes kills his mother. Douglas Lay directed. THEATRE, INC., 899 C ST., EAST VIL-LAGE. 619-216-3016. 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 21.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences." NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 IN-DIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM AND 9:45PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Nevermore: An Evening With Edgar Allan Poe

The North Coast Repertory Theatre celebrates the bicentennial of Edgar Allan Poe's birth with this biographical drama. On a crosscountry speaking tour, Poe descends into madness. Stuart Gordon directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM WEDNESDAY, 7:30PM TUESDAY.

A Night of Broadway in Song

As part of Black History Month, Community Actors Theatre presents a musical revue celebrating "a few of the many colorful contributions by African-Americans to the Broadway musical." COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 7.

Night of the Laughing Dead...We're Dying to Cast You!

Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre celebrates its 20th season with Victoria Valasco and James Pascarella's interactive comedy. An eccentric director is doing a live broadcast of his full-length horror film, and the audience is encouraged to audition. Valasco directed. MYSTERY CAFÉ, 505 KALMIA ST., BANKER'S HILL. 619-544-1664. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

On the Horizon

Common Ground Theatre, in conjunction with Ira Aldridge Repertory Players, San Diego Black Ensemble, and the Vagabond Theatre, presents a series of staged readings by writers of diversity at the Lyceum Underground. 619-263-7911. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 7:30PM MONDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 22.

On the Horizon II

Due to popular demand, Cygnet Theatre will host special encore performances of the San Diego Black Theatre Collective's staged reading series featuring new plays by writers of diversity. Readings on Monday at the Lyceum will be followed by Tuesday night encores at the Old Town Theatre.



A Little Night Music, based on an Ingmar Bergman film

CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7PM TUESDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23

The Piano Lesson

In August Wilson's Pulitzer Prizewinning drama, a family heirloom prompts a ferocious tug-of-war. It's a piano with the family's history carved on its polished wood. To Berniece the piano's priceless. To her brother, Boy Willie, its sale would earn enough money to buy a handsome piece of land in the South. As she did for Cygnet Theatre's Fences, director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg displays a deep affinity for Wilson. So does her top-notch cast and design team (Jerry Sonnenberg, set; Megan Schmidt, costumes; Eric Lotze, lighting). Mark Christopher Lawrence is a terrific Boy Willie. Born in a "time of fire," he will do anything - even wrestle a ghost to fulfill his dream. As Berniece, Monique Gaffney is a force for preservation. Her toe-to-toe battles with Lawrence attain such an epic

stature that their dilemma feels unsolvable (other than Solomon the piano in half). But the play's ending, "from somewhere old," makes for a dramatic, terrifying, and ultimately moving resolution. *Critic's pick.*

CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROLIGH FERRUARY 28

Pump Boys and Dinettes

This spunky musical functions just like its subject. It's set at a filling station/diner on Highway 57 between Smyrna and Frog Level, North Carolina. While tourists make pit stops to replenish themselves for the road ahead, the musical encourages its audience to make the theater a rest area, where the world slows down, the "pump rock" music can be raucous or soothing, and - except for the owner of the Winnebago on the blocks awaiting overdo repairs everyone's a forgiving soul. Lamb's Players director Deborah Gilmour Smyth has coaxed just the right spirit from her cast of six, each doing a standout number: among them Leonard Patton's "Mona," Jim Mooney's "Serve Yourself" ("I may be a retread but I ain't no spare"). Marci Anne Wuebben's "Be Good or



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Re-Drowning Ophelia

In Katie Henry's comedy, "Six girls try to survive St. Dymphna's [the patron saint of mental illness] without falling into the trap of becoming an Ophelia, an Alpha, an Omega, or a Gamma girl." Katie Rodda directed. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON

PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, 619-544-1000. 10AM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM SATUR-DAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28.

The Revenger's Tragedy

UCSD Theatre & Dance presents the Jacobean drama of revenge (possibly by Thomas Middleton), which director Christopher Ashley converts to a reality TV show. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-2230. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 20.

The Seagull

UCSD Theatre & Dance presents Anton Chekhov's comedy-drama about young aspirations, among them love, and older certitudes. Tom Dugdale directed. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-2230. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27.

The Secret Garden

Patio Playhouse stages the popular musical version of Frances Hodgson Burnet's novel, celebrating its 100th anniversary. Geoffrey Cox directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUN-DAYS, THROUGH MARCH 14.

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.

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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

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need be said about Valentine's Day, and the ad already said it. In grudging addition, it might be considerate to say, by way of warning, that out of the multicultural, multigenerational, multidemographical alphabetical all-stars, Jennifer Garner and Ashton Kutcher command the most attention. And it might be charitable to say that only Topher Grace and Anne Hathaway demand any more. It might, too, be appropriately pointless to point out the unbilled cameo of Joe Mantegna. Apart from the celebrity merry-go-round, no other focus of interest will be found within the movie. (Without, there might be some slight interest in contractual and



Fugate's screenplay, the navigation of the human heart, morning to night on the Fourteenth of February in Los Angeles, is as a leaf afloat on a puddle: superficial on top of shallow. But then, director Garry Marshall has never been one to ven-

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rolling up his pants cuffs.

The Wolfman, under the drillmasterly direction of Joe Johnston, emerges as your basic tale of Oedipal lycanthropy, an Oedipus simplex if you will (the ungovernable son, for good measure, has been playing Hamlet on the London stage), so basic that it takes place in the 19th Century, unearths an archetypal gypsy fortune teller (a gaunt and gaudy Geraldine Chaplin), and fashions its werewolf makeup in the classic style of Lon Chaney, Jr.'s. The human drama, however Freudian, proves to be refreshingly unpretentious and earnest, as well as stoutly acted by Benicio Del Toro, Anthony

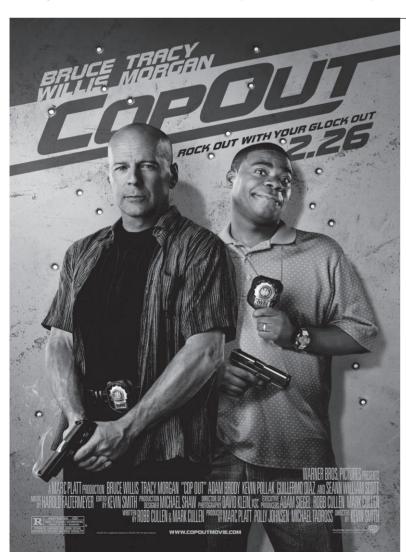


Hopkins, Emily Blunt, and Hugo Weaving, though it is never quite so dramatic as the Caspar David Friedrich smoky skies, a variegation of nacreous grays. The marauding wolfmen (plural, yes) on the other hand, completely modern in their dispensing of gore, are quick as Bugs Bunny, rapid as the Road Runner, fleet as Speedy Gonzales, which only makes sense when you

stop to consider that they are after all primarily computer cartoons, and they seem not in the least to be subject to the erosions of age. One might ask, on that point, why the crisis, the curse, has only just come to a head, why the villagers have not until now had to reach for their rifles and pitchforks. The Oedipal pater over the course of his lifetime has seen many and many The Wolfman

a full moon.

It would be hard to conceive a more painful introduction to Greek mythology than Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief. Or reintroduction, even more. Chris Columbus, who directed the first couple of Harry Potter entries, is here looking literally for another lightning bolt — Zeus's stolen one — in the



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quest of a dyslexic present-day teenager, the unknowing bastard spawn of Poseidon, teamed up ad hoc with a same-aged demigoddess and semigoat ("The politically correct term is satyr"), to retrieve his mother from Hades (located beneath the Hollywood sign), solve the mystery of the missing bolt, and avert an apocalypse. Under these circumstances, the language is appallingly banal even for a movie populated with teenagers and targeted to their juniors: "Check this out," as an example, gets spoken no fewer than three times during the visit to Medusa's lair and twice more in its immediate sequel. The computer-generated Fury, Minotaur, Hydra, etc., interject only technology, no magic.

Creation, tracing the origin of *The Origin of Species*, is the sort of stuffy biopic that once would have starred Paul Muni. Granted, in those days the achievement of Charles Darwin would not have been summed up in such bellicose terms as "You've killed God, sir," and this alone may be sufficiently satisfying for the acolytes of Bill Maher. But the writing of a book, even one containing "the biggest single idea in the history of thought," is inherently not a screen-friendly subject, and it will not be warmed up by exhibitionistic struggles with health and sanity, hallucinations, bad dreams, ghostly apparitions, laboratory specimens coming to life in their glass jars. And the climax where the conflicted naturalist leaves the fate of his book in the hands of his God-fearing wife is as hokey as it is unsuspenseful. Paul Bettany and Jennifer Connelly, in those roles, submit graciously to Jon Amiel's graceless closeups.

Saint John of Las Vegas, the feature debut of writer-director Hue Rhodes, is a pack-following independent film caroming from oddball to oddball: a midget boss, a sunny secretary surrounding herself with yellow Smiley Faces, a wheelchair stripper, a guntoting militant nudist, a sideshow human fireball, and so forth. It's nice, or it ought to be, to see Steve Buscemi once again in a lead role, and he certainly has the casino pallor, not to mention the riverboat sideburns and the slicked-back hair, to pass as a recovering and relapsing gambling addict. But the anticipated laughs never come, and characters named John Alighieri, Virgil, and Lou Cypher (get it?) - bring

only frowns.

The practice, the custom — is it yet a tradition? — of Landmark Theatres to exhibit in separate programs the Academy Award nominees for animated and live-action shorts, at the Ken Cinema for the next week, warrants special mention this year for the inclusion in the animated category of a new Wallace and Gromit outing by Nick Park, A Matter of Loaf and Death. Back to the wieldy length of under a halfhour after the cumbersome featurelength puff-up of their last outing, and even if a shade off top form, it serves as a vivid reminder that nowhere in contemporary cinema exists a continuing character more admirable or endearing than that devoted yet doubting dog, a humbling example to us all.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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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-



Creation — The writing of a book is inherently not a screen-friendly subject.

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 twiss of town s

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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-todo white Memphis housewife who takes under her wing and under her roof a homeless black gentle giant, an irresistible force meeting an immovable object. Sandra Bullock stays obstinately on the surface of her



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EXCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT STARTS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 role, and Quinton Aaron is touchingly minimalist as Michael Oher, a future firstround NFL draft pick. Very late in the game a couple of aspersions are cast on the motives of Oher's adoptive parents, aspersions which, if shown to be even fractionally valid, might have made a more interesting movie. With Tim McGraw, Jae Head, Lily Collins, Kathy Bates, and assorted collegefootball coaches as themselves, Nick Saban, Phil Fulmer, Lou Holtz, et al. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HORTON PLAZA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Book of Eli — Post-apocalyptic chic. In metallic monochrome, in sterilizing shafts of light, in portentous slo-mo. Denzel Washington safeguards the only extant copy of the King James Bible, with his archer's bow, shotgun, pistol, and terrible swift sword: the new Messiah. One of many head-scratchers is why on earth the tin-pot town boss in the middle of the Southwest desert, lording it over a bunch of illiterate ruffians, wants to get his hands on the book, much less knows of its existence. With Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, and the ever-lovely Jennifer Beals; directed by the Hughes Brothers, 2010. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA

BONITA 14)

Crazy Heart — Jeff Bridges is pretty much the whole show, and a generous show it is. His Bad Blake, given name to be held back for the gravestone, is an over-the-hill and down-on-his-luck C&W singer still living the life of a C&W song, four marriages behind him, long lonely drives and cheap motels and cheaper women in front of him, a chain smoker and a hard-at-it alcoholic (preferred poison, fictitious McClure's bourbon) on a free fall to the unseen bottom and, on impact, the uncertain bounceback to redemption. As one of his lyrics neatly sums it up: "I used to be somebody now I'm somebody else," The actor's singing voice amounts to a dull blade that has a hard time cutting through the expert arrangements by T Bone Burnett, who with the late Stephen Bruton co-wrote the original songs in the crying-in-your-beer genre. But then too, the actor's speaking voice, a low rumble through a mouthful of marbles, has a hard enough time cutting through thin air, as if he could use a hit of oxygen before and after each utterance. To outward appearances, he's approximately one-third Kris Kristofferson (the constipated voice and the wheezy wince to produce it) and two-thirds Waylon Jennings (the greasy

stringy hair, the bedraggled beard, the shades, the leather vest, the paunch), in no part original but in every part authentic. With Maggie Gyllenhaal, Colin Farrell, and Robert Duvall; directed by Scott Cooper. 2009.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CEN-TER 10; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Creation — Reviewed this issue. With Paul Bettany, Jennifer Connelly, Jeremy Northam, Toby Jones, and Benedict Cumberbatch; directed by Jon Amiel. • (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 2/19)

Dear John — Wartime romance beginning in the spring of 2001 (you know what's coming) and stretching up to the present, 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 dving numismatist dad. With Richard Jenkins and Henry Thomas. 2010.

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Edge of Darkness — Mel Gibson, in his first starring role in eight years, comes back strong, and gracefully aged, as a Boston police officer tracking down his daughter's shotgun killer. The detective work - the mistaken first assumption is that the detective himself 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. 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 Macdonald's State of Play, on a British TV miniseries) would lead ultimately to matters of national security and nuclear weaponry. Ray Winstone, Danny Huston, Bojana Novakovic, Caterina Scorsone; directed by Martin Campbell. 2010. ★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

An Education — A precocious English schoolgirl of 1961 (a cellist, a Francophile, a devotee of the Pre-Raphaelites, a sneaky smoker for sophistication), on track for Oxford, gets rerouted by a shady older man who shows her the finer things of life: a Ravel concert, a Christie's auction, night-clubs, Paris. The foreseeable end is a bit of a slog, but the film in the early stages is very



From Paris with Love — A self-admiring U.S. superspy with the demeanor of a Hell's Angel...

good on the pretensions of intelligent youth, and very good on the heady intoxication of growing up fast. Peter Sarsgaard's British accent is hit-and-miss; and the prim schoolmarm of Olivia Williams, a beauty disguised in eyeglasses and pulled-back hair, is strictly stock; and the comic portraits of the heroine's hidebound dad, a

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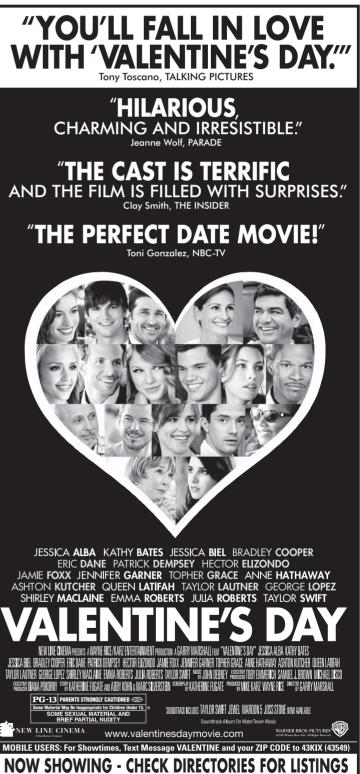
From Paris with Love — John Travolta, totally unrestrained, as a self-admiring U.S. superspy with the demeanor of a Hell's Angel ("Tell me that wasn't some impressive shit!"), shooting up the City of Light in a grainy sallow digital image. Jonathan Rhys Meyers affects a credible American accent as his timid embassy liaison, perhaps the only credible thing in the movie. Directed by

Pierre Morel. 2010.

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The Hurt Locker — Fictitious count-

down of the final six weeks in the twelvemonth tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working conditions in a color-free wasteland appear perfectly credible, and the quasi-sciencefictional details of the job - the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bombsniffing robot, the tangle of colored wires, the hide-and-seek triggers - are highly enlightening. And the defusing of bombs the constant prospect of their blowing up in our faces - carries a guaranteed tension, as witness such forerunners as Robert Aldrich's Ten Seconds to Hell or Michael Powell's and Emeric Pressburger's The Small Back Room. The ambush in middesert, 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 combatfootage 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 look ing 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; FLOWER HILL 4; 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*.)

immortal travelling showman, his magicmirror 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)

The muffled narrative, revolving around an

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.

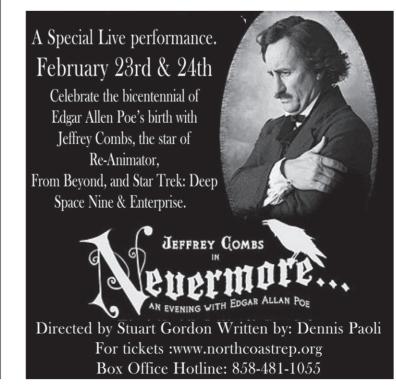


Percy Jackson and the Olympians — The language is appallingly banal even for a movie populated with teenagers.

(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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HOR-TON PLAZA 14; 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 longtime 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. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4: HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA

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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; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 combover 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 occupied by the fresh murder victim who doesn't vet 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,

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Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief — Reviewed this issue. With Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, Alexandra Daddario, Pierce Brosnan, and Uma Thurman; directed by Chris

Columbus. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Police, Adjective — Romanian *policier* revolving around, in fact never abandoning for a single scene, a droopy narc (Dragos Bucur) reluctant to bust an adolescent casual user. The long takes and solid frames have much integrity and almost as much tedium; the dismal locales are for better or worse completely immersing; and the climax, a lengthy lesson in semantics from the policeman's haughty superior, is one of a kind. Written and directed by Corneliu Porumboiu. 2009.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/18)

Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire — A bit of well-meaning manipulation, unevenly photographed, al-



Valentine's Day — The navigation of the human heart is as a leaf afloat on a puddle: superficial on top of shallow.

ternately 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-andwhite takeoff on a telecast of De Sica's *Two Women*, etc. — exhibit a consistent inanity which works to rob sympathy from either the film's heroine or its director, Lee Daniels. One or the other. You choose. With Gabourey Sidibe, Mo'Nique, Paula Patton, and Mariah Carey. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HORTON PLAZA 14; KEN, THROUGH 2/18)

Pulp Fiction — A title as self-conscious although not as accurate as Samuel Beckett's Film. Yes, Quentin Tarantino's cast of characters accommodates some staple figures of the form: the small-time heisters, the mob torpedoes, Mr. Big's sex-bomb mate, the boxer bribed to throw a fight. But the writer-director borrows his narrative devices from a more "experimental" stripe of novelist: the nonlinear storyline (the unattuned spectator might suspect a reel out of order when a dead character resurfaces near movie's end, and an earlier plot thread is picked up right where it was left); no single focal character or situation, but instead an idle shuffle of them; the leaping-over of a climactic bit of action. (Maybe Meta-Pulp Fiction would be more accurate, without being a lot more self-conscious.) And the first and foremost thing to be said about his dialogue would be that it is "bookish": Elmore Leonard-ish tangents of doubtful rel-

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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386) Avatar; The Book of Eli; Dear John; Edge of Darkness; From Paris with Love; Legion; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief; Sherlock Holmes; Shutter Island; Tooth Fairy; Valentine's Day; When in Rome; The Wolfman

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Crazy Heart (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:40, 4:25), 7:10, 9:55; Sat. & Sun.: (11:05), 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; A Single Man (PG-13) Fri., Mon.–Thu.:

(2:10, 4:45), 7:30, 10:15; Sat. & Sun.: (11:25), 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; The Last Station (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:30, 4:15), 7:00, 9:45; Sat. & Sun.: (10:55), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; An Education (PG-13) Fri., Mon.–Thu.: (1:50, 4:35), 7:20, 10:05; Sat. & Sun.: (11:15), 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 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

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

EAST COUNTY **EL CAJON**

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:25, 4:55) Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:25) 4:55; Avatar 3D (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:25, 3:20, 3:50) 6:40, 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 3:50) 4:50, 7:15, 8:15; The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:50) 7:20, 10:30: The Book of **Eli** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:30; Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. 2:00p.m.; Crazy Heart (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:25) 8:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; Dear John (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7.50, 10.25 Sat -Sun (12.05, 2.40) 5.15. 7:50, 10:25; Edge of Darkness (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 7:00; From Paris with Love (R) Fri. (12:35, 2:55, 5:05) 7:35, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:05, 7:35, 9:55; Legion (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 10:05; Percy Jackson & the **Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 1:40, 4:20, 4:50) 7:20, 7:45, 10:10, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:10, 1:40) 4:20, 4:50, 7:20, 7:45, 10:10, 10:35; Shutter Island (R) Fri. (1:00, 1:30, 4:05, 4:35) 7:10, 7:40, 10:15, 10.45 Sat -Sun (1.00, 1.30) 4.05, 4.35, 7.10. 7:40, 10:15, 10:45; Tooth Fairy (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; Valentine's Day (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 1:20, 3:55, 4:30)

7:00, 7:50, 9:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 1:20, 3:55) 4:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:55, 10:40; When in Rome (PG-13) Fri. (4:10) 9:50 Sat.-Sun 4:10, 9:50; The Wolfman (R) Fri. (12:10, 12:30, 2:40, 3:00, 5:05, 5:30) 7:30, 8:10, 10:20, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 12:30, 2:40, 3:00) 5:05, 5:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10:20, 10:40

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710) Avatar (PG-13); Crazy Heart (R); Dear John

(PG-13); Edge of Darkness (R); From Paris with Love (R); Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG); Shutter Island (R); Valentine's Day (PG-13); The Wolfman (R)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Edge of Darkness (R); Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG); Tooth Fairy (PG); Valentine's Day (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10 Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Shutter Island (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 2:30,

3:45), 7:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Wed.: (12:30, 2:30, 3:45), 7:00, 8:00; Percy Jackson & the **Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Wed.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Valentine's Day (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; un.-Wed.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 8:00; **The** Wolfman (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15), 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15), 4:45, 5:45, 7.15, 8.15: Dear John (PG-13) Fri & Sat . (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Wed.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; From Paris With Love (R) Fri.-Wed.: (12:00), 5:30; Legion (R) Fri. & Sat.: (3:45), 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (3:45), 8:15; Tooth Fairy (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun. Wed.: (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30; Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) Fri.-Wed.: (11:00, 1:15), 6:00; Avatar 3D (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun Wed.: (11:45, 3:30), 7:00; Super Why!: Attack Of The Eraser (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Otav Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386) Avatar; The Book of Eli; Dear John; Edge of Darkness: From Paris with Love: Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief; Shutter Island; Tooth Fairy; Valentine's Day: When in Rome: The Wolfman

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386) Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG); Avatar (PG-13); The Book of Eli (R); Dear John (PG-13); Edge of Darkness (R); From Paris with Love (R); Legion (R); The Lovely Bones (PG-13); Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG); Sherlock Holmes (PG-13); Shutter Island (R); The Spy Next Door (PG); Tooth Fairy (PG); Valentine's Day (PG-13); When in Rome (PG-13); The Wolfman (R)

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

IMPERIAL BEACH

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

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386) Avatar (PG-13); The Book of Eli (R); Dear John (PG-13); Edge of Darkness (R); From Paris with Love (R); Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG); Shutter Island (R); Tooth Fairy (PG); Valentine's Day (PG-13); When in Rome (PG-13); The Wolfman (R)

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Escondido 16

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

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



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5:15, 7:45; **Dear John** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun.: (11:45, 3:30), 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:30), 7:00; **Super Why!: Attack Of The Eraser** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

POWAY

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



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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

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

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(760-945-7469) Avatar 3D (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 3:35) 7:05, 10:25; The Book of Eli (R) Fri. (10:45) 9:20; Crazy Heart (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:30, 10:10; Dear John (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; Edge of Darkness (R) Fri. (11:15, 2:05, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30; Legion (R) Fri. 10:40p.m.; Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri. (10:40, 11:15, 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 4:50) 7:00, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30; Tooth Fairy (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; Valentine's Day (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 12:20, 1:20, 2:00, 3:35, 4:15, 4:55) 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 10:00; The Wolfman (R) Fri. (11:10, 11:50, 12:30, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 4:10, 4:50, 5:30) 6:40, 7:20, 8:00, 9:10, 9:50, 10:35

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Call theater for program information.

DEL MAR

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



Shutter Island (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00), 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (10:00, 10:45 AM, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00), 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; Thu.: (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00), 4:45, 7:45; Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (NR) Sat. & Sun.: 2:00 pm, Mon.: 7:30 pm, Thu.: 7:30 pm; Percy Jackson

& the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15; Valentine's Day (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **The Wolfman** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Dear John (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:30) 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; When in Rome (PG-13) Fri.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sat.: (11:30), 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.: (11:30), 5:00, 7:30: Mon. & Tue.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00: Wed.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30; Thu.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00; Avatar 3D (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun, Thu.: (12:00, 3:30),

Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

ENCINITAS

La Paloma 471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469) Blood Into Wine (Not Rated) Fri. 6:30, 9:00 Sun. 6:30, 9:00; Gun Hol (Not Rated) Sat. 9:00p.m.; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00a.m.; Up in the Air (R) Sat.-Sun. (3:00p.m.); Wake Unto Blue (Not Rated) Sat. 6:30p.m.

LA COSTA

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



Shutter Island (R) Fri.-Sun.: (10:00, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00; Celine: Through the Eyes of the



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World (NR) Sat. & Sun.: 2:00 pm; Mon: 7:30 pm, Thu: 7:30 pm; Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu:: (10:15, 1:15), 4:30, 7:30; Valentine's Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu:: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; The Wolfman (R) Fri.-Sun.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu:: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Dear John (PG-13) Fri: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. & Sun.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. & Sun.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15, 7:15; Thu: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15, 7:15; Wed: (1:45), 4:15, 7:15; Thu: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15; 7:15; Wed: (1:45), 4:15, 7:15; Thu: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15; 7:00; Mon.:Thu: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00; Don Quixote Ballet Wed: 10:30 am; Super Whyl: Attack Of The Eraser (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

OCEANSIDE

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



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Oceanside 16

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ALETHIA ESPINAL 10th grader, Waldorf School of San Diego

The Animatrix is a movie with several short animations, each by a different artist. The animations are based on The Matrix universe from a "back story" point of view. I think it's brilliant to have ten different artists animating short-vet-captivating stories that broaden the Matrix universe in a creative and original way. The Matrix would be incomplete without any of the ten. My personal favorite is the animation "Beyond," by Koji Morimoto. Yoko, a character from the animation, took me to my own secret runaway world through incredible scenes and the magic of anything being possible in an artistic and poetic way. The loss of Yoko's world to the authorities is something that the little girl inside me knows as a painful process of growing up. I highly recommend this movie to any Matrix/anime fan or just anyone who wants to escape from reality.

THE ANIMATRIX (USA) 2003, Warner Brothers List price: \$14.98



Titania

MOLLY RHIANNON STONE 10th grader, Waldorf School

I'm the biggest fan of the blockbuster movies Titanic and Pearl Harbor. These films feature great love stories and historical moments that keep you deeply involved. James Cameron, the director of Titanic, did a wonderful job. The scenery and the acting were spectacular. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet play the lovers. Not only was the movie amazing, but also the music was great. The music, composed by James Horner, was filled with heartfelt emotion.

Michael Bay did a perfect iob directing Pearl Harbor, Like Titanic, the scenery and acting were amazing. Pearl Harbor starred Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett, and Kate Beckinsale as three lovers during the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Hans Zimmer did a spectacular job composing the score!

TITANIC (USA) 1997, Paramount List price: \$14.98

PEARL HARBOR (USA) 2001, Touchstone/Disney List price: \$19.99



MAKI SUZUKI

10th grader, Waldorf School

Imagine one of the oldest stories in your village is about a majestic castle in the sky hidden among the clouds and protected by lightning. That's what I believed ever since I saw *Castle in the Sky* at age three. The film made me want to be adventurous. Another amazing part of this film is the music. The theme is sad but hopeful. Even though it's simple, it still makes my heart squeeze.

When I first saw Princess Mononoke. I was so worn out with excitement and wonder about the forest gods that ruled over nature that I couldn't sleep. As I noticed the world around me more. I started to view this film differently. The theme music is very heartwarming and deep; it brings you to a state of peace. Most of all Miyazaki's films have some deep occult secrets that are powerful to me and will forever capture my heart.

CASTLE IN THE SKY (Japan) 1986, Disney List price: \$29.99 PRINCESS MONONOKE (Japan)

1997, Disney List price: \$22.99

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evance. Tarantino is, so to speak, a man who loves to hear himself write. One of the inherent perils of this verbal exhibitionism. though, is the tendency to fall into the sentimentality of the "colorful" character (the ⊇ mystical hitman, the human pincushion $\underset{\bigtriangledown}{\circlearrowright}$ with eighteen ring-holes from ear to nose to ∞ tongue to clitoris), such that Tarantino seems at times to be cultivating a new idseems at times to be cultivating a new id-iom, a new milieu, in which to transplant the term "Runyon-esque": *more* colorful, iom, a new milieu, in which to transplant more florid, more lurid. And hence more sentimental, inverted and twisted though the sentiment may be. There are plenty of things to snicker and cackle at (nothing heartier) along the way, especially in the long interlude subtitled "Vincent Vega and Marcellus Wallace's Wife." There are plenty of other things merely to wince and gri-mace at. John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson,

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Uma Thurman, Bruce Willis. 1994. ★★ (KEN, 2/20 MIDNIGHT)

Saint John of Las Vegas - Reviewed this issue. With Steve Buscemi, Romany Malco, Sarah Silverman, and Peter Dinklage; written and directed by Hue Rhodes. • (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 2/18)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24)

Shutter Island — Martin Scorsese's Fifties-period thriller from a Dennis Lehane novel, with Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Michelle Williams, (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER 10: LA

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A Single Man — Adaptation of the Christopher Isherwood novel detailing the planned last day of a homosexual English professor (an exquisitely tortured Colin Firth) grieving his dead lover, anally-compulsively tying up loose ends, saying his guarded goodbyes, practicing the proper posture to shoot himself in bed, laying out his burial attire with the helpful note, "Tie in a Windsor knot." Fashion "guru" Tom Ford, in his directing debut, sees to it that the dumps are très chic, almost to be envied and emulated. He demonstrates convincingly a photographic eye to go along with a curatorial taste in the early-Sixties period. although the total ambience resembles that of a retro pictorial in Harper's Bazaar rather than an accurate depiction of a gloomy Brit in sunny So-Cal during the Kennedy Era. And he controls the color saturation of his imagery as if through an IV, maintaining grav drained faded tones for the present tense, pedantically contrasted with florid flushed flashbacks; and any passing sensory sensation in the faded present, any flicker of life, any tremor of reanimation, any stir of passion, will bring a sudden surge of saturation. It's a definite idea, even if a transparent one. With Julianne Moore, Nicholas Hoult, and Matthew Goode. 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Up in the Air — A comedown from Jason Reitman's auspicious first two features, Thank You for Smoking and Juno, narrowly centered as it is on a narrowly self-centered hero, a travelling corporate downsizer, a hired hatchet man, now a potential dinosaur whose way of life is threatened - by long-distance terminations via the innova tion of video conferencing - before he can reach his lone life's goal of becoming just the seventh man in history, and the youngest ever, to log ten million air miles and to reap the benefits that come with that milestone. The smirky smugness of a backsliding George Clooney, back at least as far as Danny Ocean if not all the way to Dr. Ross on ER, makes him an unlikely candidate to be handing out pink slips, unless as a grotesque expressionistic subjective projection of the pink-slip recipients. The recipients themselves, while widely varied in type, many of them having been downsized in real life, are for the most part penned up in bum's-rush montages. And the movie overall seems to share rather too much of the protagonist's glibness and frigidity. Waiting for a crack to appear in his façade is a sufficiently conventional plot hook, and patching up the crack afterwards is an insufficiently unconventional ending. Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Jason Bateman, Melanie Lynskey, Danny McBride. 2009

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Valentine's Day — Reviewed this issue. With Ashton Kutcher, Jennifer Garner, Topher Grace, Anne Hathaway, Hector Elizondo, Shirley MacLaine, and Julia Roberts; directed by Garry Marshall. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER 10: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SOUARE 14)

When in Rome — 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. With Angelica Huston, Danny DeVito, Jon Heder, Will Arnett, Dax Shepard, Alexis Dziena, and Don Johnson; directed by Mark Steven Johnson. 2010.

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The White Ribbon — In starchy, flat, monotonic black-and-white, Michael Haneke details the unsettling goings-on - unsettlement 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 Wolfman — Reviewed this issue. With Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins, Emily Blunt, and Hugo Weaving; directed by Joe Johnston. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6: TOWN SOUARE 14)

The Young Victoria — And the young Albert, (Psst, wanna see the Oueen 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)

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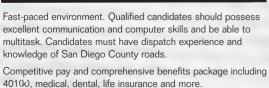
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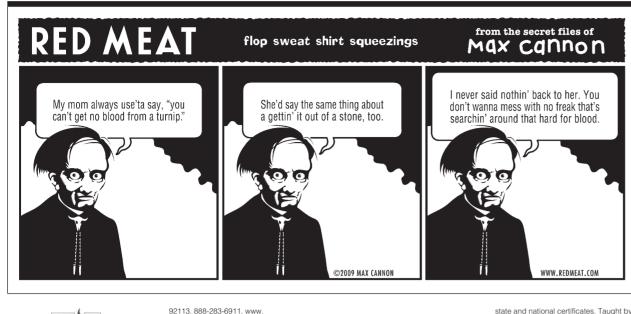


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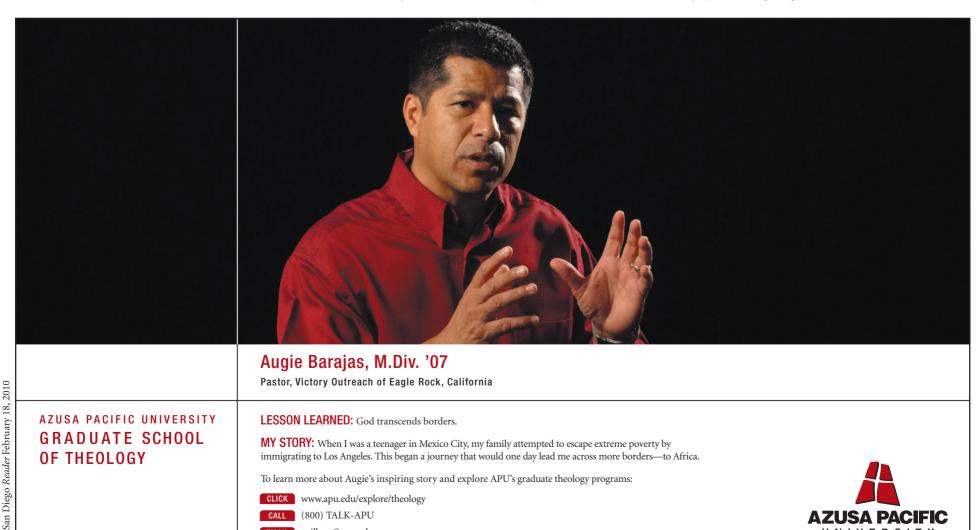


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would go to when I was 19. You're already grown up; you do all the crazy stuff that grownups do, but you still don't have as much worry. You know how to relax. You have fun. It's not just money, money, money — you don't think about it. I think I would do some things differently but, in general, I don't regret anything. I traveled a lot, I partied, and I had fun. A good combination of things.



Keith Kelly Candy Man Downtown

know what I'd say if I had the chance to do it all over again, but I know I'd make the same mistakes I made the first time. I guess I would travel to the year before my mother died, to spend more time with her. My mother died in '01.



Becky Chait Court Interpreter Bonita

think it would be my early teens I come from a very big family. We all used to come home from school. and each one of us had many, many friends. So, there was always, like 20 people at my house. We used to get on the roof and jump in the swimming pool. Basically, it was the neighborhood house. My mother had big pots of food for everybody. She treated everybody like they were her children. So, that was a very happy time for me because it was just very free and without cares.



Rebecca Leisorek Barista

Bonita have to say when I found out I was adopted. I think I was five. My mom explained everything to me. It was just very special. For a five-year-old to grasp all that and understand how much vou're loved I'd have to say that was the best time.



Michael Dombroski Chiropractor

Little Italv would go to 1969 because that's when I was born. It just seems like it was a really cool year. Things were definitely at a creative peak ... y'know, man landed on the moon. I would really just want to see what was going on with my parents around the time I was conceived - that energy. Most of the patterns that a person develops in their life - from conception. what the family goes through, up until about age four - are, like, 85 percent of what a person repeats for the rest of their lives. So, to be present and see what was going on at that time would be really invaluable. I'd want to know about that.



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Nineteen eighty-eight. I was born that year. I'd go, not necessarily to start all over, but to get more of a perspective of what it was like, because I don't really remember.

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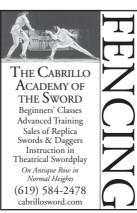
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- Bride'
- 3. Touristy town in Tuscany
- 4. Masochistic beginning?
- 5. Initials at sea
- 6. "Wow!"
- 7. Virile guy

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

indicates T-shirt winner.

Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 6. Welcome Adolfo and Rebekah Ortiz

Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 6. I'm alad I don't live back east. Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 6. ? Equals mental aerobics Mary Arana, Encinitas, 6. What happened last week?! Hi Charles Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 6. Why not? Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 6. It's aetting warmer

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Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 6. There you go again. Marvin A Brown, Clairemont, 6. Will trade: New Toyota for Reader T-shirt.

Eric Cash, Escondido, 6. Eavan has decided that the bed is hers. Leslie Chase, Campo, 6. Hi! My fummy Valentine. Sweet orange day Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. My friends are the most stupidest people I know Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 6. You'rre in print, Reed, or is it Reid? Craig Curtis, Escondido, 6. Cold weather is a bummer, hurry upcome on summer William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 6. Happy birthday, Tyler Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 6, /KO

IKO, OOOps, Its lent already! Harry Engel, La Jolla, 6. Hi to UBH Gang

- 8. Final non-A.D. vear
- 9. Body shop fig. 10. More than whimper
- 11. Sine _____ non
- 12. Link letters
- 13. Subj. for some immigrants
- 18. Questionable
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- 24. Louis et Charles, par exemple
- 25. Buddy of "The Beverly Hillbillies'
- 26. Hale-____ comet
- 27. Pass, as years
- 28. It's often filtered
- 29. UnitedHealth rival
- 30 Moves with a mouse
- 31. V.S. Naipaul's "A _ the River"
- 33. Cold War weaponry
- 34. "You're in _____ of
- trouble!"
- 35. Bejeweled topper
- 37. Lyric poem
- 38. Mold and mildew 41. They, in Tuscany
- 42. Thermometer fill: Abbr.
- 47. Where Indians live
- 49. Marine shockers
- 51. Pay tribute to
- 52. Rosy-cheeked
- 53. Descendant
- 54. Broken out, in a way
- 55. It won the Razzie Award for Worst Picture of 2003
- 58. Annapolis sch.
- 59. Stock mkt. debut
- chi 60.
- 61. Entirely 62. Fib
- 63. Neither Rep. nor Dem.
- 64. Politico Paul
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- D. Faulkner, University Heights,
- 6. Move vour body, ride vour bike. Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 6. Hope I'm not too late.

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 6. God bless our troops Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 6. /

love New York Richard Hutchings, Santee, 6. Global warming is a hot topic- keep

cooll Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 6.

Please don't replace hypocrite Arnold with inept Jerry Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 6.

I'm going to Disnevland! Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 6.

Who's out there fightin' for our children's chance? Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 6.

Long ride-bright lights-no clocksmoney eaters-Las Vegas!

Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 6. Not happy with 94.9 from 6am-10am sigh Jim Odell, Vista, 6. Mine is be happy P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 6. Pretty chezzy! Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 6. Still waiting for fame. John Pertle, Santee, 6. / was dead for years. Now in Christ I live. Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 6. Does President's day honor Nixon, Clinton, Kennedy and Johnson too? Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 6. It is gone. Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 6.

Happy belated V-day berry face. I'm yours Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 6. Set 'em

up, we'll knock 'em down Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 6. / survived Valentine's Day!

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 6. Never pet a burning dog. Tom Somich, Clairemont, 6.

Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 6.

Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 6. Piper

cub is the safest airplane. It can just

Norman Williams, San Diego,

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6. Toyota's

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 6.

Woody Anderson, Carmel Val-

ley, 5. Tim and Linda-great Super

Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 5.

The best vacations are those when

woes-coincidence or Washington

Happy birthday Jennifer

Trying 4-6

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plan?

6. What da fuss??

...man avoids it.

Bowl party this year!

you leave wanting more.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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EXTRACHEESE

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 5.

Maria Coda, Oceanside, 5. Hi

Jon Connor, Oceanside, 5.

"Look the part to be the part" Prop

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 5.

Win an Espy: pour kard on your bree

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley,

George Elam, Vista, 5. My

whole world is soggy, give me sun-

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 5.

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 5. /

Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 5. //

got this right, I'll be amazed

love our pre bowling ritual pooh!

USA! USA! USA! Viva El Nino!

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Love to all!

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indicates T-shirt winner.

George Jackson, Oceanside, 5. Don't blame me; I voted for "None of the above"

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 5. Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo! Happy Valentine's Dav!

Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 5. Happy Birthday Superstar Dylan!

Ron Meyer, Santee, 5. Hunny I hope you and Alex have a great time...

Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 5. I aot lazv.

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 5. These are gonna be some really nice ice cubes

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 4. Wanda Sykes is hilarious

Ron Hootman, Santee, 4. Hoot 101 "How come I didn't get listed? 4:25 on the 4th is too late?" Emily Marie, North Park, 4. / gave you everything, you gave me the flu Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific

Beach, 4. I love Larry. Larry loves me and poker. Texas hold'em :) John Pilch, San Carlos, 4. Who dat? Who dat say dey gonna beat

dem Saints! Ray Schwartz, No Clairmont, 4. Goodbye, L.T. We will

alwavs love vou. Michael Sheridan, San Diego,

4. Old Down

Carly Stone, San Diego, 4. Missed vou buckets baby Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 4. Ouite a stretch to come up with cheesv answers. Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 4. Hi to all my friends. Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 3. Toni, something smells like puke Martha Klages, Encanto, 3. Farewell Donny. You will be missed. Linda Morris, Encanto, 2. I T- hate to see you an! Adrienne Richter, Cardiff. 2. Lovely T-Shirt, Thanks. Henry Romero, San Diego, 2. Snow everywhere but in San Diego. David Wray, El Cajon, 2. Hey baby Chase, Boompa did it!!

Susan Williams, North Park, 2.

Hello crossword players at Starbucks North Park

Dean and Bob Bekken, San Diego, 1. Go Cubs, Go! Relissa Clark, Hillcrest, 1. Relissa loves Phil! Shannon Loves James! Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 1.

Happy Chinese new year Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 1.

Life well, life is short. Walter Deegan, San Diego, 1.

Glad to be back! Windchill factor in Boston 12 dearees!

Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 1. Hello M P

Michael Faria, Point Loma, 1. / love you Tiffanie! Thanks for the help bro.

Mark Henshaw, San Diego, 1. Hurrav for Kitty!

Mike Hodgson, , 1. Turtle finished the crossword for me.

Richard Markson, Indio, 1. 50th Anniversary, March 27th Joe Musser, Encinitas, 1. Equity

abhors a fraud-the law does not favor one. Robert Page, Fallbrook, 1.

Word magic is fun!

Michell Thitathan, Downtown, 1. Nabucco is in town Let's go to the operal

Katie Whelan, Coronado, 1, Jeff is coming from MPLS! Yea! Too bad Eileen.

Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 1. Hello San Diego! Thanks Mo!

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Bill Pischke, Ramona, 5, Orange

Don Romero, La Mesa, 5. Please

Dave Small, San Carlos, 5. Happy

Duane Tremaine, East Village, 5.

And one to me are shame and fame

Al Alcazar, National City, 4. /

Rick Chambless, San Diego, 4.

Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 4.

Zaphod's Just this guy, you know?

Where's the warm weather SD?

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 4.

be my Valentine, sweet Mei Lina

Anniversary, Brian and Donna.

Valentines are cool

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8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

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9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

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HARD:

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EASY:

Aaron Abramson Williamstown, 6. I need a bia t-shirt! Surfer Team Don Bowman, Santee, 6. Honor our Veteran.

Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 6. ...is buzzina. M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 6.

Bob is a good person John Pertle, Santee, 6. / Peter 2:21-24: 2 Corinthians 5:20-21: I Peter 3:18; 2 Peter3! D. Stiewig, Santee, 6. Life is a

blessing Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 5. Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln Sara Pretty, Ocean Beach,

4. Hare you can run; but you can't hide

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 4. ... the shoe leather express never

does Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 3. About ready to give up on Sudoku puzzles

Mike Wiehe, Poway, 2. Congrats! Baby number 2 on the way! Obie Fox, Escondido, 1. Happy

Valentine Mary Gordan Sierra and moms

Marquette Gooch-Nelson, Relando, 1. Trust none BS all Richard Markson, Indio, 1. 50th anniversary March 27th Emily Posedel, San Diego, 1. Easv peasv Josie Ranches, San Diego, 1.

Hello everyone

MEDIUM:

Betty Archer, La Jolla, 6. Hi to Donna and Glenn Dave Small, San Carlos, 6. Happy anniversary, Brian and Donna David Tomasin, San Diego, 6. Twas Brillia Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 5. You cant eat strawberries without bananas

Henry Chung, San Diego, 5. Snowboarding was fun this past weekend, lets do it again! Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 5. Wow Tay-Tay 4.3 love you daddv Willam Stiewig, Vallejo, 5. Love my Teddy Hans Butikofer, Mission

Beach, 4. Happy Valentine's week to all!

🖝 Juli Richardson, Chula Vista, 3. I'm back! Nicole Tui, East Lake, 3. / love

your hairy brown spider Paul Boland, Bay Park, 2.

Thanks for the rain Eleanor Burbank, Escondido, 2. And she walks with Jesus and

her loved ones waiting Marcia Metzger, San

Diego, 2. If at first you don't succeed. Diem Nguyen, San Diego, 2. 3-day-holiday-relax

Ed Rull, San Diego , 1. Happy Valentines Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 1.

come!

Phoenix, Grand Canyon he we

HARD:

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 6. Hola, Madolina, disfrute sus uacaclones en San Dieao Esther Hays, La Mesa, 6. Avoid loud and aggressive persons,

they are vexations to the soul Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 6. Five for five Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 6.

We shouted "yes we can" and then let it pas Skully, San Diego, 6. Monkey-

boy's in the home strech-Kitten. Oldman Steve, Goldmember, R1Rabbit

Stephen Loughrane, Bankers Hill, 4. Happy halmark day Rabbitz! Robert Lindahl, College Area, 3. Happy late Valentine's day Phylleee, I love you! Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 3.

Our planet needs more than a Band-Aid. Help it now!

Henry Romero, San Diego, 2. Happy Birthday, George and Abe!

Lonhell Stevens, San Diego, 1. Outside of Popeyes eatin' chicken and fries.

Rei-Lan Tang, San Diego, 1. I am blessed

C. Clair Tucker, Escondido, 1. Outsmarted you this time Rachelle Wolfe, San Diego, 1.

This is a fun and challenging game! Thank you

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 6. A "Word" in hand is NOT worth "Sarah-teletubby-Palin" Rainier Bernardo, San Diego, 6. Shop the Spare room Ladies Consignment in bonita

Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 6. Michele says "do this right. Hit me... ah 21 Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 6. Pay your fair shart- get unregistered vehicals of f the street **Robert Bradley, Spring Valley,**

6. It's time for another desert trip Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. Grandmothers shouldn't raise

grandchildren-why repeat the mistake again

Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 6.

No hill for a climber Larry Clark, Clairemont, 6.

May the fleas of a thousand camels infest your armpits

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 6. Christ's forgiveness is a gift. One no one of us deserve

Butch Hays, La Mesa, 6. Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what..

Dan Holslin, San Diego, 6. Religion: adaptation or by product? Belmont Hope, Vista, 6. No Messages!

Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 6. Wk 6- 2010- tricky

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 6. Go De-icers! Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo!

Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 6. Happy birthday Uncal Denny! Raymond Land , Escondido, 6.

No matter how right you feel, you're wrong Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 6, Drive

alertly, don't fall asleep at traffic lights

Julio Magno, San Diego, 6. Hi Ella!

Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 6. Lets get this over with!

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 6. Do not replace hypocrite Arnold

with inept Jerry P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 6. Time

for a t-shirt

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner.

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 6, Does Mary Bentley still play dominoes? Please call

Tom Norris, Santee, 6. Remember to watch for pigs on the wing! Michael Panther, Point Loma,

6. But it is always swimmers who drown Rov Respress, Carlsbad, 6. An

arrow through the heart of evil... David Schwartz, Clairemont,

6. Geaux Saints! Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 6. Tribute to the Legends, off the

hook! Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 6.

save gas - bicycle John Strauch, Point Loma, 6. Walked Torrance St Climbed Mud

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Good luck lennv D. Faulkner, University Heights, 5. Get stronger, ride your bike

Karen Friedman, Kensington, 5. Laa number 5 Lou Guillou, Winoma, 5, Three

to go

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 5. Divan and Thamar- you are the best Mickei Hodgson, Tierra

Santa, 5. Turtle is really smart. For a turtle Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla.

5. PARP may be in danger again, hope not

Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 5. Happy birthday Marlene Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 5. The good old days

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Charles Reader, Del Mar

Sean Hammer, SDSU, 4. Chelene Niahtinaale for Governor Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 4. This one was hard Christine Hennes, San Diego, 4. Only love can break your heart

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Lark Herrick, Alpine, 3. / agree flash forward is a great show Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 3. Well, that wasn't so bad, now, was it.

Buddy? Charles Rion, Allied Gardens, 3. I waited 43 years thank you Saints

Linda J. Blevins, Oceanside, 2. Evil again

Greg Boss, San Diego, 2. Premier Limousine. Outta biz in record time thanks Jason

Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 2. Over tax my employer! "There goes my pay raise"

Katie Whelan, Coronado, 2. Maureen and Colleen are simps Tracy Banda, La Mesa, 1. / love

you Amy Brooks Bill Black, La Jolla, 1. It is my first — Evil virain

Vincent Blas, San Diego, 1,

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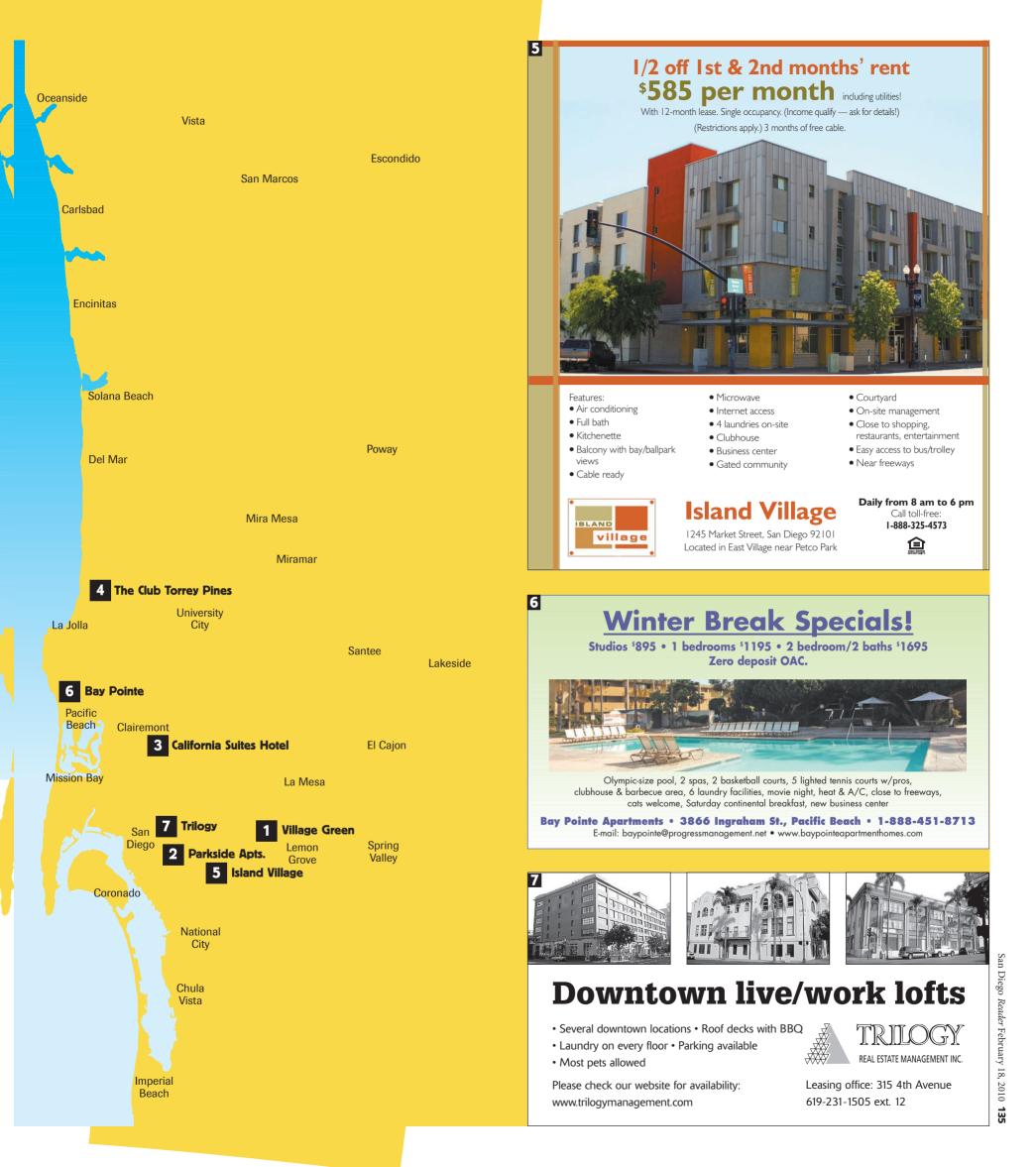
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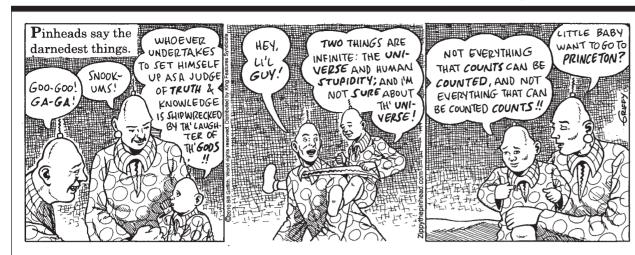
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complex. Interesting, quiet neighborhood. Buses. Street parking Laundry. No pets. After 7pm weekdays/ 9am weekends, 858-274-8466. POINT LOMA. Partly furnished room with bath. \$800, \$200 deposit. Includes utilities, cable, bottled water, dust/ vacuum room, clean towels weekly, clean bathroom daily. 619-224-2249.

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RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$425/ month includes utilities. Female only. Unfurnished room. Share large double sink bath. Large, clean house. No pets/ drugs. 858-538-7820.

ROLANDO / COLLEGE, \$625, Master bedroom. Private bath, Jacuzzi tub. Spacious 3 bedroom home. Quiet neighborhood. Washer/dryer. Comfortable, inviting backyard. Month-month. Female preferred. 619-994-4422. Trioritin. Female preferred. 619-994-4422.
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SAN CARLOS/ LAKE MURRAY, 2 bedroom townhouse. Walk to all. Plus 1/2 garage. \$675/ month, 1/2 utilities. Male ed. 619-838-1819.

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SERRA MESA. Room in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Game room, pool, Jacuzzi. \$650, month to month, plus 1/2 utilities. Central location, street parking. 619-571-3361.

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PACIFIC BEACH. Commercial building for lease. 1559 Garnet Avenue. 3500 square feet. Air conditioning, 4 parkings, building remodeled 2004. Principals only. Micki, agent/ owner, 619-861-3076.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. Office/ retail space in heart of Pacific Beach. Private bathroom. Reserved parking. Approximately 767 square feet with good frontage and customer parking. 4426 Ingraham Street. TPPM, 858-454-4200 x115, www.torreypinespm.com.

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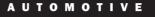
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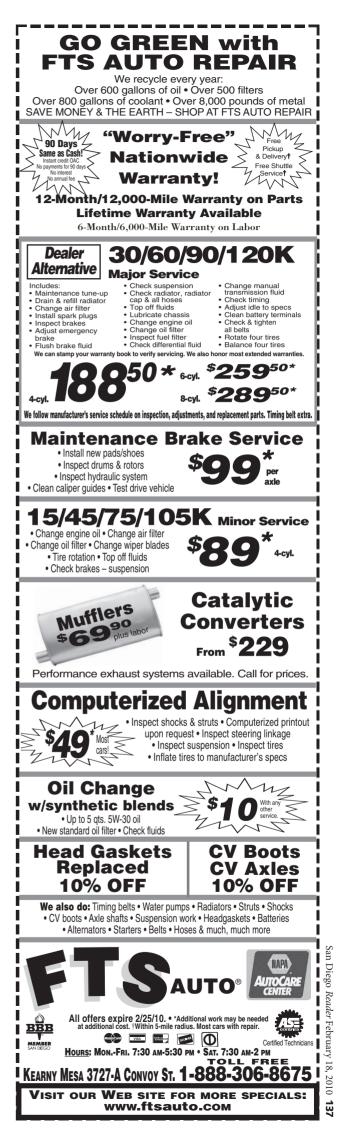
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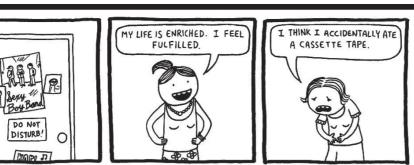
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Spacious. Hardwood floors. Laundry. Patio. Free parking. Pets OK. Availabe 2/ 1. Call Steve, 619-696-7500. BAY PARK. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1/2 off second month. Smaller units, \$1100 and larger units, \$1150. Includes utilities. Flexible deposit. Pet negotiable. Parking. Laundry facilities. Westwind Apartments, 619-275-2176 or 805-341-0793. BAY PARK/ MISSION BAY. \$750. Remodeled, large studio apartment. Parking. Paid utilities. No pets. New



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CARMEL VALLEY, 2 bedroom 2 bath condo, great school district, pets, appliances, granite, pool, tennis, club house, fitness, 2- car parking, \$1750. Call 858-212-2760, 858-335-2027.

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CARMEL VALLEY / DEL MAR.

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CHULA VISTA. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, new carpet, dishwasher, patios. Gated, laundry, off-street parking, No pets. \$1200. \$200-\$600 move- in discount. 619-425-6511.

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- Ex-convict John Stephens told a Floyd County (Ind.) judge in December that he had a full-time job and intended to turn his life around but had slipped when he tried to rob the Your Community Bank. "If I hadn't been watching the news and seeing [other successful] bank robberies," he said, he wouldn't have been tempted.

- In Kansas City, Mo., in December, the mother of Charles Irving tried to protect her 27-year-old son from a charge of being a felon in possession of a gun. She told police (without success) that he had needed the gun to protect her from vampires. - Rod Jetton, a former speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives and creator of Common Sense Conservative Consulting, LLC, was charged with felony assault in December after visiting a woman in her home in Sikeston, apparently for a sexual encounter. The woman later charged that Jetton punched her in the head and choked her into unconsciousness as his idea of foreplay, but Jetton said the "assault" was consensual, in that she was to utter a pre-arranged "safe word [phrase]" if things got too rough and that he would have immediately stopped. Jetton told police that the woman never spoke the agreed-on phrase "green balloons."

Why Africans Remain Impoverished

- The huge, \$27 million statue ("African Renaissance") being built in Dakar, Senegal, was conceived to boost tourism and be a point of African pride, acting as a magnet for visitors and museumgoers. Problems have arisen (the statue was built by North Korean labor, has no distinct African theme, and features a female who reveals perhaps too much thigh). However, according to a November BBC News dispatch, Senegal's president Abdoulaye Wade remains optimistic and has declared that, though the concept was his idea, he will take only 35 percent of the revenue streams generated from visitors.

 By 2004 presidential proclamation and 2007 statute, the U.S. government made it clear that no foreign official or family members would be allowed into the country if they are "involved in corruption" regarding oil or other natural resources in their home countries. However, as the New York Times reported in November, Equatorial Guinea's oil minister (and son of its president) owns a \$35 million estate in Malibu, Calif., that he visits regularly in his Gulfstream jet even though the U.S. Justice Department regards him as a major agent of corruption. (U.S. companies manage Equatorial Guinea's oil production, and the State Department is reluctant to challenge the country, according to officials cited by the *Times*.)

Fine Points of the Law

- In November, Powhatan County, Va., prosecutors dismissed charges against five corrections

officers despite evidence that they were involved in inappropriately fondling a K-9 service dog. During training, officers are expected to "bond" with their dogs, and one of the men was seen "touching the dog's penis with his hand," according to a prosecutor. However, Virginia law requires that the state prove "cruelty" to the dog, and the prosecutor, after consulting with veterinarians, concluded that he could not win the case.

Redneck Crime

- In Morehead, Ky., in December, two men, ages 44 and 18, were charged with theft for allegedly swiping an 18-inch-long bearded dragon lizard from the Eagles Landing Pet Hospital and trying, in two beverage stores, to exchange it for liquor.

- Daniel Gable, 61, was arrested for breaking and entering a neighbor's apartment in Fargo, N.D., in December. He had triggered the resident's "burglar alarm," which consisted of the stack of empty beer cans the resident places just inside his front door every night.

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SHEEP AND GOATS PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

An old B.C. comic strip holds down one corner of the picture window that looks in on the Dharma Bum temple — a whimsical accent tacked onto an otherwise serene and tasteful tableau

"Whatcha doing today?" one caveman asks another.

- "Nothing.
- "You did that yesterday."
- "I wasn't finished"

For Dharma Bum Jeff, who runs the temple's Sunday-night introductions to Buddhism, it's an example of Western culture illuminating Eastern wisdom. After the eight souls gathered into the temple's cozy loft have taken time to settle their minds by sitting and focusing on breathing, Jeff asks, "What did you do to make the mind so still? Nothing. We need to take time to do nothing and just sit. There

it down a little bit to recognize what's in your mind. The stillness...is your own mind's reaction to what's happening around you. What we're working on in meditation is learning to react quietly and peacefully. When you begin to settle the mind, you learn to adapt to whatever condition is around you, and that's where peace lies."

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As the evening progresses, he cites other examples: in Groundhog Day, Bill Murray escapes the endless repetition of Groundhog Day only after each of his intentions has been purified, and "everything in Buddhism is about intentions." When I ask about seeking pleasure

through drugs, he goes after the root cause of the desire for such pleasure: "More often than not, we use them to escape from our everyday situation. Look at the causes and conditions of your long week. Scene 23 of Fight Club, a very graphic but beautiful movie. Tyler Durden is holding a gun to the back of the head of a guy who works at a convenience store and asking, 'What do you want to do with your life?' If you want to work at a convenience store, beautiful. If not, find out what you want to do with your life. If you are doing what you want to do, then come Friday, you're fine. You don't need to let go" via drugs or alcohol. "Fun stuff. Welcome to Buddhism."

But let's back up, back

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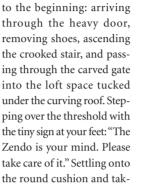
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probably the most important thing I'll say all night: 'Why are you here?""

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"the Zendo is your mind."

"To practice clearing my mind," comes a reply. "Peaceful, joyous, and free," comes another. "To sit."

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be concerned with understanding it. Just recite it, and eventually, it will...still confuse you." It's easy to see why he says this because it's hard to get your mind around thoughts like "form is precisely emptiness and emptiness precisely form." Jeff says that the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism are suffering, the cause of suffering, the cessation of suffering, and the path that leads to the cessation of suffering. And here is the Heart Sutra, telling us that "there is no suffering, no cause of suffering, no cessation of suffering, and no path." We close with the great mantra of wisdom: "Gate Gate Parasamgate Bodhi Svaha." (One possible translation: "Gone, gone beyond, gone utterly beyond. Enlightenment hail!")

"When you have a headache, do you forget to take Advil?" asks Jeff. "When you're hungry, do

you forget to eat? We want to bring ourselves to a place where we view meditation that way" ---as the remedy for our suffering, the "stress and anxiety and anger and sadness and depression" in our lives.

After the meditation, Jeff gives a short talk. "We talk a lot about the six paramitas here: generosity, morality, patience, diligence, concentration, and wisdom." Tonight's focus is on morality; specifically, the Five Precepts. "Roughly translated into English, they are: no lying, no killing, no stealing, no sexual misconduct, and no use of intoxicants, drugs, or alcohol. These precepts are not meant to put a burden on your life. They're there to help you achieve a state of liberation and end your suffering.'

He delves a little into the particulars of each. No lying includes withholding information. No killing means no killing - bugs included. "Be

"When you begin to settle the mind, you learn to adapt to whatever condition is around vou, and that's where peace lies."

mindful. Have compassion for the bug. And what right do we have to just kill?" No stealing includes stealing "people's time, energy, attention. Things that aren't ours, but the sense of self says, 'I want." As for sex, "We're not saying, 'Don't have sex.' We're saying, 'What are your intentions? Do you understand the causes and conditions that will result from these actions?" And intoxicants?

Intoxicants "cloud the mind. We want to settle the mind."

What about pleasure? "Is it really pleasure? What is it based in? A sense of self. A sense of physical enjoyment. The Heart Sutra talks about the senses — the things we see and touch and taste bring pleasure. What happens when we don't have that pleasure?" We seek it. And, says Jeff, "desire or craving is the cause of our suffering." What happens when we die?

From Jeff's talk: "The idea is to be liberated from a state of suffering, into a state of nirvana or peace, or bliss.... The cessation of suffering is nirvana, extinction." He also mentions karma and "the cycle of rebirth."

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