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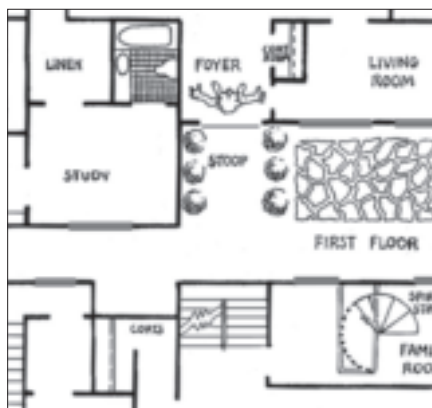
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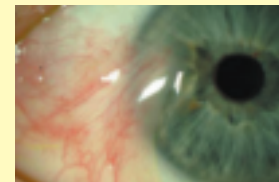
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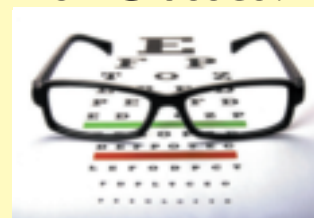


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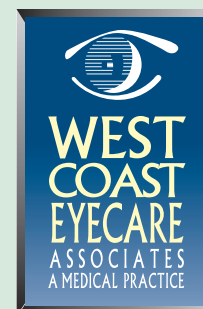
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Bob Filner

month courtesy of a tax-exempt group run by J Street, an advocacy organization that casts itself as a liberal alternative to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, known as Aipac, famous for its hard-line view of Palestinians. According to House travel-disclosure records, Filner traveled from Washington D.C. to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Amman, and Ramallah and returned to San Diego during a weeklong trip that began February 12. Travel expenses included \$5434 for

a business-class seat; lodging cost \$1749, with \$548 in meals and \$530 in "expediting fees at the airport and border crossing."

According to the disclosure, the trip's purpose was to "provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to achieve a more complex and nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict." During the Jordan leg of the trip, according to an advance itinerary, the group was to "receive a face-to-face introduction to the Separation Barrier and other major manifestations of the occupation." At another stop, labeled "Settlement Watch," tour members were scheduled to "get a first-hand look at the on-the-ground manifestation of settlement expansion and outpost development and its impact on Palestinian communities."

The J Street Education Fund, formerly known as the Union of Progressive Zionists, which paid for the trip, raised \$81,000 from unidentified sources in 2008, according to its 2009 IRS filing. J Street, its parent group — formerly known as Americans for Peace and Security for Israel — raised \$474,750.

In October, the *New York Times* reported that Obama administration national security advisor **James L. Jones** spoke at J Street's convention in Washington, while Israeli ambassador **Michael B. Oren** declined to attend.

Brown money Some powerful San Diego law firms lined up last week to contribute to Democratic state attorney general **Jerry Brown's** bid for governor. Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek, one of the city's best-connected legal and lobbying outfits, gave \$5000 on March 9. So did Andersen Mann Hilbert & Parker and Best Best & Krieger.



Jerry Brown

Years ago a top Seltzer Caplan client was the late **M. Larry Lawrence**, owner of the Hotel del Coronado and the county's most prolific Democratic donor. President **Bill Clinton** appointed him ambassador to Switzerland, and when he died in 1996 he was awarded a spot at Arlington cemetery. A year later, Lawrence's body had to be exhumed when it came to light that his record in the merchant marine was phony. According to January lobbyist filings, the firm's clients now include Fisher Property Group of Palm Beach, Florida, which plans to build a new hotel in Mission Valley; McMillin Land Development; Pardee Homes; Price Charities; and the Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

— Matt Potter

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What a Tangled Web We Weave

By Don Bauder

On or about October 17, 2008, Police Chief William Lansdowne was summoned to the office of an irate Mayor Jerry

Sanders. The mayor wanted to know how a criminal investigative report coauthored by one of Lansdowne's detectives, Dan Vile, had gotten into the hands of Scott Kessler, deputy director of the City's Economic Development Division, and to the City's Ethics Commission.

Earlier, Kessler had informed his superiors that he was cooperating with Vile and FBI agent Gerald Cook. Beginning in 2005, Vile and

tive investigative report had concluded that, among many things, Li Mandri and Man-



Marco Li Mandri:
Under investigation



Jerry Sanders:
Shielded Li Mandri



Bonnie Dumanis:
Refused to prosecute



Josh Gruenberg:
Kessler's attorney



Scott Kessler:
Fired from City post



Kris Michell:
Mayor's Machiavelli

refusal to prosecute Li Mandri and Mannino.

Not long after Lansdowne met with the mayor, Cook told Kessler that he could no longer talk with detective Vile, who had been disciplined.

Before 2008 was over, Kessler had been fired from his City post. After the axe fell,

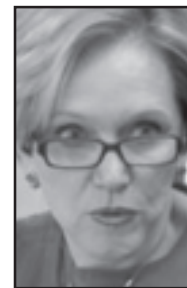
Cook had been investigating activities of Marco Li Mandri, a Little Italy powerhouse who had clout with the mayor, and Paul (Joe) Mannino, a fellow with a dubious past who had been conducting questionable business with Li Mandri in a San Diego business improvement district. Kessler was cooperating with the investigators because one of his jobs at the City was to monitor business improvement districts for fraud and irregularities. The exhaus-



Julie Dubick:
Derailed investigation



Fred Sainz:
Wizard of ooze



Nancy Graham:
CCDC head resigned

nino, using fraudulent procurement processes, had engaged in a conspiracy to misappropriate money.

The FBI/police criminal

he recalled three conversations he had had with Julie Dubick, the mayor's legislative director, between late 2007 and the spring of 2008. She had asked him several times how the investigation was going. Invariably she would end the conversations with her observations that so much time had elapsed she doubted

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Religious right activists have organized to take control...

Padres Have Zero Chance to Make Playoffs? On the back page of the Personal Journal section of Thursday's...

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School Fees Are Illegal

By Dorian Hargrove

On January 11, 43 students, parents, and school staff gathered inside the media center at Junipero Serra High School

in Tierrasanta for the monthly meeting of the School Site Council. The council sat in the middle of the room at four conjoined tables. Comprising three students, three parents, four teachers, a school counselor, and Principal Mike Jimenez, the council is charged with overseeing a plan to improve the school in accordance with state- and federally funded programs. All schools in San Diego Unified School District are required to have a school site council (SSC).

On the agenda for the January 11 meeting was an item entitled "SSC Membership." Written to the right of that was "Voting Item." No additional information was provided.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes were approved.

Then the "SSC Membership" item was introduced.

"I'd like to make a motion to remove Sally Smith from the council," said Principal Mike Jimenez.

"I second that motion," said the school counselor.

Several women in the audience, most wearing headphones to hear a Spanish translation, immediately began to protest. But the council's chair, Serra High School teacher and swim club administrator Suzie Fore, prohibited comment on the matter.

"Comments were allowed at the beginning of the meeting during public comment," said Fore.

"This is so vague — 'school site council membership' item. Why didn't you write that you were voting a member off? You need to inform people of the agenda item," said one person in the audience.

"*Es criminal*," uttered another woman from a table near the back of the room.



Sally Smith: removed because she was inconsiderate and rude to a student

"The agenda was published 72 hours before the meeting, as stated in our bylaws," said Fore, before prohibiting further discussion.

Principal Jimenez stated that the council should remove Smith because she was inconsiderate and rude to a student at a previous meeting. At the December meeting, a discussion about student fees had been held. Smith has actively opposed charging fees for curricular and extracurricular activities. One student on the council had voiced her concern that if the school did not collect fees, many extracurricular programs would be discontinued. After the student had finished speaking, Smith let out a loud chuckle. Then the student started to cry.

Principal Jimenez's motion

went to a vote. Fore distributed ballots to the 12 council members. Minutes later, the votes were tallied and Fore announced: "The motion passes 9 to 3 in favor of voting Sally Smith off the school site council."

Smith grabbed an overstuffed manila folder and walked to a table at the back of the room. She remained at that table, sitting with one of her supporters, until the meeting was adjourned. The only words she uttered occurred when the chairwoman asked if she would care to give a presentation to the council on another agenda item.

"No. Didn't you just vote me off?" Smith asked in a shrill voice.

Seven days before the council meeting, Smith walked into a small coffee shop in University Heights holding another overstuffed manila folder. A former divorce lawyer, Smith is slender and in her 50s. She wore blue jeans, a red César Chávez T-shirt, and a black cardigan. Her waist-length, dark brown hair was decorated with four brightly colored feathers, which she said represented her Native American ancestry.

The folder she carried was six inches thick, stuffed with examples of what Smith said were illegal fees. In her left hand she held a San Diego Unified School District poster that featured the word "honesty" in large letters. "See this? I'm trying to hold them accountable,

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Moth Captured Crop-Damaging Pest Sighted in S.D.

Bonsall — The California Department of Food and Agriculture says the first "light brown apple moth" (*Epiphyas postvittana*) to appear in San Diego has been trapped in a Bonsall lemon grove.



Light-brown apple moth makes appearance in Bonsall

Residents are being asked to report any sightings of the moth because a quarantine will be triggered if a second one is found.

The apple moth caterpillar damages fruit, vegetables, and trees by feeding on leaves, buds, and shoots. The greatest damage comes from larvae feeding on the fruit, causing brown areas on the fruit's surface.

A native of Australia, the moth has been found throughout California and is suspected of feeding on more than 2000 plants and 250 crops. Hosts include apples, blueberries, peaches, pears, strawberries, grapes, citrus fruit, cabbage, corn, peppers, and tomatoes.

By Craig Vansant
Thursday, March 11

All Cops on Deck DUI Checkpoint Busts 11 Drivers

National City — A multi-agency DUI and driver's-license checkpoint conducted during the late hours of March 5 and 6 in National City was a success, according to a Chula Vista Police Department news release.

The operation resulted in the arrests of 11 people for driving under the

influence, 2 of whom had prior DUI convictions. In addition, 27 vehicles were impounded from drivers who had no licenses.

The "Zero Tolerance" program is the 11th in a series of operations for the DUI Prosecution and Awareness Program funded by the California Office of Traffic

Safety.

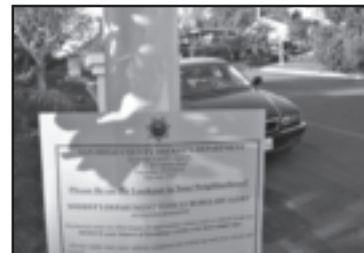
By Karina Hernandez
Tuesday, March 9

Crime and Crime Again

Spike in Thefts Prompts Police Warnings

Solana Beach — An area of Solana Beach is experiencing a mini crime wave, prompting the sheriff's department to go door-to-door, post flyers, and ask residents to be on the lookout for car burglars.

From February 1 to



Sheriff's department on lookout for car thieves in Solana Beach

March 9, 31 vehicle break-ins and thefts occurred in an area roughly from Via de la Valle north to Lomas Santa Fe Drive. In the previous two-month period, 15 similar crimes occurred.

By Kimberly Menshek
Thursday, March 11

Primed for Disaster

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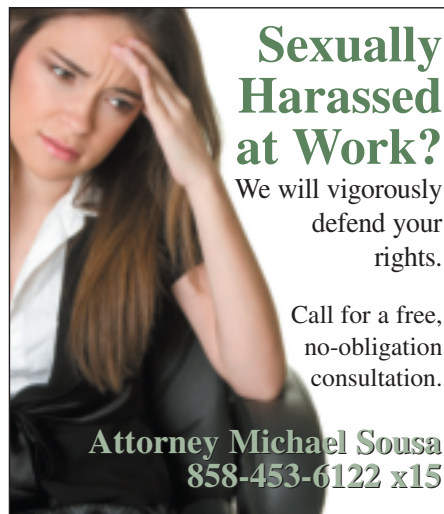
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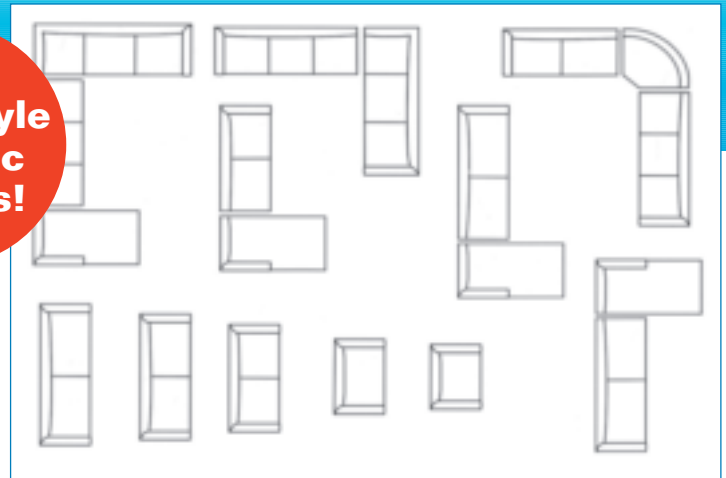
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there would be a prosecution. All along, Kessler had reported these conversations with Dubick to Vile and Cook.

Kessler is suing for wrongful termination and retaliation. In the issue of March 4, the *Reader* reported on the FBI/police report and Kessler's lawsuit. Both the investigative report and lawsuit were posted on the *Reader* website. Now, new allegations have arisen, including the story of the mayor allegedly dressing down the police chief; the apparent sanctioning of the detective; the account of the two investigators wondering if there had been communications between the mayor's and district attorney's offices on the decision not to prosecute Li Mandri and Mannino; and

an assertion that it was the mayor's office that fired Kessler.

The *Reader* has obtained a copy of Kessler's answers to 57 interrogatories posed by the city attorney's office, as well as copies of Li Mandri's communications with the mayor's office seeking relief from Kessler's restrictions on the Little Italy leader's allegedly self-serving activities.

Through Kessler's answers and those emails, more detail can be added to the story — a story that San Diegans might ponder soberly when considering the concept of a strong mayor and the outsourcing of government jobs to private-sector companies.

It was Bill Anderson, Kessler's boss, and Beth Murray, his eventual replacement, who specifically told Kessler not to cooperate with the criminal investigators. But according to the interroga-

tory responses, Murray told Kessler "that the directives she was relaying to [Kessler] were not her own but came directly from individuals in the mayor's office." Murray had previously told Kessler that Dubick and Kris Michell, the mayor's aide, had unreasonably criticized his attempts to curtail Li Mandri's questionable contracts. Anderson and Murray joked that they had to watch Kessler's back because of Dubick's and Michell's biting criticisms, according to the interrogatory responses.

Murray told Kessler that Michell and Dubick accepted at least some of Li Mandri's complaints about him, such as that Kessler was unduly harsh on Li Mandri and trying to ruin his reputation; that the FBI/police investigation was "an anti-Italian witch hunt"; and that Li Mandri "was unfairly caught up

in the investigation because of his association with Mannino," according to the interrogatory responses.

At one point, FBI agent Cook told Kessler of a rumor that he might be fired. Murray wondered if something uttered at a secret meeting she had attended had been leaked. She asked Kessler, "Do you think our offices are bugged?" Kessler asked her if she were serious. She replied, "Really, do you think the 11th floor [of City Hall] is bugged?" The offices of those indicted in the Strippergate scandals had been bugged, she pointed out.

At that point, Kessler asked Murray if there was talk around the office that he would be fired. She replied in the affirmative. According to the interrogatory responses, Murray said she didn't want to get into any trouble. She told Kessler that Phil Rath, the mayor's policy advisor, had said, "He hopes he never gets put under oath about what he's witnessed in the mayor's office regarding Li Mandri."

In a phone call, Anderson told Kessler that he was a public employee and had to take directions from his superiors. Kessler "wasn't a private citizen anymore and couldn't do what [he] wanted," said Anderson, according to the interrogatory responses. What's more, Kessler "didn't have to respond to questions [the investigators] posed right away."

As Kessler took more and more flak for providing the investigative report to the Ethics Commission, he went to Jay Goldstone, the City's chief operating officer. Goldstone told Kessler that "people were concerned that the mayor's office might get dragged into this now that the Ethics Commission has the report." Goldstone claimed he had not read the investigative report but said others had, including people in the mayor's office. Goldstone asserted that he supported Kessler and that the City should not "shoot the messenger," according to the interrogatory responses.

In one meeting, Michell,

the mayor's Machiavelli, told Kessler he had a "bad attitude" toward Li Mandri, according to the interrogatory responses. She also expressed her unhappiness that Kessler had disclosed that he was cooperating with the two investigators.

Dubick, Michell, and the mayor's former flack, Fred Sainz, told Kessler on several occasions not to share information with the city attorney's office. The city attorney at the time was Mike Aguirre, who sided with Kessler in his attempts to restrain Li Mandri. And the mayor's office hated Aguirre. But there was a political reason. Anderson told Kessler, "City Attorney Mike Aguirre might latch onto the [FBI/police] investigative report regarding Li Mandri as a campaign issue, which the mayor did not want to happen, since the election was two weeks away and City Attorney Aguirre's office had authored opinions critical of Mr. Li Mandri's contracting practices which often validated [Kessler's] actions and ran counter to what became the mayor's office's position," says Kessler in a response to an interrogatory.

Li Mandri was a political force in Little Italy and Sanders knew it, says Joshua Gruenberg, Kessler's lawyer. That's how Li Mandri kept getting contracts.

The new material shows that another person in this drama was none other than Nancy Graham, who resigned as head of Centre City Development Corporation in mid-2008. Her official explana-

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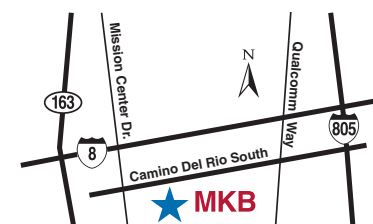
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tion was that she had to care for an ailing mother. But that wasn't the nub, or the rub. The Centre City board had chosen a company to do a big project at Seventh and Market. Graham had worked with the company while she was mayor of West Palm Beach and also as a private developer there. She claimed she was not involving herself in the Seventh and Market project, but it became clear that she was. Both Centre City and Aguirre investigated. She also faces charges that she did not reveal her relationship with another contractor.

Li Mandri in 2008 had attempted to wangle a \$250,000 parking contract for the nonprofit Little Italy Association. The mayor's office had concealed the deal from Kessler, who administered the community parking district program. (Community parking districts are managed by local nonprofits on behalf of the City to provide parking and transportation solutions. The funds are derived from 45 percent of parking meter revenue within the district.) Centre City managed the entire downtown community parking district for the City free of charge. Li Mandri proposed breaking off the portion in Little Italy and charging the City \$20,000 a year that would go to his for-profit company, New City America. Michell had told Graham to back Li Mandri in the deal, according to Kessler's interrogatories.

Li Mandri was steadily working on Graham. On

March 27, 2008, he wrote the mayor's policy advisor Phil Rath and Michell and boasted, "Nancy and I have a very good working relationship." He also noted that he was getting support from Kevin Faulconer, councilperson for the district.

The same month, Li Mandri peppered Rath with emails, trying to get the mayor's support for the parking district contract and wanting to be sure Kessler didn't put the kibosh on the proposal. In mid-2008, Li Mandri sent a letter to Sanders thanking him for his and Faulconer's support for the new Little Italy parking district. However, he was ordered to withdraw the proposal the week after Kessler gave the investigative report to the Ethics Commission, according to Gruenberg. (Li Mandri then managed to get a different juicy contract.) As a result of the entire Li Mandri flap, Anderson told Kessler that he had "really pissed off

the 11th floor."

Of course, throughout 2007 and 2008, Li Mandri was writing various members of the mayor's staff, blasting Kessler. In 2007, he was successfully trying to get meetings with the mayor's then-wizard of ooze Fred Sainz. According to Gruenberg, Sainz told Kessler that he was wrong about Li Mandri and that Kessler should focus on more problematic contractors.

Meanwhile, the FBI/police criminal report on Li Mandri and Mannino has gone nowhere with authorities. The city attorney's office is trying to get Kessler's suit dismissed. According to Gruenberg, the office is seeking the dismissal even though it has not deposed Kessler.

Dumanis's office refuses comment on the question of whether it communicated with the mayor's office in the decision not to prosecute Li Mandri and Mannino. The mayor's public relations representative, given a list of eight City Hall officials about whom the *Reader* wanted information, did not return calls, as usual. The city attorney's office, also told by voice mail specifically what the *Reader* requested, did not return calls. Police Chief Lansdowne declined to comment. ■

School Fees

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that's all," Smith said.

She was irritated and upset, not because she knew the council was going to vote her off at the following week's meeting but because, she said, school administrators would misstate the reason why they wanted her removed. It wasn't about her laughter at the student during the previous meeting, she contended. It was about her effort to see to it that the school observe the law and stop charging students illegal fees.

Serra High charged fees for uniforms, camps, donations for coaches (to augment

salaries), and spirit packs, required for all extracurricular activities. The school also charged fees for curricular activities: graphing calculators, physical education uniforms, and school supplies, plus students were required to purchase Associated Student Body cards.

Since 2006, Smith has spent hundreds of hours collecting examples of what she believes are illegal fees charged by San Diego Unified schools.

"This is a well-established practice," she said. "It is the mind-set of San Diego Unified School District. Every year parents receive a list of required supplies: calculators, pencils, the list goes on and on. The law is, curricular and extracurricular activities are an integral part of the education experience, and they must be funded by the school district. It's the law. The argument about whether the district should fund these activities took place 25 years ago."

At the café, in between bites of her chorizo burrito, Smith leafed through the hundreds of pages of documents from the manila folder. She stopped at a copy of a 1984 lawsuit, *Hartzell v. Connell*. It is this lawsuit, she said, that guarantees free education at public schools. "The free school guarantee reflects the people's judgment that a child's public education is too important to be left to the budgetary circumstances and decisions of individual families," read the California Supreme Court decision.

"This court holds that all educational activities — curricular or 'extracurricular' — must be free. Having a fee-waiver policy for needy students is not acceptable, the opinion said. "The stigma that results from recording some students as needy was recognized early in the struggle for free schools."

Smith then pulled out an August 26, 2009 story from the *Fresno Bee*. The article reported on a lawsuit that three families filed against the Clovis Unified School District for charging students

illegal fees. "This really got me going," said Smith as she handed over the clipping. However, Smith said she was not interested in filing suit against San Diego Unified. "My goal is to get the school district to follow the law. Education is supposed to be free, and the Clovis lawsuit is just another example why San Diego Unified needs to observe the law. If they aren't careful, they might find themselves in the same position as Clovis Unified did."

Smith spoke rapidly as she pulled from the folder more examples of school fees. One was a Serra High swim club handout in which the chair of the School Site Council and swim team administrator, Suzie Fore, informed students of team dues. "Team dues will cover the following items: swim suits, team shirts, and all related banquet costs (dinner, awards, gifts)," read the handout.

The team dues amounted to \$100, and that did not include a \$15 fee to attend the annual swim team banquet. "Cash or checks will be accepted," the handout continued. "Please make checks payable to Serra High School and write swim club on the memo line."


"I think some adults have lost their minds," said Smith.

Another example was a math course syllabus from the School of Creative and Performing Arts. Students were required to purchase notebook paper, a three-ring binder, and a \$100 TI-84 graphing calculator.

A third example was the Point Loma High Cheer handbook, which listed fees for Point Loma's cheerleading squad. Uniforms, music, signs, awards, and coaches' donations for one year amounted to more than \$500. For junior varsity, the cost exceeded \$800. And if the students wished to compete, that estimate increased by \$200 to \$300.

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Smith said that schools tried to skirt the law by calling a team a "club" or fees "donations." "It's semantics," Smith said. "People are creative, and there are no guidelines from the district."

But, she said, "Public schools have to provide the extracurricular and curricular activities that they can fund, period, with equal access to all children."

Being removed from the School Site Council was a minor defeat for Smith. Last fall she had a significant victory. In November, Smith filed 30 grievances with the

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district against 30 district teachers for charging fees to students. Smith has not received a response to her filing, but according to spokesman Jack Brandais, she was successful in getting San Diego Unified to change its policies. Days after she filed her grievances, the district released a set of guidelines regarding student fees. On the front page appears a summary of the rule: "The right of free access also prohibits mandated purchases of materials, supplies, equipment or uniforms associated with the activity, as well as the payment of security deposits for access, participation, materials, or equipment."

"Those fees are gone," said Brandais during a January 15 phone interview. "It is going to be more difficult. Parents can certainly donate to the program, but because of the state law, students that participate cannot be required to pay for things."

"Kids can do car washes,

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but schools can no longer say they have to pay for this or that," said Brandais. "It is going to put some pressure on [the schools]. Things have gotten more expensive over the years, and the teams will have to wash a lot more cars."

Asked whether the new policy will result in fewer school activities, Brandais responded, "I think they will have to reevaluate, because they will have to restructure everything."

Despite the assurance from Brandais, Smith remained skeptical that the district would be able to enforce the new guidelines. "I want to see budgets for school sites, that's where the money is supposed to go for the activities," wrote Smith in a January 15 email. "The district posted the fees guidelines, so what? It's difficult to find. It's been the law for twenty-five years."

Smith said she would continue to monitor San Diego Unified, but she also planned to contest fees at other schools.

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She said that the practice of charging student fees is widespread in the county's 42 districts.

In Poway Unified School District, to take one example, the Poway High band curriculum lists the cost of uniforms and other required attire at \$500; Del Norte High students are required to purchase TI-84 graphing calculators for a precalculus math course.

Despite the listed fees, the district says the charges are optional. "Overall, [Poway Unified School District] doesn't charge fees," said Sharon Raffer, the district's spokesperson. "We ask for donations. If the student does not donate, the student still participates in extracurricular activities and in classes. Even our transportation fees for athletics are considered donations. And if students don't have calculators, then we provide them."

Diane "Sunny" Goodwin offered a teacher's perspective. She's taught kids for 41 years, most of those in the Oceanside Unified School District, and she continues to tutor children at her private tutoring facility, Sunny Day Tutoring Services, in Oceanside.

"In most cases, especially

at the elementary level," she said, "the request for supplies comes because the supply budgets have been cut too deeply at this point, that most teachers are spending hundreds to thousands of dollars of their own money to subsidize the supplies for students. I [spent] about \$3000 to \$5000 per year of my own money for classroom supplies, instructional materials, rewards, special events, and I often paid for students who could not afford the money requested to pay for buses for field trips.

"I believe the schools are justified in asking for students to pay for individual materials they can have at their personal, private disposal," she said.

Goodwin believes that students who choose to participate in an extracurricular activity should pay for it, the same as they would if the activity weren't held at the school.

Smith disagrees: "It's the law. You can't charge a fee to the students, because there's a constitutional right to free education. If schools can't afford it, then they shouldn't offer it. It's as simple as that." ■

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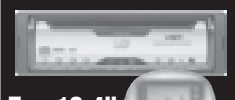
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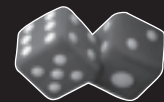
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the station reopened on March 8.

Built in the early '60s, the station was considered outdated and in need of repair or replacement. Among the improvements were individual dorms, an exercise room, new heating and ventilation systems, abatement of hazardous materials, improved accessibility, installation of fire-protection systems, and building upgrades to meet earthquake standards.

The cost for the remodel is estimated at \$1.4 million and will be partially funded by Proposition D, the Fire, Police, and Emergency Services Bond Measure approved by residents in 2004.

By Nathaniel Uy
 Thursday, March 11

Pay Cuts and Pink Slips

Teachers, Parents Protest 8 Percent Salary Cuts Chula Vista—Pay cuts and pink slips were the hot topic at the Chula Vista Elementary School District board meeting on March 9. Teachers, parents, and students waved signs with slogans such as "Cuts Hurt Kids" in the packed house; they are protesting a proposed 8 percent across-the-board salary reduction for district teachers and employees next school year.

Superintendent Lowell J. Billings sent a letter out to parents last month stating that a \$2 million reduction would also be implemented at the district office to help close the 15-million-dollar gap.

"CVESD must make ends meet," Billings wrote in the letter. "Everyone must sacrifice to make this work."

At the meeting, however, teachers and parents didn't seem to buy the idea that the pay cuts are the best option to serve children or that it's fair to

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teachers. A father, in addressing the board, said that he would rather pay for the teachers' salaries than the board members.

Many voiced concerns over teachers who already spend extra time and money out-of-pocket for their classes. Also discussed that night were 455 positions on the chopping block, which included 374 K-6 general education teachers.

By Karina Hernandez
 Thursday, March 11

We Don't Want to Modernize

Council Says No to Development Initiative

Hillcrest—The Hillcrest Town Council held a meeting on March 9 with 45 community members in attendance.

Councilmember Roy Dahl outlined the Council Development Committee's design principles as they pertain to Hillcrest business-district development.

"The state's 'Smart Growth' [Initiative] has a bull's-eye on Hillcrest," said Dahl. "The City's height ordinance will soon expire for the Uptown district, so we're proposing 35 feet along the street in the heart of Hillcrest."

California's Smart Growth Initiative, introduced in 2000, is intended to determine the barriers to "smart growth" and single out solutions to advance a unified growth agenda.

"Hillcrest is twice as dense as any neighborhood in San Diego. We don't need density. We don't want to modernize. We don't want to tear down these old charming structures," said an attendee.

By Carolyn Grace Matteo
 Thursday, March 11

Too Intense House Fire Claims Two Lives

Encinitas—On the evening of March 8, a fire broke out in an older home in the 1000 block of Regal Road.

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It quickly became deadly.

Twenty-nine fire and paramedic personnel from Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach, and Vista arrived at the single-story house fire, which was reported at around 7:30 p.m.

When the first units arrived, the house was fully engulfed in flames. Firefighters learned that there were two occupants in the home, one wheelchair-bound. Deputy chief Scott Henry of the Encinitas Fire Department said, "We did everything we could to get to them." The fire was too intense.

When I arrived at 8:30 p.m., the fire was mostly out, but a large expanse of white smoke continued to fill the neighborhood to the east.

Firefighters somehow prevented the flames from igniting the numerous mature trees that surrounded the home and hung over the roof. If the trees had gone up, the fire would have easily spread to other homes.

On the morning of March 9, about 15 family members and friends of the deceased gathered at the Carl's Jr. parking lot to remember their loved ones: Nick Rodriguez and the home's owner, Edna Lambert. Both residents were in their 80s. Mrs. Lambert had owned the home since the early 1960s.

By Ken Harrison
 Thursday, March 11

Cops Green-Light Innertubapalooza

Police and Lifeguards Brace for Raft Party

Mission Beach—Spring break is approaching, and the impending "Innertubapalooza" was the highlight of the March 10 Mission Beach Town Council meeting.

In 2009, locals coined the title "Innertubapalooza" for the floating parties that take place on Sail Bay. Spring-breakers have



A familiar face near Mira Mesa Boulevard

lounded on various-sized rafts, inner tubes, and other floating devices in Sail Bay for the past two years as a way of circumventing the beach alcohol ban; due to a loophole in the law, drinking on rafts is legal.

Last year, over 3000 spring-breakers took part in Innertubapalooza. Police and lifeguards had their work cut out for them with regards to safety issues: 50 citations were handed out, and lifeguards performed 18 water rescues. It is anticipated that this year's event will present worse scenarios due to the recent cuts in the police force and lifeguard staff.

By Carolyn Grace Matteo
Thursday, March 11

Median Income

Residents Raise
Panhandling Issue

Mira Mesa — On March 7, two panhandlers were stationed at the intersection of Mira Mesa Boulevard and Westview Parkway. An elderly man limped up and down the narrow median on Westview Parkway, using a cane and holding a cardboard sign. Another stood on the median of Mira Mesa Boulevard.

Mira Mesa residents have become familiar with the almost daily presence of panhandlers on or around major intersections. Some people in the area have grown impatient with their constant presence and consider them a distraction and safety haz-

ard to motorists.

The issue of panhandling was recently addressed at a Mira Mesa Town Council meeting. According to San Diego police, people are free to stand on the raised median. However, police are advising residents that people who are panhandling aggressively may be taken in with a citizen-initiated arrest.

When asked if a motorist would be at fault if they were to hit a panhandler by accident, SDPD officer Susan Steffen said, "The pedestrian is at fault if they leave the median."

By Nathaniel Uy
Wednesday, March 10

Pinniped Predicament

Council to Decide Fate
of Children's Pool

La Jolla — The issue of seals at La Jolla Children's Pool resurfaced in a March 17 agenda item on the Natural Resources and Culture Committee docket. The committee will look into three different options. The first would restrict access to the beach during pupping season, which runs from January to mid-April. The second would be to leave the rope that runs the length of the beach up year-round. The third alternative is that the council designates the Children's Pool a "marine mammal park."

For people fighting to restore the beach to a joint-use beach, without rope

barricades and without harassment by seal activists, the new ordinance is an example of city officials disregarding the rights of its citizens.

"All we want to do is share the beach with seals like we have shared it for decades," writes John Leek, secretary for San Diego's Council of Divers. "We are willing to share and the seals are willing to share, why are the activists so selfish and greedy? They stole the treasure from the children, now they won't share it with anybody."

By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, March 11

Citizens Sour on Lemon Grove?

City Discusses Tax
Increases to Fix Budget

Lemon Grove — Dozens of residents assembled inside the Lemon Grove community center for the city council's March 9 meeting. On the docket for the night was the city's \$987,000 budget shortfall and whether the council supports raising the sales tax by a half cent and increasing the hotel tax by four percent to bring needed revenues to the city's general fund.

Councilmember Mary England and Mayor Mary Teresa Sessom acknowledged the city's sour finances but did not support increasing sales tax until serious budget reforms are adopted. The remaining three council members thought residents should step up and help the city out.

Councilmember George Gastil pleaded with residents to "throw some pennies our way to help save our city," and councilmember Jerry Jones said the increase in taxes would allow the "breathing space needed to get to a long-term fix."

Despite Jones's support of raising taxes, he voted against declaring a

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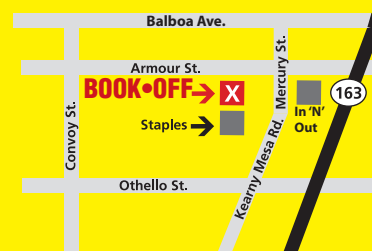


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fiscal emergency.

By Dorian Hargrove

Wednesday, March 10

Know Thy Neighbor Police Hold Crime-Prevention Meeting

Chula Vista — The Chula Vista Police Department hosted a March 13 meeting at Hilltop Middle School, presenting crime information about the city to approximately 200 community members. The meeting's objective was to help people feel safe in the wake of recent crimes against females.

In the South County, a female jogger was attacked on March 3 in McCandliss Park. Lieutenant Phil Collum called the crime an "anomaly." Two men repeatedly punched and kicked the victim in the head and stomach before running off. She is now recovering, but the attackers remain at large.

McCandliss Park is located one mile east of where the meeting took place, an area of Chula Vista that sees little crime, according to police statistics. Collum said Chula Vista, the second-largest city in the county, is safe and has seen an 11 percent decrease in violent crime from last year.

By Karina Hernandez

Saturday, March 13

Toxic Waste Is History Contaminated Buildings Face Demolition

Downtown — The deadline looms for aviation and architectural buffs to claim a piece of San Diego history. Chandeliers, floors, decals, and aviation emblems are among the items offered as the Port of San Diego prepares to demolish the old Teledyne Ryan buildings on North Harbor Drive.

The buildings, 17 of which are considered historically significant, are

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Police call McCandliss Park attack an "anomaly"

also highly contaminated with hazardous chemicals that threaten the bay.

On June 1, Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), a historic preservation group interested in stopping the demolition, is scheduled to meet a couple of agencies in superior court.

The preservationists point out that several of the structures are designated as a Ryan Aeronautical Co. Historical District. The company's founder, T. Claude Ryan, was involved in creating Lindbergh Field and in the construction of the plane Charles Lindbergh piloted across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927.

But according to Marguerite Elicone, a spokesperson for the Port, "SOHO hasn't presented any plans on how to remove the contaminants from the buildings that they'd like to see preserved."

Port commissioners discussed the urgency of the timeline for demolition at a January meeting, stating that the buildings shed their content, continue to deteriorate, and are a source of potential contamination to the soil, groundwater, San Diego Bay, and the Convair Lagoon.

By Sheila Pell
 Tuesday, March 9

RATT Roundup
51 Charged in S.D. Car Theft Sting
Downtown — As a result of "Operation Hotel Cal-

ifornia," a six-month-long investigation, the San Diego County Grand Jury has indicted 51 defendants on charges of auto theft, selling stolen vehicles, sale of controlled substances, carjacking, residential burglary, and identity theft.

The operation allowed the Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT) and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) to join forces in response to community concern over increased auto theft. Evidence seized included 46 stolen cars and drugs such as cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy, Oxycontin, and heroin.

"San Diego ranks fourth in the nation for auto theft, which is why the ongoing work by this task force is so important," said District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis in a press release.

"After reports that car thieves were targeting areas in and around military housing, NCIS felt it was important to get involved," said special agent-in-charge Jeffrey Morrow.

In 2005, 27,767 vehicles were stolen in San Diego County. The theft rate for 2009 was less than 16,000 vehicles, a reduction of more than 40 percent during the past four years.

By Craig Vansant
 Tuesday, March 9

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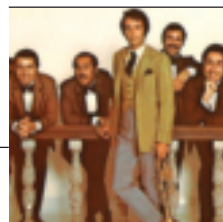
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MESSAGES FROM TIJUANA

by Rene Peralta

TIJUANA WAS GROWING UP FROM A ROUGH PAST AS THE CALIFORNIA PLAYGROUND IN OLD MEXICO — OR AS “AMERICA’S BARGAIN-BASEMENT OF SIN.”



Herb Alpert: Inspired by the sounds of Mexico, not so much the music



Carlos Arruza: The bull-fighter Alpert came to Tijuana to watch in 1962



Jelly Roll Morton: He wrote “Kansas City Stomp” in a TJ bar.

Looking for Herb

Every Christmas Eve, my family gets together at my mother’s house in a Tijuana middle-class suburb near the old Caliente Racetrack to have tamales, turkey, and liters of *calientitos* (Mexican Christmas punch). We wait for the midnight hour to open presents. This traditional ceremony has a soundtrack, and in Tijuana it is not the sound of Villancicos Navideños, but more in tune with the sounds of *Christmas with the Rat Pack*, Nat King Cole’s “Christmas Song,” and Elvis’s *It’s Christmas Time*. It is not *Navidad* until we play Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass’s *Christmas Album*.

Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass (TJB) released *Christmas Album* in 1968, around the same time my mother’s home and the community of Las Palmas were built by Don Raymundo Muzquiz, a developer

who practically owned most of Tijuana. To this day, we still carry the TJB *Christmas Album* on our iPods and play it during the *posada* season at our house (a nine-day celebration from December 16 through 24).

The TJB was not only a band that borrowed the city’s name: their sound became synonymous with a desire for a metropolitan Tijuana, a city that might be similar to San Diego, yet one that maintained its Latin roots with south-of-the-border charm. During the ’70s, the band’s music became the soundtrack for a couple of local TV shows, including *Tijuana Window to the South*.

During this time, Tijuana was growing at an accelerated rate due to the maquiladora program that began in 1965 and lured migrants from the southern states of Mexico and Central and South America. Tijuana grew from 165,690 in

1960 to 340,383 in 1970. The image and collective urban memory of the city morphed from utopia to dystopia...or from modern metropolis to the poster child of informal development.

The Tijuana sound climaxed with the TJB and gave way to other musical manifestations such as *norteño*, influenced by the musical tastes of migrants from southern Mexico who were more in tune with the realities of low-wage labor, haphazard planning, and squatter communities. A prominent local rock-and-roll scene was in the making and gave way to Tijuana groups such as the Tijuana Five, Dugs Dugs, and Javier Bátiz, longtime friend of Carlos Santana. Later came the *narco corridos*, musical tales that depicted the lives and misdeeds of drug cartels that began to set up shop in the ’80s.

The TJ Sound

The Tijuana sound had been in the making way before Herb Alpert set foot in Tijuana for the first time in 1962 to experience the sound and atmosphere of *la fiesta brava* (bullfights) in the bullring known as El Toreo de Tijuana. During the 1920s, many bars and cabarets that catered to visitors from California during Prohibition had musical acts. Musicians came to the city from the north and south, looking for work in American-owned establishments.

Jelly Roll Morton wrote his famous “Kansas City Stomp” while working at the Kansas City bar in Tijuana and was probably lured by TJ not only

by the work but also because of gambling, horse racing, boxing matches, cockfighting, and bullfighting, the same blood-fest attraction that caught the attention of Herb Alpert 40 years later.

As the temptation of vice and inebriated recreation became part of the image of Tijuana, many musicians came down to work in the casinos and bars along Avenida Revolución. By the 1960s, Tijuana’s musical bandwagon was full force, and other famous jazz musicians began to show up and create their version of the Tijuana sound.

In 1962, Charles Mingus recorded *Tijuana Moods*, an

album that he described as his best work. He was followed by Clark Terry and Gary McFarland with their *Tijuana Jazz* album, recorded in 1965, the same year Alpert released *Whipped Cream and Other Delights* (with model Dolores Erickson wearing nothing but whipped cream on the cover).

Alpert continued to write hit after hit; he won seven Grammys and sold more than 72 million records worldwide with Tijuana Brass, a band that did not include Mexicans or musicians from Tijuana. The band’s inspiration from Tijuana was more atmospheric than physical. Alpert remembered in a 1979 interview that one day in

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1962 he came down to Tijuana from Los Angeles to watch the Mexican bullfighter Carlos Arruza and was inspired by the sounds of Mexico and not so much by the music. The bullring band of the time was led by Miguel Bravo, a well-known local musician who was good friends with Rafael Mendez, one of Mexico's most famous trumpet players and an inspiration to Alpert. Mendez would show up for the bullfights and sometimes play with the band. Mendez's virtuoso sound might have been in the air when Alpert made that trip to see the great Arruza swing his cape.

The TJB broke up in 1969; their last record together was *The Brass Are Coming*. But the Brass never came back to Tijuana. So began the legend of Alpert and his *muchachos* that circulates to this day. Some of the stories relate that Alpert was Brazilian or that the Tijuana Brass was all mariachi players from Plaza Santa Celia, where — on the corner of Revolution Avenue and First Street — mariachi bands eagerly await to be hired for a gig. One still-prominent rumor is that Herb Alpert is a *tijuanense*.

The Brass reunited in 1974 with new musicians, but the band played only for a year and a half before calling it quits. The traces that we have of the TJB in Tijuana are their promotional images, album covers, and music videos shot among the city's most emblematic architecture. The music video for Alpert's first hit ("The Lonely Bull") was shot in 1962 with an empty Torea de Tijuana as stage and ghostly recordings of large crowds. He returned to shoot a few more videos for the songs "Spanish Flea" and

"Mexican Shuffle," with large Tijuana crowds and bullfights and great shots of the city, which in those days was expanding toward the east.

The video for "Tijuana Taxi" was shot at the Caliente Racetrack, probably when Mr. Johnny S. Alessio ran the place and made it into the biggest legal gambling business in North America. Alessio was also the "A" of Mr. A's, the famous San Diego restaurant. (Alpert was the "A" of A&M records, a very successful independent record company he created with Jerry Moss in 1962.)

Out on the street today, the old-guard Tijuana musicians still haven't passed a verdict on Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass's influence and importance in the musical history of the city. Some of the musicians who used to play on Revolution Avenue during the 1950s and '60s vaguely remember Alpert and his Americachi sound. Some describe him as either a great ambassador of the Tijuana sound or a backstabbing gringo that came and used Tijuana like any other *turista* comes for a one-night stay of cheap thrills. Other rumors say Alpert honed his chops on the trumpet while playing with a mariachi band at the Foreign Club Café. There is even an image of Alpert with a group of mariachi musicians on the back cover of the *Lonely Bull* album, yet Alpert himself says that it was shot strictly for the album cover design:

"That was a group that...at this bullfight, there was this place in Tijuana called the Caesar...a hotel. It's where Caesar salad was invented. [Laughs.] Since you asked for a little bit of trivia, I have some of my own, man!

There was a mariachi group playing there. I was a hit in Tijuana at that point, too. So, I went down on a Sunday after we had finished the album and took a picture of these guys and Jerry [Moss] thought it would be a good idea to have them on the album."

One member of the famous Tijuana Latin jazz group the Travelers, a band that became a sensation in San Diego, mentions that while listening to the TJB he did not feel too much enthusiasm for the gringo-light Latin rhythms.

Gabriel Bravo, a pianist that used to have a jazz trio in the '60s and is the son of Miguel Bravo (the first bullring bandleader), remembers that his band's repertoire included "A Taste of Honey" (from the album *Whipped Cream and other Delights*) and a few other TJB hits that tourists requested as if they were home-grown Tijuana tunes. Gabriel sits today four days a week at a piano playing jazz standards in an Italian restaurant in the Zona Rio of Tijuana, a one-man legacy of the days of cabarets, bars, bullfights, and the Tijuana sound.

Waiting for Herb

The mixed feeling toward Herb Alpert and his relationship (or lack of) with Tijuana is a never-ending topic with the musician *viejos* of the city. Undoubtedly, Alpert created a mythical vision of Tijuana with his sound and contributed to the already dynamic musical history of the town. But there is an interesting relationship between the success of the TJB with the image of the city and its dream of the future that was distinct during the late 1960s and early '70s.

Tijuana was growing up from a rough and bewildering past as the California playground in Old Mexico — or as "America's bargain-basement of sin," as Hollywood once dubbed the city. The city was on a journey into adulthood, and the sound of the TJB was the soundtrack created by the idea of being modern — utopia embodied by the sound of a trumpet. Today it doesn't matter if Herb and his band spent time with their adopted city because all myths regarding this city tend to be larger than Tijuana itself.

From Jelly Roll Morton to the Agua Caliente Casino and the Caesar salad, the Tijuana Brass is part of the legend that Tijuana relies on for a bit of sanity in our current and post 9/11 world of Operation Gatekeeper, NAFTA, drug-cartel violence, and ubiquitous squatter urbanism. The TJB continues to be heard in Tijuana, and in my family it will probably continue to be the soundtrack of Christmas until the younger members make their stand and dedicate the night to Lady Gaga, the Nortec Collective, or Julieta Venegas. Today, I think the city is ready for a good shot of brass-sounding retro-utopia, so if you're listening, Mr. Alpert, there is still a Tijuana taxi to welcome you into the city one more time.

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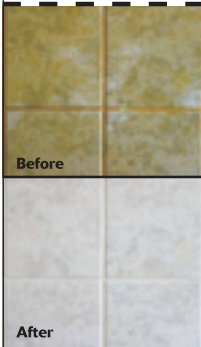


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The Black Man Is Black

In response to Moss Gropen's piece on the recent racial uproar at UCSD ("Media Hawk," March 11), I would like to make a quick correction. Ironically, in a paragraph where the author accuses others of "egregious journalistic failures," he wrongly claims that "Jiggaboo Jones" was "the impresario of the Compton Cookout" (the party that started the initial outrage here in the UCSD community).

For those of you that don't know him (and it's better that you don't), Mr. Jones is

an African American YouTube personality. Like the black-face minstrels of old that were phenotypically black, Mr. Jones is attempting to make a living by performing demeaning stereotypes of blacks.

Contrary to Mr. Jones's claims that he somehow organized the Compton Cookout at UCSD, the fact is that he had no hand in it. His only connection to the event is that the organizers grabbed a picture of Mr. Jones and used it in the original Facebook event invitation. Later, as the media picked up on the ordeal and identified him as the man in the picture, Mr. Jones began to claim after the fact that he was the creative author of the "cookout." This was purely an attempt to use the media spotlight to his advantage and try to get some name recognition. Unfortunately, some journalists fell for it.

Mr. Gropen could have known this if he had simply interviewed any of the people who organized or attended the event. Instead, he relied on Mr. Jones's own declarations.

Since Mr. Gropen's arti-

cle is all about media integrity in their coverage of UCSD's current racial emergency, I urge the editors to print a correction to the story in your next issue.

Jose Fuste
via email

KKKaos

"Arguably, the missing details — omitted intentionally, it appears — constitute an even more egregious journalistic failure than the (somewhat) subtler shading" — Moss Gropen ("Media Hawk," March 11)

Gropen, you should "turn on the heat" and do some fact-checking to "shed some [real] light."

First, you forgot to mention that when the KKKoala went on air that morning — a rogue broadcast that was unsanctioned by the student-run TV (SRTV) — besides defending their racist rhetoric and actions, the KKKoala also stated that the black student population at UCSD was a bunch of "ungrateful NIGGERS." Also, omitted from your account of the broadcast was that on the floor of the SRTV set, after the building was inspected, a note was found that said "Compton Lynching." Now, these omissions might avail a simple defense; however, the KKKoala (as a publicly funded organization) is creating an environment of fear and loathing at UCSD, and this hate has quickly shifted to other UC campuses (i.e., UCD, UCI). Certainly, physical violence has not been a factor at UCSD. However, for the students of color that do

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BACK WHEN *in the Reader*

Thirty-Five Years Ago

I saw the Miracle today, the one, that is, at the Israelite Church of God in Christ on 32nd and L Street. I'm not usually one for miracles...the usual stuff like bleeding statues and mysteriously displaced boulders. So, when the newscasters explained that the miracle on 32nd Street, the image of a cross through a bathroom window, would disappear with the flick of a light switch, my mind was put to ease. That is, until I realized this thing has been in the news for three days, people are still streaming to see it, the sidewalks of a typically-avoided neighborhood are overflowing, and four cops have been sent in not to stop the riots but to control the traffic.

— "MIRACLE ON 32ND STREET," *Judith Lin, March 20, 1975*

Thirty Years Ago

Like nearly every creative genius before him, Mike Pitzel would like to explain his creation to curious laymen. After all, it really *is* so simple, this Trimobius. Just imagine a Mobius band constructed in a closed surface. A Mobius band, of course, is that mathematical improbability — a one-sided surface. It ranks alongside that other geometric unicorn, the Klein bottle, which has no inside or outside.

— CITY LIGHTS: "SO THIS IS WHAT THEY THOUGHT OF NEXT," *Mark Orwoll, March 20, 1980*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

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— SPORTS, *Bill Owens, March 21, 1985*

Twenty Years Ago

Why does Larry Mendte, the Channel 8 weatherman, show snowflakes with eight points on his weather map? Is this some subliminal message to watch Channel 8?

Those Channel 8 flakes really are eight-sided, defying all laws of nature, which dictates six-sided ice crystals. Channel 10's flakes have the proper number of points:

Channel 39's have six points plus what appear to be two little knobs where, perhaps, someone has lopped off the extras.

In truth, the graphics for Channel 8's weather map are part of a package sold by a company in Boston.

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice,*

March 22, 1990



San Diego Reader, March 20, 1980

Fifteen Years Ago

The controversial Mission Valley trolley extension moved one step closer to completion last week, despite growing concern that the project is a huge waste of money. As it stands, the trolley is nearly \$100 million over budget. Critics say it cuts through a dangerous flood plain and will transport only 5000 passengers per

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— CITY LIGHTS: "CLANG-CLANG GOES THE TROLLEY LOBBY," *Melinda Powelson, March 16, 1995*

Ten Years Ago

I can't believe you called the FBI after receiving dead fish from John Moores and Larry Lucchino. What were you trying to prove?

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— LETTERS: "LISTEN!" *William Bradshaw, Pacific Beach, March 16, 2000*

Five Years Ago

The City of San Diego has a website that contains a list of 706 local buildings supposedly built out of unreinforced masonry. On this list, you'll find such prominent structures as the La Jolla Arcade, the venerable complex that lends charm to the intersection of Girard Avenue and Prospect Street. There's the building at 3325 Adams Avenue that once housed a movie theater (and now contains a discount fabric store). In Ocean Beach, Hodad's restaurant and The Black inhabit buildings on this list. Dozens of downtown buildings are listed.

— "DEATH TRAPS," *Jeannette De Wyze, March 17, 2005*

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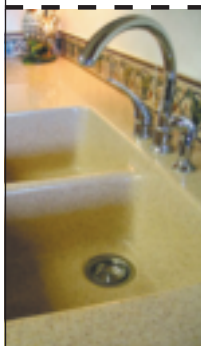


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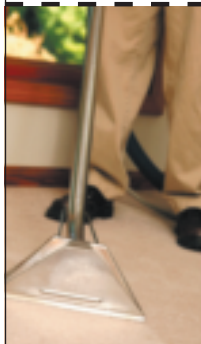


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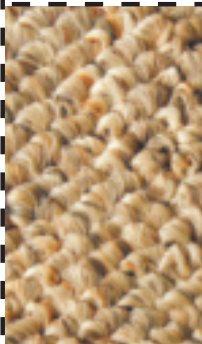
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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Snack Time



I read the NCAA is thinking about changing its postseason basketball tournament to a 96-team format and mutter to self, “The Rapacious Evil that is the NCAA.” Said Rapacious Evil has a working monopoly on Division I athletics. It’s a good deal for them — they use world-class athletes for nothing and charge world media whatever the market will bear.

The NCAA has 3 years left on an 11-year, six-billion-dollar contract with CBS. CBS has rights to 81 NCAA...as they say, “properties.” One of those properties is the Men’s Division I Basketball Tournament, known to many by that fingernails-on-blackboard hack phrase “March Madness.”

Because they could, the NCAA placed a clause in their contract with CBS that says they can opt out between April 6 and August 31 of this year and incur no penalty. So, the play is, opt out, put 96 tournament games on the table, demand billions more.

We should now gather ’round the campfire, beat our drums, and sing songs of mourning for the noble NIT, the National Invitation Tournament. The NIT was born in 1938. This was *the* men’s postseason tournament: the champion was acknowledged as national champion.

Sometime in the 1950s that changed — the NCAA’s tournament became dominant and the NIT turned into a tournament teams went to when the couldn’t get into the Rapacious Evil’s corporate barbecue. Nowadays, the NIT is rooted in a distant-but-honorable second place.

This beaten-down NIT tournament, founded by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association for Zeus’s sake, looks to be diminished even more as Rapacious Evil adds 32 teams to their postseason tournament. This expansion will immediately and negatively impact the NIT.

Somebody ought to sue.

Somebody did. As part of a 2005 settlement, the NCAA bought the NIT; or, more precisely, bought ten-year rights to the NIT for \$56.5 million, the sum to be paid over ten years.

One wonders, why would anyone buy ten-year rights? Why not buy the NIT outright?

Surely, it’s only a coincidence that the NIT had sued the NCAA arguing that it was compelling college teams to accept their tournament invitations even if aforementioned colleges preferred to play in the NIT. “Antitrust” is an ugly word. It was also argued that the NCAA’s expansion to a 65-team format was specifically devised to bankrupt the NIT.

The case went to trial; in fact, it was being argued in a Manhattan federal courtroom when the parties agreed to terms. The NIT had been owned by Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee/Association (MIBA) since 1940. The MIBA consisted of New York University, Fordham University, Manhattan College, Wagner College, and St. John’s University. As part of the settlement, the MIBA agreed to disband for ten years. Seems like an odd clause.

We’re five years into MIBA’s nonexistence. This might be an especially good time for the NCAA to think about expanding their March tournament to 250 teams, especially since it looks like nobody is likely to sue, what with the MIBA being disbanded and all.

The already obscenely bloated Rapacious Evil becomes elephantine, yet still has an appetite to eat all the leftovers. Or not.

Introducing the College Basketball Invitational (CBI) Tournament, now in its third year. It’s a postseason Division I basketball tournament, fields 16 teams that didn’t get invited to the NCAA or NIT tournaments. The CBI tournament begins March 16; it’s a single-elimination tournament until the championship round, which, in a nice touch, is a best-of-three series.

This is a straight-up corporate event produced by the Gazelle Group, which, according to their website, “...is a sports marketing firm located in Princeton, N.J., specializing in event production/management, client representation, and sponsorship consulting.”

Colleges pay \$50,000 for the right to host a game. All games are played on college campuses and most will be broadcast by HDNet. Granted, it sounds low-rent, but regard the schools that played in last year’s tournament: Stanford, Wyoming, Oregon State, St. John’s, Wichita State, UTEP, Nevada, Boise State...all familiar Division I names.

This is a shocking development. Apparently, the NCAA has left enough shake on the table to feed another mouth. Do that and the next thing you know, another tournament parasite will want to snack.

Introducing the *CollegeInsider.Com* Postseason Tournament (CIT). This is a second postseason tournament, also starts March 16, also fields 16 teams, also plays on college campuses.

The CIT is for mid-majors. Games are streamed on *b2tv.com*. Sounds low-low rent, but again, you’ll recognize most 2010 participants, to wit: Harvard, Louisiana Tech, George Mason, Creighton, Appalachian State, Portland, Missouri State, and Loyola Marymount.

Compete with the NCAA? One hopes. As Lao-Tzu said, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

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fast break

By Anthony Gentile



Lincoln forward Victor Dean goes up for a shot against Pasadena forward Tyler Barber

Lincoln shows no mercy against Pasadena in regional semis

Posted March 14, 2010

In the state playoffs, nothing is supposed to be easy. On Saturday night in the Division II SoCal Regional Semifinals, Lincoln certainly made it look easy, drubbing visiting Pasadena 81-45 to take their next step toward a state title.

Said Lincoln guard Norman Powell, “We all got on the same page and said, ‘Let’s go out here and crush them.’”

And that is exactly what second-seed Lincoln did, grabbing control of the game early with their pressure and pace. Ahead 28-8 after the first quarter, the Hornets didn’t let up on sixth-seed Pasadena.

“In quite a few games we have blown leads, so I wanted to make sure to let them know we couldn’t let off the gas or take them for granted,” said Lincoln head coach Jason Bryant. “We wanted to [keep] pushing and pressuring until the end of the game.”

Midway through the fourth quarter, Lincoln’s lead was so decisive that the mercy rule came into effect. Because the Hornets (28-2) had a 40-point lead, the final four minutes of the game were played with a running clock, something Bryant hadn’t seen this season.

With Lincoln still pushing late in the third quarter, Hornets forward Victor Dean put home a two-handed dunk to make it a 67-29 game. From there, Lincoln’s reserves played the fourth quarter as the Hornets closed out a lopsided victory.

COMMENTS

Awesome game. It will continue to take TEAM WORK to make the dream work.
By BEballnABN, Mar 14, 2010

Hoover can’t solve Compton in second round of state

Posted March 11, 2010

For Hoover, a season that began with state-title aspirations will end without one. Facing Compton in the second round of the Division II state playoffs on Thursday night, the Cardinals didn’t play a complete game, losing 69-53.

After being down two midway through the second quarter, fourth-seed Hoover (27-7) only scored two points for the rest of the quarter and trailed fifth-seed Compton 30-19 at the half. The Cardinals were still down 11 in the third quarter when guard Terrence Ingram sparked a 6-0 run to get them back in the game.

With 1:15 left in the third quarter, Hoover guard Chris Jones made a layup to make it a four-point game. But Compton (20-14) closed out the quarter with consecutive transition buckets to give the Tarbabes a 48-40 lead headed into the fourth.

“Instead of digging in defensively, we just had some mental mistakes,” said Hoover coach Ollie Goulston.

Compton scored the first six points of the fourth quarter to take the life out of a Hoover comeback. After the Tarbabes’ run, the Cardinals never got closer than 11 on their way to a disappointing 16-point defeat.

“All season long we fought together, and the last week we didn’t fight together,” Goulston said. “We’re disappointed, and we’ll be disappointed for another year until we get another chance to play for the championship.”



Hoover guard O.C. Basey twists for a layup with Compton forward Shelton Black guarding him

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My mother hails from Ireland, and my paternal great-grandparents are also from the old sod. I like to flaunt my pure bloodlines at my hubby, who has a beautiful mix of ancestry: a little Irish — hence the Kelly name — plus German, French, Dutch, and African. He says the mixed blood is the reason he’s so multi-talented and good looking.

But with our children, I push the Irish heritage. And this time of year, out come the shillelagh, the stone Celtic cross, the turf, Belleek china, Waterford crystal, and lots of Irish music. This year, we will add an Irish drum to the collection, a bodhran.

Gerard Nolan (619-309-6167, cashedentertainment.com) teaches the bodhran (pronounced bough-rawn) and owns the entertainment company Cashel Entertainment, which offers Irish music and dancers for events.

“The Bodhran is what they call a framed drum,” explains Nolan. “It has a single skin on one side. Some bodhrans now come in different types of skin, but generally a good bodhran is made with goatskin. The frame of the drum can be all different types of wood.

“The technique is the same for all sizes of drums,” he continues. “The smaller the drum, the higher the pitch is going to go. The most common is the 18-inch diameter, but you can get smaller ones. For a beginner I would recommend an 18-inch because they are easy to find. Some cheaper ones will often come with designs on them such as the Guinness emblem or a Céad Mile Failte.” Nolan says those are more decorative, for sitting on your shelf. “If you are a serious player, over time the design is going to wear off anyway.”

The bodhran is played by striking the drum using a snapping, back-and-forth motion with a double-ended stick called a tipper. “You’re not brushing with the stick,” Nolan says, “you’re definitely getting a bounce off the skin. One thing I tell my students is that it is like you are going to turn the handle of the door. Put your hand on the round handle, and you’re turning it backwards and forwards. That is the motion that you use for hitting the drum. Your hand is going backwards and forwards as if you are opening a doorknob, and you want to get a little snap in that as well.

The traditional way to play the bodhran is to have the non-tipper hand hold the back of the instrument. “Your non-stick hand is on

“When the bodhran plays, it is in a supporting role to what the melody instruments are playing.”

the back of the drum, and it can manipulate the skin by pressing on it or moving the hand up and down so you can get a high tone or a low tone.

“Some modern players are using a large piece of round wood on the back of the drum and are moving that around, and that gives it a slightly different sound as well. You can get much more of a chromatic, slide-down sound down with the wood. People are experimenting and taking things as far as they can go.

“Another modern development with the drum,” adds Nolan, “is that some professional-level bodhrans are tunable. The ones that you might buy in a shop with the design on it or the ones that are marketed toward tourists are usually not tunable. So the weather is going to have an effect on them. If it is hot, the skin will get looser; if it is cold, it will get tighter. You are kind of at the mercy of the elements. But with a tunable drum — whatever the conditions are, weather-wise — you can adjust your drum so that it will always have the optimum sound.”

Nolan says the bodhran is not a difficult instrument to learn to play. “With a drum set, you are using four limbs to do four different things. There is a certain amount of interdependency that you need to learn with your feet and your hands when you play a drum set. With the bodhran, you are using two — one hand is rhythmic, and the other hand is to change tones. As with drums, the bodhran player has to learn how to play and keep time and interact with other musicians. When the bodhran plays, it is in a supporting role to what the melody instruments are playing.”

Nolan offers lessons on the Irish drum for \$30 per half-hour lesson at his studio in Lemon Grove or at Nick Rail Music on Sabre Springs Parkway.

If you’re interested in purchasing a bodhran, Nolan recommends yourworldinstruments.com. The drums run from \$53.75 for a 14-inch tunable black bodhran to \$113.97 for a 16-inch tunable rosewood model.

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40-Year-Old Version



by Barbarella

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. — Mark Twain

I positioned the necklace on the table — novelty beads flaunting the number “40” with a glittery pendant that read, “Behold the Ageless Wonder” — and sprinkled confetti around it. The confetti — shiny cutouts of lipsticks, shoes, and purses — matched the girly-themed decorations I’d chosen. When I finished arranging everything, I stood by the door to appraise my handiwork. It looked festive and bright, none of that tacky, outdated “Over the Hill” crap I’d seen at the store.

The necklace on the table and the yellow “Caution”

tape by the door (reading “40th Birthday Party in Progress”) were the only references to the milestone. I didn’t want to focus too much on the number — Jane has always been sensitive about her age. The day she turned 25, I found her crying on our parents’ bed. When I asked her what was wrong, Jane howled, “I’m almost 30!”

As the eldest of four girls, Jane is accustomed to being older than those around her. “Look at Demi Moore,” I told her the week of her birthday. “She’s

almost 50.” Pointing out the hotness of older women or how often she’s been called a MILF never fails to pull my sister out of any age-related tizzy she might have worked herself into. Without the corroborating evidence, Jane won’t buy the whole “it’s just a number” thing.

I surmised the one thing Jane really wanted for her birthday was to feel *alive* — to be released from her responsible adult routine and reconnect with her inner adolescent. In the carefree days before she settled down, Jane would frequent downtown clubs with her two best friends since high school, Jen and Marissa. Inspired by thoughts of the three wild women at the peak of their debauchery, I decided to honor my sister with a night of partying like it was 1995. After phoning her friends, it was clear Jane was not the only one who needed to blow off some steam. Marissa had just returned to work after having her second baby. When I described the evening’s program to her, she said, “God, I think I need this more than Jane!”

Jen, now living in Nevada, was more than happy to make the drive with her two-year-old son in tow.

I kept the number of guests small (four sisters, two friends) and manageable — “manageable” being the key word. I’d been to Vegas with these women. They should come with warning labels that read, “Caution — Drama Inside!” or “Emotional When Drunk.” I wasn’t expecting things to get crazy-freaky, but experience has taught me not to take any chances.

It wasn’t until we were seated at El Vitral that it occurred to me I was the only non-mother at the table. This became apparent when the conversation gravitated toward the main focus in everyone else’s lives. When my younger sister announced that she gets peed on once a day, I knew I had to reel the girls back in. With a sly smile that did little to betray whether or not I was joking, I said, “That’s interesting, because I pee *on* someone once a day,” thereby reminding everyone that they were there to *party*, not *PTA*. Once the topic of baby excretions had been abandoned, that dour mommy mood was replaced with youthful exuberance. Jen and Marissa took turns sharing old stories of the trio’s antics while Jane, in an endless fit of laughter, gasped for breath and fanned her watering eyes.

After tequila drinks and Mexican food, I led the ladies to Andaz, our final destination for the evening. The new hotel had taken over the Ivy a month before, but no changes were made to the restaurant (Quarter Kitchen), wine bar (Ultra

Lounge), or two dance clubs on the premises. This made it the perfect one-stop venue for a high-flying night on the town.

Our elevator door opened on the top floor. Escorting the girls down the hallway, I stopped before a door decorated with a giant red bow and opened it to reveal the “Cabana Suite” — the one room in the hotel with a private patio and a spiral staircase that led to the rooftop pool and club. Our cabana was decked out with plush sofas and a large plasma television. Jane broke through the caution tape and entered the room. She smiled at the sight of all the decorations and the flowers with which Jen had adorned the room. Then her eyes settled on the table.

“I’m not wearing *that*,” said Jane, glaring at the beads.

“We don’t expect you to — they’re just for fun,” I said. “Now put down your stuff so we can go grab a cocktail and get our groove on!” By the time we made it to the dance floor several drinks later, Jen had taken to asking every guy she bumped into how old he was, after which she’d ask him to guess how old Jane was. Time after time, the boys guessed Jane was within five years of their own age — always 20-something. At first, Jane took all the mis-guesses for flattery, but as the night wore on, she realized the young men were being earnest. “They probably can’t imagine why someone so old would be here,” Jane joked.

One chiseled-chin brunette sidled up to Jane to initiate “the move.” Jane politely informed him she was married. “Your husband is a lucky man,” he said. Jane’s blush validated the cliché. Jen poked her head

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over and asked the guy how old he was. "Twenty-five," he said. Before Jen could tell him to guess, Jane volunteered her age. But the guy didn't believe her.

"No, really, we're out tonight because we're celebrating my 40th birthday," she said. He asked for her ID to prove it, and Jane explained that she'd left it back in the room. Then, to soften what he clearly perceived to be a poorly executed brush off, Jane volunteered to be the guy's wing woman. Being the potent saleswoman she is, the birthday girl helped her new friend hook up

with the first chick he pointed to, a 20-something version of Jane.

As if they'd rehearsed to make Jane feel as though she were back in the '90s, Jen and Marissa brought their old-school drama to the evening — some hilarious, some horrifying, all of it sworn to secrecy. Everyone danced until the wee hours, passing out sometime after fries were ordered from room service at 3 a.m.

After the leftover fries had gone cold and the sun had come up, Jane shook off her grogginess and donned the goofy pair of oh-so-Lady-Gaga novelty

rock-star glasses I'd given her (each eye peers through the center of a guitar). We checked out and caravanned to the Tractor Room in Hillcrest for breakfast. I was halfway through my lemon-lavender mimosa when I noticed Jane was flashing another new accessory. "Are those the beads from the table?" I asked.

"Sure are," Jane said, and proudly held up one of the glittering medallions that broadcast her age. ■

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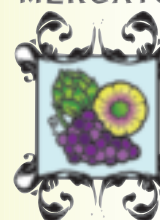
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When Mark Lau was ten years old, he couldn't add one plus one. On the day he began the fourth grade at Adams Elementary School in City Heights, he had been in San Diego for only two months. Prior to his arrival, he had spent eight months in refugee camps in Thailand, and

before that, three and a half years under Communist rule in Cambodia. Rather than attend school, he was forced to work for his daily bowls of vegetable soup and porridge.

Many of his memories from that time are vague.

"I remember there was a tray that we held. It was for rocks.

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Lau remembers the rocks, but he doesn't remember where he had to carry them or why.

Today, half a block west from the corner of

University and Euclid, on the north side of the street, Lau works out of two offices in a family-owned building. One office holds his accounting and tax firm. In the other, he conducts his business as a real estate agent and insurance salesman. The same building also houses two of his family's restau-

rants: 777 Noodle House and the Great Wall Express. Lau acts as financial manager for both.

In the open, cafeteria-like space of the Noodle House, Mr. Lau recommends customer favorites from the menu and offers water or tea with an efficiency that's distant and ultra polite. He takes his responsibilities seriously. It's evident in the straight line of his posture, the tuck of his buttoned-up shirt into ironed slacks, and the slight glaze of his eyes that says he has other places he needs to be.

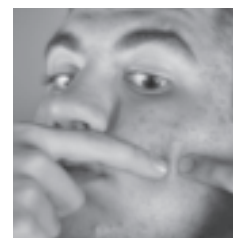
But as soon he begins to talk about what he remembers from the time before he moved to the United States, his eyes become focused, and he leans in close to speak with sincerity and eagerness. Even his posture

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do you have severe acne?

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Have you been newly diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes?

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



You may qualify if you are:

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

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

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

**If interested please contact the Research Coordinator at: (858) 552-8585 ext: 2884
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softens. The memories are important to him. What he remembers, he shares with his children. One story in particular stands out.

On Christmas Day, 1978, the Vietnamese invaded Cambodia, effectively ending the reign of the Khmer Rouge. Lau's family was one of thousands that followed the Vietnamese through the country, hoping to find their way across the border into Thailand. Lau leans in close to describe his family's arrival at a Vietnamese encampment too late in the day to be let in.

"We knew the Khmer Rouge was com-

ing. But we did not make it. We were outside the fence, and we were exposed."

Other latecomers

everything they owned.

"During this time, the bullets were flying all over our wagon. We were pretty much in the open

"The bullets were flying all over our wagon. We were pretty much in the open battlefield."

dug trenches, but Lau's family was too late even for that. They had no time to dig, so 13 of them, including Lau's mother and his pregnant sister, hid under the wagon, which contained

battlefield."

He describes lying face down under the wagon, too terrified to open his eyes. He remembers the sharp ping of bullets hitting the pots and pans in the wagon. The Khmer Rouge soldiers didn't spare the civilians. They threw grenades down into some of the trenches and killed them.

"There were quite a bit of people that died that night," says Lau. "They opened up a pregnant lady and they killed the baby."

His eyes widen with emphasis on the importance of this detail.

He also remembers that, at one point, during a lull in the shooting, he

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

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We need participants:

- 18-75 years of age, in general good health
- With toenail fungus on at least one big toe

Qualified participants will receive:

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- Compensation for time and travel

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felt a presence near the wagon, a Communist soldier maybe. He didn't open his eyes, but he heard a voice say, "These people are dead." Immediately afterward, another voice whispered, "Quiet." The second voice was, he believes, a soldier who warned Lau's family in order to help them. All 13 people under the wagon survived the evening.

"Something happened that night," he says. "I think somebody out there was saving us." But he's not sure if it was a Communist soldier with a good heart or if some greater being was answering their prayers.

"You don't know if

there's a God up there," he says. "You can't say that the Communist people were all bad. We heard two voices, so maybe somebody..." He doesn't complete the thought, but he does go on to say that whether it was God or man, the 13 people under that wagon were deliberately saved.

After three exhausting attempts, Mark Lau's family crossed the border into Thailand in 1979. Then, after seven or eight months in refugee camps, they arrived in City Heights on the sponsorship of a sister who had made it ahead of them. The relief, however, did not override the

trauma of starting school at Adams Elementary two months later.

"The first day, I cried," Lau says. "But my teacher, Mrs. Costello, she had this guy be my mentor. He kind of walked me around, and that made me feel a little bit safer."

Lau didn't speak any English at the time, so he and the boy communicated with hands, fingers, and gesticulation.

"The first year was tough. I couldn't even add one plus one. They gave us a math problem, and I didn't even know how to add up.

A...B...C. I was learning everything from scratch."

He attributes his success today to a Chinese mentor who worked with him every afternoon. By eighth grade, he was able to transition out of ESL classes and into the general population.

Back on University Avenue, at the Noodle House, Mark Lau says he loves City Heights. It's where his childhood began. But he's seen it change quite a bit over the years. For him, those changes mean the dissipation of the community

RESEARCH STUDIES

Does OAB (overactive bladder) keep you up at night?

Do frequent trips to the bathroom during the night keep you from getting a good night's sleep?



We are looking for participants for a research study to evaluate a new, approved medication for overactive bladder.

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If qualified, you:

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

Participants may receive at no cost all study-related:

- Exam and consultation with a board-certified specialist
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he grew up in.
 “We used to be more mixed, [a] melting pot: Chinese, Cambodian, Lao, African-American, Hispanic.”

The Asian community is shrinking, he believes, because of the

improved financial situation of his peers.
 “Most of my friends that I used to go to school with, they all live in Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch.”

Lau, however, is not going anywhere. The

optimist in him hopes that the variety of international flavors on the Noodle House menu will draw people back to the neighborhood.

“It will be good for City Heights if we are successful because we also have the Thai food. We have some Vietnamese food, Chinese food, a little bit of Cambodian.”

He says that if his family can continue to improve their menu, then maybe one day,

they’ll be able to compete with the Vietnamese pho (beef and

Doing Good in the Neighborhood
 Mark Lau’s story differs

and make their way to City Heights. For decades, the neighbor-

The microenterprise program offers in-house loans of up to \$15,000, as well as \$500 grants (for women only) to cover small start-up costs.

noodle soup) houses in the neighborhood.

only in detail from those of thousands of refugees who flee their countries

hood has been home to immigrants from all over the world. The La Maestra Community Health Care Center’s website describes San Diego as a “resettlement or ‘immigration zone’ for refugees” and quotes a local resident who said, “Anytime there is a conflict in the world, refugees from the country land in City Heights within three months.” While this sounds like an exaggeration, in many cases, it’s not far from the truth.

East of Lau’s Noodle House, less than two miles down University, past the landmark art deco Tower and through Little Mogadishu, where large numbers of Somali immigrants live and

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

If you or someone you know is:

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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:

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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
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- The people you live with, especially your children, will be healthier
- 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.

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Do you suffer from Depression?

Does it feel like nothing matters?

Do you feel lonely and sad most of the time?

If you feel this way, and even if you're on medication, we might be able to help.

Local researchers invite you to take part in a research study. Insurance is not required. Participants will receive treatment for depression and may receive compensation for time and travel. If you're between the ages of 18 and 55 call the confidential recruitment line to learn more and see if you qualify. This may be your first step to feeling better.



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Have you been diagnosed with schizophrenia and currently taking medication?

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Menstrual Migraine Headaches

*Wishing your period
would never come?*

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

To possibly qualify:

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

Participants may receive at no cost:

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

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work, a two-story brick building at the corner of University and 54th Street houses the five offices of the International Rescue Committee San Diego.

The nonprofit organization assists refugees all over the world. On the international side, they provide emergency response

(including shelter, sanitation, water, food, and the administration of services inside refugee camps) in the event of war or violent conflict.

The domestic branch, which includes offices in 22 U.S. cities, helps refugees to resettle inside the United States. They make sure newly arrived refugees receive a

furnished home, help with rent, and English classes. They also help to enroll the children in school and the families in Medi-Cal. Their economic-development program includes financial education, career development, and the microenterprise program, which helps the refugees start or expand small businesses.

The San Diego office is the largest in their domestic-resettlement network. It's been around for 34 years but has moved to City Heights only within the last 4.

"We've grown with the refugee population," says Joel Chrisco, one of the organization's microenterprise program specialists, "and have developed programs and services to meet their ongoing needs."

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RESEARCH STUDIES

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To possibly qualify to participate:

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

Qualified participants may receive:

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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
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- 3) compensation for time and travel

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location is one reason the organization moved its office from North Park to the current location in City Heights. The move took place about three and a half years ago, just when Chrisco had been

ier for our clients to come in and access services. It also made it much easier for us to stay in touch with our clients and make sure they're getting all the services that they need."

directory provides a list of refugee-owned businesses that the organization has helped through the program. These include everything from transportation to child care and retail to restau-

Heights Farmers Market, which the IRC helped to establish in 2008. Page laughs often, and she's the kind of person who would rather hug than shake hands. She expresses her affection for children by calling them "Grandson" or "Granddaughter." It's a toss-up whether her wares sell due to the value of the items themselves or to her abundance of personal charm.

Page's story is sweet and sad. Like Lau, she has known her share of both war and triumph. One difference, however, is that when she arrived in San Diego, she didn't have the comfort of family. She was alone.

The native Kenyan met and married her husband in West Africa. In 1988, during the First Civil War in Liberia, her husband disappeared, and she eventually fled back to Kenya.

"I thought I was a widow," she says, "but I never gave up hope."

For ten years, she searched for him.

"I used to fly from East Africa to West Africa, different places, to look for him. Everywhere. I went to Red Cross. I went to embassies. I went everywhere to look for him. I spent money also to look for him."

In addition to the search for her husband, she became involved in the lives of Kenyan orphans. In 1992, she went to three chiefs in Kenya's eastern province and told them of her concerns for the orphans who begged in the shopping centers.

"We called a big meeting, and people came and they started taking children into their homes."

Page sent word out

Page was able to round up artists, weavers, woodcarvers, batik-makers, and jewelers to volunteer their time.

hired. At that time, the organization was resettling large numbers of Somali refugees, and because City Heights already had an established Somali community, the move made sense.

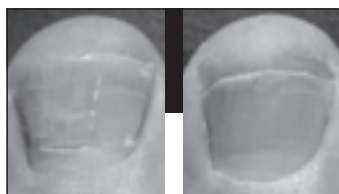
"This location," he says, "made it much eas-

The microenterprise program offers in-house loans of up to \$15,000 as well as \$500 grants (for women only) to cover small start-up costs. The services include assistance with marketing and advertising, with business cards, brochures, and websites. Their business

rants. Many of these businesses are in City Heights.

A smiling woman in a red turtleneck, jeans, and a red head wrap graces the cover of the business directory. Her name is Mary Page, and she was one of the original vendors at the City

RESEARCH STUDIES



Got toenail fungus?

Are your toenails thickened, or have a cloudy appearance?

If so, you may qualify for a research study involving a new investigational medication for TOENAIL FUNGUS.

No insurance needed.

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for anyone who knew any marketable trade to come and teach the children. She was able to round up artists, weavers, wood-carvers, batik-makers, and jewelers to volunteer their time.

In 1999, a young man who had once lived with Page's family in Liberia found Page's husband dying of cancer in a Minnesota hospital. Her husband said he had been told that his wife and their children had all been killed. Although Page doesn't know exactly how the young man found him, she does know that he had a printed copy of the inquiry she'd posted online and so was able to provide a phone number in Kenya where Page could be reached. When her husband called, she

went to him immediately.

"It was a special gift from God to be with him in his last days," she says.

After he died, Page stayed in Minnesota for four months and then made her way to San Diego, where she had once vacationed with her husband.

"I loved San Diego because of the weather, first of all. And it was more open, you know. People were friendly and outgoing and free."

At first, she lived in a small hotel downtown. Then she found a roommate. Eventually, she was able to get her own place. While working as a cashier at a gift shop in the airport, she began to make and sell jewelry on the side.

Once she got on her feet and her jewelry

began to sell, she contacted the artists back in Kenya and arranged to sell their animal sculptures, batiks, and banana-leaf paintings, as well as those of the children they taught. She also began to sell jewelry and clothing made by an organization of widows in Kenya.

The money she makes, she sends back home. The way she tells it, the road would have been much harder if not for the International Rescue Committee.

"It's not fun being a stranger and no money and in a foreign country where you don't know anybody. So I found out about IRC, and I went to them, and I told them my story and they were so helpful. They are still very helpful to me."

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tell how much money she received in grants and loans, she does say the organization helped with her logo, brochures, and business cards. Today, they continue to assist her by arranging for exhibitions and events (sometimes at a discounted price). Occasionally, they also help with transportation.

She's grateful for the financial support and the business assistance, but what she most appreciates is the moral support she gets from the staff members. She emphasizes that sometimes they come to help her with the physical work of setting up her booth. She says Joel Chrisco is "like a little son to me."

Chrisco has affection for Page as well. "Mary is one of our standout

clients, and I have really enjoyed getting to know her."

Page sells her handicrafts at street festivals and farmers' markets and out of Where the World Meets, a multicultural gift shop on Euclid Avenue. She has not been back to Kenya since she arrived in San Diego, but her artists-and-orphans programs are still in effect today.

Because she is an artist herself, Mary Page can tell from the details and the finish of each piece of art whether or not the child who made it will graduate from the program soon. To watch her handle each piece, and to listen to her speak about the children, is to understand that this art is her connection to a life she no longer lives and a

people with whom she has limited contact.

Page holds nothing back when expressing gratitude for the International Rescue Committee San Diego and as always speaks in familial terms.

"God bless them," she says again. "They are really doing a great job for the globe. They are like a big parent — Mama and Daddy — caring for the world. You find everybody from all corners of the world there."

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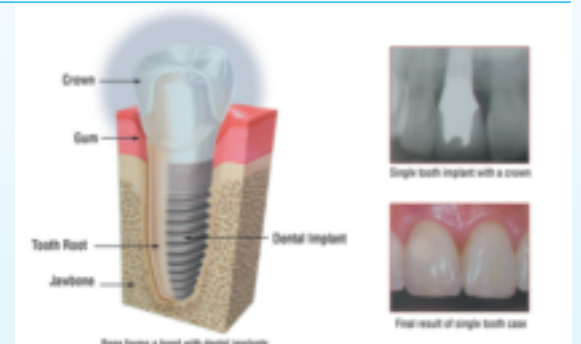
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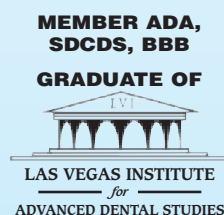
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size, and dress) as it gets in San Diego. These are the students who participate in the Ed Center's free English classes, of which there are between 15 and 20 that begin at 8:30 and end at 11:30 every morning, Monday through Friday.

Statistics on the number of languages spoken in City Heights vary, depending on whether dialects are included, but the numbers are all high, especially for a single neighborhood.

For accurate numbers on a smaller scale, one need only head for Hoover High. The sprawling campus, not quite two miles from the IRC San Diego offices, occupies the entire 4400 block of El Cajon Boulevard, between

Chamoune and Highland.

Once there, Lila Wagar is the person to ask for. Within seconds, she can produce a computer printout of the number of Hoover High's 2136 students who speak each of 18 different native languages. Though this number is lower than the 30 languages the City of San Diego's website claims are spoken in City Heights, Wagar's list lumps together 35 African students who speak a language other than Swahili or Somali.

Wagar, or Ms. Lila as she's called at work, is a small, soft woman in a red sweater. Santa earrings dangle from her ears. Her office is decorated with pictures of bright red, orange, and pink flowers. The shelves

behind her desk hold a Vietnamese-English dictionary and binders of every color. On top sits a serene stone Buddha. In the corner, two small, clear-glass hummingbirds dangle from the ceiling. Suspended by fishing line, they appear to float in the leaves of the bamboo plant.

Wagar looks as if she would be soft-spoken, but she's not. She's motherly and flexible, as one would have to be to work a job with no definitive job description. She speaks freely and with confidence, clearly the ruler of her domain. These days, she wears the title of ESL assistant, but it's a title that encompasses only a fraction of the work she does.

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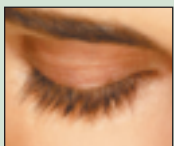
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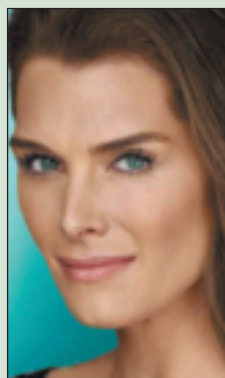
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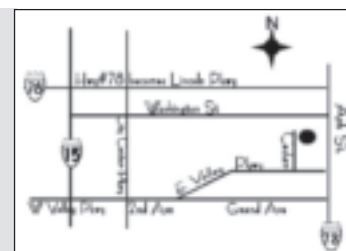
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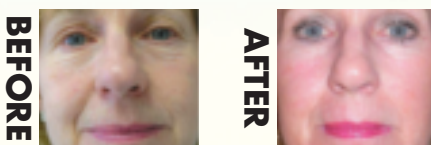


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The "everything" she does pertains to the school's ESL population, many of whom are the children of the International Rescue Committee's refugees and other newly arrived immigrants settling in City Heights. Ms. Lila assesses their English levels and places them in appropriate ESL classes (of which there are three levels — beginning, intermediate, and advanced), where they are taught English, history, and math. For those students who come with a strong foundation in English, the regular

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One student arrived recently from Vietnam and passed the reading and writing assessments with ease, but her oral skills were lacking. Ms. Lila decided to place the student directly in the regular classes, without having her spend time in the ESL program. It took only a couple of months for the girl's oral skills to catch up to her reading and writing skills. In cases when the student's English skills are below basic, Ms. Lila places them in the New Arrivals Center, where they receive the extra support they need.

In addition to the assessments, Ms. Lila also provides translation for Vietnamese parents and helps to locate translators

for families who speak other languages.

She has contact with the social workers who bring the students in, and she always asks for an okay to contact them later, if need be. This way, she has on hand the name of someone who can translate for each student. Occasionally, she uses students as well.

"A lot of times, the teachers or the administrators need translators. They'll call me and say, 'Lila, we have this student's parents here, but do we have anyone on site that speaks the language, or do you know anyone that works with the district?' And I will provide them the name of the students that I know that's willing to do the translation."

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namese parents even call Ms. Lila, just to make sure their children are in school and sometimes to report an absence. There is an attendance office where they could get the same information, but many parents prefer to speak in their native language.

One such mother came to Ms. Lila's office on a morning just before the winter break. Her son had been fined for truancy, and she'd received a letter from the court saying that he could work off the fine with community service. The son promised he would work with the school custodian, but his mother didn't trust him to take care of it on his own. She came to Miss Lila, who promised to speak with the custodian and then

proceeded to explain that the son could also work some hours at the Buddhist temple, if he wanted to, maybe in February, around the Chinese New Year.

The worried mother had arrived with a stack of holiday cards that she didn't trust her son to pass on to his teachers, and Ms. Lila said she'd take care of that, too. While others may have complained behind the back of such a hovering parent, for pushing the limit of their job description, Ms. Lila had nothing but compassionate words to offer when the mother left.

"She worries. He's the only son she has, so she comes a lot to check on [him]."

Wagar has worked at Hoover High for 30 years

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and has lived in City Heights for 25. The neighborhood's ethnic diversity makes it an obvious choice for racially blended families, but for Wagar, born of East Indian and Vietnamese parentage and herself the mother of two children by her Caucasian husband, that's beside the point. She was raised in Vietnam, schooled in France, and married in the U.S. and claims that she could be comfortable anywhere. The real reason she lives in City Heights is convenience.

"I bought the house not too far from school, first of all, because I don't like to drive on the freeway. And secondly, like my husband told my kids, 'Your mom will never move out of here because if she needs something at the Vietnamese store, it's right there.'"

It's the same for the families of her students.

"I know a lot of parents that say they're most comfortable living in this neighborhood because, of course, they go out and they find their own people, and whatever they need is right there. A lot of the time, if they don't have a car, they can even walk to the store."

Ms. Lila, too, does all her shopping and much of her dining in the neighborhood. She and her husband love the Ethiopian fare at the Red Sea restaurant, and though she enjoys the Vietnamese restaurants,

has enough flavor, culture, and comforts to hang on to its long-time residents and to draw in the new.

Last August, Australian native Mick Rossler left his North Park home of ten years to

Ceballos's round, smiling face is the kind that makes you say "Why the hell not?" to another beer.

she doesn't frequent them because her husband says the food she cooks is better.

City Heights Is Not Beautiful or Sexy...

...or even all that clean. It has no fancy boutiques or wine bars. Its residents are not trendy or famous. The library is loud and crowded, the traffic annoying, and the number of 99-cent stores exceeds the acceptable limit for any one neighborhood. Then, too, there's the dog poo, which pedestrians in City Heights have to step around way too often. Despite these minor quirks and inconveniences, the neighborhood

purchase a house less than three miles east down the University Avenue corridor on a quiet dead-end street in City Heights.

As owner of the Tower Bar (whose landmark 80-foot tower overlooks the corner of University and Euclid) since 2002, he's spent enough time in the neighborhood to know that his fondness for it is no passing fancy. While he asserts that the variety of international food available is one of the major perks of living in City Heights, it's the people that brought him to the neighborhood in the first place.

"The people are

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unpretentious," he says, "which I kind of started to hate about living in North Park."

The sputnik lights hanging over the sparkly red vinyl bar and the 1962 Ford Ranchero Rossler drives speak of another era, one in which he would have (no doubt) been a greaser, but there's nothing preening about him. He comes free of fauxhawks and leather-studded wristbands. His personal dress code consists of jeans and T-shirts, and more than anything, he wants his customers to feel comfortable and have a good time. Every Sunday, he throws a free bar-becue. The menu changes, maybe tacos one week, fajitas another, but he keeps it coming until everyone is satisfied. The eating competition he holds on Thursdays is open to anyone interested in, say, downing a whole box of saltines with nothing to drink but hot sauce, or eating a pint-glass full of wasabi peas — with chopsticks. Hipster, greaser, or whathaveyou, Rossler does have a bit of an edge, but he's also the kind of guy who will fill up your pint glass on the house if the bottle you want isn't yet cold enough.

City Heights doesn't have the kind of reputation that draws the trendy, and Rossler appreciates that newcomers to the neighborhood are willing to look past its reputation as a crime-infested area. He'll admit that there was a time when the reputation was warranted, but that's no longer the case.

"Someone wrote online in the *Union-Tribune* [that] there was someone who got stabbed in City Heights a

few weeks ago, and they said, 'Oh, typical City Heights.' But if you look up the crime statistics for P.B., I think it's, like, 200 in the same period that there were less than 50 in

City Heights. And it's the same with the people that get shot in the Gaslamp. I guarantee you, if you go down to the Gaslamp this weekend, you're going to see a

fight. But I can guarantee you probably won't see a fight in City Heights."

Every year, the San Diego Police Department publishes a crime report on the City of San Diego

website. This report tells the number of crimes per 1000 people for each neighborhood in the city. According to the January–November 2009 report, the average

crime-index total for the 15 subneighborhoods that make up City Heights was 25.56. For the Gaslamp and Pacific Beach, during the same time period, the totals

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were 310.67 and 40.46, respectively. The total for North Park was 33.38.

Whether or not Rossler's statistics are correct doesn't matter as much as the fact that he feels safe here. He walks or rides his bike home from the bar at 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning. In the seven-plus years he's owned the bar, he's been accosted only once — and that incident took place half a block from his house on Boundary and McKinley. In North Park. The new house, just blocks from the bar, is further testament to his sense of safety. It's where he'll start his new

family. His wife is pregnant, and the baby is due this month.

Paloma Ceballos is one of the Tower's bartenders. Like Mick Rossler, she is a jeans and T-shirt kind of girl. Plus a leather studded belt, lots of bangles on her wrists, and a flirty yellow flower behind her ear. Tiny silver guns hang from her ears. Her round, smiling face is the kind that makes you say "Why the hell not?" to another beer.

That, and the fact that she brings in a fresh crowd that likes to drink made her a perfect choice when Rossler hired her to

work behind the counter at the Tower Bar.

"She's really popular. She knows a ton of people, and everyone likes her. She's got a great personality. She's kind of made for bartending."

The way Paloma tells it, she got the job on a whim. She organized a bicycle pub-crawl with 30 or so friends. It was her choice to end the party at the Tower Bar because it's her neighborhood spot, and she wanted to bring her drunken cyclist friends in for the regular Sunday-afternoon free barbecue. She also arranged to add a pot of chili to the spread.

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"I was looking for someone," he says, "and I was thinking I should ask Paloma if she would work here. And then just after I thought that, she asked if we were looking for someone."

Her pub-crawl was such a success that not only did she get a job out of it, she also started the tradition of the now-weekly chili feed. She rotates between vegan and meaty chilis, but "across the board," she says, "they're all really hot. It's not chili for wimps, that's for sure."

Aside from being the fun neighborhood bartender, Paloma also plays bass and sings in a quirky band called the Mad Mummies.

"We're a mummy band," she says, as if it's the most normal thing in the world, "so we wrap ourselves like mummies every time we perform."

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Paloma calls City Heights "the last of the cool old neighborhoods."

And as most everyone with a soft spot for City Heights will, she begins her declaration of love for the neighborhood with the food.

"You can travel around the world just eating at these different food spots," she says. Murphy's Supermercado is her favorite place to pick up produce.

Although the Tower Bar does draw a hipster crowd, Paloma doesn't think it will change the face of the neighborhood anytime soon.

At first Rossler doesn't think so either. But then he begins to

consider the coffee shop he and his wife have thought about opening. It's one of the things he thinks the neighborhood is missing. Yes, there's coffee, but not everyone

wants what the big chains offer. The Rosslers are thinking of something more intimate, with a more local vibe.

"And maybe a Henry's," he says, adding

that it would be great to have inexpensive organic produce just a jaunt from his new house.

Then he considers the possibility that replacing all the 99-cent

stores and the money-lending shops with organic food markets and coffee shops will make too many other people want to be here. The last thing he wants is

for City Heights to become the next North Park.

"It is really good like it is, actually."

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Quinn in the Middle

Quinn scoffs when I ask him if he worries about getting hit by a car. “They [meaning his fellow panhandlers] get

run over ’cause they get drunk,” says Quinn.

He says he’s too smart to be struck by a careening car. Besides, he adds, “I make more in the middle [of the street].”

Quinn and I are talking in the CVS parking lot on West Valley Parkway. Bluish clouds are drooping overhead, and cars are speeding nearby — either to turn into the lot to shop at Albertson’s or Big Lots or to leave it.

As I was waiting for the light to change at the T-section of West Valley and Home Depot Center, I got fed up with the bums who park themselves on the double-yellow line. I almost hit one

once, and I thought the middle-aged guy clutching a cardboard sign was too close to my car. It made me nervous.

I thought about the empty streets and parking lots that used to be in the Del Dios neighborhood when I moved here in 1994. Our current homeless problem didn’t start with the recession, it began years ago when Interfaith Community Services moved to the west side of Escondido.

Fed up with the way the bum kept peering into my driver’s side window, I had rolled the window down to ask him if the police ever get on him for standing in the middle of the street.

He reminds me of a scroungy Jim Belushi when he says, “Oh, yeah, all the time.”

I ask what they do about it, but the light changes. Amidst the confusion, the car behind me gives me a toot. I tell him



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I'll pull over, and he instructs me to meet him in the parking lot.

When he catches up, he talks as if I'm the only person who has listened to him in years. He tells me about the seven tickets the cops have given him. "When the warrants come up," he says, "I spend three days in jail. Then I eat all I can."

Quinn is an unemployed machinist who has been homeless for two years. His brow furrows as he talks about his inability to find a job. "If I could get hired somewhere," he says, "I could start at the bottom and work my way up."

He tells me "some jackass" offered him an \$8 per hour job but then gave it away to Mexicans. And he's got worse stories.

One guy drove by and shouted, "You need a bullet in the head!"

"Go ahead!" Quinn shouted back. "What have I got to lose?"

Another said, "You need your ass kicked. Get a job!"

Quinn asked, "Know where I can get one?"

The grief he endures seems to be worth the trouble. When the weather is good, he makes up to sixty dollars a day. He then rents a room, showers, and washes his clothes. But even this has its drawbacks — a warm, clean bed is of little comfort when he knows that in just a few hours he'll be back out on the street.

Doesn't he have anyone to help him? His eyes redden and gloss over when I ask the question. "After my mom died," he says, "my dad said, 'I don't care if you live or die. If I see you around here again, I'll call the cops.'"

"Why?"

"He didn't think I was his son. My brother wasn't his, and he didn't think I was either."

Now I'm about to cry — even more so

when he talks about his mom, who died from throat cancer. "She was my best friend," he says, sadly. And I can believe it. Quinn is a gentle, kindhearted soul.

On most nights he

can't afford a room, so he sleeps under the I-15 bridge "on the Caltrans side," away from other transients and where he can keep his space clean. He grins when he thinks about helping cops catch

some taggers who were spray painting the new wall near the bike path, just a few nights ago.

"I prevented them from messing it up," he says proudly. I agree when he says Escondido

is a "beautiful little city."

When I next see Quinn, he's stomping his feet and shaking rain out of his hair. I remember he said he doesn't make much during bad weather, so I hurry home

to put together a makeshift dinner for him. It's only peanut butter and jelly, an apple, and a small bag of chips, but for one night at least, he'll know that someone cares. ■

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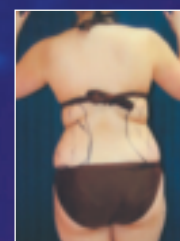
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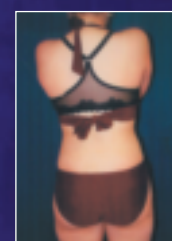
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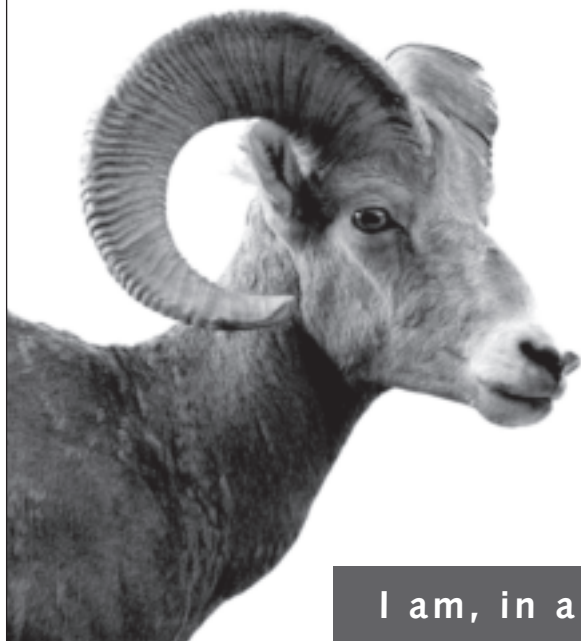
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I Venture Out Alone



ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY, and Jack I have become — or Jill, as it were. So I do what any sane, self-preserving person would do. I bolt. Yes, in the midst of holidays. Yes, much to the chagrin of those who love me (or think to possess me), and yes, I venture out *alone*, giving rise to much well-meaning hysteria. Two friends watch me pack. They chide, “A woman, alone in the desert, without a solid plan, destination, or hint of civilization?” With a grin of anticipation, I boldly respond, “Exactly!” Truly, they are making it sound even more adventurous. I haven’t even left yet, and I am already fighting off a pack of coyotes and eluding a deranged desert killer (like there are a lot of those around). I say, “If a deranged killer is so anxious to stalk me to the middle of nowhere, hide in the prickly bushes, and watch me take a cup bath in the desert sunrise, by golly, I think he has earned his front-row seat.” My friends gasp, and counter with hushed voices, “But he will be there to rape you.” I zip up the last bag and push past them. My last words: “If he waits a couple of weeks, I’ll probably offer him tea.” Sensibilities shattered, they acquiesce into silence. I know that last line will get back to my lover, but I doubt if it will give him any ideas because (a) he’s not that adventurous, and (b) he would not take time off work to play such a ruse (a sad thing from my perspective). He’s a company man, while I am, for all intents and purposes, a nomad, a gypsy, the last of a dying breed.

The naysayers will always exist, but were I, and the risk-takers before me, to have listened, there would be no art, no music, and no great discoveries. I daresay there would be but a pittance of joy. I place the last of the camping gear in the car, rationalizing that my departure and subsequent adventure will add spice to my friends’ conversations. It will give them a break from

worrying about our collective economic woes. The irrational spontaneity of others allows them to feel stable and sensible. I am, in an odd way, fulfilling my duty of making my friends feel sane, by simply staying true to my nature.

While my loved ones are sipping lattes, conversing over swine flu casualties, and shaking their heads over my

obvious loss of common sense, I am moments away from my first stop. I turn from 8–East onto S–2 North. I pass the Lazy Lizard and am happy to see it still standing. Two years ago, on another great escape east of here, the bartender made me a hot meal. It was the best beer and food I had ever tasted. The desert has a way of awakening your senses like that. I had stayed so long in the desert, that I’d run out of both food and fire. At the Lazy Lizard I was in heaven.

I drive a few miles north to a dirt road. A small sign reads: “Palm Springs 1.6 miles.” Many a tourist has scratched his head and gazed toward the mountain, no doubt thinking, “Could Palm Springs really be less than two miles away through that mountain pass?” Laughing at the thought, I turn onto the narrow, pitted road, drive as far as I can. I park and then hike deeper into the canyon.

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I set up camp near a stream, surrounded by palms, water reeds, and the cooing of mourning doves. Eager to see all that I can, I hike to the top of Whale Peak each day, hoping to glimpse the Anza-Borrego sheep. With the world so close behind, I realize I have not quite shaken it off. The first few days, my walks are goal oriented, and I am bombarded with streams of thoughts racing through my brain. This mind chatter is *necessary productivity* when I am in the city, but here, I see it as the distraction it is. I banish the thoughts one by one. After a few days, I find the carcasses of three mature male sheep near the manmade watering hole atop the mountain, in the crevice of the whale tale. Beautiful horns, weathered by sand and sun, are lying intact with the skeleton. The teeth, not being terribly worn, make me wonder whether the sheep died from a poacher's small-caliber bullet. A light gun, easily carried, easily concealed, and capable of not too loud a sound. It is enough to kill, if it pierces a vital organ, but not enough to take the animal down on the spot. Thus these rare and coveted horns are taken, not by the poacher, but by the rightful owner, to decay with his bones in the sand. There are no female bones to be found, as their horns are smaller and not quite the trophy. I am saddened by my conjecture. My mind continues to relate my find with the ways of the world. "Let it go," I command aloud in the echo of the mountaintop. For days, I struggle to still my thoughts and become present in the moment as experienced, to shake off the world.

I practice and I practice being still until one morning, five or six days in, I awaken to a quiet mind and no less than 40 Anza-Borrego sheep drinking from the stream outside my tent. I am...in awe and, thankfully, speechless. There is nothing but this beautiful event. I watch it unfold,

silently, for what must have been an hour. After they have rambled on, I realize the greater event. I have connected their presence to nothing, not poaching, not to work waiting to be done in the city, or the world, not even to the hope of a

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camera. I was and am only here, right now, connecting to this world and all its stirrings. And I am stirred deeply within it.

Now I remember. This was the destination I was so anxious to get to. I am once again viewing life as a child. Joy is felt, not just held intellectually, but *felt*, in every cell of my being. Happiness moves in an instant, from the smile on my face down to my toes, like an electrical current. Beauty is experienced so deeply that it brings tears to my eyes.

For two days, I sit by the stream. I watch ants and quail. On the third night after finding the sheep, I pack. I don't recall deciding on a destination. I let my gut direct me. As I drive farther north, I feel a warmth at the sight of Butterfield Ranch. There are Christmas lights and weathered stagecoaches. Where holiday decorations had stirred stress and long to-do lists in the city, I now see only beauty. I pull in, pitch a tent, and drop some money into the honor-system box.

The next morning, I am awakened by the familiar coo of quail, a wild turkey, and a roadrunner from under the trees. My heart is still aglow, and I am still at peace. As a bonus, I have a renewed appreciation for the hot water that flows out of the tap. I wash the dust from my body in my first real shower in over a week. I have lost count of the days.

This is a good sign. At first I think I am alone here, as no one joins me in the hot tub. I restock my supplies at the small store, and for four days enjoy the perks of semi-civilization, virtually without company. But like the creatures of

the desert, the humans that dwell here have a similar way about them. While swinging on the swings and lost in the clouds, I am joined one day by Will, a musician here on retreat. Few words are exchanged, but an exchange of smiles says more anyway. Our comfort in the stillness says we are from the same clan of humans. Then, while seeking the quail in the predawn hours, I come across Ksenia, an Russian artist doing yoga. I quietly join in, and again, we exchange few words. These people who winter in the desert, before the masses come in spring, are not unlike Anza-Borrego sheep. They are an eclectic group who appear and speak only when stirred from within to do so. If you are at peace, you may run into them, or they may be as elusive as the desert fauna. I am grateful to be around my own kind. This is the spirit of the holidays, the solace I seek. I walk the desert, barefoot and ever present, setting out in a new direction each day. Each evening, I soak up the pleasure of water. When my voice comes back, my desire to speak, perhaps I will share my experience with the bighorn sheep. But for now, I am content among these nomads, who, like me, come here to escape the city and its chaos, to simply be, and to find their place among the subtle colors and life of the desert. ■

— Valerie Sherrill

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feel real pain, WWII is an understatement.

Second, the “laundry” list of demands that were conceded by Chancellor Fox, i.e., the “free tutoring,” are part of UCSD’s commitment to diversify. Simply stated, the Black Student Union demands are to have the same access to educational programs that other students have, like the free tutoring that student athletes receive for being good at something that has nothing to do with academia. To be more precise, free tutoring is part of many higher institutions’ commitment to student access, success, and retention. These programs are funded *mostly* (but not only) through student fees —

fees that I pay as a student at UCSD — as are athletic departments/programs at most public institutions. Since UCSD is a public institution, it must be responsible for maintaining an equitable and just educational system.

Finally, in your view, because “Jiggaboo Jones” is black, the “Compton Cook-out” cannot be held as what it truly was, a racist minstrel party. The rhetoric of a post-Obama/post-racial society is simply far from the truth. A simple look at Tea Baggers would suffice. For Jones’s predecessors, i.e., black performers during the height of minstrel shows in the late 1800s, minstrelsy was the only avenue for black performers to enter “Hollywood” life. However, the fact that blacks entertained white audi-

ences in double black face does not erase, minimize, or legitimize the material and discursive structures of black oppression. In its historical legacy, “Jiggaboo Jones” is no exception to this rule.

Humberto
via email

Thieves Are My Pals

I wish the *Reader* were able to exude a little more self-respect. Seriously, who is in charge of choosing to print a cover story about a young girl who chooses to defend her friend’s criminal behavior (“Filipino Rules,” March 4)? Auto theft? Come on! I have done a lot of stupid things in my life, but hanging out with thieves has never been one of them. Who does that? Who sits in a car with someone as they *steal* it? And then *defends* the behavior, eager to have a

face-to-face meeting with the criminal and her parents. Gee, I wonder *why* the parents gave him a hard time when they saw him. No mention of a job or a plan for the future for this boy! You know what they call that here in America? Trashy. No class. No ethnic delineation required.

Aside from a reference to a family value involving visiting the parents’ homeland, the author’s “Filipino” household is not different in any significant way — that I was able to decipher within the context of this article — from the majority of households in San Diego. As such, all this author has accomplished — along with the *Reader*, by association — is encouraging blatant racism where none is needed. Honestly, what type of ethnicity doesn’t want the best for their children? Who does want their children to hang out with thieves? Please realize that *all* parents want their children to “do well in school, graduate from

college, get a good job.” This article does nothing more than encourage ethnic divides where really there aren’t any. Big deal your dad speaks with an accent. Get over it. Grow up.

My suggestion? Be honest with yourself, as a mediocre publication, when you insist on printing such a work as this useless waste of space and time (time that once belonged to anyone who was unfortunate enough to read this article and was since lost).

One last thing: a better title of the article. Try “White Trash Goals for a Filipino Child in America.” It would certainly have been more descriptive.

Danielle Painter
via email

Such A Big Deal

On my way home from work, I stopped by 7-Eleven to grab my Sunday paper when this week’s *Reader*, whose cover read “Filipino Rules” (March 4), caught my eye.

Being a Filipino myself, the header definitely got my attention, and I hoped to read an article either exposing some Filipino truth or Filipino pride. Given the *Reader*’s picture, I could already tell it was more about growing up “Pinoy” in the U.S.

The first part of the article had me nodding: the strict parentage, how most U.S. migrated families are composed of a Navy husband and a nurse mother. My father himself was a dedicated Navy serviceman, my mother a clerk who retired to raise me after my birth. I could relate to the article. My parents were exceptionally strict, and having a strong Castilla background from my mother did not help.

I also understood the author’s plight, as most Fil-Ams born and raised in the U.S. long for American teenage liberalism, away from the authoritarian rule of their parents. I am, after all, one

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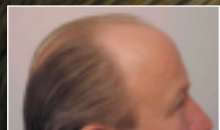
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of them. To my disappointment, I felt that her article was short of denouncing her Pinoyship and bitterly dissing her poor parents. Probably she would if she could choose. I can't say I blame her. Traditional Filipino rules are strict. But then again, so are traditional Chinese and Spanish, and even old-school Americans. So why did she have to make it such a big deal? In the end, the story was no longer about her just growing up Pinoy; she was speaking from her heart, in a blind outrage of emotions, and how can I make my boyfriend look better.

The article became her bragging rights in disrespecting her parents, down to how they mispronounce the English language. Everyone has an opinion of their family in a negative light. It is another to bash them in national (or local) media.

Though I myself do not approve of parents discouraging their kids in what they would love to be when they grow up — I myself being a communication arts and journalism graduate — I feel as if the author — and she says she's a graduate, right? — did not give proper closure to her article. Nothing short of a blog note she can post on her Facebook page or on MySpace. It was nothing more than a rant, and a bad one too. An anti-Pinoy and borderline FOB [fresh off the boat]-hating article.

I hate to say it, I would not like to judge her, but her story leaves little for me to measure. But the ranks of young anti-Pinoys who are Pinoys themselves are fast growing.

What's wrong with growing up Pinoy? Can't she just simply say she longs for the independent free-spirited living most past-19-year-olds enjoy? And that's a given, Pinoy or not.

Name Withheld
via email

The Corp Must Die

Re "Too Much Conflict, Too Much Interest" ("City Lights," March 4).

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tions, but laws can and should be changed.

Centre City Development Corporation's and South-eastern Economic Development Corporation's past conflicts of interest and CCDC's fiscal irresponsibility in promoting a new stadium, a new city hall, the convention center expansion, and the new library, all combine to make me conclude we should end these corporations and pull them back into the City's Redevelopment Division.

Further, redevelopment may have done as much to create blight as it has to mitigate it. Our expenditures on

new capital projects have deprived us of the funds necessary to maintain our current infrastructure. Most, if not all of our redevelopment funds should, by whatever means necessary, be made available for use in our operating budgets and general funds.

We have a half billion dollars to spend on new capital projects we don't need, but we can't afford a fire engine/pumper in all of our too-few fire stations, can't provide cell phones for all our too-few cops, etc. We have the ninth-worst water of all major U.S. cities; we have the seventh-worst roads; we are America's Worst City. If you can't accept that, accept that for decades we've had the worst City leadership in America.

We citizens must share this blame. Take responsibility and action by telling our current leadership you will sign their recall petitions if they don't immediately make the changes implied and explicitly recommended above.

John F. Scanlon
Rancho Peñasquitos

The Land Was Mine

My name is Rosario Amaya. I read the story by Michael Waterman, "Mysterious Danish Group Builds Exotic Compound on Baja Coast" (Cover Story, February 4). He is cor-

rect about all the Danish people in San Juan de las Pulgas, but Mr. Morales is only the foreman in San Juan de las Pulgas. I am the daughter of the first owner, Mr. Humberto Amaya Hurtado. I am the only heiress of this land. My father died in 1981, and I sold San Juan de las Pulgas in 1983 to Tayde Acosta Ortega. But one part of the land is irregular, and now this Danish group has this part inside the property. I can't make nothing because all in my country are corrupt. I am a poor woman, and for that I can't make nothing. I alerted President Felipe Calderón about this Danish group. Amdi Petersen lives in San Juan de las Pulgas, but my country isn't interested. I contacted Danish journalists, and four came to Ensenada and went to San Juan de las Pulgas, but the owners of TG Pacifico didn't receive them.

Rosario Amaya
via email

Sax In The Winds

I just wanted to offer a minor correction for the article on your website titled "Blowing in the Wind." (In the paper, the story was titled "Just Shy of a Symphony," Music, December 17.) Saxophones were erroneously included in the family of brass instruments by the writer, when in fact saxes are woodwind

instruments. It's probably confusing for some people because saxophones are made out of brass. It was a great article, however, and I'm glad you are bringing attention to live classical music in San Diego.

Matt Best
via email

Comments from Reader Website

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Movie Review Published March 10

By shizzyfynn 8 p.m., Mar. 12, 2010

Wow, my Mystic River call-out, still getting people all huffy-puffy. I love it!

"Call me less than tolerant"? My dear Johann, I can think of better things to call you than that. But I would never call you an imbecile because we disagreed about a movie. When evaluating a movie or any other piece of art, there's no right or wrong answer.

You liked Mystic River. I thought the movie's finer points were squandered by its mystery's cheesy solution, which was one step removed from aliens setting down in a UFO to take responsibility for the murder. Neither of us is right or wrong. Though it's quite likely I am more handsome. ;)

City Lights, by Don Bauder Published March 10

By Visduh 9:33 p.m., Mar. 13, 2010

The essential question remains. Is David Copley so nearly broke that he must sell everything, including the library? If he is, where did all the fortune go? That yacht was and continues to be a drain on his personal cash flow. But really, how much does it cost him in a year?

There is something odd going on in this picture. A few people know about it, and are not talking. I suppose we'll get a clearer picture when and if he sells the yacht, or puts it in long-term storage. David won't do that unless he has to. His health is precarious, and maybe he just cannot think beyond the day after tomorrow. There has to be some better explanation for this fire sale of Copley assets.


Restaurant Review Published March 10

By millerowski 5:52 p.m., Mar. 10, 2010

Thank you. Thank you. This cheers me up immensely! To Solana I will go (wish I had a posse). I just returned from Mexican Rivera cruise on which NONE of the food was good — even at the surcharge restaurant. (OK, the extra-charge lamb chops were decent and cooked-to-order (medium rare), and the chocolate volcano cake was yummy, but that was it! The best meal was in Puerto Vallarta on the beach!) I'll post another comment later this week when I will have partaken of the goodies you recommended.

By alyssa 2:03 p.m., Mar. 11, 2010

Glad you liked it too but had better service than we did there! (Cheers to the ebullient French waiter — we saw no one like that the night we were there). I hope Chef Neroni sticks around and that they are in fact cleaning up the front of the house. He is putting out spectacular food if only the service can match (and if the clientele doesn't force him to dumb it down, as your conversation suggests!). Am glad you went and reviewed it!



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Thursday | 18

THE 50-YEAR JOURNEY OF AN AVIATRIX

Meet one of the women who paved the way for women in space. Aviation pioneer Colonel M.W. “Wally” Funk, youngest of the “Mercury 13” women selected for astronaut medical testing in the 1960s, visits Grossmont College to discuss her career.

See **LECTURES**, page 72.

FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALL!

That is, if you need to...most people in attendance will likely know all the words to the classic musical *The Sound of Music*. Dress up as your favorite character from the movie and sing along with the film during this screening hosted by J*Company Youth Theatre. Prize awarded for best costume, and lyrics on the screen will help you keep up! See **FILM**, page 70.

Friday | 19

SHEEP TO SHAWL

Sweaters don’t grow on trees.

Learn how wool is made into fabric as members of the San Diego Creative Weavers’ Guild and Grossmont Adult Education students demonstrate the process.

Weavers will present an assortment of techniques, creating hand-spun and hand-woven items such as clothing, accessories, and textile art. See **SPECIAL**, page 67.



THE SYMMETRY PROJECT

Two naked bodies interact through a “highly structured improvisational score” in this “journey through perception” by performers Jess Curtis, Maria Francesca Scaroni, and Klaus Janek. In case the word “naked” wasn’t a tip-off, be aware that this piece does contain nudity and may not be appropriate for all.

See **IN PERSON**, page 72.

Saturday | 20

INTERESTED IN FORENSICS?

The San Diego Museum of Man introduces the basics of physical anthropology through the bone comparison of primates for Science Family Day. Examine reproduction skulls of humans and other closely related

hominids, identify different human bones, and learn how to “read” them during a forensics workshop.

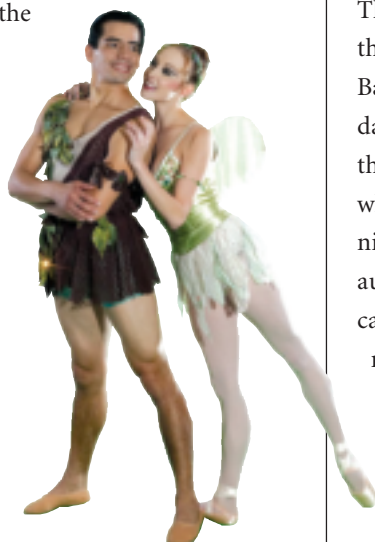
See **FOR KIDS**, page 70.

BALLET IN NEVERLAND

Second star to the right, and straight on till you reach Spreckels Theatre!

Tinkerbell, the Darling children, and Captain Hook are all part of the fun in *Peter Pan*, presented by City Ballet.

See **DANCE**, page 68.



Sunday | 21

MAKI MADNESS

Calling all competitive eaters! This sushi-eating contest takes place in rounds and heats. During the first three rounds, the competitors who demolish two uncut “tootsy maki” the fastest will advance to the next

round. The overall winner is awarded sushi for a year from RA Sushi. See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 70.

CELEBRATE NOWRUZ

The House of Iran celebrates the Iranian new year at Balboa Park with professional dancers from Los Angeles and the local Persian Dance Academy, who will perform traditional ethnic and folk dances in authentic costumes. You can also enjoy poetry reading, singing, and instrumental performances. See **SPECIAL**, page 66.



Tuesday | 23

HOW TO CURATE A GROUP SHOW

Tired of waiting for your art to be discovered by a gallery director? Learn the details of how to host your own group show — such as finding a theme, working with other artists, locating a venue, and obtaining publicity — when the Professional Artist Lecture Series continues at the San Diego Art Institute. See **LECTURES**, page 72.

Wednesday | 24

INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CONFERENCE

California State University Northridge sponsors the 25th annual conference with over 140 exhibitors offering products and services related to helping those with physical and mental disabilities.

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See **SPECIAL**, page 66.



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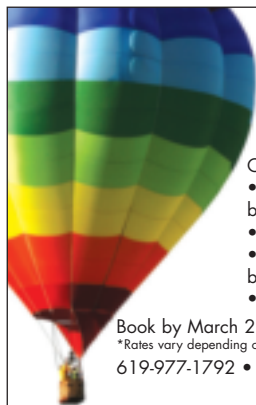
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The cold made me homesick.

New York City

By Andrea Martinez

New York City was more than I expected this time around; however, it was colder than my feet at night. My numb fingers fumbled for my MetroCard, dollars in my pocket, then a beanie for those San Diegan ears of mine.

I must admit, the cold made me homesick the moment I stepped out of the revolving glass doors at the airport, but I'd definitely relive the following adventures:

APT (419 W 13th St.). Nothing's better than dancing at a club where absolutely no one is standing around. DJ Rich Medina spun unforgettable old-school hip-hop that night.

Central Park. Ice skating while frosted trees lined the horizon. Hordes (hundreds) of people skated round and round, everyone's breath visible.

Marian Goodman Gallery. The exhibit featured the artist Gerhard Richter, and visiting it was the highlight of my life. It was inspiring to look at paintings twice my size with more oil paint piled on than I could imagine buy-

ing in ten years.

Radio City Music Hall. The Rockettes — especially their March of the Wooden Soldiers. I wish I could do something, anything with that much precision.

Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon, Utah

By Michelle Williams

Hopping out of the van, we were greeted by the cold like a slap in the face. Our fingers worked slowly as we struggled to strap snowshoes to our boots.

The day started out with temperatures hovering around ten degrees. We aimed to cover 6.5 miles the first day —



A dusting of snow each night

in snowshoes, through two feet of fresh powder. A 1000-foot elevation gain would be our goal that day while the temperatures warmed up to 30. There was no trail to follow but the footsteps of the person in front of us.

Over the next five days, we'd cover 30 miles through Zion National Park and

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Other Adventures



mikeashbury: View from Cozumel shore of cruise ships
Inspiration and Fascination



sanso66: Afternoon relaxation by a church in Mykonos, Greece



lvswhatigt: Inflatable Buddhist monk at the Hsi Lai Temple



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OUTDOORS

Vernal Equinox on Saturday, March 20, at 10:32am Pacific Daylight Time heralds the beginning of the spring season for Earth's northern hemisphere. At the instant of vernal equinox, the sun lies in the plane of Earth's equator. As a consequence, days and nights are

of equal length (12 hours each) everywhere on our planet. Another consequence is that the sun rises due east along the horizon and sets due west. During the next three months, as the sun shines more and more directly on our hemisphere, daylight hours will lengthen and the rise and set positions of the sun will gradually shift toward the northeast and northwest, respectively.

India Hawthorn, one of the most common flowering shrubs used in landscaping as hedges and dividers in San Diego, is blooming best right about now. The plant, which has several varieties, covers itself with blossoms ranging in hue from pinkish white to vivid pink.

Orchid Trees, now at their flamboyant best in front yards and public spaces throughout the city,

are showing off their large, orchid-like flowers in shades of pink, purple and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, southern California, and Arizona.

Saturn lies at opposition to the sun on Sunday, March 21. Look for this creamy white planet over the east horizon as evening twilight gathers any day this week or next. Saturn remains in the sky all night currently, rising at sunset and setting at sunrise. It will remain a good telescopic target for the next three or four months. Saturn's rings are currently tilted only a few degrees to the line of sight (nearly edge-on), though they will gradually open up to nearly 30 degrees inclined some seven years from now.

The Big Dipper, an abbreviated version of the larger constellation known as Ursa Major (the Great Bear), hovers nearly straight overhead during evening hours from

March through June. The seven stars of the dipper — all but one classified as “second magnitude” in brightness — can be distinctly seen on clear evenings, even from light-polluted city locations. The two stars at the end of the bowl of the Big Dipper point downward toward a lone, second-magnitude star: Polaris, the North Star, which perpetually marks the direction of true north.

“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, March 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, March 23, 7am; free. Daley Ranch — La

Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Afternoon Fitness Hike Join naturalist Rita Ospelt on seven-mile double-loop hike with brisk pace, some steep up- and downhill sections. Not suited for children. 760-839-4680. Tuesday, March 23, 4pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Bird Watching Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough starts at first bench on Famosa Boulevard. Bring binoculars if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, March 20, 1pm; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Celebrate Spring Seek wildflowers during trail guide-led walk; admire and learn about native chaparral. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 20, 9:30am; Sunday, March 21, 9:30am; Wednesday, March 24,

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UPPER HOT SPRING CANYON

Orange County's Hot Spring Canyon hosts a beautiful collection of small cascades in its upper reaches.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 94 miles
Hiking length: 3.0 miles round-trip • **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous



Cascade in Upper Hot Spring Canyon

Silent, except for the gentle gurgle of water over stone, upper Hot Spring Canyon is an easy-to-reach hideaway in the Santa Ana Mountains, not very far from a pair of Cleveland National Forest campgrounds. Those campgrounds, Blue Jay and Falcon, could close during the winter season due to adverse weather conditions, but even then you can park outside either one to begin an exploratory trek down the canyon. Boulder-hopping and light bushwhacking take you to an interesting area of small waterfalls and dark, limpid pools in the upper reaches of the canyon.

To get to either campground from San Diego, follow Interstate 5 into Orange County and make a right at Ortega Highway (Highway 74) in San Juan Capistrano. Drive more or less east on Ortega Highway for 21.7 miles, and then turn left (west) on Long Canyon Road. Proceed nearly three miles to Blue Jay Campground, on the left. Or, continue a bit farther to Falcon Group Campground.

No matter where you

decide to start — Blue Jay or Falcon — walk about halfway out the Falcon Trail, which connects the two campgrounds. From there, drop down into a shallow gully draining west, using any one of several informal paths. Follow this gully downstream, dodging chaparral shrubs along the way. You'll soon join a bigger gully at the head of Hot Spring Canyon carrying water from Los Pinos Spring, which lies a short distance upstream. Memorize or mark

this junction for the trip back.

A narrow, lightly beaten path goes down-canyon along grassy benches and across rock of a crumbly metasedimentary type, crossing the creek several times. The canyon ahead trends consistently southwest, despite a few bends. You're following the Los Pinos Fault, an inactive fault running perpendicular to the Elsinore Fault and other faults responsible for the recent (in a geological sense) uplift of the Santa Ana Mountains.

Just before you reach the junction of a major, wet canyon to the north (2950 feet), there's a small waterfall and a grotto with two shallow pools. On the rocks, ferns, mosses, and a type of succulent “live-forever” plant known as “lady fingers” add to the charm. Alder trees grow nearby; they are found in increasing numbers downstream.

After another 0.4 mile, the canyon bottom makes a bend to the right and drops abruptly. All but experienced climbers should stop here and turn back. Intrepid climbers have carefully worked their way over the loose metamorphic rock ahead to get a glimpse of a hidden 25-foot waterfall and a deep pool. Below this, the water shoots down a slot through polished granite. The rock in this area is very loose and unstable, though, so only the most experienced wilderness travelers should proceed, and then only with great caution.

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



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Bryce Canyon. Our group consisted of 12 hikers and 2 guides. Most days we had no trail and wouldn't see any other hikers.

The golden peaks and hoodoos received a light dusting of new snow every night, reminding me of frosted cinnamon rolls. We had a front-row seat to the antics of mule deer and mountain goats.

We stayed in a lodge each night in the town of Mt. Carmel, Utah, the week after Christmas, celebrating the New Year among friends, family, and hiking companions. The lodge was quite spacious, built to sleep 60 guests.

This winter trip afforded us the opportunity to explore Echo Canyon, Refrigerator Canyon, Sunrise and Sunset Point, Observation Point, Checkerboard Mesa, and the hoodoos of Bryce. All the fantastic scenery of Bryce and Zion is just as impressive in the winter months — and without the crowds.

Santa Ynez Valley, California

By Nancy Robinson

It's no wonder the movie *Sideways* chose Santa Ynez Valley as the setting for its whirlwind wine-tasting tour. In the middle of winter, this area greets the road warrior with a promise of spring and summer to come.

After a week of rain in Northern California, a break in the clouds, and a break from nonstop work were just what I needed. My friend and I decided to spend a Sunday soaking in the beauty of this area.

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Wineries beckon along Zaca Station Road

Santa Ynez Valley is known as the heart of Santa Barbara County's wine country. Just off Highway 101, a few miles north of Buellton, we meandered onto Highway 154 and quickly made a left onto Zaca Station Road. Wineries along Zaca Station Road are easily accessible and offer a range of wines. The many wineries beckon like jewels along the winding road, through valleys and hills that looked like green velvet from recent rains.

We had visions of tasting all along Zaca Station Road but spent most of our time at the Fess Parker winery. Our favorites included a Viogner and the surprising find of a 1999 Syrah! There are so many wines and not enough time to taste them all.

A word to the budget-conscious traveler: there's a \$10–\$12 cost for tasting per person. And the wines themselves are similar to Napa Valley prices — expensive. We were fortunate to get a free tasting ticket for two, courtesy of the Marriott Hotel in Buellton.

The back roads of this area also offer a beautiful drive through Los Olivos, where generous salads at Panino's satisfied our hunger. Continuing on from Los Olivos, Highway 154 over San Marcos Pass is a scenic route to Santa Barbara.

9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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

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

Find Fairy Shrimp! Take "Frogs, Toads, Tadpoles, and Fairy Shrimp" hike with Will Bowen; learn about critters in road pools and puddles. Learn to identify different types of tadpoles and tell male and female fairy shrimp apart. Wear shoes that may get a little wet. 858-484-3219. Sunday, March 21, 4pm; free. Carmel Mountain trailhead, 4730 Fairport Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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

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, March 21, 9am; free. Point Loma Native Plant Reserve, Mendocino Boulevard and Greene Street. (POINT LOMA)

Nature in Marian Bear Learn about plants, animals living in Marian Bear Park during easy guided walk starting at East Genesee entrance (5700 Genesee). 858-581-9944. Saturday, March 20, 9:30am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Quack Up at Lake Murray Learn of the diversity of ducks, perhaps "spot some early fuzzy babies." Join birding enthusiasts in Lake Murray parking lot off Kiowa Drive. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 20, 8am; free. Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (LA MESA)

Sauntering: A Springtime Hike Head to Anza-Borrego Desert for "day of hiking and exploring the desert flowers and landscapes." Carpools available. Donation. 619-298-9978 x8014. Saturday, March 20, 8:30am. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Seeking Residents and Visitors Naturalist Sally Sanderson leads slow-paced bird walk of about two miles, focusing on "Resident and

Wintering Birds at Dixon Lake." Bring binoculars, water. Wear layers, walking shoes with good tread. Rain cancels. 760-839-4680. Sunday, March 21, 8am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Tree Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, March 20, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Visit a Volcanic Plug... Hike up Mount Calavera — whose aforementioned plug is estimated to be 28 million years old — during exploration of Calavera Preserve led by Canyoneers. Expect moderate hike, mostly flat, with one steep 200-foot section. 619-255-0171. Sunday, March 21, 10am; free. Calavera Preserve Skyhaven trailhead, Lake Boulevard and Sky Haven Lane. (OCEANSIDE)

Walk in the Park Join naturalist Dan Cannon on moderately paced, five-mile walk through southwest section of ranch. Learn about flora and fauna of residents, reserve's recent and ancient history, bit about geology. 760-839-4680. Saturday, March 20, 1pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Walk the Watershed Elementary students, community members invited to walk through Swan

Canyon, with stops at environmental educational stations to learn about inland activities that impact coastlines. 619-758-7743. Saturday, March 20, 10am; free. Monroe Clark Middle School, 4388 Thorn Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Williams, Vita Sorrentino. RSVP: 858-521-7000. Wednesday, March 24, 4:30pm. UBS Financial Services, Inc., 17140 Bernardo Center Dr., Suite 350. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Hope for Haiti" Synergy Art Foundation hosts fundraiser for Atis-Rezistans and Angels of Haiti Project artist colonies, which were devastated during earthquake. "Angels" founder Dr. Carolle Jean-Murat will talk about "importance of rebuilding the school." For sale:

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art by “Haitian masters” Laurenceau, Claude Ambreille, Prefete Duffaut, Louisiane St. Fleurant, others, along with Haitian objets d’art, pre-earthquake photographs of Haiti by local photographer Bill Wechter. Suggested donation: \$10. 858-353-2771. Saturday, March 20, 5pm. Losina Art Center, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard suite A. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Wonderful Worms Build, populate a worm bin out of recyclable materials, learn “proper care and feeding of your new mighty recyclers” during workshop led by certified Earth Alliance composter Susan Wingate. Fee includes lunch. 760-749-3333. Saturday, March 20, 10:30am; \$45. Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Bookish Delight Bargain-priced books in all categories on offer. 619-297-3166. Saturday, March 20, 8am; free. University Heights Library, 4193 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Celebrate Nowruz Iranian new year celebrations promised during lawn program. Professional dancers from Los Angeles and dancers from local Persian Dance

Academy perform traditional ethnic and folk dances in authentic costumes. There will also be reading of poems, singing, playing of instruments. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, March 21, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Circle of Art Juried fine arts show with 70 artists exhibiting their work in variety of media including oil and watercolors, photography, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, weaving, jewelry. 760-767-0042. Saturday, March 20, 9am; Sunday, March 21, 9am; free. Christmas Circle, Palm Canyon Drive at Borrego Springs Road. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Circus Vargas 2010 Circus Vargas raises its new big top for performances around county. Circus “bridges the gap between old tradition and modern innovation.” Prior to each show, audience is invited into center ring for “crash course in circus skills such as juggling, feather balancing, and hula-hooping.” Tickets: 877-468-3861. Thursday, March 18, 7:30pm; Friday, March 19, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Saturday, March 20, 1:30pm, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, March 21, 1:30pm, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Monday, March 22, 7pm; \$15-\$55. Mira Mesa Community Park, 8575 New Salem Street. (MIRA MESA)

Craft of Poetry Workshop led by Russian poet Valzhyna Mort for all experience levels. During three-hour intensive, students produce new poems, discuss form, craft, aesthetics of poetry. 858-361-3207. Saturday, March 20, 2pm; \$30-\$50. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Daffodil Time Julian Daffodil Show returns, with entries from Julian area and SD County, judged by Jay Pengra, former president of the Southern California Daffodil Society. Show features display of daffodil-themed artwork by members of Julian Arts Guild and students at Julian Elementary School. Art projects “for small children to create...daffodil-themed flags.”

Rhyme & Verse

Two poems by Ginger Andrews

O That Summer

my sister and I
both wound up back in Coos Bay,
basket cases, lonely as hell.
She was recovering from drugs and alcohol,
I was newly divorced, a Sunday School teacher
with no job skills whatsoever
and two little boys to feed,
praying for a maid job at Best Western.
Lord how we prayed

walking from one end
of Sunset Beach to the other, barefoot,
freezing in tank tops and cutoffs,
hair and makeup perfect,
fingernails painted with three coats
of Wet ‘n Wild, hoping
some good looking single doctor
was walking his dog nearby
should one of us happen
to slice our foot on beach glass.

Divine Mathematics

In her second month of a three-month-long virus,
which, according to half a dozen fellow victims,
does not respond to antibiotics, my sister apologizes
for needing to take her third nap of the day
on my sofa. Homeless and divorced, she’s relieved
to know that a trip to the doctor most likely wouldn’t
do her any good, especially since she has no insurance
coverage of any kind, except on her ’78 Ford Fairmont,
with its brand new master cylinder, which thanks to God
and Les Schwab’s low monthly payment plan,
should be paid for by the end of the year,
at which time she hopes to get a rotation,
two new tires, and a badly needed front end alignment,
all for just under a hundred bucks.



The poet Ginger Andrews lives in Oregon and cleans houses for a living. “O That Summer” is from her collection An Honest Answer and “Divine Mathematics” is from her collection Hurricane Sisters, both published by Story Line Press. The poems are used with permission. The author’s photograph is by Chris Christian.

760-765-1857. Saturday, March 20, 11am; Sunday, March 21, noon; free. Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street. (JULIAN)

Fall of the Soviet Union P&R Discussion Group gathers to consider the collapse. 619-370-1027. Thursday, March 18, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Finding Home Fifth annual San Diego Home Buyers Fair, sponsored by East San Diego County Association of Realtors. Lenders, local government agencies offer information on down payments, closing costs, “silent second loans” for low- to middle-income first-time home buyers. 619-579-0333. Saturday, March 20, 9:30am; free. Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 East Douglas. (EL CAJON)

Fred Hall’s Fishing Tackle and Boat Show Show promises boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors’ booths, seminars, wakeboard competition, trout pond, dock dogs, more. 805-389-3339. Wednesday, March 24, 1pm; free-\$12. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Get Planting! Tomatomania, herb festival, spring plant sale return with heirloom tomato seedlings, lectures, demonstrations, guided herb walks, herbal products for sale. Guest of honor is botanist/herb aficionado James Duke, who will discuss, sign his new book, *The Green Pharmacy Guide to Healing Foods*. 760-436-3036. Saturday, March 20, 9am; Sunday, March 21, 9am; free-\$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

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)

Hello Kitty! Dr. Sketchy’s Anti-Art School convenes for sketching session with members of Caburlesque Kittens striking “Pretty Kitties” poses. Bring your art supplies. 619-501-9325. Saturday, March 20, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Historic Home Tours Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) offers chance to tour five private historic homes on Seventh Avenue. The homes, designed and built for prominent citizens (1904-1913), are work of acclaimed architects Irving J. Gill, William Hebbard, Frank Mead, Richard Requa. Day-of-event tickets sold at Whaley House; tours begin at Marston House Museum Shop (3525 Seventh Avenue). 619-297-9327 or 619-297-7511. Sunday, March 21, 10am; \$25-\$35. Whaley House Museum, 2476 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference California State University Northridge sponsors 25th annual conference, with over 140 exhibitors offering products, services related to helping those with physical and mental disabilities. Admittance to exhibits is free, though registration is required.

Workshops, sessions not free. 818-677-2578. Wednesday, March 24, 4pm. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (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)

May the Best Hand Win World Series of Poker circuit hits the area. Championship play on March 29 and 30. Details: 760-751-3184. Thursday, March 18, noon; Friday, March 19, noon; Saturday, March 20, noon; Sunday, March 21, noon; Monday, March 22, noon; Tuesday, March 23, noon; Wednesday, March 24, noon; Harrah’s Rincón, 777 Harrah’s Rincón Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

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)

Numismatically Challenged? California State Numismatic Association hosts 42nd annual educational symposium open to all collectors. Topics will “reach the interests of all coin, currency, and medal collectors,” such as “Coins and Medals of British India” (10am); “Tokens and Medals of the Wild West” (11am). 619-427-2519. Saturday, March 20, 10am; free. Holiday Inn San Diego — Mission Valley, 3805 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

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, March 20, 9am; free. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Ranunculus Rainbows The Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or take wagon ride (\$5 general). Sweet pea maze, poinsettia display, American flag of flowers. Season passes available. 760-431-0352. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; Mondays, 9am; Tuesdays, 9am; Wednesdays, 9am; through Sunday, May 9, free-\$10. Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

Rock Rough and Finished Stones Palomar Gem and Mineral Club hosts annual show with dealers selling “rock rough, finished stones, jewelry, tools,” other rock-related products. Gem identification available. 760-745-5088. Saturday, March 20, 10am; Sunday, March 21, 10am; free-\$2. Army

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Sheep to Shawl San Diego Creative Weavers' Guild members and Grossmont Adult Education students demonstrate process of turning wool into fabric. Weavers will present assortment of techniques creating hand-spun and hand-woven items including clothing, accessories, textile art. 619-267-5141. Friday, March 19, 10am; Saturday, March 20, 10am; free. Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

Simple, Powerful Tools "Introduction to Meditation and Yogic Breathing" workshop explores "ancient yogic breathing techniques to cleanse, balance, and invigorate mind, body, and spirit." No experience in yoga or meditation required. 858-231-5931. Saturday, March 20, 2pm; \$20-\$25. Namaste Yoga Center, 4893 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Water Smart Plant Fair Vendors selling bounty of drought tolerant plants perfectly suited to San Diego gardens. "Ask the Experts" areas, master composters answering questions, along with "other plant and gardening specialists." 619-660-0614. Saturday, March 20, 9am; free. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

World Water Day Festival Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation's family-oriented festival combines education and entertainment for all ages with craft booths, activity stations, wildlife encounter opportunities. 760-804-1969. Saturday, March 20, 10am; free. Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. (CARLSBAD)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Cathedral Classics" San Diego Master Chorale and Chamber Choir, men from Saint Paul's Cathedral Choir, St. Cecilia Choir, and Cathedral Choristers collaborate on music for brass ensemble, organ, voice. Listen for selections by Dupré, Vaughan Williams, Brahms, and composite mass movements by Langlais, Barber, Martin, Ramirez. 858-581-2203. Saturday, March 20, 8pm; \$10-\$15. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

"Celebrate" "Celebrate your Celtic karma with Irish song" when Camarada presents Gallery Concert Series. Beth Ross-Buckley (flute), Fred Benedetti (guitar), Irish soprano Mary Ann Carr perform Czeslaw Krocze's "Irish Suite," the "Suil a Ghra" by Cater/Norman, Benedetti's "Keltic Kure," "Scarborough Fair/Canticle" by Simon and Garfunkel. Also on offer: wine, light hors d'oeuvres, art. 619-231-3702. Saturday, March 20, 6:30pm; \$45-\$50. Perry L. Meyer Fine Art Gallery, 2400 Kettner Blvd., Suite 104. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Going for Baroque" North Coast Symphony Orchestra performs the Bach-Stokowski "Toc-

cata and Fugue in D Minor," Handel's "Suite from the Water Music," and a Gabrieli sonata for brass choir. Soloists include Bruce Mills on piccolo trumpet, who will play Marcello's "Concerto in C Minor for Trumpet and Strings," and violinist Maya Ginsberg and flutists Eleanor Tibbals-Pennington and Kay Robinson, performing Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G Major." Enjoy recital in Concert Hall (building 2400). 760-795-6815. Sunday, March 21, 2pm; \$8-

\$10. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Sacred Images" Cappella Gloriana chamber choir presents multimedia concert featuring paintings of Cardiff artist Gerrit Greve, who introduces "slide show of his works, many of them with sacred or religious themes." The 13-voice a cappella choir will illuminate paintings with songs and motets from Renaissance, by J.S. Bach, Samuel Barber, Arvo Part, others. Reception

follows. 619-291-3055. Sunday, March 21, 7:30pm; \$15. Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Encinitas, 890 Balour Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Storytelling" Art of Élan performs music inspired by William Bouguereau's *The Young Shepherdess*. Program features "Snapshot — circa 1909" by John Corigliano, a work inspired by an old family photograph, as well as "Folksongs" for mezzo-soprano and chamber ensemble arranged

by Luciano Berio. 619-232-7931. Tuesday, March 23, 7pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Mysteries of the Passion" Baroque liturgical music promised during concert by Bach Collegium San Diego. Program includes "Leçons de ténèbres" by Couperin, Zelenka's "Lamentations of Jeremiah I and II," and "Sonata and Sinfonia 'Al Santo Sepolcro'" by Vivaldi. 619-341-1726. Saturday,

March 20, 7pm; \$15-\$35. Saint James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Winter Daydreams" San Diego Symphony, led by conductor Thomas Wilkins, performs Dvořák's "Slavonic Dance No. 1," "Lyric Suite" by Grieg, Bernstein/Harmon's "Candide Suite," and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 1 (Winter Daydreams)" for Jacobs' Masterworks special concert. 619-235-0804. Saturday, March 20,

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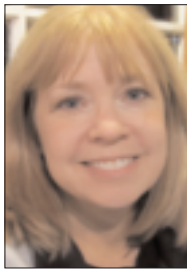
What are you reading?

"I just finished *My Life in France*, by Julia Child and her great nephew Alex Prud'homme. She told him all her stories, and he put it together."

What did you like about it?

"I myself have recently started traveling to other countries, and I was surprised to learn that people in the '30s and '40s were going all over the world. Just the whole concept of ex-pats was new to me, and it was really cool to see and hear what it was like for them. I don't know why I thought travel was so hard. [Child] actually met her husband in China, and I was, like, 'Who went to China back then?' It was interesting to me because I've just discovered all this stuff, and of course, it's been going on forever. She was a foodie, and I've been shocked to find out the different things that people eat in different parts of the world. Things with eyes. We were taken to a restaurant in Singapore by Chinese people — very crowded and hard to get into because of this fabulous dish. It turned out to be cur-

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ried fish head. I didn't eat it. But I did end up eating off a banana leaf without silverware. And I shouldn't be shocked — it's just my lack of experience. I'm sure that since the beginning of time people have been eating strange and unusual things."

Who is your favorite author?

"Maevie Binchy. She's the bestselling author in Ireland, and I've read every one of her books. It's fiction set in Ireland — you learn a lot about Irish culture. There aren't any kind of graphic sex scenes, things that you sometimes find in books. That would bother me. These are books that I can give to my daughter. And the women are always very strong."

Do you have a favorite book?

"I read *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen because there was a circus guy and an elephant on the cover, and it reminded me of my grandfather — he was from that era of the traveling circus. He was very influential in my

life — he always said, 'Get all the education you can. They can take your house, but they can't take your education.' My mother said, 'I'm not sending you to college because girls just go looking for husbands.' And in high school, I wasn't considered college material because I had a single parent. But the words of my grandfather meant everything. I did go to college, and now I have a Ph.D."

What book has been most life-changing for you?

"I read *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, by Harold Kushner, once, and it helped me to get over a terrible tragedy. Then I read it a second time later on, and I just didn't get it anymore. It was the weirdest thing. I also thought Harriet Lerner's *The Dance of Anger* was life-changing. There are something like eight derogatory terms for an angry woman and none for an angry man. They'll call her a bitch and a castrator, but if a man is angry, it's perceived as strong. I realized that that was proba-

bly true — it's a shame, but it's reality. I watch it, because I know how it's going to be perceived. We don't have the right to be angry."

Do you read any magazines or newspapers?

"I'll read garbage when I go to the hairdresser — *People*, things like that."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"I belong to a neighborhood book club, and I really love it — it's once a month, and I live for it. We have everything from homemakers to doctors and lawyers — somebody has her degree in literary criticism, and I love hearing from her. You don't have to have read the book — it's always at the same time, and you just show up. Sometimes, if I'm skeptical about a book, I'll go and listen to the conversation and then read the book based on that."

For more stories by this author, go to sdrader.com.

8pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

All Russian! Mariinsky Orchestra and conductor Valery Gergiev perform "The Enchanted Lake" by Liadov, Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor," and the "Symphony No. 4" by Tchaikovsky for La Jolla Music Society's "Celebrity Series." 858-459-3728. Friday, March 19, 8pm; \$25-\$95. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Choir and Organ Recital San Diego Children's Choir joins former civic organist Jared Jacobsen for concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, March 21, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Globe-Trotting Guitarists! Cal State Fullerton Guitar Ensemble plans concert in Concert Hall (building 2400). "Enjoy a musical tour of the British Isles plus unique pieces" for guitar by Nikita Koshkin, John Duarte, Fito Olivares, Luc Levesque. 760-795-6815. Wednesday, March 24, 7:30pm; \$8-

\$10. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

The Montagues and Capulets Return! San Diego Opera season continues with Charles Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet*. Cast includes American tenor Stephen Costello singing role of Romeo opposite his wife, American soprano Ailyn Pérez as Juliet. Conductor is Karen Keltner; Cynthia Stokes directs. Performed in French with English translations above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Friday, March 19, 8pm; Sunday, March 21, 2pm; \$30-\$180. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Music on the Point Organist Lynn Trapp in concert. Reception follows. Donation: \$5. 619-223-6394 x13. Sunday, March 21, 4pm. All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Piano Concert Barbara and William Karatz Chamber Concert series concludes for season with Tao Lin, a student of Leon Fleisher, Joseph Kalichstein, Stephen Hough. 858-454-5872. Thursday, March 18, 7:30pm; \$30-\$35.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Schumann Concert SDSU's Symphony Orchestra celebrates 200th anniversary of birth of composer Robert Schumann with performance of "Piano Concerto in A minor" with soloist Karen Follingstad; the "Academic Festival Overture" by Brahms; Malcolm Arnold's "Symphony No. 2." 619-594-1017. Thursday, March 18, 7pm; \$10-\$14. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Spring Showcase Civic Youth Orchestra plans concert of classical music. 800-988-4253. Sunday, March 21, 3pm; \$10-\$20. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

The Sprezzatura Group Enjoy concert of classical and jazz music when three harpists and one flutist perform. 858-578-3093. Sunday, March 21, 2pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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Ballet in Neverland! Tinker Bell, the Darling children, Captain Hook are all part of the fun in *Peter Pan*, presented by City Ballet. Choreography by Bruce Steibel set

to music by Thomas Semanski. 858-272-8663. Saturday, March 20, 2pm and 8pm; Sunday, March 21, 2pm; \$29-\$59. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Blues and Swing at Swing Jam Swing Dance Now presents swing dance for all ages. Dance Lindy, East Coast, jitterbug, swing. This week: "tango/blues fusion" workshop, guest DJ, blues dance room. Three dance classes: 8-9pm. Dance: 9pm-midnight. Tickets: \$8 for dance only, \$15 with class. 619-291-3775. Friday, March 19, 8pm. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Boogie Nights Hustle Mania DJ plays contemporary and retro hustle music for party hosted by NextGen Dance Club. Lessons in hustle, nightclub step, *Saturday Night Fever* line dance. Couples and singles welcome. Dance workshops 7-8:30pm; dance 8:30-11pm. 619-275-3533. Saturday, March 20, 7pm; \$6-\$9. Pattie Wells' Dance-time Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Choreographer's Concert California Ballet Company presents new works by choreographers from San Diego area. See pieces in different dance styles, from ballet to hip-hop, with "some live accompaniment." 858-560-6741. Saturday, March 20, 7pm; \$25. 3 and up. Pacific Beach Middle School, 4676 Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Contra Dance Graham Hempel calls, Flight Path makes music for contra dancing hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, March 19,

7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Dancing with a Master Javier Baca of Shen Wei Dance Arts leads master class dispensing Shen Wei principals of technical dance. 619-225-1803. Sunday, March 21, 10am; \$20. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

English Country Dancing Ellen Riley and Judee Pronovost call for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, March 21, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

From Shimmies to Snake Arms Release party for *Step-by-Step Belly Dance with Leilainia* DVD. Party includes performances by Leilainia and her students, the Shimmy Sisters, Danyavaad, Zaira, more. Cover: \$15; dinner buffet: \$15. 619-347-9021. Friday, March 19, 8pm. Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Greek Dance Workshop Joe Graziosi leads workshop of Greek and Macedonian dances, followed by dancing to live music by Dromia and Eastern Exposure. 619-281-5656. Saturday, March 20, 5pm; \$8-\$12. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Swing Time Firehouse swing school hosts music by DJ Joel Plys and friends. Introduction to Lindy (9pm). All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, March 24, 8pm; \$8. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

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\$9.99 Stop-motion animated film by Tatia Rosenthal based on short stories of Etgar Keret featured during Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, March 22, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Football Under Cover Catch this 2008 German/Iranian documentary directed by David Assmann and Ayat Najafi following attempts to organize a women's football match between a German and an Iranian team. Film screens in German, English, and Farsi with English subtitles for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, March 24, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Il Divo Paolo Sorrentino's 2008 film about scandal-ridden Italian premier Giulio Andreotti screens for International Film Series. Screening takes place in room 204. In Italian with English subtitles.

760-944-4449 x7758. Friday, March 19, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue.

Missed it? Film repeats at 7pm on Oceanside campus, MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. Free. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

My Father's Garden San Diego Sustainable Roots "Food for Thought" film series features "documentary film about the use and misuse of technology on the American farm and the impact on our health and environment." Discussion about local food movement, ways to support locally grown food. 619-282-0437. Tuesday, March 23, 6pm; free. Lest's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Spreading the Word: Made in L.A. Documentary follows three Latina immigrants working in Los Angeles garment sweatshops as they embark on multiyear odyssey to win basic labor protections from a trendy clothing retailer. Screening in Arts 111. Filmmakers Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar attend "via a live teleconference." 760-750-4011. Tuesday, March 23, 7pm; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

State of Siege The 1973 Costa-Gavras film set in an unnamed South American country, in which an American CIA agent is held hostage by a left-wing guerrilla group, screens for Sunday Matinee series. 619-236-5800. Sunday, March 21, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

There's Something About Mary This 1998 flick screens for 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, March 24, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

You Can Heal Your Life Louise Hay's film includes "self-help luminaries" Wayne Dyer, Esther and Jerry Hicks, many others discussing how Hay's "life and teachings shaped their lives and the lives of millions of people around the world." Offering. 619-303-6609. Wednesday, March 24, 7pm; 14 and up. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

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Adam (a.k.a. *The Turkish Star Wars*), which includes footage and music stolen from *Star Wars* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. “Cinephiles and movie geeks” invited to “get interactive (i.e., hurl jokes and insults at screen).” 619-278-2230. Sunday, March 21, 1pm; \$5. 21 and up. Pure Platinum, 4000 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Follow the Bouncing Ball! Dress up as your favorite character from *The Sound of Music* and sing along with film (prize awarded for best costume) during screening (with lyrics) hosted by J*Company Youth Theatre. Reservations: 858-362-1348. Thursday, March 18, 7pm; \$8-\$10. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

FOOD & DRINK

All You Need Is Love? Evening hosted by Warwick’s boasts Annabelle Gurwitch and Jeff Kahn performing their live show, the basis for their new book, *You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up: A Love Story*. Duo will also discuss, sign books. Tickets (\$55 or \$60) include signed copy of the book, “choice of his and hers dinners prepared by Isabel.” Reservations: 858-454-

0347. Wednesday, March 24, 6pm. Isabel’s Cantina, 966 Felspar Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Italian Cooking Series begins with pasta and sauces; learn to make fresh pasta, traditional red sauce and Alfredo sauce. 858-449-0222. Tuesday, March 23, 6:30pm; \$45. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

Maki Madness Calling competitive eaters! Organized on bracket system, this sushi-eating contest takes place in rounds and heats. During first three rounds, competitors who demolish two uncut “Tootsy Maki” in fastest time advance to next round. Winner awarded “sushi for a year.” Entry fees benefit Embrace San Diego. Reservations, space availability: 619-321-0021. Sunday, March 21, noon; \$10. 21 and up. RA Sushi, 474 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet the Brewer: BrewDog James Watt, “head brew punk” of BrewDog, shares some “unorthodox brews” and explains himself! *Stone Skips Across the Pond* screens in gardens (bring a chair). 760-471-4999. Friday, March 19, 6pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Shuck and Swallow Ten duos (one shucker, one swallower) from SD restaurants, kitchens compete to discover which team “can open and eat the most oysters in ten minutes.” 619-531-8744. Wednesday, March 24, 6pm;

free. LOUNGEsix, 616 J St., Fourth floor. (DOWNTOWN)

Soups and Stocks Learn to make rich stocks and “delicious soups from scratch” during “Basic Cooking 101 Series” class. 858 449-0222. Wednesday, March 24, 6:30pm; \$45. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

St. Patrick’s Day and a Cuppa “Tea divas” Deb and Janet of My Cup of Tea host high tea of savories, sweets, scones, and champagne while violinist Christian Sanchez serenades. Guests may view the “Annual Juried Art Exhibit.” Required reservations by March 17: 619-479-9607 or 619-421-6662. Sunday, March 21, 2pm; \$32. Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

What’s Not to Like? Sommelier Jayson Knack has created “perfect wine-and-chocolate pairings” for class. Guests receive six chocolates paired with wine from Knack and chocolatier Isabella Valencia while seated in the commercial kitchen. 619-808-1749. Friday, March 19, 7pm; \$30. 21 and up. Dallmann Confections, 780 North 2nd Street. (EL CAJON)

Yum! “Mujaddara Night”! Palestine Children’s Relief Fund hosts evening of Middle Eastern food, entertainment, talk by orthopedic surgeon Dr. Hugh Watts. Proceeds help provide transportation to U.S. for seven children from Gaza. Space availability, reservations: 619-227-5742. Sunday, March 21, 4:30pm; \$20. Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

“Birds of the Sea” Storm petrel birds spend their lives at sea, coming to shore only to lay eggs, nest for short period each year. Learn about “amazing ocean-going birds and discover how adaptations allow them to survive in a watery world” during “SEA Days” program. Meet Scripps Oceanography scientists studying birds, learn about migration, more. Make a bird craft, hear a story. Included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. Saturday, March 20, 11am; free-\$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

“Exploring Art and Science” In conjunction with a park-wide festival, Target Free Family Day and Festival explores intersections of art and science through art-making activities, demonstrations, tours. 619-232-7931. Saturday, March 20, 11am; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Expressing Yourself: Modern Art” Family drop-in day program encourages exploration, learning about exhibitions through child-friendly tours, storytelling, art making. For families with kids 6-12. 619-231-7650 or 619-232-7931. Sunday, March 21, 1pm. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

A Midsummer Night’s Dream William Shakespeare’s romantic comedy illustrating how “the course of true love never did run true” presented by San Diego Junior Theatre La Jolla. 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, March 28, \$11-\$14. 8 and up. Firehouse YMCA Community Center, 7877 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Benito Bunny’s Great Easter Egg Hunt Benito Bunny needs help finding Easter eggs stolen by Freddy the Fox when Gaston’s Puppets take stage. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, March 24, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Pippi Longstocking San Diego Junior Theatre presents stage adaptation of Astrid Lindgren’s classic tale of adventurous, independent Pippi and her friends. Performance on March 20 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, March 21, \$8-\$14. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

The Importance of Being Earnest Oscar Wilde’s comic play set in England during late Victorian era presented by Classic Youth Theatre. 760-632-9447. Friday, March 19, 6pm; Saturday, March 20, 6pm; Sunday, March 21, 2pm; free-\$15. Innovative Body Science, 6350 Yarrow Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Animals, Animals, Animals! Enjoy *The Rock and Roll Rabbit* and *How Much Is That Puppy in the Window* when Big Joe Produc-

tions entertain. 619-544-9203. Thursday, March 18, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, March 19, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, March 20, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, March 21, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Dignity and Respect The Culture Shock troupe cultivates “self-worth, dignity, and respect for all people” through power of music and dance. Ensemble performs for “Center Stage: Performances for Youth” series for those in grades 6-12. 800-988-4253. Wednesday, March 24, 9:30am and 11am; \$2. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

DNA Day Scientists from Salk Institute on hand for explorations of genetic instructions for life. With “larger-than-life models,” learn how this molecule helps determine physical characteristics. Experiment with cell biology to isolate, see real DNA, “take the DNA home as a souvenir.” 619-238-1233. Saturday, March 20, noon; \$8-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Science Day Hands-on activities include making a spectroscope similar to instrument used on Hubble telescope to measure light coming from distant stars. Take “Hubble Trivia Challenge” for chance to win astronaut ice cream, other prizes. 619-238-1233. Saturday, March 20, 9:30am. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

How Do You Solve a Problem... A high-spirited governess named Maria, seven children, and a widowed naval captain equals *The Sound of Music*. The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is next production for J*Company Youth Theatre. Score including tunes such as “Climb Every Mountain,” “Sixteen Going on Seventeen,” “Edelweiss.” Reservations: 858-362-1348. Thursday, March 18, 7pm; Saturday, March 20, 8pm; Sunday, March 21, 1pm and 4:30pm; \$13-\$17. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Interested in Forensics? Museum introduces elements of physical anthropology through bone comparison of primates for Science

Family Day. During forensics workshop, examine reproduction skulls of humans and other closely related hominids; identify different human bones, learn what they tell us about people, more. 619-239-2001. Saturday, March 20, 10am; free-\$10. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Paper Airplane Festival Enjoy hands-on experiences, gain insight into science of flight by creating many types of space-themed paper airplanes. Group launch: 3pm. 619-234-8291. Saturday, March 20, 11am; free-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Science of History Learn how historians know what they know through paint analysis, restoration, preservation during Science Family Day activities. Free for children up to 17 years old with paid adult admission. 619-232-6203 x129. Saturday, March 20, 1pm. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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“Ceramic Works” Reception for exhibition of ceramic artwork by Patsy Cox and Eric Rempe, on view through Thursday, April 22. 619-644-7299. Tuesday, March 23, 7pm; free. Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (GROSSMONT COLLEGE)

“Historic Visions” Opening reception of exhibition of photographs by Ginger, along with Macoe’s paintings on display in “Pharm Animals.” Closes Saturday, March 27. 619-236-0862. Saturday, March 20, 7pm; free. Suture Gallery, 655 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Poplife: Commerce & Celebrity Reception for exhibition of work by Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Damien Hirst. Closes Saturday, March 27. RSVP for reception: 858-459-0836. Saturday, March 20, 6pm; free. Madison Gallery, 1020 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

“Relics from the Now” Opening reception for display of work by Los Angeles-based artist Timothy Williams. “Using relics of California’s past, Williams creates objects that are utterly contemporary and appealing on many levels.” On view through Thursday, April 22. 760-436-1440. Thursday, March 18, 6pm; free. Eric Phleger Gallery, 828 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

“Total Protonic Reversal” Artist’s reception for Clayton Llewellyn and Joshua Eggleton. This exhibit of “drawings of ob-

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"Works in Progress" Opening reception for display of new works by San Diego-based artist Robert Irwin. Exhibition will change every two weeks during the run of the show, continuing through Saturday, May 1. 858-454-3409. Friday, March 19, 6pm; free. Quint Contemporary Art, 7739 Drury Lane. (LA JOLLA)

Chinese Brush Painting Reception for exhibition of 75 Asian watercolors including animals, florals, Asian calligraphy. Most of the participating artists have studied in China. See show through Monday, March 29. 619-534-9212. Saturday, March 20, 4pm; free. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"A Chameleon Who Defies Pigeonholing" "Musical impressionist" Finis entertains. 877-687-2862. Saturday, March 20, 7pm; \$10-\$20. 18 and up. Casino Pauma, 777 Pauma Reservation Road. (PALA)

"Invasion of the Oojaians" Technomania Circus hosts "two hours of aliens and circus arts featuring UFOs, black light illusion acts, space pirates." Wear warm clothing for outside performance. 619-231-1950. Saturday, March 20, 8pm; \$15. 18 and up. Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Liquid Bells" Damien Rose brings 20 Tibetan singing bowls and gong for concert of "healing sounds." 619-582-1100. Saturday, March 20, 1pm; free. Buddha for

You, 6360 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Tales of Raucous Humor and Tender Courage" "What happens when the best laid plans for an intimate evening draw a crowd, moonlight, candles, Mom, police?" Beth Horner performs for Storytellers of San Diego in Manchester Executive Conference Center. 619-298-6363. Saturday, March 20, 7:30pm; \$10. 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

The United Nations of Comedy 2 Enjoy diverse comedy styles of Aida Rodriguez, Byron Bowers, Mal Hall, Fahim Anwar, and "NBC's Standup for Diversity" 2009 winner Kevin Shea. 619-708-7975. Wednesday, March 24, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Do They Know I'm Running? Crime author David Corbett visits Galaxy to sign books. 858-268-4747. Monday, March 22, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Good Lessons from Bad Women Broadway actress Dorothy Leeds brings to life seven "bad" women from history during her one-person theatrical comedy. Why are the

wicked irresistible? 619-233-7963. Sunday, March 21, 2pm; \$20-\$30. La Jolla Woman's Club, 715 Silverado Street. (LA JOLLA)

The Deer Dancer Gary Winters makes presentation, signs books for "Third Thursday Author Nights" series. 619-232-4855. Thursday, March 18, 7pm; free. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

The God Virus What makes religion so powerful? Dr. Darrel Ray — psychologist, founder of Recovering from Religion, and student of religion, sociology, and anthropology — discusses his new book. Book signing follows. Suggested donation: \$10. 619-646-2191 or 619-298-8281. Thursday, March 18, 7pm. Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

African Mystery Author Suzanne Arruda signs *Treasure of the Golden Cheetah*. 858-268-4747. Friday, March 19, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Belly-Dance Showcase Renee, Wendy, Salome, Marianna perform to live music by oudist John Bilezikjian, with Dave Dhillon and Frank Lazzaro (percussion). Do-

nation: \$5. 619-688-9845. Thursday, March 18, 8pm. Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Brew Ha-Ha Coffee and Comedy Night Performers include Rene Lancaster, Chase Brockett, Sarah Burford, headliners Chris Clobber and Robert Lariviere. No cover or drink minimum. Anyone under 17 must bring a parent. Reservations: 619-922-9057. Saturday, March 20, 7pm; free. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Comedy Night Entertainment by headliner Mark Christopher Lawrence, three other comedians, and emcee Tony Calabrese. Tickets include dessert. 858-451-1200. Saturday, March 20, 7:50pm; \$24-\$30. 18 and up. Temple Adat Shalom, 15905 Pomerado Road. (POWAY)

Heroism and Sacrifice Author Chang-rae Lee discusses, signs his new novel, *The Surrendered*, "about how love and war inalterably change

the lives of those they touch." 858-454-0347. Thursday, March 18, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Interior Design on a Budget Laurie Ann McMillin Ray — interior designer and SD home-furnishing stores owner — signs her book *At Home With Laurie Ann — A Decorator's Guide: Turn the Place You Live Into a Home You Love*. 858-684-3166. Thursday, March 18, 6pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

Kooza! Cirque du Soleil "combines two circus traditions — acrobatic performance and the art of clowning" — to tell story of "The Innocent," a melancholy loner in search of his place in world. Show highlights physical demands of human performance in its splendor and fragility, presented with emphasis on slapstick humor. 800-450-1480. Thursdays, 8pm; Fridays, 4pm and 8pm; Saturdays, 4pm and 8pm; Sundays, 1pm and

5pm; through Sunday, March 21, \$21-\$125. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Meet the Chefs Chefs Bernard Guillas and Ron Oliver, authors of *Flying Pans, Two Chefs One World*, plan demonstration, book signing. 858-642-6700. Sunday, March 21, noon; free. Whole Foods Market, 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Murder? Author, Emmy award-winning writer and producer Stephen J. Cannell returns to discuss, sign his new novel, *The Pallbearers*. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, March 23, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Mystery Author Lisa Lutz signs *The Spellmans Strike Again*. 858-268-4747. Thursday, March 18, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

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open reading “with no featured author.” 760-685-6470. Friday, March 19, 7pm; free. Gallery 204, 204 Main Street. (VISTA)

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)

Sight & Sound Preview night with musical performances by SoftLightes, Shapes of Future Frames (with Scarlet Symphony front man Gary Hankins), Gayle Skidmore, Beat Panther. Art installation from Young Guns; massage, sculpture display, video projections by Greg Lloyd. Free admission be-

fore 7:30pm; complimentary beverage with paid admission before 8pm. 619-846-7180. Saturday, March 20, 7pm; \$10. 21 and up. Queen Bee’s Art and Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Spring Equinox Concert Take in “the Ghandarva Ceremony of Peace” with Paul Hubbert on crystal bowls and vocal harmonics. Reservations: 619-491-3087. Saturday, March 20, 7:30pm; \$20. San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1009 G Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Stage Monkeys SD Expect “evening of Chicago-style, live improvised comedic theater.” Team of “comedic masterminds” weaves together stories, characters, songs, games, hilarity. 619-237-4510. Tuesday, March 23, 8pm; \$5. 18 and up. Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Stunning Poetry! Russian poet Valzhyna Mort reads from her

work. Also reading: SDSU MFA alumnus Deniz Perin. 858-361-3207. Friday, March 19, 7pm; free. The Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Tales — True or Tall Have a story to tell, without notes, in five minutes or less? Share your story — personal, tall tale, folktale, historical, funny or not. Listeners welcome too. 858-484-1325. Wednesday, March 24, 7pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

The Symmetry Project Two naked bodies interact “through a highly structured improvisational score” in this “journey through perception” by performers Jess Curtis, Maria Francesca Scaroni, Klaus Janek in collaboration with Regina Teichs, Richarda Mieth, Sven Hogolani. Piece “contains nudity and may not be suitable for all audiences.” 619-235-8466. Friday, March 19, 8pm; Saturday, March 20, 8pm; \$10-\$15. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

West Coast Funnies Comedy variety show with Kurt Swann blends sketch and stand-up comedy. Headliner is Bobby Tessel (*The Tonight Show*, *The Late Show*); Dave Reinitz also appears. 760-720-2460. Saturday, March 20, 8pm; \$20. 18 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Women’s History Month Carol Rowell Council discusses *The Centaur for Women: Memoirs of the*

Student Founder of Women’s Studies. Event includes poetry of Suzanne Morse, open mike for poetry and prose. 619-220-0175. Friday, March 19, 7pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Hazard Center, 7610 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

LECTURES

“Backstage at the Tropicana” Dancer/teacher/choreographer Julie Kenyon recounts her life as a Folies Bergere dancer in Las Vegas during early ‘60s for Life at MiraCosta senior learning group (1pm). “A Menu of Health” presented by Joan Scharff of Garden Fresh Restaurant Corporation (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, March 19, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Biblical Texts That Challenge Series concludes with question “If God condoned the death of Jesus on the cross and/or knew that it would happen and didn’t stop it, does that make God a murderer?” Examine texts about Jesus’ death, claims about God’s need for a sacrifice. 619-466-4163. Wednesday, March 24, 7pm; free. 13 and up. La Mesa First United Methodist Church, 4690 Palm Avenue. (LA MESA)

“Booze, Bunkers, and Bombs” What happened in southwest corner of U.S. during the last century? Learn about “The Struggle for Border Field in the 20th Century” during Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series talk by archivist/public historian Charles W. Hughes. 619-575-3613. Saturday, March 20, 11am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitors’ Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

“Broadway — An American Invention” Pianist/singer/storyteller Bruno Leone plans lecture/performance series combining anecdotes, history, live music for behind-the-scenes look at music world. Talks trace development of musical comedy from small beginnings, through Broadway’s “Golden Age,” to grandiose musicals defining contemporary Broadway. Musicals of leading composers, lyricists of today and yesterday showcased. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Tuesday, March 23, 7:30pm; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

“California Dreaming: Dali and the Golden State” Talk by Sarah Cochran, curator of contemporary art at Phoenix Art Museum, for guest lecture series. 619-232-7931. Friday, March 19, 10am; \$7-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Creativity and Genius — The Fire Within!” “The Incredible Power of Music” series offered by pianist/“stage personality” Jacqueline Silver concludes with examination of “where creative genius comes from, through works by Beethoven, Chopin, Duke Ellington, and others.” Reservations: 858-454-5872. Sunday, March 21, 2pm; \$30-\$35. Athenaeum Music

and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Education and Enlightenment Friends of San Diego Architecture gather to celebrate 25 years. Architect Ted (Armistead) Smith is speaker and emcee. Winner of first Harriet Gill Award will be announced; short history of group presented. Past speakers invited as guests. 619-224-8584. Saturday, March 20, 9:30am; free-\$5. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

“Everything You Wanted to Know About Footnote.com” Roger Bell, senior vice president for products at Footnote, Inc., discusses capabilities, methods to effectively use the website in research when Computer Genealogy Society meets. User groups for Legacy, and special user groups on Web (Cloud Computing) and beginning computer genealogy (9am). 858-674-0749. Saturday, March 20, 9am; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“How to Curate a Group Show” Tired of waiting to be discovered by a gallery director? Time to take matters into your own hands, curate a group art show? Learn details of curating group shows such as finding theme, working with other artists, locating venue, publicity, when Professional Artist Lecture Series continues with talk by Patricia Frischer. 619-236-0011. Tuesday, March 23, 6pm; \$5-\$10. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“How to Grow Vegetables and Heirloom Tomatoes” Master gardener Karan Cooper has grown up to 70 types of heirloom tomatoes during last 15 years. She’ll discuss her work, bring some heirloom tomato plants to sell when MiraCosta Horticulture Club meets on second floor of student center in building 3400. 760-729-8172. Saturday, March 20, 12:30pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

“Mark Twain: Ambassador at Large” Shelley Fisher Fishkin, director of Stanford University’s American studies program, plans lecture in Love Library room 430. Fishkin is author of many works on Twain. 619-594-4991. Tuesday, March 23, 3:30pm; free. 15 and up. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

“Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination” The 15th annual Writer’s Symposium by the Sea brings variety of poets, environmentalists, theologians, political scientists to explore global social problems. Enjoy “A Conversation with Kathleen Norris” on March 24; she is poet/essayist/author of *Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer’s Life*. March 25 promises “A Conversation with Michael Eric Dyson,” the Georgetown University sociologist/theologian/author.

Environmentalist/author Bill McKibben on hand for conversation on March 26. McKibben is author of *Deep Economy*, *The End of*

Nature, *Hope: Human & Wild*, *The Age of Missing Information*. Symposium concludes with “A Panel Presentation with Bill McKibben and Emmanuel Katongole” on March 27 in Ellipse Chapel. Katongole is author/co-director of Center of Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School/a Roman Catholic priest from Uganda, offering “a redeeming concept of how to live in a world marked by AIDS, civil war, genocide and other destructive conflicts.” Except where noted, events take place in Crill Performance Hall in Cooper Music Center. 619-849-2297. Wednesday, March 24, 7pm; \$10-\$15. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

“Planting with Your Pooch” People-only class provides pointers on pet-friendly landscaping and dealing with canine chewers and diggers. Learn “ways to naturally discourage intruders in your yard.” 619-243-3424. Thursday, March 18, 6:30pm; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

“Reviewing Beijing Plus 15” In celebration of Women’s History Month, American Association of University Women examines “Progress and Barriers to Women’s Equality, Development, and Peace,” with a report back from UN’s Commission on the Status of Women from AAUW and United Nations Association delegates. 619-504-4741. Saturday, March 20, 10:30am; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

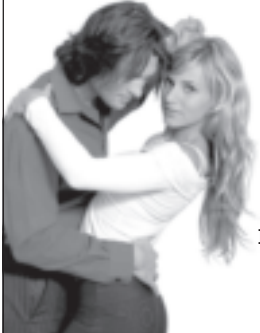
“Spirit of the Barrio” Luncheon panel discussion on “New Paradigms for Reducing Homelessness” with panelists Fred Maas, Brian Maienschein, Joel Roberts, Rob Lankford. Donation: \$25. 619-515-2300. Friday, March 19, 11:45am. Family Health Center, 1809 National Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

“The 50-Year Journey of an Aviatrix” Aviation pioneer Colonel M.W. “Wally” Funk, youngest of the “Mercury 13” women selected for astronaut medical testing in the 1960s, discusses her pioneering career marked with many “firsts” for women in aviation, in room 220. 619-644-7840. Thursday, March 18, 12:30pm; free. 9 and up. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

“The Claustrophobic Intimacy between Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn” Lecture by Deborah Hertz, the Herman Wouk Chair in Modern Jewish Studies at UCSD, author of *Jewish High Society in Old Regime Berlin*, others. Enjoy “musical examples” by Marcia Bookstein (cello) and Irina Bendetsky (piano). RSVP: 858-362-1150. Tuesday, March 23, 7:30pm; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“The Strange Case of James-Jake Smithers-Gray” Colleen FitzPatrick presents “A Forensic Case Study” for North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Forensic scientist FitzPatrick is a consulting genealogist for Armed

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Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, author of three genealogy books, columnist for *Ancestry* magazine. 858-509-4937. Tuesday, March 23, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

“Virtual Story Telling” “Web content strategist” Shelly Bowen focuses on “How to Grow Your Business with Social Media” for San Diego Professional Editors Network (SD/PEN). 619-281-6951. Thursday, March 18, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Blind as a... Ophthalmologist Anne Hanneken, M.D., illuminates macular degeneration, “the number-one cause of blindness in adults.” Registration: 800-727-4777. Friday, March 19, 10am; free. Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Chinese Painting and Poetry Poet/composer/painter/teacher/writer Catherine Yi-yu Cho Woo plans lecture on Chinese fine arts. Woo’s paintings have been shown in galleries and museums in Asia and U.S.; she is author of nine books in Chinese and English on Chinese literature, art, and culture. Lecture — in Chinese and English — followed by reception. 619-338-9888. Saturday, March 20, 2pm; free-\$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Consider History and Public Policy SDSU professor Edward Blum chronicles “Religion and Politics in America from Jefferson to Lincoln” for Humanist Fellowship. Blum argues “the combination of church-state separation and the marked religiosity of American society...may hold a key to understanding contemporary political and cultural debates.” 619-590-0491. Sunday, March 21, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

End of Life Issues Hemlock Society gathers to ponder “Avoiding a Prolonged Dying by Refusing Food and Fluid.” Two short films will be

screened. Dr. Stan Terman, president of Caring Advocates, will discuss films, explain how to plan to use this method in future. Book signing follows. 619-233-4418. Sunday, March 21, 1:30pm; free. 18 and up. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Fashion Foibles Mesa College professor of fashion Susan Lazear presents illustrated talk on “quirks of fashion through history” in conjunction with “San Diego Style” exhibition. 619-232-6203 x129. Thursday, March 18, 6pm; free-\$10. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

How Does Megan’s Law Work? How can it be improved? Find out during forum examining local applications of the law, how to access information on registered sex offenders, shortfalls “that must be corrected through legislation at the state level,” more. 760-745-2125. Tuesday, March 23, 7pm; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Know the Preuss School? Principal Scott Barton chronicles “Preparing Students for College at the Preuss School” for San Diego Independent Scholars, meeting in room 111A of UCSD Chancellor’s Complex. 760-751-3094 or 619-296-4055. Saturday, March 20, 1:20pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Love, Betrayal, Political Upheaval, Medicine! Abraham Verghese — author of *Cutting for Stone* and other books — speaks for Revelle Forum. Verghese is a physician and professor of theory and practice of medicine at Stanford University, an advocate for “humanistic practice of medicine.” Registration: 858-882-8000. Wednesday, March 24, 7pm; \$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Musical Secrets Divulged Tracey and Vance Marino present “The Secrets to Getting Your Music into Production Music Li-

braries” for San Diego Nashville Songwriters Association International’s Fourth Monday workshop. RSVP: 619-884-1401. Monday, March 22, 7:30pm; free-\$15. Piano Press Studio, 1425 Ocean Avenue. (DEL MAR)

Orbital Mechanics? Forum hosted by MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) considers topics including “Unidentified Flapping Media: UFOs Investigate News Media,” “2010 UFO Congress Summary,” “Local UFO Sightings,” “Zero Point Energy.” 760-753-2456. Sunday, March 21, 6pm; free. Sizsler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

See, Touch, Smell! Meet drought-tolerant plants including salvias and California natives when landscape designer Doug Kalal reveals “Thirty Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden.” 619-200-7066. Tuesday, March 23, 6pm; free. La Mesa Library, 8074 Allison Avenue. (LA MESA)

Sleep Well Dress your bed in style; create a “more beautiful night’s sleep” during interior design style workshop. RSVP: 619-461-3811. Saturday, March 20, 10:30am; free. Ethan Allen, 8185 Fletcher Parkway. (LA MESA)

Sustainable Gardening Explore “Earth-friendly” gardening methods, past and present, used by people from around globe during introductory class led by Paul Maschka. “Many of these low-tech methods are highly productive, especially for small-scale food production.” 619-255-0203. Thursday, March 18, 6:30pm; \$25-\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Understand “Total Protonic Reversal” Artist talk planned by artists Clayton Llewellyn and Joshua Eggleton in conjunction with their exhibition, on display through Thursday, April 1. 760-795-6657. Thursday, March 18, 11am; free. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

SPORTS

Climbing to New Heights for Down’s Syndrome Open to everyone, from avid climbers to those who want to challenge themselves as first-time climbers, to raise funds for Down’s Syndrome Center at Rady Children’s Hospital. Activities for non-climbers, families. 619-694-4615. Sunday, March 21, 11am; free-\$20. Solid Rock Gym, 13026 Stowe Drive. (POWAY)

Great Alpine Ride Bicycle around Mt. Helix to reach Rancho San Diego, then take Willow Glen to Dehesa and Tavern Road. Bicyclists on this 50-mile ride return

via Harbison Canyon to catch Dehesa and head back to start. Bring money for lunch in Alpine. 619-466-0359. Sunday, March 21, 9am. Vons Market — La Mesa, 3681 Avocado Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Kayaking on the Bay Outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum boasts introductory paddling lesson followed by scenic paddle under Coronado Bridge to Coronado Ferry Landing. Fees include equipment, instruction. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Saturday, March 20, 9am; \$20-\$65. Glorietta Bay Park, 1715 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

Signature 1 County Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-481-9085. Saturday, March 20, 8am; Sunday, March 21, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Swarm versus Sirens San Diego Derby Dolls Swarm skaters take on Los Angeles Derby Dolls Sirens on banked roller derby track. 619-206-9711. Saturday, March 20, 7pm; free-\$20. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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ride. Bring money for lunch in Bonsall. 619-473-8513. Sunday, March 21, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Walk for Water Project Concern International leads 5k walk in commemoration of World Water Day. Walkers may carry buckets of water to simulate the journey women, children make every day in countries around world to obtain water. Fee: \$10 per person, \$25 for family of four. 619-255-7069 or 858-279-9690. Sunday, March 21, 10am. Tecolote Shores Park, 1725 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil-drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale

train. 2040 North Santa Fe Ave., 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

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

Barona Cultural Center and Museum 1095 Barona Rd., 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

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

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

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

California Surf Museum "WOW: Women on Waves," on view through Monday, January 31, 2011, "explores many aspects of feminine wave-riding." Show documents highlights of women's contributions throughout the sport and culture of wave-riding, chronicling beach fashions women endured or created, milestones they hit, and "oft-overlooked influence the feminine mystique has had on surfing." 312 Pier View Way, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

Heritage Museum An interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park. 14134 Midland Rd., 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

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

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

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

"¡Viva México! — Heroes and Artisans" celebrates 200th anniversary of Mexican independence (1810), the 100th of Mexican revolution (1910), and folk art "that colorfully and vitally expresses the nation's spirit." Exhibit featuring works drawn from Mexico's federal patrimony and from Mingei's collection includes 105 objects on loan from Mexico. Closes Sunday, January 2, 2011.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla "Classic Contemporary: Lichtenstein, Warhol, and Friends" showcases major pop, minimalist, color field works in museum's collection of American Art dating from 1960s and 1970s. View iconic pieces by Edward Ruscha, Ellsworth Kelly, Claes Oldenburg, Sol LeWitt, others through Sunday, March 21.

"Pleasure Point: Celebrating 25 Years of Contemporary Collectors" boasts "major highlights of the acquisitions" group has made possible during past 25 years, including works by Tony Oursler, Doris Salcedo, Nancy Rubins. Closes Sunday, May 16. 700 Prospect St., 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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

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

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

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

Olaf Wiegthorst Museum Displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wiegthorst and features exhibits of other artists' American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20x20-foot reproduction of Wiegthorst's painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wiegthorst 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 Model Railroad Museum Museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum See "Fossil Mysteries," a permanent exhibition. From dinosaurs to mastodons, discover the rich fossil history of our region. Current "giant-screen films" are *Ocean Oasis*; and *Wild Ocean 3-D* (through Friday, March 26). 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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Tapas on Tokyo Time

An *izakaya* is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar or gastropub — a place where salarymen flock after work to snack on a variety of small dishes (or some big comforting ones) for a few hours of convivial drinking before hitting the crowded train back to Mama-san in the suburbs. It's a fun way to eat. Several of these places have now opened in San Diego — a couple in Kearny Mesa, another in Encinitas, the delightful little Izakaya Masa in Mission Hills, and now, the spiffy Shimbashi in Del Mar Plaza. Shimbashi is named for a Tokyo neighborhood with a lot of *izakayas* surrounding the train station. It hit the ground running, with large ads in several local publications and a website domain name in the plural (*shimbashi-restaurants.com*); however, Googling it, I found no confirmation of my suspicion that it might be a Tokyo-based chain.

Located opposite to the elevators on the entry-level "Market Floor" of the Del Mar Market garage (look for a sign across the way that says "Japanese Garden"), it's bright and shiny, with light woods and color highlights in red and black. There are busy sushi bars in the center and along one edge, plus a bunch of wooden tables between them, the latter furnished with backless stools topped with cushions that look thick, though as the evening progresses, they seem to get thinner, eventually deflating into tushie-torturing sternness, if you're past a certain age, like a gourmet version of *zazen*. (Some *izakayas* in Tokyo actually offer set "timed menus," *prix-fixe* arrays that take exactly two hours to eat. Are the stools our local equivalent?)

The crowd is mainly youngish, mainly Asian, plenty of them dating or out with friends after work. The menu runs three oversize pages (about 60 choices), plus a separate page of about 20 nightly specials. Judging by the choices, there's at least some Korean influence.

First came an "amuse" of cucumber-and-



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potato salad in Kewpie mayo — very pleasing. I didn't want to get distracted from the tapas by sushi and sashimi, but the specials that evening included the rare temptation of bluefin tuna belly sushi, *o-toro*. It's an endangered species, and eating it is sinful. However, that very morning, an article in the paper said that Japan was refusing to sign an international pact to protect bluefin by restricting fishing techniques, size of harvests, and trade in catches. This thought annoyed me into a state of ruthless selfishness: "If half-crooked Japanese businessmen are gobbling it all up after work, why can't I get one lousy slice to savor?" So I sinned. The pale pink, fatty flesh was soft as custard, smooth as velvet — one of the best of the few versions I've tasted. The rice beneath it was excellent, too, moist and well seasoned. These

clues indicate that the other sushi here would likely be excellent, even the party sushi. (Yes, there's a Philly roll, but none of the house specialty rolls includes cream cheese — always a positive sign.)

We started with *ankimo*, monkfish liver pâté, served with thin-sliced cucumbers and dark-green seaweed with a *yuzu* soy

sauce. I've had much better — the memorable monkfish pâté at Nozumi in Carlsbad, for instance, was moister and fattier tasting, its sauce more vibrant, more like a real pâté.

A real weirdo off the evening's specials list, "Soft Peanut Tofu," consisted of extremely gooeey, thick, custardy tofu, resembling marshmallow fluff but stretchier and non-sweet. No peanut products perceptible — a total mystery. A few days later, when the leftover custard started ex-

DINING REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Shimbashi Izakaya

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

1555 Camino Del Mar (Market Square), market level, Del Mar, 858-523-0479, shimbashi-restaurants.com.

HOURS: Monday–Friday 4:00–11:00 p.m., Saturday noon–11:00 p.m., Sunday noon–10:00 p.m. Happy hours 4:00–6:00 p.m. Monday–Friday, noon–6:00 p.m. weekends.

PRICES: \$4–\$28 per dish. Weekend lunch bento boxes, \$16.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Japanese gastropub with dishes ranging from small nibbles to substantial noodles, plus sushi and sashimi. Vast sake assortment, Japanese beers, a few well-chosen mostly French wines, Korean soju, cocktails.

PICK HITS: Grilled black cod; peanut soft tofu; *shio buta* (pork belly with cherry tomatoes); skewered bacon and tomatoes; sushi of choice.

NEED TO KNOW: Validated parking (\$2) in garage; restaurant at garage entry level, opposite Harvest Market valet and elevators (look for sign indicating "Japanese Gardens"). Crowded at prime time; table reservations accepted. Informal. Deep discounts at happy hours. Patio seating in good weather.

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uding a pale brown nutty-flavored liquid, I slapped my forehead ("doh!"), finally remembering an article I'd read a few years ago about the various stages of tofu-making. Apparently *this* stage of tofu is the equivalent of burrata, mozzarella that hasn't set fully yet and still has liquid cream in the center. The tofu version is a novel experience.

Hama Hama oysters in *misoyaki* has a few barely warmed oyster meats atop a thick, sweet, busy sauce that seems to include a lot of fine-

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minced pork. It didn't quite make sense to my palate. But anybody but a vegan could fall for *shio buta*, thick grilled pork-belly slices (like un-smoked bacon) topped with cherry tomatoes. And then its converse: pale-colored thick bacon wrapped around cherry tomatoes, lightly grilled. "If you didn't know that this was tomato inside exuding liquid," said one of my companions, "you'd think it was the fattiest bacon you ever ate." After comparing the two dishes under bright lights at home, I'm not sure the second version was bacon, rather than just more belly pork, cooked paler, hence fattier. The one thing clear is that it's not supermarket bacon.

The star of the grilled items is the fall-apart, tender black cod (*gindara saikyo yaki*) — that is, it's marinated in *saikyo miso*, a golden-colored, naturally sweet soybean paste, the very stuff celeb chef Nobu uses to season his world-famous black-cod invention (probably one of the globe's top hundred dishes right now). Perhaps it's not quite as glorious as Nobu's, but what is? For all we know, the only difference is that you pay closer attention (and more money) at a joint named Nobu than at an *izakaya*. It is just as silky-tender, and that counts the most.

Back to earth with deep-fried dishes, all of them regrettable. *Ika gesso*, fried "squid legs," means tough, knobby, chewy tentacles from large, battle-seasoned calamari. They've been shooting hoops on off-hours from their gigs as undersea mob enforcers. Battered and heavily salted beer ballast, they're ready for their close-ups in the next Martin Scorsese movie.

I love classic tempuras for their airiness. Here, they're a different order of being, heavier and coarser. The batter on all three of our tempuras reminded me of Bisquick, as employed in America's traditional Bisquick Southern-fried chicken. (You know, I used to love it, but it's all over now.) The Puri-Puri sweet shrimp tempura also seemed to wander toward the land of Rice Krispie Treats (or maybe *Alien*), the batter bursting into

odd-shaped little crisp bumps and bubbles. The glaze is quite sweet but not icky. A spicy version, Ebi Chili, is misplaced on the menu by being listed among the stir-fries, but it's also made of fat fried shrimps, coated in slightly sweet thick batter, soaked in coral-colored Japanese hot sauce. This is one of those one-dimensional pungent dishes that may cause true spicy-food aficionados to say, "Yeah, it's hot. So what?" A third tempura featured one of my favorite vegetables, stuffed eggplant. I must have been imagining Paul Prudhomme in the kitchen. Totally wrong. The eggplant pouches have rather slim shells of the vegetable (including skin) overwhelmed with batter coating and overstuffed with a coarsely chopped pork mixture (like that found in *gyoza* dumplings). "They're Del Mar pot stickers," declared Samurai Jim, "straight from the cosmetic surgeon, stuffed to the max!" I hope the real pot stickers here are better than this, with more ginger, garlic, scallion, etc. in the pork. Doing it again, I'd choose simple *yaki nasu* grilled eggplant and a plate of regular *gyoza*.

For a stir-fry, we opted for a spicy mix of pork and Korean kim chee with the usual cabbage, bean sprout tails, seaweed, and yet more pork-belly slices, pan-fried fast and hard so the meat was tough. The stir-fry bought off some of the heat of the kim chee, but by no means all. Dragon breath is guaranteed; make sure you have something to quench it, and be prepared for the dragon to keep flying through your body cavities in the night.

An *izakaya* meal seems to call for a final bowl of soup, especially on a winter night. There are several soupy sections on the menu. From the miso and similar soups at the start, we chose one with simmered pork, deep-fried tofu, and bok choy. The pork broth was light, and this time the sliced pork was regular pork, not belly. I was hoping that the deep-fried tofu would be crisp, like *agedashi* (deep-fried tofu); instead, it was pleasantly spongy. The broth was mild, likable, rather salty. At the end

of the menu are numerous rice and noodle soups (udon, soba, ramen, even a variant of chicken *jook*), should you want something more substantial.

The menu and all the print ads point like cheerleaders to the house signature dessert, pear pie. We weren't hungry but ordered a slice. It's interesting — more a tart than a pie (if you're thinking of Mom's crackly-crust apple pie) — a softly crumbly crust topped with custard and spread lightly with poached pear slices. You can get it with or without red bean, strawberry, or green tea ice cream on top. It's nice, but bringing out the cheerleaders for it seems like overkill.

A menu of 60 regular items and 20 specials is an automatic guilt-trip to a reviewer who can't afford the time or budget for 10 or 20 visits, unless every choice turns out fantastic — which they didn't. I guess you could say I made the mistakes so that you won't have to.

I wish I'd skipped every single fried item to concentrate more on the cold seafood appetizers: wasabi octopus, marinated squid, yellowtail with jalapeño. And/or more sushi, or a sashimi plate, after tasting that superb *o-toro*. And then more stir-fries and yakitori (especially anything including veggies, which were in short supply on the dishes we chose). And finally, a major soup or noodle dish at the end. All I know about ramen, I learned from the film *Tampopo* (a brilliant, funny disquisition on the difference between great and not-great ramen, among other thoughts), so I was hesitant to order ramen in a restaurant that offers only one version of it — but I wish I had.

The only other local *izakaya* I've tried so far is the much humbler little Izakaya Masa, with an older, more serious neighborhood/foodie crowd, lower prices, and a menu of about half the size — but with several more venture-some choices (spicy jellyfish salad, octopus pancakes, kebabs, etc.). As you'd expect from Del Mar, Shimbashi is more of a crowd-pleaser and a dating scene. Go have fun there, eat up, and take it easy before you hop that bullet-train home to Poway. ■

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I'm thinking strawberries, pineapple, but, no: guavas! That's what we have here...flavorwise.

"This is what, again?" asks Carla. Her fingers rustle suspiciously through the pile of fried smelt sitting stiff, gold, and cold next to the crispy, deep-fried chicken skins and the pot of vinegar.

"These," I say, pointing to the smelt, "are Filipino french fries."

"So, how come they have eyes that look up at me?"

I was on the way home from Otay when I told her (via the new cell phone!) that I was picking up something from "Bert's Grill." I know she was thinking chops, steaks, burgers, and fries.

Me, too. Worked hard all morning (it's around 2:00 now), and the first thing I see in the window is a notice: "Bert's Breakfast, Served All Day! Only \$5.75." Great! Except the seven pictured choices had names such as "TinapSiLog," "LongSiLog," and "SpamSiLog" — not your typical grill menu. Okay. Filipino. But "SpamSiLog"?

Whatever, in I go, to this bright little space. Mix of yellow walls, white walls, varnished-slat park benches. And bright-green-topped Formica tables. Hanging lamps with red-and-yellow shades. One whole wall that's solid mirrors. The other side's got shelves of merchandise from the Philippines. Floor's light brown mosaic tile, ceiling's blue and white acoustic tiles. They have a big brick-surrounded rotisserie oven up front but don't seem to be using it. At the back, the red counter and rows of chafing dishes with meats, stews, soups, fishes, and marinated green beans. After all this, though, what grabs my attention is a large doll above it all on a little stand — almost an altar — dressed in gold and in a robe with a green lining that shines against the bright yellow wall. He wears a curly dark wig down to the shoulders like a colonial Spanish VIP.

"It's the green Santo Niño," says a dapper gent. Turns out to be Bert himself. "Green's

the color we use in business. It is for good luck and prosperity. And we also have the Buddha."

The gold Buddha sits on the cash register.

"Hello," says Jackie, the lady behind it. She points out that you can get a two-item combo plate with rice for \$5.75 or a one-item combo for \$4.75. I mean, super-reasonable. "Bert's Special Plates," such as the half

roasted chicken (\$5.50) or the pork or chicken barbecue skewers (\$5.50) don't go above \$7 (the priciest plate is tilapia, plus one more item from the chafing dishes, \$6.99). Those chafing dishes are full of good stuff — Filipino-style menudo, pork stew with spuds, tomatoes, and juices bubbling away. Or the chicken adobo. Skinless, Bert says. Something he pioneers. "It makes it less greasy." Thursdays only (today) they have this green jackfruit in coconut milk. Lordy. Such choice. *Tocino* — sweetened pork — *longaniza* sweet sausages, about three inches long; long, Filipino-style green beans; crispy *pata* — pork *lechon* leg...

But, of course, I still want breakfast.

"What's with this 'SpamSiLog' and 'BangSiLog,'" I ask.

"We Filipinos always use a lot of word contractions," Bert says. "So, like 'BangSiLog' is *bangus* — the milk fish, and pretty much our national symbol — plus *sinangag* — fried rice — and *itlog* — which is egg."

Bert retired from 24 years as a cook in the Navy, so he can grill hot dogs and burgers and steaks till the carriers come home, but not here. This is his place. He's Filipino and so's his food.

Okay. Decision time. Spam wins. I know Bert must do something interesting with it.

What comes out is this polystyrene plate loaded with half a dozen slices of grilled Spam, one *longaniza* sweet sausage, two over-easy eggs, three piles of fried rice with garlic and onions, and — didn't expect this — a

bowl of sour soup with a chunk of pork and *pechay* leaves in it, which Fred says is like bok choy but tougher.

Man! It's a mountain. The Spam is marinated in something truly delish, and the eggs mess in nicel. The soup is a beautiful mouth-cleaner. But when I spritz some fish sauce into the soup and banana sauce onto the Spam, we have ignition, and...blast off!

The drink I find in the cooler helps. For \$1.50, I get this bottle-packet of soursop soda. Called "Guyabano" in the PI. Basically, it's jackfruit juice that tastes... I'm thinking strawberries, pineapple, but, no: guavas! That's what we have here...flavorwise, at least. Maybe a little more biting, but great. Really clears the palate.

Long and short, when I wobble out, I'm loaded down with crispy *dilis* (the deep-fried smelt), the Filipino french fries ("except you dunk them in vinegar, not ketchup," says Bert, tossing in a little pot of golden vinegar), some of the crispy-fried chicken skins with their own kind of vinegar dip (together, \$2.12; they're sold by weight), and the green jackfruit and coconut milk (\$2.75).

Result, Carla and me curled up in front of the TV, dunking, dipping, and crunching so loud we miss whodunit on *American Greed*. And, okay, it takes a bit, learning to love the

jackfruit, which is green and chewy in a thick pink coconutty sludge. Problem? I'm not sure if we should heat it or not. But it's all good.

I meant to bring home some of Bert's Shanghai (ground beef) lumpia (egg rolls) too but ran out of do re mi. Oh, well. There's always next time. I reach for one more handful of *dilis*.

"Hey! Porky! You've eaten already," Carla says.

"Just think of me as *tocino*," I say. "A pig, but sweeter." ■



The tilapia plate is the priciest item on the menu.

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The Place: Bert's Grill, 525 Telegraph Canyon Road, Chula Vista, 619-656-0665

Type of Food: Filipino

Prices: Breakfasts (served all day) include SpamSiLog (Spam, eggs, rice, salad, soup), \$5.75; longaniza sausage, bangus fish, same sides, all \$5.75; "Bert's Special Plates," e.g. half a roasted chicken, \$5.50; pork or chicken barbecue skewers, \$5.50; tilapia, one more item, \$6.99; two-item combo plate with rice, \$5.75; one-item combo, \$4.75; chafing-dish choices include Filipino-style menudo (pork stew), skinless chicken adobo, green jackfruit and coconut milk, tocino-sweetened pork, longaniza sweet sausages, crispy pata (pork lechon leg)

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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

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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.

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

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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.

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City Heights

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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.

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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

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.

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th St., Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Pristine California cuisine highlights local produce in deluxe, seasonal dishes that engage 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 soup-and-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/take-out? 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 vegetables. 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 steakhouse fare here centers on Prime beef, game meats, lobster, and pastas. Loud, conventioneer-y ambience. Extremely expensive.

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McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant Omni Hotel, 675 L St., Downtown, 619-645-6545. Nationwide seafood chain with good, simple, fresh-fish dishes. Awesome weeknight happy-hour offers. Each for under two bucks: steamed mussels, chicken satay, a half-pound 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 fusion-cuisine 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. Very 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 dry-aged 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 mushroom-topped *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 meat-flavored roasted marshmallows. Mainly inexpensive.

Juice in the Raw 1060 J St., East Village, 619-550-1240. Algae, anyone? 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 blue-green algae from Lake Klamath. Just call it antioxidant central.

Sole Luna Café 702 Ash St., East Village, 619-232-0436. Umbrella-strewn 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 J St., East Village, 619-236-9420. This huge spiffy room with Petco-facing patio offers

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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, Encinitas, 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 fusion-tinged 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., Escondido, 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. Inexpensive 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 yet, 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 cheap-but-plentiful daily lunch specials like beef stroganoff with mushrooms, sour cream, wine sauce. Beautiful, dog-friendly patio out back. Inexpensive.

Baby Back Jack's Barbecue 1290 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1644. Jack's Sampler (four-bone baby back ribs, one half chicken, one portion of BBQ 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 anise-fig 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 art-deco 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 house-baked breakfast pastries, desserts, and good coffee, plus Parisian-style *croque monsieur* and *madame*, crepes, quiche, onion soup, sophisticated sandwiches, and panini. Simple French diners 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.

Imperial Beach

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. Great vegan sandwiches on ciabatta or focaccia — the eggplant Baby Greens and the Vegan Fusion (imitation smoked turkey and salami, cheese). But the carnivorous sandwiches are also way better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, house-made soups. Inexpensive.

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 diners include roast beef and chicken-fried 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 all the fixin's: roast pork loin, meat loaf, curried chicken, Polish sausage, pepper

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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 provolone, 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.

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858-454-4244. This informal rooftop eatery has the best view of anywhere of the La Jolla 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. Skip the owner's "famous" bean soup, a vanity item. High-moderate.

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 culinary sophistication is big-city smart, offering adventurous seasonal cuisine emphasizing fresh sustainable or organic ingredients and fresh ideas, with flawless flavor matches. Expensive.

La Mesa

Mario's de La Mesa 8425 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-9390. Tasty gringo-Mex food. Tamales are rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, browned to the barest crisp. Inexpensive.

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 simple, filling food, with standard pub grub and daily specials like meat loaf, roast beef, fish 'n' chips, pork tenderloin. Inexpensive.

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.

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 generations. 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*, *pastels*, *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. Un-

even, 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.

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Carmel Valley 3860 Valley Centre Dr. (858) 792-1111
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Free pasta dish
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Big Red Pizza
Carlsbad: 7740 El Camino Real Ste. F • 760-635-9000

Expires 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free order of four deep-fried spring rolls
With any purchase of \$20 or more. Dine-in only. Can't be combined with any other offer.

Pho Nam Long
Santee: 9828 N. Magnolia Ave. 619-448-8888

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



\$15 off upscale Mexican cuisine
With minimum purchase of \$40 in the dining room area. One per table. Some restrictions.

Romesco
Bonita: 4346 Bonita Rd. 619-475-8627

Expires 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Asian-Pacific entrée
Buy one regular entrée, get the second of equal or lesser value at 50% off. With purchase of two drinks. Excludes lunch specials, salads, wraps and sushi. Some restrictions.

Ono's Cafe
Bonita: 4154 Bonita Rd. 619-470-ONOS

Expires 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free pizza
When you purchase one pizza. Dine-in only. One coupon per table. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions.

The Brewhouse at Eastlake
Chula Vista: 871 Showroom Place 619-656-BREW (2739)

Expires 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Smoked baby back ribs \$7⁹⁵

Includes coleslaw, beans and bread. Good with this coupon only. One coupon per person.

Chicken Plus Greek Cuisine
Escondido: 309 W. Mission Ave. 760-480-1348

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Two large pizzas \$20⁹⁹

Two 14" pizzas with two toppings. Delivery special. Call for details.

New York Giant Pizza
Mira Mesa: 11255 Camino Ruiz 858-566-9666

San Diego: 3715 India Street 619-692-1169

Rancho Penasquitos: 12812 Rancho Penasquitos Blvd. • 858-538-6868

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off yogurt

Buy one yogurt, get 50% off second cup of equal or lesser value.

Yogurt Heaven
Scripps Ranch: 12010 Scripps Summit Dr. 858-549-9205

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free pizza or large salad

Free Z10" pizza or large salad with purchase of any extra-large specialty pizza Z18".

ZPizza
Carmel Mountain: 11975 Carmel Mtn. Rd. 858-675-9300

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free French dinner

Buy one entrée with one alcoholic beverage and receive a second entrée free! Up to \$18.75 value. Limited to one coupon per table. Not valid with any other offer or on holidays.

La Bonne Bouffe
Encinitas: 471 Encinitas Blvd. 760-436-3081

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off chicken pie

Buy one entrée and get a second entrée for 50% off.

Chicken Pie Diner & Fueling Station
Poway: 14727 Pomerado Rd. 858-748-2445

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off burger

Buy any burger and get a second burger of equal or lesser value for half off. Valid at this location only.

Cheeburger Cheeburger
Carmel Mountain Ranch: 12002 Carmel Mountain Rd. 858-613-1576

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



15% off seafood lunch or dinner

We don't have a "fresh fish of the day" because all our fish are always fresh! Call for offer details. Not valid with any other offer. Excludes catering and alcohol.

Solana Beach Fish House
Solana Beach: 124 Lomas Santa Fe Dr. 858-481-FISH (3474)

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off entrée

Buy one entrée with two beverages and receive a second entrée at 50% off.

Boston Sports Café
Mira Mesa: 6625 Flanders Dr. 858-200-2101

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free entrée

With purchase of any entrée and two beverages at regular price. Receive second entrée of equal or lesser value free. Up to \$8 value. Dine-in only. Not valid with breakfast specials, discounts, on holidays or with any other offer. One coupon per table.

Keith's Restaurant
Mira Mesa: 9449 Kearny Mesa Rd. 858-271-4670

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Large pepperoni pizza \$5⁹⁹

Plus tax. Carry-out only. No limit.

Pizza Depot
Mira Mesa: 9430 Mira Mesa Blvd. Ste. 5C • 866-820-4949

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free yogurt

With purchase of another yogurt.

YoFresh
Escondido: 1022 W. El Norte Pkwy 760-432-8090

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Calendar RESTAURANTS

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 week-ends. 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 plate-load 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 home-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

coleslaw 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



Yucatan Festival
March 18-31
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El Agave Tequileria
2304 San Diego Ave. Old Town
(619) 220-0692
elagave.com

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.

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 garlic-rich 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 week-night 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 sunshiny 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.

Rancho Bernardo

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Rd., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Brilliant modern takes on French classics. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) bouillabaisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place — and desserts are ravishing, too. Expensive but not exorbitant.

Rancho Santa Fe

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. A great neighborhood French bistro where Philippe Verpiand offers seasonal dishes emphasizing his home region, Provence. Don't miss *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with marshmallow texture. Great coq au vin, slow-baked salmon, crisp-skinned duck confit. Moderate to very expensive.

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.



Free yogurt

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 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free yogurt

Buy 1 yogurt, get 1 free. Not valid with any other offer.

Del Mar Swirls
Del Mar: 2683 Via De La Valle,
Ste. E • 858-755-5564

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



\$5 off BBQ

Minimum purchase of \$25. Not valid with any other offers or discounts.

Kaminski's Bar-B-Que Sports Lounge
Poway: 12735 Poway Rd.
858-748-1106

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



\$5 off bundt cakes

Any purchase of \$25 or more. Incredibly moist! Flavors from chocolate chocolate chip to pecan praline. Some restrictions.

Nothing Bundt Cakes
Poway: 12205 Scripps Poway Pkwy.
#104 • 866-777-5064

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Thai entrée

With purchase of an entrée and two beverages. Dine-in or take-out. 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

Expires 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Family special \$22⁹⁵

Includes one 18" one-topping pizza, one large family salad, and one order of garlic knots. \$2 extra for specialty pizza. Not valid with any other offer.

Flippin' Pizza
La Costa: 760-436-7499
Vista: 760-598-8005
Encinitas: 760-632-1497
Carlsbad: 760-434-4468

Expires 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • 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 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Hooters entrée

With purchase of one entrée at regular menu price. Max value \$9.99. One coupon per table. Dine-in only. Some restrictions.

Hooters
Oceanside: 3186 Vista Way
760-433-4668

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free cupcake

With purchase of any one cupcake of equal value. We specialize in perfectly decorated, baked-from-scratch cupcakes with only the finest ingredients.

Cupcake Love
Solana Beach: 437 S. Highway 101
Ste. 106 • 858-755-5506

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off pizza

Buy one pizza and get a second of equal or lesser value for half off. Valid only at Poway location.

Bongiorno's New York Pizzeria
Poway: 13332 Poway Rd.
858-679-FAST (3278)

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Nigiri & Sushi rolls

23 nigiri and 36 sushi rolls to choose from.

Sushihana
San Diego: 9869 Carmel Mtn. Rd.
858-484-5300

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Thai entrée

Purchase one dinner entrée and two beverages, get a second dinner entrée of equal or lesser value free. Maximum value \$10.95. Dine-in only. Some restrictions.

Taste of Thai
Del Mar: 15770 San Andres Dr.
858-793-9695
Hillcrest: 527 University Ave.
619-291-7525

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free bottled water

With any purchase over \$3.50.

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Santana's Mexican Grill
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\$1 off Indian buffet

Not valid on delivery or holidays. Cannot be combined with other offers.

Passage to India
Rancho Bernardo: 16411 Bernardo
Ctr. Dr. • 858-674-7500
Encinitas: 257 N. El Camino Real
760-753-1309
Hillcrest: 694 University Ave.
619-294-8886

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Greek, Armenian or Persian lunch

With purchase of another lunch item and two drinks.

Kabob Cuisine
Vista: 1688 S. Melrose Dr.
760-727-2212

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



20% off sushi

20% off your entire bill. Not valid with any other offer or on Happy Hour Menu.

Hooked On Sushi
Carlsbad: 2508 El Camino Real
760-434-8811

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

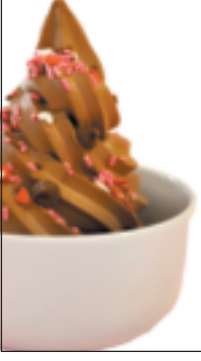


50% off pizza

Buy one pizza, get 50% off second pizza. Any size.

Giovanni's Firehouse Italian Bistro
Carmel Mtn. Ranch:
11640 Carmel Mtn. Rd.
858-592-6890

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free yogurt

Buy one yogurt, get one free. One per family per visit. Limit 6 oz. Additional oz.'s at regular price.

RB Yogurt
Rancho Bernardo: 16588 Bernardo
Center Dr. #130 • 858-673-5300

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free entrée

Buy one entrée and get a second of equal or lesser value for free. Max value \$10. Dine-in only. Not valid with any other offer.

Lumberyard Tavern
Encinitas: 967 S. Coast Highway 101
760-479-1657

Expires 4-8-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Hip-Hop Hard Knocks
“Young Mass is booked at the City of Las Vegas Detention Center for a domestic issue and for giving false info to the police,” says 40oz Chris at Masterpiece Entertainment. The local hip-hop artist — real name Derrick Stanton —

unreleased reference track, “Misery,” which Mass recorded for Dr. Dre’s still-unreleased album *Detox*, produced by a Huntington Beach producer named Cras Bangaz. “Mass decided to release it after artists like Ludacris [“OG’s Theme”] and T.I.

the inside track blur

was working in a Vegas recording studio on an upcoming H-Ryda album, *Half Dead, Half Livin’*, HRN1: *The Virus*.

[“Coming Back”] leaked their own *Detox* reference tracks after giving up on *Detox* ever seeing the light of a sunny California day.”



DAGO CITY’S YOUNG MASS DOWN BY LAW

“From what I know, it’s an old charge, but he never completed the community service. Good news is that before he got locked up he was able to release his mix tape *Uggy*.” The mix tape includes an

At this writing, Las Vegas police were unable to provide any additional information. Says Chris, “I guess the police make sure that ‘What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.’” — Jay Allen Sanford

Back in the Day... “The band started in 1980, but I didn’t join until February 1981,” says Social Spit singer Cliff Cunningham. “The singer just couldn’t remember the lyrics, so I got in. My first show was at the [Fifth Avenue punk club] Zebra Club, with the Unknowns and Violation 5. In 1981, the band kind of fell apart, and by ’82 it was done. I got Ewing’s sarcoma, which is a type of bone cancer in ’82. I lost a leg in December of that year.”

Guitarist Johnny Vee joined the band in 1980 shortly after it began. Vee and Cunningham regrouped Social Spit for its 1986–1992 glory years when they shared the stage with the Circle Jerks, Bad Religion, the Exploited, the U.K. Subs, 7 Seconds, the Adolescents, and the Descendents.

“The punk shows back then were mostly hall shows at the Fairmount Hall, the Wabash Hall, and Carpenter’s Hall. I don’t think people do shows like that anymore because you have to jump through so many hoops. If you have an exit sign that doesn’t work, the cops can come in and shut you down. You’d be taking a big chance doing a show at the North Park Lions Club because there’s now an apartment building next door. We did one show with the Battalion of Saints at a strip club at Fairmount and I-8. We

played with the Dickies once at this bar in Point Loma called Rios in, like, 1989. We did a lot of shows at the



SOCIAL SPIT IN GRAINIER TIMES

Spirit, which is now Brick by Brick.... The promoters then were Tim Mays, Harlan Schiffman of Fine Line, and this guy named Mad Marc Rude, who did shows as Dead or Alive. He’s dead now.”

Cunningham bolted in 1992.

“In 2005, we got back together for seven shows in six months for our 25th anniversary. Due to other personality problems, the band broke up again. Then, last year, I told Johnny our 30th anniversary is coming up, what do you want to do? So, we got back together. All the old-timers from the ’80s came out for our 25th. They will still come out to see us now.”

The new Social Spit includes Vee, Cunningham, bassist Ugly Lenny of Inciting

Riots, and drummer Jim Flynn. “He was in an old punk band from the ’80s called Ministry of Truth.

We’re like Spinal Tap. We’ve been through six drummers. There’s at least 15 former members of Social Spit.”

There are two Social Spit 7-inch singles and one album, *There’s No Place Like Home*. “They were all on [local label] Mystic Records. A lot of bands give [Mystic owner] Doug Moody crap, but if it wasn’t for Mystic, there wouldn’t have been any Social Spit vinyl. He never paid us, but he gave us boxes of records we could sell or give away.... Back in the day, the most we ever got paid for a show was \$225 at Palisades Gardens, which was a roller-skating rink at University and Utah. We usually got \$20 or \$30 for the whole band.”

He says pay is still bad for punk-rock bands. “Back in

the day, there was no pay-to-play. Anyone who would pay a promoter to play is a moron. We just played the Ramona Mainstage, and the guy gave us 35 tickets to sell. I gave them all back the night of the show. He said, ‘I didn’t think you guys would sell any.’ I work at the post office. I don’t do this for money.... I remember one show with the Vandals at the old Kings Road near where [the Office, formerly Scolari’s] is now. The Vandals weren’t getting paid. Their lead singer pulled out a grenade and said if he didn’t get paid he’d pull the pin. He got paid. We never knew if it was a real grenade or not.”

“I’m 51 with one leg, but you are never too old for punk rock.”

Social Spit appears March 19 at the Whistle Stop and April 3 at the Chico Club in La Mesa.

— Ken Leighton

Pink Army Invasion On March 15, one day after receiving Child Actor Recognition Awards at Universal Studios, San Diego electro-pop “tweenie” boppers Pink Army marched into Sonikwire Studios in Irvine to record what will be the first track on their upcoming album.

Working the boards and cowriting the album is Los Angeles-based producer

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Eddie Galan, who has produced and written for artists such as B5, the Clique Girlz, Akon, Backstreet Boys, and Alyson Stoner. Galan's songs have been used for shows such as *The Hills* and *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* and on the Hannah Montana soundtrack as well as the soundtrack to *High School Musical*.

him, and he called us an hour later to say that he was officially part of the Pink Army team."

Alicia, Charisma, and Lia of Pink Army will collaborate and write with Galan over the next couple of months. Randolph, however, is unsure what will happen once the first track has been mixed and mastered.

"We may release it as a single while we work on the rest of the album," she writes. "We might also choose to put



PINK ARMY TWEENIE BOPPERS ALICIA, CHARISMA, AND LIA

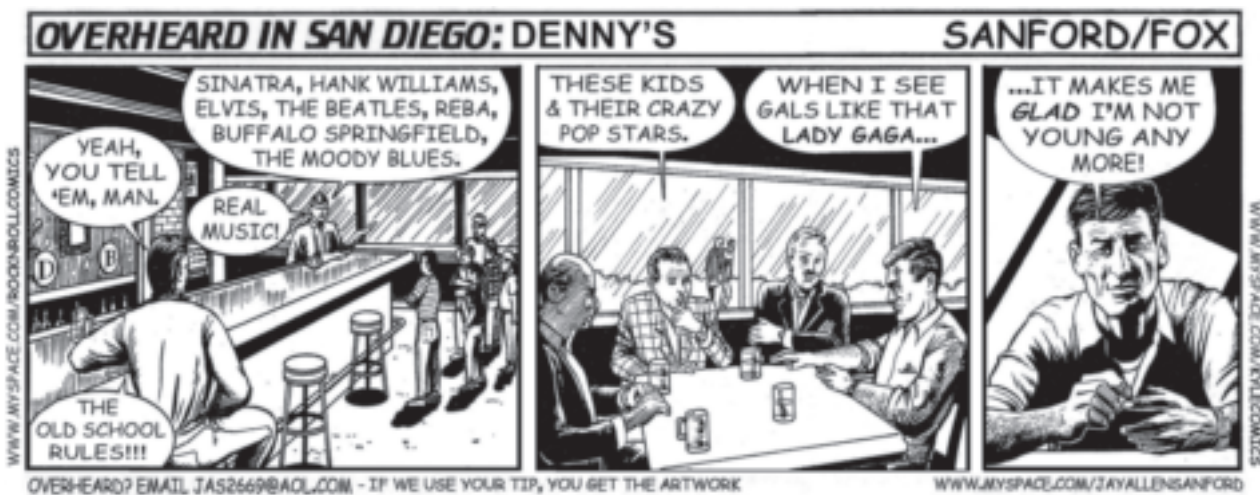
Pink Army's Tina Randolph says Galan called the group after their lawyer played a few of the girls' dance tunes and three-part harmonies for him.

"It was definitely an audition of sorts," writes the group's manager in a March email of the first meeting with Galan. "Ninety percent of the artists [Galan] works with are signed already. We met with

in on our MySpace and promote it without officially releasing it."

When Pink Army isn't laying down teenie-pop dance tracks they will be touring middle schools across Los Angeles as part of the PACE Educational tour. And on March 24, Pink Army will appear at Hot Topic at Universal City Walk.

—Dorian Hargrove



3again "3against1 split in 2008, after playing for seven years," says guitarist Arnaud Lemaire. "Each member was personally evolving, whether it was a need to make some money, planning for marriage, or bringing a child into the world."

Many were surprised when the highly buzzed band broke up, having been SDMA-nominated two consecutive years for Best Rock Band (they won in 2004), as well as landing songs in the THQ video game MX Unleashed (PlayStation2 and Xbox) and on MTV's *Real World* and *Road Rules*.

The group's "temporary reunion" gig at 710 Beach Club on Friday, March 19, also caught many by surprise. "We've all been divided up between L.A., O.C., and S.D., but we remained friends and we kind of got the itch to get onstage

again," says Lemaire.

"We'll be playing all of our crowd favorites, and we have a few changes planned

Blind Melons, where it all started for us."

Also on the bill, "Mower will play as Slower — they

on April 9, at L.A.'s Viper Room. "As of right now," says Lemaire, "there are no plans for 3against1 after these



STAGE CALLS BACK BUZZ BAND 3AGAINST1

on some songs, but mostly we're just looking forward to seeing all of our friends and fans under one roof again. We've always considered [710 Beach Club] our home base, back to when it was

were the first San Diego band to give us a break — and we played with Split Finger back when they first started out, so it's only fitting we do the show with both of them."

The band will play again

shows. But, then again, you never know."

—Jay Allen Sanford

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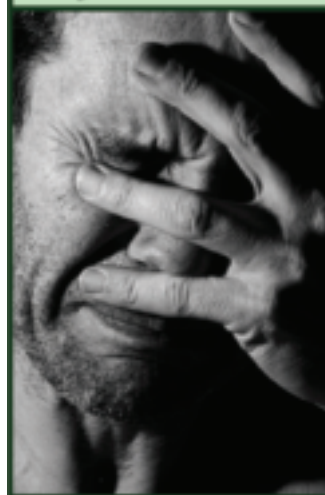
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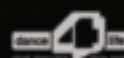
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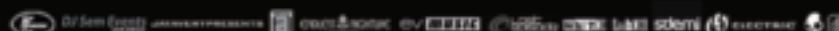
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Thursday 18

Miami's mad-rappin' Clarence Reid, aka **Blowfly**, rolls up on Radio Room. The 64-year-old is the self-described original nasty rapper and claims to have written and recorded the first rap song ever, "Rapp Dirty": "This is Blowfly, the master of class/ And I'm here to sock some soul to your ass." You get the picture. With like-minded locals the **Homeless Sexuals**, fun-n-funky **Tighten Ups**, and L.A.'s glam goofs **Rebel Rebel**, this is one Tickle-Me-Elmo bill for the hipster hangout.... Texas troubadour **Michelle Shocked** puts a charge into Belly Up tonight. The nu-grass folkie is a singer-songwriter of the Joni Mitchell school of cool. Shocked has added a batch of rockers to her repertoire with last year's *Soul of My Soul*, which features the tongue-twisting "Ballad of the Battle of the Ballot and the Bullet." Say that five times fast.... Aussie alt-rock trio **Sick Puppies** visit their latest disorder, *Tri-Polar*, on House of Blues. **Janus** and **Young Goodman** go first.... Else: local bar-room-rockers **Screamin' YeeHaws** ride on O.B. hot spot Winstons...while French "concrete" trio **Gunslingers** set their sights on Soda Bar, where **Electric Jellyfish** and **Electric Children** plug in first. What're the electric odds?

Friday 19

SoCal originals **Bad Religion** pitch their tent at House of Blues for three nights of punk-rock revivals. Thirty years strong, Greg Graffin et al. have an untitled 15th disc in the works that's due to drop this year. On Friday night, **Jakked Rabbits** and **Agent Orange** share the stage. Saturday it's **CH3** with North County kids the **BombPops**. The **Adolescents** do the honors on



BAD RELIGION AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Sunday.... Since we're in the neighborhood, around some bends downtown you got Atlanta's Southern-rap master **Big Boi** taking the stage at 4th&B behind his new joint, *Freaknik: The Musical*...jazz and pop cat **Steve Tyrell** settles in at Anthology for two nights...and Casbah's caught

that elusive traveling troubadour the **White Buffalo**, whose acoustic croons will cut you to the quick.... Reggae great **Junior Reid** takes the stage at Belly Up. The former Black Uhuru front man is out to tout his new one *The Living Legend*, which features guest vox by Lil Wayne, Fat Joe, Cool and Dre, and Snoop D-o-double-g.... Remember P.B. buzz band **3against1?** Reunionin', the quartet'll surf into 710 Beach Club with Mower's chugging alter ego **Slower**. Jay caught up with 3-v-1 guitarist Arnaud. Check the interview in this week's



ITALIAN JAPANESE AT RUBY ROOM

Uptown: Whistle Stop exhumes super-cool **Social Spit**. These guys were punking SD's Halls when we were eating paste. Leighton got the goods on them this week. **Rat's Eyes** open.... **Syndicate** and the **Fascination** will tart up Bar Pink with their nu-wave ways.... And 91X's **Loudspeaker** stages ...students, **Italian Japanese**, and **FMera** at Hillcrest hide-away Ruby Room.

Saturday 20

Coupla covers acts at the clubs Saturday night, as **Rio** and **Still Ill** ape their faves at Casbah and **Wild Child** does the Doors at Belly Up.... London-bred blues-rock guitarist Kim Simmonds and his current crew will emulate **Savoy Brown** at Humphrey's Backstage. Simmonds and Savoy brought U.K. blues to the States in the late '60s with standout tracks such as "I'm Tired" and "Train to Nowhere".... Beauty Bar books dub duo **Chill Clinton** with top-ranking skankers the **Fabulous Rudies** and the **Lifters**.... Long Beach trio **Ugly Duckling** drift into Ruby Room after **afterSchoolSpecial**, **Concrete Project**, the **KneeHighs**, and **Rare Form Live!** for one hefty hip-hop trip. Check the jazzy beats and trip-hop talk on the Ducklings' latest, *Audacity*. De La delicious.

Sunday 21

Asteroid Galaxy Tour crashes into Casbah Sunday night with **Wallpaper** and **White Apple Tree**. AGT is a Danish duo that grows to a sextet when you add stage lights. The alt-pop takes off of



ASTEROID GALAZY TOUR AT CASBAH

debut *Fruit* taste at first like radio-ready pabulum, but let it sit a bit...it's like the *Star Wars* cantina scene on Tatooine.... The **Stephen Stills** show sold out Belly Up, but if you're up that way, there's a fun one at the Ché Café, featuring Crawler faves **Da Bears**, with **Watercolor Paintings**, **Sani**, **Team Awesome**, and **Jehovas Fitness**.... For you NINers, Ruby Room's going to host "The Gift Official Screening + The Vegas Show." I've no idea what any of that means. Reznor gives me the heebies.

Monday 22

Tinnitus unite us — **Acid Mother's Temple** and **Over-Gain Optimal Death** (OGOD) will be performing sonic colonics at Casbah this Anti-Monday evening. If you've never felt (yes, felt) Kawabata Makoto play, you're missing the sixth sense, yo. OGOd's an L.A. act with the same super-sonic sensibilities, so plug 'em up.... From the other end of the dB scale (what audiologists call the Judy Collins end), **Judy Collins** will settle into AMSD's



JUDY COLLINS AT ACOUSTIC MUSIC SAN DIEGO

Normal Heights site for two nights of folkie fare.... After that, if you need a blues-rock goose, go check a set at U-31, where **Lady Dottie** and her

Diamonds hold forth on Monday nights.... And Soda Bar fills a four-dollar bill with psych-rock sets by **Ape Machine**, **Kabbs**, **Roxy Jones**, **Earl's Son**, and **Melted Cassettes**.

Tuesday 23

NYC quartet and "Best New Music" earners by the experts at *Pitchfork* **Cymbals Eat Guitars** will chomp on Casbah Tuesday with **Bear in Heaven** and **Freelance Whales**. CEG's debut *Why There Are Mountains* does do its pop-rock right, licking the envelope just enough to seal the deal, y'know? "Indiana" is the new choice cut at the Crawler house, but you might start with "And the Hazy Sea." They're both on their Space page.... New Zealand's experimental instrumental three-piece **Kerretta** is in town for two this week, playing the Soda with **Kata** on Tuesday and Bar

Pink on Wednesday with **Pierced Arrows** and **Lullabye Arkestra**.... Chicago's **Loneliest Monk** plugs in at Radio Room with **Roosevelt**. Stop me if you know this one: during the '92 campaigns, MTV twink Tabitha Soren asked Bill Clinton who his favorite musician was. Big Bill tells her Thelonious Monk. Miss Soren's reply: "Who's the loneliest monk?" *Rock the Vote!* Yeah!

Wednesday 24

I'm out of words, but all of these shows shred: Black Moth Super dude **Tobacco** rolls one at Casbah with **Hood Internet** and **Nice Nice**.... SanFran art-punk band **Tartufi** joins local indie



TARTUFI AT CHÉ CAFÉ

kids **Writer** and **Swim Party** at the Ché.... Country skunk **Hank III** and **Assjack** hit 4th&B.... While House of Blues hosts a show of the 25-year anniversary tour of German thrash-metal akt **Kreator**, **Kataklysm** and **Lazarus A.D.** set the downtown stage.

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“The word ‘jazz’ defines cool and always has to the right person.”

Gary Beck has a certain way about him. He is the midday disc jockey at KSDS, the City College radio station otherwise known as Jazz 88.3, and his demeanor takes me back to 1971 to a film character named Dave Garver, played by Clint Eastwood, who dodged a stalker and spun jazz on KRML in *Play Misty for Me*. His first day at Jazz 88.3 was 36 years ago.

“I’ve done shows there while working at or between stations since 1974,” he says. Beck also taught City College radio programming and production in 1988 and 1989.

“Here’s the list of stations I’ve worked at, in order from the beginning: KSDO, KSDS, KITT, KOGO, WNEW, KPRI, XTRA GOLD, KLZZ, MAGIC 102.9, KIFM, Z90, KBEST, WDHA, and Sirius Satellite Radio.”

Beck names Bob Coburn — the longtime *Rockline* host who worked in San Diego at KGB-FM in the 1970s — as an inspiration.

“He didn’t mess around, didn’t try to be cute, and knew what he was talking about.”

As Beck is approaching 40 years in the industry, a conversation with him can become an insider’s view of the history of free-form FM rock radio, and when he mentions the names of announcers long gone, it becomes a roll call of radio’s better days: Scott Muni, Allison Steele, Digby Welsh, Perry Allen, Ernesto Gladden...

EVER SEE *PLAY MISTY FOR ME*?

“Yes. I own the film on DVD.”

YOU HAVE SOME OF THAT CLINT EASTWOOD MOJO...

“I have been told that over the years. I had the pleasure of meeting Clint two years back when he was in town for a coastal commission hearing. I talked with him about *Flags of Our Fathers* and our mutual passion for jazz.”

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN STALKED BY A RADIO FAN?

“No.”

DO YOU PICK ALL THE MUSIC FOR YOUR SHOW?

“Yes.”

DO OUTSIDE INFLUENCES COME TO BEAR ON YOUR SONG CHOICES?

“Being a longtime free-form jock with over 38 years in commercial radio, I’ve always been mood-driven. It’s a feeling-and-senses thing with me and always has been. And I have a great ear — thanks to God, Mom, or somebody.”

FRUSTRATED MUSICIAN?

“No, not really. I have been able to express myself musically through my shows over the years. I did play the trombone as a kid.”

WHAT’S YOUR DEFINITION OF “COOL”?

“The word ‘jazz’ defines cool and always has to the right person.”



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Gary Beck has some of that Clint Eastwood mojo.

NIGHT OR MORNING PERSON?

“I’m definitely a night person. I seem to be at my best at twilight. It may have something to do with what time we were born. For me, it was 5:35 or 5:40.”

IS TRADITIONAL JAZZ DYING OUT?

“No. I think jazz, like all great art forms, goes through periods of rise and decline.”

CD OR VINYL: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

“Oh, yes. In fact, I love analog so much I still have my old Pioneer tuner from the ’70s, and I still get it serviced at the old Mission Hills Radio & TV.”

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Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
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Sunday, 9pm — Brandon Tyler. With Carl Durant and the Infinite. Acoustic. \$5.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Whatever happened to the musicians in all those obscure '60s garage rock bands documented on *Nuggets*? Some of them went on to bigger and better bands, but most didn't. Some of them got drafted and never came back from Vietnam, some of them got married, started careers and had kids and put away the guitars forever. The more famous of them occasionally reunite for garage-rock festivals. And some of them just never stopped rocking, through band after band, decade after decade.

Oregon's Fred Cole is one such guy. He has been tearing up stages (and his vo-

cal cords) for over 45 years. His '60s bands the Weeds and the Lollipop Shoppe produced the garage-rock classics "It's Your Time" and "You Must Be a Witch" and then vanished, but Cole carried on through '70s hard rock, punk, new wave, and beyond. By the '90s, Dead Moon, the rough-and-tumble band he founded with wife Toody Cole, was semi-legendary in the Pacific Northwest. (Pearl Jam has been known to cover Dead Moon's "It's OK" in concert.) At a time when it seemed just about any long-haired band within a three-hour drive of Seattle could make it big, Cole insisted on cutting his records himself, on his own record lathe — as the story goes, the very same lathe on which the Kingsmen cut their version of "Louie, Louie."

Dead Moon split up in 2006, but Cole and Toody soon formed Pierced Arrows with



PIERCED ARROWS

drummer Kelly Halliburton. Their new release, *Descending Shadows*, sounds looser and more restrained than the sound of Dead Moon. But look online for live videos, and you'll see that these guys haven't mellowed at all.

PIERCED ARROWS: Bar Pink, Wednesday, March 24, 10 p.m. 619-564-7194. \$7.

Thursday, 7pm — Gypsy Groove. Acoustic/jazz/world. Free.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It's a safe bet to assume that nobody plays air guitar to old Stephen Stills records. Better known to the masses as one of the voices of Crosby, Stills & Nash, it might come as a surprise to learn that Stills is badass enough as a guitarist to rank #28 on *Rolling Stone's* 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time, ahead of Pete Townshend (50), David Gilmour (82), and even Eddie Van Halen (70). The late Mike Bloomfield, whom Stills appeared opposite on 1968's *Super Session*, is inches ahead on the list at number 22.

Super Session was probably the first time I'd ever had anything like a galvanic skin response to music, and when I got a chance to talk to keyboardist-producer Al Kooper, I asked why Bloomfield — who was approach-

ing superstar status back then — had played on so few tracks. Kooper said that Bloomfield was having some sort of emotional crisis (he did not say dope, but most everybody else did), and Bloomfield disappeared. Kooper put out a call for a guitarist to finish the sessions. Enter Stephen Stills, whose downright venereal guitar-playing at the age of 23 salvaged the record.

Coming off Buffalo Springfield, Stills was a hot commodity in 1968. On the side he jammed and kept company with heavyweights such as Buddy Miles and Eric Clapton. He was friends with Jimi Hendrix. In June of that same year, he would begin recording *Crosby, Stills & Nash*, a blockbuster album on which he would play almost all of the instruments. Crosby and Nash called the record (which eventually sold platinum four times over) Stills's vision.

Lest one write off Crosby, Stills & Nash (and sometimes Young) as senior-citizen rock, be reminded that they first broke the domina-



STEPHEN STILLS

tion of the British invasion. There was a time when rock fans partitioned themselves thusly: Beatles, Stones, or CSN. They were that big.

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You Say Party, We Say Die!

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 CD Review
 by Audrey Lauck

Canadian five-piece You Say Party! We Say Die! hasn't changed its dance-punk sound on their latest, XXXX, but has darkened its sonic palette and refined its arrangements. The band's sound has matured, filling up spaces that had listeners wanting more. Vocals have become richer, more level, as the collection

reaches beyond punk and new-wave limitations.

"Make XXXX" and "She's Spoken For" are nervy, danceable fillers that emphasize the punk side of the band. "There Is XXXX (Within My Heart)" and "Heart of Gold" are both haunting and melancholic ballads that betray Becky Ninkovic's usually antagonistic, bratty vocals. "Cosmic Wanship Avengers" and "Glory" are reminiscent of the band's original tone, incorporating the Siouxsie sound to which YSP!WSD! have been frequently compared.

One will conclude after a thorough listen that the four Xs in the album's title stand for "LOVE," the emotion that permeates this set. With XXXX, YSD!WSD! has tenderized a sinister genre.



The four Xs stand for LOVE

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Sophie Milman: Take Love Easy

CD Review
 by Alan Segal

Sophie Milman was born in Russia, raised in Israel, emigrated to Toronto. Yet, she is best described as an interpreter of the great American songbook. With smoke-smooth vocals, Milman takes on the classics: "I Concentrate on You," "Day In Day Out," "Love for Sale," and "My One and Only Love."

What sets Milman apart from wannabe cocktail-lounge singers is her jazzy treatment of familiar tunes not associated with easy-listening vocalists.

Her interpretation of Paul Simon's "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover" is unique, yet relevant to the lyrics — it's like hearing it for the first time. She also puts her vocal spin on Springsteen's "I'm on Fire," Joni Mitchell's "Be Cool," and Bonnie Raitt's "I Can't Make You Love Me".

Ms. Milman's vocal stylings have a high "cool" factor, and she's easy on the eyes. When I listen to this record, I pour myself a glass of scotch — two ice cubes — dim the lights, and settle down in my recliner. *Take Love Easy* is perfect for that kind of timeout.



Not your average cocktail-lounge singer

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You Know, the Richter of Awesomeness

Concert Review
by Erin Dibos

In a time of earth-shaking and quaking, EOTO (End of Time Observatory) created an earthquake of sound in O.B. Saturday night. The powerful bass resounding from the speakers shook Winstons' foundations; its magnitude has been determined on the Richter scale of awesomeness: 10.0. DubStep, breakbeat, electro, call it what you will, this was a completely improvised, original spin on live electronic music. Jason Hann and

Michael Travis from the grassy String Cheese Incident dropped futuristic beats from behind their quiver of eclectic, electric instruments. Rotating between drums, keys, mandolin, bass, guitar, and sampler, the music varied while keeping an upbeat tempo that had the crowd moving around the dance floor for three hours.

The happy audience erupted into dance and groove rumpus when EOTO laid down their improvised version of "Time Saw" from their 2009 album *Fire the Lazars!* The music was innovative, impressive, and evoked images of alien life-forms cruising the universe in spaceships while blasting a frenzy of beats toward planet Earth. Though no structural damage has been done to Winstons, aftershocks of EOTO could be felt long into the night.

Concert: EOTO
Show date: February 27
Venue: Winstons
Seating: general



Aftershocks of EOTO could be felt long into the O.B. night

Diehards

Concert Review
by Earl Dove

Sunday night I saw the latest incarnation of '80s rock icons W.A.S.P. Lead singer and sole original member Blackie Lawless has led W.A.S.P. through three decades of touring and several lineup changes but has held true to his own brand of unabashed metal.

Their current stage show, while not as theatrical as years past, was just as energetic. With accompanying vintage videos playing behind the band on a giant screen, W.A.S.P. ripped through a set of classics sprinkled

with new material from their latest release, *Babylon*. Metal anthems such as "I Wanna Be Somebody" and "Hellion" fit seamlessly with current songs.

On stage, Lawless still looks every part the metal god he did in 1986. Clad in black spandex, heavy eye make-up, and trademark saw blades on his forearms, it's hard to believe this guy is over 50 years old. Even when comparing the Lawless of today to the 20-plus-year-old footage projected behind him, there were few discernible differences.

As always, the music was loud, brash, and dark. Lawless's crisp, sustained screams floated over the crunchy metal leads of guitarist Doug Blair. The show concluded with '80s hit "Blind in Texas," much to the delight of the diehard fans still in attendance.

Concert: W.A.S.P.
Show date: February 28
Venue: 4th&B
Seats: floor



Lawless is ageless

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April 3 — Gram Rabbit.
April 4 — The Dabbers.
April 5 — RJD2.
April 8 — Bostich & Fussible.

April 9 — Blowoff.
April 10 — Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys.
April 11 — Murder by Death.
April 13 — Holly Golightly & the Broke-Offs.

April 14 — The Retribution Gospel Choir.
April 15 — The Big Pink.
April 16 — Get Back Loretta.
April 17 — Love Is All.
April 20 — Bonobo.

April 21 — Japandroids.
April 22 — Bostich & Fussible.
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March 27 — Trudgers.

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April 11 — Los Tres.
May 23 — The Eagles.
June 2 — Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers.
June 4 — Tim McGraw.
June 6 — The Bamboozle Roadshow 2010.
June 13 — Sting.
August 20 — The Dave Matthews Band.
August 29 — American Carnage Tour.

Dizzy's: Harbor Club Towers, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
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April 30 — Snoop Dogg.
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May 28 — Heart.
July 10 — Peter Frampton & Yes.
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April 10 — A.J. Croce.

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March 26 — A Fork In Time.
March 27 — So Say We All.
March 28 — The Robin Henkel Band.



as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Roosevelt**
Song: **“Miracles and City Lights”** (from sdreader.com/mp3)
Heard by: **Matt Silengo**, North Park



Matt

I thought it had a really good sound to it. I couldn't really make out the lyrics to know exactly what was being said, but as far as the overall sound, I enjoyed it. Certainly, if it were on in the background, it

would get my attention. It was rock-type music. I'm having a little difficulty making a comparison off the top of my head. Maybe like Pearl Jam and Metallica — groups like that. It reminded me of some stuff I used to listen to way back when. What I did hear of the lyrics was about being alone in the city. I could see something like that playing while someone's skateboarding — that kind of sport. It was upbeat. I would give it an 8 out of 10.

Artist: **Noise Gate**
Song: **“Restraint”** (from sdreader.com/mp3)
Heard by: **Dave Houle**, Ocean Beach



Dave

I enjoyed the introduction. It's kind of a mystery...where is it going? I really liked the mandolin-style phrasing. It brought you to another section that's a little bit bluesy and more traditional. There are three distinct

sections. It had a sense of movement. Overall, it was a happy piece. It was instrumental. I hear some good art over that — like spoken word — something different from the norm. It's a two-guitar track. It sounds like two guys were just, like, “Let's record a jam.” Damn good players. You could do some things with that as a piece. It's something to build on with a bunch of other like-minded musicians. It's almost soundtrack-ish. I'd give it a 9 out of 10.

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I liked it. It's kind of a clash of classical guitar and hip-hop. It sounded Southwestern a little bit. As far as hip-hop goes, I'm pretty much just into the classics like NWA and newer stuff like Dead Prez and



Jig

Deltron. That's all I could really compare it to because I don't know too much about hip-hop. Mostly, the lyrics and samples attract me to that kind of hip-hop. That's part of what I like about NWA is that they sample James Brown and Jackson 5 songs. I'd say this rapper was good at his craft. This is definitely underground.... I wouldn't say it would have any mainstream appeal. The song was a little too short, but the guitar hook definitely drew me in.

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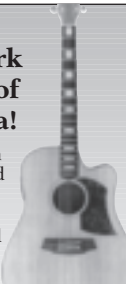
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ALLIED GARDENS

San Diego Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE

Alpine Inn: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.75 wells, house wine, \$4.75 calls.

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

Avenue 5: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$2 off bar food, \$2 off wines by the glass, \$3 draft, well.

Azuki Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 large Saki, \$5 large Sapporo. \$4 sushi rolls, discounted specialty rolls and appetizers.

Bertrand at Mister A's: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm: Specially priced cocktails, beer, wine, small plates on patio.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$5 big glass of wine. \$2 small bites.

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.

BONITA

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-9pm: Two-for-one all well drinks. \$4 six-piece chicken wings, falafel, or mozzarella sticks, \$5 small hummus. 1/2-off hookahs all day Tuesday.

CARDIFF

Beach House: Every day, 4-7:30pm: \$2.95 draft, domestic. \$3.95 margarita, Bloody Mary, mai tai, house wine.

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

The Alley: Every day, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

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.

Bellefleur: Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, happy hour wine, well highballs.

Bistro West: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: Discounted wine, draft, well, specialty martinis, bar appetizers.

Boar Cross'n: Every day, 7am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles, \$3.50 premium bottles, \$2.75 wells.

La Costa Grill: Every day, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$4 wells, house wines, \$1 off calls & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer, margaritas. \$3 off appetizers. 10pm-midnight: \$3 beer, wine, well drinks. Saturday-Sunday, 10pm-midnight: \$3 beer, wine, well drinks.

Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$3 domestics, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod.

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$2.75 wells (short). \$3.25 wells (tall).

oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm, 9-11pm: \$1 beer, mixed drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: Every day, 4-8pm: \$3 snacks, \$10 grilled calamari, \$5 premium drafts, \$6 Arterra wines, \$7 specialty signature collection.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, house margaritas.

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

905 Sushi: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.25 Bud Light, Corona, \$4.50 large Kirin, Sapporo, sake. 1/2-off appetizers.

Achiote Restaurant: Every day, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Black Angus: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wells, drafts, appetizers.

The Brew House at Eastlake: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, house wine; \$3.50 well drinks, house pint; \$4 well margaritas; \$5 well martinis; \$12 Bud Light pitcher, \$14 house pitcher.

Brigantine: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off draft, \$4 house champagne, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house red, \$5.75, Brigantine Chardonnay.

Chili's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, house margaritas; \$4.99 premium margaritas. \$50 wings.

D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, house wine, slice of pizza, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 beer, margaritas. \$1.50 tacos.

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, Bud draft, Michelob bottles, Drifter Pale Ale. Discounted appetizers.

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: Every day, 4-7pm: Discounted draft beer. \$3.50 house wine.

Bullpen Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, \$2 off all domestic bottles and drafts, .75 off all premium drafts, \$2 off well liquor, \$2 off all appetizers.

Cucina Italiana: Wednesday, 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Don Patrons Mariscos Bar & Grill: Every day, 2-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts, wells; \$4 imported drafts, specialty shots. 1/2-off appetizers: chicken wings, nachos, sliders.

Joe's Pizza: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli: Monday-Friday, 4-7:30pm: \$6.75 Stella, \$5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock Doc/Hefeweizen, \$4.75 Bud Light.

California Kebab: Every day, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$6 sangria carafes.

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday, 3-6 pm, \$2.50 margaritas, \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3.50 imports.

Cucina Fresca and Sons: Every day, 3-5pm: \$1.75 domestic beer.

Marie Callender's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only). Saturday-Sunday, \$2 Bloody Mary/mimosa w/ purchase.

Pal Joey's: Every day, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Beach 'n' Diner: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$2 off shakes, floats, malts, appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Bistro d'Asia: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.75 draft beer, \$4.50 house wine. \$1 off hand rolls.

Brigantine: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off Brig brew, Karl Strauss IPA, featured red and white wines, 4.75 house margarita, \$5.50 house Chardonnay, \$5.75 house red wine, \$7.50 Cuervo Gold margarita.

Candelas on the Bay: Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2-off drinks & bar menu.

Chance Bistro: Monday-Friday, all day: \$4 or \$5 wine by the glass. \$7.99 burger/fries/drink.

Clubhouse Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$3 domestic bottles, wells, house wine.

Coronado Boathouse 1887: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: \$2.50 domestic beers, \$5 wine by the glass, \$7 specialty martinis.

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitas. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

Danny's Palm Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 wells.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$1 off appetizers, \$1.50 sliders. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2-off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

DEL MAR

Brigantine: Every day, 4-6pm: \$1 off Kenwood wines; \$5.50 Georgia Peach Mezzacorona, Chardonnay; \$4 Alaska white ale, Brig Brew golden ale; \$4 house margarita.

Bully's Del Mar: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3 bottle beer, \$3 domestic pints, \$4 microbrew pints, \$4.50 wells, \$3 house wine by the glass, \$6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers.

Clubhouse Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-off draft beer, wine by the glass.

Shimbashi Izakaya: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 cocktails, \$5 glass of wine, \$3 draft beer. Sake & appetizer specials.

DOWNTOWN

400 West: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 domestic, \$5 wells, imported beer, appetizers.

923 Dive Lounge: Wednesday-Saturday, 8-10pm: \$2 wells/drafts.

Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 domestic drafts. \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off Artesian flat bread.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

Asti Ristorante: Every day, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Athens Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$5 appetizer menu, \$4 shots, Jameson, Jack Daniel's, Jäger, Jose Cuervo Gold.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

Bella Luna: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 house wine, 1/2-off appetizers.

Bice: Every day, 5-6:30pm: \$5 house wine, wells, draft Moretti.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: Every day, 2-6pm: \$3 Buster's pale ale, amber; \$3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island Iced 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 sangrita. 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.

De'Medici Cucina Italiana: Monday-Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.50 imported beer, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine by the glass. Discounted appetizers. Sunday, all day: 1/2-price any bottle of wine.

Dobson's: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts. \$4 margaritas. \$5 wells. \$8-\$11 appetizers: fried calamari, steamed mussels, mussel bisque, brie.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 pints of the day. 40% off appetizers.

Dublin Square: Every day, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, bottles. 1/2-off appetizers.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: Friday, 5-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails. Saturday-Sunday, 7-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports. Saturday-Sunday, open-5pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports.

La Fiesta: Every day, 11am-6pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$2.30 domestic bottles, \$3 house margaritas, \$4 frozen mojitos.

The Fish Market: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer. \$.95 oysters, \$4 fish tacos, \$5.75 mahi mahi sliders.

The Fleetwood: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday, 3-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos. Wednesday, all day: 1/2-off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Sunday, all day: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells.

La Gran Tapa: Tuesday-Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft.

Horton's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine, \$7 margaritas/cosmos; \$7 potato skins/mozzarella sticks; \$7.50 nachos grande/buffalo wings.

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The Local: *Monday, 4pm-close:* \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. \$6 burgers. *Tuesday, 4pm-close:* \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. \$3 lobster/fish tacos. *Wednesday, 4pm-close:* \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. *Thursday, 4pm-close:* \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. *Friday, 3-7pm:* \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. *Saturday, 8-10pm:* \$5 premium liquors.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: *Every day, 5-7pm:* \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine. \$5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

Patrick's II: *Every day, 10am-8pm:* \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

RA Sushi: *Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm:* 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; \$1 hot sake, \$2 domestics, \$3 wells, imports, \$4 specialty cocktails and wine, \$5 Kinn with sake.

Red Zone Sports Bar & Grill: *Monday, 8pm-close:* \$3 Corona/Pacifico, Dos Equis pint, tequila shots. *Tuesday, 4pm-close:* \$9 Bud Light pitchers. *Wednesday, 2-7pm:* \$2 domestic pints, \$3 Firehouse pints. *Thursday, 4pm-close:* \$5 Jäger. *Friday, 2-7pm:* \$5 Patrón calls. *Saturday, 11am-2pm:* \$5 Bloody Mary/mimosa. *Sunday, 4pm-close:* \$5.50 lemon drop martini/apple martini.

Rock Bottom Brewery: *Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close:* \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Sally's Seafood on the Water: *Monday, 2:30-5:30pm:* \$3 local beer on tap. *Tuesday, 2:30-5:30pm:* \$4 margaritas, \$3 Mexican bottled beers. *Wednesday, 2:30-5:30pm:* \$3 hot sake, \$3 Japanese bottled beers. *Thursday, 2:30-7pm:* \$3 drafts, \$5 wells/house wine.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: *Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm:* \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee. Noon-9pm: tasting flights.

Stage Saloon: *Every day, 5-8pm:* 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: *Monday-Friday, 4-8pm:* \$3 bottled beer, \$4 premium pints, \$4 wells, \$5 cosmo, appetini, margarita; 1/2-price appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday, till 6pm:* \$3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer, \$4 wells, Bloody Mary, \$5 mimosa.

T.G.I. Friday's: *Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm; 10pm-close:* \$3 large domestics & bottled beers, \$4 well/wine, \$5 Ultimate Long Island Iced Teas & Ultimate Margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers.

Tabule: *Monday-Friday, 5-6pm:* 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm:* 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: *Monday-Saturday, 3-8pm:* All drinks two-for-one.

Tequila 100: *Monday-Wednesday, 8-11pm:* \$2 draft, \$4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, \$5 Patrón shot. *Thursday-Sunday, 3-7pm:* \$2 draft, \$4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, \$5 Patrón shot.

Tivoli Bar: *Every day, 4-7pm:* \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquo.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

Urban Bar & Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm, 9pm-close:* \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 signature cocktails, \$5 house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Wolffy's Place: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* Two-for-one all beers, \$4 wells & house wine. 1/2-off all appetizers.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm:* \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine. \$2 off appetizers.

Yard House: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$3.50 domestic pints, \$4 craft/import pints, \$4.50 goblets, \$4.25 wells, \$5.75 house martinis, \$2 off wine by the glass. \$6.50 sliders, 1/2-off select appetizers & pizzas.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$5 mason jar Russian standard vodka, \$3 carafe, beer, \$6 wine. Complimentary Basic pizza.

Café Chloe: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$4 verdejo, Côtes du Rhône, oatmeal stout; \$5 white Bordeaux, Monte Bucciano, blonde ale; \$6 Chardonnay, Zinfandel, Trapezoidale.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: *Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm:* \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. *Friday-Saturday, 11pm-close:* \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

Hive Sushi Lounge: *Every day, 5-7pm:* \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$.99.

Jewel Box: *Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am:* \$5 Jäger bombs; Happy Hour all night w/military ID. *Thursday, 8pm-2am:* Industry Night. \$3.75 calls.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$.50 off all drinks.

The Broken Piñata: *Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm:* \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

Double D's on Broadway: *Every day, 10am-noon, 4-7pm:* \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday, 4-8pm:* \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday, \$5 20-oz.* Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm:* \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: *Tuesday-Friday, 5-6pm:* 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers and sushi rolls.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am:* \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

El Callejon Restaurant: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$2 domestic, \$2.75 imported, \$3 house margarita. \$2-\$7 appetizers: pork tacos, fried calamari, grilled shrimp skewer.

Cap'n Kenos: *Monday-Friday, 6pm-midnight:* \$2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

D Street Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$2 wells. \$2.50 domestic drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers.

When in Rome: *Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm:* Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: *Tuesday-Saturday, 3:30-7pm:* \$1 off draft beer, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 red wine, \$7 Krista vodka cosmo, \$7.50 Brig handshaken margarita.

Holiday Wine Cellar: *Monday, 5:30-7:30pm:* \$5 for five wine tastings.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: *Every day, 4-7pm:* \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm:* \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; \$1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday, 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 wells, house margaritas.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: *Every day, all day:* \$3 dipper, wells.

Baja Betty's: *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm:* \$3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, quesadilla.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: *Every day, 4-7pm:* 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar: *Monday-Saturday, noon-2pm, 5-7pm:* \$3-\$4 bar menu. \$4.50 glass of wine or champagne, 25% off champagne bottles.

CJ's Club: *Every day, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight:* All wells \$2.75.

Cafe Eleven: *Every day, 2-6pm:* \$4 house margaritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer. \$3 appetizers: shrimp cocktail, stuffed mushrooms, Thai chicken skewers.

Nami: *Every day, 5-7:30pm:* 1/2-off sake, beer, \$3 house wine. 1/2-off sushi rolls, appetizers.

Taste of Thai: *Monday-Thursday, 9-11pm:* \$2.50 domestics, \$3 imports, house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday, 5:30-7pm:* \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday, 4-6:30pm:* \$10 wine tasting.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday, All day:* \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm:* \$2.50 house wine, \$2.75 Bud Light 16 oz. on tap, \$9 pitchers, \$3 wells, \$3.25 margaritas. *Saturday-Sunday, all night:* 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Churasan: *Monday, Sunday, football special:* \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. *Tuesday-Friday, 5-8pm:* \$4 large Japanese beers.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm:* \$1 off draft, glass of wine. *Saturday, 3pm-close:* 1/2-off bottles of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm:* \$3 wells, \$3.50 drafts, \$4 wine specials. Discounted empanadas and appetizers.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm:* 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: *Wednesday-Thursday, 3-7 pm:* \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Kensington Cafe: *Every day, 3-7pm:* \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: *Every day, 10am-6pm:* \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

LA JOLLA

Alfonso's of La Jolla: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$3.25 drinks, bar appetizers.

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: *Every day, 4-6:30pm:* \$2.50 small saki, \$4 large saki, \$1.95 select hand rolls, \$3 cucumber roll, \$3.50 California, spicy tuna, veggie roll.

Beaumont's: *Every day, 4-6pm:* \$3 draft, well; \$5 Cabernet, Chardonnay. Special prices on margarita, sangria, wine cooler.

Bird Rock Pizza & Sports: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer. *Saturday-Sunday, all day:* \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer.

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Clay's La Jolla: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine.

Crab Catcher: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, wine, champagne by the glass, margaritas. \$5 select specialty martinis. 1/2-off select appetizers. 1.50 oyster shooters.

Edo Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, all day: Buy one saki, get one half off. 3-6:30pm: 25% off select nigiri and maki rolls.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

La Jolla Brew House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, house drafts, \$4 house wine. \$5 premiums.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

The Melting Pot: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

Rock Bottom Brewery, La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$3.50 beer, house wine, well drinks. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10pm-midnight: \$3.50 beer, house wine, well drinks.

Roppongi: *Every day*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

The Shack Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Sushi on the Rock: *Every day*, 5-6:30pm: \$2 hot sake, Coors Light, \$3 cold sake, \$4 Soju spritz, \$5 house wine. \$1.75 vegetarian roll, spicy krab roll, \$2.75 spicy tuna roll.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Banbu Sushi Bar & Grill: *Monday-Thursdays*, 2:30-6:30pm: \$2 off draft, well drinks, house wine, \$2 off California, Philly, veggie roll, goyza, calamari, shrimp tempura.

Brigantine: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$4 pint, single well drinks, house-blended margarita, glass of CA sparkling wine; \$5 glass of Mezzacorona Chardonnay, glass of Rosemount Cabernet Shiraz; \$6.50 double well drinks.

Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita.

Chico Club: *Every day*, all day: \$3 big-ass beer (23 oz).

Hearth House: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 premium beers, wine & wells. \$2 bratwurst & fries, \$3 burger & fries.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glass of wine.

Tarroz Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 2-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, \$3 imported beer, \$4 premium drafts.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: *Monday-Friday*, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12-oz. drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperial.

The Calypso Café: *Every day*, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: *Every day*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 bottled beer, \$3 draft pint, \$10.50 domestic pitcher, \$12.50 import pitchers, \$2 sliders.

The New Morena Club: *Every day*, noon-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 domestic bottles, wells.

Tio Leo's: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas.

Fat City Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 draft beer, \$8 pitcher, \$2.50 french fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

Desi N' Friends Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$2 well drinks, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 draft.

Wine Steals: *Wednesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

A Taste of Boston: *Every day*, 3-7pm: \$2.25 Bud draft, \$2.75 bottled beer (except Guinness), \$3 drafts, \$3.75 all wine. Discounted appetizers.

Bamboo Hut: *Every day*, 3-6pm: Buy a large beer, get a small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 glass house wine.

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 house beer, domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, \$1 off appetizers.

Mira Mesa Lanes: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

MIRAMAR

Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 select pints, \$5 house wine.

The Filling Station: *Monday*, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$2 wells, domestic beers, \$6 domestic pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: *Monday-Thursday*, 10am-2pm, 5-7pm: \$2.50 domestic, wells. 8-10pm: \$2.50 domestic, wells. 1/2-off burgers, pizza.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. *Friday*, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday*, 2-7pm: \$.50 off beer. *Wednesday*, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

Cafe Bleu: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass, special prices on starters and hors d'oeuvres, special happy hour sandwiches.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

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

950 Lounge: *Wednesday*, \$3 wells, beer, house wine.

Adam's Steak & Eggs: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-7pm: Double well drinks, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

All American Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud/Bud Light draft (12 oz.), wine by the glass. \$3 local beer, \$3.50 Bud/Bud Light (16 oz.), wells. \$4 mixed drinks, imported beer, small margarita. \$4.25 Bud/Bud Light (24 oz.).

Bully's East: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: \$2.50 domestic, draft; \$3.50 wells, \$5 wine: Chardonnay, Merlot, Jacob's Creek Cabernet.

Camel's Breath Inn: *Monday-Thursday*, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

In Cahoots: *Wednesday*, \$2 drinks. *Friday-Saturday*, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. *Sunday*, any drink \$2.50.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

Miyako Japanese Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: Sapporo pints \$1.99, large bottles \$2.99, pitchers \$6.99. Hot sake \$1.75. California roll \$2.50, spicy tuna/Philly roll \$3.50, Japanese-style chicken bites \$3.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, Bloody Mary; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Bourbon Street: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$3 domestic pitchers, \$4 well drinks, \$5 imported pitchers.

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

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, \$2.50 domestic bottle, \$3.50 draft.

El Comal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots.

Crazee Burger: *Every day*, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, 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: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. *Friday-Sunday*, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

Toronado: *Monday*, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

True North: *Monday*, noon-close: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Tuesday-Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Sunday*, 7pm-close: Industry Night, \$3 calls.

OCEAN BEACH

The Arizona Bar: *Every day*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3 house wines, 20-oz. domestics, microbrew pints, wells, 1/2-off all pitchers. \$3 food specials.

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$3 margaritas, wells, \$1 off select appetizers.

Bravo Mexican Bistro: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1-\$3 off margaritas, \$1 off tequila, \$1 off tacos, \$2 off nachos, \$4 off shrimp cocktail and sampler plate, \$4.50 off nachos supreme.

Day Break: *Friday-Sunday*, 12-4:30pm: \$-off drink menu. Discounted appetizers: shrimp taco, artichoke dip, crab stuffed mushrooms.

Portugalia: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine.

Sunshine Co.: *Every day*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

The Vine: *Every day*, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

The Flying Bridge: *Every day*, 4pm-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PCH Sports Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. *Saturday*, 2-8pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. *Sunday*, 2pm-close: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines.

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Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters. *Saturday-Sunday*, 9pm-close: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

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.

Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$3 12-oz. house margaritas, \$5 20-oz. house margaritas, \$2.50 14-oz. domestic drafts, \$3.50 20-oz. domestic drafts.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Monday-Friday*, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. *Saturday-Sunday*, noon-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

The Australian Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. *Saturday*, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. *Sunday*, \$3 Bloody Marys.

Bare Back Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 Miller Lite, amber ale, well drinks.

Bub's Dive Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$10 pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers.

Cass Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$2.75 micro-brew pints, \$7.50 pitcher, \$3 house wine.

Chateau Orleans: *Wednesday*, all day: 1/2-off all wine bottles. *Thursday*, all day: \$5 Louisiana hurricanes, margaritas. 1/2-off champagne bottles.

Dave's Tavern: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic draft. \$3 mimosas. \$3.25 wine. Free pool.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, \$6 pitchers.

Hennessey's Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$1 off house wine, wells, \$3 well shot/\$4 call shot, \$5 drink specials. *Saturday-Sunday*, till 1pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

Johnny V: *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. \$1.95 street tacos, \$3 off appetizers. *Wednesday*, all day: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. *Friday*, 4-9pm: \$2 drinks. Complimentary appetizers. *Saturday*, all day: \$2.50 Bud Light bottles, Absolut, \$3 margarita.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moray's Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Tuesday*, \$2.50 Mexican bottled beer, \$3 frozen margaritas. *Wednesday*, \$2 off all drinks, \$2 beers. *Thursday*, 8pm-close: \$2 wells, drafts, 1/2-price drinks. *Friday*, 3-10pm: \$2 drafts, wells, 1/2-price drinks. *Saturday*, 4-10pm: \$3 wells, wine, drafts.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar: *Monday, Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: \$3 wells/Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Heradura tequila shots. *Tuesday, Thursday*, all day: \$8 12-oz. bottle of beer

and a shot, \$3 pints of Bud Light. *Friday-Saturday*, noon-10pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints.

Tavern at the Beach: *Monday-Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: Industry Night: \$3 domestic beers, \$2 make your drink a double, \$3 calls for industry. Pay stub required.

Tony Roma's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 house margaritas, Long Island Iced Teas, \$3 wells, draft beer. Appetizer specials.

POINT LOMA

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$1 off drinks, \$2 off appetizers.

Captain's Quarters: *Every day*, 3-7pm: \$2 you-call-it wells, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, discounted shots.

Daddy-O's: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$5 domestic, \$7 premium 32 oz. drafts; \$10 domestic, \$12 premium pitchers.

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: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 off everything, \$2 beers.

POWAY

Brigantine: *Every day*, 3-6:30 pm: \$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.

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.

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: *Every day*, 3-7pm: 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.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Alfresco's Italian Buffet: *Every day*, 5:30-7:30pm: All drinks 1/2 price.

Back Alley Grill: *Every day*, *Everyday*: \$3 domestics. \$4.50 imports. \$4 house wines.

Dalton's Road House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off house wines, wells. \$5 margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers: cheesy fries, potato skins, buffalo wings.

The Jumping Turtle: *Monday*, 11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. *Tuesday*, 11am-close: \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. *Wednesday*, 11am-close: \$4 drop drinks. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. *Friday*, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. *Saturday*, 11am-close: \$3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. *Sunday*, 11am-close: \$2.50 Bloody Marys.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, Bloody Marys.

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Monday*, 3pm-close: 1/2 off appetizers, \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 microbrews *Tuesday-Friday*, 3pm-6pm: 1/2 off appetizers, \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 microbrews

The Fish Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders.

Pacific Coast Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Every day*, 4-6pm: Two-for-one drinks.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: *Every day*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Every day*, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.

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The Abbey Road Band

The nationally touring Beatles tribute band performs Sundays at the Welk Resort Theatre. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 18.

Alive and Well

The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of Kenny Finkle's romantic comedy about a down-on-her-luck journalist and a Civil War reenactor who search for the Lonesome Soldier, the oldest living veteran of the War Between the States. Jeremy Dobrish directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 2PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 25.



An Inspector Calls: Edwardian set rises from a dirt floor

An American Duet: Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue

Ion Theatre presents Quiara Alegria Hudes's drama about the legacy of war through three generations of a Puerto Rican family. Sylvia Enrique directed. *Elliot* runs in repertory with *Back of the Throat*. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILL-CREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 10.

Back of the Throat

Ion Theatre stages Yussef El Guindi's tale of a Muslim-American man and a seemingly friendly visit by two government officials — at first. Sara Beth Morgan directed. *Back of the Throat* runs in repertory with *Elliot, a Solider's Fugue*. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILL-CREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 10.

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The Old Globe Theatre stages the Tony Award-winning comedy about Bernard, an architect living in Paris, and his three flight-attendant fiancées. Mark Schneider directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 18.

Fighting Words: Moxie Theatre Play-Reading Festival

Moxie Theatre's first-ever play-reading festival presents *Red Helen* by Jennifer Barclay, *Re-Drowning Ophelia* by Katie Henry, *Adoration of Dora* by Lojo Simon, *Coming Attractions* by Zsa Zsa Gershick, and *the terrible girls* by Jacqueline Goldfinger. For specific days and times, call the theater at 858-598-7620. MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BLVD., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 26.

Hansel and Gretel

Lyric Opera San Diego presents Engelbert Humperdinck's musical, based on the children's fairy tale. LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVE., SUITE 1, NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 2:30PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

I Love You Because

Grossmont College presents this "modern-day musical love story" about a young, uptight greeting card writer and the flighty photographer who enters his life. GROSSMONT COLLEGE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DR., EL CAJON. 619-644-7000. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 7:30PM FRIDAY, 7:30PM SATURDAY, THROUGH MARCH 20.

Independence

PowPAC presents Lee Blessing's drama about a family, in Independence, Iowa, divided against itself. Jay Mower directed. POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THE-

ATER, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 28.

An Inspector Calls

J.B. Priestley's thought-provoker raises two initial questions: who-dunit, and why has an inspector named Goole (pronounced "ghoul") come to the Birling's stately home? Arthur Birling just gave an impassioned speech about being responsible only to oneself and the masses be damned. What connection could the social elite have with the alleged suicide of a dirt-poor woman? The inspector — and just who IS this guy, a Sherlock Holmes of the conscience? — retraces the family's tracks in search of the culprit. For Lamb's Players, Mike Buckley's stylish Edwardian set rises from a dirt floor, where impeccably polished shoes leave footprints. Robert and Deborah Gilmour Smyth codirected this taut, trimmed (from three acts to 90 minutes) staging. The cast almost tells the story with their eyes alone. Sudden flashes of recognition, or entrapment, break through serene façades. These aren't melodramatic asides but looks reflecting a fear that things aren't what they seem — and never were.

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LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 21.

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The Pirates of Penzance: About the Pirate King and a young lad

Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris
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mother killer
It's likely that when he wrote this bitter anti-tragedy, Euripides was heading into exile in Macedonia. That might explain why he fractures one of Greek theater's classic tales into a "god-cursed" maelstrom of brutality. Like Shakespeare's *Troilus*, *Orestes* demythologizes with an avenger's rage.

Orestes murdered his mother and now must pay — or in a cynical take on the original, will he make the world pay instead? Although the acting ranges from quite good (Fred Harlow, a prissy Menelaus) to in-between (John Polak in and out of focus as Orestes) to nonexistent, Theatre Inc's production plows unafraid into *Orestes*'s hallucinatory mix of satire, low comedy, and tragedy-toppling (the chorus, for example, is five platinum-blond young women who wear tap shoes and sing Leigh Scarritt's eerie songs). Director Douglas Lay also performs: he turns a Phrygian slave into an Asian stereotype; but hits the mark as a *deus ex machina*'d Apollo, a game-show host come to set things straight — an-

other place where Euripides doesn't deconstruct a myth; he destroys it, doing his best to make his original audience hear fingernails on a blackboard.
Worth a try:
THEATRE, INC., 899 C ST., EAST VIL-LAGE. 619-216-3016. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUN-DAY, THROUGH MARCH 21.

National Comedy Theatre
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Night of the Laughing Dead...We're Dying to Cast You!
Mystery Café Dinner Theatre celebrates its 20th season with Victoria Velasco 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. Velasco directed. MYSTERY CAFÉ, 505 KALMIA ST., BANKER'S HILL. 619-544-1664. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

The Pirates of Penzance
The Welk Resort presents the Gilbert and Sullivan classic about the Pirate King and a young lad who wants to break free. Ray Limon directed and choreographed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MAY 2.

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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 overdue 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 Be Gone,” and Season Duffy’s “Best Man (I Never Had).” Led by Nick Spear and backed by Oliver Shirley’s steady bass, the band’s as adept at country as at rock. They perform on Mike Buckley’s set, a combination of realistic details and, as lit by Buckley, a mite larger than life glow. 619-437-0600. (Due to popular demand, Lamb’s has extended the run of this show.) Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 28.

Ring Round the Moon
If you get the chance, do see Moonlight Stage Productions’ wonderful show. It’s got a terrific cast, a handsome look, wall-to-wall humor, brainteasers, and panache — and must close March 21. Asked what he feared most, Truman Capote said, “Real toads in imaginary gardens.” That describes Jean Anouilh’s play. On the surface, the three-acter’s a romantic fantasy. But Anouilh places actual people in the fairy-tale setting. They wander, bumbling and hurt, through fun-house mazes in search of happiness. Moonlight received a grant for *Ring*. That helps explain why talent runs so deep in the large cast, from Jill Drexler’s jaded, hilarious Mme. Desmortes (who talks classy

trash), to Howard Bickle’s dual roles as identical twins (except for their hearts) Hugo and Frederic, to Fran Gercke and Jessica John doing one of the funniest tangos you’ll ever see (in Colleen Kollar Smith’s choreography, they even dance while seated). Director Jason Heil matches Anouilh’s free-flowing wit and tricky tones with precision. Critic’s pick.
AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 7:30PM FRIDAY, 7:30PM AND 2PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MARCH 21.

Romeo and Juliet
The Poor Players stage Shakespeare’s tragedy of star-crossed lovers. Nick Kennedy directed. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 4.



Ring Round the Moon: They wander, bumbling and hurt

self (the remix)
At first it looks as if you walked into a club instead of Mo’olelo’s latest offering. DJ Double D hosts a dance, punctuated by a slashing disco beat. He eliminates dancers until only people of Iranian and Guatemalan roots can remain. A man in a red short-sleeved shirt, Levis, and black Converse All-Stars continues. And for 80 minutes, much of which he dances, Robert Farid Karimi — “spoken-word artist” and national slam-poetry champion — recalls his youth as a “mixed race” person. Wherever he turned he hit walls: going to Guatemala City at age eight and being labeled a “gringo”; the Iran hostage crisis of 1979, which made him a “front to unite against” at school. Even his parents took sides. Karimi’s going back becomes a quest, literally to find his voice. He explores threads of styles, songs, and dances; he tries them on, snips here, stretches there, saves parts, rejects others, and learns not to “follow everybody’s moves.” Throughout he’s an engaging narrator and, with some exceptions, DJ Double D’s “soundscape” is as agile as Karimi. The exceptions: at times the music drowns out Karimi’s voice. It shouldn’t, because he has a lot to say. 619-342-7395. Worth a try.

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 7:30PM FRIDAY, 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MARCH 21.

A Streetcar Named Desire
Palomar Performing Arts stages Tennessee Williams’s drama about life and love in 1940s New Orleans. Pat Larmer directed. PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION RD., SAN MARCOS. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MARCH 21.

Tom and Huck and Jim
As part of the Mark Twain Centenary, SDSU Theatre, Television, and Film presents an original production based on Twain’s novels about Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn. SDSU’S EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., COLLEGE AREA. 619-594-6884. 8PM THURSDAY, 4PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MARCH 21.

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ions, here to celebrate his anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s (they’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary ones”). And hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. The story line’s straight from *Forever Plaid*, and the performers are far too talented to play inept characters (one’s a whiz at the piano, another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a cracker-jack magician). The trio’s so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight, show. Worth a try.
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 11.

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Around and About

He continues to speak in that murmurous voice that lures you to lean forward.

In between films at the San Diego Latino Film Festival, I can spare but passing glances at the world outside. And with the NCAA basketball tournament added this Thursday to the ongoing festival, we can't expect me next week to have eyes for anything else.

MOVIE REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

Remember Me, from the "quality" TV director Allen Coulter, is a lovers' tragedy set in New York City in the days leading up to and including 9/11, leaving aside the green-and-white prologue set ten years earlier. Robert Pattinson of "the *Twilight* saga" and Emilie de Ravin, an unknown to me but not to the *Lost* generation, do a generally credible and at times mortifying job of behaving like young people trying to impress one another when they hardly yet know who they themselves are, and when they are each having to deal with pre-existing tragedies and

troublesome fathers (Pierce Brosnan, Chris Cooper, respectively). Pattinson, who has the most to prove, proves at least that he is not a total cornball when

not impersonating an ethical vampire. He continues to speak in that murmurous voice that lures you to lean forward, and he continues to sculpt his hair with a trowel, but on the other hand he discontinues the face powder and the lipstick: every little bit helps. And he acquires some sympathy for his character by declaring *D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths* to be his "favorite book ever" and by scowling ill-humoredly at a screening of *American Pie*. It's possible that 9/11 as a dramatic device could be employed too often in films, and it's certain that it can be employed too facilely (see *Dear John*, etc.), but if we accept that date as the 12/7 of our time—as our benchmark, that is, of the sudden and complete changeability of



Remember Me

life—we must grant that it hasn't yet been employed in films anywhere near as much as Pearl Harbor, and that it therefore has a lot more mileage in it. I even now, in numberless old movies, get tingles at re-enactments and fictitious news announcements of the Day of Infamy, and I got tingles here as I saw the stars aligning on that Tuesday morning. And the piling of new tragedy

on top of old tragedy lends it a seriousness of purpose that can (unlike *Dear John*, etc.) actually be taken seriously.

Green Zone feeds off and into the widespread cynicism, which is to say the widespread enlightenment, as to the motives behind the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. Matt Damon, maturing into an actor of spartan economy and

vigilant interiority, plays the army officer charged with running down the leads to the WMDs, very soon reversing his course ("The intel's no good") and independently running down the source of those leads: "Jesus Christ! This is the reason we went to war!" Director Paul Greengrass, as he has done both in docudramas (*Bloody Sunday*, *United 93*) and in cloak-and-dag-

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ger daydreams (*The Bourne Supremacy*, *The Bourne Ultimatum*), cultivates an air of reality through a grainy washed-out image and a zigging and zagging camera that covers for any inauthenticity by never giving us a good look at what we're looking at. It cannot cover, however, for screenwriter Brian Helgeland's penchant for the instructive, reductive talking point ("This country is a powder keg of ethnic instability") that sounds like nothing anyone would say outside a panel of experts under severe commercial time constraints on CNN. Any deficiencies in the image or the dialogue will not detract from the pell-mell propulsiveness of the action, mostly contained within a single hectic day, the sheer breathless pace of it and the distance over which that pace is sustained. The relentlessly chugging music doesn't really seem to help with that, but appar-

ently can't help itself.

Mother comes from the maker of the South Korean monster movie, *The Host*, Joon-ho Bong. It comes without a monster, as well as without such staples of the regional cinema as ghosts, gore, and martial arts. It is instead a straightforward detective story about a Mommie Fearless who launches her own investigation to clear her retarded son of a murder charge, pursuing a solid chain of clues to a satisfying if unsettling and unconventional conclusion. It remains all the same a tribute to *Mother Love*, however warped. Though the director still shows a weakness (a little less of a one) for the dopey comedy that weakened *The Host*, this is a small matter alongside the endlessly exciting wide-screen visuals, the meticulous compositions, the inventive variety of approaches, the full compass of angles, the especially good use of long shots of all distances — all the things, in short, that would enable us to speak, in highfalutin terms, of a broad cinematic vocabulary and a flex-

ible syntax. The perfect antidote, should you need one, to the motion-sickening monotony of Paul Greengrass.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo is a homegrown adaptation by Niels Arden Oplev of the international best-seller by Stieg Larsson. Despite my own happy participation in the Scandinavian wave of detective novels (all the Kurt Wallander mysteries of Henning Mankell, plus handfuls of others that have failed to distinguish themselves on the same level), I have passed on this one: too fat, too long. The movie is long, too, two and a half hours with almost half an hour of anti- or post-climax. In the early going, it juggles two separate cases and two separate investigators, a Leftist muckraking journalist (Michael Nyqvist, with his Richard Burtonish full-moon cratered face) and a security-firm computer geek (Noomi Rapace, a sort of young Claire Bloom) who sports two nose rings, numerous ear piercings, a Goth hairdo and wardrobe, and of course the titular tattoo over her entire back. Eventually the two investigators team up on the sketchier and shakier of the cases: the forty-year-old disappearance and presumed murder of a teenage girl whose body, on a sealed-off island, was never recovered. Mystery fans' alarm bells will begin ringing even before the girl's favorite uncle explains how she was in the habit of giving him an annual framed botanical and how he has continued annually to receive an anonymous framed botanical which he theorizes has been sent tauntingly by her killer. This, need I say, was not my theory. Perhaps our indignity over the multiple revelations of ugly sexual violence is hoped to blind us to the shoddy plotting and the plodding development. (That, and perhaps also the cracklingly crisp photography.) But the would-be "touching" ending is, for my taste, soured by the unasked question of how many women were raped, tortured, and murdered over those forty years so that we could have a touching ending.

I should throw a glance, also, at an attractive series of films put on by the San Diego Italian Film Festival for the next four Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., at the Flower Hill Cinemas: Rossellini's *Il Generale della Rovere* on March 18, Olmi's *Il Posto* on March 25, Germi's *Seduced and Abandoned* on April 1, and on April 8 Fellini's *Amarcord*, the only one of the four that has hereabouts seen the light of the big screen in decades. Whether it will be the light of a movie projector or a video projector, I couldn't say. But I could suspect.

Back at the festival, meantime: I can report that Carlos Saura's impeccably groomed *Io, Don Giovanni*, in

Italian primarily and a little German, adds a new wrinkle, a new byway, to his impressive canon of movie musicals: the backstage opera film, 18th Century. It has one more scheduled screening on Saturday morning. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Ajami — Set in the roiling melting pot of Jaffa, the writing and directing collaboration of Jewish and Palestinian Israelis, Yaron Shani and Scandar Copti, is a push-and-pull of contradictions: a balanced and even-handed treatment of tremulous sensationalized subject matter (a mafia-like blood feud, drug traffic, forbidden love, illegal immigration, hate crime, etc.), and rounded humanized humans, played by natural non-professionals, in an artificial, fragmented, nonlinear, self-consciously "clever" narrative. Following it isn't difficult. Sticking with it might be. Shahir Kabaha, Ibrahim Frege, Eran Naim, Fouad Habash. 2009. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Alice in Wonderland — Tim Burton's adaptation of the Lewis Carroll classic gives him license, free rein, greased rails, to stage a congenial freak show in a hermetic netherworld: a 3-D moving-picture book. The customary merger of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and its sequel, *Through the Looking Glass*, has the innovation of a marriageable age-of-consent heroine, diving down the rabbit hole to escape a surprise engagement party and an odious snooty suitor. This innovation serves the dual purpose of heading off all the tired old sophisticated drolleries about the Reverend Dodgson's fondness for little girls and, secondly, of feeding the bottomless contemporary appetite for feminist fantasies of empowerment. (The Australian newcomer Mia Wasikowska evolves from a pasty spaced-out flower child to an armored and sword-wielding Saint Joan, Jabberwock-slayer.) In due time, in fact in short order, the movie achieves a different sort of dullness from that of the forced and haphazard novel, a dullness of satiation. Just as Alice has been taught to pinch herself to return from a dream, you can try pinching yourself to reverse your slippage into a CGI stupor, and at any such pinch, snapping to attention, you can appreciate the amount of labor that went into it, the thorough planning, the attention to detail. And then very soon satiated again, under the glut of computer-manufactured topography, flora, and fauna, you can drift back into stuporville. Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne Hathaway, Crispin Glover. 2010.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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)

Avatar — Ambitious merger of live action and computer animation, with at least one groundbreaking 3-D effect: English subtitles for the language spoken on the celestial body of Pandora inserted on a plane in the middle distance between a foreground figure and an upstage figure, as if the foreground one could look down and read the subtitle himself. This effect is silly, is pretentious, is pointless, and nonetheless is fun.

Much the same could be said of the movie as a whole. Silly, pretentious, pointless, and fun is surely less than writer and director James Cameron had in mind for his first feature film since *Titanic* twelve years before, a two hour and forty-five minute "visionary" science-fiction epic that dishes up an allegory on globalism, a warm-over of the old science-versus-military debate, a dose of Noble Savage romanticism, a Capt. Smith and Pocahontas culture-clash romance, an ecological message, and a tree-felling that insistently recalls the toppling of the World Trade Center. There appears little doubt that Cameron drew upon all his mental powers, yet happily those powers prove too feeble, too reliant on convention and stereotype, or if you wish to make it sound better, on tradition and archetype, to ruin the fun. The powers themselves, with their rumble of self-importance and their straining for significance, are part and parcel of the kitschy fun. Sam Worthington, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang, Giovanni Ribisi, Michelle Rodriguez. 2009.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Blind Side — Soft warm cozy sports story from the maker of *The Rookie*, John Lee Hancock, about a headstrong well-to-do white Memphis housewife who takes under her wing and under her roof a homeless black gentle giant, an irresistible force meeting an immovable object. Sandra Bullock stays obstinately on the surface of her role, and Quinton Aaron is touchingly minimalist as Michael Oher, a future first-round NFL draft pick. Very late in the game a couple of aspersions are cast on the motives of Oher's adoptive parents, aspersions which, if shown to be even fractionally valid, might have made a more interesting movie. With Tim McGraw, Jae Head, Lily Collins, Kathy Bates, and assorted college-football coaches as themselves, Nick Saban, Phil Fulmer, Lou Holtz, et al. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Bounty Hunter — Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler as reunited exes running for their lives, directed by Andy Tennant. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/19)

Brooklyn's Finest — Crime drama treats what would be an historically bad week for the NYPD as simply the average run. Amid a series of racially charged shooting incidents, three diverse policemen (the brink-of-retirement beat cop, the stressed-out undercover cop, the off-the-rails rogue cop) pursue their individual paths on what we come to suspect will be a collision course but we find out instead is a mere geographical convergence to three separate simultaneous shootings on the same city block. Antoine Fuqua's return to the precinct of *Training Day*, opposite coast, holds the attention about as pleasurably as a thumbscrew (if you can imagine it), with Ethan Hawke now graduated from rookie to the rank of Bad Lieutenant, trying desperately to finance a real-estate deal with confiscated drug money while behaving as if he is at the same time trying to kick heroin or else to win a scholarship to the Actors Studio. His purpose, his function, seems to be to make the other cast members (Richard Gere, Don Cheadle, Wesley Snipes, Will Patton, Brian O'Byrne) look good in comparison, and from that angle he succeeds spectacularly. 2010.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION



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VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Cop Out — By-the-book buddy comedy about black and white NYPD partners whose apparently unrelated cases involving Mexican drug runners and a stolen baseball card conveniently dovetail. The sneering and snarling bad guys are played murderously straight, but they're still funnier than the smirky white (Bruce Willis, on automatic pilot) and buffoonish black (Tracy Morgan, almost incomprehensible at a bel- low, and indeed he spends a lot of his time bellowing). This is director Kevin Smith's first time out as a hired gun, strapped with somebody else's script (Robb and Mark Cullen's), a script sufficiently potty- mouthed by most standards but perhaps not by Smith's. After the likes of *Clerks II* and *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*, no one but the clinically delusional could feel dis- appointed in him. Seann William Scott, Ana de la Reguera, Kevin Pollak, Adam Brody. 2010.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HOR- TON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS- SION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Crazies — Breck Eisner's remake of a lesser-known George Romero horror show from 1973, a therefore more defensible re- make than those of the *Dead* series, for which we can hope that Romero (credited as executive producer) received decent compensation. The no-nonsense line of ac- tion to do with a contagion of homicidal lu- nacy in rural Iowa, caused and exacerbated by military misconduct (if it matters), is mostly routine, but the scene in the car wash, with the assailants obscured by sham- poo suds and rotating brushes, rises slightly above. Timothy Olyphant, though he's got the voice for it, does not look likely by this route to become the next Clint Eastwood, yet he gives a creditable effort as the town sheriff, together with the plain-named Joe Anderson as his good-ole-boy deputy. And while it may seem a little strange to regard as a *Scream Queen* someone who has worked with Woody Allen, Robert Benton, Marc Forster, Lisa Cholodenko, among oth- ers, Radha Mitchell appears hell-bent on getting us used to the idea. 2010.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HOR- TON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS- SION VALLEY 20; 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 uncer- tain bounce-back 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 Bur- nett, 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 ap- proximately one-third Kris Kristofferson (the constipated voice and the wheezy vince to produce it) and two-thirds Way- lon 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 Gyllen- haal, Colin Farrell, and Robert Duvall; di-

rected by Scott Cooper. 2009.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Dear John — Wartime romance begin- ning 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 infor- mation for the sole purpose of contrived misunderstanding and revealed nobility. It issues from a novel by Nicholas Sparks, al- ways a harbinger of goopy absurdity, and the chief function of director Lasse Hall- strom, at one time a halfway serious film- maker, is to pour sunlight, moonlight, and firelight over it like syrup. The buggy-eyed Amanda Seyfried manages to convey maybe a month's worth of maturation over the decade-long storyline, but Channing Tatum makes a tiptop military type, a strong, silent type, guarded, humble, a tad pent-up, a tad petulant, several tads chivalrous. He merits some sort of medal for his recitation of the "I am a coin" letter to his dying numisma- tist dad. With Richard Jenkins and Henry Thomas. 2010.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid — Teen comedy with Zachary Gordon, Robert Capron, Rachael Harris, and Steve Zahn, directed by Thor Freudenthal.

(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 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/19)

The Ghost Writer — A literary hack (Ewan McGregor) — "You name it, he ghosts it" — lands the plum assignment of, for a cool quarter of a million, polishing up the mem- oirs of a Tony Blair-ish former British Prime Minister (Pierce Brosnan), stepping into the shoes of the previous silent collaborator who has unaccountably left his car on the ferry and washed up on shore: accident? suicide? And is it only a coincidence that the ex- P.M. is just now coming under fire for alleged human-rights violations in the War on Ter- ror? The adaptation of a Robert Harris politi- cal potboiler really doesn't amount to much: standard portions of knee-jerk paranoia and mechanical plotting, to say nothing of the so-what final revelation that feels as con- cocted as it feels anticlimactic. But director Roman Polanski proves himself a masterful judge of the material, pacing himself pru- dently, walking a razor's edge between anxi- ety and mirth, allowing the plot to unfold without rush, getting to know the cast of characters as palpable human beings — Olivia Williams a standout as the politician's astringent wife — and keeping the bedrock of political piety pretty well buried. When at last he elects to turn up the heat — the bril- liant device of following a preprogrammed computer route in the dead man's car to a destination unknown, the prickly interview that awaits at that destination ("A less equable man than I," rasps a pedantic Tom Wilkinson, "might begin to find your ques- tions impertinent"), and the black sedan with tinted windows lurking outside afterwards — the effect is delectable. A sustained tingle. It may not hold all the way to the end, but it comes close. Kim Cattrall, Timothy Hutton, James Belushi, Eli Wallach. 2010.

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

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Nyqvist, Noomi Rapace, Sven-Bertil Taube, and Pe- ter Haber; directed by Niels Arden Oplev.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 3/19)

Green Zone — Reviewed this issue. With Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear, Amy Ryan, Brendan Gleeson, and Khalid Abdalla; di- rected by Paul Greengrass.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Hurt Locker — Fictitious count- down of the final six weeks in the twelve- month tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working condi- tions in a color-free wasteland appear per- fectly credible, and the quasi-science- fictional details of the job — the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bomb- sniffing robot, the tangle of colored wires, the hide-and-seek triggers — are highly en- lightening. And the defusing of bombs — the constant prospect of their blowing up in our faces — carries a guaranteed tension, as witness such forerunners as Robert

Aldrich's *Ten Seconds to Hell* or Michael Powell's and Emeric Pressburger's *The Small Back Room*. The ambush in mid- desert, outside the squad's normal sphere of operations, is if anything even tenser: more unpredictable, more open to possibilities. Kathryn Bigelow, one of the rare female ac- tion directors, dead-set on matching any man in muscle, favors here the combat- footage filmmaking style of jostles and jars to the camera, punchy zooms, whiplashing pans, and a chronic shaky hand, not neces- sarily restricted to scenes of combat. This is trendy at best, a tired cliché at worst. (The amplified heartbeat and the slo-mo explo- sion 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; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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, Tol-

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stoyanism. Under the starry eye of the author’s new secretary, a battle of wills, including a battle over the literal will, boils up between his leading disciple and his long-time wife, the latter not fully behind the concept of giving away their private property: “You all think he’s Christ, don’t you?” It remains for the most part a spectacle of disinterested amusement, although something deeper develops around the deathbed. Expertly, if theatrically, acted by Christopher Plummer and Helen Mirren, and archive footage of the real personages during the closing credits affirms the studiousness of the project. With James McAvoy, Paul Giamatti, Anne-Marie Duff, and Kerry Condon; written and directed by Michael Hoffman. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers — The modern icon of civil disobedience, the Thoreau of the Vietnam era, tells his story on screen — as a talking head and in voice-over — after telling it already on the page and on audio CD. (The story as synopsis by Richard Nixon: “Son-of-a-bitching thief is made a national hero.” And the title comes courtesy of none other than Henry Kissinger.) It is of course a compelling, if not a cinematic, story, and it has a moving emotional climax, especially moving to Ellsberg himself, when he recounts his life-changing epiphany. Directed by Judith Ehrlich and Rick Goldsmith. 2009.

★★★ (KEN, 3/19 THROUGH 25)

Mother — Reviewed this issue. With Hye-ja Kim, Bin Won, Goo Jin, and Young-Suck Lee; directed Joon-ho Bong.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/19)

Our Family Wedding — Ethnic comedy with Forest Whitaker, Lance Gross, America Ferrera, and Carlos Mencia; directed by Rick Famuyiwa. (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief — It would be hard to conceive a more painful introduction to Greek mythology. Or reintroduction, even more. Chris Columbus, who directed the first couple of Harry Potter entries, is looking literally for another lightning bolt — Zeus’s stolen one — in the quest of a dyslexic present-day teenager, the unknown 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. Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, Alexandra Daddario, Catherine Keener, Joe Pantoliano, Pierce Brosnan, Uma Thurman, Steve Coogan, Rosario Dawson. 2010.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10)

A Prophet — A sort of Prisoner’s Progress, a brutal and brutally long account of a young Muslim naif who enters a French penitentiary on unspecified charges, gets recruited by the Corsicans as a double agent to knock off a fellow Arab, and from there climbs up the criminal ladder as a man without an ethnicity. The Corsican and Muslim factions make a welcome change from their stereotyped American counterparts — the Hispanics, the blacks, the white supremacists — and there’s a good deal of informative and interesting material on the French penal system (e.g., twelve-hour day passes to do mischief on the outside), and yet there’s no great narrative skill in getting it across, only a good deal of murky approaches, unclear connections, loose ends. At times a pitch of intensity is reached, but that seems to be an effect more of the hyperventilating music of Alexandre Desplat than of any control of the throttle by director Jacques Audiard (*Read My Lips, The Beat That My Heart Skipped*, tepid thrillers). The performances by mostly unknowns, chiefly Tahar Rahim and chiefly excepting the characterful character actor Niels Arestrup, are nicely contained, in the French style, dedicated to team goals instead of in-

dividual glory; and the gritty, frigid, moldy-green image fits in with the overall intent of giving the moviegoer the lowdown if not quite giving him a movie, a diversion. The carrot at the end of the 150-minute stick is a haunting rendition of “Mack the Knife” by the inimitable Jimmie Dale Gilmore. 2009.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Red Baron — World War I drama with Matthias Schweighöfer, Til Schweiger, Lena Headey, and Joseph Fiennes, written and directed by Nikolai Müllerschön. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 3/19)

Red Riding — Not just one movie; three separate but connected movies set in 1974, 1980, and 1983, with three separate and unconnected directors (Julian Jarrold, James Marsh, Anand Tucker, in order), and three separate protagonists (a mop-haired cub reporter, a cold-case special investigator, and a portly attorney, played in turn by Andrew Garfield, Paddy Considine, and Mark Addy). Each concerns itself with serial sex crimes in Yorkshire, the first and third concerned with the same series of crimes against schoolgirls and the second concerned more with crimes against prostitutes. As the minutes and the miseries mount up, you might come to feel that the middle part of the triptych could beneficially have been skipped and that the boldness of the conception is perhaps only two-thirds as bold as it looked at the outset. (It would not have looked at all bold if the movies were exhibited here as they were exhibited at home in Britain: on television.) The three share in common, however, unintelligible local accents, colorless color, staggering body counts, a thoroughly sordid vision of police corruption and brutality (ranging from thuggish roughing-up to Medieval torture), and a pervasive sense of unchecked malignance, or “evil” as the poster has it, which is as unrealistic in its opposite way as the righteous justice dispensed by comic-book superheroes. 2009.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/18)

Remember Me — Reviewed this issue. With Robert Pattinson, Emilie de Ravin, Chris Cooper, and Pierce Brosnan; directed by Allen Coulter.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Repo Men — Science-fiction thriller with Jude Law, Forest Whitaker, and Alice Braga, directed by Miguel Sapocchnik. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-

MONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/19)

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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

She’s out of My League — Relationship comedy with Jay Baruchel and Alice Eve, directed by Jim Field Smith. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Shutter Island — “Disturbing” would be one word, maybe the best word, for Martin Scorsese’s adaptation of the Fifties-period Dennis Lehane detective novel. Nothing, let’s be clear, in the list of ingredients — the Alcatraz asylum for the criminally insane, the locked-room mystery of a vanished female inmate, the dreamland visitations from the detective’s dead wife, his guilty flashbacks to WWII, his allegations of Nazi-like medical experiments funded by HUAC, the approaching hurricane — is particularly disturbing. Although all of it is likely to cause difficulty in swallowing, the locked-room part of it is actually appetizing. What’s disturbing, by and by, is to see a director of Scorsese’s stature (not physical stature of course) stooping to the unscrupulous bait-and-switch tactics that have become a vogue, if not a full-blown genre, ever since *The Sixth Sense*. The thickening Kafka-esque atmosphere, as befits a rat in a maze, alerts us that we’re not going to get the type of locked-room solution we expect from a detective like Dr. Gideon Fell. But it is only our instilled deference to Scorsese that would prevent us from anticipating, at the heart of the maze, the cheesy cheat which makes nonsense of everything we’ve come through. Or if not nonsense, at best irrelevance and at worst malpractice. The upshot is a terrible waste of energy, and indeed a great deal of energy unmistakably went into it, primarily that trademark overdirection that serves always as a sort of methodology of self-hype: the flash pans, the vertiginous overhead shots, the pumpkin-head closeups, the portentous tracking shots, the ponderous slo-mo, the full range of eye-grabbing gimmicks by which Scorsese sells, sells, sells his stuff. We like to see a director taking command, but when the material is piffle it can have the effect of travesty — rather like an orchestral transcription of “Itsy-Bitsy Spider” in the style of Beethoven. With Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Max von Sydow, Michelle Williams, Emily Mortimer, Patricia Clarkson, Ted Levine, John Carroll Lynch. 2010.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION

VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

A Single Man — Adaptation of the Christopher Isherwood novel detailing the planned last day of a homosexual English professor (an exquisitely tortured Colin Firth) grieving his dead lover, anally-compulsively tying up loose ends, saying his guarded goodbyes, practicing the proper posture to shoot himself in bed, laying out his burial attire with the helpful note, “Tie in a Windsor knot.” Fashion “guru” Tom Ford, in his directing debut, sees to it that the dumps are *très chic*, almost to be envied and emulated. He demonstrates convincingly a photographic eye to go along with a curatorial taste in the early-Sixties period, although the total ambience resembles that of a retro pictorial in *Harper’s Bazaar* rather than an accurate depiction of a gloomy Brit in sunny So-Cal during the Kennedy Era. And he controls the color saturation of his imagery as if through an IV, maintaining gray drained faded tones for the present tense, pedantically contrasted with florid flushed flashbacks; and any passing sensory sensation in the faded present, any flicker of life, any tremor of reanimation, any stir of passion, will bring a sudden surge of saturation. It’s a definite idea, even if a transparent one. With Julianne Moore, Nicholas Hoult, and Matthew Goode. 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Up in the Air — A comedown from Jason Reitman’s auspicious first two features, *Thank You for Smoking* and *Jun*o, narrowly centered as it is on a narrowly self-centered hero, a travelling corporate downsizer, a hired hatchet man, now a potential dinosaur whose way of life is threatened — by long-distance terminations via the innovation of video conferencing — before he can reach his lone life’s goal of becoming just the seventh man in history, and the youngest ever, to log ten million air miles and to reap the benefits that come with that milestone. The smirky smugness of a backsliding George Clooney, back at least as far as Danny Ocean if not all the way to Dr. Ross on *ER*, makes him an unlikely candidate to be handing out pink slips, unless as a grotesque expressionistic subjective projection of the pink-slip recipients. The recipients themselves, while widely varied in type, many of them having been downsized in real life, are for the most part penned up in bum’s-rush montages. And the movie overall seems to share rather too much of the protagonist’s glibness and frigidity. Waiting for a crack to appear in his façade is a sufficiently conventional plot hook, and patching up the crack afterwards is an insufficiently unconventional ending. Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Jason Bateman, Melanie Lynskey, Danny McBride. 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Valentine’s Day — Jessica Alba, Kathy Bates, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Eric Dane, Patrick Dempsey, Hector Elizondo, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Topher Grace, Anne Hathaway, Ashton Kutcher, Queen Latifah, Taylor Lautner, George Lopez, Shirley MacLaine, Emma Roberts, Julia Roberts, Taylor Swift. — There. That’s about all that need be said, and the ads 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 scheduling matters.) In Katherine 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 venture so deep on any subject as to bother about rolling up his pants cuffs. 2010.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18)

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.

● (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

The Young Victoria — And the young Albert. (Psst, wanna see the Queen in her teddies?) The story of the first occupant of the spanking new Buckingham Palace is a story of protofeminist liberation — “Even a palace can be a prison” — and a testament to the capacity of British thespians, specifically Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend, Paul Bet-

tany, 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)

Showtimes subject to change.

(Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (11:00, 1:30) 4:15, 7:05; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:10, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:10, 8:00; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 10:10 Sun. (11:20) 7:25; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:20, 7:00; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:40) 4:30, 7:15, 10:05 Sun. (10:50, 1:40) 4:30, 7:15; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:35) 5:05, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (11:50, 2:35) 5:05, 7:55; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:50) 4:35, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:35, 7:10; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25, 7:20, 10:10 Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25, 7:20; **Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails** (Not Rated) Fri. Sat. (10:30a.m.) Sun.

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:15, 10:20; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 11:55, 1:35, 2:35) 4:10, 5:10, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35a.m.); **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 7:55; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:30, 7:50, 10:00; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:40) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:10; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:25) 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 9:55; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:25, 7:20, 9:50; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 7:30, 10:05; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:00, 10:05; **Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails** (Not Rated) Fri. Sat. (10:30a.m.) Sun.

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)

Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:35, 2:35) 4:15, 5:10, 7:00, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:25, 7:35, 9:40; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; **The Red Baron** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:05) 4:55, 7:40, 10:30 Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; **Severe Clear** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:10) 4:35, 5:35, 7:00, 8:05, 9:25, 10:25; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 1:05, 3:15) 4:05, 6:15, 7:05, 9:15, 10:05; **A Single Man** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Up in**

the Air (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (1:40, 2:25, 4:15, 5:05) 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:40, 2:25) 4:15, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. (2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 6:30, 9:55; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 1:30, 4:10, 4:40) 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 1:30) 4:10, 4:40, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15; **Cop Out** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:25) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:25, 7:15, 9:50; **The Crazyies** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:40) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:30, 10:05; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. (1:05, 1:35, 4:05, 4:35) 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:05, 1:35) 4:05, 4:35, 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10; **Miss You Like Crazy** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:10, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:35) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:25, 10:00; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:50) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:50, 7:40, 10:20; **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

KENSINGTON

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg And The Pentagon Papers (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:55) 7:15, 9:35, Sat. & Sun. (2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)

Alice in Wonderland (PG); **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13); **Brooklyn's Finest** (R); **Crazy Heart** (R); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Green Zone** (R); **Remember Me** (PG-13); **She's out of My League** (R); **Shutter Island** (R)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:20) 8:35, Sat. & Sun. (10:40, 2:00, 5:20, 8:35) **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13, 128m) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50, Sat. & Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 5:10) 8:15, Sat. & Sun. (10:50) 1:50, 5:10, 8:15; **The Last Station** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 7:10; Sat. & Sun. (1:40) 7:10; **Ajami** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:20) 9:40; Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 4:20, 9:40

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05, 12:30 Sat. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05 Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 3:30) 6:20, 9:05, 11:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 3:30, 6:20, 9:05; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 1:20, 2:40, 4:05, 5:20) 8:05, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:20) 2:40, 4:05, 5:20, 8:05, 10:45; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 3:35) 7:10, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:10) 3:35, 7:10, 10:25; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 1:15, 2:35, 4:15, 5:15) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:40, 12:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 1:15) 2:35, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:40; **Cop Out** (R) Fri. 6:45, 9:25, 12:00 Sat.-Sun. 6:45, 9:25; **The Crazyies** (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:25) 2:45, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri. (12:50, 4:10) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:10, 7:15, 10:00; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 3:55) 6:55, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 3:55, 6:55, 9:50; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. (11:35, 1:05, 2:20, 4:00, 5:05) 6:50, 7:55, 9:35,

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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:20) 12:55, 3:40, 6:15, 8:55, 11:30 Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 12:05, 1:50, 2:40, 4:35, 5:20, 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:40 Sun. (11:05) 12:05, 1:45, 2:40, 4:35, 5:25, 7:15, 8:10, 10:00; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 3:35, 7:15, 10:45 Sun. (11:10) 2:35, 6:00, 9:30; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:20, 3:20, 6:00, 8:40, 11:25 Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (10:10) 12:45, 3:20, 6:05, 8:45; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:40) 1:45, 4:50, 7:55, 10:55 Sun. 12:40, 3:40, 6:45, 9:45; **Cop Out** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 6:05, 11:15 Sun. (10:55) 4:05, 9:20; **The Crazyies** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:35 Sun. 12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; **Dear John** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:25) 3:30, 8:35 Sun. 1:35, 6:40; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (10:15) 12:35, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 12:25, 1:40, 3:05, 4:20, 5:45, 7:00, 8:40, 9:50, 11:20 Sun. (11:00) 12:15, 1:40, 2:55, 4:20, 5:45, 7:25, 8:30, 10:05; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:55) 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:40, 3:15, 5:50, 8:25, 11:00 Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:10) 12:50, 3:25, 6:20, 9:00, 11:35 Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:05) 12:35, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15, 10:50 Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:35, 4:40, 8:05, 11:10 Sun. 12:10, 3:25, 6:30, 9:35; **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25 Sun. (10:05) 12:55, 3:45, 6:35, 9:25

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15; Thu.: (10:00 , 12:00), 2:45, 5:30, 8:15; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.: (11:00, 1:30), 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Mon.-Thu.: (1:00), 4:15, 7:30; **Shutter Island** (R) Mon.-Wed.: (12:30, 3:45), 7:00; Thu.: (12:30, 3:45); **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Mon.-Thu.: (11:30, 3:15), 7:00; **Carmen Opera** Sun. 4:00 pm; **San Diego Latino Film Festival** through March 21; **Stravinsky & The Ballet Russe** Wed. 10:30 am; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (11:10) 12:25, 2:00, 3:15, 4:45, 6:05, 7:35, 9:00, 10:20, 11:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 12:25, 2:00, 3:15, 4:45, 6:05, 7:35, 9:00, 10:20; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:25, 11:50) 1:10, 2:40, 4:00, 5:30, 6:50, 8:20, 9:40, 11:10 Sun. (10:25, 11:50) 1:10, 2:40, 4:00, 5:30, 6:50, 8:20, 9:40; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 3:00, 6:45, 10:25; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:40) 12:40, 1:30, 3:30, 4:20, 6:20, 7:10, 9:15, 10:00, 12:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 10:40) 12:40, 1:30, 3:30, 4:20, 6:20, 7:10, 9:15, 10:00; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 3:25, 6:35, 9:45; **Cop Out** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:35, 7:20, 10:10; **The Crazyies** (R) Fri. 6:30, 9:10, 11:40 Sat.-Sun. 6:30, 9:10; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (10:05, 10:50) 12:35, 1:25, 3:05, 3:50, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 10:50) 12:35, 1:25, 3:05, 3:50, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:05, 10:50) 12:35, 1:25, 3:05, 3:50, 5:35, 8:00; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:55, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30 Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 11:45) 1:40, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 7:55, 9:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:05, 11:45) 1:40, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 7:55, 9:55; **Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:35; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. (11:20) 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri. (10:20, 11:40) 1:00, 2:15, 3:45, 4:50, 6:25, 7:20, 9:20, 10:05; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:10) 1:15, 4:15, 7:25, 10:45 Sun. (10:10) 1:15, 4:15, 7:25, 10:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 5:10) 8:25; Sat. & Sun. (10:40) 1:55, 5:10, 8:25; **Mother** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10, Sat. & Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50, Sat. & Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00, Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; **A Prophet (Un Prophete)** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (5:20) 8:35, Sat. & Sun. (10:50) 5:20, 8:35; **The Last Station** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:05) Sat. & Sun. (2:05)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Call theater for program information.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (12:05, 12:55, 2:30, 3:25, 5:05, 5:55) 7:35, 8:25, 10:05, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 12:55, 2:30, 3:25) 5:05, 5:55, 7:35, 8:25, 10:05, 10:55; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:25) 6:50, 10:15; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (12

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

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



The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: (3:30), 6:00, 8:15; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 5:15, 7:45; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sun: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 4:45, 7:45; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30; Mon.-Thu.: (3:45), 6:15, 8:30; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.: (11:30 , 2:15), 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: 5:00, 7:30; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.: (11:00 , 1:45), 4:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: 4:30, 7:00; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: (4:00), 7:15; **Cop Out** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (2:30), 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: 7:30 pm; **The Crazyies** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45), 5:00, 10:00; Sun.: (11:45), 5:00; Mon.-Thu.: 5:00 pm; **Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) Sat.: 10:00 am; **The Wiggles Big Big Show** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30) 12:30, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:30, 10:30; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 3:10, 6:30, 9:35 Sun. 3:10, 6:30, 9:35; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45 Sun. 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 3:00, 6:15, 9:25

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **Avatar** (PG-13); **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13); **Brooklyn's Finest** (R); **The Crazyies** (R); **Dear John** (PG-13); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Green Zone** (R); **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13); **Remember Me** (PG-13); **Repo Men** (R); **She's out of My League** (R); **Shutter Island** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (12:30, 1:50, 3:20, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:50, 3:20) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 6:10, 9:35; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:45) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:45, 7:35, 10:15; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:25) 7:20, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:20, 10:25; **The Crazyies** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:00, 10:30; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:25) 6:50, 9:25; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:55) 7:00, 9:20; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:35) 7:15, 10:10; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. (12:50, 4:25) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:25, 7:40, 10:20; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:10) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:25, 9:55; **Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 4:05) 6:45, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:05, 6:45, 9:30; **Remem-**

ber Me (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:00; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. (12:35, 4:55) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:55, 7:50, 10:25; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:50) 7:05, 10:05; **Tooth Fairy** (PG) Fri. (1:40, 4:15) 6:40, 9:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:15, 6:40, 9:05

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)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **Avatar** (PG-13); **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13); **Brooklyn's Finest** (R); **Cop Out** (R); **The Crazyies** (R); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Green Zone** (R); **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13); **Remember Me** (PG-13); **Repo Men** (R); **She's out of My League** (R); **Shutter Island** (R)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 3:00) 6:30, 9:55; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 11:50, 2:00, 2:30, 4:50, 5:15) 7:30, 7:55, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 11:50, 2:00, 2:30) 4:50, 5:15, 7:30, 7:55, 10:15, 10:45; **The Crazyies** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:35p.m.; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:10) 6:55; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:50, 4:30) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:15) 7:15, 10:20; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. (11:10, 12:35, 1:45,

3:25, 4:55) 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 12:35, 1:45, 3:25) 4:55, 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:35, 7:20, 9:45; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 7:50, 10:30; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:40) 8:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:40, 8:00, 10:35; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 6:45, 9:50

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 5:00, 7:45; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu.: 5:45, 8:00; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: 4:45, 7:30; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: 5:30, 8:15; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.: (11:00 , 1:45), 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: 4:15, 7:00; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15, 10:30; Sun.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: (4:00), 7:15; **Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) Sat.: 10:00 am; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



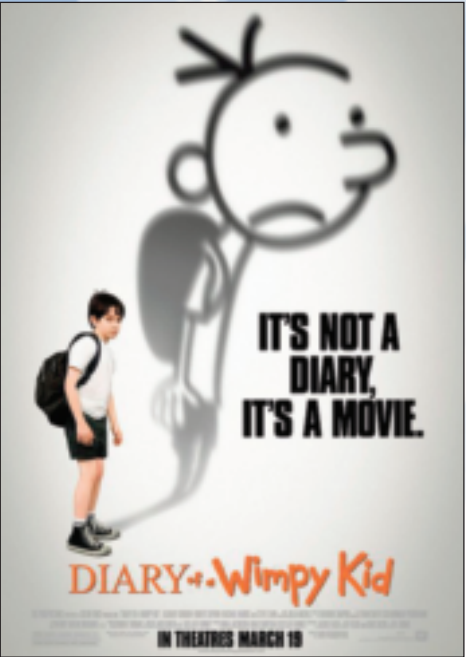
The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Wed.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Thu.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30 , 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 12:15, 1:30, 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 12:15, 1:30, 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (1:00), 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (1:00), 4:15, 7:30; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15; **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:45, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:45, 7:30; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am; **The Wiggles Big Big Show** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (1:40, 2:25, 4:20, 5:05) 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:40, 2:25) 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25; **Alice in Won-**

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derland (PG) Fri. (12:30, 2:05, 3:10, 4:45) 6:30, 7:25, 9:15, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:05, 3:10) 4:45, 6:30, 7:25, 9:15, 10:05; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:55) 6:20, 9:50; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 1:35, 3:45, 4:15) 7:05, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:55, 1:35, 3:45) 4:15, 7:05, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:45p.m.; **The Crazies** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:35) 7:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:50) 4:35, 7:10; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:25) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (12:40, 3:00, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:40) 7:35, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. (12:45, 1:25, 3:35, 4:10) 7:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 1:25, 3:35) 4:10, 7:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 6:55, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 6:55, 9:20; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:55) 7:40, 10:25; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:05) 7:35, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:05, 7:35, 10:20; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:40) 7:20, 10:00; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:50) 6:55, 10:10

VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10 Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20) 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40 Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10 Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20) 7:00, 8:00, 9:40; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:20) 6:10, 8:40; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:35) 7:05, 10:25 Sun. (12:00, 3:35) 7:05; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 12:05, 2:00, 2:40, 4:40, 5:15) 7:15, 7:55, 9:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:20, 12:05, 2:00, 2:40, 4:40, 5:15) 7:15, 7:55, 9:55; **Di-ary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05, 9:25; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:20, 4:25, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:20, 4:25, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:55; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 9:50; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:45, 10:15; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:25, 10:20

NORTH COASTAL
CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:25 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:15; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:45

DEL MAR

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



The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Wed.: (10:00, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Thu.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 8:00; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **Strawberry**

Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

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The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (Män som hatar kvinnor) (NR) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15,

1:15), 4:15, 7:30; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 8:00; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 4:00), 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 4:00); **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Wed.: (1:00), 7:00; Thu.: (1:00)

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Crazy Heart (R) Fri. 6:35p.m. Sat.-Sun. (4:00) 6:35, 9:00

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The Bounty Hunter (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; **Diary of**

a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:15, 4:15), 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (10:30, 1:15, 4:15), 7:30; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 11:30, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15), 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 11:30, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15), 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15; **Stravinsky & The Ballet Russe** Wed. 10:30 am; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

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Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (11:50, 1:15, 2:20, 4:00, 4:50) 6:45, 7:15, 9:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 1:15, 2:20) 4:00, 4:50, 6:45, 7:15, 9:15, 9:45; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:35, 4:35, 5:10) 7:10, 7:45, 9:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:35) 4:35, 5:10, 7:10, 7:45, 9:55, 10:25; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri.-Sun. 6:55, 9:50; **Cop Out** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:05) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:05, 7:40, 10:15; **The Crazies** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:45) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:45, 7:05, 9:30; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri. (2:15, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 7:00, 9:35; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 5:15) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:20; **Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:55); **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 3:45, 6:50, 9:25 Sun. (1:10, 3:45) 6:50, 9:25; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri. (12:40, 1:30, 3:05, 4:10, 5:30) 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 1:30, 3:05) 4:10, 5:30, 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:40) 8:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:40, 8:30

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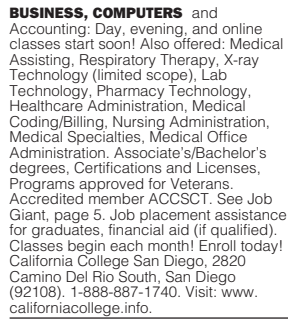
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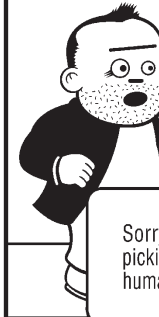
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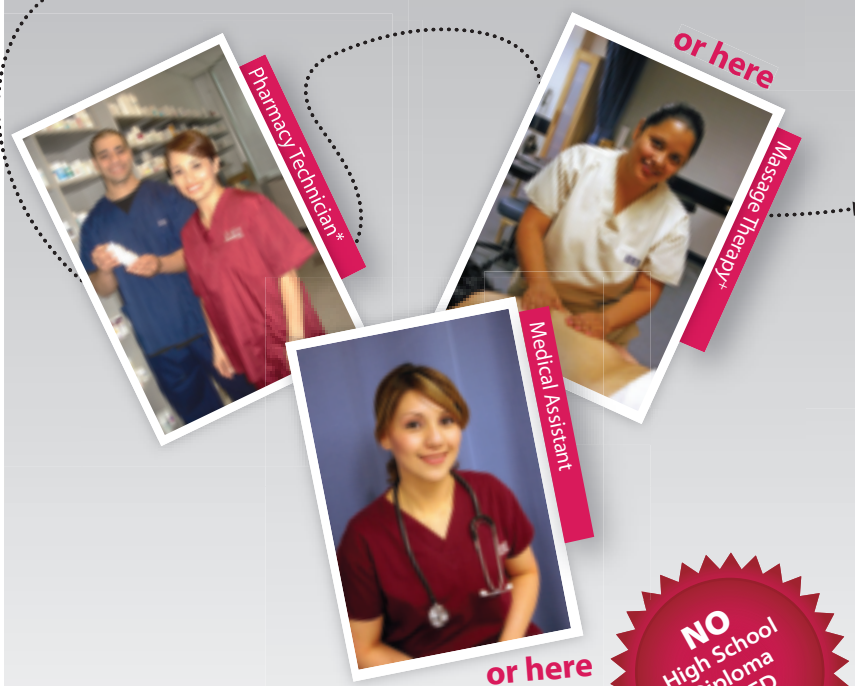
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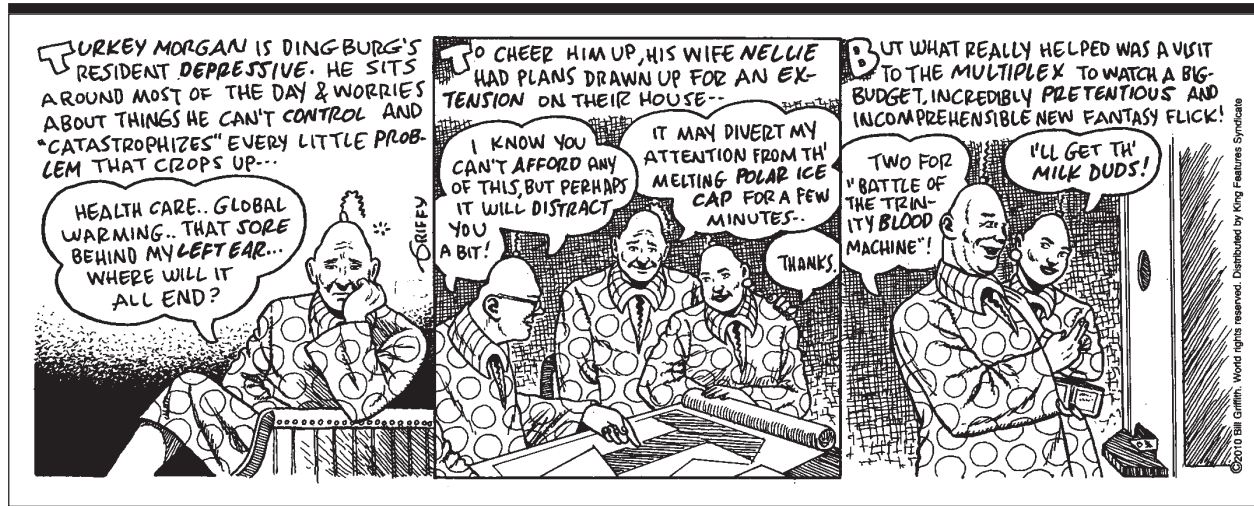
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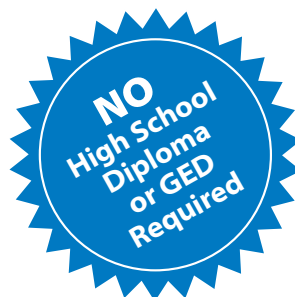
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Robert Joseph
Architect
Mission Valley

Getting pecked to death by turkeys. Turkeys...I mean, it would take a long time! And they're really quite vicious. I was confronted once and I've never forgotten it. I used to think getting eaten by a shark would be the worst way to die, but then I realized that'd be really quick — although very violent, relative to being pecked by turkeys. It'd just be a lot longer. Once you couldn't try to fend them off anymore, there'd probably be a good 20 minutes of just being pecked and scratched. And there's a humiliation factor there because they're turkeys.



Frank Melching
Nuclear Mechanic
South Park

The worst way to die would be, I guess, not knowing you're dead. The French would guillotine people, correct? Well, the head doesn't die for two minutes. Sucks, huh? Can't talk; can't do shit but just sit there and expire. You know you're in trouble. But some people actually look forward to where they're going next. Like they have a choice.



Paulina Urias
Chula Vista
Student

My fear has always been being stranded in the middle of the ocean, because there's nothing you can do about it. You can't call anybody; you can't really provide for yourself. I've thought about it before. It's just the thought of being out there in the middle of nowhere by yourself and there's nothing you can do. And then, there's sharks, too. It's a scary way to die.



Harvey Selverston
Retired
Clairemont

A long, excruciating, painful death like cancer would be the worst way to die. I always like Woody Allen's line, "I don't mind dying, I just don't want to be there when it happens." I think a quick death, like a heart attack, or something where you die in your sleep would be much preferred to some long, drawn-out type of death.



Hassan Jama
Respiratory Therapy Student
North Park

Being left alone by your own family. They should be there, you know? I've seen a lot of these things because I work in a hospital. I've seen so many people left to social workers and nursing homes to deal with them. I keep asking myself, *Don't these people have families?* That's not a good way to die. Your loved ones should be close to you when you're going.



Poeshae Eugene Smith
Downtown
Door Security

Being in an earthquake or being buried alive would be the worst way to die. I haven't been in an earthquake, but it's my biggest fear. I was born in Mississippi, where they've got tornadoes and hurricanes — so I guess it's better than that, but you could still be buried alive. And with tornadoes and hurricanes you can kind of prepare. I guess it's not really earthquakes...it's being buried alive that would be the worst.



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2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: puzzles@sreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

And now for the really small print:

1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

2) Late entries will not be considered.

3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

4) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- Skull cap?
- QB's goals
- It's often seen over a bowl
- "Watching ____" (Julia Louis-Dreyfus sitcom)
- Heartbreak
- First name in daytime talk
- "The Right Stuff" author is feeling blue?

- "We're ____ way!"
- To the rear, on a ship
- Close one's i?
- Org. that includes Sarah Palin among its members
- Disco's Bee ____
- Crank (up)
- Fishy sign?
- Night school subj.
- Swiss painter Paul
- Giggle
- Takes many courses?
- Shred
- "This Boy's Life" author is ominous in appearance?
- IRS enforcer
- "You're absolutely right!"
- They may be marching
- Lennon's in-laws
- Hound
- Compensate for
- Rock's ____ Speedwagon
- Miss in Mex.
- Debussy's "Air de ____"
- Look over
- Like some sausages
- Perpendicular to radial
- "To the Lighthouse" author is by herself?
- Get a handle on?
- "O Sole ____"
- "I'm on ____!"
- Upper atmosphere
- Bygone
- Indian in the British army

Down

- Waste
- Shuts
- Sprint rival
- "____ Been Good" (1978 hit song)
- Gaze

- Seesaw need
- Part of DJIA
- Ship or mail
- Tot's tootsy covering
- Hosp. staffer
- Hit Japanese TV import
- Columnist Dowd
- Put into words
- "CSI" workplace
- Elect
- Mojave Desert sites
- Domestic flap?
- Feudal laborers
- Frat party container
- Penalties
- ____ flu
- Dishonest way to act, with "in"
- "Lawrence of Arabia" Oscar nominee
- Grafton's "____ for Lawless"
- "You had your chance"
- Handyman
- Fisher, at times
- Squalid place
- Reagan's Surgeon General, to his staff
- Opera set in Cyprus
- Annoying critic
- Sound asleep?
- "Sesame Street" character with a goldfish named Dorothy
- "____ robbed!"
- Pub offering
- Salad additive
- Subtle greeting

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 10. Done with puzzle so off to Anza Borrego.

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 10. Happy spring ahead!

Charles Brown, Clairemont, 10. Get well soon, Lee.

Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 10. Lets go to Outback.

Eric Cash, Escondido, 10. Eaven has become fluent in lion, gorilla and rhino.

Leslie Chase, Campo, 10. I love you Bill.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 10. I am so insouciant about my senescence.

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 10. Cannot change past except by not repeating it in present.

William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 10. Rule, Britannia

Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 10. Hi, Helen! Hi, Pat!

Harry Engel, La Jolla, 10. Cute puzzel theme.

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 10. I love New York

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 10. What does it all mean? Oh now I get it!

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 10. Start stocking your bunker-it will soon be night.

Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 10. Happy Birthday, Tam Tam!

Jim Odell, Vista, 10. Madam, I'm Adam, he said to Eve.

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 10. It's March fest!

John Pertle, Santee, 10. Until you believe in Jesus, no new message for you.

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 10. Why not year-round daylight savings? I hate changing clocks.

Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 10. Jayjaybee likes Berryface's nectar.

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 10. Welcome to the forty club bro!

Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 10. March madness tis nigh!

Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 10. Love the t-shirt...

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 10. Fanaticism is redoubling one's effort after having forgotten one's aim.

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 10. Which part of NO don't the Democrats understand?

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 9. Why not single-payer mortgages or groceries? Where does it all end?!

Jon Connor, Oceanside, 9. "Alas, my tweedy impertinence."

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 9. We must generally avoid temptation unless we can't resist it!

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 9. Go Aztecs!

Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 9. Sunny day feels so good!

Ron Meyer, Santee, 9. Hunny I love you. Let's eat crab!

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 9. She was great in Lolita and I'm not Lyon!

George Jackson, Oceanside, 9. He doesn't need a birth certicate in Indonesia.

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 9. Throw every politician out of office!

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 9. Sabai dee mai.

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 9. Well, these are the horses, sorta, all three of 'em.

Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 9. I wanted fame and all I got was a lousy T-shirt.

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 9. I love you Leslie.

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 9. (Tufts) Jake!

Duane Tremaine, East Village, 9. Find me, and turn thy back on heaven.

☛ **Norman Williams, San Diego, 9.** What da fuss??

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 8. Padres pitching looks good!

Maria Coda, Oceanside, 8. Hi A! Love ya!

George Elam, Vista, 8. Madness is upon us.

Ron Hootman, Santee, 8. Hoot 101 "Thanks-A Reader T-shirt is OK with me!"

☛ **Willie McGee, San Diego, 8.** Wait till next year!

Dave Small, San Carlos, 8. Sweet tee!

John L. Drehner, North Park, 7. There are no rhinoceroses in petting zoos.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Ken A., Ocean Beach, 7. *Censorship is odious.*
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 7. *Welcome Eric to SD.*
A.T. Certik, Bonita, 7. *Alles Affenscheibe!*
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 7. *C'mon let's get tougher!*
Chad Griffith, Poway, 7. *My 2 cents Padres last place...again.*
Dorothy Kruse, Carlsbad, 7. *Be happy to see Greg!*
David Tomasin, San Diego, 7. *The sky is falling.*

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 7. *Happy bday Papa! We love you! Misty, Anette, Viktoria.*
John Pilch, San Carlos, 7. *I support the Lake Murray Play-ground Project.*
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 7. *Thanks Chris and Lex*
Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 6. *Anticone, I'll miss you always, my heart is forever blue.*
Susan Williams, North Park, 6. *"The Grapes of Wrath" was a wonderful read a second time.*

Carmen Jacobo, Clairemont, 6. *DLW, you're the best!*
Emily Marie, North Park, 6. *Astounding!*
Dean and Bob Bekken, San Diego, 5. *Aeroflotsam*
Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 5. *'A day without sunshine is like...night! Steve Martin*
Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 5. *India Ink Papers, Noe in Hillcrest. Come on by!*
Joe Musser, Encinitas, 5. *Waive the tort and sue the contract.*
David Wray, El Cajon, 5. *They're killing me...*

Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 4. *Until next time.*
Tammy Lin, San Diego, 4. *Kon-bayashi...noooo! You're not that old.*
B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 4. *My birthday was fun.*
Still Ben, El Cajon, 3. *I miss O.B.*
Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 3. *Aaaaah allergies*
☛ Jeana Flowers, Ocean Beach, 3. *6 months with my weird science man, Marcus. Chemistry love.*
Carolyn Foley, Carlsbad, 3. *Yeah: More daylight.*
Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 3. *Back in the game!*

Marcus Rounds, North Park, 3. *Six months Jeans. I love you.*
Lynne Glowienke, Lakeside, 2. *Hey Gert!*
Irving Metzger, San Diego, 2. *Hi.*
John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 2. *Weeds so high, I'm so short. Help.*
Jon Schlude, Mission Valley, 2. *Trying to win a shirt for my boss Gerald.*
Jennifer Vukinich, El Cajon, 2. *Happy St. Patrick's Day!*
Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 2. *Hootie, you the best!*
Andrea Duncan, Valley Center, 1. *Fingerprints don't lie.*

Mike Gonzalez, Encinitas, 1. *Soylent Green is Poodle!*
Peter Herrmann, Bonita, 1. *Doing the right thing daily pays off eventually.*
☛ Jerry Jackson, Mira Mesa, 1. *Tough puzzles! Who's the editor?*
Bill Kenney, Fredonia, 1. *Enjoying So-Cal and Family!*
☛ Gina Kim, San Diego , 1. *For Matt and Jeff in OB!*
Caroline McKinley, Oceanside, 1. *Thanks Bobby G!*
☛ Tim Parrott, , 1. *Jackdaws love my big spinx of quartz.*

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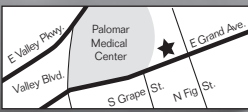
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- 2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the

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- 5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

EASY:

- Don Bowman, Santee, 10.** Waiting to drive on the new highway 52 thru Santee Dec 2010
- John Pertle, Santee, 10.** Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life!
- D. Stiewig, Santee, 10.** R U moving?
- Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 9.** Happy St. Patricks Day!
- Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 9.** Happy birthday Chris Mike Des Kim and St Patrick. Yeah!
- Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 9.** Meet and greet our Chula Vista nature center critters soon
- Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 8.** Happy Bday Pie! From Anette, Victoria, and Misty
- Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 4.** Easy as pie
- Josie Ranches, San Diego, 4.** Happy Birthday Edmund
- ☛ **Phil Leal, San Diego, 3.** Las Vegas, here we come!!

- Marquette Gooch-Nelson, Rolando, 3.** Stop wishing and make the dream happen
- Pauline Malley, San Diego, 2.** Hello Tom have a happy day
- Irving Metzger, San Diego, 2.** Happy St Pat's day
- Peter Mound, Santee, 2.** They don't call me Rain man for nothing
- Nicole Tui, East Lake, 2.** I want your spider on me
- Kathleen Allegri, Pacific Beach, 1.** Miss you Maggie!
- Welcome home Annie
- ☛ **Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 1.** 77 yrs old This is my first time
- Everrett Conrad, Del Campo, 1.** I'll try Medium next week!
- Jeana Flowers, Ocean Beach, 1.** 29 years to find you Marcus, now I'm in love!
- Frank Fox, Escondido, 1.** Happy bday from dad Obie and Tristen #13
- Jason Kron, Lakeside, 1.** Can't do evil--only good. That's why I'm not President

- Robert Lindall, College Area, 1.** I sure do miss my Phylleeen girl I'm sorry sweetie
- ☛ **Theresa Reno, Clairmont, 1.** Finally- did it all by myself! Ry and Ter
- Jose Rodriguez, San Diego, 1.** Happy b-day Bety, Lupe, Josefina, Jose
- Belimda Russell, El Cajon, 1.** Luv Ya

MEDIUM:

- Dave Small, San Carlos, 10.** Sweet tee!
- Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 9.** Heard a friend talk about the things you've done
- Linda Bible, El Cajon, 9.** Irish eyes are smiling!
- Henry Chung, San Diego, 9.** I like the sun
- William Stiewig, Vallejo, 9.** Nice work Teddy
- David Tomasini, San Diego, 9.** Okay, next week for sure evil
- Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 8.** Hare your future looks brite... lucky
- Hans Butikofer, Mission Beach, 6.** Happy St Patrick's day!

- Paul Boland, Bay Park, 4.** Thanks for the rain
- Sebastian Certik, Bonita, 2.** Hi Mom!
- Mitchell Hamilton, Golden Hills, 2.** Barbara Pu...
- Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 2.** Thanks for the t-shirt
- Edwin Salvador, Spring Valley, 2.** It ain't easy being me
- Todd Wilkins, San Diego, 2.** Drugs are for thugs- do a puzzle instead
- Elar Canani, Talmage, 1.** Count your blessings not your age
- ☛ **Jose Villanueva, San Diego, 1.** Yo vivo por ese labiics carmosos y esos ojos coquetos

HARD:

- Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 10.** Please justice for Chelsea King
- Esther Hays, La Mesa, 10.** Ahhh, feels like spring :-)
- ☛ **Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 10.** Here today, but going to Maui!
- Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 10.** The hungry are closing- better hold on tight!

- Skully, San Diego, 10.** MonkeyBoy's back! Bike night begin Des! 7:30pm Wednesday March 24
- Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 7.** Happy b-day Morgan! It's spring love u!
- Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 4.** March madness begins- go Bears
- Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 3.** Will you scew me up again?
- Ray Hunt, Rancho Peñasquitos, 3.** Yo Dylan it's your birthday how was Avatar? Love Grandma
- Marjie Souza, Ocean Beach, 3.** Way to cold in San Diego!
- Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 2.** Praise the lord! Jesus loves you!!
- ☛ **Joan Boland, Bay Park, 2.** Happy grandparents day
- Vicki Flora, Bonita, 2.** Hi, Sebastian!
- Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 2.** Stinky Steve is a Vegas highroller Ha
- Genevieve Coleman, San Diego, 1.** All I need is ten mins, and my little black bag
- Nel Cristobal, Chula Vista, 1.** God is good

- Obie Fox, Escondido, 1.** Happy Bday Mike from Mom and Sis and Dad
- Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 1.** Bring back the gurls!

EVIL:

- Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 10.** Damn the Torpedos-RepubliCons! Full speed ahead-public option!
- Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 10.** Sarah, "hates big government"! Got her health care in Canada
- Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 10.** Think positive- a little optimism can go a long way
- Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 10.** Whaddaya say to a one-legged hitchhiker? Hop in
- Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 10.** Going for a ten
- Roger Doughman, San Diego, 10.** God you reign forever and ever. Hallelujah
- Butch Hays, La Mesa, 10.** Come on down. Make some numbers!!
- Raymond Land , Escondido, 10.** May God be with the Amber Leeanne Bubo family

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Belmont Hope, Vista, 10. *No message!*
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 10. *We will miss La Coda Lori*
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 10. *Does Mary Bentley Still play dominoes? Please Call.*
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 10. *This one’s for Merlin.*
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 10. *Take a hike see calander/ local events/ outdoors*
John Strauch, Point Loma, 10. *Walked Trieste Dr and Trinity Bay Pl.*
Duane D. Tremaine, E. Village, 10. *But thou, neck lover of the good*
Susan Williams, North Park, 10. *I can’t hear myself think*
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 10. *Hold the good thoughts!*

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 10. *Con-
gress in a pack of pusillanimous pukes!*
Larry Clark, Clairemont, 9. *Georgeanna, I am sorry I dropped
and scratched your sunglasses*
Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 9. *Made a new friend*
Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 9. *Evil almost got me this week*
Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 9. *Don’t get pinched...think green.*
Happy St Paddy’s Day
Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 9. *Ing Karel Blaha is coming to San
Diego with Vera*
Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 9. *Thanks for the shirt!!*
**Karen Maegley, Sorrento
Mesa, 9.** *Just back from Vancou-
ver, please let there be sunshine*

Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 9. *Does
Oregon have margaritas?*
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 9. *Throw every incumbent politician
out of office*
Tom Norris, Santee, 9. *Partici-
pate in life- get into action- give
blood at SDBB!*
Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 8. *Nice
Dempsey!*
Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 8. *Glad to finally find the Reader on
Friday*
Junito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 8. *Please correct my entry record*
Sean Hammer, SDSU, 8. *Barac
Obama’s real name is Barry
Soerero*
Stuart Lester, Santee, 8. *I long
for Tami’s tender touch! Pet groom-
ing since 1992*
Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 8. *Another evil encounter as bad as
the economy...*

P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 8. *Hello
again*
Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 8. *Love to C and Glenn*
Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 8. *Chelsea King- your light will never
dim*
Jorge Castro, Alpine, 7. *Can
you print this magazine twice a
week? It’s addictive!*
Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 7. *Thank you for the t-shirt. Rest in
peace Grandpa Luvle*
David Holbo, San Carlos, 7. *L’essezhiale si vede solo coy il colore*
Charles Rion, Allied Gardens, 7. *Finally retirement*
Joe Selig, San Diego, 7. *I love
my tshirt! Thank you!*
Stan Alexander, Ocean Beach, 6. *Wednesdays are best at Pac
Shores*
Christine Hennes, San Diego, 6. *When she smiles she lights the sky*

Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 6. *This
just keeps getting easier, doesn’t it...
Famous last words.*
**Carolyn Woodbury, Chula
Vista, 6.** *Buy food grown locally...*
Greg Boss, San Diego, 5. *Pat
Brown was a good governor Jerry
Brown bad governor*
☛ **P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 5.** *Speechless*
Bridgett Gist, Escondido, 4. *RIP Amber Dubois*
B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 4. *San is fun!*
☛ **Bill Black, La Jolla, 3.** *Good
to see you again my soul mate*
J. Gorman, UTC, 3. *There is a
tide in the affairs of men...*
Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 3. *Recycle plastic*
Art Spencer, Oceanside, 3. *Seabiscuit Delivery*
A.T. Certik, Bonita, 2. *Compul-
sory message: Alles Affenscheibel*

☛ **Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 2.** *Thank you Jeff Loeb for sending me
the puzzles!*
**Paul K. Witherspoon, San
Diego, 2.** *Hey dad! Are we there
yet?*
☛ **Bill Grant, Hillcrest, 1.** *I like
to ride my bike*
Robert Hok, El Cajon, 1. *Rent-
ing car at Hertz is the best choice*
Jennifer Lund, Coronado, 1. *Start bookcrossing!*
Hiroshi Miyazaki, San Diego, 1. *Orange blossoms, fragrant, falling*
Lew Rishel, Clairmont, 1. *Not
that evil*
**Kelly Sakoi, Rancho
Peñasquitos, 1.** *So glad baseball
is here again*
Rachelle Wolfe, San Diego, 1. *Health is wealth*

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FREE PRESCHOOL. Alpha Kappa Alpha Head Start is now enrolling children ages 3-5 years old from low- income families in the East County, and children with special needs/ disabilities. 619-444-0503.

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RESEARCH STUDY VOLUNTEERS. 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 approved by the FDA to treat arthritis, but has 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 of up to 3 medications, stable for 8 weeks (excluding current use of Actos, Byetta and insulin). HbA1c between 7.0-9.5%. No recent weight loss greater

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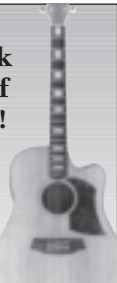
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Brainstorms

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Here, take this pencil. We’re in the foyer now, right? Well, all you have to do is draw a line from where we’re standing to the bathroom on the other side of this wall. Take the shortest route and, *please*, hurry!

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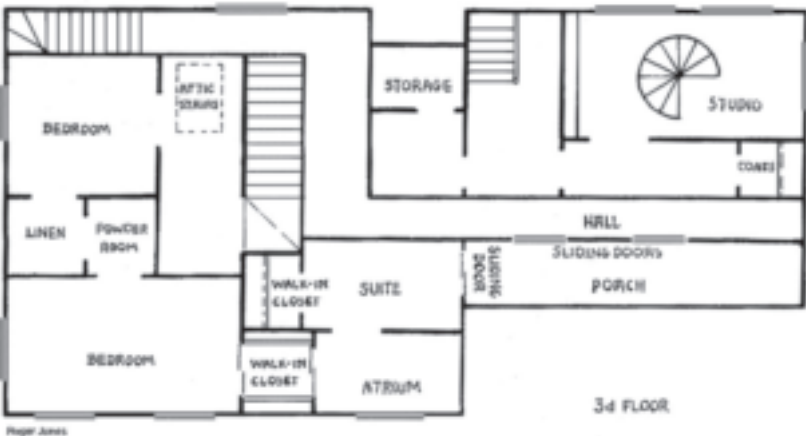
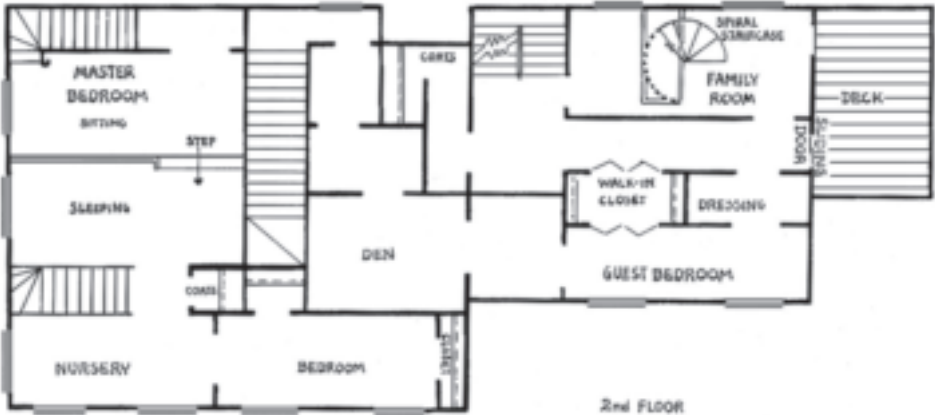
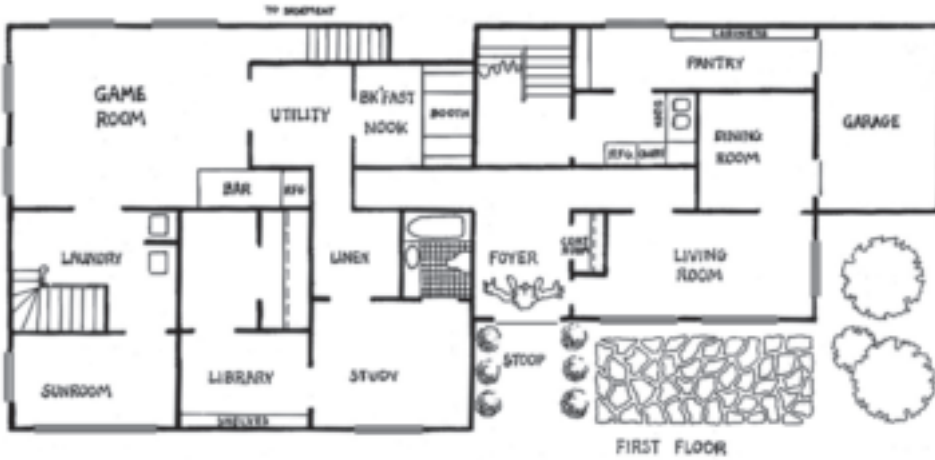
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE:



ghost — fantomo (18)
bad — malbona (8)
pamphlet — broŝuro (40)
drugstore — apoteko (26)
thumb — dikfingro (29)
lovable — aminda (2)
watchdog — gardhundoo (23)
hobby — flankokupo (37)
slow — malrapida (27)
stout — dika (6)
to warn — averti (3)
to happen — okazi (38)
speech — lingvo (5)
candy — bombonoj (36)
supper — vespermanĝo (28)
to ask — peti (35)
twenty — dudek (20)
butterfly — papilio (33)
typewriter — skribaŝino (9)
water — akvo (12)

one who hopes — esperanto (15)
amateur — neprofesia (11)
abuse — misuzi (24)
sprinkle (ceremonial) — aspergi (14)
howl — kriegi (16)
toe — piedfingro (foot finger) (13)
middle classes — burĝaro (17)
xylophone — ksilofono (21)
artificial — nenatura (22)
to appear, look — aspekti (10)
to glow — ardi (25)
clock — horloĝo (39)
false — malvera (1)
outside — ekster (7)
twelve — dek-du (30)
small — malgranda (19)
wet — malseka (31)
knee — genuo (34)
milk — lakto (4)
square — kvadrato (32)



BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the

- puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
 - 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803 or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: Puzzles@sdreader.com.

- Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
- 5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!
 - 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
 - 7) Late entries will not be considered.
 - 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
 - 9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

☛ **Joe Arbusto, San Diego, 2.** Only the informed and enlightened will solve the world problems!
☛ **Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, San Diego, 2.** Malfacia Enigmo
☛ **Everett Conrad, San Diego, 2.** Easier than Sudoku!

☛ **Mike Deliman, Santee, 2.** Karen Marie Otter. Vote 4 her!
☛ **Richard Hutchings, Santee, 2.** I'm just a'aminba 'esperanto', burgaro, 'neprofesia!', 'garhundo'!
☛ **Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 2.** Mia flankokupo menso misuzi estas!

☛ **Susan Morfey, Little Italy, San Diego, 2.** Sometimes you have to make your brain work to win!
☛ **John Strauch, San Diego, 2.** It's great to have Don Rubin puzzles back!
☛ **Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 2.** Ci tio puzlo esti malsprita!
Ed Barno, San Diego, 1. Ohwah tagu, siam.
☛ **Charles Brown, San Diego, 1.** "danka"

A.T. Certik, Bonita, 1. Alles affenscheibel.
Marion Ceruti, Ocean Beach, San Diego, 1. E Facile quando si parla molte lingue.
Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 1. Happy birthday "Little Biscuit". Big seven!
John Drehner, San Diego, 1. Into each life rain falls, but who needs a cloudburst?
M. Evans, Encinitas, 1. Have a most delightful day!

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, San Diego, 1. If there were a country named Esperumb where would it be?
Toby C. Oppel, Poway, 1. Thanks Mom for making me take shorthand.
Tim Parrott, Carlsbad, 1. Darling! A prior salsa tart can sort liars apart!
Conway Redding, La Mesa, 1. If you don't want your beliefs ridiculed don't believe ridiculous things.

☛ **Donn Romero, La Mesa, 1.** My first try sweet mei ling. I love you.
Ted Scaffidi, San Diego, 1. 15 "WGASA" Esperanto?
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 1. I won a t-shirt doing one like this years ago.
Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 1. Who is the artist? Really, please print his/her name.

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The Spring Healing Fest. Sunday, March 21, 9am-5pm. Celebrate new beginnings with healing of body, mind and spirit. Yuen Energy Healers, Reiki Massage Therapists, QiGong and Yoga, Readers, Meditation, Variety of Healers. Admission \$15 or \$22/bring a friend (pair)...includes all events and choice of 3 sessions with healers/readers! Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, San Diego 92108. Call Rev. Marcela Jones, 619-283-4782, www.thespringhealingfest.com.

Heal Your Body. Get Fit. Clear the Mind of Stress. Thursday, March 18, Tuesday, March 23. 5pm: Fitness class-Core Strength, stability and conditioning mat class. 6pm: Yoga. Hatha Vinyasa mix. 7:30pm: Alternative Wellness Clinic-Acupuncture/ Massage/ Energy Medicine - learn meditation healing and more. \$10 donation for the entire evening. Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, San Diego 92116. 619-884-2662, prakasheffulgence@yahoo.com.

Blind as a... Friday, March 19, 10-11am. Ophthalmologist Anne Hanneken, M.D., illuminates macular degeneration, "the number-one cause of blindness in adults." Admission free. Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Avenue, San Diego 92037. Registration: 800-727-4777.

Find Fairy Shrimp. Sunday, March 21, 4-6pm. Take "Frogs, Toads, Tadpoles, and Fairy Shrimp" hike with Will Bowen; learn about critters in road pools and puddles. Learn to identify different types of tadpoles and tell male and female fairy shrimp apart. Wear shoes that may get a little wet. Admission free. Carmel Mountain Trailhead, 4730 Fairport Way, San Diego 92130. 858-484-3219.

Free Singing Bowl Concert. Saturday, March 20, 1-3pm. Learn to Play! Liquid Bells, 20 Tibetan Bowls & Gong with Damien Rose at Buddha For You, 6360 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego 92115 (near SDSU). Free concert sponsored by Buddha For You and The Dharma Bum Temple: www.buddha-for-you.com.

See, Touch, Smell-Tuesday. March 23, 6pm. Meet drought-tolerant plants including salvias and California natives when landscape designer Doug Kalal reveals "Thirty Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden." Admission free. La Mesa Library, 8074 Allison Avenue, La Mesa 91941. 619-200-7066.

Nature in Marian Park. Saturday, March 20, 9:30am. Learn about plants, animals living in Marian Bear Park during easy guided walk starting at East Genesee entrance (5700 Genesee). Admission free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road, San Diego 92110. 858-581-9944.

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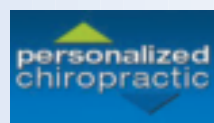
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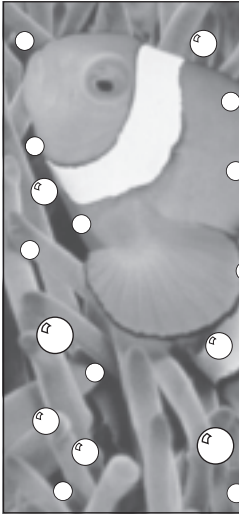
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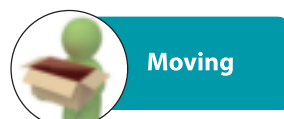
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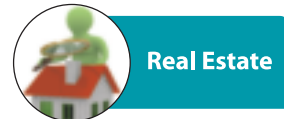
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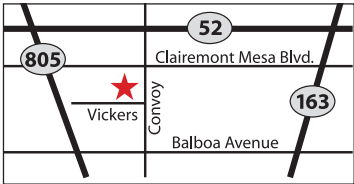
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The Continuing Crisis

— When Donald Williams was publicly sworn in as a judge in Ulster County, N.Y., on Jan. 2, offices were closed and no one could find a Bible. Since holy books are not legally required, Williams took the oath with his hand on a dictionary. — In January, the Menifee Union School District in Southern California removed all copies of Merriam Webster's 10th edition dictionary

from its elementary schools' shelves in response to a parent's complaint that the book contains a reference to "oral sex."

— Briton Rachel Curtis, 23, was sentenced to 12 months in prison by Bristol Crown Court in October for leading police on a high-speed chase while injecting heroin.

— Authorities in Scottsboro, Ala., in December arrested a man after a high-speed chase during which he allegedly had methamphetamine cooking in the front seat.

— Long-haul trucker Thomas Wallace was charged with manslaughter in Buffalo, N.Y., in January after his rig struck a parked car, killing the occupant; Wallace reportedly was distracted while watching pornography on his laptop computer.

— Guido Boldini (and his mother Constance Boldini) pleaded guilty last April to soliciting a hit man to take out Guido's ex-wife, Michelle Hudon, after a contentious child-custody battle in Keene, N.H. The "hit man" was, of course, an undercover cop, and the son and mother are now serving a combined 12 to 35 years in prison. However, unknown to the Boldinis, Michelle Hudon had been diagnosed with cancer, and in September, she died.

Bright Ideas

— An official in Shijiazhuang, China, told *Agence France-Presse* in December that the city's new "women only" parking lot was designed to meet females' "strong sense of color and different sense of distance." That is, the spaces are three feet wider than regular spaces and painted pink and purple. Also, attendants have been "trained" to "guide" women into parking spaces.

— Lenoir County, N.C., sheriff's deputies raided a suspected marijuana farm in January and learned that the grow operation was all underground. The 60 live plants were being cultivated inside an abandoned school bus, which had been completely buried, using several backhoes, accessible by a tunnel and with a garage built on top of it.

The Fragrance of Love

— First, farmer Dick Kleis of Zwingle in eastern Iowa, composing a birthday note to his wife, arranged more than 60 tons of manure in a pasture to spell out "Happy Birthday, Love You" in shorthand. Then, for Valentine's Day, farmer Bruce Andersland created a half-mile-wide, arrow-pierced heart from plowed manure at his

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Oops!

— Helmut Kichmeier, 27, a hypnotist "trainee" who appears as Hannibal Helmut in Britain's *Circus of Horrors*, accidentally hypnotized himself in January as he was practicing in front of a mirror. (Being in such a trance helps him swallow swords on stage.) His wife called Kichmeier's mentor, Dr. Ray Roberts, who, as a "voice of authority," was able to snap Kichmeier out of it over the phone.

Fine Points of the Law

— A death-row inmate has a right to question the fairness of the sentencing jurors if they appear to be so friendly with the judge that they give him (and the bailiff) post-trial chocolates shaped like breasts and penises. The U.S. Supreme Court in January ordered a lower court to consider a rehearing request from convicted killer Marcus Wellons of Georgia.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Address: 424 Via De La Valle, Solana Beach, 858-755-2855
Founded locally: 1965
Senior pastor: Frederick Lubs
Congregation size: about 800
Staff size: 8
Sunday school enrollment: 200
Annual budget: \$1.1 million
Weekly giving: about \$20,000
Singles program: yes
Dress: semi-formal to formal
Diversity: mostly Caucasian
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Website: calvarylutheranchurch.org

A child's magic-marker drawing of the Prodi-

gal Son graced the bulletin cover for Sunday's service at Calvary Lutheran: a hungry man sitting in a muddy pigsty. "And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him."

The church was a long way from that pigsty: outside, the courtyard looked out over the Del Mar Fairgrounds, and the church held its own against the secular glories that surrounded it. Inside, layers of clean, off-white edges and warm, substantial woodwork surrounded the congregation in their gently curving pews. Also gently curving: the maple bases of both lecterns and the altar, and the gleaming black of the grand piano in front of the

choir. After the Gospel, music minister Stan Beard did a fair impression of Elton John as he sang Wayne Watson's "The Long Way Home." It felt like the right song, the right sound for the place:

"You know I never intended to get off the track so far/ The lights that turned my head are looking quite bizarre...I took the long way home/ Back to what I believe/ I took the long way home/ You were waiting there for me..." And to bring the point home, the choir cut in with a couple of lines from "Amazing Grace."

Nearly the entire service was about straying, turning back, and finding forgiveness. It started with the opening Confession, which echoed the Prodigal's confession to

Calvary Lutheran Church
Solana Beach

★★ 1/2

Sermon content delivery Liturgy Music congregational band Snacks (between services) Architecture Friendliness

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Pastor Frederick Lubs: "God who has given us life, bring us home."

Poor to satisfactory (none)
Good ★
Very good ★★
Excellent ★★★
Extraordinary ★★★★★

His father: "We have sinned against You...and are not worthy to be called Your children.... Bring us back to You as those who once were dead but now have life." "Let us have a feast...for this Son of mine was dead and is alive

again."
In the first reading, God welcomed the Israelites out of their exile in the desert (after their enslavement by the Egyptians). Next, the Psalm proclaimed, "For Your hand was heavy upon me day

and night.... I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. Then You forgave me the guilt of my sin.' In the second reading — well, the lecturer spelled it out in the preface: "Paul's strong message...is the promise of the Gospel....

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All our mistakes, all our deliberate sins, all our old history is reconciled with Christ’s resurrection.”

Then the famous story itself: the son who asks for his inheritance early and spends it on prostitutes before winding up a starving swine-herd. Who comes to himself and decides to go home and live as a servant to his father just to get fed. Who is welcomed by his father anyway, dressed in finery, and feted. Who is resented by his faithful older brother.

Pastor Lubs’s sermon started by stressing the occasion for the parable. “The Pharisees and the Scribes — the upstanding...churchgoing folks — they were grumbling and saying, ‘This guy is welcoming sinners, and he’s eating with them.’ That was over the top, and that’s what prompted the story.” They were the older brother: faithful, but still distant from “the true nature of his father’s

forgiving ways” — unable to understand both his mercy and his joy at recovering a lost child. As for the Prodigal, Lubs quoted Henri Nouwen saying that his “return begins the moment he realizes...the one thing that remains” after all else is lost: “I’m still a child of my father.”

“In our lives, too,” said Lubs, “even if we’ve done everything we can to destroy ourselves, we have never lost our true identity as beloved daughters and sons.... That moment of realization is important beyond belief. In the end, the invitation is for us to imitate the father with mercy, pardon, and love.”

Toward the end, the service looked toward that loving imitation — next Sunday’s “Leave Your Soles at the Altar” event on behalf of Share Your Soles. (The organization provides shoes to the shoeless worldwide; these shoes will be going



“We’re going to walk to the altar, take [our shoes] off, and leave them there.”

to Haiti.) A woman asked for those who were able “to wear the shoes you’re going to donate as you come up to Communion. We’re going to walk to the altar, take them off, and leave them there — and then, barefoot, have Communion

and return to our seats. For those of you who are able — as we are thinking about this Lenten time, giving up because of what was given up for us — I challenge you not to have another pair of shoes at your seat. To stay uncomfortable and barefoot for the time it takes us to get back to our cars, and to think about those children who have no choice.”

What happens when we die?

“I think we are reunited, or restored, in our full and complete relationship with our creator,” said Lubs. “And if you want details on that, you’ll have to die. But there are ways in which God, who has given us life, brings us home.”

— Matthew Lickona

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The Everlasting Man

By G.K. Chesterton

“God and Comparative Religion”

Comparative religion is very comparative indeed. That is, it is so much a matter of degree and dis-

tance and difference that it is only comparatively successful when it tries to compare. When we come to look at it closely we find it comparing things that are really quite incomparable.... We are accustomed to see the names of the great religious founders

all in a row: Christ; Mahomet; Buddha; Confucius. But in truth this is only a trick: another of these optical illusions by which any objects may be put into a particular relation by shifting to a particular point of sight.... In truth the Church is too unique to

prove herself unique. For most popular and easy proof is by parallel; and here there is no parallel.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton (May 29, 1874–June 14, 1936) was as prolific in his writing as he was grand in his girth. An English

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