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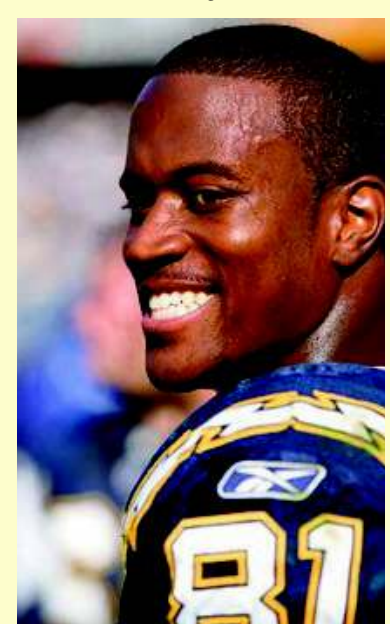
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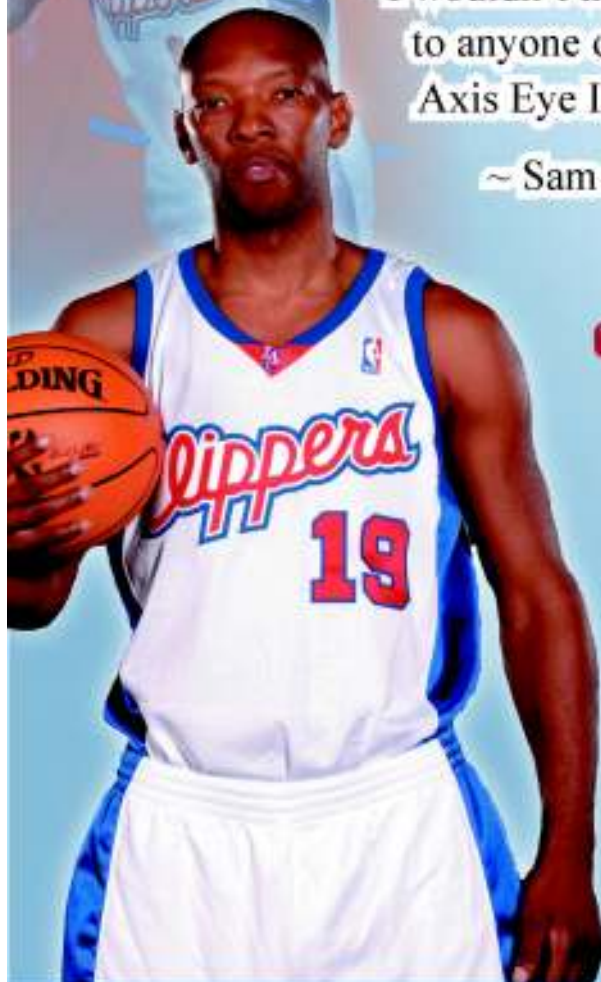
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**Interesting interests** When ex-Democratic state senator **Steve Peace** and county supervisor **Ron Roberts** rolled out their futuristic vision for a remade downtown waterfront two weeks



Alan Bersin

ago, regional airport board chairman **Alan Bersin** was sitting in the front row. Called upon to speak, Bersin, the former San Diego Unified School District chief and ex-education secretary to Governor **Schwarzenegger**, lent some tentative words of support to the nascent proposal, which among other things suggests the possibility of digging a canal for a water taxi to shuttle air passengers downtown and building a "people mover" to Balboa Park. But based on a recently filed financial disclosure, Bersin has another reason besides his role on the airport board to be concerned about the future of the central city, namely millions of dollars of downtown real estate that his wife **Lisa Foster**, daughter of the late property mogul **Stan Foster**, has a stake in. "Lisa Foster owns a 22 percent membership interest in the Foster-Downtown Group, LLC," says Bersin's disclosure report, filed with the airport authority January 29. "The Foster-Downtown Group, LLC owns a 70 percent membership interest in OMF, LLC. OMF, LLC owns a 100 percent membership interest in the following entities, which own the real property listed." Ten addresses are given: 655 Sixth Avenue, 677 Seventh, 707 Tenth, 1122 G, 1229 G, 645 12th, 639 13th, 1248 Market, 643-675 G, and 722 Market. The filing values the holdings at "over \$1,000,000," the maximum disclosure level required by law; it says gross income received is between \$10,000 and \$100,000. Last year, OMFOSTER, LLC, a company that records show is run by the Foster family, was listed as giving \$22,500 to the pro-privatization campaign of San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**, who appointed Bersin to the airport board in November.

**Big bundles** Election time is over for now, but San Diego Eighth District city councilman **Ben Hueso** has continued to spend some profitable time out on the political fund-raising circuit, where corporate contributions are banned



Ben Hueso

but individuals can give a maximum of \$250 each (\$300 for mayor), as long as the boss doesn't reimburse them. Among recently disclosed contributions to his city council campaign fund: a total of \$750 last December 14 from **Dan, Uri**, and **Aaron Feldman**, the family building that controversial high-rise office building in the flight path of the city's Montgomery Field. In addition, Sunroad's **Bill Hoffenberg**, **Wayne Meyerowitz**, and **Richard Vann** each gave \$250. Also recorded that day: a total of \$700 from **John Baumgardner**, **Steve Burton**, and **Scott Jones** of Ace Parking, the outfit that has major city parking contracts. On December 15, **Kimberly Eager**, along with **Joshua** and **Tyson Jacobsen**, all of Advent Construction, kicked in a total of \$750. Rancho Santa Fe's **Enrique**

**Landa** of the Bajagua Mexican sewage treatment project, subject of a recent *Wall Street Journal* exposé, gave \$250. Global Premier's **Scott Oaks**, **Ignacio Rincon**, and **Larry Sheehan** each contributed \$250 on December 15. The company has been seeking permits to tear down 25 buildings and put up an 85-unit apartment complex in Barrio Logan.

On November 20, **Terry** and **Charlene Brown**, along with **Henry Hoxie** and **James Oddo**, all from Atlas Hotels, gave a total of \$1000. Also that day, Mission Bay hotel owner **Anne Evans**, who leases land from the city for her establishments, and other members of her family gave \$1250. **Richard Ahrendt**, **Philip Forgione**, and **Michael Simonsen** of Rural/Metro, the firm that has a city contract to provide paramedic services, each gave \$250. Rural/Metro's **Robert Heffner** gave \$250 on November 28.

Another group of large givers were employees of developer Barratt American, who contributed to **Kevin Faulconer's** campaign debt retirement fund; on July 20, according to the disclosure, Barratt's **Joseph Barbano**, **G. Jack Becker**, **Lenette J. Hewitt**, **Alex Merrill**, **Louis Ochoa**, **Michael Pattinson**, **Jeffrey Pitzer**, **Newman Rush Porter Jr.**, and **Stephen Reid** gave a total of \$1625. The next day, **Mike Armstrong**, **Thomas Eason**, **Elizabeth Jaeschke**, **Robert Laing**, and **Linda Wright** gave another \$750 between them. Also on July 21, associates in the Bajagua venture, **James** and **Matthew Simmons** of Consultants Collaborative, gave a total of \$500.

Mayor **Jerry Sanders**, who's pushing to contract out city services, also collected some big money from groups of corporately related donors last year. Seven employees of ambulance-provider



Jerry Sanders

American Medical Response gave him a total of \$1950 on March 6. Five employees of Consultants Collaborative gave a total of \$1500 on April 10. Seven J.R. Filanc Construction employees contributed a total of \$1600 on March 14. Three women with the last name Filanc kicked in \$300 the same day. Five people associated with the utility engineering firm of Lintvedt, McColl gave a total of \$1500 in January 2006. **Beverly Lintvedt**, whose occupation was not listed, gave \$300. Seven employees of Pardee Homes gave a total of \$2100 on March 14. Eleven staffers at Richard Brady & Associates, a water engineering firm with a history of doing business with the city, gave a total of \$1797 on January 11. The same day, **Tracy Manning** of Richard Brady & Company was listed as giving \$300. And four employees of Time Warner Cable, which has a franchise agreement with the city, gave a total of \$1100 on April 25.

— Matt Potter

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## Slam the Door on "Foreclosure Consultant"

By Don Bauder

If you're like a record number of San Diegans, you're having an anxiety attack: you've got a mortgage you can't afford, and higher home prices won't bail you out. Save yourself additional angst: if you get a cold call from some-

wants to help you avoid foreclosure. Chances are, he wants to relieve you of your money or even your home. These



one representing himself as a foreclosure consultant or a debt elimination specialist, hang up the phone.

The rascal will tell you he

scams utilize the Internet and sometimes target religious or ethnic groups. Not surprisingly, San Diego is a haven for them. "People will be contacting you saying, 'I know how to get you out of foreclosure,'"

says Sheryl Charleston, president of the San Diego Better Business Bureau. "These guys will collect money from the consumers, who then find out that they are going to lose their homes."

Notices of default and possible foreclosures are a matter of public record that are printed in some newspapers. "They're a shopping list for the crooks," says Stephen Robinson, head of the economic crimes unit of the district attorney's office. "The crooks determine which homes have equity in them and start cold-calling. One of my pieces of advice is if you get a cold call, you probably don't want to do business with them."

"We are hearing that the increases in foreclosures will take a giant spike, and we are trying to get the word out that we will take action against people who violate the equity-skimming laws or the foreclosure consultant laws," says Al Shelden, senior assistant state attorney general, who is based in San Diego. "It's conceivable there could be criminal penalties, civil penalties, restitution to consumers."

Already, there has been a spike. According to DataQuick Information Systems, foreclosures in the county zoomed last year to 1612 from a mere

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## Rape Was Just the Beginning

By Ernie Grimm

Let's say you're a single mom in your mid-30s. You've recently taken your 2-year-old son and 12-year-old dog and moved away from your husband. The divorce is ugly, and your job search is tough. You'd like to move back in with your parents in Illinois, but the court says that taking your son out of California would be considered kidnapping until the divorce is final. You find an apartment in what seems like a good neighborhood in Ocean Beach. You sign a six-month lease and pay \$1050 for the first month's rent and \$1300 for the deposit. But within a week of moving in, you complain to police that the ex-con who lives in the building has raped you in your own apartment while your son slept nearby. I'm sure you're thinking it couldn't get much worse. But it does. Despite your pleas, despite letters from a police detective, social workers, and your psychologist, the apartment manager won't release you from your lease or refund your deposit.

According to a police report, this is what happened to 37-year-old Karen Howes last fall while she rented at

from Dusty Rhodes Dog Park, and really close to Dog Beach. And I love the ocean. The building wasn't so nice, but hey, I have a dog and I have a kid."

Howes's father, who had flown in from Chicago, helped her move on October 27, 2006. "I moved into apartment 107, which is right by the office."

In a nearby apartment lived a 28-year-old man with prior convictions for theft, possession of stolen property, and possession of methamphetamine. Howes did not know about her neighbor's criminal past when she met him two or three days after moving in. "I had snuck out one night," she recalls, "because my dad was driving me crazy and I wanted to smoke a cigarette. So I was outside, and I ran into [the neighbor], and we had a chat. He was really forward with me, and I told him, 'No, I am completely not interested.' I told him straight-out, 'I am in the middle of a nasty divorce. I'm totally not interested in any

been damaged during the move. One night, he knocked on her door and asked her and her son to come watch the movie *Over the Hedge* at his house. "He gets my kid completely worked up on the idea, so I said, 'All right, we will come down and watch *Over the Hedge*.' So I left my dad in my apartment, and we went and watched half of it, and we came back. I told my dad, 'This guy is really a creep. He is really nervous and jumpy.'"

"I put my dad on a plane on Halloween. Next day, November 1, I drop my kid at day care, and I'm out running errands. I came back to the apartment at about 3:30 with a million bags. I walk up to my door with four or five large bags and five more still in the car, and [the neighbor] is standing at my door. I asked, 'What are you doing here?' 'Oh, I've been looking for you all day. Let me help you with those bags.' 'No, I'm fine.' 'No, no, I insist.' 'No, I can get it.' He's not taking no for an answer, and he keeps following me. I told him I had to walk my dog, and he says, 'Well, I'm coming with you.' He smelled a little boozie; it was clear he'd been drinking. I said, 'No, thanks. I'll walk my own dog.' But he grabs my dog and starts walking a million miles a minute. And I am running after him in heels, yelling, 'Give me my dog. I will walk my dog.'"



Nimitz Pointe apartments

in my apartment. He goes to his apartment and is back at my door in a minute, and he has one of these big 32-ouncers of beer. I said, 'I am going

says she was back in her apartment eating Pick Up Stix with her son when the neighbor knocked on the door. "He seems completely normal,

him to bed. Her neighbor asked if he could come and see if he could fix her TV. Once the child was asleep, Howes stepped outside into the hall to smoke a cigarette and drink a beer. The man, also having a beer, came with her. "Everything seemed really calm," she recalls, "but pretty soon he starts hitting on me again, and I said, 'No, absolutely not.'"

Howes told police what happened next. "I went into my bedroom about 10:00 p.m.," the police crime report quotes Howes. "[The neighbor] followed me into my bedroom and started touching my breasts, stomach, and crotch. I told him, 'No!' Then he pushed me down on the bed. He pulled my pants and panties off. I told him multiple times 'No! Stop!' He took his pants off and got on top of me. He penetrated me with his penis. I didn't scream or say anything because my son was asleep on the bed. [He] picked me

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I didn't call the police because my son was there and I didn't think anything would be done. I couldn't believe what had just happened and I was disgusted. I didn't know who to call so I called my ex-husband and told him what happened. He said he was going to call the police. I told him, "No" and that I would deal with it. I went to sleep.

I felt really gross and sick all day and I took maybe ten showers. I later decided to come to the police station to report what happened.

From police report

the Nimitz Pointe apartments at 2401 Seaside, just off Nimitz Boulevard near the west end of Interstate 8. Howes found Nimitz Pointe after an apartment search she describes as "extremely difficult because I have a two-year-old and a rottweiler-mix dog."

Nimitz Pointe seemed like an answer to Howes's prayers. "It was close to my son's day care, right across the street

romantic relationship, absolutely not."

After meeting her neighbor, Howes says, "I'm trying to avoid him, but he keeps knocking on my door. He comes and meets my dad one day. He is on me like white on rice. Every time I turn around, the guy is right there."

Howes mentioned to the man during their first conversation that her TV had

Howes says he walked her dog several blocks to Collier Park and stopped at a bench. She caught up and sat down on the bench, at which point the man, she says, "tries to kiss me. I said, 'No!' And he said, 'Okay, it is totally cool. I completely understand,' and he backed off. I said, 'I have to take my dog home. I have to get my kid.' So he walks me home, and I put my dog back

to get my kid,' and he asked, 'When are you going to be back?'"

Despite her neighbor's unwanted advances and attentions, Howes didn't consider calling the police. "I just thought he was a big flake. And when I told him no, he immediately backed off. And the last thing I wanted was more problems."

At 6:30 that evening, Howes

really calmed down. And he said, 'Just came over to see if your son wants to watch the rest of the movie.' I said, 'No, I don't think that is the best idea.' He said, 'Come on,' and my son is yelling that he wants to watch the movie. So I said, 'Okay,' and we watched the rest of the movie."

When the movie ended, Howes says, she took her son back to her apartment to put

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### Slam the door

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212 in 2005. Notices of default, early steps preceding foreclosures, more than doubled from 3933 to 8816.

So what are these scams? The so-called "foreclosure rescue" scam takes many forms. Recently, "most of the local cases were the straightforward cons where the crook promises to negotiate with the homeowner's lender in exchange for one month's mortgage payment. Typically, the crook takes the money and runs," says Robinson.

Or homeowners may be conned into letting the foreclosure "rescuer" take over the mortgage payments. "When somebody says, 'I will take over your payments,' it almost always ends in disaster," says Shelden.

In some cases, the slick operator says he can save the residence from foreclosure if the homeowner will turn over the title to him for a year or two. During the interim, the homeowner can live in the house and pay rent. But often, unknown to the homeowner, the house is sold to an investor; the equity is stripped out, and the homeowner is evicted.

Then there are "mortgage elimination" scams. The strapped homeowner is told he can pay off the mortgage quickly by altering the payment terms. Some people are even told they can pay off a 30-year mortgage in 7 months.

The scamsters may claim there are loopholes in the original mortgage that make it invalid. Often these swindles are pulled by fringe groups that believe the Federal Reserve System is illegal; therefore, the money the bank advanced to the borrower wasn't real money; ergo, the loan doesn't have to be paid back. Over and over, courts have rejected this specious argument.

A classic case is the Dorean Group of Oakland. Its two founders — one of whom had gone to the slammer in the 1990s for securities fraud — claimed they had erased 1000 mortgages around the country. One of their Internet sales pitches featured an audio clip questioning the legitimacy of the Federal Reserve. The Better Business Bureau, including the San Diego branch, warned of this one early.

Two years ago, the Federal

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Bureau of Investigation raided the headquarters and carted off records. Eventually, the founders were indicted for mail and bank fraud, among several things. But Dorean acolytes are still peddling this one around the country, even as the founders sit in the pokey awaiting trial.

Shelden was in on the prosecution of a Garden Grove company, Housing Assistance Services. Claiming it would help people negotiate with their lenders, it charged an up-front fee of \$750 to \$1250, plus additional fees later on. But victims claimed the company did little for its money. The attorney general's office won an asset freeze in mid-2004, charging that the company illegally and deceptively sold the service. Eventually the case was settled out of court, and the company was forced to stop the practices.

In the mid-1990s, a company named Boston Harbor began placing high-octane ads in San Diego. The pitch: when your loan balance becomes larger than the property is worth (common in those days), you deed the property to Boston Harbor, which stops making mortgage payments and tries to sell the property for a discount and pay off the lender for less than the original loan. Problem: any homeowner's gain is taxable. (If the owner owes \$300,000 on a loan, and the lender agrees to take \$275,000, then the owner has incurred debt relief taxes on \$25,000.) No problem, said Boston Harbor: it would take care of that tax obligation. The Internal Revenue Service said such a deal was unacceptable, as did the Federal National Mortgage Association. The attorney general sued, charging multiple misrepresentations, and the case went to trial. Shelden handled it, with help from the district attorney's office. In the end, Boston Harbor agreed that it would not make any claims about tax relief and would stop boasting about other services it claimed to provide.

So what do you do? Robinson says to be very wary of anyone asking for an up-front fee; anyone refusing to sign a contract; anyone wanting you to sign over your title or asking for power of attorney; anyone promising to eliminate the tax burden on a gain

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on a foreclosure sale; and anyone promising to restore your credit or making cold calls.

Says Shelden, "Don't sign with a person who knocks on your door the same day he knocks without doing a lot of checking. He might have to be registered with the Department of Real Estate. Explore what other loan products are out there." For example, there may be legitimate ways that you can get a loan you can handle — say, with a longer maturity.

Most of all, "Go talk with your lender to see what the lender is willing to do," says Shelden.

Stan Sexton of New Horizons Realty in La Mesa notes that one alternative to foreclosure is the short sale. In such a case, the lender agrees to accept less than the amount due. There is also the deed in lieu of foreclosure, by which the borrower turns over the property to the lender without any foreclosure proceedings. Both sides must enter into the transaction voluntarily and in good faith.

Thus far, the foreclosure statistics, despite their sharp rise, are lower than economists expected. Therefore, some say the housing woes are coming to an end. But, says Saxton, "Deeds in lieu of foreclosure and short sales are big," and the optimism may be unwarranted.

Attorney Mark L. Miller is seeing some deeds in lieu of foreclosure and short sales but not as many as could be expected. The industry "is still in denial. Mortgage companies keep coming up with toxic loans" that will eventually increase foreclosures, he says. He is seeing people in trouble grabbing 50-year loans. "I'm the doctor. People want me to fix their mortgages. But bankruptcy is the answer," and bankruptcies are going up sharply. ■

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### Rape

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up and carried me to the living room.... He laid me on my couch and continued to have sex with me."

When the alleged assault took place, Howes says she noticed what she thought were prison tattoos on the

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man's body. "I knew he had tattoos on his arms and shoulders, but everybody in California has them, and they were pretty, and colorful. Well, his shirt comes off, and I see 'DAGO' across the stomach and a swastika dead center above his dick. And it is green and nasty."

The police report confirms Howes's observation. In a box titled "further suspect description," the police list a tattoo "DAGO" — a street-slang word meaning San Diego — on the stomach and a swastika on the pelvis.

After taking a shower, Howes called her husband "and started yelling at him about what had happened. And he called the police."

Howes talked to the police by phone that night and went to the police station the next day, where she underwent a post-rape examination she describes as "an ordeal." Next came the question of where to live. She knew she didn't want to stay at Nimitz Pointe any longer, and the police detective, social worker, and psychologist she was working with agreed. Living in motels was at the time financially impossible for Howes, so she moved back into her husband's Clairemont apartment. In the meantime, Howes says she called, visited, and wrote to Vonetta Young, Nimitz Pointe's property manager, and asked to be released from her lease. "I told her I couldn't be there. I had lived there all of four days. I told her I wanted her to release me from the lease, that she needed to release me from the lease. She said, 'I can't release you from the lease, but I will try to rent it. I will start showing it

immediately.' "

The apartment still hasn't been rerented, Howes says, and she hasn't been refunded. Without the return of her \$2350 in rent and deposit, and with an open lease on her credit, finding another apartment was impossible. In a letter dated November 7, 2006, Philip Worts, the San Diego police detective assigned to Howes's case, wrote to Young stating that the department was "actively investigating a felony criminal assault complaint wherein the victim, Karen Howes, is now a possible target of stalking, kidnapping, or additional assault.... She requested of me a letter of information in order to provide a reasonable basis... to release her from her contractual obligations."

His letter had no effect, Howes says. Young would not release her from the lease. The same day, Howes's psychologist, Susan D. Sharpe, wrote a letter to Young. "Karen Howes is a patient of mine," Sharpe wrote, "who is clearly suffering from trauma that is directly related to a sexual assault perpetrated on her by another tenant on November 1, 2006 at Nimitz Pointe complex. For the purpose of her personal safety and emotional well-being, it is strongly recommended that she immediately move from these premises."

Sharpe's letter had no effect, Howes says. On November 8, Cynthia Forsythe, a victim's advocate with the district attorney's office, wrote to Young "to provide documentation that Ms. Karen L. Howes is a crime victim.... Ms. Howes was assaulted by a neighbor who lives... in the same apartment complex. Since the case is currently

under investigation, it is imperative that she remove herself from this situation as soon as possible. Any assistance you could possibly provide her would be most appreciated during this most emotional time."

On November 9, Nina Verdugo, a court-appointed psychosocial rehabilitation specialist assigned to Howes as part of her divorce court proceedings, wrote to Young that Howes "experienced a violent crime against her at her current residence. This is a highly stressful living situation for herself and her child. It is my recommendation that she obtain alternative housing for her safety and overall well-being."

And on December 14, Jessica Enriquez, a sexual assault response team advocate with the Center for Community Solutions, wrote to Young, "During this painful process, my client has been intimidated and harassed by her neighbor on numerous occasions, producing an environment that she perceived as dangerous for herself and for her son. My client vacated the premises for no other reason than to ameliorate her physical, mental, and emotional well-being and would not have had to resort to such drastic measures in any other situation.... While I understand that the contractual obligations between the property management company and the tenant are binding, I believe that the assault that occurred on the premises constitutes extenuating circumstances."

Despite these letters from Worts, Sharpe, Forsythe, Verdugo, and Enriquez, Young to date has not released Howes from her lease. Howes and her son spent a 28-day emergency stay in a battered women's shelter and are now living in motels while they wait for an opening at a different facility. "I told Vonetta we would have to move into a shelter if she didn't release me and refund the rent and deposit," Howes said. "But she will not release me or return the funds."

Vonetta Young did not return phone calls. Howes's former neighbor and the woman he was living with have moved out of Nimitz Pointe. He didn't return phone calls. The case is still under investigation. ■

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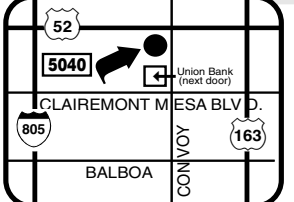


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### Kittle The Twit

I love you, Don Bauder. Keep up the good work. May you live long and hearty. It was so good to read your article on curses ("City Lights," February 1). Bob Kittle is such a pompous twit, and I don't know why he's the editor of anything. Thank you so much for your good work.

Candy Riley  
Pacific Beach

### We Pay For Blunders

My wife and I derive great pleasure from the activities of walking and bicycling around Lake Murray ("Turnstiles for Lake Murray?" "City Lights," February 8). Lately, we are hearing some very uncomfortable news concerning which of the City's departments will be in charge of the lake, and more disturbing is the "rumor" that a fee will be charged to enter lake property. If this be true, kindly explain to me why the government has abandoned the noble principle "Government by the people and for the people!!!" When will the common person stop having to pay for costly blunders and mismanagement? We sincerely hope that none of the above rumor will come about.

Mr. and Mrs. Voinov  
via e-mail

### The County Should Step Up

Thank you to the Reader and Joe Deegan for his story on the San Diego city lakes ("Turnstiles for Lake Murray?" "City Lights," February 8). As a resident of the city of San Diego for all of my 60 years, including 30 years as manager of the San Diego City Lakes Program, I sincerely believe it to be one of this region's greatest assets and most significant public resources.

Just as importantly, it, along with the city's golf courses, is one of the few municipal programs with the design and capability for users to pay most if not all of their way.

Inasmuch as the city's reservoir system serves the entire county, and has done so for nearly a century, it would behoove our regional leaders — maybe even the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) — to help the City of San Diego dig out of this portion of the much larger hole it has dug for itself in terms of its operations and finances.

Considering that only three of the city's ten reservoirs are within its city limits and that six are contiguous to, or regionally important to, other municipalities (Chula Vista, La Mesa, El Cajon, and Escondido), it should not be beyond reason to hope that somewhere in this region there is sufficient political leadership and cooperation to easily resolve the program's relatively small financial difficulties. To do so now would be even more important for this region's future than its present.

Over the years, the San Diego City Lakes Program has been used as a model by local agencies and governments from throughout the nation hoping to duplicate in some fashion the outstanding program we have had here for nearly a century.

The same can be said for governmental delegations from Portugal, South Africa, Mexico, Japan, and South Korea — all of whom hoped to replicate San Diego's model of providing public benefit as a result of access to water-supply reservoirs.

Could the leaders in this region somehow develop an appreciation for what this program means to our residents, visitors, and related business community?

Could they find some of the vision for public benefit shown by other leaders in this country and around the world?

Let's hope so, before it is too late.

Jim Brown  
via e-mail

### No Thanks

Re "Turnstiles for Lake Murray" ("City Lights," February 8). When the city ter-

minated my lease to operate the concession at Lake Sutherland in 2003, they didn't even thank us for the nine years my wife and I served the patrons of Lake Sutherland. It was in 2003 I tried to expose some of the pitfalls the city would run into when they took it over. The real estate department knew how much money we made each year, and it was never enough to cover the salary of one city employee. Ted Medina and I had some words on the subject, and Ted pushed forward.

You should also look into the other businesses that operate on the city lakes just by buying a day-use permit. Western outdoor news and three other major tournament circuits pay out thousands almost weekly to people that fish our lakes.

I had to pay rent; have insurance, health permits, and a business license; and give the city a cut of everything I sold, not to mention I had to pay for my own health insurance.

The city had it good while we were there. We maintained the inside of the building and the motors on the boats, and we promoted the lake by offering youth programs, all of this for no thanks.

Jeff DeMeester  
via e-mail

### No More Divas

Oh, how I regret the time I wasted reading "Diary of a Diva" this week ("The Mouths of Babes," February 8). Her reference to another human being as "it" unfortunately warrants all previous negative adjectives used to describe Barbarella. The "it" she was referring to was a child, or children in general, as it were. A state of being that for all her disdain she was once in herself. Given her current spoiled-princess view of her fellow humans and the world around her, I find it very difficult to believe that she was a perfect, well-behaved child, never one to throw a tantrum or otherwise cause her parents consternation or embarrassment by her actions or her mouth! Barbarella, I completely support your decision to not procreate.

Floreda  
via e-mail

### Einstein Was Once A Kid

Okay, Barbarella, your latest article is spoken by a true childless woman ("Diary of a Diva," February 8). I am sure you have received many e-mails by now regarding this article. And, believe me, I do understand your viewpoint in the article, even though I am a mother of two — a 12-year-old girl and 4½-year-old boy. While I try desperately to control my 4½-year-old boy in public, my 12-year-old daughter could not be more perfect and easy to take out in public, even when she was 4. Believe me, it is more of a gender issue than a child issue.

Yes, when I go out to dinner (without my children), I do not want to hear other children yelping. However, because I am a mother, I have learned to "block" them out. I do feel for the childless couples, however; what is to keep their marriage together? Good sex? Yeah, right — a dime a dozen! What is life about at the age of 70 after your spouse has died (and most of your friends)? Grandchildren!

I've no doubt that I'd be philandering about if it were not for my children; actually, come to think of it, why get married? Oh yeah, economic reasons do drive marriage, but not much else unless you choose to have children.

Now, let's consider children for a minute. Without today's children, who will pay our Social Security tomorrow? How will the human race evolve, or be sustained, for that matter. Yes, I understand your thoughts. Have we truly evolved? Well, we must remember that all of today's great inventors and discoverers were once children. Weren't we all annoying children at one time? If so, don't we deserve what we get from the children today — let's ask our mother. Also, what is Mother's Day about?

Come on, honestly, what keeps you and your spouse together? Why work out disagreements, aging, or anything else? A person is only fooling themselves if they think a marriage without kids is a marriage. Have a child and find out how much of an impact they have

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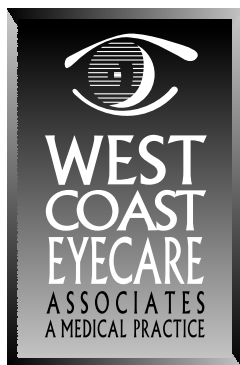
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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

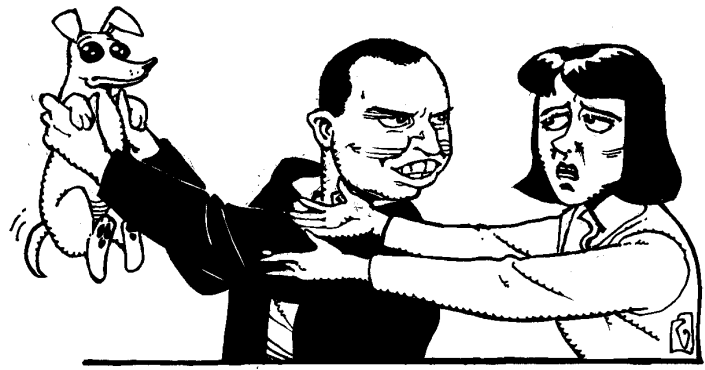


Illustration by Rick Geary

Hi, Matthew:

Concerning those heart-wrenching lost dog or cat flyers distraught humans post advertising a reward for the returned pet: do they create a contract? If you were to find and return the beloved pet, and the humans refused to pay the posted reward, could the finder sue in small claims court? If the finder refused to hand over the beloved pet unless the reward were paid, is that a criminal offense?

— Adrienne McCambridge, San Diego

In spirit, a flyer on a phone pole is more like a hooker on the stroll. Not yet a contract, but with a promising future. A legal contract involves Competent Person A offering something of value, and Competent Person B offering something of value in return. The return of a cute pooch to its owner and a reward for the return of the cute pooch will do nicely. So, say you read the reward flyer and later find cute pooch under your porch. You take cute pooch to the person offering the reward. "Here's your pooch! What a peach! He was under my porch. Gimme the reward." A contract is born.

Dog-loser is happy to see cute pooch. "Hey, Jack, you're back! What a break. Well, take a hike, hick. A reward? That was a joke." A contract is breached.

Legally, you can now take cute pooch and put him back under the porch; though, having taken possession of the animal, you are obligated to see that it is cared for until the dispute is resolved. But you are entitled to recover fair costs related to the pet's care and delivery.

Next stop is small claims or mediation. (We hope you kept a copy of the reward flyer to bolster your case.) Assuming dog-loser shows up, he needs a really good (legal) reason for renegeing on his offer and breaching the contract. "I changed my mind" or "I don't have it" won't fly. As usual, don't ask us how to collect once you've won, though you do have a lien against the dog and can sell it for the amount of the reward unless by now it's captured your heart.

The Team Matthew Alice mouthpiece sez this child's guide to the law of rewards and contracts could have a few hiccups. You can't demand a reward if none is offered, essentially holding the pooch hostage for payment. You can't claim a reward if you return the pet without knowing in advance that a reward has been offered (if, say, you find a dog, track the owner from its I.D. tags without ever seeing the reward flyer, and return dog to owner). Both parties must have advance knowledge of all the terms for a contract to be established. And, of course, no contract is established if any of the actions or items involved are illegal or stolen (our earlier hooker analogy, f rinstance). But in general, in the basic scenario in the question, the pet-finder is holding not only the dog but all the cards.

Hey, Matt:

Has there ever been any version of a urinal for women? If so, maybe the Spanos family can cut down on the lines at any future Chargers stadium by installing some of these.

— Clairemont Paul

An interesting question, coming as it does on the heels of the astronaut-diaper revelation, which you Alicelanders should have recognized since we told you about it years ago. See? Stick with me, and hardly anything in the news will surprise you anymore. But I guess we didn't warn you about female urinals. They exist. People have been working on the concept since the early 1900s. (We're talking about the porcelain, attached-to-the-bathroom-wall type. Portable, disposable-paper or reusable-plastic devices — glorified funnels of one kind or another — have been available for a long time.) American Standard made them for 20 years, until the 1970s, but American women haven't taken to them. Most project from the wall inside a private cubicle and allow the woman to straddle it and stand (usually facing away from the wall) to urinate. Not much of an advantage if you're wearing pants or pantyhose. And some very embarrassing studies (actual scientific tests!) indicate that women have a really hard time controlling the direction of a urine stream. About half the women hated the idea and didn't even want to try.

Hey, Matt!!

What's up with the Hotel San Diego sign? I saw it today, relatively intact but slowly rusting away, put to pasture on the grass near the corner of Rosecrans and Dewey, inside the NTC development/boondoggle. Why is the sign there? Will its neon ever be lit again? It is a nice historical artifact, I suppose, now that the landmark hotel was vengefully reduced to rubble by the feds.

— Steve Covault, e-mailville

A few artifacts were rescued from the hotel before it turned to dust. The sign is just the biggest and most unwieldy — about 30 feet long, more than three tons. V. expensive to move and store. It's now under the care of the NTC Foundation, overseers of the preservation of some of the old buildings on the site. The sign will be rehabbed for an estimated lots of bucks and used as a stand-alone decoration somewhere on what's called the NTC Promenade area of "Liberty Station," as the joint has been renamed. At least that's the latest plan.

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**SportingBox** By Patrick Daugherty

**Bike World Update**

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Last year's champion, Floyd Landis, will not be competing this year, and if the May 14 arbitration hearing (brought to you by the good people at the United States Anti-Doping Agency) goes as expected, he won't be competing next year either. Landis also won last year's Tour de France and faces the same situation in that race.

The debacle that was the 2006 Tour de France was so complete that the stench of it reached the American general sporting population, a demographic that normally regards professional cycling as one step below roller derby.

But, you can understand why the stink carried that far. In terms of public humiliation, the 2006 Tour de France was the best. By the time the race began, the number two, three, four, and five finishers from the previous year had been removed from the field. Number one had retired.

Suddenly, second-tier riders had a shot. Saying that, Landis had a good race through the Pyrenees, good enough to take the yellow jersey (by ten seconds) after the 15th stage. And then, the collapse: he finished the 16th stage 8:08 behind the leader, looking like dead-man-pedaling. And then, *the next day*, he flew over five hard climbs, cranked out the last 80 miles *alone*, and made up all but 38 seconds of what he'd lost. An incredible story, a Hollywood story, even the French press got behind Landis. And then the bust.

Landis's urine samples after stage 17 showed that his ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone was 11 to 1, far above the usual ratio of 1 to 1 and way over the allowed ratio of 4 to 1. Worse, his sample showed traces of synthetic testosterone. A second sample tested positive, and he was fired from his team, Phonak, and the wheels began to grind at USA Cycling, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Landis is using what has become the standard athlete's defense against a doping charge: attack the tests, attack the methodology of the tests, question the chain of control, and propose alternate theories. His legal opponents are barred from commenting on the case.

Robbie Robertson, lead guitarist for The Band, said that after 16 years on the road, "The numbers start to scare you." Floyd Landis is one of six Lance Armstrong teammates who have admitted doping or failed a drug test.

I don't know if Armstrong doped. I don't know if Landis doped. I do know that the 2006 Tour de France, the sport's showcase to the world, did not start four of its top-five 2005 finishers because of a doping scandal, and its 2006 champion was charged with doping. A neutral observer might think, "Golly, fellas, maybe it's time to clean house."

What's happened since July 2006?

Well, Ivan Basso, regarded as the sport's dominant rider after Armstrong, was removed from last year's Tour de France and fired from his team, CSC. He's been hired by Lance Armstrong to be the new leader of the Discovery Channel Team, which will be appearing in a Tour of California near you. (Armstrong and his agent, Bill Stapleton, are stakeholders in Tailwind Sports. Tailwind Sports owns and manages a professional cycling team. Discovery Channel is its main sponsor.)

The 2006 bust, known as Operación Puerto, was not a silly thing. Spanish authorities had been working on it for years. They made raids. They seized drugs and doping paraphernalia. They found reams of paper containing names of professional cyclists, dates, doses, and so on. The information made its way to national cycling federations and tour officials.

That should be it, right? Not quite; a Spanish judge ruled the material couldn't be used by any sports-governing body or national anti-doping agency until all the criminal cases were completed. We're talking many dog lifetimes. Everybody walked.

What I'm waiting for is a grand convocation of sponsors — the UCI, the owners of the Tour de France, Tour of Spain, Tour of Italy — to put together a draconian schedule of drug tests that will be so thorough, so frequent, and processed in so many world-class facilities, coupled with hand-in-glove cooperation with police agencies, that no skeptic could reasonably doubt the honesty of professional cycling. And penalties should be drastic: five-year suspension for the first offense, lifetime ban for the second.

That hasn't happened. Hasn't begun to happen. In fact, six months after Operación Puerto, it's business as usual in pro-cycling world.

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## SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

**Denomination:** affiliated with Unity Church for Southern California

**Address:** services held at Seventh Day Adventist Church, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 619-303-6609

**Founded locally:** February 2007

**Senior pastor:** Patti Paris

**Congregation size:** around 70

**Staff size:** 6

**Sunday school enrollment:** around 5

**Annual budget:** still figuring

**Weekly giving:** still figuring

**Singles program:** yes

**Dress:** casual

**Diversity:** mostly Caucasian

**Sunday worship:** 10 a.m.

**Length of reviewed service:** 1 hour, 20 minutes

**Website:** [www.visioncsl.com](http://www.visioncsl.com)

Small signs lined the driveway leading up the drive to the first gathering of Vision: A Center for Spiritual Living. “Love,” “Grow,” “Prosper,” “Embrace,” “Live,” “Share.” Green and gold balloons bearing the Vision logo ringed the church, rising from the backs of chairs. There was much happy chatter over the tinkling piano and several hugs were exchanged.

The piano shifted to an Elton John vibe for the call to worship, and a soprano sax licked at the edges of the swaying melody of the lyrics: “Love can move the world/ As the moon in the sky moves the sea/ Love can cause the wars to cease/ Love can move this world to peace/ It’s a time that begins with you and me.”

After Reverend Patti Paris extended her welcome to the congregation, they turned and welcomed each other, singing “There is only one of us/ In your eyes it’s me I see...” They recited the day’s affirmations: “This beautiful day awakens my senses. Love has brought us to this place.

We see with the eyes of loving spirit.”

The bell tolled, the lights dimmed, and Joe Pirrello read two quotations as we prepared for silent meditation: “Love is a freeing power, not a holding power.” “Love is an essence, an atmosphere that defies analysis, as does life itself.” (The latter was taken from Ernest Holmes’s *The Science of Mind*, an oft-cited text.) After the silence, Pirrello said, “I know and accept that love is an energy behind the creation of this new church,” and he invited congregants to share their own truths and realizations — “whatever feels right.”

“I envision Vision as a loving, growing, prosperous church.”

“We are an enlightened, enthusiastic, connected community, connected by love always.”

“Vision is a vessel for the expansion of God, the expansion of good, and just absolute joy.”

Pirrello released a prayer of thanks “into the creative medium...knowing and accepting that in just doing so, the spirit takes control and it is done. So let it be, and so it is.”

“And so it is,” responded the congregation.

The lights came up for chanting and tithing, both of which involved songs emphasizing the cyclical — sending forth and receiving in kind. Then Andy Anderson took the stage for a cover of Five For Fighting’s “World”: “What kind of world do you want?/ Think anything/ Let’s start at the start/ Build a masterpiece/ Be careful what you wish for/ History starts now.” Applause followed, and Reverend Paris began her talk, a meditation on the power of love built around the saying, “Whoever you are and wherever you’ve been, you are welcome here — you are safe, and you are loved.”

The power of love, she said, is “active... It’s about finding the love in self and in others. It’s about the world at large. The Buddha said, ‘Just as a mother would protect her only child at the risk of her own life, even so, cultivate a boundless heart toward all beings.’ And it is easier to love people half a world away... You know that one person who just sets your teeth on edge? That’s your spiritual

practice. Whenever you think of that person this week, say, ‘I bless’ — and use their name — ‘and I accept’ — and use their name. Say it three times. The next time you see them, you’re going to see them through the eyes of love; you’re going to see them as God sees them... Allow that power of love to flow through you.... Nothing can stand before the power and presence of love.” She read from two Gospels in which Jesus spoke of faith having the power to move mountains.

Paris warned against separating the inner work of prayer from the outer results. “We know there aren’t two things. There’s only one — there’s only spirit.” She assured the congregation that “our dreams...are honored here,” and encouraged them to “relax into the powerful presence of the spirit right here.

What is it that the spirit wants to do through you? What false belief must you let go of to realize your calling? We have allowed the power of love to flow through us and create this new community. Embrace that greater vision of yourself.”

The congregation stood to applaud, and Anderson and the band broke into a cover of Huey Lewis’s “The Power of Love”: “It don’t take money/ Don’t take fame/ Don’t need no credit card to ride this train/ It’s strong and it’s sudden/ It can be cruel sometimes/ But it might just save your life/ That’s the power of love.”

What happens when we die?

“I believe that life is immortal and ongoing,” said Paris. “And I think our individual consciousness is the same. I think the more important question is, ‘How shall we live?’ We’re here to transform lives. It’s about being here now.”

— Matthew Lickona



PATTI PARIS

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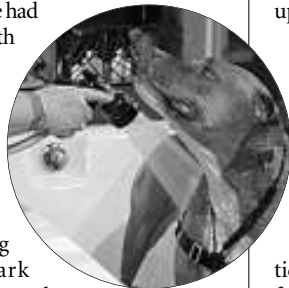
"Nobody likes a smelly dog," I said to my husband Patrick. We were discussing Nellie, our terrier, and the fact that the last time we left her with my friend Bernice, Bernice gave her a bath. Patrick was a little embarrassed, but he had to admit that Bernice probably had good reason. Plus, Nellie's been scratching and biting a lot more than usual of late. By conversation's end, we had resolved to start in with regular baths — twice a month.

Before Patrick could start grumbling about the messy tub and dog hair in the drain, I called South Bark Dog Wash in South Park (619-232-7387; [www.southbark.com](http://www.southbark.com)) and spoke with owner Donna Walker. "South Bark is a gathering place for dog and cat lovers," she began, noting that no reservations were required. "I'm listing cats because we are equal opportunity. We have a retail shop with really cool products, and we have a self-serve dog spa. The bulk of the dog wash is filled with canines, of course, but we do get cats in here."

Upon entering South Bark, where the decor is as whimsical as the name, I'm asked if I am shopping or bathing. "If you're bathing, you're sent back to one of the assistants — a trained dog handler — who will guide you through the process. They'll ask what types of shampoos and conditioners you'd like to use, if there are any skin conditions, find out if the dog is aggressive or not social, and if you have any special needs."

Once you've got all that sorted out, "we send you outside to do a little brushing. We believe you should loosen up the hair with a bit of brushing. We have many different kinds of brushes; which one you use depends on the kind of hair the dog has. A shedder is a metal-looped brush with short ridges on one end and longer ridges on the other side. You can open them and shed the fur or keep them in the rounded position. A rake brush works on the undercoat of the dog to remove hair. The pin brush generally takes hair off the topcoat. And there's a styling brush with tiny tines for styling," but that gets used after the bath.

Then it's back inside for the tubbing. "My business partner Lisa Vella and I came up with what we call the 'Island Tub' pattern," explained Walker. "The tubs are in the middle of the spa, in the pattern of a capital H. Most dog washes have the tubs against the wall. Our tubs are raised up on platforms — one side is higher, one lower. That is so people of taller or shorter stature who have dogs of taller or shorter stature can have a more ergonomic washing experience. The tubs are human-size tubs; they can hold a 300-pound animal. Around the middle of the H are two grooming tables. We have metal separation barriers, made by artists, between the tubs. This gives the dogs and their people privacy: you can still kind of see through them, but the dog can't jump through. It allows my staff to walk around and see if anyone needs anything."



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"We developed the facial because people would come in and wash their dogs but not the dogs' faces."

When it's time to get your dog into the tub, "the tub stairs pull out, and the staff secures the dog in the tub for the client. We use a groomer's noose — it's an adjustable noose with a rubber line that ends in a suction cup. The cup can be moved around the tub. In the beginning, we'll secure the dog, but after a while, most dogs start to love the bath so much that we end up not having to use them."

Step one of the bathing experience at South Bark is the house special: the blueberry facial. "We developed the facial because people would come in and wash their dogs but not the dogs' faces," said Walker. "The dog would have a beautiful body, but a dirty or sticky face. We developed a product, and now we sell it across the United States. It's tearless, and it's aromatherapeutic, brightening, and cleansing. We mist the face, massage, and then remove with heated wash cloths."

The dog's owner steps up for the actual washing, and starts by soaking the dog with a handheld sprayer. "I can modulate the temperature of the bath, depending on how warm or cold it is outside," said Walker. "Dogs can feel heat more sensitively than we can, so you don't want it too hot or too cold."

When it comes to shampooing, "there are many techniques. We believe in diluting the shampoo, but still giving the client at least one whole bottle's worth. You'd think it was a lot, but it really isn't, and the diluted shampoo really gets into the skin and the coat."

South Bark's basic shampoos — Eucalyptus Shine and Lavender Mint — are meant to be lathered in and rinsed off. But if a client wants a specialty shampoo — say, a color enhancer (\$2) for bringing out a coat's reds, browns, or whites, or a medicated shampoo (\$4) for treating dry skin — then those need to be left in for three to five minutes. Conditioners, like brushes, vary by hair type. "Our basic wash package includes a spray-on conditioner. However, if a dog has sensitive skin, we have a gentle hypoallergenic, Ultra Silk [\$1.50]. We also offer a medium-grade conditioner called Plum [\$1.50], and a heavy-duty conditioner, Apple Oats, with a shine in it [\$1.50]."

Hair type and sensitivity also govern drying choices. "Towels for towel drying are included in the basic package. We also have a fluffer dryer [\$2] — a forced air unit, kind of like a blow dryer. It's used for blowing out loose hair and for styling. It's good for dogs with thick, dense hair." Dogs with long and silky hair are better off with towels or in the cage dryer (\$3). "The dog sits in it; it's like a Jacuzzi of air going around the dog. Our staff is highly educated; they'll look at each animal and help you decide what your dog needs."

The basic dog-wash package costs \$12 and includes the basic shampoo, washcloths, brushes, apron, towels, grooming table use, blueberry facial, and grooming spray. First time clients may choose a complimentary conditioner upgrade.

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# Crasher

## THESE WILL KILL YOU

by Josh Board

**I** was invited to several Super Bowl parties. I didn't plan on going to any this year — I had money on the Colts and wanted to watch the game at home — but I ended up going to three.

The first was a Clairemont party that would start at noon, and I figured I could go until 3 p.m., hit the next party in North Park for kick-off, and then head up to Poway, missing a Prince song or two at halftime.

I found a parking spot close to Bryan's house. His wife, Victoria, said, "Well, you're early. Most people aren't showing up for a while." They had a blackjack/craps table set up in the living room and several TVs, including one in the bathroom. In the garage they set up a projector, an old-fashioned popcorn machine, and several chairs. The backyard had TVs, a Jacuzzi, a cot, and a refrigerator. I told Victoria that I thought they had a perfect house for a party. "Yeah, we don't have kids, so we turned one of the bedrooms into a huge walk-in closet. We're probably going to sell this place, though, and we'll be listing it as a bedroom, not a closet." Someone



who overheard her said, "I can't believe there won't be any more parties here." Turned out Victoria got a job offer in Pennsylvania.

Standing outside in the sunshine, I pointed to the sky and said, "You won't have this back East in the winter." She said, "Yeah, I know." I asked if her

**"I have no clue who is playing in the Super Bowl."**

husband was cool with the move, and she said he was, but that for his job, the closest he could transfer was Ohio. Victoria's been working in Pennsylvania for the past year and flew back to be here for



Top: Wayne (with cigar in his mouth); Bottom left: Party hosts Victoria and Bryan; Bottom right: Ultimate fighter Joshua

the Super Bowl party.

One guy yelled, "I'm going to Albertson's. Does anyone need anything?" His friend said, "Not

now." He replied, "Oh, okay. Well, when you need something, I'll go back."

I met a guy wearing a Chargers jersey, and we talked about the Foley case. A few people had

relatives who were cops. We all agreed that the cop made mistakes, but that Foley's "mistakes" — driving drunk and approaching a guy with a gun — were bigger. One lady suggested that the cop should have shot Foley in the leg, and a guy said, "Cops are taught to shoot to kill when they fire their weapons."

I lit up a cigar, and a guy named Wayne came over and asked what kind it was. "Well, I'd rather not say. It only cost a buck. It's a cheap stogie." He said, "I

have some good cigars in the trunk of my car. What do you like better? Cubans or Dominicans?" I said, "I prefer Dominicans. I don't think Cubans are as good as they were 25 years ago." A lady said, "Aren't Cuban cigars illegal?" Wayne said, "They're illegal to bring into the country, but not to have." The woman looked confused as she walked away. He said, "I'll be right back."

I went over to a table that held chips and dips. One was delicious but spicy. As my mouth burned, someone told me, "This guy came over and put a whole can of jalapeños in there. It's kinda spicy." I tried the other dip, which turned out to be a bowl of refried beans.

Wayne came back with a miniature humidor and opened it. I picked out a Fuente. He cut it for me and said, "This is great. People get mad when I smoke these. They complain about the smell. Now that you're smoking one with me, there's someone else to blame."

While we watched the Super Bowl preshow, which I think had been going since Tuesday, Wayne

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told me about traveling for his job. He told me that he'd seen cigars overseas with labels that read, "These will kill you." He told me that there are cigarettes in France that taste like cigars.

I met a woman named Resa who told me that she teaches classes for women who want to learn how to lap dance and do striptease for their men. I thought that stuff was self-explanatory, but Resa explained the different aspects of her class and how it helps women build confidence. I wanted to say "Let's have a demonstration," but I didn't have enough courage, or alcohol.

One guy who had had enough beer stood in front of the TV while people yelled at him to move, held up his can of Colt 45, and said, "Guess what team I'm rooting for?"

I noticed there were

many football jerseys at the party. I counted two, and neither of them were one of the teams playing in the Super Bowl. One woman wore a T-shirt that read, "I have no clue who is playing in the Super Bowl."

I met a guy wearing an ultimate-fighting shirt and asked him if he watched the fights the previous night. He said that he didn't but that he used to be a fighter. His name was Joshua. He told me, "I got a salary of \$1500 a month during the season and a percentage of the prize money." I asked him if he had a good fight story. "I'll tell you about one of the times I was knocked unconscious. I was fighting in China. I just saw this thigh coming at me. When I woke up, I thought my mouth was filled with water. Sometimes my trainer would pour water

on me. When I spit it out, it was all blood and teeth. All my teeth are fake." He showed me his teeth and told me that he can bite through metal with them. As he left to find something to demonstrate this, I said to his girlfriend, "He's like a James Bond villain."

While we waited for Joshua, we met a guy who told us that this was the first party he'd been to in a while. He had been banned from parties for getting too drunk and acting wild. Then Joshua came back with a beer bottle, opened it with his teeth, and chewed the cap into a tiny ball.

When I saw a guy grilling skewers, I said to him, "You're missing the game." He said, "Yeah, I know." Another guy overheard us and said, "I'm recording it at home so I can

watch the commercials. You can never hear them at parties."

Having missed going to the next Super Bowl party before the game started, I decided I had better head out. As I was leaving, I ran into the ultimate fighter who was also leaving. I said to

him, "If you ever lock your keys in the car, you could just bite off the door handle." His girlfriend laughed. Then I saw the guy who told me he was banned from previous parties getting into his car. I said, "I sure hope you weren't thrown out and that you're leaving on your own accord." He said,

"Leaving in an Accord... This is a Corvette." ■

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by Barbarella

## Fish Food

*Thy food is such as hath been belched on by infected lungs.*

— William Shakespeare

I don't know what I found more disturbing: the words, "It can be difficult to keep the live octopus in your mouth," or the accompanying illustration of a man seated at a table, his eyes locked open in terror, with eight tentacled arms stretching from his mouth and attaching themselves by suction to every corner of his face. I'd seen this before in the movie *Alien*.

**The mirage of pasta faded away and another image came sharply into focus. Tiny eyeballs, hundreds of them, were staring back at me.**

Snapping my head in David's direction, I begged, "PLEASE tell me we're not going to have to see anything like this in Japan."

David ignored me and turned the page. Color drawings of raw eggs, chicken innards on a skewer, and slices of something pink did nothing to quell my fears. *Two weeks of this weird shit*, I thought. I tried to put a positive spin on the impending ordeal and told myself, *Hey, maybe I'll*

*lose a few pounds.*

My food horizons have expanded exponentially since I met David. B.D. (Before David), I considered extra ketchup on my Kraft Mac & Cheese adventurous. Expensive dishes in which food was carefully arranged in aesthetically pleasing designs were referred to as "fancy crap," and anything French was dubbed, "snails and shit." Though I haven't wavered in my aversion to the rich sauces and slimy fare of "high-end" French restaurants, I am now more likely to taste exotic cuisine (like cheeses that come with a rind), and I have learned to appreciate food that looks as good as it tastes.

Despite my growth, however, the idea of eating in Japan made my jaw

clench in apprehension. See, I don't like fish. Unless it is a skinned and boneless chunk of halibut that has completely taken on the flavor of whatever it's been drenched in, I don't even want to see it on the table. Should it end up there anyway, I will avert my gaze and breathe through my mouth until it disappears. It's not just fish, either, but anything fish-related — the sight, smell, or texture of ocean plants, fresh or dried, triggers my gag reflex. In short, I was about to enter a foreign land that specialized in my culinary nightmare.

The month before we left, David and I undertook a cultural crash course. We ate at Japanese restaurants all over San Diego County. I ventured beyond teriyaki chicken and experimented with cucumber rolls, ramen, udon noodles, and even the esoteric *katsu-don* — a breaded chicken cutlet served in a bowl over seasoned rice and grilled onions and topped with a fried egg. I insisted on eating a burrito the day before we left, and I savored every bite as if it were my last.

"I'm not worried anymore," I said to David during the hour-long bus ride to our hotel in Tokyo. So far, everything had been safely Western — back at the airport, I had even purchased a latte from a vendor that sold hot dogs. I was lulled into complacency by the smiling face painted on the brightly colored, human-sized statue of a hot dog that stood next to me while I waited for my

coffee.

But it turned out that navigating food wasn't as simple as avoiding fish — every item, even innocuous-seeming ingredients like chicken and tomatoes, was suspect. Apparently, anything I happen to find disgusting is a delicacy in the land of the rising sun. Things like gristle, skin, and fat, or fruit and veggies soaked in fish oil. I learned this the hard way, after I'd confidently passed through an entrance over which was painted a giant chicken — a familiar symbol that imbued me with a false sense of security.

Upon glimpsing our whiteness, the waiter handed us an English menu, a gesture that left me feeling both offended and relieved. I ordered some kind of chicken meal deal (or "set," as they call it), which came with an appetizer, soup, chicken, and rice. When the food arrived, my second impulse (the first had been to choke back bile) was to look for cameras. *This has to be some kind of joke they play on foreigners*, I thought. In a shiny, hand-painted, ceramic dish sat a *raw* chicken leg. That's right, that sick bastard served me the salmonella special. Beside it was my "soup" bowl, which smelled like funk and contained a tepid, nearly opaque liquid with a *raw* egg floating around in it. The entrée was no better — glistening gristle-covered bone on a bed of white rice. While I glared at the abomination of a feast before me, David chowed



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happily on his fish-flake surprise.

Like any big city, Tokyo offered plenty of dining options. I sought refuge in tofu, curry, and noodles. But as Murphy would have it, the day I finally found my culinary groove was the day we were to leave for Hakone, a small resort town a few hours away. It was in this quaint traditional village that I suffered the greatest food effrontery of all.

Because I had been prepped for what lay in store — David had explained that we were staying at traditional Japanese inns for two days and would have no choice when it came to what food would be brought to our room for dinner and breakfast — I stocked up on red bean buns at the train station.

Dinner was to be served in our quarters at 7. Our server, a friendly woman named Kazuko-san dressed in a beautiful kimono, brought each of

the 11 courses to our private dining room, each time announcing herself before sliding open the shoji screen and entering the room on her knees. Our first course included an entire fish — head, bones, skin and all. It was three inches long. “I can’t do this,” I said. David smiled and popped his fish into his mouth and chewed.

The next item to arrive was a seaweed salad. Then sashimi. Then something brown and slimy looking. After Kazuko-san gracefully placed a course before us and then disappeared to let us eat, I would suspiciously inspect her latest offering. I would sniff it cautiously, look up at David, and say, “Taste this. Is it fishy?” David repeatedly answered me with a nod. In desperate, whispered pleas, I begged him to eat my food so that my dish would be empty when Kazuko-san returned to replace it with something even more

horrific.

Finally, a bowl with a lid was placed between us. After Kazuko-san had backed out of the room, I said, “You open it.”

“Nope, it’s all you,” said David. He’d been drinking chilled sake and seemed to be enjoying my agony.

“Fine. I don’t care. It’s probably more fishy crap anyway.” I lifted the lid. “Hey! Pasta! Ha!”

Like a mirage convincing a lone traveler wandering lost in the desert that an oasis is mere steps away, I had seen what I wanted to see in that dish because the reality was too terrible for me to fathom. I clutched my chopsticks and raised the bowl. It was then that I caught a whiff of the stench — a salty, something-rotting-on-a-beach sort of smell. The mirage of pasta faded away and another image came sharply into focus. Tiny eyeballs, hundreds of them, were staring back at

me. I dropped my chopsticks onto the table and stared into the bowl with grotesque fascination. “What the fuck? Are those...baby eels?”

I was stunned into silence when David doused the freaky little things with soy sauce and ate them with rice. When he was finished, David rubbed his belly like a happy Buddha.

“I’m starving,” I complained.

“Look,” David said, in an attempt to find a bright side for me. “At least we didn’t have to pry any tentacles off your face.” ■

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# Shopping

Make a list. It's time to go grocery shopping. Where are we buying? How much do we spend? What do we spend it on? What are we cooking? Are we health-conscious? Diet-conscious? What are our general philosophies about food?

I traveled to six supermarkets in six different neighborhoods and questioned 20-odd local shoppers about their shopping habits. This is what they said.

**Whole Foods,  
Hillcrest,  
Monday, 1 p.m.**  
**Grace Fisher, 30**  
**Coronado**  
**Hairstylist**

*Spent \$150 today.  
Cooks for two, husband  
and self.*  
“This week, I'll cook a couple of chicken dishes and a tenderloin dish. I



Grace Fisher

get my recipes either online or out of *Cooking Light* magazine.

“I grew up on health food (in Santa Cruz), and I read about the nutritional values in foods pretty closely.

“I don't do coupons, and I only make lists if I'm trying a new recipe.

“I go down every aisle and make sure I don't forget anything.

“We grill a lot. But I have to say that we like variety: chicken, fish, lamb, pork, beef.

“I have a few favorite recipes. I have a stuffed chicken that I like to make. I sauté chicken, mushrooms, and shallots, blend it up in a food processor, and then mix it with fat-free ricotta cheese, salt, pepper, and nutmeg. And then you poke a hole in the chicken breast, stuff all that in there, sauté it in a pan, and then there's a sauce that I put on top of it.

“I cook about four nights a week, and we go out the rest.

“I also shop at Trader Joe's. I come to Whole Foods weekly, every Monday, and I go to Trader Joe's about every other week.

“I buy about 80 per-

cent organic. I try to buy all organic, unless there's just something I need that I can't find.”

**Jake Tison, 37**  
**Banker's Hill**  
**Video producer**



Jake Tison and Lily

*Shopping with wife  
Suzanne and daughter  
Lily.*

*Spent \$35 today.  
Spends \$60 to \$80 a  
week.*

“We shop once or twice a week, and at Whole Foods about once a month.

“We also shop at Henry's, Trader Joe's, and at the Hillcrest farmers' market.

“We read vitamin panels and are very health-conscious, because my wife and daughter are vegetarians. I'm a vegetarian at home.



# List Don't want to forget:

"We use a lot of soy. That's what we were buying here today: a ton of fake meat.

"You can make all sorts of things. Spaghetti sauce, chimichangas; it doesn't matter. Whatever you'd do with meat, you can do with soy.

"Suzanne's a vegetarian for moral reasons, and has been since she was a teenager.

"It's much easier now to be a vegetarian, with all the foods available.

"Our favorite recipes are stir-fries and pastas.

"We like to eat, but we don't like to cook that much. But we eat in almost seven nights a week. We hardly ever go out."

**Tamra Miller**  
Mission Hills  
Housewife, singer, and part-time paralegal  
Spent \$350 today.  
Spends about \$1200 a month on groceries.  
Cooks for a family of four: husband, self, and two kids.  
Cooks dinner about six times a week.

"Today I got ingredients for pea soup, a vegetable stir-fry, and a couple pasta dishes.



Tamra Miller

"I'm really good at making roast lamb. It's kind of my specialty dish. I baste the lamb leg with olive oil, cinnamon, garlic, lots of fresh herbs, walnuts, soy sauce, and teriyaki, and then I roast it in the oven for a few hours.

"I shop at Whole Foods and OB People's Food. These are gourmet markets that carry specialty items and organic foods. I also go to the farmers' markets. We spend about \$300 on food every week.

"If you went through my basket, you'd see mostly whole foods that are outside of a can and outside of a jar. I'm very health-conscious.

"Standing behind these people in line at the checkouts in a lot of supermarkets, I get this impression of 'nothing

living.' But I think the idea behind our food should be that it should capture as much of the sun as possible. Instead, most of it is designed for shelf-life instead of nutritive value. That's why I only eat organic. I try to eat something living that can transmute into my life. But most food today — with preservatives and corn syrups and stuff like that — is more of a deficit to your body than an enhancement."

**Woni Spotts, 42**  
Little Italy  
Works in e-commerce, selling merchandise online



Woni Spotts

Spent \$106 today.  
Shops once a week for about \$100.  
Lives alone, prepares food for herself, but doesn't

cook. Only eats raw food.  
"I only shop at Whole Foods, but I also order food online from specialty raw-food websites.

"I'm eating raw food only now, so I have to go to the places that have the best variety of foods. I started eating raw about six months ago. I was vegetarian for a while and got a good boost from that, and then I was vegan and got a bigger boost, so now I'm raw and I'm getting a better boost. And I can't go any further, I don't think.

"I eat at home almost always, but I don't cook anything, of course. I usually make a big salad with sun-dried tomatoes, olives, sprouts, avocado, dates, and baby vegetables that are tender and don't need to be cooked.

"And then I have some raw bread that I buy. That's a specialty item that I get online, because I've only found one company that makes a raw bread that's edible.

"And I'll also have fresh fruit, of course, and nuts and nut butters, and fresh juices and smoothies throughout the day.

"I manage to stay

chubby, you know, so it can't be that bad.

"I had a favorite raw-food restaurant in New York City, and I have them FedEx me some specialty items sometimes, but I haven't really found any places out here in San Diego yet. But I've only lived here about a month."

**Albertson's, North Park, Monday, 2 p.m.**  
**Yolanda Martinez**  
Golden Hill  
Retired pediatric case manager



Yolanda Martinez

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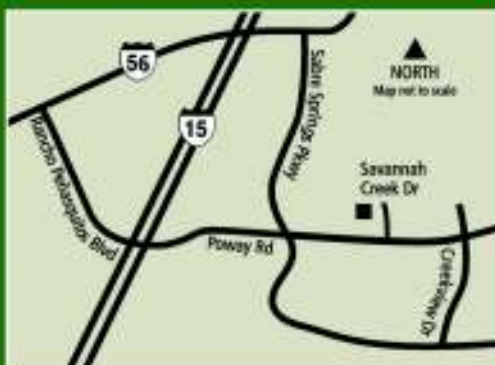
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for lunch.

“Usually we cook chicken or pasta.

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“We have a weekly shopping list next to the refrigerator and go shopping when we need to.

“I’m health-conscious, but my girlfriend isn’t, really. I try to get the low-fat and lean stuff, but she just goes for the flavor.”

**Kathy Valiquette, 61 Kensington**  
*Goes to school to learn upholstery*

*Today she bought some shrimp to make a pasta with shrimp, olives, garlic, white wine, and tomatoes.*

*She lives alone but often cooks for friends and for her family, who live nearby.*

“I shop at Henry’s, Vons, and Trader Joe’s.



Kathy Valiquette



Jeff Wolter

But today I came to Albertson’s because I thought the shrimp was on sale. It wasn’t. But I got some anyway.

“I shop often, at least a few times a week, and buy a thing or two at a time. I spend about \$75 a week, on average.

“I make a fabulous roast chicken. I’m Hungarian, so I make lots of good casseroles and cabbage rolls and things.

“I usually eat out for lunch and cook at home most nights.

“Sugar content and fat content matter to

me, but calories not so much. I think if you eat moderately then you’ll be okay.”

**Jeff Wolter, 38 North Park**  
*Assistant manager at a nursery*

*Spent \$150 today.*

*Shops about once a week on average and spends about \$80.*

“I moved to San Diego yesterday, from Atlanta, and came to Albertson’s because it was nearby.

“I needed to fill an empty refrigerator but didn’t make a list.

Instead, I walked up

and down every aisle and got what I needed: condiments, milk, cheese, bread, cereal, vegetables.

“I don’t cook much. I’m a real good cook, but I don’t like to cook. I make good seafood. But I also do a good roast chicken with spinach and rice and a little bit of cheese.

“I cook about once a week and go out to dinner most of the time. But my roommate’s a chef, so she cooks, usually. I have to go buy the stuff, and then she cooks it.

I’m pretty health-conscious, because I used to weigh 350 pounds. I’m down to about 160 now. But I usually eat whatever and whenever I want, because I exercise a lot. I run about 15 miles a day.

“I like vegetables and salads, roughage, but my favorite thing to

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Kim Fox

“I use a lot of coupons.

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months old, and my  
oldest is only four, so  
the groceries haven't  
started getting expensive

yet. Our biggest  
expenses so far are baby  
food and milk. When  
the kids get older, it's  
going to be a lot more.

“I also shop at  
Henry's and Trader  
Joe's. I shop about once  
or twice a week.

“We eat in almost  
every night, but some-  
times we do takeout.

“We eat pancakes or  
cereal for breakfast and  
usually leftovers for  
lunch.

“My favorite recipe  
is for a vegetable  
spinach lasagna.

“We don't eat a lot  
of meat, and my hus-  
band has high blood  
pressure, so we check  
the sodium content and  
make most of our meals  
from scratch. I also read  
labels for hydrogenated  
oils and trans fats,  
because all the snack  
foods for kids are  
loaded with bad stuff.

“I prefer to find  
snacks made with cane  
juice and all-natural  
ingredients, even

though they're a little  
more expensive.”

**Patie Hansen, 59,  
Pacific Beach**

Spent \$51 today.  
Spends an average of  
\$100 a week.

“I usually cook for two



Patie Hansen

(myself and my signifi-  
cant other), but every  
Tuesday I have a dinner  
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“My best recipe is  
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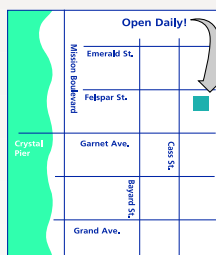
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"I shop at Ralphs, Costco, and Vons.

"I'm low-carb, and my boyfriend's low-fat, so we have a compromise: lots of fresh fruit. We eat cereal with fresh fruit and nonfat milk for breakfast. And I often won't eat much for lunch.

"I cook at home about five times a week.

"My only philosophy about food is to pick out fresh ingredients and your dishes will usually turn out okay."

**Phil Martin, 32**

**Mission Beach**

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*Spent \$25 today.*

*Spends about \$75 a week on food.*

*Lives with four roommates.*

"I eat in almost every night. Sometimes I cook for the house, but every-

one cooks, nothing that's processed, and very few things that are premade."

**Rose Caro, 47**

**Pacific Beach**

*Spent \$136 today.*

*Spends about \$100 a*

*week on groceries.*

*Cooks for four to six people, depending on who's staying for the weekend (cooks for three kids and her mother, as well as her boyfriend and her boyfriend's daughter).*

"I eat in four to five

times a week.

"Today I bought a lot of frozen foods so the kids can snack on their own. Cheeses, breads, and a lot of liquids, water, iced tea, and juices.

"I shop at

Albertson's because it's convenient, but otherwise I always go to Ralphs. The prices are better; they have what I need; I know the store.

"I don't make shopping lists, I just go up and down every aisle.

"I barbecue a lot. My best recipe might have to be a beef roast. I marinate it with teriyaki, put in lots of vegetables, and then roast.

"My philosophy of food is not too much



Phil Martin

one cooks. I make a lot of seafood dishes.

"My best recipe is a 'surf and turf': filet mignon and lobster.

"Usually I just wing it and throw ingredients together. My mom gets mad because I just wing it and I cook better than she does.

"My roommates don't touch my food. We have our own areas of the refrigerator, and it works out pretty well.

"I also shop at Trader Joe's and Henry's.

"I eat a lot of fruit and vegetables. I read labels. I like to try to live a healthy life. I try to eat

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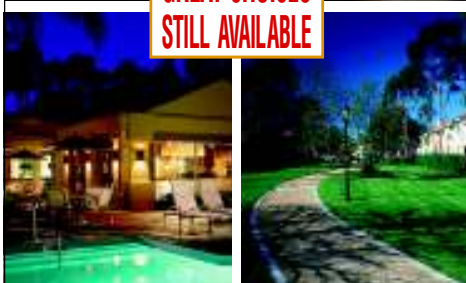
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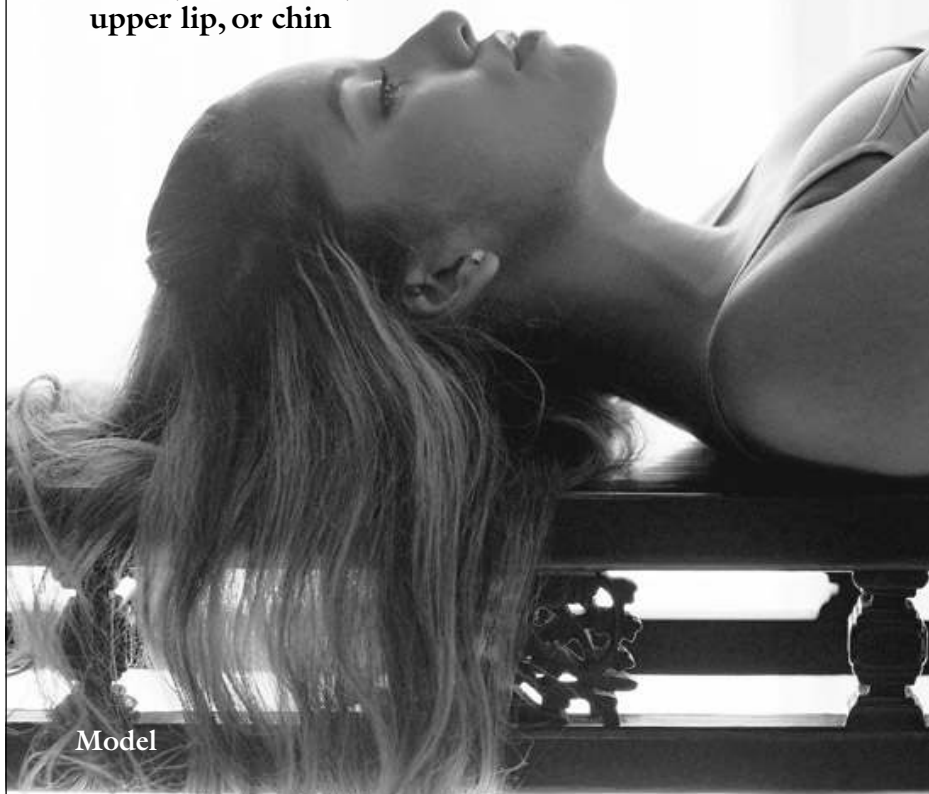
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Rose Caro

junk or sugar. I save that stuff for the weekend as a treat. I don't buy the stuff to keep around the house on a daily basis, because it'll go quick."

**Jonathan's  
Specialty Market,  
La Jolla,**

**Tuesday, 4 p.m.**

**Karen Kessler, 65**

**La Jolla**

*Retired director of adult  
education*

*Spent \$76 today.*

*Couldn't say how much she spends in a week on groceries. "It varies. I go out a lot, so I really don't know.*

*"I cook at home for myself and my husband maybe a couple of times a week.*

*"My husband doesn't eat breakfast, and I usually have eggs. I always*



Karen Kessler

eat out for lunch.

"Tonight I'm making a fish dish, so I bought the ingredients for that. I also bought some household products that we needed.

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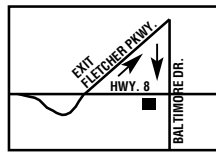
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"I'm very health-conscious, and I know what I want. I usually just buy fresh produce. Everything has to be fresh and low-fat.

"I'm going right now to the fish market

to get fresh fish."

### Carolyn Young, 55 Rancho Bernardo

Spent \$50 today.  
Spends about \$150 a week on food.

Cooks for herself, because her sons are in college.

"I eat out probably about 75 percent of the time. Or I order out and bring food home.

"Usually I get a sandwich at Jonathan's for lunch, and it'll last me for two days.

"When I do cook, I make chicken usually, and I also make soups.

"My best recipe is a shish kabob over rice pilaf. You marinate it in



Carolyn Young

all sorts of herbs and spices, garlic and oil, paprika, and you put on lots of vegetables and you grill it.

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the Clamato juice, because they have the small cans, and nobody else has the small cans. I can't drink the soda-sized cans. It's too much.

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"I don't usually read nutrition labels. I feel like I can tell. I've been around a while, so I know what's what. I don't really think that I have to be too health-conscious because I don't indulge in the things that one should not indulge in."

**Stan Chodorow, 63**  
**La Jolla**  
**Retired college history teacher**

*Spent \$55 today.*

*Spends about \$500 a month on food.*

*Cooks for his wife and himself.*

"Today I bought lamb for a stew.

"I shop at Vons, Whole Foods, and occasionally Henry's. I also go to the Fishery in PB for fresh fish.

"We don't go out

weeks, for nights when I won't be available. I do fish, various kinds, scallops. My best recipe lately has been an osso buco.

"For osso buco, you take a veal shank, and you chop up carrots,

onions, celery, and garlic. I also take the rind of a Parmesan cheese. So you brown the meat, and you soften up the veggies, you put it all together with wine and a chicken stock, and then you braise it for a

couple of hours.

"I started cooking in about 1975, when my wife's business (she's a real estate broker here in town) got so busy that she mastered the three-minute meal. So I took over the cooking. Well,

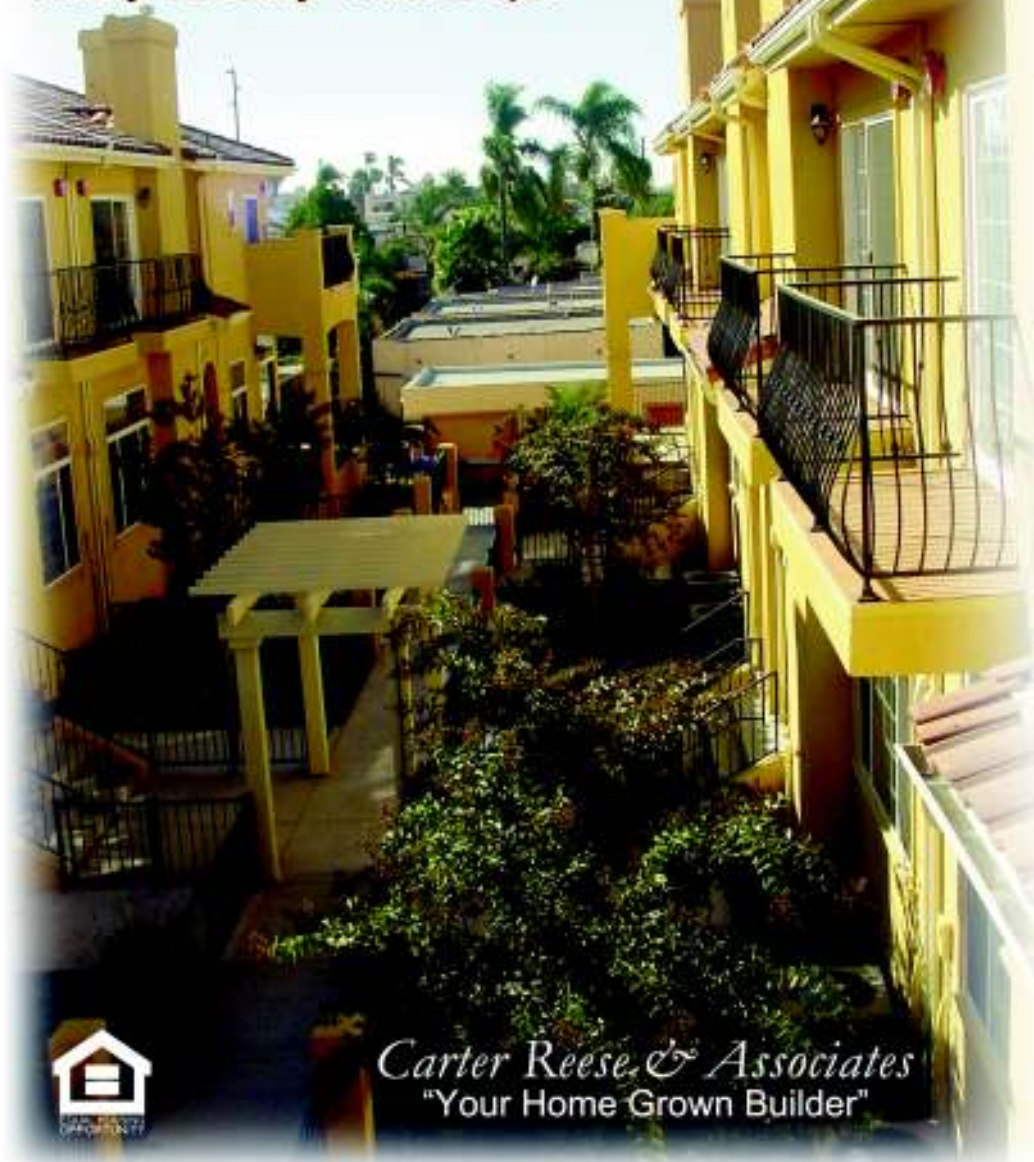
first I took over the shopping, and once you take over the shopping, then you take over the cooking. I knew nothing. But, in the last few years, I've gone twice to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park,

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Stan Chodorow

much. I do all of the cooking. Say six or seven days a week.

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### Vons, Normal Heights, Friday, 3 p.m.

### Madonna Floyd, 18

### College Area

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Family spends about \$80 a week on food.

"Four people eat in our household: my mother, my brother, my boyfriend, and me.

"I'm the cook. I cook tacos, chicken, a lot of things. My best recipe is tacos. I put in onions, garlic, salt, pepper, oil, and ground beef, and I cook it up in a pan.

Then I buy corn tortillas and I fry them myself.

"Today we got cereal, sandwich meat, yogurt, peanut butter and jelly, creamer, and a



Madonna Floyd

"We eat at home almost every night. We hardly ever go out.

"I eat what I like, and I don't cook what I don't like."

### Charles McPherson, 66 Talmadge Musician

Spent \$68 today.

Spends about \$60 a week on groceries.

Lives with his wife and his daughter.



Charles McPherson

loaf of sourdough bread. Oh, and we got milk. My mom got 1 percent and I got whole milk.

"My mom's health-conscious. She buys yogurt and tries to buy stuff without a lot of sugar in it. There's not a lot of snacks in the house.

"We also shop at Food4Less and Ralphs and Albertson's. We cut out coupons sometimes. If the coupon's something that we usually buy, then we cut it out.

"We shop about once a week.

"My wife does most of the cooking. We eat in most nights of the week. I shop; she shops; we both take care of that

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one. We rarely shop together, although it happens.

"We don't keep lists. We just buy what we need.

"When I cook, I might cook chili. I think I make pretty good chili. I use ground beef, or sometimes I might use soy. We don't eat a lot of meat.

"We usually shop at Vons, because it's nearby.

"We are into organic foods, as much as we can get that. And Vons is starting to get more into organic products. I would rather have free-range meats and so forth. I don't want to eat hormones. We also try to stay away from trans fats and that kind of stuff. And we like soy. Although some soy products are better than others. Some soy tastes like rubber, but some of it is actually good.

"I'm not into food that much. Food is not the main event. It's an event, but not the main one. The main event is music!"

**David Gunther, 51**  
**Normal Heights**  
**Gardener**  
*Spent \$15 today.*  
*Spends \$50 a week for himself and his girlfriend.*

"I do most of the cooking. I cook anything and everything. But I really like to make homemade pizzas. I even make the dough and the sauce. I usually purchase volume from Costco and make a whole bunch of

sauce and dough at one time and then store it in jars and keep it in the freezer.

"I'd say we eat in five or six times a week. The other two nights we might have fast food. For lunch, I'll usually go

home and make a sandwich. Or maybe I'll just go out for fast food.

"I am health-conscious. I usually only eat whole-wheat bread. And I try to stick to fruit and vegetables. I also watch my carbohydrates,

because I'm trying to bring my weight back down. I play a lot of tennis, but I injured my knee. So I've been out of tennis for about a month, and I've put on a few pounds. As my knee heals, I've got to

start watching what I eat.

"I go to Costco, Albertson's, Vons, and also Food4Less. I'm usually out and about gardening, and I'll go shopping when I decide what I might want for dinner.

I'll just stop by whatever market is close, and I'll buy what we need.

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low-sugar, and low-fat. Mostly I'm living on Special K and oatmeal, pretty much. And once in a while, I'll have a tuna sandwich. "My mom does all the cooking. I'll go visit her, and she cooks Lebanese food, which is pretty healthy. But I don't cook at all. I just make cold food or oatmeal.

"I used to eat out, but I don't anymore, because of my diet. I



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"I usually only shop at Vons, because I live right here.

"You can find healthy foods in any store, if you know how to look. You have to read the labels.

"I think what you eat depends on your age and your lifestyle and how much you exercise and biologically what your issues are too. If you have high cholesterol, that's usually genetic, but you have to eat differently. So you have to pay attention to your issues and eat accordingly."

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Linda Bright, 46, and Kristin Westerman, 42, South Park

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Linda Bright and Kristin Westerman

Wednesday for 50 people for church.

"It's just the two of us in our household. We both cook, but Linda does about 75 percent of it.

"We usually plan to

eat at home four to five nights a week. We're vegetarians, and right now we're making a lot of soups. Our best meal is pumpkin soup. We use potatoes, a can of pumpkin, the three Cs: coriander, cayenne, and

cumin, avocados, tomatoes, cilantro, and sour cream on top.

"We read labels to avoid partially hydrogenated oils. We also eat a lot of fiber and fruits and vegetables."

Said Bright: "I just

try to eat what my grandmother used to eat."

Said Westerman: "I just like to eat a lot of everything. I really like to eat."

Karen Marshall, 49

### South Park Mental health therapist Spent \$50 today.

Spends about \$65 a week on food. Shares household with her partner. "I do most of the cooking. I'm vegetarian, but my partner's a meat-

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“I eat in probably six days a week.

“A lot of times I get organic food. I shop at Henry’s and Trader Joe’s.

“Today I got a lot of vegetarian TV dinners. They’re actually pretty good: all-natural and health-conscious.

“I try to make my food healthy and not add a lot of calories and stuff to it. I also don’t use a lot of spices. To me, it’s great, but a lot of people think it’s boring.”

**Karena Endrizzi, 41**



*Karen Marshall*

**Normal Heights**  
**Merchandise analyst**  
*Spent \$160 today.*  
*Spends about \$160 a week on food.*

*Cooks for self, husband, and daughter.*

“I cook chicken, fish, and we eat a lot of salads. My husband might think that I don’t have any ‘best recipe.’ And now that I try to think of one, nothing comes to mind.

“We probably eat out twice a week.

“I shop at Henry’s, Trader Joe’s, and some-

times Whole Foods. We try to avoid the big chains, because the quality of food doesn’t seem as good. You can’t get as much organics.

“We’re somewhat health-conscious. I read labels for fat content and sugars. I like to look for whole grains and things of that nature. We try to stay away from hydrogenated oils.”

**Jesse and Shantala Cryns, each 27**  
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“We eat out about three or four meals a week, including lunches.

“Both of us cook, but she cooks more, maybe about 70/30. His spaghetti sauce is the best, but we make tons of different stuff. The key to a good sauce is to

make everything from scratch. It’s full of vegetables, and it takes about three hours.

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Marsala. We often shop together, but we try to stay away from these places on the weekends, because they’re too busy.

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*Shantala and Jesse Cryns*

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NOT SOME-  
THING THAT  
SHOULD  
CAUSE  
HATRED,  
WARS, AND  
DEATH.

**F**rom Michelangelo's *The Creation of Adam* to Jim Carrey in *Bruce Almighty*, there have been many attempts to portray God in a human context. However, for me, seeing breathtaking displays of nature's power and beauty are the closest humans can come to experiencing the presence of God. It can be a rare, brilliant green flash as the final rays of sun disappear, the view from Mt. Everest, or an untouched field of freshly fallen snow. There are moments in the natural world that are so perfect they feel as if they could have only been created with a divine touch.

As I am generally agnostic, I have only had one memorable experience during which I believed that a higher power exists. It was summer, and I had spent the day at the beach. My family was about to leave because the sun was going down, but I went in the water for one last swim. It must have been the combination of the warm water and the relaxation I felt, but that swim in the golden waves with the setting sun was exhilarating. And despite the risk of sounding clichéd, I can only describe the feeling as being "one" with the water and the earth in general. Everything was perfect for those few minutes in the ocean; I believed that the world was an okay place after all.

That experience made me decide that if God

involves himself in human affairs, he does it to give people comfort, strength, and faith in humankind. In a world where the news highlights tragedy and scandal, people need to maintain hope and faith, be it faith in the existence of God, faith in the good in people, or simply faith that in the end, everything will be all right.

— Jennie Matusova,  
La Jolla H.S.

**I**f God were to ever pay me a visit, the meeting would probably take place somewhere safe and silent, where I feel most at peace, like on the shore of a quiet beach or in the midst of a white fog on the top of a mountain around sunrise. I would imagine that God would convey all the qualities of the perfect

being: grace, humor, strength, and beauty.

Because the most sensational supremacy has chosen me with whom to converse, I would take it upon myself to ask the most frequently asked questions about life: Does everything happen for a reason? Are you disappointed with the human race? Is the end of civilization approaching? What does heaven look like? Will I ever see it?

Although God would probably evoke more of a presence than a face and a holy warmth rather than an embrace, I could still feel Him smiling. He will tell me that everything I will ever want to know in my lifetime will be answered when I perish. But, as for heaven, He would only tell me that it is universally perfect in everyone's eyes. At 16 years

## RESEARCH STUDIES

### Missing Something?



Have you noticed a decrease in sexual desire? You may qualify for a medical research study for women suffering from HSDD (Hypoactive Sexual Disorder), a common form of sexual dysfunction. We are looking for healthy pre-menopausal women over the age of 18. If interested, call:

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### Research Study for Chronic Constipation

#### Chronic Constipation?

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old, I would question why He chose to appear to me. Knowing that I try to provoke peace in society every day, God would say that I have to continue to spread the idea of peace and shape it into reality.

Because many of the world's crises concern war (such as the genocide in Sudan, the U.S.-Iraq war, the Kashmir border conflict, and the rise of numerous extremist

talked, He was sucking on a Popsicle much larger than His face, and, quite frankly, was getting more on His chin than in His mouth.

On His shirt was a monster truck named "Lamb Chopper," barely visible underneath the dirt and grass stains that covered the front. The knees of His jeans were green and ripped from hours of playing.

ON HIS SHIRT WAS A MONSTER TRUCK NAMED "LAMB CHOPPER," BARELY VISIBLE UNDERNEATH THE DIRT AND GRASS STAINS.

groups in the Middle East), God needs me to warn the world of the outcome of a worldwide war. Although I would be in a state of shock, God would advise me to approach resolution the way that Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. did — by expressing their beliefs without offense or hatred, but with reverence.

— Nichole Naoum,  
West Hills H.S.

He was as innocent and carefree as ever, just like they say He is, staring up at me with large blue eyes, a mess melting in His hands and down the front of His shirt.

"You look weird," He said.

"Gee, you're observant." I transferred my weight to my right side and put a hand on my hip.

"Is that what happens when you grow up?" I looked at Him, con-

God is my next-door neighbor. He talks to me over the backyard fence, invites me over for a game of baseball, and sometimes, if I am lucky, He will let me play Hot Wheels with Him.

He is about three foot five inches tall and loves to play "airplane." His hair is a brilliant shade of orange, His teeth small and a little bit crooked. When we last



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## Insomnia Research Study

Affiliated Research Institute is currently accepting participants 18 years of age and older for an insomnia research study involving an investigational medication for the treatment of insomnia.

### Did you know:

- Primary Insomnia occurs in up to 10% of adults and 25% of elderly adults
- Insomnia causes significant impairment in work, social and daily functions

### We are looking for patients who:

- Are 18 years of age or older
- Have difficulty maintaining sleep
- Have difficulty falling back asleep once awakened
- Feel non-refreshed after sleep and tired during the day

Qualified participants will receive study-related physical exams, laboratory tests and investigational medication at no charge. Qualified participants will also receive compensation for time and travel.

For additional information regarding qualification for this study, please contact:

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## Combined Inpatient/Outpatient

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To learn more about this research study or to schedule an appointment with our staff, call us today:

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## Is your schizophrenia medication making you heavy?

If you have been diagnosed with schizophrenia and would like to participate in a study that monitors weight, you might consider participating in a medical research study that is studying an investigational drug for schizophrenia.

### You may qualify if you are:

- Diagnosed with schizophrenia
- Between 18 and 65 years old
- Have taken Zyprexa (Olanzapine) or Risperdal (Risperidone) for the past 3 months
- Have not been hospitalized for schizophrenia in the past 3 months

Those who qualify will receive study-related procedures, such as physical exams, laboratory tests and study medication.

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## Are you depressed?

You may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study for depression if you meet the following criteria:

- At least 18 years old
- Have a history of depression
- Currently depressed for at least 2 months
- Current episode of depression not lasting more than two years

**Eligible participants will receive study medication, study-related care and diagnostic exams at no cost.**

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## We are looking for men and women diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder.

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fused. Then I looked at myself.

Here I was, standing in the grass in trousers and a dress shirt. I assumed this attire looked ridiculous to a child, especially since my shoes were covered in mud from tromping through the grass.

"What do you mean?" I asked, pulling on my shirt collar self-consciously.

"Is that what happens? Do you turn into a Money Lady?" He looked upset. His eyebrows met in the middle of His forehead, making a triangle. "Do you ever get to play

baseball?"

I shook my head slowly, sadly.

"No baseball!?" He was astonished. "I never want to grow up!"

"Why not?"

**FOR ALL WE KNOW, WE COULD'VE BEEN AN ALIEN'S EXPERIMENTS GONE WRONG OR DESCENDANTS OF THEM.**

"Old people never have any fun." He thrust His fists down to His sides, spraying melted Popsicle in my direction. The juice landed on my shirt pocket.

"You're right," I said. "Old people never have any fun." I smiled and grabbed His stomach and tickled Him. He let out a scream of laughter as I attempted to prove Him

wrong.

"I'll teach you!" I yelled jokingly. I knew very well who was being taught. I guess God doesn't have to be some big man in the sky to

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## Bothered by Arthritis? Concerned about Heart Disease?

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To qualify you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
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## Attn: Heavy Drinkers

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## Women Needed to Participate in Domestic Violence Research Study

**Who can participate?**

- Women between the ages of 18 and 60 and
- Are recently out of a domestic violence situation

**What is involved?**

Once we determine that you qualify for this study (via phone interview), you will be asked to participate in the following:

- An In-Person Interview (2 hours)
- Neuropsychological Testing (2 hours)
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You will receive free individual psychotherapy and up to \$400 for your participation.

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# Research Studies Offered by Medical Center for Clinical Research



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You're invited to see if you may qualify for a medical research study for women concerned about their decreased sexual desire. The purpose of the study is to determine the effectiveness and safety of an investigational medication for Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (HSDD). Physicians right in your area are conducting the medical research study.

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To qualify you must:

- Have had 4 or more episodes of genital herpes in the past year (or 4 or more in the year before you started suppressive therapy in the past)
- Be a healthy adult 18 years or older

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— Erin Bradley,  
Rancho Bernardo H.S.

**W**hen it comes to religion, I have an agnostic outlook. How can I believe in a deity that hasn't caused any inexplicable miracles or events? Nature and science can prove just about anything that happens in the world, so where's room for a God?

There are a few reasons why I chose not to be religious, yet that doesn't mean I am close-minded to anyone else's religious beliefs. I'm not a critic and won't discriminate against someone because of their religion. In fact, that's one reason why I chose not to believe in a god: religion seems like it should be a peace-

ful, hope-giving experience, not something that should cause hatred, wars, and death. Why would anyone want to believe in something that tells them to hate or kill? Also, wouldn't God have prevented certain "unwanted" events that have happened in my life?

**"SHOULDN'T YOU BE UP IN THE SKY SOMEWHERE, ANSWERING PEOPLE'S PRAYERS OR SOMETHING?"**

I know a few people who have had horrible things happen to them that they didn't deserve. Some believed in a god and religion, but still they met an early death or became ill. Things happen for a reason that nobody can control, not even a god. It's

just a mystery of life. And I can live with that belief, not try and blame it on some higher being that I can't prove is real.

I'll admit I believe in "aliens"; not the stereotypical green ones with big heads who fly around in spaceships, but a more intelligent race. Humans

can't possibly be the only living race in this gigantic universe. For all we know, we could've been an alien's experiments gone wrong or descendants of them. Thinking that a god can control a planet is somewhat believable to me but to think one god

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**Participants will be compensated for time and travel.**



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## Type 2 Diabetes Research

Dr. Robert Henry and his associates at the VA San Diego Healthcare System are looking for volunteers (both veterans and non-veterans) to take part in a research study evaluating the effects of an investigational drug not approved by the FDA being developed to treat Type 2 Diabetes.

Qualified participants will receive study-related care by board-certified providers, study-supplied drug, and a glucose meter with test strips to last the duration of the study at no cost, as well as up to \$3,570 in compensation for time and travel.

To qualify, participants must:

- Be above the age of 18
- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- Not be taking medication for your Diabetes

To learn more about the study contact Catherine DeLue at:

**(858) 552-8585 ext. 6740**



**If you are experiencing lower abdominal pain and constipation, you may be eligible for this medical research study.**

It's estimated that at some point during their lives, as many as 1 in 5 Americans have symptoms of **Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)** — a chronic gastrointestinal disorder which can include constipation, diarrhea, abdominal pain or discomfort, cramping and bloating.

Many women have a constipation-associated form of IBS, known as **IBS-C**. IBS-C is characterized by constipation or infrequent bowel movements and may include other common IBS symptoms such as lower abdominal pain and bloating.

Today, local doctors are conducting a medical research study evaluating the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medicine, called **flenzapride**, to see if it helps relieve the symptoms of **IBS-C** in women.

To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- be a woman between the ages of 18 and 65;
- regularly have less than 3 bowel movements per week;
- regularly have abdominal pain or discomfort.

Qualified participants will receive a study-related medical evaluation and investigational medicine at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may also be provided.

For more information on this local study, please contact:

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controls the entire universe? No way.

But like I always say, I could be wrong. If someone could prove to me that a god is real or some higher being exists, then so be it.

— Chelsea Kennedy,  
Madison H.S.

**A**fter a long day of school, I was ready to go home and take a nap. Unfortunately, calculus homework beckoned and I knew the nap would have to wait as I hurried home.

“Ouch!” I cried as I slammed into a tall woman with fair skin. “Good God, lady, where did you come from? Ow...that hurt.”

“I am sorry, Rachel,” she replied.

“How do you know my name?”

She smiled. “I know a lot of things.”

“Who are you?”

“I believe you had it correct when you exclaimed, ‘Good God, lady.’”

I studied her exquisite angular features for a moment before laughing. “Yeah, right. I mean, we all wish we were gods, but who are you really?”

“I am called many things, but you may call me...” She paused as if thinking about it. “...Jessica. And I created this universe you live in.”

My skepticism refused to go away. “Prove your almighty omnipotence, then.”

She sighed. “Why does no one believe anymore? Belief is something I miss.”

“Fine,” I conceded, “no miracles. Just answer one question: What is my favorite number?”

“Seventeen because it’s the day you were born on.”

I was silent for a moment. “Okay, I believe you...but what are you doing down here? Shouldn’t you be up in the sky somewhere, answering people’s prayers or something?”

“No. At the moment I’m here to talk to you.”

“Oh, well, I’m flattered. What’s the issue at hand?”

“I came to offer a bit of advice. I’m sure you’ve

heard it before, but it seems that you’ve never quite taken it to heart.”

“And so you think that if you tell me I’ll suddenly listen to the advice?”

“Well,” Jessica smiled,

“we can all dream, can’t we?”

“But I don’t even go to church. Why would you do this for me?”

“You don’t have to prove yourself to me. I pay attention to all the

people and creatures on this earth, regardless. It doesn’t matter to me what they say or do because I know the truth. What matters is what we know in our hearts. Don’t listen to the bad things

others say. Don’t second-guess yourself if people don’t seem to believe in you. Know that, and things will be fine.”

She walked past me then, as if finished.

“Wait! Was that the

advice? Aren’t you gonna answer any questions?”

“One,” she agreed.

“What’s the point?” I asked.

She shrugged. “Live.”

— Rachel Oliver,  
Madison H.S. ■

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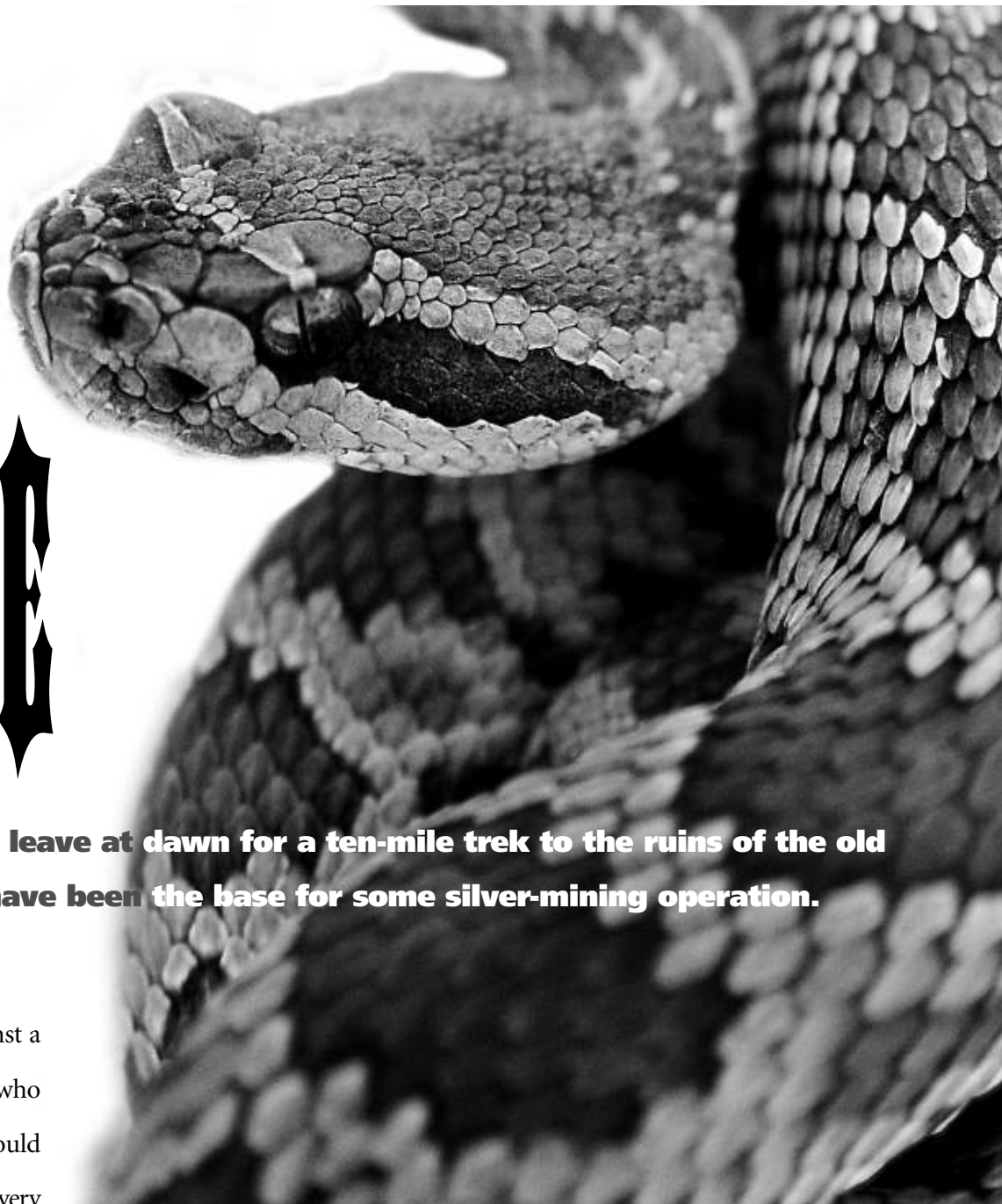
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**Ray Bogowitz and Bob Rudd decided to leave at dawn for a ten-mile trek to the ruins of the old San Pedro Martir mission, rumored to have been the base for some silver-mining operation.**

If you had to pick a group of people to pit against a large, deadly rattlesnake, the men and women who drove south into the Baja wilderness last June would have been a good choice. There were nine of them, every one the most solid of citizens: a retired metallurgist, a college professor, several housewives, a small businessman, a librarian, a truck driver, a school food service director. These were reliable people who long ago acquired big, gracious homes in older neighborhoods scattered throughout San Diego County; they were people who between them have raised more than 25 children. Though only one member of the group was under the age of 35, all were trim and fit, and most were in superb physical condition. Every one was well educated, and thoughtful, and sensible. Most important, every one of the nine was profoundly at ease in the wilderness, indeed, had sought refuge in it repeatedly, almost compulsively, over the years. They could take care of themselves, they all thought.

They thought not so much in terms of “taking care of” rattlesnakes as casually coexisting with them. Every person in the group had encountered the local vipers on many occasions. One man, Glen Conklin, even liked to catch wild rattlesnakes with his bare hands; though he’d been bitten a few times, he had suffered no ill effects. One of the women on the trip said complacently, “I’m more afraid of traffic accidents than rattlesnakes.” Said another, “We’ve been camping for so many years, so many times, and no one has ever gotten hurt by one.” They had come to assume, at least on some level of consciousness, that no one ever would.

The trip on which someone finally did was planned for the third week in June, one of the many half-spontaneous outings spawned by the “Baja group.” That’s what people call the loose, informal association of 30 or 40 San Diego County residents who share a passion for Baja and get together for potlucks maybe once a month to show their most recent slides. Some have been camping together for 20 years, others are newcomers, but almost everyone is a longtime San Diego County resident.

Betty and Glen Conklin heard about the trip to La Grulla Meadow from Dick Schwenkmeyer, an old friend and biology teacher at Mesa College. Schwenkmeyer and his wife Verle had made the 250-mile trip several times; in fact, Dick had twice led groups from the San Diego Natural History Museum to La Grulla, a high meadow located in the center of Baja’s Sierra San Pedro Martir National Park, just about halfway between San Quintín and San Felipe. The Schwenkmeys were planning to return this year with the Conklins, and when Claire Brey heard this, she envied them. Claire, a grandmother, lives in La Jolla and is still a hardy hiker, but back troubles had always prevented her from visiting this particular spot, since reaching it requires carrying a backpack over a half-dozen miles that begin at an elevation of 7500 feet. Then Claire got the idea of hiring a pack mule from a ranch near the meadow; Verle Schwenkmeyer and Betty Conklin also like the idea of having mules carry their packs. At a “Baja group” beginning-of-the-summer party, word of the outing spread. Among those who decided to join it were Rosemary Nugent, the 33-year-old food serv-

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ice director for the Francis Parker School, and a hiking buddy of Rosemary's named Ray Bogowitz.

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in the wilderness, and though a seasoned Baja explorer, he had never laid his eyes on La Grulla Meadow. When his automobile battery started acting up the morning of the trip, he wasn't about to let that ruin his day. He managed to get to Mission Hills, where he picked up Rosemary Nugent; then the two of them stopped in Chula Vista to buy a spare battery and some medication for Rosemary, who just that morning had broken a tooth.

By midafternoon they had made it to the landmark Melting Ranch, the cattle and guest ranch located about 22 miles from the entrance to the Mexican national park. They arrived just as a tow truck pulled in Glen and Betty Conklin's pickup truck, disabled by transmission problems. Later, members of the group were to comment on how many little things had gone wrong, as if the trip were cursed from the beginning.

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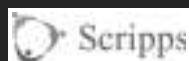
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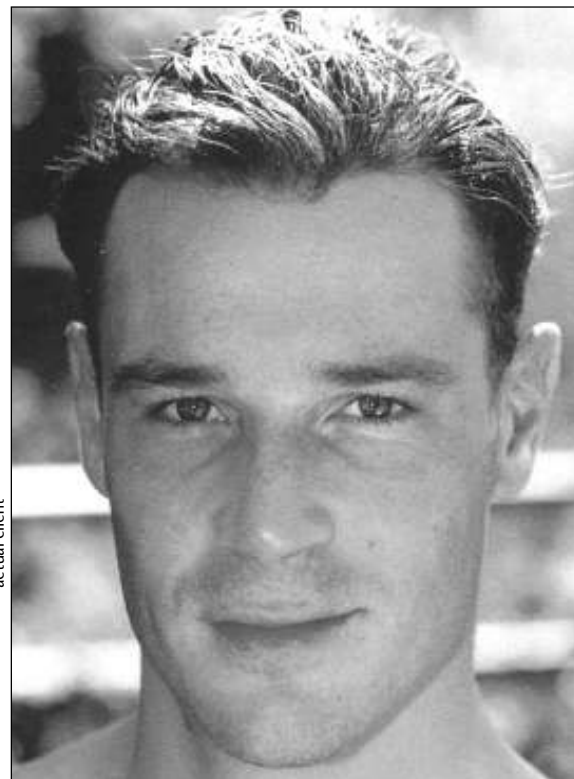
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That Saturday afternoon, the Conklins, Ray, and Rosemary weren't thinking any such gloomy thoughts. Ray was renowned for his ability to fix mechanical things under even the most primitive of circumstances, and he set to work immediately on the disabled vehicle. But finally he had to admit he was foiled by the lack of metric tools. From the ranch, the group was able to radio to a man in Colonia Guerrero with a telephone. He in turn called San Diego and asked the other group members to bring the needed tools, a low bar, and some transmission fluid. It was early afternoon the next day by the time the supplies arrived, borne by the five other members of the expedition: Claire Brey, the Schwenkmeyers, and a married couple in their early 40s, Karen and Bob Rudd. Everyone was anxious to reach the meadow, though, and so the job of repairing the Conklins' truck was postponed until the return trip.

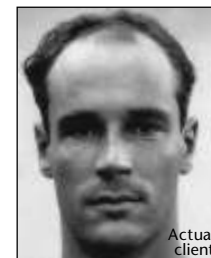
By early Sunday evening, the party of nine had driven from the Meling Ranch to their trail head — a spot inside the park called La Tasajera. There they met Petin Thing, the 58-year-old vaquero who had agreed to work as their mule driver. After supper by the campfire, everyone bedded down early, and they arose early the next morning. By eight they had loaded Petin's two mules and left the vehicles behind to follow a trail that twists through stands of pines and manzanita, passing great granitic boulders, crossing a small stream, leading steadily downward about a thousand feet, many times over the steep faces of ancient rocks. Rosemary and Ray, the friskiest hikers, reached the sandy-bottomed meadow at the end of the trail after about three and a half hours, then settled down to wait for the others to trickle in: first the Conklins and the Rudds, then the Schwenkmeyers and Claire Brey.

Over the next few days, Bob Rudd took photographs of the meadow, and the images are amazing. A verdant carpet covers the meadow for miles in all directions. The only reminder of how brutally broken is most of this part of the world is the mountains. Once a lake covered the meadow bed, and the

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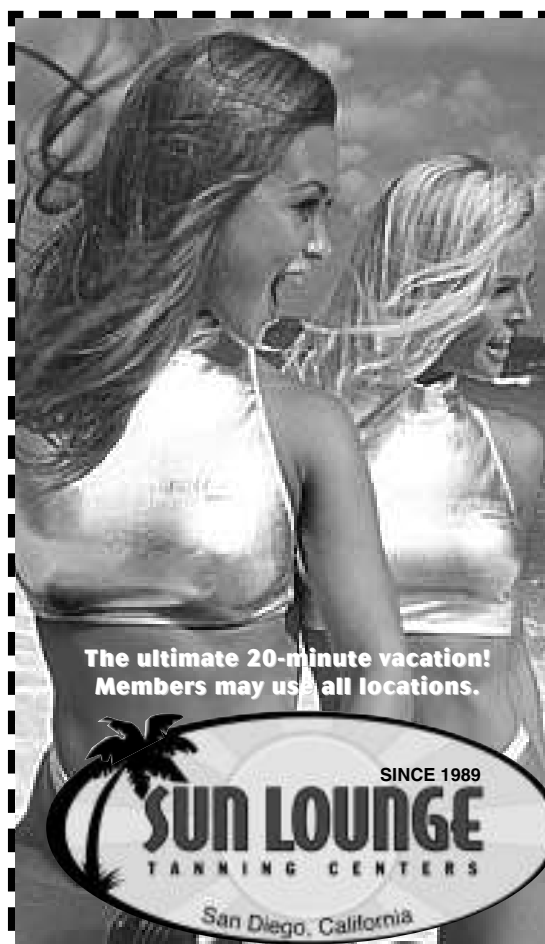
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land hasn't completely dried out; people tell stories about mules wandering off and disappearing into the boggy patches of ground. More than a dozen ranchers run their cattle in the park during the summer. No roads have been built here, and no truck could enter. This is a fragment of the Old West, still surviving. People travel by horseback or on foot.

By one that afternoon, the San Diego hikers had made their way to a cluster of trees and boulders bordered on one side by a meandering stream. Several vaqueros were fishing there, hooking plump trout with nothing more than worms stuck on crude hooks tied to kite string. Nearby the hikers set up a central campfire that they would use for communal meals. Two big logs provided seating, and a slab from a broken boulder formed a convenient serving table. But though they would share their meals, the members of the group scattered when they went to set up their bedrolls, each individual or couple settling into private

nooks spread over an area the size of a baseball field: No one wandered very far from camp that day, but by the next morning, the divergent interests in the group had sorted the nine individuals into three different parties. The older two couples and Claire Brey hiked a short loop around the meadow, while Rosemary Nugent and the Rudds followed a longer loop that took them to the noisy scene where vaqueros were hard at work, branding their cattle, cutting ears, and inoculating the animals.

Ray Bogowitz struck off alone across country to visit Rancho Viejo, another cowboy camp he had never seen before. This was typical of Ray, who commonly ventured forth on solitary hikes. People in the Baja group thought of him as a risk taker, as well as a man extraordinarily competent at extracting himself from sticky situations.

But none of the group ran into any trouble that first full, idyllic day, and in the evening, each made eager plans for the next morning.

Three of the women announced they wanted to relax and so would head for a pool where the streambed widened to read, sun themselves, and wade. Dick Schwenkmeyer planned to lead a second group including his wife, the Conklins, and Rosemary Nugent on a seven-mile hike to La Encantada Meadow where Dick had found a *metate* some years before. He hoped to relocate the grinding stone and carry it back in a day pack. Most ambitious were the plans of Ray Bogowitz and Bob Rudd, who decided to leave at dawn for a ten-mile trek to the ruins of the old San Pedro Martir mission, rumored to have been the base for some silver-mining operation. Originally they had talked about hiking to the site and camping overnight there, returning the next day. But then Petin had advised that with an early start, a day trip would be feasible, if physically demanding. It sounded a little too punishing a hike for the taste of Rosemary, who originally had thought about

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going but changed her plans to join Dick Schwenkmeyer's group.

Still, the outing to the mission must have lingered in Rosemary's unconscious, for she had a dream about it, an oddly disturbing one. Early Wednesday morning, she had heard Ray preparing to leave, and he apologized for walking through the area where she was sleeping. She rolled over and went back to sleep, and probably a half-hour later she dreamed everyone was standing around her, discussing whether to wake her. Ray was saying, "Don't wake her. Let her sleep," when Rosemary sat straight up in her sleeping bag and said, "Don't go! Don't leave me behind!" It was then she realized Ray and Bob Rudd had already departed; there was no way she could communicate her misgivings. Throughout that day, June 25, Rosemary was to feel a sense of ill-defined malaise.

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By the time Rosemary awoke from her nightmare, Ray and Bob had hiked halfway to the end of La Grulla Meadow. Petin, mounted on horseback, led them along the trail

leading to the neighboring Alcatraz Meadow; then about 7:15 a.m., the two hikers and their guide plunged into the brush, heading west through stands of Jeffrey pine, red-shank, and manzanita. By eight, they had reached the top of a high ridge, and Petin described the landmarks that would lead Ray and Bob the rest of the way to the mission: a canyon called Arroyo Alcatraz, two distant ridges, then a pine-filled valley, and finally a sharp drop-off to their destination. Ray and Bob said good-bye to the vaquero and soon came to the bottom of the arroyo through which water coursed. "What a lovely place for a picnic," Ray commented. They filled their water bottles and pressed on.

Their first encounter with a rattlesnake turned out to be graceful and a little comic. They had headed south into a small side canyon they hoped would lead them over the top of the first ridge. Ray was crashing along, maybe 50 yards in the lead, when he vaulted over a log crossing the bottom of the gully and called out, "Rattlesnake!" in an emphatic but calm voice. He had landed with one foot on either side of the serpent. But the rat-

tlesnake fortunately was in the process of swallowing a small rabbit, and thus it was in no position to bite anything else, no matter how close. After withdrawing a few paces, Ray and Bob found themselves looking at a fully mature Southern Pacific rattlesnake, the most common rattlesnake found in Southern California and Baja. These snakes range from the beaches to the high mountains, though the coastal snakes tend to be more gray and mottled, whereas the mountain dwellers are blacker and bigger. Hikers say the mountain variants disturbingly resemble the dead tree branches found everywhere. Some people also claim these particular snakes are unusually aggressive, more apt to strike with no provocation. Others say they're simply more ill-tempered and nervous. In any case, Ray and Bob were sufficiently unruffled by the incident to photograph both the snake, before it went sidwinding into the bushes, and the half-digested rabbit that it hastily disgorged.

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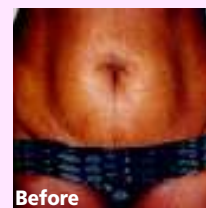
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to eat jerky, cheese, crackers, and dried fruit. Bob took a delayed-release photo of the two of them, and the image shows the fatigue they already were feeling. Ray's arms look dirty and scratched from the brush; Bob's shirt is soaked with sweat.

After lunch they hiked at a somewhat more leisurely pace, and by 2:45 they had retraced their steps to the Alcatraz Arroyo, the spot Ray had described as a great place to picnic. They couldn't decide

whether the high ground or the stream offered the better course, so Ray charged up the bank to take a look. The people in the group say this also was typical of Ray; he hiked fast and furiously, showing no caution. Claire Brey says hiking with him was a little like hiking with a dog. "By the end of the day, they cover five times the ground you do, since they're always running here and there, up and down," she says. "That's why Ray got so far." It's also why Bob Rudd never even saw the rattlesnake that sank its fangs into Ray as he ascended to the high ground. Bob only heard a sharp slap, followed by a "Yeow!" Then Ray called out that a rattlesnake had bitten him.

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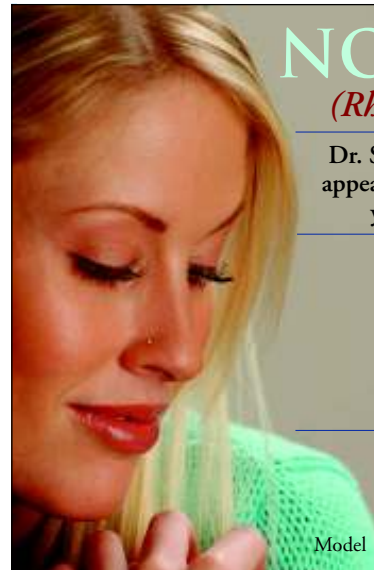
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deep. "When I was carving on him, you would have thought Ray would have winced a little bit, but he was just as relaxed as if I were stroking him with a feather," Bob marvels today. When Bob tried to use the plastic suction cup included in the snakebite kit, it hardly seemed to cover the wounds, and finally he suggested it might be better if he tried to suck the venom out with his mouth. "Well, if you wouldn't mind," Ray said with mannered calmness.

Bob recalls, "I was getting pretty good mouthfuls of blood for a while, then everything seemed to coagulate." Less than three minutes had elapsed since the time of the bite. He substi-

tuted the waist strap from his day pack for the flimsy string tourniquet, then helped Ray walk down to the edge of the water in the arroyo. Though Ray was unusually wobbly, he still reported no pain or swelling, just a faint sensation of numbness throughout his body. The two men both began to hope the bite had been "dry," as it sometimes happens, delivering little or no venom. Briefly they discussed the possibility of setting up camp on the spot, allowing Ray a chance to rest and recover. But Ray seemed adamant about wanting to get back to the base camp, a trip he didn't think he could make on foot. Around 3:00 p.m., Bob settled Ray as comfortably as

he could, then he set off on the trek back for help.

"I was pretty excited," Bob recalls. He tried to run, but his hiking boots kept hitting the rocks and brush that armor the Baja mountains, and finally he settled into a fast, steady march. His emotions were mixed. Though he felt a real sense of urgency, the accident also seemed more than anything an inconvenience. Bob was virtually certain rattlesnake venom invariably causes intense pain, so Ray's bite had to be dry, he told himself.

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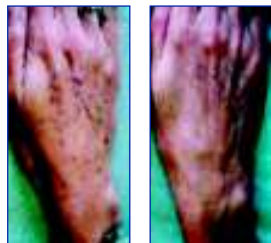
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They had heard a brief, confusing report about the snakebite from Petin, and they grilled Bob for details. Quickly the group reached the consensus that Bob and Glen Conklin should also head for the spot where Bob had left Ray, in case Petin had any problem finding the snakebite victim. The group hurried to gather every item they could imagine Ray might need: soap, thermal underwear, bedding, and some food. Once Ray was back in base camp, they could more fully assess his condition; with any luck, he would be feeling shaken but healthy. If

outside help were needed, then Dick Schwenkmeyer would hike the six miles back to the cars at the first sign of light the next morning.

To this day, the people in the group still talk about whether this was the right decision. Everyone knew that the fastest way to return to the cars was on horseback, but dusk was approaching, the night would be moonless, and Petin insisted that no horse or mule could climb the steep and tortuous trail leading out of the meadow in the dark. For Dick to hike out on foot would have exposed him not only to the

danger of stepping on a rattlesnake himself but also that of falling or getting hopelessly lost. He couldn't have reached any place with a radio much before midnight, and then there was a question of who would have responded to a call for help at that hour of the night. Besides all that, Dick adds, "We just didn't know how Ray was. I could have gone up and gotten the US Army together and brought all these people down there and found Ray walking back in. That would have been really embarrassing."

So everyone hoped for the best. Glen and Bob, though tired, were in good spirits as they made their way down the trails leading to the Alcatraz Arroyo. Both felt comforted by the thought of Petin on horseback, somewhere miles ahead of them. Petin had lived his entire life in this country, as had his parents before him, and "he'd know what to do," Glen Conklin recalls his thoughts at the time. Petin and the other vaqueros would get out their folk remedies, and they'd fix Ray right up, if he needed fixing. When the two men finally reached their destination and found Ray gone (apparently transported by Petin over an alternate route), they felt even better. Too fatigued to return to base camp, they decided to stay in the arroyo. By nine o'clock, Glen and Bob had settled down in front of a campfire with a flask of rum, confident that Ray was by then resting comfortably, surrounded by friends.

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the base camp. For a long time, they could see nothing. Only slowly did the light from the campfire illuminate the shadowy figures of Petin, two other vaqueros, and Ray — and with their approach vanished the communal hope that Ray had sustained only a dry bite. The tall, lean gringo was ashen-faced and draped over the horse like a rag doll. Part of what shocked those who greeted him was the swiftness with which this vigorous, energetic man, renowned for his catlike survival instincts, had deteriorated. As the group helped him down, he was cold to the touch. Though Ray had donned an insulated shirt, he still wore only his hiking shorts. But he managed coherently to

express how happy he was to be back with the group; the ride back had been the most miserable experience of his entire life, he said without equivocation.

Apart from the venom, one of the great dangers of rattlesnake bite comes from the risk of simple infection, and the women in the group knew this. So they immediately turned their attention to cleaning the wound. Ray's leg had swollen considerably, and though he wasn't feeling much pain, he reported feeling increasing numbness and tingling, other common symptoms of envenomation. As they ministered to him, the group learned why it had taken so long to transport Ray back. Petin's horse wasn't strong

enough to carry both the vaquero and the stricken man, so Ray rode alone — but he already had lost so much muscle coordination that several times he fell from the animal's back to the rocky ground. Finally, Petin had been forced to leave Ray alone in the dark and return to the cowboy camp where he summoned two more vaqueros, including one who had a horse capable of carrying two riders. Even thus assisted, the rescue party had had to stop several times and let Ray down to the ground, whether to sleep or regain consciousness no one was sure.

Later, Claire Brey would look back and comment on how the crisis brought out unique strengths in differ-

ent people. "Somebody would just start bossing the group around, and the rest of us would follow, and then someone else would take over." Once the group had helped Ray into a sleeping bag and piled warm clothing on him, Rosemary Nugent, Ray's young hiking companion, stepped into command. They should set up nursing watches, she suggested, with two people on each watch. She and Karen Rudd took the first tour of duty and quickly developed a routine in which they worked at keeping Ray comfortable, periodically offering him tiny sips of weak Tang to prevent dehydration. They also monitored his heart and respiration, thinking that when a doctor got there, he would want

such information. Throughout that first shift and the second, in which Betty Conklin and Claire Brey took over, Ray's pulse held right at 66 beats per minute. He breathed easily and steadily.

He seemed to remain stable as Dick Schwenkmeyer and Petin saddled up one of his mules and his horse and rode out of the camp a little after five in the morning. Although Dick hadn't been on a horse in 25 years, the two men still managed to arrive at the trail head in just about two hours. There they climbed into Dick's truck. Petin had suggested that instead of seeking help at the Meling Ranch, they should head for the astronomical observatory operated by the University of Mexico inside

the national park. It was closer, about a 70-minute ride from the trail head, and its radio was likely to be in better shape than the one at the Meling Ranch.

Schwenkmeyer's heart sped up a little as the buildings of the observatory operations center came into view around 8:30 a.m. Within minutes, he and Petin had enlisted the aid of the resident electronics engineer, a man named José Murillo, who led the visitors to the radio shack near the top of the mountain. Dick's first thought was to call the operator in San Diego and ask for the emergency number 911. Almost immediately a voice answered. Dick tried to explain as succinctly as possible what had happened.

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To his dismay, however, the voice curtly informed him that 911 services don't extend south of the border.

Dismissed without even a suggestion for whom else he might call, Dick asked Murillo to try Scripps Hospital; perhaps a Life Flight helicopter could bring help to Ray, he thought. Twice Murillo reached the hospital, and both times Dick tried to talk with the operator only to hear her hang up. This time the problem was that the radio signal from the observatory was taking six or seven seconds to reach the hospital; when the hospital's switchboard operator heard nothing, she must have assumed

the caller had hung up. Murillo then took the initiative and radioed a government agency in Mexicali, where a helicopter might be available — only to be told that it had flown to Mexico City for some official function. Dick had almost given up hope of raising help on the radio when Murillo thought of calling his boss in Ensenada, who in turn called the American consulate in Tijuana. This was the right button to push; almost two hours after Dick and Petin had reached the observatory, word finally came back that the US Coast Guard was willing to help. A copter would pick up a navy flight surgeon

in San Diego, then it would stop again in Ensenada to collect a Mexican doctor and the observatory director.

Enormous relief swept over Dick Schwenkmeyer, who all along had felt "if we could get that helicopter, we could save the day, get Ray out of there, and fix him up." At last, good fortune seemed to have smiled on the group. Within moments word came that clearance for the US flight into Mexico had been granted by officials in Mexico City — an achievement nearly miraculous in its speed (it had taken more than 24 hours to get such permission in the past). Dick began worrying about how the hel-

icopter would find the proper site on the meadow, but another radio message came to the observatory from someone at the Meling Ranch who volunteered to fly a small plane up and escort the chopper in.

About the time Dick received all this encouraging news, Ray seemed to take a turn for the better back in the base camp. He slept more and appeared more restful. His color looked better, too, and the clammy coldness that had gripped him in the night receded. But some disturbing things also had happened. At one point, Ray had confided to Rosemary that he was feeling crushing pains

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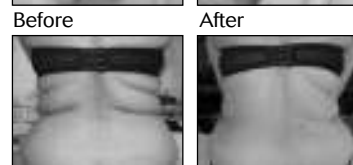
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in his chest. Around ten or eleven, his heartbeat had begun to sound somewhat erratic, skipping beats. Every hour or so, he would ask the time, and at one point, he talked with Rosemary about whether she understood clearly how to operate his truck. But Rosemary doesn't think at any point Ray himself doubted he would make it, nor did anyone else in the group.

About 11:30 a.m., Rosemary was sitting with Ray under a sunshade that the group had rigged when she noticed that his eyes were open and somewhat glazed. Alarmed, she ran from the spot to find Claire Brey, who had gone to rest on her pad in the middle of the meadow.

Years before Claire had learned CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and once she verified Ray had indeed stopped breathing, Claire dubiously acceded to Rosemary's panicked request that the group administer the resuscitation technique. No one else had had the train-

ing, so Claire not only had to struggle to remember the exact sequence for pushing on Ray's chest and blowing air into his lungs, but she also found it difficult to direct her assistants. Glen Conklin recalls, "You see it done in the movies and all that, but it's not all that easy working with a dead person. He's cold, and there's no response. Ray had a little mustache, and you're supposed to get your lips up over his." People tire quickly; they hyperventilate. At one point, when Verle Schwenkmeyer's turn came to blow into Ray's lungs, she wasn't succeeding at getting

the air in. Frightened, panicky, she cried, "I'm not doing it right! I'm not doing it right!"

"Keep it up, Verle," other people implored her.

Today Glen looks back and says, "We didn't have experience with this. But something had to be done. We didn't know if it was the right thing. But we tried."

The group struggled valiantly for almost half an hour, but Ray remained lifeless. One by one, the members of the group stepped back and admitted to themselves the unthinkable: Ray was gone.

Like almost everyone else in the group, Glen Conklin felt utter shock; he simply could not believe what had just happened. While he fought quietly to retain his composure, Rosemary cried hysterically, calling out, "No! Don't leave us Ray! No!" Claire Brey wept too, as she hugged Rosemary and tried to comfort her. Several long minutes passed before the paroxysm of grief began to subside and Claire began

directing the men to place Ray's body in his bedroll, then to cover that with cloth and plastic.

"You're still sort of thinking in terms of him as being Ray," Claire says. "You're trying to make him comfortable, put him in a nice shady place under a tree while waiting for the helicopter to arrive. I actually don't know when I began to think of him as 'the body.' He was Ray for a long time after he was dead." At some point, someone did

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think of the fact that sooner or later rigor mortis would set in. If no helicopter showed up, the corpse would have to be removed on horseback. Finally, the group decided to check Ray periodically; if stiffness appeared to be setting in, they would maneuver him into a transportable position.

Early in the afternoon, Petin arrived bearing the news that a chopper was on its way, and around 2:00 p.m., the small plane from the Meling Ranch appeared and began flying a seemingly endless series of circles overhead. But it was 2:45 before the group heard the first sound of the Coast Guard helicopter's blades slicing through the thin air.

It passed overhead, then disappeared. The people on the ground wondered if the pilot somehow had failed to see them, though that seemed doubtful, since they had spread out their colorful tarps on the meadow as a primitive landing marker. The next time the sound of the chopper swelled, everyone ran out waving their arms and hollering, yet once again the helicopter flew out of sight. Finally, on its third pass the pilot signaled to the wildly gesturing people on the ground. When the helicopter finally landed about a mile away and the men on board reached the waiting group, they explained how little maneuverability a heavy helicopter has at such an altitude. Incapable of hovering, the pilot had had to search for a spot where he could land and roll over the rough ground before coming to a stop.

When the helicopter took off an hour or so later, Claire Brey says she was still thinking in terms of "Ray" being on board and seeing the beautiful mountains as the aircraft flew out of the meadow. The group had earlier packed up and had planned to hike out as soon as the helicopter left, but it was after 4:00 p.m., suddenly too late for the difficult trek, so they set up camp again. Though no one said anything, every person there noticed how everyone had arranged his bedroll close to the others. They seemed more fragile to each other, more dear.

That night around the campfire, they talked about what they had done and

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whether they should have handled anything differently. They talked about snakebite and marveled that no one in the group remembered with certainty much beyond the admonition to get the victim to a hospital. Someone had heard massive doses of vitamin C could help a victim; someone else recounted an even more colorful bit of folk wisdom that says if you can catch the snake that bites the victim, cut out its gall bladder, and squeeze

the contents into the wound, that this will help counteract the venom. But who would have the presence of mind to catch and kill the rattlesnake when a friend is bitten? Who carries massive doses of vitamin C on a backpacking trip? Would those things have worked? Would a tighter tourniquet have saved Ray's life, at the expense of his leg? They had a dozen more questions.

They didn't talk a lot about Ray, but somehow

the gathering felt like a wake. People experienced that sense of relief that comes with huddling together after a tragedy and conversing about small things. Here and there, people made reference to Ray's quiet gentleness and his astounding skills as a mechanic and driver and wilderness explorer. For years Ray had been charting trails in the remote Laguna Hanson area in the Sierra Juarez north-east of Ensenada. In recent

years, the Sierra Club had asked him to share the wonderful map he had constructed, but Ray, concerned about preserving the area's privacy, had declined. Claire Brey thought about one night she and Ray and some other hikers had been camping in the Sierra Juarez and had seen a rocket taking off from Vandenberg Air Force Base. It had lighted up the sky in an extraordinary display of light that led to a long discussion of unidentified flying objects. That group had talked about what it would be like to be invited on a UFO manned by extraterrestrials, and only Ray could say with certainty that he would not hesitate to go. He was a person always ready to go on ahead, Claire said.

Something strange

occurred to the group that night as everyone lay down to sleep. Each night before, the nearby cattle had filled the night with a noise that seemed prehistoric, a mixture of cries and weird moans; rather than moos. But on the night of Ray's death, utter silence filled the valley. No wind stirred. No sound of singing from the vaqueros' camps reaching the hiking party. Something even stranger occurred a little after midnight, as everyone slept. Suddenly, Bob Rudd, Rosemary Nugent, and Claire Brey all heard a tremendous roaring, crashing, banging noise. To Bob it sounded just like a heard of cattle stampeding in the direction of the camp. All three who heard the noise sat bolt upright, when suddenly the noise came to a dead stop. The next morning they heard a similar sound, much more distant, and one of the vaqueros said it was a tree falling. "But there was no breeze, no wind," says Bob, who to this day doesn't believe it was a tree.

Before Ray's death, Rosemary Nugent often camped and hiked alone. But since Ray's death, she hasn't done so. She now fears if she were bitten by a large rattlesnake, she might lack the muscle coordination to hike back to

her car or to drive herself to help. But if she now sees more of "a real need for teamwork," she certainly hasn't given up backpacking in wilderness areas, nor has anyone else who made that trip to La Grulla Meadow. Says Glen Conklin, "If you had a friend who was killed in an automobile accident, would you stop driving? If somebody was killed in a plane crash, would you not use planes anymore? For some period of time — maybe an hour, a day, or a month — you're a little more cautious. But you invariably get back."

Since Ray's death, everyone in the group has done some research on snakebite. They've read repeatedly that the best treatment is administration of antivenin, which can't be done practically by a backpacker; the antivenin is best dripped intravenously under carefully controlled conditions. The medical literature also agrees that the symptoms of rattlesnake bites vary tremendously. About the only thing common to all victims is the fang marks. Just as varied is the advice that has been given over the years on the best first aid to administer in the absence of a hospital. Once people were advised to make many little cut marks, but now some experts say not to cut at all. One widespread recommendation was to apply ice to the bite mark, but that too has been discredited. The role of tourniquets is also hotly disputed.

To air some of the debate, Ray's widow and five children asked at the time of Ray's death that any memorial contributions be sent to the San Diego Natural History Museum, which offered to sponsor a symposium on snakebite.

Everyone who was on the La Grulla expedition looks forward to such a symposium. They would like to learn about something else they could have done to save Ray's life. If any of them were ever in the wilderness again and the same thing were to happen, they would like not to feel that appalling sense of helplessness, of impotence. They would like to continue to think that careful, informed human beings can take care of themselves, no matter what. The La Grulla trip taught them otherwise ■

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## LETTERS

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on your everyday thoughts, relationships, and relationship. Your life is truly meaningless without a child. Remember, everyone is replaceable except a mother.

I have a graduate degree in science but have decided to take care of and raise my children — children are better with educated parents (my take) than not.

The truth is that a marriage without children is just one big-breasted woman with a 24-inch waist and ten years junior away from a divorce. What is the point of marriage? That is what your next article should be about.

Jean Rockwell  
via e-mail

### Ah! Mon Erreur

I very much enjoyed Richard Amero's article on Mme. Schumann-Heink, a woman well worth profiling ("The Diva of Grossmont," February 8). However, there were a couple of small errors, possibly due to faulty proofreading. The Meyerbeer aria mentioned near the beginning of the article is actually "Ah! mon fils," and the singer called Lilli Lehmarin is surely the Wagnerian soprano Lili Lehmann.

Robert Ruffin  
via e-mail

### Hip-Hop Hunt

I am very upset that the *Reader* online has not embraced the hip-hop community. When I look for local hip-hop, I cannot come to the *Reader* because there is not a section designated for hip-hop. It amazes me that even though hip-hop music has gone around the world and back again and is one of the most popular musics of its time, the *Reader* does not have a section for this genre of music. There is a section for rock, jazz, and even folk, but no hip-hop. I do not believe it is fair to clump hip-hop in the Top 40 section, even though I have not noticed hip-hop being showcased in the section mentioned above. To improve the greatness of the *Reader*, I believe that the *Reader* should try to be inclusive to as many people and demographics as possible. With hip-hop being so large in San Diego and

globally, why has there not been a section dedicated to this generation's most popular music?

Maurice  
via e-mail

*Hip-hop and Latin categories will be added in coming months.* — Editor

### How Very Sweet

Bless your heart, Naomi Wise, for writing about TJ (Restaurant Review, "In Memoriam," February 1). I am always caught by surprise when I find something truly alive in the pages of the *Reader*, a sad wasteland of San Diego self-congratulationism and plastic-surgery ads. Now I will turn immediately to your review and, as I digest it, think of you and TJ, the communion of your eating lives and the kind of loving partnership that transcends designer wedding parties and investment engagement rings.

Alex Finlayson  
via e-mail

### The Evil Eye

I don't really know who is in the position to publish articles for the *Reader* — but I do know one thing: whoever hired "Ollie" to write his incredibly tasteful, refined column should be given a medal. First of all, I am very surprised that Ollie has the intellectual capacity to even know what a sock puppet is ("Remote Control King," February 1). Then he has the gall and disgusting nerve to write that in Italy there are only loud, lazy, cigarette-smoking morons who happen to be great cooks. I think there's a lot more going on in Italy than the making of pasta, and this remark is horribly offensive.

Secondly, there were plenty of women in *The Andy Griffith Show*. Andy and Barney always had girlfriends, which is more than I can say for Mr. Perfect Ollie — gee, I wonder why his girlfriend left him? Could it be because he uses phrases that are so low and sickening that I have never heard them in my life and I really have to think what they may possibly mean? Guess what, Ollie — your sock puppet is going to turn into the ghost of Andy Griffith, come out behind you when you are passed out on the dirt-stained rug,

and whip you to death with a fishing pole. Gee, that would make a nice theme for a reality TV show, wouldn't it? Well, one can only hope.

Marianne Tarantino  
via e-mail

### Gayberry?

Hey, Ollie, you don't know Mayberry's secret ("Remote Control King," February 1)! Your implication that all the male characters on *The Andy Griffith Show* were gay is ridiculous. Why? Because they weren't always seen with women? Apparently you missed several episodes in which Andy dated Miss Crump, Barney dated Thelma Lou, Opie had girlfriends, and even an episode in which Goober dated a pretty lady. And to imply that "The Fishin' Hole" song is suggestive of homosexuality is also ridiculous. If you've ever actually listened to the lyrics of the song, you should know that it's simply a catchy little song about fishing.

The real secret to the success of *The Andy Griffith Show* is that it depicted an ideal, simple life in a small town filled with good-hearted people. Let's keep it that way.

Bearcat Stew  
via e-mail

### Four-Letter Word, Begins With G

First, let me say I really enjoy the *Reader*, been picking up a copy for ten years now. But tell David Levinson Wilk ("Puzzle") to keep his politics to himself. It's a game, for God's sake, not a soapbox.

Gabe Rivera  
via e-mail

### A Little Balance, Please

Re "I Was a Bad Sailor" (Cover Story, January 18). I grimaced as I read the story and recalled my experiences with similar service members, very bright guys who were unable to find their place in the Navy. For the purpose of even, fair-minded journalism, will you consider publishing the article "I Was a Good Sailor"? They are out there. Their adventures are as humorous and interesting as the bad sailor's.

R.C.  
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## Adoption Tips from the Puppy Pimp

**A**lmost every breed person will tell you that their breed is not the breed for everybody," says Kate Zimmer, area rescue coordinator for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue. "If you have a general-rescue group, and not a breed-rescue group, they might not be familiar with that type of breed, and you'll end up with not as careful a placement." Zimmer gives an example of an uninformed person adopting a beagle. "They might get mad at the dog and debarb them because they bark. But that's what a beagle is bred to do, chase down a fox and bark, 'It's over here!'"

### LOCAL EVENTS

On Sunday, February 18, more than 13 local rescue groups will participate in an animal adoption event called "Cupids and Canines." Darlene White, dubbed the "Puppy Pimp" by her peers, has made appearances on TV for nearly seven years as a representative of the San Diego Animal Support Foundation. "We try to help out the least-funded groups," says White. "We rarely take on easy ones. Young puppies don't need exposure — everybody always wants a puppy."

White finds her work as frustrating as it is rewarding. "It's almost like having a cure for cancer that no one will take. Every day there are more and more homeless pets. The saddest thing is that if everyone would spay and neuter their dogs tomorrow it would be all over with. We would have solved the entire pet-overpopulation crisis."

Despite the overwhelming amount of unclaimed dogs, rescue coordinators take as much time as they need in placing an animal in a new home. "I have refused placement for

different reasons," says Zimmer. "It's difficult, because if you refuse someone for something, what happens is they just learn what to say to the next person. It's best to educate them and talk to them about whether or not [a certain breed] is the right dog for them."

Zimmer recently steered one family away from adopting a ridgeback. "They wanted to get a ridgeback for their daughter, who is very active and athletic and really wanted a dog. My gut instinct is, don't get a dog for a teenaged girl, because then they get into boys." Zimmer was concerned about what might happen four years from now when the young woman left for college. "Then the dog is five, and you have at least seven more years with the dog." She was also wary of placing a large, active dog into a home with three children under five years of age. "It's doable, but it's a lot of work. Ridgebacks are very active dogs, and it can be a lot to manage three little kids and their schedule and the dog's."

Rather than refusing the family's request to adopt a ridgeback, Zimmer insisted they "go to people's houses and interact with ridgebacks that are comfortable in their environment." After visiting the home of a friend who happened to have a ridgeback, the family came to the conclusion that it was "a lot of dog" for their small children, and they instead chose to adopt a 20-pound terrier.

"We don't adopt to people that have young children," says Ann Pollock, director of Chihuahua Rescue. "Chihuahuas are little, so people think 'little kids,' but we have seen so many [Chihuahuas with] broken bones because kids either step on them or they drop them. We try to be diplomatic about it, but people get upset because they have their heart set on it so they'll just buy it from a breeder,



and we'll end up with it a year later anyway." Chihuahuas have risen in popularity since they began to appear as fashion accessories for Britney Spears and Paris Hilton. Pollock cautions teens against treating the small creatures as accessories. One girl recently brought in an eight-ounce puppy that she had "carried around in her purse for two days and never thought to feed it or give it water." The puppy died of malnutrition.

Many dogs that are bred in puppy mills or smuggled illegally from Mexico are high risk for genetic disorders and deadly diseases. "Some of these dogs are never let out of their cages and never see the light of day," says White. "People bring up puppies from Mexico that have parvo [a viral disease that attacks the digestive system], which is highly contagious, and sell them outside of swap meets and on streets and in newspapers. Every week we get at least one phone call from someone saying, 'My dog has parvo.' It's an ugly, nasty disease; you don't want to

see your dog die that way. It's painful, it's bloody, and it's awful."

At the adoption event, Zimmer is hoping to find a home for Luna, an 11-month-old "ridgeless" ridgeback. Approximately 10 percent of ridgebacks are born without the telltale tuft of fur along their spines. "About 50 percent of those are euthanized the moment they are born," Zimmer says. "Luna is very playful, very sweet, and knows absolutely nothing. She's all puppy in an adult dog body."

— Barbarella

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**The Fab Four!** Beatlemania hits stage at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida Paris #5, in Colonia Al-

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**"Pasión Flamenca,"** Spanish music and dances at 100 Años Restaurant (José María Velasco #1407, Zona Río) on Thursday, February 15, 8 p.m. 011-52-664-634-3039. (TIJUANA)

**"Reggae Tribute to the Legends,"** this "Afro-Mexican History Month" celebration hosted by WorldBeat Center features Barrington Levy, Midnight, the Gladiators, Cultura Profética, Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations, Alike, Olmeca, Natural, Friday, February 16, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 619-230-1190. (TIJUANA)

**Benny Ibarra in Concert,** Friday, February 16, 9 p.m., in Auditorio Municipal on Boulevard

Diaz Ordaz. 011-52-664-608-4692. (TIJUANA)

**Explore Historic Tijuana** during walking tour, Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$25 U.S. Reservations, start point: 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

**Marco Antonio Muñoz in Concert,** Saturday, February 17, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**Off-Road Ecological Ride** planned Sunday, February 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with racers and racing fans invited to help clean up litter on desert race course between Ojos Negros and Valle de Trinidad. Meet at 9 a.m. in Ojos Negros (25 miles southeast of Ensenada) where route assignments and garbage bags will be provided. All types of vehicles, motorcycles welcome. 011-52-646-176-1637. (ENSENADA)

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**Wedding Expo,** Sunday, February 18, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., at Camino Real Hotel in Zona Río. 011-52-664-971-0247. (TIJUANA)

**"Festen, the Celebration,"** this play is presented on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 20 and 21, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$40, \$50 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**"Art in the Missions of Northern Mexico"** illuminated by Clara Bargellini Cioni during lecture on Wednesday, February 21, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

**"Mexico and U.S.A. International Rivers"** Marco Antonio Samaniego López discusses his new book, Thursday, February 22, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río, 011-52-664-687-9636). Free. (TIJUANA)

**"Spanish Gala,"** classical music played by Orchestra of Baja California with guitar soloist Roberto Limón, Thursday, February 22, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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**Very Low Tides** on a string of days this week coincide with optimum times of day for tidepooling. On Thursday, February 15, the tide falls to a low of -1.4 feet at 2:10 p.m. On Friday, February 16, the tide drops to -1.6 feet (nearly as low as it ever gets) at 2:42 p.m. Again, on Saturday, February 17, the tide falls to -1.6 feet at 3:14 p.m. Sunday afternoon's low tide of -1.3 feet occurs at 3:45 p.m. Plenty of rocky stretches of coastline for tidepool gazing are available throughout the county, including Cabrillo National Monument, north Pacific Beach, and La Jolla.

**There's Lots of Water** and birding should be productive when Audubon Society birders head to Lake Hodges on Saturday, February 17, 8 a.m. Look for Clark's and Western grebes, kites, osprey, golden eagle, California and blue-gray gnatcatchers, more. Meet in parking spaces just past Joslyn Senior Center (18402 West Bernardo Drive). Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Bring a scope. Free. 619-692-3246. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Cleanup Along San Diego River** on Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m.-noon, hosted by San Diego River Park Foundation. Equipment, refreshments provided. Join volunteers on south side of 24 Hour Fitness parking lot (2885 Rancho Mission Road). Free. 619-297-7380. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Hawkwatch**, visit Ramona's grasslands to witness winter migration of hawks, falcons, and eagles during outings led by Wildlife Research Institute every Saturday through February, 9 a.m.-noon. Walks led by trained biologist. Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Outings begin at Wildlife Research Institute headquarters, 18030 Highland Valley Road (near Rangeland). Free. 760-789-3992. Heavy rain cancels. (RAMONA)

**Help Maintain a Nesting Site** for California least terns during volunteer work party, Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m., at Mariner's Point. Wear work clothes, bring work gloves, weeding tools if you have them. Free. Reservations and directions: 619-224-4591 or 858-581-7602. (MISSION BAY)

**Hike in Hellhole Canyon** Open-Space Preserve during docent-led adventure, Saturday, February 17. Venture into most recently acquired property, including "some of the most scenic parts

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**Trail Repair Work** at Paso Pica in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Free. Registration: 858-278-3280. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

**Mulefat, Miner's Lettuce, and Monkeyflowers** all expected along trails in Mission Trails Regional Park during guided nature hikes on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, February 17, 18, and 21, 9:30-11 a.m. Find park at One Father Junipero Serra Trail, 619-668-3281. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

**Tree Time**, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m., starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

**Walk a Suspension Bridge** (the only one in S.D.) and see Kate Sessions' gardens and more when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari walking tour of Bankers Hill, Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations and departure point: 619-944-9255. (BANKERS HILL)

**Help Rescue Wildlife in Peril** with Wildlife Assist. Next orientation is Saturday, February 17, 2 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO)

**Tidepooling for All!** Naturalist from Birch Aquarium at Scripps leads exploration at La Jolla Shores on Saturday, February 17, 2-4 p.m. \$12 for adults, \$8 for children older

than two. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**The Waxing Crescent Moon** returns to the evening sky on Sunday, February 18, though its faint, ghost-like image — a very thin sliver — might be difficult to spot low in the west as the twilight deepens. The following evening, Monday, February 19, a somewhat thicker-grinned crescent moon appears higher in the western sky and sets well after twilight is over. The lanternlike "star" near the moon on Monday (and high above the moon on Sunday) is the planet Venus.

**Birding the Marsh**, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, February 18, 11 a.m. Free. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

**Get Ready for Spring** with Buena Vista Native Plant Club at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202

South Coast Highway), Sunday, February 18, 2 p.m. Expert and novice gardeners interested in learning about working with native plants are invited. Free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

**Canyon Favorites Hike**, Linda King leads moderately paced hike to Walden Pond, Carson's Crossing, and waterfall in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Sunday, February 18. Hike starts at 3:30 p.m. at end of Park Village Road. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

## DANCE

**Bellydance Showcase** with Dondi, Meleah, Claudette, and Brandie and live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Thursday, February 15, 8 p.m., Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

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University Art Gallery at San Diego State University includes lectures by participating artists Paul Shambroom on Thursday, February 15, 4 p.m., in Art 412. Series concludes with artist Martha Rosler, Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., in Arts and Letters 201. Free. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

**"La Poesía Joven de Tijuana"** presented by Víctor Soto Ferrel (in Spanish) on Thursday, February 15, 4 p.m., in room 155 of UCSD Literature Building. "His poetry has appeared in several literary journals and anthologies, including the bilingual edition of border poetry *Across the Line/Al otro lado*." Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

**"Day of Remembrance,"** Susan Hasegawa, history and political science chair at San Diego City College, reveals "history behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066" during lecture in conjunction with current "Nikkei Youth Culture: Past, Present, Future" exhibit. Order gave U.S. military power to "relocate" Japanese-Americans from towns within 60 miles from coastline of Washington, California. Talk starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, at Museum of San Diego History. \$5. 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Touchy!** "Intro to TTouch" presented for "Happy Hour" lecture series, Thursday, February 15, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). Technique is described as "gentle, hands-on approach to the care and training of our animal companions." \$10. No pets. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Guantanamo Detainees: In Their Defense"** — federal de-

fenders Heather Rogers and Stephan Demik talk about their experiences defending detainees for "Torture Abolition Month" activities on Thursday, February 15, 6 p.m., in room 101 of Thomas Jefferson School of Law (2121 San Diego Avenue). Free. 619-531-9300. (SAN DIEGO)

**"TRANsactions" Artist** Salomón Huerta plans art talk at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street) on Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m. "Huerta is known for his paintings that challenge the conventions of portraiture." Included in museum admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**"Popular Poetics: A History and Development of the Narcocorrido"** presented by Juan Carlos Ramírez-Pimienta for Center for Latin American Studies at San Diego State University, Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m., in Arts and Letters Building, room 204. His current research focuses on Mexi-

can popular culture. Free. 619-594-1103. (SDSU)


**"The Dialogic Image: The Portraits of Seydou Keita"** explored by Okwui Enwezor for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, February 16. Enwezor is writer, critic, editor, dean of academic affairs at San Francisco Art Institute. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. \$12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**Learn About "Georg Eisler (1928-1998)"** when University of New Mexico professor Peter Pabisch speaks on Friday, February 16, 5:30 p.m., in conjunction with opening of "Georg Eisler: Paintings and Book Illustrations" at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Reception follows at 6:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**"American Musicians in Paris"** presented in French by Philippe Gumplowicz when Alliance

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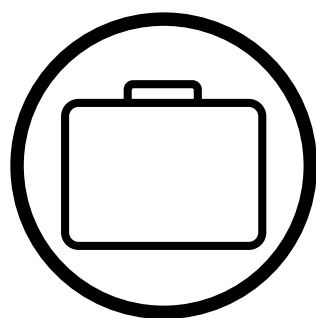
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## LOCAL EVENTS

Française gathers on Friday, February 16, 7 p.m., in auditorium at San Diego French-American School (6550 Soledad Mountain Road). American jazz players have been major influence in music scene of French capital since 1917. Gumpłowicz is distinguished musicology lecturer at University of Burgundy, teaches seminars at Sorbonne, produces musical news programs for two major French radio stations and shows broadcast on TV stations. \$10 general. 858-824-6694. (LA JOLLA)

**"What's New** in National Archives and Records Administration Online Resources" examined by archives specialist Eric Bernard for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

**Get the Skinny of Valley Forge** when Campo teacher Leslie W. Tulloch speaks for Sons of the American Revolution on Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m., at Ramada Inn (5550 Kearny Mesa Road). Tulloch spent intensive week last summer at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. \$16 tickets include breakfast. Required reservations: 760-743-0034. (KEARNY MESA)

**"Flowering Plants for Drought-Tolerant Gardens"** explored when landscape designer Pamela Homfelt leads garden tour on Saturday, February 17, 9:30-11 a.m., at City of San Diego Ridgehaven Building (9601 Ridgehaven Court). Learn to identify plants, landscaping methods, more. Free. 858-492-5036. (KEARNY MESA)

**"Neuroscience and Architecture"** examined by Dr. Eve Edelstein, neuroscientist and architect, for Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, February 17. Slide-illustrated talk starts at 9:30 a.m. at NewSchool of Architecture (1249 F Street). Donation: \$5. 619-224-8584. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Writing Hot"** is topic when Kensington authors P.J. Mellor and Sylvia Day speak for San Diego Romance Writers, Saturday,

## A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

The California Riding and Hiking Trail, a designated, regional multi-use (hiking/biking/equestrian) trail that strikes a southwest-to-northeast course through the middle of San Diego County, is still a work in progress. Most of the trail is open for public use, but some sections have access problems where the trail crosses private property. The southern half of the trail wends its way through the Jamul, Alpine, and Descanso areas, and eventually passes into Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.



Checkerspot butterfly, Sloan Canyon

The particularly pleasant stretch of the California Riding and Hiking Trail described here is open to the public. It will take you two miles downhill, with a loss of 900 feet of elevation, into beautiful Sloan Canyon, where a riparian strip of vegetation accompanies the winding Sweetwater River. Try this hike (or ride) early on a chilly winter morning, when

beams of light from the rising sun scatter amid dew droplets or ice crystals clinging to the tips of the chaparral vegetation.

To reach the starting point, exit Interstate 8 at Tavern Road in Alpine, and follow Tavern Road 2.7 miles south to Dehesa Road on the right and Japatul Road straight ahead. Continue 0.3 mile east on Japatul Road, and turn right on Sequan Truck Trail (a paved road). After 2.8 miles, the pavement ends. Continue 0.2 mile to a sharp right bend in the road and park where you can find the space to do so.

Walk south on Sequan Truck Trail for 0.25 mile past some houses, then follow the signed California Riding and Hiking Trail as it diverges to the left and descends sharply along a south-facing slope. Sloan Canyon lies below, and beyond it you'll see the broad, north slope of Sycuan Peak (pronounced "Sequan") rearing into the sky above. Uncut by roads, the north flank of the mountain wears its thick chaparral naturally, like a shaggy variegated carpet. Other high points in the field of view are the rocky summits of Lyons, Lawson, and Gaskill peaks to the southeast.

After 1.3 miles, the trail joins a spur road. A messy collection of rural houses lies to the left, down below in Sloan Canyon. You go right and pass above an intriguing (but privately owned) little gorge where the Sweetwater River has cut its

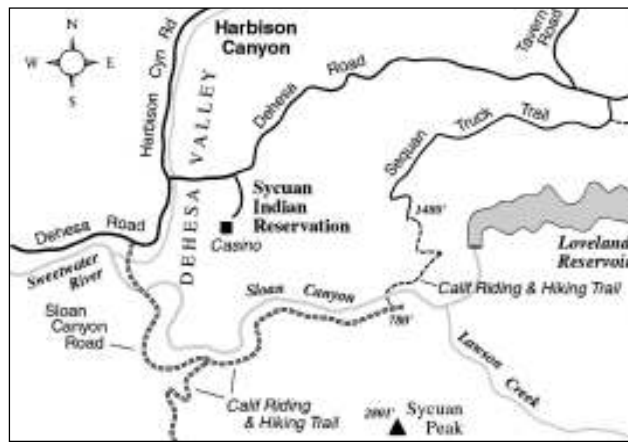
way through exfoliated granite slabs. At 2.0 miles you reach the river itself, and beyond that there's a vehicle gate alongside Sloan Canyon Road. The oak- and willow-shaded riverbank area is great for watching birds and other wildlife. Rest up before you reverse your steps back up the slope to the starting point.

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.

### SLOAN CANYON

Explore a scenic stretch of the California Riding and Hiking Trail near Alpine.

**Distance from downtown San Diego:** 30 miles  
**Hiking or biking length:** 4 miles round trip  
**Difficulty:** Moderate



February 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). \$30. 619-444-1688. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Saint-Saëns's Samson and Delilah** showcased in multimedia presentation by musicologist Ron Shaheen, Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m. (tickets distributed at 9:15), in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

**"Great Bulbs for California-Friendly Gardens"** showcased by bulb maven Mary McBride, Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m., at Cuya-

maca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Learn to use bulbs with perennials, as borders for shrubs; she'll bring bulbs and plants for demonstration and sale. \$8. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

**What's a Grit?** Find out when chef Melvin Johnson prepares recipes for "Southern Comfort Food, Part 1" on Saturday, February 17, noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$25. 888-424-3663. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Oil Pastel Painting** demonstration promised when Rodger Heglar speaks for Clairemont Art Guild, Saturday, February 17, 12:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

**Compost Workshop** planned Saturday, February 17, 1 p.m., at compost demonstration site at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. Registration: 760-436-7986 x216. (ENCINITAS)

**Aboriginal Artists** living in urban coastal areas of Australia discussed by anthropologist Sandra Joss when

she presents slide-illustrated lecture for San Diego Independent Scholars on Saturday, February 17, 1:30 p.m., in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. Free. 760-431-6822. (LA JOLLA)

**Psychologist and Author** Dr. George Catlin (*The Way to Happiness, The Long Journey Home*) plans talk entitled "The Path to the Heart," Sunday, February 18, 10 a.m., at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Catlin conducts workshop at noon on "How to Find Your Own Path Forward." Offering. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

**The Latest Books** by Chris Hedges (*American Fascists: The Christian Right and the War on America*) and Howard Zinn (*A Power Governments Cannot Suppress*) will be discussed when Humanist Association of San Diego meets Sunday, February 18, 1 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (4065 Vermont Street). Free. 760-445-8112. (HILLCREST)

**"The Zoo Garden: Linking Animals, Plants, and People"** is topic when horticulturist Dan Simpson addresses San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, February 19, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Plant forum follows. Free. 760-295-7089. (DEL MAR)

**Open-Mike Night** hosted by San Diego Writers/Editors Guild on Monday, February 19, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Bring two pages of double-spaced fiction, nonfiction, or poetry, read up to three minutes. \$5. 760-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

**"A Touch of the Artist and Poet,"** Karen Kenyon leads four workshops "to awaken the artist and poet in you" based partly on *The Artist's Way* on Mondays, February 19, March 5, 12, 19, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Fee for four classes: \$75. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

**Color Workshop** planned by *trompe l'oeil* muralist Linda Luisi, Tuesday, February 20, 10 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Students use their favorite media. \$30. Registration: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

**Drug Awareness** presentation by Proactive Network Against Substance Abuse, Tuesday, February 20, 6 p.m., at Montgomery Middle School (2470 Ulric). Strategies, solutions, resources in fight against substance abuse. Free. 858-496-8330 x2108. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Guns and Roses —** Adventures in Desert Restoration at the U.S. Army National Training Center, Fort Irwin" presented by Michelle Cloud-Hughes for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. Talk focuses on Soil Ecology and Restoration Group at

- Harlem Globetrotters** Feb. 16, 18
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**"Our Role in Resolving Conflict: At Home and in the World"** is topic for discussion on Wednesday, February 21, noon, in Arts Building room 111 at CSU San Marcos. Panelists include Polish Holocaust survivor Yaja Boren, Professors Scott Greenwood and Liliana Cataneda Rossman, Christian Science practitioner Timothy Myers — they will "engage in a solutions-based discussion on stereotyping, profiling, and personal and international conflicts." Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

**"Word by Word,"** 12th annual Writer's Symposium by the Sea at Point Loma Nazarene University convenes February 21-23. "A Conversation with Anne Lamott" — author of *Bird by Bird, Traveling Mercies, Operating Instructions* — starts at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, in Crill Performance Hall (\$15). Wesleyan scholars John Tyson, Tom Albin, Patrick Eby plan dinner and discussion of "Charles Wesley's Contribution to Our Spiritual Life," Thursday, February 22, 4-7 p.m., in Cunningham A/B (\$10).

New York Metropolitan Opera bass-baritone Brad Garvin presents "A Concert of Wesley's Hymns" on February 22, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall (\$15). Spend "An Afternoon with Eugene Peterson," author of *The Message Bible and A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, Friday, February 23, 2 p.m., in Crill (\$15).

Find Point Loma Nazarene University at 3900 Lomaland Drive. 619-849-2997. (POINT LOMA)

**"Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain"** with artist and author Betty Edwards, Wednesday, February 21, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute. Edwards "will introduce you to her teaching technique, a little of the theory behind it, and to an exercise that demonstrates its effectiveness." \$10 nonmembers. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Latency of Surplus"** is subject when architect Perry Kulper, associate professor of architecture at University of Michigan, speaks Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m., at NewSchool of Architecture (1249 F Street). Free. 619-235-4100 x107. (DOWNTOWN)

**Historic Pilot** Charles Shockley, whose photograph is displayed at San Diego Aerospace Museum and was involved in civil rights movement actions, speaks in conjunction with Black History Month, Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"The Changing Face of San Diego"** A Look at Regional Demographics" offered by SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments), Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Use data for "planning and decision-making." Free. 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

**"The Power of the Word:** Scripture and the Rhetoric of Empire" presented by Elizabeth Schüssler Fiorenza for Burke Lecture Series, Thursday, February 22, 8 p.m., in Hojel Hall, Institute of the Americas, UCSD. Lecture explores "not only how the power of empire has historically shaped Christian scrip-

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### WORD BY WORD

Writers Symposium by the Sea with Anne Lamott, Point Loma Nazarene University, Wednesday-Friday, February 21-23.

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tures but also how it continues to shape our self-understanding and public discourse in the present." Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

**"Forgery in Japanese Art"** presented by Howard Link, consultant to James A. Michener Collection at Honolulu Academy of Arts, for Asian Arts Council at San Diego Museum of Art. Link will focus on Japanese woodblock prints on Thursday, February 22, 1 p.m. \$10 general. 619-543-9810. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Edward S. Curtis and Horse Capture."** George Horse Capture — great-grandson of Horse Capture, who was photographed by Edward S. Curtis at beginning of 20th Century — explores "contemporary Native American perspective on the photographer and his methods," Sunday, March 11, 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of

Man. \$15. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

## IN PERSON

**The Tanosaki-Richards Duo** presents new Japanese music written for them in concert, Thursday, February 15, noon, in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley). Program includes music by Itoh, Yamamoto, Honma, Aizawa. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

**Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella** is presented by Mira Mesa High School's performing arts department through February 17. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, February 15-17. Find school at 10510 Reagan Road. \$8 general. 858-566-2262 x4401. (MIRA MESA)

**"Moonpies and Movie Stars"** signed by author Amy Wallen, Thursday, February 15, 6 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via De La Valle). Free. Reading followed by writing workshop inspired by Wallen's book led by Jill Badonsky at 7 p.m. (\$13). 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

**Tea for You?** Author Beatrice Hohenegger reads from and signs *Liquid Jade: A History of Tea from East to West*, Thursday, February 15, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Peet's Coffee and Tea will provide comparative tasting of teas from around world. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**"Say Amen, Somebody"** presented for Black History Month by New RainBow Community Choir on Friday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Macedonia Baptist Church (625 Quail Street). Free. 619-264-6469. (SAN DIEGO)

**Romance Writers** P.J. Mellor, Chris (Crystal) Green, Celia May Hart plan panel discussion and signing, Friday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-831-0446. (MIRA MESA)

**"It's a Slack-Key World"** is latest CD by Hapa, planning concert of their Hawaiian music on Friday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$37.50 and \$42.50. 619-426-1953. (LA JOLLA)

**Blasters, X, Knitters** — the amazing Dave Alvin's *curriculum vitae* includes these bands and much other outstanding work. Alvin performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, Febru-

ary 16 (\$18, \$22). Lorin Sklamberg, lead singer of Klezmatics, takes stage on Saturday, February 17 (\$15, \$18). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Not Your Average Spoken Word!** Nicky Click and Katastrophe perform for T.M.I. at the Rubber Rose, a Sexuality Boutique (3812 Ray Street), Friday, February 16, 7:30 p.m. What's encouraged? "Performance of cross-genre, stylistically innovative, queered-to-the-max, freaked-out literary pieces...we have damn good attention spans." Admission: \$3-5 sliding scale (no one turned away). 619-296-7673. (NORTH PARK)

**Crystal Vibrations** Ensemble concert planned by Elivia Melodey and company, Saturday, February 17, 7 p.m., at Love and Light Healing Center (8630 La Mesa Boulevard). "Relax into the healing sounds of 42 crystal singing bowls," Native American flutes, didgeridoo, vocals. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-644-1895. (LA MESA)

**Sacred and Secular Music** from gospel to Broadway promised when 60-voice Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir performs for Lemon Grove Historical Society, Saturday, February 17, 7 p.m., at Lemon Grove Methodist Church (3205 Washington). \$10 general. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

**Arjun and the Guardians** plan concert with guests Zahira and Jimi Bridges, Saturday, February 17, 8 p.m., at Jim Bell's (4862 Voltaire Street). Donation: \$10, to "raise



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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

awareness of Jim's new book." 760-749-9749. (OCEAN BEACH)

**"The Dark Show"** presented by Technomania Circus, with guest George the Giant, Saturday, February 17, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). Sideshow acts, sword swallowing by Murrugun, along with performances by Madame Mandible, Lila Luna, Dr. Techno, Asbestos the Clown, Ferrari Cornstarch, Tique, Ron Lindley, many others. \$15. 619-231-1950. Jacket, gloves, warm clothing recommended. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

**Paul Williams and Diane Schuur** plan concert on Saturday, February 17, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$25-\$40. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

**West Coast Funnies**, Eric Schwartz appears, along with Dana Eagle, MC Kurt Swann, and Pearl Street Players on Saturday, February 17, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$18 at door. 760-960-0105 or 909-929-3586. (CARLSBAD)

**Vocalist/Songwriter** Marti Lynch and trio play jazz, blues, Latin music, Sunday, February 18, 1 p.m., at Unity Way Church (171 Unity Way). 760-726-1224. (VISTA)

**Classical and Jazz Music** promised when James Miles (flute), Mary Barringer (piano), and Kristen Korb (bass) perform Sunday, February 18, 4 p.m., at La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). Offering. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

**The Alley Cats** doo-wop a capella quartet sings songs from '50s

and '60s in concert on Sunday, February 18, 4 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

**Detroit-Born Celtic Singer-Songwriter** Cathie Ryan, former lead singer for Cherish the Ladies, in concert, Sunday, February 18, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$25. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

**Jazz Music** promised when Rob Thorsen takes stage in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza for mini-concert at noon on Monday, February 19. Free. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Lives Per Gallon: The True Cost of Our Oil Addiction"** explored by former California EPA secretary and author Terry Tamminen, who visits Warwick's Bookstore to sign, read from books on Tuesday, February 20, 7:30 p.m. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**"Brilliant Young American Poet"** Ilya Kaminsky, a new member of MFA faculty at SDSU, reads from his award-winning-poetry on Wednesday, February 21, 7 p.m., in boardroom 214/214-A at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Free. 619-482-6461. (CHULA VISTA)

**Chicano Author** Luis Rodriguez — "who has dedicated his adult life to writing and working with gang and nongang youth" — speaks for Excellence Comes in All Colors Committee of the Juvenile Court and Community Schools, Wednesday, February 21, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Free. 858-571-7257 (BALBOA PARK)

**Joe Walsh and Band** perform benefit concert for Grauer School on Wednesday, February 21, 8 p.m., at Belly Up Tavern (143

## OUT & ABOUT

### CHINESE PIANIST

Peng Peng, Sunday, February 18, Neurosciences Institute.

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South Cedros Avenue). Tickets to see this rock and roll veteran: \$100. 858-481-8140. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Terri Clark in Concert** benefiting HOME (Helping Others More Efficiently), Wednesday, February 21, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). The country music star has sold more than 4 million albums, claims nearly a dozen top-ten hits. Tickets: \$17-\$100. 760-749-1919. (ESCONDIDO)

**"We Got Jokes!"** Rahim "The Ultimate Entertainer" is host for comedy every Wednesday, 8 p.m.-midnight, at Legends Sports Bar (6323 Imperial Avenue). RSVP, cover: 619-472-1239. (ENCANTO)

**Agogo**, the Afro-Cuban/Brazilian drum and dance ensemble directed by Patriciano Mead and Silfredo La O Vigo performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, February 22, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission

Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

**Japan Policy Research** Institute president Chalmers Johnson discusses and signs *Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic*, Thursday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**"(Re)Generation"** — theatrical production blending taiko drumming with storytelling, spoken word, music, hip-hop choreography, video multimedia, and dance promised when TaikoProject performs for ArtPower series on Thursday, February 22, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$30, \$34, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**"The Water Coolers"** revue offers "look at life in everyday corporate America" through sketch comedy, original music, "new takes on old songs," February 22-25 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North

Escondido Boulevard). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$37. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Frank, Sammy, and Dean: The Rat Pack Tribute"** hits stage at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way), February 22-25. Show begins at 8 p.m. Thursday, 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, 4 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. \$30. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

## SPORTS

**"Nothing Like It Tour,"** Harlem Globetrotters play their brand of basketball at ipayOne Center on February 16 and 18. Games start at 7 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$16-\$135, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

**California Surf Series** competition hits Oceanside Pier on Saturday, February 17. First heat: 7 a.m. Free for spectators. 760-722-6363. (OCEANSIDE)

**Rides to Suit Every Rider!** San Diego Bicycle Club's "world famous" Saturday rides start every Saturday — rain or shine — at 8:30 a.m. at 8715 Via La Jolla Drive (in parking lot at La Jolla Village Square). Fast rides, core training, and development rides offered. Helmets mandatory. Free. 619-522-0058. (LA JOLLA)

**Trophy Ride**, bicycle to Mission Bay and Ocean Beach with Knickerbiker bicyclists on Saturday, February 17, starting at 9 a.m. in parking lot at Trophy's (Costa Verde shopping center, at La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee). Twenty-five miles. Free. 858-279-9863. (LA JOLLA)

**World Supercross** competition with 125cc and 250cc stadium mo-

torcycle racing hits Qualcomm Stadium on Saturday, February 17. Practice runs (12:30 p.m.) followed by main events (7 p.m.). Tickets: \$12-\$37, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

**Ride the Fallbrook Hills** with San Diego Bicycle Society riders on Sunday, February 18. The 75-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at Third and C). Bring money for deli lunch. 619-561-3846. (ENCINITAS)

**Pedal to Pannikin** with Sierra Club bicyclists on Monday, February 19. The 40-miler starts in De Anza Cove parking lot at 9 a.m., heads up coast to Pannikin in Encinitas (bring money for nosh). Rain cancels. 619-571-8303. (MISSION BAY)

**"WWE Smackdown"** hits ipayOne Center on Tuesday, February 20, 6:45 p.m. Competitors include King Booker, Chris Benoit, Lashley, others. Tickets: \$21-\$51. 619-224-4171. (SPORTS ARENA)

**"Clash at Clairemont,"** PacSun and Mission Valley YMCA unleash new "PSX" vert ramp at Krause Family Bike and Skate Park (3401 Clairemont Drive), Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Donated by ESPN's X-Games, "PSX" is "largest outdoor vert ramp on West Coast." Expect to see athletes including Tony Hawk, Mat Hoffman, Andy Macdonald, Jamie Bestwick, Bucky Lasek, Kevin Robinson, others, music by Agent Orange. \$10 admission fee includes food, demonstrations, entertainment. 619-279-9254. (CLAIREMONT)

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**"Suburban Trees"** continues through fall at Carlsbad Sculpture Garden (2955 Elmwood Street). Exhibit inspired by a piece by Italo

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# Reading

## Flesh and Bone – A Body Farm Novel



Jon Jefferson and Bill Bass

By Jefferson Bass  
William Morrow, 2007, 368 pages,  
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**ABOUT THE BOOK:**  
*Flesh and Bone* is a roller-coaster ride into the world of forensic anthropology, its twists and turns marked by drama and pathos, humor and grief, families and friends and enemies.

### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

**Publishers Weekly:** At the start of the entertaining second Body Farm novel from the pseudonymous Bass, Dr. Bill Brockton ties a dead man dressed in drag to a tree at the Body Farm (a facility he heads outside Knoxville, Tennessee, devoted to researching postmortem decay), in an effort to replicate a recent murder. Fans of the bestselling first

book in the series, *Carved in Bone*, and readers with a penchant for the gross and grisly will take to Dr. Bill, a hero with a big heart who isn't afraid to tackle complicated issues while solving mildly engrossing mysteries.

**ABOUT THE AUTHORS:**  
Jefferson Bass is the writing team of Dr. Bill Bass and Jon Jefferson. Dr. Bass, a world-renowned forensic anthropologist, founded the University of Tennessee's Anthropology Research Facility – the Body Farm – a quarter-century ago. Jefferson is a veteran journalist, writer, and documentary filmmaker. His writings have been published in the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *USA*

*Today*, and *Popular Science* and broadcast on National Public Radio.

**A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHORS:**  
Jon Jefferson had stopped by Bill Bass's home in Knoxville to take my phone call before they headed off to read from and discuss their new book at a local bookstore. Each part of the writing team was on a cordless phone in a different part of Dr. Bass's home. I began by asking Dr. Bass about his work at the University of Tennessee's Anthropology Research Facility.

**"I first learned about the Body Farm in Mary Roach's book, *Stiff*. Who else has written about your work?"**

"The first major publication that talked about the work was Patricia Cornwell's book called, *The Body Farm*. Before she was a writer, she worked for the Virginia medical examiner's office, and I'd known her for years.

"After her book came out, people started calling the university wanting to know the number for the Body Farm. There's no use to call out there, of course, because everybody's dead.

"Then, Jon comes along and does two one-hour documentaries on us for the National Geographic channel, which have been very popular. It's been mentioned in many scientific and popular books as well."

**"Was the idea of having**

**this research site yours, originally?"**

"I taught for 11 years for the University of Kansas, Lawrence, and I identified skeletal remains for law enforcement agencies there, but don't ever remember getting a maggot-covered body. I came here to the University of Tennessee June 1 of 1971 – almost 36 years ago now – to take over a three-person department that was an undergraduate program only.

"I knew the medical examiner here and he asked me if I'd serve as a forensic anthropologist to the medical examiner's staff. He notified the 95 medical examiners in Tennessee that they had a forensic anthropol-

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**"In the fall of 1971 I went to the dean and said, 'Dean, I need some land to put dead bodies on.'"**

Scanga features work by seven area sculptors. Viewing hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mondays–Fridays. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

**"Hidden San Diego"** by native San Diego painter Monique Straub is on view through Friday, March 9, at Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). 619-668-3280. (SAN CARLOS)

**Get to Know San Diego Historical Society Staffers** with "lunch bunch," Thursday, February 15, noon, at Museum of San Diego History. Archivist Jane Kennealy presents overview on how to research in San Diego Historical Society's archives. Bring your lunch. Included in regular museum admission (\$5). 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Celebrating History: Ballast Point** to the North Side of the Presidio" is theme for "happy trails" reception planned by La Playa Trail Association, Thursday, February 15, 6 p.m., at United Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Long-time resident Edwina Goddard will talk about growing up in Point Loma; refreshments, La Playa Trail exhibits, history presentations. Free. 858-272-7357. (POINT LOMA)

**"History: Its Definitions and Importance"** examined during discussion on Thursday, February 15,

7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

**"The Writer's Muse:** L. Frank Baum and the Hotel del Coronado" commemorates one of the Hotel Del's most celebrated guests. Baum wintered at Del beginning in 1904 and penned several of his Oz books during his stays. Exhibit with "rarely viewed items" on loan from Baum's family continues through Wednesday, February 28, in donor corridor of San Diego State University's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Free. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

**Hotel del Coronado Tour,** Coronado Historical Association leads one-hour tour throughout the historic Hotel del Coronado, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tours begin outside Grande Hall doors, on north side of hotel. \$15, children under six free. Required reservations: 619-437-8788. (CORONADO)

**2007 Recipe for a Cure,** Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation hosts event on Friday, February 16, 6 p.m., at Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines (10950 North Torrey Pines Road). Signature dishes to sample from 25 local restaurants, silent auction. \$50 in advance, \$60 at door. Reservations: 858-597-0240. (LA JOLLA)

**San Diego Labrador Dog Show** at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El

Camino Real), Saturday and Sunday, February 17 and 18, 8–5 p.m. 619-632-5557. Free. (DEL MAR)

**20th Annual Koi Show** hosted by Koi Club of San Diego at Del Mar Fairgrounds on February 17 and 18. Hundreds of koi on display, 50 vendors selling koi and pond supplies. Show opens at 9 a.m. both mornings, closes at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Free admission; \$9 parking. 760-451-2255. (DEL MAR)

**California World Organization of China Painters** presents annual show on Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Illion Street). Artists from all over state display work; lectures by porcelain artists. Free. 619-222-1584. (BAY PARK)

**Ready for Tantra?** "Playful and engaging yoga workshop" planned by Jaruska Solyova — for singles and couples — Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m., at La Jolla Cove Bridge Club (1160 Coast Boulevard). \$30 in advance, \$40 at door. 858-456-9964. (LA JOLLA)

**Bring Walking Shoes and an Empty Stomach!** Wine and dine through historic downtown with local food/wine writer and native historian Steve Dryden during tour on Saturday, February 17, noon–3 p.m., beginning at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). Ex-

plore a new winery, brewery, local chocolates, more during leisurely three-mile walk over level terrain. \$49. Reservations: 619-300-4976. (DOWNTOWN)

**A Selection from Aquinas's *Summa Theologica*** is topic for Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, February 17, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

**Is Lutefisk Responsible for Viking Vigor?** Find out for yourself when Sons of Norway host annual lutefisk dinner, Saturday, February 17, 4–7 p.m., at Masonic Hall (7849 Tommy Drive). Meatballs also available. \$17 in advance, \$19 at door. Reservations: 858-756-1167. (SAN CARLOS)

**San Diego Brazil Carnaval 2007** is celebrated on Saturday, February 17, 9 p.m.–2 a.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Music by SambaDá, Remo All-Star Brazilian Batucada Band, Mindinho and Capoeira Brasil, guests Chalo Eduardo and Marco Santos. Tickets: \$32, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 619-224-4684. (DOWNTOWN)

**Stamp-Collecting Show,** stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, February 18, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440

Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

**Cupids and Canines,** canine adoption event hosted by Dunk n' Dogs and Camp Bow Wow featuring more than 12 rescue and adoption organizations, Sunday, February 18, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at 3056 Clairemont Drive. Admission is free. 619-276-3047. (CLAIREMONT)

**Year of the Boar** celebrated February 18–March 4 at Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino (1932 Wildcat Canyon Road). Performance of lion and dragon dance on Sunday, February 18, 6:30 p.m. Admission: free. 619-443-2300. (LAKESIDE)

**Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp,** Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m.–midnight. Three stages with continuous entertainment, masquerade parade, roving performers. \$20. 619-233-5227. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**"Reconceptualizing Blackness,"** discuss Douglas Turner Ward's *Day of Absence* on Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m., for Black History Month discussion led by UCSD professor Camille F. Forbes at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

**Culture and Cocktails,** docent-led tours of "Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life" planned for events on Thursday, February 22, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of

Art. Music by DJ Sergio, food, guest portraits "set in chic vignettes" by Design Within Reach. Tickets: \$10, available through Ticketmaster. (BALBOA PARK)

**Does the Liberal Press Exist Today?** Discuss! P & R Discussion group gathers at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street) on Thursday, February 22, 7 p.m. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

**41st Annual Local Authors' Exhibit** honoring 222 writers continues through February at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

**February Is Museum Month!** Half-price admission offered at 30 area museums. Museum month passes are free at all county Macy's stores. 619-276-0101. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

**"The Black Cowboy: Real to Reel,"** exhibit "celebrates real stories of black cowboys of the Old West and celebrates the fascinating silent cowboy movies and early talkie cowboy musicals that featured an all-black cast." Catch exhibition through February in UCSD's Geisel Library (lower level, west wing). 858-534-8074. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Witness the Gray Whale Migration** during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions daily through April 1. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises

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"Of Gold and Grass — Nomads of Kazakhstan" focuses on important archaeological discoveries, including those in 1998-1999 at frozen burial site of Berel. Exhibit includes gold, silver, and bronze artifacts fashioned into small animal forms along with their stories of recovery, overview of the history and culture of Kazakhstan, and mythology of the Steppes. The art objects are being shown in the U.S. for the first time. Through Sunday, April 22.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,** "Morris Louis Now: An American Master Revisited" opens Saturday, February 17, offering a "critical re-examination of this influential painter's legacy." Exhibit boasts 27 canvases produced from 1951-1962, with examples from three significant bodies of Louis's work. Artist is said to have "played an essential role in shaping post-war American art." Closes Sunday, May 6.

Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto exhibits his largest and most intricate installation to date. Finnish video artist Eija-Liisa Ahtila presents *The Hour of Prayer*, a short tale about attachment and death based on the artist's own life. The material is split into four parts; story has been edited to unfold on four screens. Through Sunday, May 27.

Richard Wright, an artist from Glasgow, Scotland, created two site-specific works in Strauss Gallery of the Jacobs Building during his August and September 2006 residency at MCASD. They're on view through Sunday, September 23.

Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla,** "TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art" — closing on Sunday, May 13 — features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum's permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate "diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art," with artists working across media and between disciplines.

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cucullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of museum.

"Brian Ulrich: Copia" features 14 large-scale photographs documenting shopping habits of Americans. Photographs were taken in "big-box" retail stores such as Target, Wal-Mart using medium-format film camera with waist-level viewfinder; covert vantage point allowed artist to capture "massive scale and halogen clarity of the hyper-real spaces." Closes Sunday, May 13.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Museum of Photographic Arts,** images by contemporary artists addressing issues of narra-

tive showcased in "Tell Me a Story: Narrative Photography Now," continuing through Sunday, May 13. Exhibition of work by Tracey Moffat, Gavin Hipkins, Pipa Nguyen-Duy, Polixeni Papapetrou, Nikki S. Lee, Jem Southam, and others was curated by Merry Foresta, director of Smithsonian Photography Initiative.

"Rebels and Revelers: Experimental Decades 1970s-1980s, Gifts from the Joyce and Ted Strauss Collection," showcases images by Thomas Barrow, Barbara Kasten, John Pfahl, Jo Ann Callis, Arthur Taussig, Ivan Pinkava, Barbara DeGenevieve, Leland Rice, and Ruth Thorne-Thompson, others. Exhibition highlights photography's move beyond traditional black-and-white documentary school of artists like Ansel Adams to more expressive, personalized imagery. Closes Sunday, May 6.

"Woman: A Celebration," also running through May 6, includes photographs of women by celebrated photographers such as Henri Cartier-Bresson, Ruth Orkin, August Sander, Mary Ellen Mark, Hiroshi Himaya, others.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**Oceanside Museum of Art,** "Jusour wa Kusour: The Work of Doris Bittar, 1989-2007" continues through Sunday, April 1. The title translates as "A Bridge and a Chasm" — solo exhibition featuring paintings, photographs expressing Bittar's reflections on cultural landscape of Middle East and her family's history in the region. She was born in Baghdad to Lebanese parents, and she spent her childhood in outskirts of Beirut.

Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**San Diego Museum of Art,** "Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005" features approximately 200 photographs by Leibovitz, including family photographs and portraits of public figures such as Colin Powell, Nicole Kidman, Brad Pitt, Merce Cunningham, Bill Clinton. Photographs provide glimpse into range of subjects captured by Leibovitz. Exhibition encompasses work Leibovitz made on assignment as a professional photographer, personal photographs of her family and close friends. Closes Sunday, April 22.

"Mel Bochner: Drawing from Four Decades" tracks continuity of the New York-based conceptual artist's various experimentations through four decades of artistic practice. Closes Sunday, March 18.

Jasper Johns' "Green Angel: The Making of a Print," also closing March 18, was donated by the

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"Tastes in Asian Art," continuing through Sunday, May 20, introduces new and rarely exhibited works, exploring "diverse tastes of different social groups" — the imperial ruling class, scholars, warriors, common people, features separate section devoted to religious art, section dedicated to Persian art.

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**Down on Punk** Had the Dixie Dregs' January 20 show at Birch North Park Theatre not been canceled, it would have been the first national

400-capacity Backdoor hosted Metallica, the Talking Heads, Bush, Jeff Buckley, and Jimmy Buffett. Five years ago, the stage was taken out, and that space is now used for student meetings. The nearby Montezuma Hall (1100 capacity) has held shows by Bad Religion, Blondie, the Pretenders, the

"It went away because the post office wanted the property," says longtime production assistant Louie Procaccino. He says the Roxy brought in Dire Straits, the Boomtown Rats, and Peter Tosh between '78 and '83.

The Adams Avenue Theater is now a fabric store, but in the '80s it was SD's punk palace.

"[Casbah co-owner] Tim Mays did a show called More Core in '84," recalls Procaccino. The Blasters, X, and local punk pioneers the Penetrators played the 500-capacity theater. Harlan Schiffman was arrested at a Social Distortion show he promoted there. ("They claimed we didn't have a permit for the event," says Schiffman. "It was thrown out of court.")

"They just didn't want punk shows to go on there," says Procaccino. "It started getting harder to get permits from police and fire [departments]." Procaccino recalls when the Clash played downtown's Golden Hall in '78: "The band kept kicking the stage monitors out into the crowd. I had to go out and get them back. Joe Strummer told me, 'I've been watching you, and I think you are a bit of a brute. I think I should thrash you myself.' I said, 'Bring it on, you limey bastard.'" Boston, the Grateful Dead, Prince, the Kinks, Neil Young, Tom Petty, and Aerosmith have played Golden Hall or the adjacent Civic Theatre, but promoters now tend to avoid them partly because they must hire a costly union crew.

The California Theatre (on the same block as 4th & B) turns 80 this year, but its

future is unclear. In the '80s, the 1400-seat theater hosted Lou Reed, Journey, Jimmy Cliff, PiL, Cheap Trick, Motörhead, and the Cramps.

"They called the riot squad when the Dead Kennedys played there," Procaccino remembers. "There were two busloads of cops in riot gear. They were down on punk."

Brad Richter, a planner with the Centre City Development Corporation, says the theater is designated as a historic building and that it would be difficult to get permission to tear it down. Recent plans to incorporate it into a high-rise development fell through.

— Ken Leighton

a while, and then we'll all jam on 'Jumpin' Jack Flash' with Obama singing lead...actually, not really on



SPRAGUE PONDER'S TRACK RECORD

that last part," he jokes.

Sprague, who is unsure whether he'll get to meet Obama, says he supports the candidate.

"I think he's a good fellow, and I like the idea of having the chance to vote for him." Although Sprague has performed at functions for other candidates in the past, he is uncertain on whether or not his music has an impact on elections. "My track record isn't perfect," he quips. "Not all of them have won."

— Bart Mendoza

**God of Thunder and Copyrights**

Kiss bassist Gene Simmons is working with local comic publisher IDW on a horror anthology comic to be titled *Gene Simmons House of Horror*. The first issue is scheduled

for a July release, with Simmons appearing at the San Diego Comic-Con to promote the series.

"We originally planned to do a comic with Iron Maiden, until Gene's comic came along," says IDW creator Tom Waltz. "The band was totally up for it, but then all these middlemen got involved with licensing and permissions, and it became really difficult to get simple yes or no answers."

Simmons had planned to publish the comic under his own Simmons Comic Group last year, but an apparent falling out with co-creator (and fellow musician) Jazan Wild led to the two announced issues being canceled.

For the second Simmons comic, IDW is looking for contributors and paying \$250 for scripts ("plus five comp



GENE SIMMONS IS EVERYWHERE

copies"). IDW publisher Chris Ryall says, "Gene Simmons will own the copyright to all the stories that appear in this comic."

— Jay Allen Sanford

"I'm kind of a band slut," says Rowland Bluntz, singer/guitarist in the Reservoir Tips, Noise God, and Hungover Tomorrow (also known as Punk Floyd).

blurt the inside track

rock act to play the venue in at least 15 years. Steve Kader, hired as the theater's in-

Ramones, Jane's Addiction, and Iggy Pop. An SDSU spokesman says Montezuma



RIOT SQUAD ATTENDED DEAD KENNEDYS SHOW

house talent buyer, intends to bring up to eight headliners a month to the 700-seat theater that once hosted the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Other former rock rooms do not show as much promise.

SDSU's Aztec Center was a new-music mecca in the '70s and '80s. The downstairs,

Hall could rock again, but promoters have opted to use venues that are better suited for music.

The Police reunited on February 11, but they won't return to their first SD venue; in August 1978, the band made its local debut at the 600-seat Roxy Theater in Pacific Beach.

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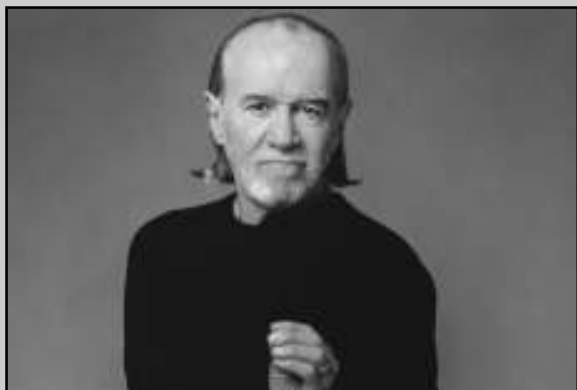
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So the Reservoir Tips could open for Battalion of Saints, Bluntz shouldered the entire cost of bringing them down from L.A. to play at a Spring Valley bar named Fannie's.



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BLUNTZ BRINGS BATTALION TO SPRING VALLEY

Under the name LSD Productions ("it stands for Local San Diego"), for the past two years Bluntz has put on about two shows a month at Fannie's. He says he's never charged a cover.

"Even a \$2 cover charge will scare people off. Paying for the Battalion of Saints to come play was worth it just to see everybody's reaction that it was free. Besides, if I had a cover charge I'd have to pay for a bouncer at the door."

At Fannie's, Bluntz functions as sound tech and says "the cops leave us alone" because the shows have been largely problem-free even though they "operate without security." Except for Battalion of Saints and a few other bands from out of

town, bands that play LSD shows don't get paid.

"I tell them up front they get a couple pitchers of beer. If they can't hang with that, then I tell them I can't afford them.... If you start charging people, fewer people will show up."

Bluntz doesn't advertise Fannie's.

"This is more for East County people who don't want to drive too far. DUIs can be brutal."

On Saturday six bands play Fannie's: CDM, the Noise Gods, the Experiments, 12 Cent, the Gizzards, and Solis.

— Ken Leighton

**Vantastico!** In the past two years, Strangers Six has played over 200 U.S. cities, guesses singer Aaron Thompson.

"We've toured all over the West Coast five times already.... We had a '92 Dodge van. Once a week it would die on the freeway; it would cut out cold. The



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REEVE OLIVER ON THE ROAD

power steering would cut out, and we'd have to pull over to the shoulder and hope we wouldn't get hit by another car. We'd have to wait ten minutes, and usually it would start again."

Thompson says his band's

label helped buy a replacement van.

"They signed us up last month. We talked with them about the necessity of a van, that it was the machine to make the band work properly.... I can now call

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unreleased record (produced by Sean O'Donnell of Reeve Oliver) has already helped their van situation because it attracted the attention of Orange Peel Records, a San Jose label. In spite of the dismal state of the record industry, Thompson says Orange Peel is solid enough not only to reimburse the band for studio costs, but the

Ecology auto wrecking and tell them to pick the old piece of shit up. We just picked up our new van. It's a 2001 15-seater with 50,000 miles."

He says the Orange Peel hookup came about "after one of the guys from the label saw us at a show at House of Blues. [Orange Peel] has good national distribution."

Glen Schwartz, director of A&R for Orange Peel, says indie labels aren't feeling the sales pinch as much as major labels are.

"We haven't been as affected [by music downloading]. The only thing that hurt us was Tower Records closing. They were really starting to support indie labels. But larger chains like the Best Buys and the FYEs are starting to buy from indies."

Orange Peel releases Strangers Six's *Date with Daylight* on May 8.

— Ken Leighton

**Next Stop, Babylon**

"Everyone was either fighting, puking, or making out," says Two Word Name guitarist Dag Stylez of the "party bus" to and from the band's January 25 gig at L.A.'s Whiskey a Go Go. For \$35, around 150 riders were

promised a keg of beer, show tickets, and a stripper pole.

"Some people were pissed that we oversold it — totally by accident — but five or six people had to stand the whole way. Then, in the first five minutes, someone took a dump and stank up the whole bus. Then the air conditioning broke, a window was busted, and, to top it off, the keg ran out about halfway to L.A."

He says the bus riders got into the gig, though some ended up bounced.

"One guy was way too drunk — he should have been kicked out — and there was a girl who passed out on the bar."

The band paid \$1000 for the bus rental and driver ("It's usually \$1250, but I know the guy who owns it"), plus money for gas, a keg of beer, and several bottles of vodka.

"We made our money back on the bus, but we didn't sell all our [show]

tickets, so we ended up losing a couple hundred dollars, after band expenses....

"Yeah, there were a few underage kids [on the bus], but everyone signed a liability [waiver] saying they wouldn't drink unless they were legal age, and there were two security guys checking." And the stripper pole? "We didn't



PARTY BUS GIRLS

hire a stripper, but there were plenty of girls dancing on it.... There were a lot more girls than guys, so I know the guys were happy with the trip."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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# Hard-Luck Hren

*He says the departure is just the latest instance of a "black cloud" following the band.*

**M**ike Chartrand bailed for a lot of reasons," says Off Track drummer Jared Hren of the band losing its longtime bassist. "We've been friends since the high school marching band, but now he wants to have a real life, a social life, and just find a regular job. Completely the opposite of who he's been during the past seven years with us. We've even done songs about not wanting to stay at regular jobs...it's really sad, because we weren't just bandmates, we were best friends for a long time."

Hren says the group has been forced to cancel "over a dozen shows, at several hundred dollars each. We were booked for Carvin guitar's big anniversary bash with Lit at their corporate headquarters and factory in Carmel Mountain. We were in all the ads, but they wouldn't let us play with a fill-in [bassist]."

He says the departure is just the latest instance of a "black cloud" following the band, citing a recent evening at the Epicentre as an example. "We presold \$1200 in tickets, tons of people showed up, we load[ed] in, and they canceled the show because they couldn't get a real soundman. They wouldn't let us touch the gear, even though we know how to run sound. We even offered to bring in a big PA, but they shot it down."

Guitarist Sam Roberson says, "They rebooked us a while later, on a weeknight, but they offered no promotion, and it was near impossible to convince people to buy tickets again and drive down again."

Off Track are now in their tenth year and debuted new bassist Jimmy Zadai in December 2006.

## WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

### Jared Hren

1. Third Eye Blind ("Love their CDs from start to finish.")
2. Eve 6 ("I miss that band.")
3. Nickelback ("The opening seconds of each CD kicks.")
4. Unwritten Law ("I blast their last three CDs through our PA and play along.")

### Sam Roberson

1. Queen, *Classic Queen* ("They are all geniuses.")
2. The Darkness, *One Way Ticket to Hell...and Back* ("Amazing vocals, solos, and writing.")
3. Dio, *The Very Beast of Dio* ("The voice of an army in a man barely five feet tall.")
4. Tenacious D, *The Pick of Destiny* ("Just watch the movie, over and over and over, and you'll get it.")

### Jimmy Zadai

1. Rise Against, *The Sufferer and the Witness* ("Tim McIlrath has the best punk voice ever.")
2. Me First and the Gimme Gimmes, *Love Their Country* ("Their cover of 'Desperado' is awesome.")

## DESERT ISLAND DVDs?

### Hren

1. *Godsmack, Live* ("Fabulous production, and their new drummer is incredible.")
2. *Airheads* ("I've worn out two VHS copies of this lighthearted rock movie.")

### Roberson

1. *Lord of the Rings* trilogy ("Along with stacks of batteries for the DVD player.")

### Zadai

1. *Napoleon Dynamite* ("Funniest movie ever.")
2. *Nacho Libre* ("Second funniest movie ever.")
3. Any blink-182 DVD ("When I listen to Tom DeLonge's voice, I realize how good mine is.")

## FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

### Hren

1. *Overhaulin'* ("I really love old cars.")
2. *CSI* ("I started watching it by chance, and now I'm hooked.")
3. *Viva la Bam* ("I just can't help myself.")

### Roberson

1. *Law and Order* ("I'm the worst sucker for all three series.")
2. *Flavor of Love* ("A not-so-secret guilty pleasure.")

### Zadai

1. *Family Guy* ("Peter Griffin is my hero.")
2. *Lost* ("Even though the story doesn't make sense anymore.")



Sam Roberson, Jared Hren, Jim Zadai

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## AFI OR GREEN DAY?

**Hren:** "Green Day definitely wins for their shows; AFI wins for their makeup."

**Roberson:** "I was weaned on Green Day's *Dookie*. Though I'm not entirely in line with their politics, *American Idiot* and *Bullet in a Bible* are the new benchmarks of punk."

**Zadai:** "Green Day was one of the first punk bands I ever heard, so I have to pick them over AFI, even though I've been listening to AFI for the past few months nonstop."

## WORST SONG EVER?

**Hren:** "The new Fergie single, 'Fergilicious.' Blah blah blah."

**Roberson:** "Black Eyed Peas, 'My Humps.' And I'm not even gonna dignify that one with a reason."

## BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

**Hren:** "Gay marriage. I think people should be free to be with who they want."

**Roberson:** "Illegal immigration. The federal gov-

ernment, whether intentionally or not, is raising a specter of social racism that'll make it very hard for Americans to exist around the world."

**Zadai:** "President Bush. He's slowly destroying the planet."

## FAVORITE LOCAL EATERY?

**Hren:** "Acapulco. There's one on East Valley Parkway, but I prefer the one on San Marcos Boulevard. I like the halibut fillet meal with butter-wine sauce, and they have my favorite chips and salsa for sure. Not too pricey, for a nice restaurant."

**Roberson:** "Pho Hoacali on Rancho Bernardo Road."

## SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

**Hren:** "My natural hair color. Even I barely remember what it was."

**Roberson:** "I had a bit role in the movie *Almost Famous*."

**Zadai:** "I spent four years in the military." ■

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**Sevendust:** House of Blues, Saturday, March 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

### APRIL

**Static X** and **Otep:** House of Blues, Sunday, April 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**TV on the Radio:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, April 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**The Ataris:** House of Blues, Monday, April 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Rickie Lee Jones:** 4th & B, Thursday, April 5, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Josh Groban:** ipayOne Center, Friday, April 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Brand New:** Soma, Friday, April 6, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**The Killers:** RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, April 10, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

**Saves the Day** and **Say Anything:** Soma, Tuesday, April 10, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**Relient K:** House of Blues, Wednesday, April 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Fu Manchu:** The Casbah, Friday, April 13, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

**The Mother Hips:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 14, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Montgomery Gentry:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, April 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Boz Scaggs:** Pala Events Center, Saturday, April 14, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Chicago:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, April 15, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Jedi Mind Tricks:** Belly Up Tavern, Monday, April 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Moenia:** House of Blues, Wednesday, April 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Huey Lewis & the News:** Pala Events Center, Friday, April 20, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Stone Sour:** House of Blues, Sunday, April 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Gwen Stefani, Akon, and Lady Sovereign:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**ZZ Top:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, April 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Mute Math:** House of Blues, Thursday, April 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**David Wilcox:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, April 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Blonde Redhead:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 27, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Fall Out Boy** and **+44:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**ZZ Top:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, April 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Ghostface Killah:** Belly Up Tavern, Monday, April 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

### MAY

**Taylor Hicks:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, May 2, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Melissa Ferrick:** The Casbah, Thursday, May 3, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

**Richard Marx:** Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, May 4, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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**Chayanne:** ipayOne Center, Saturday, May 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

### JUNE

**The Charlie Daniels Band:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, June 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Keith Urban:** ipayOne Center, Sunday, June 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Hot Tuna:** House of Blues, Monday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

### AUGUST

**Heart:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 31, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

## Calendar CLUBS

### DANCE

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**Air Conditioned:** Wednesdays, RockBoxx, '70s and '80s rock. Thursdays, College Night, old-skool hip-hop, '80s, and funk with DJ 1979. Fridays, old-skool disco, funk, and '80s with DJ Junior. Saturdays, Juicy, classic booty-shakin' music with Mike Czech. Sundays, guest DJ night. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

**Brass Rail:** Fridays, Element, New York and Chicago house-music journeys with DJ Ciel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

**The C Lounge:** Sundays, Liquid, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass with residents Calculon, Knottyboy, Frizz, and more. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

**Club Montage:** Wednesdays, Club Thizz, hip-hop, reggae, and drum 'n' bass. 2028 Hancock Street, San Diego. 619-294-9590.

**The Flame:** Second and fifth Saturday of the month, Sabbat, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

**Gaslamp Tavern:** Thursdays, DJs Billie Knight, Tek, and guests spin true hip-hop. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Billie Knight spins Tavern music. Sundays, DJ Tek spins '80s. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

**Habana Restaurant:** Saturdays, Adventuras East, salsa, merengue, and cha-cha with David Garcia and David Suave. 10 p.m. 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011.

**Honey Bee Hive:** Wednesdays, Mixtape Sessions, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, Deep, drum 'n' bass with DJs Walkkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

**Inferno Young Adult Nightclub:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. Sunday, President's Day Jam featuring DJ Dizzy D. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

**Jack's Lounge:** Fridays, Injoy Fridays at Jack's, deep funky house music with DJ Misha and guests. Saturdays, vocal



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house with DJ Sean Wilson. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

**Kadan:** Wednesdays, *Darkwave Garden*, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimderella. First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**The Kava Lounge:** First Saturday of the month, *Ascension*, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

**The Kensington Club:** Wednesdays, *Lowdown*, metal to old skool to classic rock to hip-hop with DJs Buddha and SC. 9:30 p.m. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

**Landlord Jim's:** Sundays, *Sunday Soulcial*, DJ Buddha serves up old soul, R&B, and positive hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 1546 Broadway, downtown. 619-233-9998.

**Mission Valley Resort:** Thursdays and Fridays, *Mambo Lounge*, salsa, bachata, and cha-cha with Da Wizzrd. 8 p.m. to midnight. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

**Moondoggies Pacific Beach:** Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 hits. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

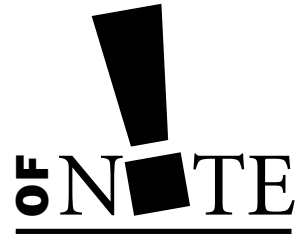
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Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore*, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electropop, and '80s. Second and fourth Saturday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Barry Weaver, Edgartronic, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

**Shooterz:** Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

**Whiskey Girl:** Fridays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Saturdays, DJs Marc Thrasher and Famous Dave mix music videos. Sundays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. Mondays, *Manic Mondays*, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

**The Whistle Stop:** First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.



BY DAVE GOOD

"You are in the presence of Mon Cul, prince of baboons," Tom Robbins wrote in *Another Roadside Attraction*. "Mon Cul has been around the world and met everybody twice. He is better educated than you or I, and is the only creature on earth, man or beast, who knows an English word that rhymes with orange."

I wonder if **Mick Overman** has ever read *Roadside Attraction*. In his bio, he makes reference to what he calls the "periodically repeated 'rule' that nothing in the English language rhymes with orange." Aside from Overman, the only other place I'd ever heard of the impossible matchup with "orange" was in Robbins's very funny novel. But Overman

seems serious. "I have an affinity," he continues, "for breaking rules and exposing myths."

Mick Overman is a singer-songwriter based in Santa Cruz; the earnest spark in his voice belies both the age and the miles. He patterns a bit after Stephen Stills as a guitarist, and he's credible as well with a blues man's pinkie slide. His latest CD, *Good Thing Happen*, is a collection of acoustic symphonies written to the minor devils of heartache, self-pity, and sorrow: "Went to my doctor and he said/ Boy, you gotta get over it just let her go/ I says, Doc, tell me something I don't already know." Maudlin, perhaps, but Overman's songs are sculpted with the kind of truth and precision that comes not from the imagination but from years and experience. There's a kindly hint of John Hiatt lurking in the background of Over-



**MICK OVERMAN**

man's songwriting as well.

As for breaking rules, exposing myths, or finding that word in English that rhymes with orange, Overman misses the mark.

**MICK OVERMAN, The Beach House, Thursday, February 15, 7:30 p.m. 760-753-1321. No cover.**

## CLUBS BY AREA

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**'Canes**, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *Kavena*, *Silence Betrayed*, *Open Wound*, and *Sight Unscene*. Friday, *Sprung*

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**E Street Cafe**, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Frank Leong*. Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Jennifer Cunningham*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Rusty Jones*. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Ean Corbet*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Podunk Nowhere*. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Todd Pyke*.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB)**, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live music.

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Plato Soul*. Saturday, *West of 5*, classic rock. Sunday, blues jam with *the Blues Brokers*.

**La Scala**, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

**La Valencia Hotel**, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

**The Lodge at Torrey Pines**, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. Lobby: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar.  
Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

**Ortega's Tamaleria**, 4993 Niagra Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, variety.

**Pasquale on Prospect**, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron, Mark Fulton, James East, and PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore, John Guilino, Dave Scott, and the Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

**Portugalia**, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Trece de la Suerte*, salsa/Latin.

**710 Beach Club**, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Married by Elvis, Warner Drive, and Rock Dirty Raw*, country/rock. Friday, *Reason 2 Believe, d/Rost, Syrup, and Semi*. Saturday, *3 Against 1*, rock. Wednesday, *Not Your Mom, Astra Kelly, and Stereo Suite*, rock.

**Shooters Bar and Grill**, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/pop/Latin/standards.

**Thrusters**, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Willowleat*, smooth jazz/R&B.

**Tiki House**, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Fairfield Fats*, blues. Saturday, *the Pheromones*, rock. Wednesday, live band.

**Tower Two Beach Cafe**, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., live music.

**Turquoise Cafe**, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Jazzilla*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., live world jazz.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Bat Makumba*. Friday, *Agua Dulce* and *the Adopted Prophets*. Saturday, *Shoestring Strap, bluegrass*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Hatlie Maskel, Wadi Gad, and Junior P*, reggae. Wednesday, *Down Low*.

# ! NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Funny thing: Most of the live music videos you'll find on YouTube omit the parts where the artists talk, but the people who post footage of **Neko Case** leave it all in. It's easy to see why. The hard-working singer could be today's greatest practitioner of between-song banter. Whether she's playing as part of one of her various projects (the New Pornographers, the Corn Sisters) or under her own name, she spends nearly as much time talking as singing, and she's funny, a little racy, and very likable.

Here I should also note that Case isn't bad at the singing bit either. She has a voice that sounds as if it could knock you over if you

stood too close. In the manic pop of the New Pornographers, she sounds like exuberance itself. When she's singing one of her own slow, steamy, offbeat country-noir ballads, she'll go from a quiet passage to a loud, clear note, and her voice sounds as though it is trying to break free through the ceiling and pull the rest of the instruments along with it.

It's an impressive feat, but personally, I prefer the exuberance. When I listen to her solo material — even last year's *Fox Confessor Brings the Flood*, Case's best solo album — I have to wonder why an artist who looks so comfortable onstage should create such claustrophobic-sounding music.

Another funny thing about those YouTube videos: You'll notice that the more professional ones taken from the David Letterman show or Austin City Limits don't rock



**NEKO CASE**

as hard as the lower-quality ones taken at some sweaty club somewhere. Even her most uncomfortable-sounding songs open up when Case has time to get cozy with her audience.

**NEKO CASE, Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 18, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$22.**

## DOWNTOWN

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

**Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)**, 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Lee Tyler Post*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Molly Jensen*, folk.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Red Sparowes, Earthless, and Silver Sunshine*. Saturday, *Steve Poltz* and *Old Man Hands*. Monday, *the Black Fuzz, Low vs. Diamond, and Electrocrypt*. Tuesday, *the Cold War Kids* and *Delta Spirit*. Wednesday, *Eleni Mandell, Anya Marina, and Swandive*.

**Club Montage**, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

**Croce's Jazz Bar**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *David Patrone*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

**Dakota Grill and Spirits**, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop piano.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Blue Rockit*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Night Shift*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *a Flock of 80s*. Sunday and Tuesday, *the Disco*

*Pimps*. Wednesday, *Private Domain*, unplugged.

**Dizzy's**, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Cirque du Soul*, jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Orquesta Binacional de Mambo*, Latin jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Bob Malone and His Band*. Sunday, 6 p.m., *Gabriel Sundry and His Quartet*, jazz. Monday, 8 p.m., *Gary LeFebvre and His Big Band*.

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Steel Pulse*, reggae. Saturday, *Brazil Carnaval and Samba Da*. Tuesday, *Robert Earl Keen* and *Cross Canadian Ragweed*, rock.

**Gaslamp Tavern**, 868 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-3339. Tuesday, *Fishbait*, country. Wednesday, *Mark Fisher*, classic rock.

**G5-Georges on Fifth**, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

**Henry's Pub**, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Groove Sessions*. Tuesday, *the Stilletos*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie* and *the Diamonds*, blues.

**House of Blues**, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Pepper, the Mad Caddies, the Superevillains, and Splinta*, reggae/ska/punk/hip-hop. Friday, *Sound Tribe Sector 9*, electronica/rock. Saturday, *Los Amigos Invisibles*, Latin. Sunday, *Cradle of Filth* and *69 Eyes*, metal/gothic. Monday, *Peter York, Aqualung, and Charlotte Martin*. Tuesday, *Gomez* and *Ben Kweller*. Wednesday, *Cartel, Cobra*



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## SAN DIEGO

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**The Alibi**, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Live rock/indie/alternative.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Chris and Harold*, Irish folk. Monday, *Pat and Joe* and *Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

**Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)**, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Brenda Pameton*, folk.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buena Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is heavy rock/metal/punk/rockabilly. Thursday, *Wired All Wrong* and *Wahbah*. Friday, *Kicking K8*, *Evolocity*, *Colporter*, and *Testing Tomorrow*. Saturday, *Imperative*, *Reaction*, and *Shaolin Punk*. Sunday, *Mylin* and *Wendy Bailey*. Wednesday, *the Head Cat*, *the Duke of Haggard*, *the Whiskey Dicks*, and *the Dirty Angels*.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, 15 North, *the Ovals of Cassini*, *Entice*, *the Road Apples*, and *Dopamine Chamber*. Saturday, *Step Stevie Step*, *Silence Betrayed*, *Valiant*, *Craze*, and *Thieves and Liars*.

**Etta's Place**, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

**The Filling Station Pub and Grill**, 9522 Miramar Road (corner of Black Mountain Road), San Diego. 619-578-0757.

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery**, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Blue Rokkit*, blues/rock.

**Harry's Bar and American Grill**, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego.

858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

**Hot Monkey Love Cafe**, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday live bands. Sunday, salsa.

**Humphrey's**, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, Motown/dance. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time*, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Monday, *Chet Cannon*, blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Criminal Funk*, '80s dance. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Rockola*, classic rock.

**The Imperial House**, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/varietal.

**In Cahoots**, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is rock/alternative/metal. Friday, *Japanese Sunday*, *the Archways*, and *the Pussywhips*. Saturday, *Alta Voz*, *the Fascination*, *Get Down to Brass Tax*, and *the Nurses*.

**The Lafayette Hotel**, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-2101. L Bar and Grill: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

**Lestat's Coffee House**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Chris MacCarthy*, *Pete Stewart*, and *Whitton*. Friday, *Gregory Page*. Saturday, *Chad Farran*, *Greg Friedman*, and *Jane Lui*. Sunday, *Steve Poltz*. Wednesday, *the Buddy Wuddy Blues Show*.

**Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom**, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Friday, 9 p.m., *Orquesta Rico Tumbao*, salsa. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Victoria Rose Trio*, vintage jazz/swing/rock.

**Martini's Bar and Grill**, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232.



## >hometown CDs

BY OLLIE

**Album:** *Souls of Passing Feet* (2007)

**Artist:** Greg Friedman

**Label:** Populuxe Records

**Where available/price:** Lou's Records, M-Theory, and online at [populuxerecords.com/store](http://populuxerecords.com/store) for \$10.

**Songs:** 1) Story Street 2) Santa Cruz 3) Escalator 4) Piece of Me 5) Hallpass 6) The Second Thing 7) Thumbtack 8) Get the Ghost 9) Confess 10) Impress You 11) Stranded 12) Fingers Connected

**Band:** Greg Friedman (vocals, guitar, ukulele, electric bass, piano, Wurlitzer, synthesizers, glockenspiel, accordion), Matt Lynott (drums), Christopher Hoffee (percussion, vocals, guitar), Patrick Dennis (vocals)

**Website:** [gregfriedmanmusic.com](http://gregfriedmanmusic.com)

**Extra info:** Greg's CD-release party will be at Lestat's West on February 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Another indie pop album...whoopee! Holding on to artistic credibility and rolling the independent road has become

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Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Roman Spring*, *Southwest Nomadic*, and *Divebomber*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *People and Blues from a Gun*, rock/psychedelic, indie. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., *the Perils of Being and My Laughing Face*, rock/alternative/indie. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Stratosphere* and *Sandi Shaner*, rock/alternative/acoustic.

**The Ould Sod**, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

**Pal Joey's**, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Landmark*, classic rock. Friday and Saturday, *Rhythm Red*, classic rock.

**The Prado Restaurant**, 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Celtic/Irish.

house crowd.

Greg Friedman sings those same songs. With that same acoustic guitar. And the same emo voice and the same lyrics about pain, cold, and scars in the typical breakup/jilted-lover theme. "Story Street," "Piece of Me," "The Second Thing," and "Thumbtack" bring to mind an autumn day spent next to a frozen East Coast river, rehashing why she dumped you. Those are his good songs; the songs with a cohesive, albeit belabored, theme.

The other tracks sound like b-sides of the Mamas and the Papas with a retro rock, fat electric guitar, tambourine, and Wurlitzer organ backup. Mashing the two different song styles together on one album makes for a disorientant whole.

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Greg Friedman

The guitar work isn't nimble, but it isn't garbled. The drums are good, especially on the slow, quiet tracks, when Lynott uses the brushes.

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**The Rhythm Lounge**, 3048 Midway Drive, San Diego. 619-224-4835. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Groove Policy*, acid jazz/soul.

**Rosie O'Grady's**, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

**San Diego Sports Club**, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Music is rock/indie/alternative rock. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Old English*, *Continental Kit*, and *Lilith Velkor*. Saturday, *Ithaca*.

**Scolari's Office**, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

Saturday, Feb. 24 <b>Roy Rogers</b> and the <b>Delta Kings</b>	Thursday, March 8 <b>Devon Allman</b> & <b>Honey Tribe</b>	Saturday, March 10 <b>Chris Duarte</b>
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<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22</b> <b>KEMISTRY</b> <b>HIGH ROLLING LONERS</b> <b>DEVELOPMENT OF SOULS</b>	<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23</b> <b>THOSE DANG ROBINSONS</b> <b>A CONSCIOUS FEW</b> <b>Rebellion KAREYA</b>
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<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 24</b> <b>Tainted Love</b> (80's Tribute) <b>DJ BAO</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28</b> <b>ATERCIOPELADOS</b> <b>THE MAYAN KINGS</b>
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**Soma**, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, *Authority Zero*, *Rehab*, *a Change of Pace*, and *Crazy Angles*. Friday, *Terror Warriors*, *All Shall Perish*, *Stick to Your Guns*, and *War of Ages*. Saturday, *Suicide Silence*, *Sworn Enemy*, *Kataycism*, *As Blood Runs Black*, *Too Pure to Die*, and *Wages of War*.

**Terra**, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, blues/funky jazz.

**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *the Joey Show*. Saturday, *the Working Cowboy Band*, country. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

**The Tower Bar**, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, live band. Monday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

**Triple Crown Pub**, 3221 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-281-0263. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, solo acoustic.

**Tutto Mare**, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, jazz.

**Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company**, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Joey Pearson*, *Sacha Sackett*, *Dawn Mitschele*, and *Champion Vinyl*. Friday, *Kelly Kellam*, *the Retrofits*, *Aston Peague*, and *Jonathan Clay*. Saturday, *Terrance Hale*, *Steven Espaniola*, *Delaney*, and *Doug Culp*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*.

**Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant**, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the B-3 Four* featuring vocalist, *David Mosby*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Peggy Lloyd*, jazz.

## NORTH COUNTY

**The Alley**, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

**Belly Up Tavern**, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Todd Snider and Sara Petite*, acoustic/folk. Friday, 9 p.m., *Bob Schneider and Eliot Morris*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Hacienda*

*Brothers and Bartender's Bible*, country. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Neko Case*, country, and *Eric Bachmann*, folk. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys* and *the Monroe Avenue String Band*, bluegrass. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Joe Walsh*, *Jack Tempchin*, and *Rocket Scientist*.

**Boar Cross'n**, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe**, Flower Hill Mall, 1-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, live folk/jazz/acoustic.

**Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)**, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Joshua Damigo*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Skibbereen*, traditional Irish folk.

**Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)**, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Johnson*, *Bosley*, and *Morin*, acoustic trio. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Adam Dias*, folk.

**Carvers**, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

**Cheers**, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Coyote Bar and Grill**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Backwater Blues Band*. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock.

**Del Dios Bar and Grill**, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Will Faerber*, *Greg Pardue*, and *Gary Peek*, smooth jazz. Saturday, *the Blues Lite Special*.

**Game Time Tavern**, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

**Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)**, 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *Abigail's Attic*, alternative rock.

**The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe**, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

**The Jumping Turtle**, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative/metal. Friday, 8 p.m., *Rev*, *Sliver*, *Fractured Halo*, and *Discord*. Saturday, *D.I.*, *Hardslug*, *Amerikan Made*, *Teenage Corpses*, *Jakked Rabbits*, *the Buzzbombs*, *the Formaldehydes*, and *the Yucks*. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Casey McSocial*, *the Fred Jones Band*, *Emergency Broadcast System*, and *James Drive*. Monday, 7 p.m., *Honest Iago*, *Elba*, and *Skyline Divide*. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Still Ill*, and *Mouthful of Snow*.

# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Frelance**  
Song: "Last of a Different Kind" (from the CD *Rooftop Session*)  
Heard By: **Josh Feucht**, Ocean Beach



Josh

It sounded like Jurassic 5 without the "5" — just one person. [The lyrics] seemed more [about] ethics and moral systems — not necessarily preaching his ways but telling you how he lives. There was one part in there where it skipped from freestyle to more of a chorus [that] didn't fit well. Beat-wise, it sounded kind of mellow. I usually listen to that kind of music when I'm at my computer doing graphic design.

**Mas Fina Cantina**, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**North Bar Sports and Spirits**, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Ocean House**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m., *Idle Train*, classic rock. Saturday, live rock. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing. Wednesday, open mike, blues.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn**, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

**Robbie's Roadhouse**, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Spirit Wind*, jazz.

**Surf N'Saddle**, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101),

## SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Tony Corleone**  
Song: "Doin' it Cali" (from the CD *California Dreamin'*)  
Heard By: **Lindsey Rose**, Olympia, WA



Lindsey

I like the beat mixed with the female [background] vocals. It's reminiscent of Tupac except that the lyrics aren't quite as hard-hitting. [The lyrics] are about California "gangsta" lifestyle — which is appropriate — but it sounds like songs that have been done before. I like the vocals, but I found the lyrics didn't speak much to me. I think it would be good to open up a block party where you're celebrating West Coast energy [or] excitement.

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Music Editor, As I Hear It, San Diego Reader, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803

Artist: **The Donnis Trio**  
Song: "Nothing Better Than Your Love" (from the CD *All Directions*)  
Heard By: **Doyle Van Deman**, Ocean Beach



Doyle

It had a familiar sound, but I wouldn't want to say it sounded exactly like Dave Matthews or Ben Harper. I thought it was a down-to-earth love song with a nice, progressive groove. I just liked that [the singer] seemed honest in his lyrics; it didn't give all the answers to the universe, but it was about simple, honest feelings he had. It would be a nice, supportive-type music for an event because of the positive energy that the music seems to bring along.

Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Meliesa and Monkey Bites*, rock. Saturday, *Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat*, classic rock. Wednesday, open mike.

**Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant**, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Raggle Taggle*, Irish dance cabaret.

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**Buon Giorno Restaurant**, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, *Stage 4* or *Mikan and Friends*, jazz.

**The Butcher Shop**, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

**Galley at the Marina**, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Justin Brothers*, rock and roll. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *David Hauser*, acoustic.

Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Gary Seiler*, acoustic.

**Hotel del Coronado**, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita and Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West*. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *John Cain*.

**Island Sports and Spirits**, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., live music.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill**, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Friday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Willovealot*, jazz. Sunday, *Gary Rich*, acoustic folk. Monday, *Jim Moore*, acoustic. Tuesday, *David Houser*,

acoustic. Wednesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

## EAST COUNTY

**Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)**, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, *B'Dale*, acoustic. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Greg Campbell*, folk.

**De Oro Mine Co.**, 9924 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-464-3351. Friday, 9 p.m., *80 Proof*, rock. Saturday, *Evans*, rock.

**Dirk's Niteclub**, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Zone 4*, classic rock.

**Don's Cocktail Lounge**, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Tall Dudes*, rock.

**Fannie's Nightclub**, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, *CDM*, *Noize God*, *the Experiments*, *12 Cent*, and *the Gizzard*, punk.

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**Renegade Inn**, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Southbound Johnny*, country.

**Second Wind**, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

**Wagon Wheel**, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Live country music.

## Calendar BANDS

### ALTERNATIVE

**Abigail's Attic**: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

**Alas Alak Alaska**: Ché Café

**Alta Voz**: The Kensington Club

**Amerikan Made**: The Jumping Turtle

**Amongst the Lost**: Dreamstreet

**The Archons**: Dreamstreet

**The Archways**: The Kensington Club

**As Blood Runs Black**: Soma

**Authority Zero**: Soma

**Bat Makumba**: Winstons

**The Black Fuzz**: The Casbah

**The Buzzbombs**: The Jumping Turtle

**Randy Caserta**: Dreamstreet

**Casey McSocial**: The Jumping Turtle

**A Change of Pace**: Soma

**Continental Kit**: San Diego Sports Club

**Cozy**: Ché Café

**Cradle of Filth**: House of Blues

**Crazy Angels**: Soma

**Defiance Ohio**: Ché Café

**d.fRost**: 710 Beach Club

**D.I.**: The Jumping Turtle

**Dopamine Chamber**: Epicentre

**Earthless**: The Casbah

**Elba**: The Jumping Turtle

**Eletrocrypt**: The Casbah

**Emergency Broadcast System**: The Jumping Turtle

**Entice**: Epicentre

**The Ethereal Union**: Dreamstreet

**The Fascination**: The Kensington Club

**The Formaldehydes**: The Jumping Turtle

**Funk and Wagnall**: Ché Café

**Get Down to Brass Tax**: The Kensington Club

**Hardslug**: The Jumping Turtle

**Honest Iago**: The Jumping Turtle

**Hope Unseen**: Dreamstreet

**In Perfect Agony**: Dreamstreet

**Ithica**: San Diego Sports Club

**Jacked Rabbits**: The Jumping Turtle

**Japanese Sunday Followers**: The Kensington Club

**Jehova's Fitness**: Ché Café

**The Fred Jones Band**: The Jumping Turtle

**Kataclysm**: Soma

**Kavena**: 'Canes

**Lilith Velkor**: San Diego Sports Club

**Low vs. Diamond**: The Casbah

**The Mexican Fruit Flies**: Ché Café

**Mouthful of Snow**: The Jumping Turtle

**Mower**: 'Canes

**The Muslims**: Ché Café

**New Atlantic**: House of Blues

**The New Bloods**: Ché Café

**Non-Propheet**: Dreamstreet

**The Nurses**: The Kensington Club

**The Ovals of Cassini**: Epicentre

**Gregory Page**: Lestat's Coffee House

**Pepper**: House of Blues

**The Pink Razors**: Ché Café

**Podunk Nowhere**: E Street Cafe

**The Powerchords**: Ché Café

**The Prayers**: Ché Café

**The Pussywhips**: The Kensington Club

**Querent**: Ché Café

**Red Sparrows**: The Casbah

**Rehab**: Soma

**The Seesaw Ensemble**: Ché Café

**The Sess**: Ché Café

**Silver Sunshine**: The Casbah

**69 Eyes**: House of Blues

**Skyline Divide**: The Jumping Turtle

**Sprung Monkey**: 'Canes

**Still Ill**: The Jumping Turtle

**Suicide Silence**: Soma

**SweetSize**: Xaviers Bar and Grill

**Sweetsize**: Dreamstreet

**Sworn Enemy**: Soma

**Syrup**: 710 Beach Club

**Teenage Corpses**: The Jumping Turtle

**This Bike's a Pipe Bomb**: Ché Café

**This Is an Essay**: Ché Café

**Tiltwheel**: Ché Café

**Too Pure to Die**: Soma

**Ultra Lord**: Dreamstreet

**Unset**: 'Canes

**The Vaginals**: Ché Café

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**Valiant:** Epicentre  
**Vesper:** Dreamstreet  
**The Visual Underground:** The Casbah  
**Wages of War:** Soma  
**The Yucks:** The Jumping Turtle  
**The Z's:** Ché Café

## ROCK

**All Shall Perish:** Soma  
**Aqualung:** House of Blues  
**Astra Kelly:** 710 Beach Club  
**The Atomic Punks:** 'Canes  
**Blues from a Gun:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**Boneyard:** Coyote Bar and Grill  
**Boys Like Girls:** House of Blues  
**The Brat Pack:** Henry's Pub  
**CDM:** Fannie's Nightclub  
**Champion Vinyl:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company  
**The Cold War Kids:** The Casbah  
**Colporter:** Brick By Brick  
**Craze:** Epicentre  
**Criminal Funk:** Humphrey's  
**Cross Canadian Ragweed:** 4th & B  
**Daredevil Jane:** 'Canes  
**Delta Spirit:** The Casbah  
**The Detroit Underground:** Humphrey's  
**The Dirty Angels:** Brick By Brick  
**Discord:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Divebomber:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**80 Proof:** De Oro Mine Co.  
**The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons  
**Evans:** De Oro Mine Co.  
**Evolocity:** Brick By Brick  
**The Exies:** 'Canes  
**The Experiments:** Fannie's Nightclub  
**15 North:** Epicentre  
**Mark Fisher:** Gaslamp Tavern  
**A Flock of 80's:** Dick's Last Resort  
**FONO:** 'Canes  
**Fractured Halo:** The Jumping Turtle  
**The Gizzards:** Fannie's Nightclub  
**The Head Cat:** Brick By Brick  
**Idle Train:** Ocean House  
**Imperative:** Brick By Brick  
**James Drive:** The Jumping Turtle  
**The Joey Show:** Tio Leo's Lounge  
**The Justin Brothers:** Galley at the Marina  
**Robert Earl Keen:** 4th & B  
**Kicking K8:** Brick By Brick  
**Laguna:** Carvers, McP's Irish Pub and Grill  
**Landmark:** Pal Joey's  
**Red Lane:** Coyote Bar and Grill  
**Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat:** Surf N'Saddle  
**Meliesa and Monkey Bites:** Surf N'Saddle  
**Eliot Morris:** Belly Up Tavern  
**My Laughing Face:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**Nemesis:** Second Wind (San Carlos)  
**Noize God:** Fannie's Nightclub  
**Not Your Mom:** 710 Beach Club  
**Old English:** San Diego Sports Club  
**Old Man Hands:** The Casbah  
**Open Wound:** 'Canes  
**People:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**The Perils of Being:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**The Pheromones:** Tiki House  
**Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort  
**Reaction:** Brick By Brick  
**Reason 2 Believe:** 710 Beach Club  
**Rev:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Rhythm Red:** Pal Joey's  
**The Road Apples:** Epicentre  
**Rock Dirty Raw:** 710 Beach Club

**Rocket Scientist:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Rockola:** Humphrey's  
**The Roman Spring:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**Bob Schneider and Band:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Semi:** 710 Beach Club  
**Serious Guise:** Second Wind (Santee)  
**Shaolin Punk:** Brick By Brick  
**Sight Unscene:** 'Canes  
**Silence Betrayed:** 'Canes, Epicentre  
**6one9:** Game Time Tavern

**Sliver:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Southwest Nomadic:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**Step Stevie Step:** Epicentre  
**Stereo Suite:** 710 Beach Club  
**Stick to Your Guns:** Soma  
**The Stiletos:** Henry's Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill  
**Stratosphere:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**Super Villains:** House of Blues  
**The Tall Dudes:** Don's Cocktail Lounge

**Terror Warriors:** Soma  
**Testing Tomorrow:** Brick By Brick  
**The Texas Twisters:** Patrick's II  
**Thieves and Liars:** Epicentre  
**3 Against 1:** 710 Beach Club  
**12 Cent:** Fannie's Nightclub  
**Wahbah:** Brick By Brick  
**Joe Walsh:** Belly Up Tavern  
**War of Ages:** Soma  
**Warner Drive:** 710 Beach Club  
**West of 5:** The Kraken

**The Whiskey Dicks:** Brick By Brick  
**Wired All Wrong:** Brick By Brick  
**Peter Yorn:** House of Blues  
**Zone 4:** Dirk's Niteclub

## POP / TOP 40

**PTrak Armenta:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**Gil Barron:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**Crash Carter:** The Calypso Cafe  
**Jesse Davis:** Buon Giorno Restaurant  
**Diva Soul:** Jimmy Love's

**James East:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**Mark Fulton:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**The Good Times:** Henry's Pub  
**Jimmy Lavello:** Dakota Grill and Spirits  
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- The Archtones:** Croce's Jazz Bar
- The B-3 Four:** Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant
- The John Bennett Trio:** The Calypso Cafe
- Tom Bishop:** Rancho Bernardo Inn
- Edo Brazil:** Samba Grill
- Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado
- The Jorge Camberos Quintet:** Croce's Jazz Bar
- Cirque du Soul:** Dizzy's
- The Credit Union:** Ocean House
- Jerome Dawson:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Will Faeber:** Del Dios Bar and Grill
- Nick Fiore:** Pasquale on Prospect
- Karen Giorgio:** The Westgate Hotel
- John Guilino:** Pasquale on Prospect
- Cynthia Hammond:** Pasquale on Prospect
- The High Society Jazz Band:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Insight:** Jimmy Love's
- Keith Jacobsen:** Lafayette Hotel
- Barbara Jamerson:** Humphrey's, Hotel del Coronado
- The Jazz 101 Band:** Pasquale on Prospect
- Jazzilla:** Turquoise Cafe
- Dick Koenig:** Cody's La Jolla
- Tony Lasley:** Hotel del Coronado
- Gary LeFebvre and His Big Band:** Dizzy's
- Barry Levich:** La Valencia Hotel
- Stellita and Dave Lindgren:** Hotel del Coronado



Bob Schneider, February 16, Belly Up Tavern

- Peggy Lloyd:** Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant
- Fran Loskota:** The Westgate Hotel
- Masterpiece:** Jimmy Love's
- Jerry Melnick:** The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
- The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Croce's Jazz Bar
- Mikan and Friends:** Buon Giorno Restaurant
- David Mosby:** Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant
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- Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice:** Pasquale on Prospect
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- Gary Peek:** Del Dios Bar and Grill
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- Primo:** Croce's Jazz Bar
- The Victoria Rose Trio:** Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom
- Rick Ross:** La Valencia Hotel
- Dave Scott:** Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar
- Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time:** Humphrey's
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**Willovealot:** Thrusters, McP's Irish Pub and Grill  
**Yavez:** Croce's Jazz Bar

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**Frank Leong:** E Street Cafe  
**Jane Lui:** Lestat's Coffee House  
**Chris MacCarthy:** Lestat's Coffee House  
**Eleni Mandell:** The Casbah  
**Anya Marina:** The Casbah

**Charlotte Martin:** House of Blues  
**Veronica May:** E Street Cafe  
**Dawn Mitschele:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company  
**Jim Moore:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill  
**Mylin:** Brick By Brick  
**Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle:** Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, The Prado Restaurant  
**Brenda Panneton:** Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)  
**Pat and Joe:** Blarney Stone Pub

**Aston Peague:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company  
**Joey Pearson:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company  
**Sara Petite:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Steve Poltz:** The Casbah, Lestat's Coffee House  
**Lee Tyler Post:** Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)  
**Todd Pyke:** E Street Cafe  
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# Oh, Oysters, Come and Walk with Us

Oh, woe! Here comes Mardi Gras, and there are no new Cajun-Creole restaurants to review this year. Lots of New Orleans chefs and cooks arrived after Katrina — welcome, come on in — but none have opened their own restaurants yet. Still, there is an amiable new seafood joint that does some vaguely Cajun styling on a few dishes and is less pricey than others in its neighborhood. The location will certainly put you into the heart of the local action on Fat Tuesday, Zaftig Friday, or Pleasingly Plump Saturday — whenever the Gaslamp population swells with Carnival revelers.

“Oysters” was the magic word that brought me to Ocean Room. My friend Sam spotted the sign announcing their presence to the street. Would I like to go gobble some? Oh, boy — sensual mouth-feeel, mineral jolt of brine and oceanic protein, just what my soul’s doctor ordered. An oyster a day... Yes! I said, yes!

The restaurant has a long wraparound bar for eating and drinking, the outer corner occupied that evening by a group of attractive young women evidently having a nibble after work. (If it was *before* work, I don’t want to hear about it.) We were seated in a comfortable leather(ette?) booth by the window, our party a multinational concern, with origins in Australia (Sheila, the flying nurse), Austria, Colorado, Chicago (Sam), and New York/Frisco (me) — we were seafood lovers all.

Three oyster varieties were available on the half-shell — Fanny Bay (British Columbia), Malpeque (Prince Edward Island), and Blue Point (Long Island). We ordered one of each per person. They come with a twist on the standard cocktail sauce (with tequila and a bit of white wine replacing Worcestershire and Tabasco), plus a vinaigrette with a touch of soy, a variation on ponzu sauce. The big, briny Fanny Bays were so good they didn’t need sauce. The other two varieties were smaller, and less exciting. They did need sauce. I kind of wished for a bottle of Tabasco or Louisiana Red on the table to add a little extra spark.

I cleave to the myth that, like celery, oysters have fewer calories than it takes to digest them. At about ten calories apiece, they’re almost impossible to fill up on. (One night in New Orleans, I downed two dozen at the bar during an endless wait for a table at Pascal’s Manale — and was still hungry for dinner.) So we ordered appetizers, too.

Under “cocktails” we found Salmon Piña Co-



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lada and Ahi Poké. The salmon was less lively than we’d hoped for. Cubes of the fish, cooked by marination in citrus (like ceviche), were soft textured and mild tasting, surrounded by coconut milk, fresh lime juice, and diced mango, with multicolored “root chips” on the side. The mixture was pleasant but not riveting. Even semi-raw, you could taste that this was farm-raised Atlantic salmon rather than the firmer but more costly wild Pacific catch. Ahi Poké on seaweed salad with mango, apple, and (invisible) pine nuts was also vaguely pleasant — mainly just raw tuna and soy. The best poké has more kick.

After enjoying the Fanny Bays so much, we gambled on Oysters Rockefeller, reputedly invented during the Gilded Age at Antoine’s in New Orleans — baked oysters gratinéed with hollandaise sauce on the half-shells, over a spinach mixture. At Ocean Room, these were probably Malpeques, the chef’s favorite. (The Fanny Bays would actually be a little closer in size and flavor to the Gulf Coast’s big, juicy Apalachicolos.) The spinach mixture needed more anise-y Herbsaint or Pernod liqueur to flavor it — at least enough to taste — and I’m

not sure whether the topping included the classic hollandaise along with cream and cheese. But the oysters were still moist, so it was an okay rendition. Mussels *marinière*, though, were close to wonderful, in a great if salty broth of white wine, herbs, and a touch of cream. Bread comes along for dipping. If the mussels hadn’t been a few seconds overcooked, the flavors would have been sublime. With this single exception, the seafood at Ocean Room was consistently tender, cooked precisely to the optimum point.

A couple of New Orleans-style seafood dishes are satisfying, even though the kitchen uniformly tunes the seasoning to far less than typical Louisiana levels. Cajun Pasta offers shrimp, scallops, calamari, clams, mussels, and andouille sausage tossed with fettuccine in a light cream sauce. The advertised “Cajun spices” are barely detectable — and believe me, if you ate the Cajun-Creole original, you’d detect them. Think of this, instead, as a good creamy Italian *pasta pescatore* — no shocks or revelations, just comfort and sensuality. The “traditional New Orleans” combo pan roast isn’t

## Ocean Room and Lounge ★★½ (Good to Very Good)

630 Fifth Avenue (north of Market), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-501-6550, [www.oceanroomsd.com](http://www.oceanroomsd.com) (website not yet running).

**HOURS:** Dinner nightly 4:00–10:00 p.m. (to 11:00 p.m. weekends, and when busy)

**PRICES:** Appetizers, \$10–\$16; salads and soups, \$6–\$14; entrées, \$14–\$40 (most low \$20s)

**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Mainly Mediterranean-style seafood, with a few nods at Cajun cuisine. Wine list is of moderate length, mainly reasonable, and stronger on reds than whites.

**PICK HITS:** Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell; mussels *marinière*; Cajun seafood pasta; combination seafood pan roast. Chef’s pick: oyster shooters.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Valet parking usually \$12. Wraparound bar suitable for single diners, casual noshing.

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exactly traditional. It offers crab, oysters, and shrimp robed in a rich, herbal, tomato-cream sauce with rice mixed in. It bears no resemblance to the dish of that name that Pascal’s Manale is famous for — but may actually be tastier than Manale’s, if you want to savor seafood rather than bread crumbs and béchamel sauce.

A pair of “signature dishes” rarely found on the same menu are bouillabaisse and cioppino — two very different seafood stews from neighboring Mediterranean regions of France and Italy. The bouillabaisse is the more delicate. This kitchen’s rendition is not exactly French, because the seafood species are too different, subtly tilting the flavor balance. In Marseilles, the stew consists heavily of “trash catch” (like — ha ha! — monkfish, which sells for a princely sum nowadays). Here, the protein content was shellfish, making for a more elegant but less authentic and hearty broth. I imagine that many local diners will prefer this “unfishy” rendi-

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tion. I missed the *rouille* (red pepper aioli on baguette croutons), which, although so easy to whirl up in the Cuisi, is a consistent omission locally. Again, every species in the bowl was tender — not always the case in restaurant bouillabaissees, even those from better-known chefs.

The cioppino was both more robust and more controversial. Sheila and I were astonished to discover that we'd both participated in the "secret ceremony" of the Bay Area's professional crab fishermen — the annual cioppino feast. She's been to the one in Half Moon Bay, I've gone twice to the one in Pacifica. These feasts are held by and for

the crabbers and their kin, with maybe 30 tickets sold to outsiders, all the cheap red wine you can drink included in the price. So both of us could compare Ocean Room's cioppino — in a heavy, herbal tomato sauce — with the Sicilian red-sauce version of the Bay Area crabmen.

"This seems awfully coarse," said Sheila, in her crisp accent. "I actually find it more delicate than the Pacifica rendition," I argued. "In Pacifica, it tasted like they poured a gallon of Gallo Hearty Burgundy into ten gallons of canned tomatoes and cooked it all down." "But there's quite a lot of dried basil in here," she said. "There, it was a huge amount of garlic," I recalled. All in all, I liked this version, as much for the festive memories it evoked as for itself. I suspect that Ocean Room's cioppino may be tastier than Pacifica's —

it's rustic, all right, but a bit more refined. All it's missing are the great shoals of fresh Dungeness crab, which I did miss. (At Ocean Room, mixed shellfish substitute, as they typically do in Italy's original versions of the dish.)

Finfish are scantily present on the menu. There's seared ahi, blackened snapper, mahi mahi in caper cream sauce, and our choice, an ambitious specialty of steamed salmon wrapped in banana leaves, marinated with achote-honey paste, served with jasmine rice and asparagus spears. This was cooked to just the tender point, but the farmed fish was mushy and mild in flavor. We all picked at it but soon lost interest. The recipe is good, but this quality of "catch" hardly deserves the effort. The restaurant obtains its seafood from a large wholesaler in Los Angeles. Even though it's delivered daily,

it isn't the sparkling fresh-off-the-boat local catch that some high-end restaurants serve. (But it won't cost you as much either.)

Despite my reservations about Ocean Room, I certainly enjoyed my dinner there. No, it's not foodie heaven, but it's a good spot to relax over a bite or a meal with companions. We could hear each other talk, and we didn't have to stop the conversation while a waiter pontificated about the wonders emerging from the kitchen. Sometimes you don't want a temple of haute cuisine, merely an easygoing "place for folks to meet" — especially if there are oysters involved and Mardi Gras coming up. Next thing you know, you may be dancing in the street.

**ABOUT THE CHEF**  
Ocean Room has been in busi-

ness for about five months. It's part of a Gaslamp restaurant group that includes Asti, Max's New York (a steakhouse), Chianti (formerly Mar e Monte), and La Fiesta. Chef Felix Frias comes from Vera Cruz, a port town famed for its exquisite seafood cookery, including the classic local dish Huachinango Veracruzana. He moved with his family to San Diego when he was about 9 years old. As soon as he was old enough, he began to work in restaurants, learning to cook on the job. "I've been in the business for almost 15 years. I've been working in Asti Restaurant, Max's, in all the restaurants of this group. My main thing was Italian. In the last 10 years I've been working for this company — George Herman is the owner — and I've been working with good chefs. My

teachers were Jeff Barr and Raul de Castillo, who's still with the company. They saw my skills, and they gave me the opportunity. I've been reading and traveling around the country, learning all the time.

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"Can you believe it?" Hank says. "The Yankee Clipper's shoes."

"Great," I say. I look around at the marble walls and leather chairs. "Can we go now?"

It's nearly six. Hank's just hauled us into the lobby of the Omni hotel, down by the ballpark.

"Go? My good man, we've come here to eat."

"Are you out to lunch? Us? Here?"

"Trust me. You pay the drinks, I pay the food. Deal?"

What's wrong with this picture? Here we are in the palace built for millionaire Padres players and their rich groupies. Through the door to the restaurant, I see split-level, curved walls, blond wood, brushed steel, timber floors, fancy stairs, U-shaped bar... I mean, come on.

Still, I'm a sucker for a "trust me" offer like this, if only to find out from which direction the sucker punch is gonna come.

"Okay, I'm crazy too," I tell Hank. "Let's do it."

We walk into the restaurant, McCormick & Schmick's. We sit at the bar. Rich, red, teaky polished wood. Dave, the barman, comes up.

"Gentlemen?"

Hank looks to me.

"Uh, beer," I say. "Draft?"

Dave reels off a bunch of fancy names. I don't hear Bud. I don't hear Pabst Blue Ribbon. So I settle on that Escondido brewery's Stone IPA. Hank orders a bottled water. Sounds innocent enough. Pellegrino.

"Course I don't ask the price. What's the point? I can't afford it anyway."

"See anyone you know?" says Hank. The joker.

This is bizman schmoozeland. A guy farther down the bar says to his buddy, "The day he sold it, he became the ninth richest man in the country. Next year we're projected at \$200 million..."

Sigh. I look at Hank.

"Your move," I say.

Hank signals Dave.

"The, uh, \$1.95 happy hour menu, please."

Wha...?

"Comin' right up," Dave says. He hauls out a sheet of green paper.

My giddy aunt. At the top of the page, guess what it says? "\$1.95 Happy Hour Menu, Monday thru Friday 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m."

"What's the catch?" I say. But there's plenty to eat, and not just wimpy snacks. Like, "Half-pound cheeseburger served with French fries, tomato, onion, and a pickle."

Half-pound? Buck ninety-five? Here?

They also have steamed mussels in white wine

and garlic, buffalo wings, potato skins, breaded zucchini, an "imported international cheese plate" — ten dishes in all.

"Gimme the chicken satay," Hank says to Dave, "and the California rolls and the fish cakes."

Okay. Three plates for him, three for me.

"Cheeseburger," I say, "mussels, and the cheese plate."

What I like is how Dave doesn't seem to mind us pushing the envelope here. He has to know we're not going to be ordering Pisco Sours or — whoa! — a \$14.00 glass of Kendall Jackson Cab-Sauv. But he's cheerful about the whole thing.

"We do this happy hour everywhere," he says. "We started in Portland, Oregon. Now we have 86 restaurants around the country. I guess it works."

And, wouldn't you know it, soon I'm ordering another Stone IPA. Even though I found out it's \$4.41, plus tax. Hank's fancy water was \$4.00. This time he orders an iced tea (\$3.75, but you get refills).

Soon we're heads down into the chow. Oh God, it's good. For starters, you get cloth napkins, heavy flatware, *muy elegante* china. And yes, the burger's real. A half-pounder, with a nice clump of chunky fries. Hank lets me in on one each of his two fish cakes (with a delicious aioli sauce), the five chicken satay (arranged like a star, with spicy peanut sauce and arty swirls of soy all over the plate), plus four plump California rolls, with pink ginger and green wasabi, on their own square white dish.

I give him half the burger and fries in return, plus bits of the cheeses and mussels.

It's a lot of food. Those "international cheeses" are four logs of pepperjack and multiple slices of what Dave says is Swiss but Hank swears is Gouda. Whatever, they go well with the graham crackers.

A manager, Fernando, comes around checking customer satisfaction. Have to ask him if John Moores, the Padres' owner, still has the penthouse upstairs. "Oh yes," he says, "he comes down all the time for breakfast, in his own special booth."

The mussel bowl becomes a battleground, they're so darned delish. I get a spoon, just so I can slurp up the broth.

I mean, as Hank later says, not everything was out of this world, flavor-wise — the burger, for instance, was a wee bit dry — but the whole deal is nice, fresh, elegant, clubby, friendly, and hey, did I mention \$1.95?

In the end, for our four drinks I pay out maybe 17 bucks. Foodwise, Hank owes about 16, for — wow! Did we eat all that? — eight dishes. Oh yeah. I couldn't help ordering the plate of three potato skins with cheese and bacon and sour cream, and Hank went and got the buffalo wings, eight of them, with a blue-cheese dressing. Now, if we'd been frugal we could have just nursed a Coke (\$2.75) and stuck with the burgers. Five bucks each. Somehow, though, as we walk out past Joe DiMaggio's shoes, I feel positively uplifted. It was such a deal.

"Was that a home run or what?" says Hank. "Out of the park, old buddy. Out of the park." ■



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**Type of Food:** Happy hour American

**Prices:** All items \$1.95 each. Includes half-pound cheeseburger with French fries; steamed mussels; buffalo wings; potato skins; breaded zucchini; cheese plate; chicken satay; California rolls; fish cakes; chips and dip

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# A Community Of Tasters

*“Wines that sell for \$65 to \$90 off the mailing list routinely fetch \$400 to \$500 a bottle on the secondary market.”*

**I**'m sorry, I can't drink this wine," said Steve. "Apparently, it doesn't exist." It was a fine, knowing joke: confronted with a 1995 Laboure-Roi Clos de la Roche (a well-regarded red Burgundy), Steve had pulled out his Palm pilot, tapped into the eRobertParker.com ratings database, and discovered the awful truth: apparently, neither the Mr. Parker nor his Burg-friendly Assistant had rated the wine. And if there's no rating — really, how certain can a devotee of Mr. Parker's website be that it even exists, all sensory evidence notwithstanding?

But it was a joke; Steve was more than happy to drink the Laboure-Roi, as well as any number of the other Pinots that had been brought to that evening's eRobert Parker offline tasting at Savory in Encinitas. The lineup was remarkable for its range of age, style, and provenance. After an opening round of bubbly, we got things started with a Mount Eden Vineyards Pinot from...1975. A wine old enough to recall the man who planted Mount Eden's vineyards, pioneering winemaker Martin Ray. (Wine connoisseur Julian Street once telegraphed Ray that "your Pinot 1936...is first

American red wine I ever drank with entire pleasure," and Ray's ashes were scattered among the vines.) It stank like rotten rhubarb when it first splashed into the glass, but lo and behold — after a few minutes, everyone was giving it credit for its tannin and acidity. Then, to quote the tasting note left on the board by attendee Aidan: "Leave it longer still, and a curious, black-fruited sweetness came out, like dried figs or old raisins...it drank well continuously."

It was a wine of special interest to the offline's organizer, David Brown. Brown is 26 and has been dabbling in wine for only about a year. "I just found it really neat, how it evolved in the glass. I've never had that experience. I've never had that much old wine before; it was really eye-opening." And that, for Brown, is the point of these offlines: experience of the sort you might otherwise never obtain. "I don't care about how much the wine costs; I don't care about how expensive the dinner is. It's about how much I can learn from these people, because most of them have been doing it for as long as I've been alive. And people are willing to bring wines that I might otherwise never

**Crush**  
 MATTHEW LICKONA

have a chance to drink."

The Mount Eden was one such rarity; the next wine was another: Domaine Romanee-Conti Grands Echezeaux 1997. DRC is something of a holy grail for Pinot lovers in general and red Burgundy lovers in particular, and here it was, one bottle among many — the grand superfluity of oenophiles. For me, it was the highlight of the evening, if only for the way it married richness and delicacy, its wondrous flavors carried almost carelessly along. (Somebody take the glass away from the wine columnist.)

Because of what he might learn, Brown doesn't mind splurging on whatever bottle he brings to the table, and his offering for the Savory offline made that clear: an Omega Pinot Noir from Sine Qua Non, possibly the ne plus ultra of cult California wineries. Wines that sell for \$65 to \$90 off the mailing list routinely fetch \$400 to \$500 a bottle on the secondary market. Brown found his at auction (he got a good deal); a spot on the list is still a long way off. "The waiting list is about five years long right now. I do have a half-dozen bottles of SQN in my cellar — all secondary purchase." Another board member "has been very kind to me, selling it just above list price." For now, "It's kind of 'Sit and wait and be patient and go to pay-it-forward offlines while I can.'"

Pay-it-forward refers to people who are not on the list attending a dinner hosted by people who are on the list. "It's very common. There's a rolling offline for another Pinot, Kosta Browne — they do mostly Sonoma and Russian River wines. There are a lot of different themes that people have on the board." Varietal themes like the Pinot offline are common, and Brown is pulling together a Rhone offline for February. "I don't have a lot of experience with Rhone wines, so what better way to learn more about it? I already have a waiting list." (That last bit might be



surprising to some — San Diego does not have a robust reputation when it comes to these sorts of events. But, says Brown, "I think there is a community; I think they were lacking someone who was crazy enough — or who had time enough — to organize it. I think the interest is there."

As it is, says Brown, "because there are 18 people coming, there was talk of doubling up the bottles. But then, I'm thinking, that's 36 bottles of wine. To me, that seems a little unnecessary. This morning, I decided to post and say, 'Eight people, or couples, are going to bring two bottles of red, four couples are bringing two bottles of white, and then four are bringing a single bottle of Sauternes for the foie gras course.' I feel like

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it kind of cuts down on the waste — I really can't stand to waste wine. It's not about, 'Oh, I brought this' — it's about having enough wine for everybody to drink without wasting it."

That mindset was made visible at Savory — the evening included some memorably unopened bottles. Sea Smoke's "Ten," a Bondi Home Ranch from Martinelli, and Brown's magnum of SQN Omega. After a certain point, no one wanted to open them just to open them. Steve even gave Brown a piece of advice, suggesting that he need not bring something so grand to an offline. "You don't need to impress us," he said. "That was probably the best piece of feedback I got that night," said Brown afterwards. "It made me realize that, as much as a lot of the people who are involved in wine treat it as a status symbol, people like Steve... make it a lot more real. It lets you know that they're really passionate about it. It lets you know that people are not just about what's on the label. I really appreciate comments like that; it's the kind of feedback that helps you grow. Because of the name and the size of the bottle, it can kind of come off like I'm the new guy trying to impress people, even though I wasn't trying to do that." ■

## RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

### NORTH COASTAL

**The Armenian Cafe** 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebabs is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashka lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pita, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

**California Bistro** 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes

cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/00)

**Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitan** 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnititas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

**Kealani's** 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

**Milton's Deli** Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/05)

**The Original 101 Diner** 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Cafe's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

**Pamplermousse Grille** 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappuccini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

**Pizza Port** 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style.

Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sundried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

**Poseidon** 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with dead-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (4/05)

**Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant** 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas' "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

**St. Germain's Cafe** 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

**Vivace** Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

**When In Rome** 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

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**Asia Vous** 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. Chef-owner Riko Bartolomei produces outstandingly inventive Asian-French fusion cuisine, remaking the classics with fresh twists and superb ingredients, including naturally raised meats and poultry. No one does “fusion” better, and there’s not a culinary cliché on the menu: e.g., everybody else’s warm goat cheese with beet salad is replaced with goat cheese tempura and braised fennel. The inspired combinations include sweetbreads with Chinese sausage, potato gnocchi with lobster and vanilla bean sauce, house-cured hamachi atop a flower-like heirloom tomato mandala, and a Kurobata pork shank treated like French “confit” but lightened by a sprightly salad accompaniment. Bartolomei’s desserts are not only homemade but as brilliant as the earlier courses. The international wine list is adventurous — all this, plus the unpretentious atmosphere and considerate service, too. (But the place can get noisy when full.) Reservations urged, even for lunch. Parties of more than six accommodated only with set menus. Two vegetarian entrées (including one vegan) on the typical menu. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/05)

**Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant** Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Val-

ley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) “Revels,” as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Mi-choacán-style carnitas (available in several “stuffed” dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house’s slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything’s a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W.* (3/05)

**Centre City Cafe** 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little “motel row” just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.* (9/03)

**Fire’s** Harrah’s Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there’s an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at Oyster Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W.* (3/05)

**The Grill** 10920 Roselle Street, Suite 104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you’d expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials such as the luscious Philly cheese steak. And they’re flexible. Want bacon, sausage, and ham in your breakfast pita? They’ll do all three, same price as with a single meat. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/05)

**Hacienda de Vega** 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido,

760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You’ll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W.* (9/03)

**San Diego Artisan Bakers** 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you’ll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there’s nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/03)

### LA JOLLA

**Azul La Jolla** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/99)

**Come On In!** 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. (Also at 10184 Telesis Court, Sorrento Valley, 858-558-8964; and 11455 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-350-2700.) Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to “Paree” anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two “plain and simple” steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the “Popeye” omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Of course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying not to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Open daily, weekends to 8 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

**Donovan’s Steak and Chop House** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime

beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneled, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

**Tapenade** 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don’t even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe “sunset dinners.” Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W.* (9/03)



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**Zenbu** 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be junkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

## MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

**China Max** 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community thrives here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

**IKEA Restaurant & Cafe** 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravd Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-

friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**Seoul B.B.Q.** 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gwi*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — M.N. (12/99)

**Tropical Star** 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

## THE BEACHES

**The Australian Pub** 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

**Broken Yolk Cafe** 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundek, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

**Hancock St. Cafe** 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

**Lamont Street Grill** 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pa-

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cific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fire-place-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (2/03)

**Saska's** 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

**The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro** 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — N.W. (12/05)

**Umi Sushi** 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki*

(cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**Apertivo** 3926 30th Street (between University and Lincoln), North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers "Italian tapas" of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter waft them before you've lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheesecake mousse. Parking via alley 1/2-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday (weekends until 11 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/05)

**Big Kitchen** 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Foreman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

**Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego** 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie available Mondays — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

**Huffman's Bar-B-Que** 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous.

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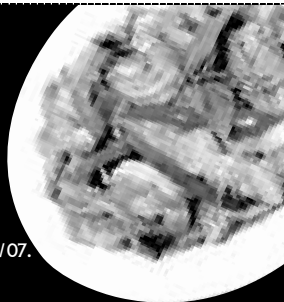
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**Krakatoa** 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eater hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubebebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/05)

**La Dona** 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. Zoot-suiters drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Fe-

lix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slhammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones*, *menudo*, and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/05)

**The Linkery** 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguiza*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (7/05)

**EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA**

**Antonio's Hacienda** 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the decor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabu-

lous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liqueur in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (4/03)

**Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue** 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stam-pede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

**Johnny B's** 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with

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**Sala Thai** 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, la-bele "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/04)

**Toshi Sushi** 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Spe-

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**Valley House Restaurant** 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Corbett folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinner time you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

**FAR EAST**

**Bernard's** The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernardo Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar

and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schmitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable chardonnay (and beer works with this food, too). Closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

**Mediterraneo** 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

**Paipa's Oasis** Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano" style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other

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## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Bertrand at Mister A's** 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (2/04)

**Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill** 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; \$5 corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

**Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India** 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

**El Agave** 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitalacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

**El Indio Mexican Restaurant** 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," pre-

sides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

**El Zarape** 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

**Islander Grill** Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citrus salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (3/05)

**Jimmy Carter's Cafe** 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pesaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

**Laurel Restaurant** 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth), uptown, 619-239-2222. Freshly remodeled and remade by Tracey Borkum, the owner of Chive and Kensington Grill, the restaurant looks like a million bucks (the price she bought it for). In a chic, creamy dining room below street level you'll enjoy modern eclectic cuisine with French and Mediterranean flavors showcasing premium in-season ingredients, including free-range chicken. No bread unless you pay for it, but you get

*edamame* to nibble while awaiting your order. The global wine list is extensive and expensive; selected bottles are half-price on Sundays. The full bar features creative cocktails and 20 sakes. Valet parking \$6. Several steps down from street level; disabled access via carport on Fifth Avenue (phone before coming to ensure that entry is open). Open for dinner nightly. Expensive, but an early-bird three-course chef menu is moderate. — N.W. (3/06)

**Parallel 33** 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethnoblend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

**Shakespeare Pub & Grille** 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)



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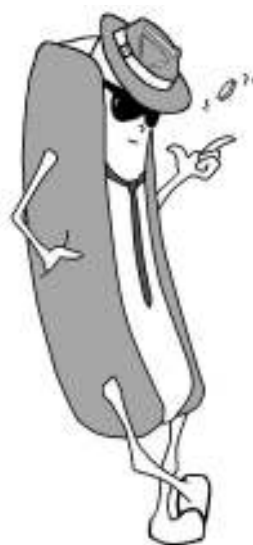
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**Brickyard Coffee and Tea** 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with

items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

**Cafe Cerise** 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillote*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (5/04)

**Cafe Chloe** 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle *beurre blanc*. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages in-

clude divine lavender lemonade, specialty root beer, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, everything available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Moderate. — *N.W.* (7/05)

**Chive** 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. week-ends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W.* (3/06)

**Dobson's** 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.* (10/98)

**Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar** 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch,

an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M.* (3/04)

**George's on Fifth** 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W.* (3/04)

**Harbor House** 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwest-

erner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (8/05)

**Indigo Grill** 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open

until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M.* (11/02)

**La Casita** 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open six days 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed Sundays. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**Lou and Mickey's** 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines

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at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, week-ends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

**Molly's** Marriott Hotel Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive (at Front Street), North Tower level 1 (sub-lobby level), downtown, 619-230-8909. Liberate this restaurant from the conventioner occupation! The old gal has come back to life as a lovely, fresh young thing, thanks to chef Brian Sinnott, arriving from San Francisco's top Italian restaurants. His seasonal cuisine offers clever, creative twists and superb local produce. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more his astute combinations of unexpected ingredients. (Of course, some dishes are tried-and-true clichés, however nicely prepared — conventioners, remember?) Try the stuffed squash blossoms, or diver scallops on celery root puree when available. The vegetarian tasting-platter is tempting even to hardcore "carnies." Vast choice of California wines including half-bottles and generous pours by the glass, as well as a full bar. Reserve, even for two, or expect a wait. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open for dinner (call about Sunday or Monday). Very expensive. — N.W. (12/05)

**Napa Valley Grille** 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent grilled calamari. There is an elegant homyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

**Soleil @K** Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters include a zesty fried calamari salad and crabby crab sticks, and desserts are witty as well as tasty. Entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds," full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/05)

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**Azzura Point** Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochère of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

**Bay Beach Cafe** Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéed items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

**L'Escal** Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escal ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

**Merkli's Deli-BBQ** 415 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0767. Named after Sebastian Merkl, the owner's German granddad, who jumped ship in New York after World War I. Merkl's claims to be the "first real New York-style deli south of Hillcrest." It certainly has serious, all-day, New York-type breakfasts like pastrami and corned beef three-egg omelets or Reuben omelets filled with corned beef, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut. Or salami and eggs, pancake-style. There's even a breakfast Philly cheese steak. But it's not only New York. Out back, their Texas-style smoker burns mesquite for some pretty mean ribs. Also check Chula Vista's truck farm history on the walls, a collection of crate-end labels with all the fruits that this town's soils used to produce. Open every day breakfast through dinner; Sundays breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/04)

**Spiro's Gyros** Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wines (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**Tango Grille Argentine Steak House** 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming,

warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

**Village Pizzeria** 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-escapade Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones and pizza by the slice. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

## BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

**El Cid** Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with

*cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

**La Espadaña** Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sized at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadanas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (11/04)

**Mr. Fish** Boulevard Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (12/04)

**Rica Torta** Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the

best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beef-steak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

**Vallarta Natural** 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), 686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcántar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salads — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *taleta vallarta*, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldo tlalpeno*, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The *soy hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

## MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**D'Lish Pizza and Pasta** 386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371; and Eastlake Village Center South, 2260 Otago Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900; both in Chula Vista. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marinade and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. — E.B. (8/02)

**Oggi's** At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

**Sammy's Woodfired Pizza** It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — N.W. (7/04)

**St. Tropez** If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. — N.W. (12/04)

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The Four of Us is a sketchy tale told in a jazzy manner.

**D**avid and Ben, aspiring writers in their mid 20s, meet at a restaurant for a victory celebration. One just broke through. Now you'd think it'd be David. He's dressed more for success — looks like a counselor at an upscale camp, in fact — and does most of the talking: ornate quips and phrasings, as if auditioning each line for literary value.

Ben wears high-end grunge and tends to dismiss hype — and conflict — with his generation's ubiquitous "whatever." When he wrote his novel, Ben didn't care a whit about publication. He had to write it (and could have left it in the desk drawer). So guess which one not only got published but won the lottery: agape reviews, foreign translations, world tour, film rights?

Nope. It was Ben — now known as Benjamin. One of the ironies of *The Four of Us* by Itamar Moses, currently at the Cassius Carter: David's primed for success. He knows all the players and would fit right in (that he may think way too much about these things, when writing, is also implied). Ben couldn't care less. He's "pop culturally ignorant" and ill-prepared for the lecture circuit. He just did what he had to, he tries to explain, and, unless inspired, may never write again (like Margaret Edson, author of *W;t*, Ben wrote from need, not want). It's too bad Ben and David couldn't be a before-and-after tandem. Ben digs and grinds and produces a quality work;

then David takes stage and wallows in flashbulbs and flattery. Instead, Ben's seven-figure success drives them apart.

*The Four of Us* is a sketchy tale told in a jazzy manner. Moses borrows from Tom Stoppard's *Real Thing* (some scenes are "real"; others come from David's play) and from Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*, which moves backward in time. In these nonlinear leaps, Moses

displays a technical virtuosity. It slowly dawns on you that fact and fiction are doing a snakedance. Were the story told in a straightforward manner, however, interest might wane.

Moses, hailed as one of America's top young playwrights, occasionally breaks through his formalist preoccupations with genuine passion. *The Four of Us* is talky, but the dialogue flows like music and — high praise — like Mamet. At one point David exhorts his audience to take risks and lambastes critics (in some senses, the play's a "revenge comedy" against bad reviews and reviewers). Here the writing catches fire. But there are several annoyingly self-conscious moments as well, including a built-in review of *The Four of Us*, as if the playwright didn't trust his audience to get it.

Performing on a black floor with a patent leather shine, and aided by two scene changers (who watch the proceedings and might be the early Ben and David), Sean Dugan and Gideon Banner resemble a savvy comedy team, or halves

## REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Gideon Banner, Sean Dugan in *The Four of Us*

**The Four of Us**, by Itamar Moses

**Cassius Carter Centre Stage**, Simon Eidson Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park  
**Directed by Pam MacKinnon**; cast: Sean Dugan, Gideon Banner; scenic design, Kris Stone; costumes, Markas Henry; lighting, Russell Champa; sound, Paul Peterson  
**Playing through March 11**; Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-234-5623.

**Brooklyn Boy**, by Donald Margulies

**San Diego Repertory Theatre**, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown  
**Directed by Todd Salovey**; cast: James Newcomb, Robert Levine, Matthew Henerson, Deborah Van Valkenburgh, Christy Yael, Andrew Kennedy; scenic design, Giulio Cesare Perrone; costumes, Paloma H. Young; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; sound, Rachel Le Vine  
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James Newcomb, Christy Yael in *Brooklyn Boy*

of the same psyche. Dugan's David is scattered, lacking confidence, always overflowing, as if he has a DJ's fear of "dead air." Banner's self-contained Ben veers toward inscrutability (*serious* inscrutability: it would have helped to know what his novel was about, since both Ben and David often function more as rhetorical figures, as parts of a pattern, than characters). Under Pam MacKinnon's smart, unfussy direction, the tandem keeps the play watchable by deftly combining different acting styles: Banner suggests; Dugan italicizes.

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Success doesn't change Ben in *The Four of Us*; it changes his friend. In Donald Margulies's *Brooklyn Boy*, another play about a breakthrough novelist, when Eric Weiss's book becomes #11 on the best-seller list, his whole world falls apart.

Unlike the famous Erich "Houdini" Weiss, Eric is no escape artist. He can't flee his Brooklyn neighborhood and Jewish roots. Not that he doesn't try, though two convoluted novels block his quest. So Eric returns to Brooklyn in fiction, with a best seller, and then returns at the death of his father, in fact. You can anticipate the play's click-your-heels-three-times ending practically from the get-go. But *Brooklyn Boy*'s more about the journey than

the destination. And in six richly crafted, temperamentally different scenes, Margulies turns what could be stereotyped characters into living, suffering, and often very funny beings.

The scenes are almost a dare to actors: you've got 15 minutes to go out there and create a fully dimensional being. When you leave that stage, we want to feel we've known you forever.

More often than not, the San Diego Rep's actors, under Todd Salovey's thoughtful direction, accomplish the task. By the end of Scene Two, Matthew Henerson has taken Ira, Eric's childhood friend who stayed in Brooklyn, through the zodiac of emotions. Deborah Van Valkenburgh does the cycle with two women: Eric's depressed ex-wife Nina (the saddest person in the play, who might be on an upswing) and Hollywood producer Melanie Fine (the most manic, who wants to take the Brooklyn and Jewish ethnicity out of Eric's script). As Tyler Shaw, Andrew Kennedy does a neat Margulies flip: before we see him, we expect Tyler to be a young, shallow Hollywood star. Then he walks in and, yep — Narcissus with the IQ of an igneous rock. But when Tyler reads a scene from the script, he becomes what Eric's been looking for all along: an authentic voice.

On opening night, James Newcomb got a lot of Eric Weiss, but there's more to inhabit (especially the through-line: from passive/reactive to assertive). Robert Levine, as Eric's ailing father Manny, and Christy Yael, as first-time groupie Alison, provide telling moments. Yael gets another Margulies flip. In a play that excels with mature dramaturgy, young Alison confidently asserts that "fiction is, like, so over." ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

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### Ace

One of the unwritten rules of theater: never let the audience get ahead of the story. If they can anticipate where you're going, you've lost them. *Ace*, a musical about flying and lost children and inept mothers, tells two stories, but they're the same story told twice. Fathers fly and die. Their sons grow up to be pilots. The musical depicts life-shattering events but never takes them beyond the generic — and manipulates them

for easy emotions. Richard Oberacker's music's on a launching pad: rocketing into the upper registers at full volume. One number like this would be stirring ("I Know It Can Be Done," sung with Power of Positive Thinking conviction by Darren Ritchie, for example). But every song rages to uplift with epic feelings. The auditory overload's so pummeling you may not notice, in the end, that *Ace* has resolved almost every contradiction in the known universe. In the midst of the din, possibly because he's doing the opposite, young Noah Galvin gives a mesmerizing performance as Billy, identity-seeking foster child. *Ace* wants to engulf its audience. Galvin brings them in, with subtle facial expressions and minimal body language. He's genuinely confused and hurt (having to wear red Converse All-Star sneakers in 1952, when they didn't exist, would confuse ANYONE!). You'd think that a musical about the early decades of flight would have vivid theatrical representations of its subject. But when pilots take to the skies, director Stafford Arima and choreographer Andrew Palermo ground them with unimaginative miming: running in circles, crouching and turning, pumping their hands for machine guns — like kids playing in the back yard.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH FEBRUARY 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

### Brooklyn Boy

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SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MARCH 4; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT

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### Crimes of the Heart

New Village Arts Theatre begins its new season with Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy about three sisters "betrayed by their passions." Dana Case directed. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, STUDIO SPACE AT JAZZERCIZE, 2460 IMPALA DRIVE, CARLSBAD, THROUGH MARCH 18 (NOTE: *CRIMES OF THE HEART* WILL RUN IN REPERTORY WITH ANTON CHEKHOV'S *THREE SISTERS*); THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-433-3245.

### Dracula

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### The Four of Us

Reviewed this issue.

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### Gleengary Glen Ross

6th@Penn Theatre stages David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winner about the Darwinian world of sales. Jerry Pilato directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH MARCH 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, OAK PARK, THROUGH FEBRUARY 25; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

**National Comedy Theatre**

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze

Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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Vista's Broadway Theatre opens its 2007 season with the popular Neil Simon comedy about bipolar apartment-mates. Randall Hickman directed.

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Diversions Theatre hosts a staged reading of Steve Willis's drama in which Harlem Renaissance artist Richard Bruce Nugent meets contemporary poet Essex Hemphill in the afterlife to discuss what it means to be black, gay, and artistic. Floyd Gaffney directed. The playwright will attend every reading. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-220-0097.

**Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Joe Turner's Come and Gone**

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what “Grassroots Greeks” did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater's rarely performed but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fences* in 1987 and *The Piano Lesson* in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the “largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade”). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: Floyd Gaffney directs *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*.

**Worth a try.**

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; *JOE TURNER'S COME AND GONE*, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AND 6, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

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as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, coward youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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Colin; they circumvent the rules of their elders and banish gloom. Lamb's Players' production, of the musical adaptation, begins and ends with Deborah Gilmour Smyth's bell-clear singing voice, like a radiant candle in darkness, inviting us to "Come to My Garden." Smyth sets a tone of enchantment that makes it easier to overlook a somewhat lumpy book (and what feels like four "eleven o'clock" numbers when the climax beckons). Strong voices run throughout the cast: David S. Humphrey's hunchbacked Archibald, Randall Dodge's quasi-villainous Neville, and Mike Buckley's Albert. That's the same Mike Buckley who designs sets for Lamb's and has done a beautiful job here — pointed gothic windows, roseate, see-through screens (which allow the play's chorus of "Dreamers," who may be ghosts, to waft in and out). As has Nathan Pierson's evanescent, gobo-rich lighting, Jeanne Reith's costumes, and a sharp five-piece band. Director Robert Smyth gives the evening a gentle flow (having scene-changers often exit down steps center-stage is a brilliant idea; like the

ghosts, they just disappear). Smyth also had the smarts to encourage a leavening effect: to prevent the evening from becoming *too* breathless, young performers Allie Trimm (Mary) and Austyn Myers (Colin) play bickering brats. **Worth a try.** LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MARCH 11; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

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## Ejecución

Los gobiernos de México y Guatemala han exigido a las autoridades de Estados Unidos que aclaren el asesinato de tres migrantes ocurrido en la frontera con Arizona.

La semana pasada varios hombres armados que viajaban en un auto interceptaron una camioneta que transportaba a quince indocumentados en el Noroeste de Tucson, en lo que las autoridades creen que se trató de un intento de secuestro.

En el incidente dos

hombre fueron heridos y tres murieron, un guatemalteco y dos mexicanos.

"Creo que todos los defensores de los derechos de los inmigrantes nos sentimos muy tristes, enojados y al mismo tiempo impotentes ante este tipo de noticias", dijo el guatemalteco Sebastián Quinac, del Comité del Servicio de los Amigos Americanos en Arizona.

El activista se declaró sumamente preocupado por la inseguridad que se vive en la frontera.

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## Buena jugada

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

Tres integrantes del equipo semiprofesional Pumitas de San Diego, fueron contratados para jugar en un club de la Primera División del fútbol de Hungría.

Juan Pérez, mediocampista de 20 años, el defensa Álvaro Zendejas de 22, y el joven delantero Edu, son los jugadores que partieron al viejo continente para participar con el

club Tatabánya.

Tanto Pérez como Zendejas como son de ascendencia mexicana y se hicieron futbolistas jugando en ligas del Condado de San Diego.

El Club Tatabánya subió esta temporada a la primera división del fútbol húngaro donde participan 16 equipos y en la actualidad el equipo se encuentra a la mitad de la tabla de clasificaciones.

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## Buena opción

Tessa Arminio

Diario San Diego

El Norte del Condado vive un auge en la construcción de casas nuevas, y los planes durante el año 2007 no parecen cesar aun cuando los precios de casas han bajado.

De acuerdo a un estudio que recién difundió el Instituto Público de California durante las próximas dos décadas la población latina alcanzará casi el 50 por ciento de la población en California.

En el censo del 2000 se

reportó que 33 por ciento de habitantes del Estado son de origen latino.

En el mismo reporte explican que tres de las ciudades del Norte de San Diego contienen la mayor concentración de latinos.

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## Sí la arman

**Eleazar López**

Diario San Diego

Con un espectáculo que desborda los sentidos con efectos visuales, explosiones, imágenes y siempre con la reivindicación de un grupo que lleva un mensaje social, Maná inició el viernes pasado su gira mundial 'Amar es combatir 2007', en San Diego.

Con tres años de no complacer a sus fans con una gira, los mexicanos se reinventan con un 'show' en donde rinden un homenaje a la tierra por los elementos de agua, fuego y aire que utiliza en el escenario para replantear sus canciones, su música, sus posturas ante problemas sociales como los

niños de la calle, el suicidio y la contaminación.

Con un apoyo técnico que no le pide nada a las grandes bandas del rock mundial, Maná presenta un espectáculo cien por ciento hecho por mexicanos.

Un escenario con cinco enormes pantallas al fondo y las cientos de luces hacen del espectáculo una explosión visual y una lluvia incandescente de efectos luminicos incomparables en donde ningún momento el espectador quiere desviar la mirada.

Maná logra con su nuevo espectáculo sentirse orgulloso de ser mexicano por el gran derroche que le han im-



## Quieren amor

Los gustos de las mujeres son tan variados como su belleza y la sensibilidad que poseen a flor de piel.

Pero como en gustos se rompen géneros, el gran acierto de los hombres es dar en el blanco y hacerlas felices en días tan importantes como lo fue el Día del Amor y la Amistad.

Y la importancia radica en encontrar el regalo exacto para hacer florecer en ellas una expresión de amor o amistad y ver reflejada la felicidad en su cara.

Pero ahí está el detalle, como dijera un famoso comediante mexicano, de encontrar esa muestra de amor y cariño para la amada o amiga.

Es cuando todo se puede convertir en una

aventura de grandes dimensiones y de desafíos escalofriantes.

Y es cuando el hombre se pregunta: ¿Cuál es el regalo perfecto para ella? ¿Le gustará lo que le voy a dar? en fin, surgen preguntas que tal vez nunca tengan respuestas porque es obvio que las mujeres no las darán.

En una encuesta realizada por Diario San Diego encontramos que los chocolates y los monos de peluche ya pasaron de moda.

Lo que desean las mujeres es recibir cariño o regalos que las hagan sentir mejor como un tratamiento facial, un masaje o una cena romántica. Aunque claro, no todas piensan igual.



## Hay temor

**Omar Millán González**

Diario San Diego

La psicosis por los secuestros y la criminalidad en Tijuana ha regresado luego de una aparente calma por el patrullaje en las calles de grupos de oficiales federales y militares. Pese a la presencia de éstos en la ciudad como parte del "Operativo Tijuana", autoridades locales han revelado nuevos plagios y 29 asesinatos en lo que va de este año.

Las ejecuciones no sólo han sido de miembros de mafias que traicionaron a su grupo, conocidos como "levantados", o adictos en plena ansiedad; también son de víctimas de secuestros, que aun cuando sus fa-

milias pagaron rescates los cautivos no fueron regresados con vida.

La Procuraduría General de Justicia del Estado (PGJE), la fiscalía que se encarga de investigar estos delitos, no ha querido revelar cuántos secuestros ha habido durante estos días del 2007 bajo el argumento que dar a conocer los casos podría entorpecer las investigaciones que se llevan a cabo.

Sin embargo, el secretario de Seguridad Pública Municipal de Tijuana, Luis Javier Algorri Franco, declaró que siguen ocurriendo secuestros en la ciudad y al menos tres personas fueron plagadas durante el pasado fin de semana.

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*We can never really understand the man, but we can revel in him.*

Following up *Shattered Glass* with *Breach*, director Billy Ray has made a good start on a pet theme, the human, or peculiarly American, proclivity for deceit. The first, you will recall, told the factual story of the fabricating journalist, Stephen Glass, of *The New Republic*. The second, coming to town on Friday, tells the factual story of the dissembling FBI double agent, Robert Hanssen, the bureau's self-styled expert on the Soviets and secret bedfellow of them, the architect of "the worst breach in the history of U.S. intelligence," in the intemperate words of the colleague commissioned to seal the breach. The factuality cuts two ways. It curbs the extravagances of the James Bond branch of espionage capers, but it also curbs the excitement, the thrills. With the traitor's arrest a foregone conclusion (a prelude clip of John Ashcroft on television provides reassurance rather than, more usually for a member of the Bush administration, an invitation to hiss), the film becomes more a character

study than a cloak-and-dagger operation; and because of the nature of the character, it devolves into an accumulation of oddities and crotchets, inescapably more mirthful than suspenseful. We can never really understand

the man, but we can revel in him.

Chris Cooper, adding another prominent portrait to his impressive gallery, a showpiece to outshine even those of *Adaptation*, *Capote*, *Seabiscuit*, *Lone Star*, captures fully the nondescriptness and anonymity that John le Carré treasures in a spy; and the churchy suit and haircut, to go along with the prissily pursed lips and piercing beady eyes, are no mere disguise. A devout and ostentatious Catholic (lapsed Lutheran), a vigilant paranoid, a humorless megalomaniac, he is a man brimming with opinions: "I disapprove of women in pantsuits.... The world doesn't need another Hillary Clinton." (The actress Catherine Zeta-Jones, a video favorite of his, is something else again: "She's very appealing.") The sounding board, and surreptitious brain-picker, for



*Breach*

these opinions is a young agent in training, Jesuit-schooled, assigned to the suspected turncoat as a personal assistant, with the understanding at first that he is sniffing out nothing worse than sexual deviancy. That turns out to be true, too, although apart from a covert bedroom video of himself and his wife, peddled through the mail, Hanssen's deviancy is played

down. (Much farther down, if memory serves, than in the 2002 TV miniseries on the same subject, *Master Spy: The Robert Hanssen Story*, with the transparent William Hurt in the lead role, and a hack screenplay by no one less than Norman Mailer.) Ryan Phillippe as the FBI fledgling is tightly clamped, and appropriately so; and Laura Linney, as his manipulative su-

perior, effectively banishes any personal warmth. Rooting interest is therefore minimal, snooping interest substantial.

*The Lives of Others*, the German nominee for Best Foreign Film, wisely ushered into town before it predictably becomes an Oscar loser, takes us back to the bad old days of the Berlin Wall and the Big Brother tactics of the GDR

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secret police, the Stasi. The case in point: a Party pooh-bah has the hots for a celebrated stage actress and, to clear the way, orders some dirt dug up on her playwright boyfriend, an apparently loyal socialist of spotless reputation despite his openly subversive friends and despite, too, his openly snooty manner. Ulrich Tukur, so memorable as the conscience-stricken Nazi of *Amen*, is good again in the less complex and less sympathetic role of the bureaucratic brownnoser who heads up the investigation. But the better role and better performance belong to another Ulrich, last name Mühe, coincidentally the conscienceless Doctor Mengele of *Amen*, now playing the relentless bullet-headed interrogator charged to carry out the dirty work, taking it all in (including the indiscretions of the higher-ups), giving nothing away, keeping his opinions to himself, eventually keeping his findings to himself as well, crawling a long way out on a limb. Martina Gedeck and Sebastian Koch as actress and playwright have some complexity, too, to complement and compromise their outward artiness. Watching it all unfold is more than passably interesting, if not particularly to look at (nauseously green), and even though the run-on epilogue is rather cumbersome. The new-name filmmaker bears a name befitting the monocle-brandishing antagonist in a Viennese operetta, Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck.

*Breaking and Entering*, the latest Anthony Minghella film, boasts a cast assembled from past Anthony Minghella films, Jude Law from *Cold Mountain* and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, Ray Winstone from *Cold Mountain* only, Juliette Binoche from *The English Patient*, Juliet Stevenson from *Truly Madly Deeply*, plus new recruits Robin Wright Penn and, in an entertaining turn as an immigrant streetwalker, Vera Farmiga, all of whom are cosseted in a closeup-happy style and flattered in nice, soft, gentle lighting (by Benoît Delhomme). The plot centers around an affluent but alienated and abstracted urban developer, married, with an autistic, gymnastic child, and headquartered in an insufficiently gentrified section of Kings Cross, where his swanky offices are repeatedly burgled. (The break-in technique, which points a misleading finger at an inside job, is quite an eye-opener.) When, however, he independently tracks down the culprit, he finds himself willing to overlook the crime in order to get a closer look at the criminal's mother, a beautiful sad-eyed war widow from Sarajevo. In the hands of the late author of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, Patricia Highsmith, this situation would doubtless have generated strong suspense and sticky psychology. In the hands of Anthony Minghella, who wrote the screenplay himself, it mainly generates stylish angst.

The latest word on *Miss Potter* (reviewed in these pages two weeks ago when it was initially set to open) is that it has now been put off until March, to get clear of the jostling of Oscar contenders. Translation: the schemers at the Weinstein Company had hoped *Miss Potter* would itself be an Oscar contender and when it wasn't, they didn't know what to do with it. ■

## 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](http://SanDiegoReader.com).

**Apocalypto** — Evidently Mel Gibson is in it only for the barbarity. Scouring the globe, roaming the pages of history, he has alighted here on the illuminating example of the Mayan people, past their civilized peak, where a happy, peaceable, practical-joking tribe of jungle dwellers (sample joke: the prescription of a red-hot herb as a topical fertility drug, so that the duped hubby must, in full view of the guffawing villagers, hop around buck naked and plunk down his burning loins in a water trough — wait, it gets even better — and his wife must pour a pitcher of water down her gullet) is cruelly set upon and rounded up by a storm troop of fearsome, bloodthirsty, bone-in-the-nose killjoys in search of sacrificial offerings to their god Kukulkan. A paradise, in other words, no less than turn-of-the-13th-century Scotland in *Braveheart* or 1st-century Palestine in *The Passion of the Christ*, where Gibson may indulge his appetite for mayhem, persecution, torture, martyrdom. (The nine-tenths-naked natives enable him, further, to indulge his lesser appetite for homoeroticism.) The English subtitles and the no-name cast might almost lead you to believe, were it not for the telltale slickness and the Gibsonian slo-mo for dramatic stress, that you're watch-

ing a product of, say, the Guatemalan New Wave or the Undiscovered Belizean Cinema. At the very least, the film should do nothing to fan the flames of Gibson's suspected and substantiated anti-Semitism. And at the next least, the last-minute arrival on the scene of Christianity is not openly — and politically incorrectly — applauded. That might be the film's one and only instance of restraint. Rudy Youngblood, Dalia Hernandez, Jonathan Brewer, Morris Bird. 2006.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Babel** — Communication problems the world over. An American tourist is struck by rifle fire in Morocco, arousing erroneous worries of terrorism. An illegal-alien nanny drags along the two towheads in her care to a Mexican wedding, and runs afoul of the Border Patrol on their return. And a horny pantyless deaf-mute Japanese girl can't get a man, any man, to take an interest in her. These three storylines are fashionably "interlocked" (anyone who can recognize the voice of Brad Pitt over the telephone will immediately know the connection between two of them), and the film strategically ends in the same place, from a different point of view, as it begins, coming full circle. The illusion of complexity, for all that, could scarcely be more transparent. Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu, much in the manner of his *Amores Perros*, achieves depth only in the way that a hero sandwich achieves it; and it achieves

length — almost two and a half hours of it — in the same way as a footlong at any Subway shop. Tenuous in construction, slack and sluggish in pace, sketchy and far-fetched in plot, the film does nothing to justify its epic length or its cosmic ambitions. (The Mexican storyline, particularly weak, goes nowhere until it goes bananas: a series of decisions so bad as to forfeit all sympathy for the characters, let alone for the storyteller who compelled the characters to make the decisions.) With a somewhat calmer camera than his norm, however, the director does some nice scene-setting, some impressionistic documentation of the locales, to help realize his goal in sheer duration. With Cate Blanchett, Adriana Barraza, Gael García Bernal, Koji Yakusho, and Rinko Kikuchi. 2006.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Band Wagon** — A candy-colored Inside Show Biz musical, directed by Vincente Minnelli. The private jokes, the campy parody, and the cheerful cynicism give the movie its air of knowingness; but the disruptively dazzling musical numbers are never brought together into a stable framework or consistent style. With Fred Astaire as an aging hooper on the comeback trail, Cyd Charisse as his newfound dancing partner, Nanette Fabray and Oscar Levant as a Betty Comden-Adolph Green song-

writing team. 1953.

★★★ (BIRCH NORTH PARK, 2/15, 7 P.M., AND 2/18, 2 P.M.)

**Because I Said So** — Relationship comedy, high-strung, low-stooping. As a meddlesome mother determined to marry off her third daughter, Diane Keaton is required to be both irritating and irresistible. She half succeeds. First half of the equation only. Although not without a certain slouching charm, Mandy Moore ("Actually, I love to sing") comes in more for pity than sympathy. With Gabriel Macht, Tom Everett Scott, Lauren Graham, Piper Perabo, and Stephen Collins; directed by Michael Lehmann. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Blood and Chocolate** — Woman who runs with the werewolves. In specific, a young American in Bucharest, where the werewolf, or *loup garoux* as it is known to French-speaking Romanians, is better understood, properly revered. Any true horror fan should be open to a bit of werewolf revisionism, but this bit of it is open, in turn, only to the MTV demographic. Despite

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their five-millennia reign in Romania, the present population of werewolves, apart from one pair of parental figures, and pretty hip ones at that, seems to consist solely of the sort of crowd you'd expect to encounter at the local disco. (The German director, Katja von Garnier, is familiar over here chiefly for the punk-feminist *Bandits*.) The heroine, a chocolatier by day, is the rebel of the pack, a resister of tradition, a quiet questioner; and she finds a kindred spirit, and a verboten beau, in a merely human American expatriate who's researching lycanthrope lore for one of his "graphic novels." Agnes Bruckner and Hugh Dancy are a reasonably appealing couple, as youths go; but no matter how revisionist, there can be no place in a werewolf movie for a pop-song montage of cavorting lovers sunbathing in the park, drenching themselves in a public fountain, etc. The cleverest idea in the movie may be the selection of a film studio as a hiding place from werewolves, sure to be put off by the silver component in photographic processing. But then it doesn't seem quite so clever when one of the parental figures, for that very reason, picks the film studio as the first place to look. Olivier Martinez, Katja Riemann, Bryan Dick. 2007.

● (GASLAMP 15)

**Blood Diamond** — Serviceable action-adventure despite frequent interruptions for sermonettes on human rights and capitalist wrongs. The ripped-from-the-headlines story (yesterday's headlines: civil war in Sierra Leone, 1999) features the stock figures of a self-interested soldier of fortune, in league with slaughterous rebels and unscrupulous jewellers, an engag  foreign correspondent, and a hapless native peasant enslaved in the diamond mines and separated from his family, all united on a treasure hunt for a priceless buried gem, "a pink," big as a walnut. Without the politics, the strong-arm manipulation of emotions would be inexcusable. Or rather, more clearly inexcusable. It's still inexcusable even now. (The on-screen standing ovation at the final curtain is an unsubtle elbow-in-the-ribs to the moviegoer.) Behind the oped posturing, the film roughly resembles a



The Lives of Others

middle-period, middle-drawer Robert Mitchum vehicle, except that Leonardo DiCaprio, affecting an acceptable Afrikaner accent, is no Robert Mitchum. For all his recently acquired bulk, including the heftiness of his credits in Martin Scorsese's oeuvre, he remains too boyish to be a persuasive action hero: Robby Bensonitis, let's call it. Jennifer Connelly, meantime, is both capable and decorative as the journalist. And the only thing keeping Djimon Hounsou from total sympathy is the sanctimony in which his director, Edward Zwick, enwraps him. All three, along with their Dark Continent environs, are nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by Eduardo Serra. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan** — For anyone who hereto-

fore hadn't encountered the character on HBO, Borat Sagdiyev will need an introduction. He is one of the personas of British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen on *Da Ali G Show*, a Kazakh TV reporter dapperly dressed in a dove-gray suit, bristlingly mustachioed, blissfully sexist, superstitiously anti-Semitic, and not yet toilet-trained (he splashes water on his face from the commode in his New York hotel room, takes a doggy-style dump in the bushes of a public park, jerks off in front of a Victoria's Secret display window, and so on), ostensibly dispatched to America to shoot a documentary for home consumption — a built-in excuse for bad camerawork. Scripted scenes, or at any rate pre-planned scenes, primarily involving Borat's obese and camera-shy producer, Azamat Bagatov (Ken Davitian), secondarily involving a slightly less obese African-American call girl (Luenell), and presumably also involving the proprietors of a Jewish B&B (how can we be sure?), alternate with unscripted performance-art pieces, so to call them, in which assorted innocents, dupes, patsies, and joke-butts are lured into the gag unaware. These unrehearsed bits, no doubt more compelling, more riveting, more nerve-racking than the planned-out parts, naturally give rise to thoughts of their comedic antecedents and analogues: *Candid Camera*, the practical jokes on a Dick Clark *Bloopers* special, MTV's copycat *Punk'd*, the crank calls of any wisenheimer

radio deejay, Andy Kaufman's chauvinist-pig wrestling career, the Yes Men (and their eponymous film of a couple of years previous), etc. At the same time, they give rise to moral concerns — to say nothing of legal ones — that far overshadow artistic ones. Can, as an example, an Alabama minister's wife — bluntly insulted for her dearth of pulchritude — be safely assumed to be less of a human being than our fearless guerrilla artiste, or has the latter's sexism perhaps crossed over, there, from fiction into reality? Any diversion afforded by such thoughts is all to the good, because the general impression of the film, right down to the spottiness of its laughs, and regardless of whether staged or not, is amazingly similar to that of your average Will Ferrell comedy. In a word, over-the-top and high of the target. Directed by Larry Charles. 2006.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Breach** — Reviewed this issue. With Chris Cooper, Ryan Phillippe, Laura Linney, and Kathleen Quinlan; directed by Billy Ray. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/16)

**Breaking and Entering** — Reviewed this issue. With Jude Law, Juliette Binoche, Robin Wright Penn, and Rafi Gavron; written and directed by Anthony Minghella. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

**Bridge to Terabithia** — Children's fantasy with Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb, and Zooey Deschanel, directed by Gabor Csupo. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/16)

**Catch and Release** — Romantic serio-comedy to do with a scheduled wedding turned funeral and the stranded bride's posthumous discovery that her intended groom had a secret big bank account and a secret small child. (They had seemed such a perfect couple: she's called Gray, he was called Grady.) If writer and director Susannah Grant had wanted, as she appears to have wanted, to steer the thing toward the Lifetime Channel, she would have been advised to hire a warmer-blooded leading lady than the fish-lipped, marble-skulled, enamel-skinned, steel-eyed Jennifer Garner. It might seem odd, at the same time, to see the indie filmmaker Kevin "Silent Bob" Smith in the cookie-cutter role of the comical tubby Best Friend, persistently plugging Celestial Seasonings teas via T-shirt, mug, quotable quotations from the boxes, and place of employment. Then again, once you begin to recollect his own sorties into the mainstream, be they ever so futile — *Jersey Girl*, *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*, *Clerks II* — it ought to seem significantly less odd. With Timothy Olyphant, Sam Jaeger, and Juliette Lewis. 2007.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

**Children of Men** — The basic idea — from a novel by P.D. James, a departure from her detective fiction — of a world-wide plague of female infertility, even though not at all original (see *The Handmaid's Tale*, as a prime example), remains nevertheless a potent metaphor for that science-fiction staple, the End of the World; and the film can thus sensibly refrain from hashing over the significance of a miraculous pregnancy in England, as inexplicable as the plague itself, eighteen years after its onset in 2008. A potent metaphor, that, for Hope, even Faith. (The young black woman's deadpan protestation of virginity is of course only her own little joke. What she is carrying is not the Second Coming of Christ so much as that of Adam. Or, as it happens, Eve.) Because the world went so fast to hell so near in the future — "Only Britain soldiers on" — the film is not overburdened with production and special effects. It shoulders just sufficient texture and detail for an illusion of reality: the unswept litter and uncollected trash in the streets, the electronic animated billboards, the pirated artworks preserved for no one's edification at the Tate Modern, the gratis government-issued suicide kits (brand name: Quietus; ad slogan: "You Decide When"), the concentration camps for illegal aliens, etc. There is really not much in the way of a story — underground dissidents squiring the expectant mother through chaotic countryside to an offshore rendezvous with a shadowy do-good organization known as the Human Project — but Clive Owen, the principal squirer, an uncommitted mercenary, has the ideal demeanor for the grimness of the mission; and the trek is nothing if not eventful, a mild word for an itinerary that includes three virtuoso action set pieces. If the camera sometimes calls attention to itself with its showboat mobility, and at one point with its blood-spattered lens, the staging of the action is always thorough and thought-out. As, for that matter, is the staging of the nonaction, in particular the hero's interplay with his ex-wife (Julianne Moore) and an aged flower-child friend (Michael Caine), bubble with emotional undercurrents. Director Alfonso Cuar n's moderation in the use of close-ups, a rarer and rarer thing these days, dis-

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dains the easy way out. With Chiwetel Ejiofor and Claire-Hope Ashitey. 2006. ★★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

**The Departed** — Martin Scorsese's career-changing turn to the overblown epic, a turn marked by *Casino*, would seem to be a course difficult to reverse. *Kundun ... Gangs of New York ... The Aviator...* And now even a trashy light diversion, adapted from an average-length Hong Kong action film, will get dragged out to two and a half hours — this despite the delivery of dialogue at the machine-gun tempo of a hopped-up auctioneer (or of Scorsese's own casual conversation), and despite, too, the mere semblance of speed imparted by the free-associative cutting and the incongruous rockabilly beat of the background music, whenever the filmmaker isn't trotting out his collection of rock-and-roll oldies. The convoluted plot verges on farce: an upwardly mobile underworld spy in the Massachusetts State Police (Matt Damon, raising his eyebrows in an ostentatious show of innocence) and a downwardly mobile police spy inside the mob (Leonardo DiCaprio, giving himself away with his meat-cleaver worry line) both become involved, first as clients and then as suitors, with a *Harper's Bazaar* idea of a psychotherapist (Vera Farmiga, she of the prowl-like cheekbones, life-raft lips, blue-lagoon eyes). Not even the take-no-prisoners crescendo of gore toward the end, jolting though some of it is, can pull the movie back from the farcical brink. And Jack Nicholson, as showy an actor as Scorsese is a director (when he's only in it for the money, anyway), plays the mob boss at a pitch barely below his *Batman* Joker. With Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, Ray Winstone. 2006. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Dreamgirls** — Broadway backstage musical — not, that is to say, backstage on Broadway but backstage in Motown — charting the breakthrough of R&B into the pop mainstream in the Sixties, more specifically the rise of a girl group called the Dreams (rhymes with Supremes), and attendant heartbreaks, breakups, downfalls, and assorted other banalities. True, a musical can get away with a banal storyline if the music is good, but these Broadway-ized soul tunes are as insipid as they are incessant. It seems it's not easy to write another "Where Did Our Love Go?" another "Come See about Me," another "My World Is Empty without You," another "You Can't Hurry Love." And the one familiar number, the one unforgettable number, the big abandonment solo of former *American Idol* contestant Jennifer Hudson (big voice, big figure), screams out for earplugs if not a muzzle. Neither is it easy, evidently, to be another Aretha Franklin. Beyoncé Knowles looks glamorous enough as the Diana Ross diva who metamorphoses into disco queen Donna Summer (under the Svengalian guidance of the Berry Gordy stand-in, Jamie Foxx); and the period clothes and hairdos — something near a beehive on Eddie Murphy when we first meet him, higher and higher than Jackie Wilson — are enjoyable as expected. Writer and director Bill Condon, who adapted the screenplay for *Chicago* but whose own directing credits run to *Gods and Monsters* and *Kinsey*, shows it's not easy to be Stanley Donen. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Factory Girl** — Sienna Miller as Edie Sedgwick and Guy Pearce as Andy Warhol, directed by George Hickenlooper. (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 2/16)

**Freedom Writers** — Make-a-difference true story about an idealistic young English teacher at an "integrated" high school in Long Beach, where she brings peace and harmony to her fractious classroom (she appears to teach only one hour per day) and seemingly also to the community at large: the gang violence peters out dramatically as she takes the students on a field trip

to the Museum of Tolerance, and distributes copies of *The Diary of Anne Frank* purchased out of her own pocket. The positive attitude and right-mindedness of the film, or at least the enthusiasm and resolve of Hilary Swank in the lead role, are disarming if not shaming. And Imelda Staunton puts up pitiable resistance as the rule-bound department head, a very human heavy. With Patrick Dempsey, Scott Glenn, John Benjamin Hickey, April Lee Hernandez, Deance Wyatt, Mario, and Pat Carroll; written and directed by Richard LaGravenese. 2007. ★ (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Ghost Rider** — Nicolas Cage as the Marvel Comics superhero, written and directed by Mark Stephen Johnson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/16)

**The Good German** — A nostalgist's film noir, one more black-and-white postwar thriller, over a half-century tardy in its arrival, for the buff who has run through *Crossfire*, *Cornered*, *Notorious*, *The Stranger*, *Berlin Express*, and *Captain Carey, U.S.A.*, among numerous others, and who still has a hunger. Reassuring archaisms, such as the 4:3 aspect ratio for the opening credits (afterwards widened only to 1.66:1, it looks like) or the blatant rear-screen projection behind a stationary moving car, coexist uneasily with latter-day liberties in matters of sex and profanity. Steven Soderbergh, who had dabbled in black-and-white before (most of *Kafka*, most of his sequence in *Eros*, but never till now whole hog), knows where to place the low angles and inky shadows, though he doesn't know so well how to maintain pace and flow. George Clooney, who also had had black-and-white experience in his self-directed *Good Night, and Good Luck*, fits right in, thanks to his "classical" movie-star good looks, scuffed up a bit in repeated beatings; and Cate Blanchett, as a Berlin prostitute with a presumed-dead but intensively sought husband, seems to be able to adapt herself to anything, including the German language with English subtitles. Tobey Maguire, Beau Bridges, Jack Thompson. 2006. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Hannibal Rising** — Soft on cannibalism. But after all, Hannibal Lecter has made a lot of money for Hollywood, a powerful argument for clemency. Mostly boring and senseless, the prequel to *The Silence of the Lambs* (and *Hannibal* and *Red Dragon*) busies itself with mitigating circumstances. Surely any reasonable man can understand why another man — a WWII orphan grown up — would want to eat the men who ate his little sister, especially if they were Nazi collaborators at the time and white slavers now. The French actor Gaspard Ulliel makes a poor substitute for Anthony Hopkins, though he just might make the grade as a sub for Crispin Glover. With Gong Li, Rhys Ifans, and Dominic West; directed by Peter Webber. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA

## SEEN ON DVD

### JOHN STUBBS

Music director/conductor, California Ballet Company and violinist, San Diego Symphony

Even when film was silent, there was music to accompany it supplied by either piano or pit orchestra. As a musician, my favorite films, not surprisingly, have interesting soundtracks. *The Third Man* by Carol Reed has a score performed by Anton Karas on zither, which itself becomes an integral character of the film, providing comments on the action.

Jean Cocteau's *La Belle et la Bête* has lovely music by Georges Auric, but the real interest for me in the available DVD is the included alternate score by Philip Glass that I was fortunate to hear performed live by the composer with a showing of the film.

*Forbidden Planet*, a science-fiction film based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest* with a score composed by Louis and Bebe Barron, might be the first commercial film whose entire soundtrack is electronic music.

*THE THIRD MAN* (England) 1949, Criterion Collection  
List price: \$39.95

*LA BELLE ET LA BÊTE* (France) 1946, Criterion Collection  
List price: \$39.95

*FORBIDDEN PLANET: ULTIMATE COLLECTOR'S EDITION* (USA) 1956, Warner Home Video  
List price: \$59.58 (two discs)

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**Happy Feet** — Computer-animated message movie about the pressure of conformity and (separate message) the plunder of nature, more specifically about a species of pop-song-singing penguins, into whose midst is born a "different," an aberrant, tap-dancing penguin (try, if you can, to put

### NUVI MEHTA

Pre-concert lecturer and guest conductor, San Diego Symphony

The best film I can think of that reflects the exciting and sometimes overwrought world of the performing arts is *Meeting Venus*. A brilliant performance by Glenn Close as an opera diva highlights this comedy of tangled love and a young conductor's first big break at a major opera house. Unfortunately, it's not yet available on DVD, but I hope this will encourage people to ask for it.

Some of my favorite film music from the past several years comes from *Star Wars, Episode I: The Phantom Menace*. This film is definitely available on DVD, and it's worthwhile if only to listen closely to John Williams's exciting "Battle of the Fates" choral and orchestral fireworks.

I would also recommend *Ushpizin*, and not just for the music. You don't have to be Jewish or even religious to enjoy this movie about having your faith — in God or man — tested.

*MEETING VENUS* (England/USA) 1991, Warner Brothers (VHS only)

*STAR WARS, EPISODE I: THE PHANTOM MENACE* (USA) 1999, Twentieth Century Fox  
List price: \$29.98

*USHPIZIN* (Israel) 2004, New Line  
List price: \$27.98

### J.D. SMITH

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Silent films were never truly silent. Organ, chamber, or orchestral accompaniments underscored emotion and set and transitioned scenes — often to a greater degree than modern soundtracks. You can experience this live as the Symphony presents the silent classic *Ben-Hur*. I'd like to recommend *The Wind*, starring the greatest of all silent actresses, Lillian Gish, for its use of music to conjure up a devastating force we cannot see on a lonely Texas plain. But the film's not available on DVD.

Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* is certainly one of the best-known silent classics and certainly available on DVD. But I'm partial to the controversial 1984 "enhancement" of the film featuring Giorgio Moroder's reimagined pop soundtrack and beautiful color tinting.

Finally, there's Guy Maddin's amazing *Dracula: Pages from a Virgin's Diary*. The film combines ballet, horror, silent-era film technique, modern computer effects, and an all-Mahler soundtrack to breathtaking effect.

*THE WIND* (USA) 1928, Warner Home Video (VHS only)

*METROPOLIS* (Germany) 1927, Kino  
List price: \$29.95

*DRACULA: PAGES FROM A VIRGIN'S DIARY* (Canada) 2002, Zeitgeist Films  
List price: \$29.99

the pudgy trudging birds of *March of the Penguins* out of your mind), and about a runtier breed of Latino penguins, some menacing seabirds, a scary seal, a couple of humongous orcas, and a race of "aliens" who are not computer-animated at all. The interface with these aliens near the end is

moderately mind-blowing, if only from a mixed-media standpoint, but the alleged alienness of the human race would carry more rhetorical clout if the penguins hadn't all along been borrowing so freely from its popular culture. (The natural state holds no accommodation for vintage rock-and-roll.)

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And you cannot feel entirely happy about a happy ending in which it's suggested that humans might show more respect for their fellow creatures on the planet if only the fellows would learn some nifty dance steps. Although the direction by live-action man George Miller has some nice touches and clever angles, the action, approximately 60mph faster than the action in his Mad Max movies, is approximately 65mph too fast. With the voices of Elijah Wood, Brit-tany Murphy, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, Anthony LaPaglia. 2006.

★ (MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

**The Last King of Scotland** — The self-conferred title of Ugandan strongman, and madman, Idi Amin Dada, a facile role for Forest Whitaker, who pitches into it with gusto. The true central character, however, is a fictitious young Scottish doctor (James McAvoy), the President's personal physician, "closest advisor," illicit lover of Wife Number Three, and all-around trivial distraction. With Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson, Simon McBurney; directed by Kevin Macdonald. 2006.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Letters from Iwo Jima** — The second part of Clint Eastwood's Second World War diptych, the Japanese-language, Japanese-perspective counterpart to *Flags of Our Fathers*, an exercise in empathy whereby the filmmaker re-examines the same subject, the costly Battle of Iwo Jima, from the opposite side of the firing line. For an American production to attempt to view an American war through the eyes of the other guys — to attempt to portray the sameness, the oneness, of fighting men on whatever side — is in itself nothing new. It is, by one gauge, as old as the prototypical antiwar film, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, although that one, or any of its successors (*A Time to Love and a Time to Die*, *The Blue Max*, etc.), didn't attempt to do so in the other guys' native tongue. In addition to which, any number of films have attempted an internal balancing act, our side and theirs, sometimes even permitting the others to speak in their own tongues (*The Young Lions*, *The Enemy Below*, *Hell in the Pacific*, *Tora! Tora! Tora!*, etc.). More, then, than in the opposing-viewpoint angle or the foreign-language angle, the uniqueness of *Letters* lies in its distinction as part of a matched pair, an external balancing act if you will, sharing numerous points of intersection with *Flags* while sharing no actual cast members. (The momentous flag-raising on Mount Suribachi now rates as no more than a speck in the distance.) The singularity of *Letters*, paradoxically put, lies in its complementarity. It is much more a

straightforward battle film than its predecessor, which was more a memory film of battle and had as much to do with the after-effects as with the immediate effects, filing away the warfare as indelible mental snapshots. Too, it comes across as a bit preacher than *Flags*, where the filmmaker, with firmer footing on home turf, may have felt freer to let you draw your own lessons, may have felt less necessity to show his personal "understanding." Nonetheless, it offers a useful, a purposeful, a further refinement of his evolving views on violence. And if it runs the risk of collapse under the cumulative weight of its solemnity (four and a half hours over the course of two movies), the risk proves to have been a risk worth taking, a risk rewarded. Ken Watanabe, Kazunari Ninomiya, Tsuyoshi Ihara, Ryo Kase, Shidou Nakamura. 2006.

★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18)

**Little Children** — Todd Field's sophomore directing effort, following up his quietly sensationalized *In the Bedroom*, is less quietly sensationalized, in other words more blaringly sensationalized, and truly more sophomoric. The adaptation of a Tom Perrotta novel, complete with a snooty third-person-omniscient (i.e., know-it-all) narrator, undoubtedly tells us less about the malaise of our young middle-class suburban parents today than about the jaded palates of our moviegoers and/or moviemakers. An adulterous playground liaison — between a killing handsome Mr. Mom (Patrick Wilson, with his Newman-esque blue eyes and jutting upper lip), a graduate of law school but a flunker of the bar exam, and a latter-day Madame Bovary (Kate Winslet, the sleeker edition), who, married to a clod, champions her literary forerunner as a proto-feminist in her book-discussion group — cannot be considered sufficiently spicy without the added tang of a neighborhood sex offender, a vigilante cop with innocent blood on his hands, and a married Internet porn addict in secret correspondence with Slutty Kay. To have three separate male characters masturbate on screen on three separate occasions must set some sort of record. And there's not even any clear evidence of developing skills since the director's freshman effort, which really was praised too highly, perhaps too intoxicatingly. See, for example, the flash-cut fusillade of innocuous bric-a-brac at the outset. Or see the overly choreographed scene at the public swimming pool when the sex offender's arrival in snorkel and flippers gets everyone out of the water faster than if he were a Great White accompanied by the theme from *Jaws*. Or see the treatment of the night-league amateur football players, through distorting wide-angle lenses, as sneering bruisers suitable for an Adam Sandler comedy. In short, see, all too ostentatiously, the director direct. With Jennifer Connelly, Jackie Earle Haley, and Noah Emmerich. 2006.

★ (LA JOLLA 12)

**The Lives of Others** — Reviewed this issue. With Ulrich Mühe, Martina Gedeck, Sebastian Koch, and Ulrich Tukur; directed by Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 2/16)

**The Messengers** — Hollywood directorial debut of the Hong Kong twin brothers, Danny and Oxide Pang. Routine haunted-house hijinks, unrelenting and undiscriminating, at a "run-down" farmhouse (to say the least) in North Dakota, with a flock of crows flown in from Bodega Bay out of Hitchcock's *The Birds*. Kristen Stewart, Dylan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller, John Corbett. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; Santee Drive In; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Music and Lyrics** — Enough laughs in the first few minutes to sustain two or three average screen comedies: a music-video

parody of the signature tune of a British bubblegum group of the Eighties — "Pop Goes My Heart" by Pop! from beginning to end — with Hugh Grant shimmying, shaking, and pogosticking in a long-hair wig. Cut to the present, when he's "a happy has-been," finished with songwriting ("It's so time-consuming"), content to re-do the oldies for class reunions, amusement parks, whoever will have him. But then the world's hottest female soloist (a dimpled blond newcomer named Haley Bennett), a Madonna-esque amalgam of Eastern religions and Western decadence, commissions him to write her a song on spec — she's indebted to Pop! for helping her through her parents' split at age seven — and he begins an impromptu collaboration, and romance, with his temporary plant-waterer, Drew Barrymore. These are two actors with polished acts, and they both seem to be playing up to their own fan clubs rather than each other. The energy falls off right around the midpoint, but writer-director Marc Lawrence has his own sort of polish, and the image maintains a constant sheen. With Brad Garrett, Campbell Scott. 2007.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; Santee Drive In; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Night at the Museum** — *Jumanji*-esque jumble of special effects, in which all the exhibits at the Natural History Museum in New York City come to life after dark. This allows for a lot of, frankly an excess of, variety: Lilliputian cowboys and Roman soldiers who tie down the new night watchman like Gulliver; a mischievous monkey who pees on him, pickpockets his keys, and engages in a Three Stooges-style slapfest with him; a T-rex skeleton who wants to play fetch; a talking, bubblegum-chewing Easter Island head; Attila and some Huns; some lions, an elephant, a zebra, a rhino, and so on. It also allows for logical mix-ups whereby, for example, the wax figure of Teddy Roosevelt knows full well he's a wax figure of our twenty-sixth President, while the wax figure of Sakajawea is regarded as the actual, taxidermized Indian maid, a boon to the tour guide who is writing a dissertation on her. Director Shawn Levy oversees one decent cinematic moment, the contrasting views of the Lilliputians letting the air out of the tires of a van at the loading dock, an action which at close range looks as if they're trying to plug a hole in the fuselage of a jetliner at 30,000 feet, while from a distance it looks as if all is calm. Mickey Rooney has a nice little role as a trulent security guard forced into retirement (addressing his replacement variably as "Hotshot," "Hopscotch," "Butterscotch," etc.), and Ricky Gervais, of the British *The Office*, shows off his narrow range to good effect as another embarrassing boss, the high-handed museum director ("Control your young, please"). Ben Stiller, on the other hand, shows off his own narrow range at great length in the lead role, and Robin Williams (the wax Teddy) and Owen Wilson (toy cowboy) are instantaneously tiresome. With Carla Gugino, Dick Van Dyke, Bill Cobbs. Steve Coogan. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Norbit** — Screamingly unfunny comedy featuring Eddie Murphy in a dual role as a lipping four-eyed nerd and his fat brow-beating wife, wearing walrus-weight latex. Eek! With Thandie Newton, Eddie Griffin, Terry Crews, Marlon Wayans, and Cuba Gooding, Jr.; directed by Brian Robbins. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA CINEMAS; MISSION

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**Notes on a Scandal** — Two thespian heavyweights, Cate Blanchett and Judi Dench, going toe to toe, battling to a draw. The scandal, as it comes to light, is the illicit and illegal affair of a married-with-children, thirty-something art teacher, Blanchett, and a fifteen-year-old male student (Andrew Simpson), a ripped-from-the-headlines affair made perfectly plausible if not comprehensible. What doesn't come fully to light, except to the voyeuristic viewer, is how a self-deluding lonely old lesbian history teacher, Dench, attempts to use her knowledge of the affair to her own advantage, again perfectly plausible if not exactly politically correct. Both of the women are individuals, not representatives, and they're played that way. The drama gets a bit overwrought toward the finish, and Philip Glass's phone-it-in musical score is no asset, but all in all a compelling effort. With Bill Nighy and Phil Davis; directed by Richard Eyre. 2006.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Painted Veil** — Somerset Maugham's middlebrow brew of sin and redemption among colonial Brits in mid-Twentieth China, where a brave bacteriologist but vindictive cuckold (Edward Norton) drags his faithless spouse (Naomi Watts) into the midst of a cholera outbreak in the backcountry. The spiritual growth of the flighty wife ("When love and duty are one," counsels the Mother Superior at the local orphanage, "then grace is within you") will restore sufficient happiness to the union, not long before its tragic end, that the husband can stop plastering down his hair and go fluffy. Directed by John Curran (*We Don't Live Here Anymore*, also featuring Watts), this follows after at least two other screen treatments of the novel — the better known of which is one of the lesser Garbo vehicles — and, for all its location shooting and its air of "independence," it's still stiff and stuffy. Much of that is intrinsic to the original author, and some of it's imported through the stagy British accents of the stars. With Liev Schreiber, Toby Jones, and Diana Rigg. 2006.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Pan's Labyrinth** — Guillermo del Toro, the migrant Mexican filmmaker, returns to the place and time of his Spanish Civil War ghost story, *The Devil's Backbone*, more precisely post-Civil War, mid-WWII. He centers on a preadolescent girl (wide-eyed, plump-lipped Ivana Baquero) chided by her nine-months-pregnant mother (Ariadna Gil, very intense) as too old to be still filling her head with the "nonsense" of fairy tales, especially since she has moved beneath the roof of her wicked stepfather (Sergi López, campily over the top), a Francoist martinet busily stamping out rebels in the woods, who has little tolerance for a child of another bloodline but is eager to get his leather-sheathed hands on his biological baby in his wife's womb. Much more welcoming of the little girl is the mythological faun (real or imagined?), the guardian of the off-limits garden, who identifies the newcomer straight off as the prodigal daughter of the King of the Underworld (what are the odds?). Del Toro, almost in spite of himself, is not altogether guiltless of conventional, parental, puritanical strictures against fairy tales. In his scrupulous, perhaps overscrupulous, balance of dark fantasy and brutal history, tilted (politically, diplomatically) a little toward the latter, he leaves nothing to chance. He establishes the importance of his theme through the unassailable realm of Fascists and freedom fighters, and he connects that world to the parallel universe of fairy tales in a way that can best be termed didactic, academic, studied, possibly stifling. He makes a case. He does not make magic. Far more than *The Devil's Backbone*, the film that keeps coming to mind, always to this one's disadvantage, is Victor Erice's *Spirit of the Beehive*, 1973. That one, having in com-

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mon a post-Civil War backdrop and a gullible little girl, made very much the same points, together with others, and made them more subtly, more ambiguously, more poetically; made them, moreover, while Franco was still in power; and made them without recourse to special effects beyond a Halloween get-up of Frankenstein's monster. Del Toro never lets his special effects here, some of them pretty tacky and icky, take over to the same extent as in his comic-book Hollywood movies (*Blade II*, *Hellboy*), but a mere black-gloved sadist, even with an open gash on his cheek, has a hard time holding his own against an arborescent goat-god, an insectile pixie, a featureless humanoid with eyes in the palms of his hands, an obscene giant toad, a Tim Burton-esque airless sunless tangled landscape, and so forth. 2006.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Pursuit of Happyness** — The attainment of sappyness. A hand-to-mouth San Francisco salesman — of portable bone-density scanners, an unnecessary luxury item — lands an unsalaried competitive internship at Dean Witter, but not before his wife walks out on him and their five-year-old son (“Did Mom leave because of me?”). The star is the amiable Will Smith, but the director is Italian, Gabriele Muccino of *The Last Kiss*, which might inspire certain types of filmgoers to draw analogies to the Little Man humanism of De Sica and Company. The poignance, to be sure, is commensurately unrelenting (pushing through to schmaltziness), but the only real grit is in the graininess of the digital image. And the emotional payoff — this isn’t postwar Italy, after all — comes in the form of a cash jackpot. Jaden Christopher Syre Smith, Thandie Newton, Brian Howe, James Karen, Dan Castellana. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Queen** — A spot of simulated Royals-watching, ably guided by the seasoned Stephen Frears: a satisfying, if unsurprising and unrevealing and unimaginative re-enactment of what must have gone on behind closed doors in the week after the death of Princess Di, in specific the diplomatic efforts of the newly elected Tony Blair to compel the Royal Family (“a bunch of freeloading, emotionally retarded nutters,” in the view of Mrs. Blair) to behave like human beings: “Will somebody please save these people from themselves?” Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen embody Her Majesty and the Prime Minister to two T’s. In support of them, James Cromwell at least looks the part of Philip, but plays only one note, and Alex Jennings is a bit short in the snout (in complete contrast to Cromwell) but is otherwise credibly dyspeptic as Charles. The plentiful humor, out of deference to history and living persons, is very mild. 2006.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Rocky Balboa** — The sixth installment in the *Rocky* series (despite the absence of a Roman numeral to remind us) comes thirty years after the first one and sixteen after the fifth. It will stand as a serviceable definition of “retarded.” Written and directed by its sixty-year-old star, Sylvester Stallone, it wants nothing but to turn back the hands of time. Oh, Stallone may, in observance of *auld lang syne*, put his sanctified screen wife into the cold hard ground (“woman cancer”), and thus restrict Talia Shire, still listed in the credits, to youthful flashbacks. But what man, after all, with washboard abs and with veins bulging in his shoulders and biceps, could abide to be saddled with an old bag his own age? He can always get an eyelift, dip into the hair dye, put on the same hat, run up the same steps to the same music, replace the old Ugly Duckling with a younger Ugly Duckling (Geraldine Hughes, no spring chicken, but nonetheless a quarter-century his junior), and if the script says so, if wishful thinking wishes it, he can still give as good as he gets in a risi-



Music and Lyrics

ble “exhibition match” against the current undefeated, but unrespected, heavyweight champ (former light-heavyweight champ, Antonio Tarver). Skill vs. Will, it’s billed as, and no chance to mistake which is which. By rights, of course, Stallone ought to have taken over the Burgess Meredith role and left the fighting to, say, Hilary Swank. The glaring irony of it is that, while the on-screen Stallone is supposed to be the personification of heart and desire, the off-screen Stallone can only have been motivated by the thing that motivates his on-screen opponent and supposed opposite: lust for a big payday. Burt Young, Milo Ventimiglia. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15)

**Rules of the Game** — Jean Renoir’s timely, finger-wagging comedy of manners about the French leisure class and its pastime pursuits, pre-WWII, offers a good deal more than the prologue promise of simple entertainment. It is more shrewdly conceived than normal for Renoir and more splendidly dressed and decorated. The acting, however, conforms to the customary, fey, hippity-hoppity gait, with Renoir himself, in the role of old-faithful Octave, setting the pace. With Marcel Dalio, Gaston Modot, and Roland Tutain. 1939.

★★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/15)

**The Science of Sleep** — Michel Gondry, the director of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and less memorably *Human Nature*, sets out to demonstrate he can be just as wacky and braintwisty without Charlie Kaufman as his scriptwriter, with, instead, only himself as scriptwriter. The blur of dream and reality demonstrates that, all right, but at a cost of increased tedium and irritation. (An unsteady handheld camera no doubt factors into the cost.) The dream scenes, incorporating a variety of animation techniques, are inventive, intelligent, informed, yet also invariably overstuffed, and not just in the literal sense of the stop-motion straw pony or the plump pillow typewriter. The wispy plot thread has to do with the amorous hankering of a graphic artist and crackpot inventor (mind-reading helmets, time machine, and the like) for his next-door neighbor, a twosome seemingly made for each other: Stéphane and Stéphanie. Gael García Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg have little room to exert their charms. We know they have them. With Alain Chabat, Miou-Miou. 2006.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/21, 6:30 P.M.)

**Smokin’ Aces** — Callous and smarty-pants action thriller in the Tarantino mode, or better, Tarantinissimo, revolving around a horde of free-lance bounty hunters and hit persons (a lavishly pierced and tattooed heavy-metal trio, a couple of black lesbians, a scar-faced master of disguise in *Mission: Impossible* latex, among others) in competition to cut out the heart of a Mob-connected Vegas headliner, Buddy “Aces” Israel, now under the safeguard of the feds. Writer and director Joe Carnahan, easing up on the heel-grinding naturalism of *Narc*, though not on the finger-snapping tempo, is serious only about that most frivolous thing, tricking the audience at the end, and about that most mindless thing, spraying the audience with bullets and blood. The

large cast includes Jeremy Piven, Ryan Reynolds, Ray Liotta, Andy Garcia, Ben Affleck, Peter Berg, Martin Campbell, Matthew Fox, and Alicia Keys, of whom none has so much as a snowball’s chance. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Venus** — An abortive Pygmalion tale, written by Hanif Kureishi and directed by Roger Michell, about a septuagenarian one-

time matinee idol (“You’re famous?” “A little bit”) who takes an interest in the hopeless would-be model and, in the meantime, ill-natured caregiver for her gay great-uncle, an old thespian crony of our Pygmalion figure. Some of the senescent sexuality has some interest in it for us, too, as we might expect from the indelicate writer of *My Beautiful Laundrette*, *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*, *My Son the Fanatic*, and (also directed by Michell) *The Mother*. And yet, for all the outward thorniness, the film is a ball of mush at heart. Peter O’Toole, as the dried-up ham, gives a wearily bluffing performance that nevertheless seems to have won over the critics. Always prone to a heavy stress and a lurching cadence in his delivery of lines, a kind of vocal galumph, he is now more ponderous and harder-breathing by half, going for the Henry Fonda Oscar — i.e., the sympathy vote — and even, around the nipped-and-tucked hollowed-out eyes especially, looking a bit like late Fonda, a shadow of his former self (a “gorgeous” glamour shot from his salad days will remind us) or more accurately a cruel caricature of his former self. It is good to note that Vanessa Redgrave as his ex-wife continues to age beautifully, without taking extreme measures, and that she has still got a spark, a mere five years younger than O’Toole. Jodie Whittaker, in her screen debut as the Galatea figure, makes a pebble-sized splash. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Volver** — Almodóvar adds to his familiar sour comedy and mock melodrama the new element of an apparent apparition, a mundane ghost, a flutulent phantom, blended in with the familiar elements in uncertain tone. He shows nary a trace of the erstwhile “bad boy,” nothing now but a good, good boy, devoted to mothers in particular, reverential of females in general, the Spanish George Cukor. (The cadaver in the freezer, male, is but a further sign of his respect and his awe.) The result can be recommended to the well-trained legions who are willing to meet this filmmaker seven-eighths of the way. Even the foot-draggers must concede that it’s deftly staged and well acted, and that Penélope Cruz, beyond acting well, shines like a star. Or more descriptively, a heavenly body. Carmen Maura, Lola Dueñas, Yohana Cobo, Blanca Portillo. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA)

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1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)  
**Babel** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:45, 6:30; **Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8:15, 11:00; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:05, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45; **Bridge to Terabithia**

(PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 12:10, 1:55, 2:40, 4:25, 5:10, 7:05, 10:50, 9:45, 10:30; **The Departed** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:05; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:05, 9:50; **Factory Girl** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:35, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 12:55, 1:40, 3:45, 4:35, 6:40, 7:30, 9:35, 10:20; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:05, 1:50, 4:00, 4:45, 6:50, 7:35, 9:50, 10:35; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:10, 9:55; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 2:55, 5:35, 8:10, 10:55 Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 12:20, 2:10, 2:55, 4:50, 5:35, 7:25, 8:10, 10:55; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:15; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 12:00, 1:45, 2:35, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:50; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 7:10; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55; **Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:45) 1:35, 2:20, 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25 Sun. (11:45) 1:35, 2:20, 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25

### STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)  
**Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri. (3:05) 5:20,

7:45, 10:00 Sat. (12:55, 3:05) 5:20, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (12:55, 3:05) 5:20, 7:45; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:25, 8:05, 10:30 Sat. (12:25, 3:00) 5:25, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:25, 8:05; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri. (3:50) 7:00, 9:50 Sat. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 9:50 Sun. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri. (3:20) 5:15, 7:20, 9:30 Sat. (1:15, 3:20) 5:15, 7:20, 9:30 Sun. (1:15, 3:20) 5:15, 7:20; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15 Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15 Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55; **Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri. (3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25 Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25 Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15

#### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Becket** Fri. 5:00, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. 1:45, 5:00, 8:15

### UPTOWN

#### Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05; **Pan's Labyrinth** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; **Venus** (R) Fri. 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10; **Volver** (R) Fri. 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
**Bears** (G) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. 10:00a.m.; **Hurricane on the Bayou** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Roving Mars** (G) Fri.-Sun. 3:00p.m.

#### San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)  
**An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:00; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 12:00

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)  
**Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45; **Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:15; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:55, 9:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45) 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 7:55, 9:50, 10:25; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15) 10:20; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 5:15) 8:10, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 5:15, 8:10, 10:50; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50) 6:55, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10) 4:20, 4:50, 6:55, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:55, 7:50, 10:45; **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:40) 7:05; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:05) 8:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:05, 8:15, 10:45; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:10, 5:05) 7:45, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 5:05, 7:45, 10:35; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 11:40, 1:45, 2:25, 4:30, 5:00) 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 11:40, 1:45, 2:25) 4:30, 5:00, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:40; **Pan's Labyrinth** (R) Fri. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 7:40, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 10:05; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:20, 5:00) 8:00, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:00, 8:00, 10:40; **Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 10:00

### LA MESA

#### Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)  
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### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road  
**Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:15,



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## SANTEE

### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
**Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)  
**Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:15, 2:15, 4:30) 6:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Little Robots: In the Big Show** Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00; **Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)  
**Apocalypse** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 6:55; **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:20, 3:35, 5:50; **Babel** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15p.m.; **Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:30) 12:20, 1:55, 2:40, 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:35, 10:15; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 4:05, 9:50; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8:10; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 5:00, 10:25; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 11:00, 11:45) 12:55, 1:40, 2:25, 3:40, 4:35, 5:15, 6:30, 7:20, 8:05, 9:20, 10:00, 10:50; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 1:35, 2:15, 4:25, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, 10:55; **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 6:45; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 8:10, 9:50, 10:30; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:10, 12:50, 2:30, 3:10, 4:45, 5:30, 7:05, 7:55, 9:25, 10:25; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 12:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:40, 5:25, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; **Pan's Labyrinth** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:05, 7:45; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 4:10, 9:55; **Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:35) 12:45, 2:10, 3:15, 5:00, 5:45, 7:25, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 11:35) 12:45, 2:10, 3:15, 5:00, 5:45, 7:25, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)  
**Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40

## IMPERIAL BEACH

### South Bay Drive-In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)  
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## NORTH INLAND

### CARMEL MOUNTAIN

#### Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)  
**Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:05) 5:30, 8:10, 10:25; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; **Factory Girl** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:30) 4:55, 7:10, 10:00; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:05, 7:35, 9:50; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 8:05, 10:30; **Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:00) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:20; **Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

### ESCONDIDO

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)  
**Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:25; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05

## FALLBROOK

### Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)  
**Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Little Robots: In the Big Show** Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

### POWAY

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)  
**Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 10:00; **Little Robots: In the Big Show** Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sat. (11:30, 1:45) 10:45 Sun. 8:30, 10:45; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:45; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00; **Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30

## SAN MARCOS

### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)  
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### VISTA

#### Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)  
**Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:05; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:25, 5:15) 6:50, 7:40, 9:30; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 8:10; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:40, 4:25, 5:20) 7:10, 8:05, 9:50, 10:45; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00, 10:40; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00, 10:25; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25) 7:00; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 12:15, 1:50, 2:45, 4:20, 5:15) 7:05, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; **Pan's Labyrinth** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:35; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 10:20; **Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:45

## NORTH COASTAL

### CARLSBAD

#### Plaza Camino Real

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### DEL MAR

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

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**Babel** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 7:45; **Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:00) 5:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:00) 5:30; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sat. (1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (1:15, 4:00) 7:00; **Little Robots: In the Big Show** Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:15) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:15

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#### La Costa 6

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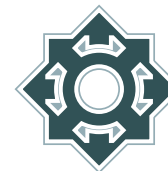
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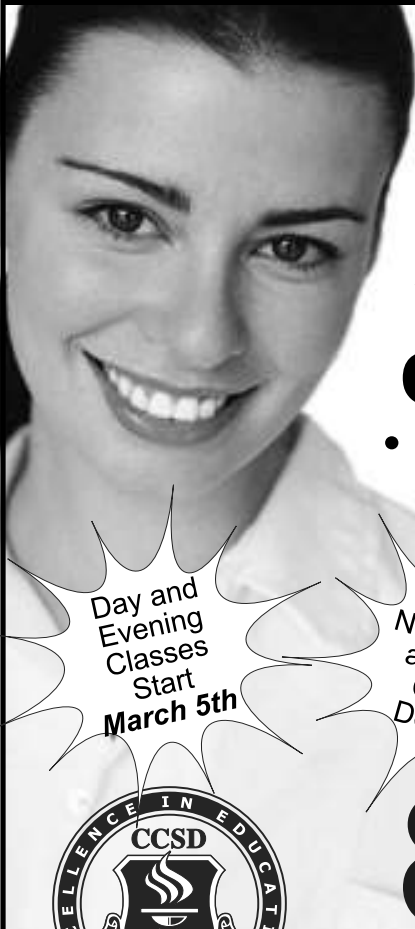
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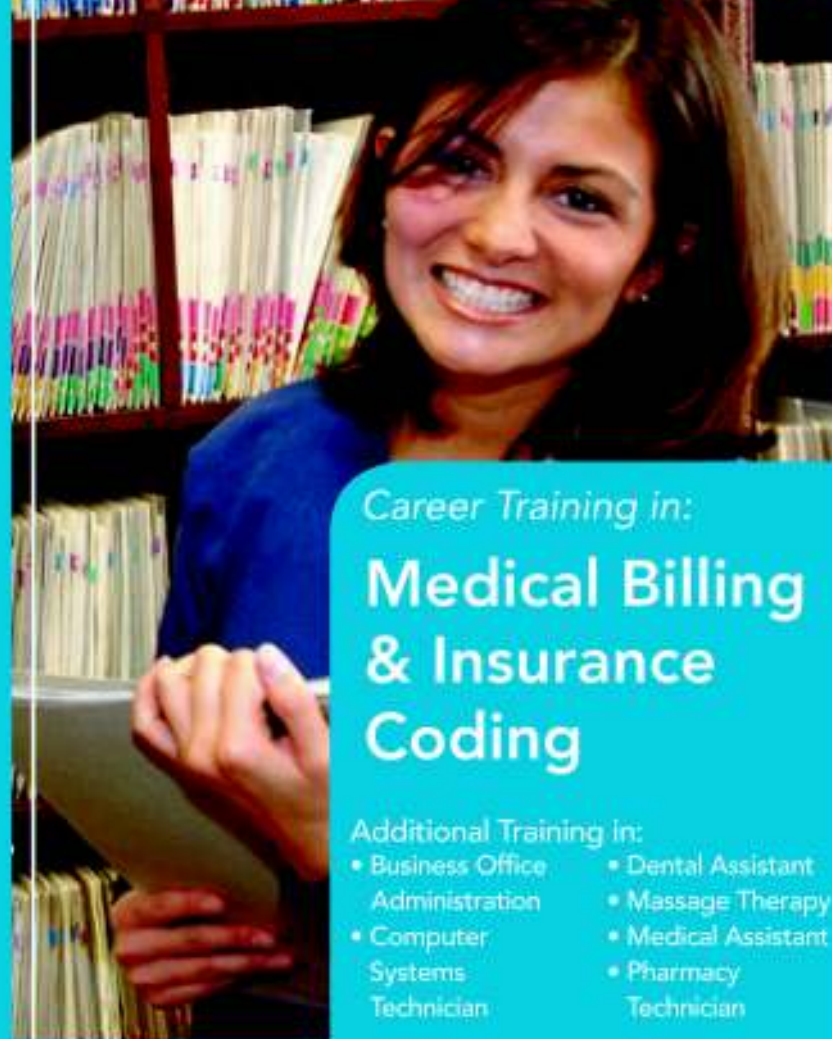
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- 5. Nickname for Margaret
- 10. AA and AAA, for two
- 14. Dunkable treat
- 15. Cary of "The Princess Bride"
- 16. 1992 Pulitzer-winning graphic novel
- 17. Jalopy driver on a '60s TV show
- 19. French state
- 20. Part of RSVP
- 21. Charlie of PBS
- 22. Golden \_\_\_\_\_ (senior citizen)
- 23. Takes care of a unibrow, say
- 25. 1999 Adam Sandler comedy
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ Methuselah
- 30. It's chewed on the range
- 31. Word before capita or annum
- 32. Abound (with)
- 33. Plaza
- 36. Mdse.
- 37. 542-year-old TV cartoon character
- 40. 1981 NBA MVP
- 43. Picket lines?
- 44. Ottoman Empire titles
- 48. Letters of debt
- 49. Neither Rep. or Dem.
- 50. It may be vacant or fixed
- 51. '90s sitcom about a Marine officer
- 54. \_\_\_\_\_-Dazs
- 55. Sup
- 56. Where the Starzz shine in the WNBA
- 58. "Far out!"
- 59. "Norma Rae" director Martin
- 60. This puzzle's all-too-literal theme
- 63. Don Juan's kiss
- 64. Owe \_\_\_\_\_ to society
- 65. Disparage
- 66. "The jig \_\_\_\_\_!"
- 67. Color anew
- 68. Bud holders?

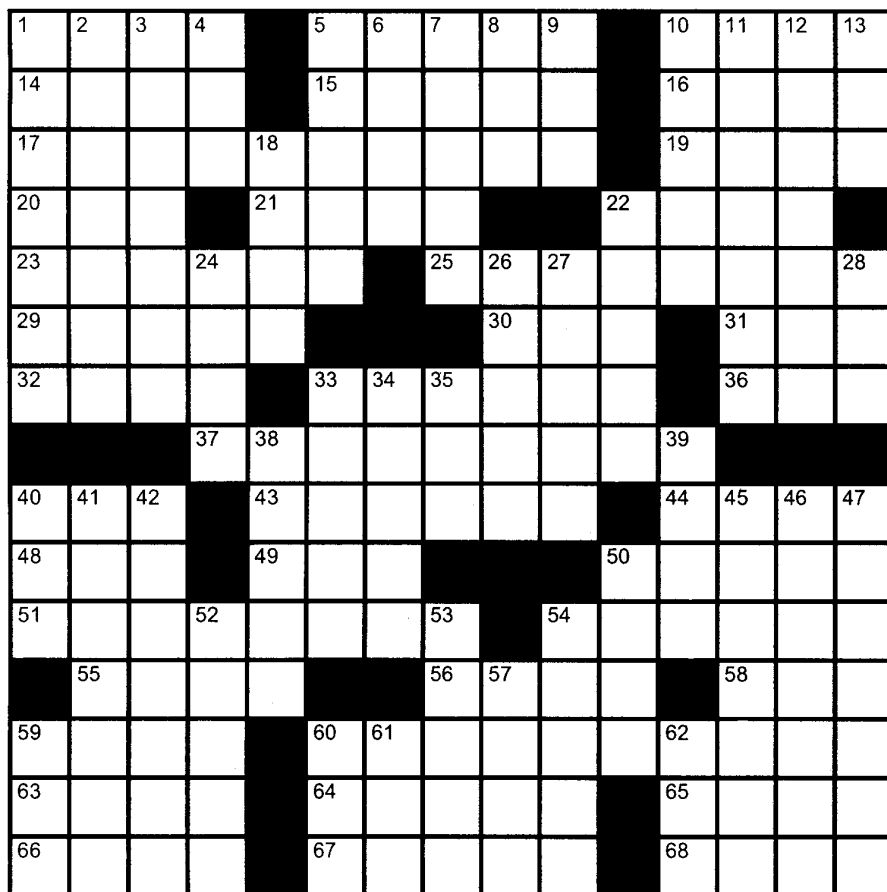
**Down**

- 1. Leader's position
- 2. It's read with feeling
- 3. Shut off
- 4. Vote seeker
- 5. Office correspondence
- 6. Swiss peaks
- 7. Mr. Cool he's not
- 8. Pick up
- 9. Baltic land: Abbr.
- 10. Rolex rival
- 11. For most movie audiences

- 12. Unwilling to say much
- 13. Old Atl. crosser
- 18. Torah holders
- 22. Puff \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. Set up tents
- 26. "Veni," translated
- 27. Experts
- 28. Sr. and jr.
- 33. Shell out
- 34. Informal interview
- 35. O.J.'s alma mater
- 38. In flames
- 39. \_\_\_\_\_ morgana (mirage)
- 40. Darken
- 41. Stage setters
- 42. Self-defense art
- 45. Speech impediment
- 46. It may be underfoot
- 47. E-mailers
- 50. Comic Mort
- 52. Good way to go out
- 53. Bamboozled
- 54. Sort of cuisine
- 57. National frozen dessert chain
- 59. Suicide squeeze stat
- 60. Scorecard number
- 61. Admirer's poem
- 62. "That was bad"

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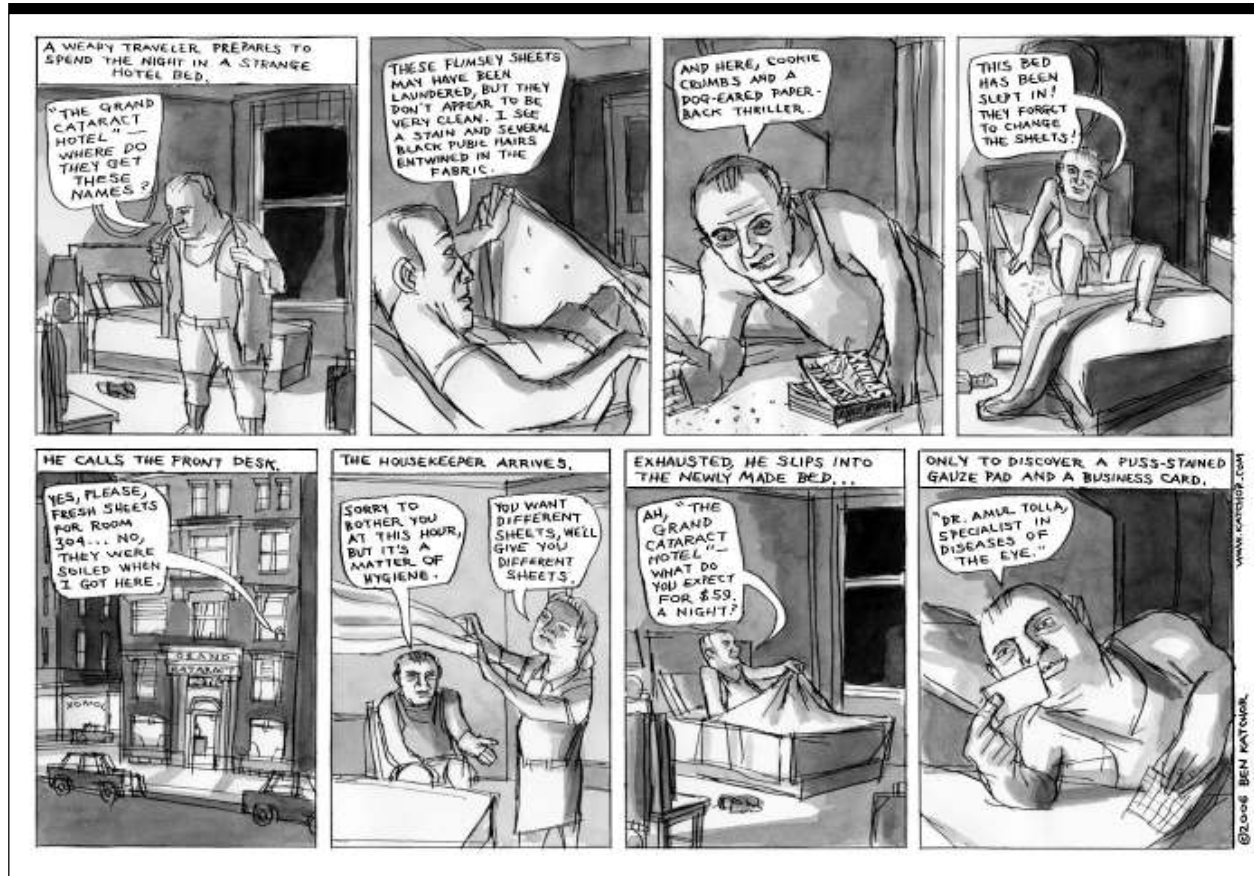
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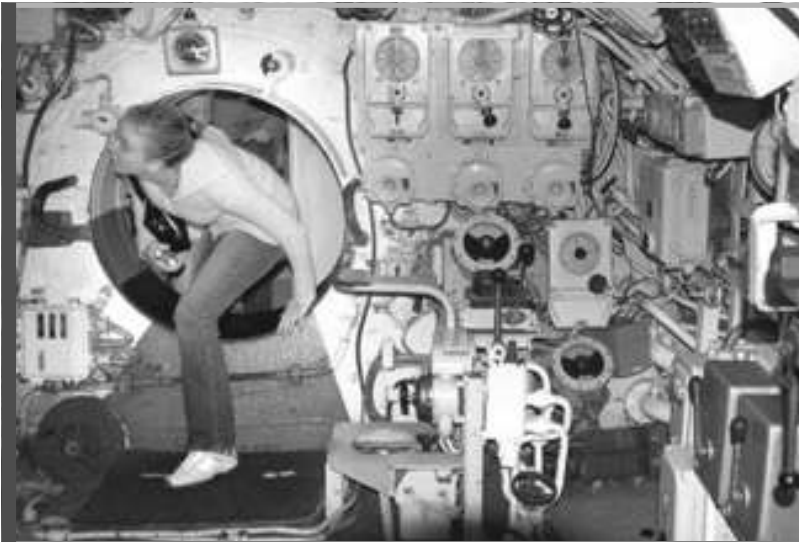
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**Last week's place:** (clue: Up the creek to UCSD?) The Rose Creek bike trail, just south of Garnet Avenue, at Figueroa, off Bond Street, Pacific Beach. The path is an important part of the little-known, sometimes iffy inland bike-walk route from Mission Bay to UCSD. Largely thanks to volunteers, Rose Creek, which empties into Mission Bay, is still a sanctuary to moorhens, blue herons, striped skunk, raccoon, cottontail rabbits, coyote, mule deer, bobcats, and the shy gray fox. (Last week's winners: Marlene Morrow, Jim Ward, Dylan Winfree, Kim Runco, Robert Gardner)

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Can I make payments? If so, who knows how high I'd go? It seems I probably wouldn't want to go higher than \$10,000. I don't have much expendable income right now. I don't even have anything worth that much. I guess if I was rich and money was not a problem, I would spend whatever amount it would cost.



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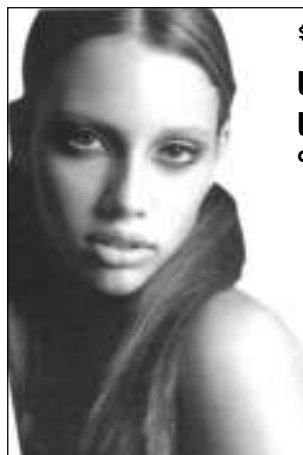
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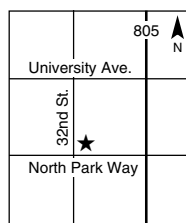
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**CARDIFF.** \$745. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse west of I-5. Awesome ocean-view. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, wireless Internet, balcony, fireplace. No smoking/pets/drugs. Sandi, 760-822-6394.

**CARDIFF.** Room for rent. Looking for female only to share our 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo. No smoking, no additional pets. \$550, plus deposit. 858-205-4488.

**CARDIFF.** Small furnished \$625. Large room \$775 plus utilities and deposits. Community living, privacy. Vegetarian/seafood kitchen, organic garden, jacuzzi, laundry. Nonsmokers. No pets 760-753-0321.

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**CARLSBAD.** \$650, includes utilities, cleaning service, high-speed wireless Internet, personal TV cable. Home on hill, spectacular view. Full privileges. Nonsmoking female only apply. Lori, 760-492-4652.

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**CARLSBAD.** \$900. Office, bedroom (16'x14'), and private bath. Back yard/view, fireplace, sauna, home theater, high-speed Internet, garage parking. No smoking/pets. Available now. 877-593-6275.

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**CHULA VISTA, OTAY RANCH,** Female looking for female roommate. Share 2 bedroom 2 bath apartment. Washer/dryer inside. No pets/smoking. \$650/month, \$50/deposit. 619-993-1368.

**CHULA VISTA.** Share beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, partially furnished, pool, spa, gym, gated. Overlooking park. \$200/deposit, \$700/month, all utilities included. Available immediately. 619-476-0201.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$550/month, utilities included. Room is fully furnished with own separate bathroom and reserved parking space. No drugs/alcohol. David, 619-463-1270 or tel@ccox.net.

**CLAIREMONT,** \$600, \$350/deposit. Room in large house. Utilities included, all amenities. Washer/dryers. Big yard. Storage. No pets. Cable internet. Cell 858-336-7494, home 858-309-8700.

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**CLAIREMONT, WEST.** Room available in newly remodeled 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Washer/dryer, fireplace, yard. Quiet neighborhood. Parking. No smoking, drugs, pets. \$600. 858-272-2992.

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**CLAIREMONT.** \$500, plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Clean, quiet, 3 bedroom, 1 bath house on canyon. Washer/dryer, cable. No smoking/pets/drugs. Call Dave, 858-449-4691.

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**DEL MAR.** \$900. Master bedroom/bath in great location. Washer/dryer in unit. Tennis courts, pool, jacuzzi, parking. Available now. Small pet OK. Elisa, 858-583-1722.

**DOWNTOWN.** Female preferred. Nice furnished studio. \$199/month. Very small to share, to save money. Near Seaport Village, buses, trolley, shops, night clubs. 619-581-8693.

**EL CAJON,** \$575. Share house, fireplace, garage, quiet location. New floors/paint/Washer/dryer. Easy freeway access. Female only. Nonsmoking. Have cat. 1/2 utilities. 619-207-7609.

**EL CAJON.** Furnished room. TV, DVD, VCR, phone. Large closet. Own bathroom. Use of kitchen, washer/dryer, and more. All utilities included plus cable, unlimited nationwide long distance. Male preferred. \$600. 619-390-6796.

**EL CAJON.** \$550, 1/3 utilities, cable service. Quiet 1 big room, 1/2 acre country house, own entrance, 1/2 bath. Easy access to freeway, buses, mall. Washer/dryer. Available now. Prefer female. Call Linda, leave message, 619-749-1116.

**ENCINITAS.** Furnished/unfurnished 2 bedroom condo. Male. Large patio. View. Pool, spa, garage. Quiet, safe. Fireplace, cable, DSL, washer/dryer. New carpet. \$600 plus utilities. 619-335-3535.

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**LA JOLLA.** \$600. Small private bedroom with deck, share bathroom with 1. Share kitchen, living room, ocean view deck with 3. Female preferred. Betty, 858-792-0529.

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**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$675+ plus utilities, share bath, deposit. 2000-square-foot home. In-ground pool, fireplace, gazebo, fountain, wireless Internet, off-street parking. No pets. 858-455-9914.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$580, \$550 deposit, 1/3 utilities. Bedroom in 4 bedroom home. Private bath. Furnished/unfurnished. Clean house, quiet neighborhood. No smoking/drugs. 858-554-0018.

**LA MESA.** \$450. Room in quiet older home with new carpeting, easy parking, laundry. Pets possible. Large shared closet. Say phone slowly/clearly, 619-235-2415, x22959.

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**LEUCADIA,** Share 2 bedroom 2 bath, private balcony, cable net. Rent \$725 first and last, 1/2 utilities. Roommate smokes. Very close to beach. Paul 760-942-3894.

**LINDA VISTA,** 2 bedroom 1 bath duplex, yard, washer/dryer. No pets no smoking. Off-street parking. \$550/month plus 1/2 utilities, \$550/deposit. Near Mesa/USD. 858-414-6007.

**LINDA VISTA.** \$480. Three bedroom home, ocean view, central tropical yard, quiet, new carpet/marble, laundry. \$300/deposit. No smoking/pets. Male preferred. Bill, 858-518-1517.

**MIRA MESA.** \$500. Share house, pool, jacuzzi, deck, cable, wireless Internet, washer/dryer. Female only. No pets. 858-549-3197.

**MIRA MESA.** Mira Mar College. \$500, including utilities. Large room. Clean, quiet home. Pool, security. Near stores/busses. Male. No smoking/pets/drugs. Available now. 858-359-0590.

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**NATIONAL CITY.** 2 rooms available now, \$350 and \$440. Male only, including utilities. Hardwood floors, with large patio. Near everything. 619-788-2162.

**NATIONAL CITY.** \$400. Share 3 bedroom new house near freeway, very clean, washer/dryer. No smoking inside, cat OK. Near Bonita Mall. Female preferred. 619-866-3645.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$750. Private home. Furnished room. Fenced yard. Nice neighborhood, centrally located. Includes utilities, laundry, Internet. Leave message, 619-584-0554.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** Great location. Furnished room. Minutes above Mission Valley. Between Adams/El Cajon Boulevard. \$550, utilities \$35, first/last. No drugs, pets, smoking. 619-281-8987.

**NORTH PARK.** \$700. Fully furnished condo, security gated, landscaped, quiet. Close to all. Own private bedroom and bathroom, nice jacuzzi, shower. Have cat. Gera, 858-232-5542.

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**OCEANSIDE,** Large room for rent \$600/month with deposit includes utilities. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace,

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**OCEANSIDE,** 2 bedroom, walk to beach. Large kitchen/living room. Washer/dryer in house. Ample parking. Female preferred. \$575 plus 1/2 utilities, tile floors. 760-310-9230.

**OCEANSIDE,** \$600 plus utilities. Female preferred. No pets, no drugs. Share four bedroom 2-1/2 bath house. Washer/dryer. Contact Lisa 760-685-1862.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$750, utilities included, \$300 deposit. Master bedroom with private bath in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Hardwood floors, fireplace, appliances, garage. Available 3/1. 760-521-1947.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$735 rent, \$400 deposit, utilities \$100/month each. Share spectacular townhouse with 2 males and 1 female. Nice room. Male preferred. 858-448-0939.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** 2 rooms available 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath luxury townhouse. Short run beach/bay. Nice, come take look. No pets/smokers. \$875. 858-274-5313.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$710, 2 rooms available, includes utilities. Private entrance, quiet 1/3 acre estate, 1200-square-foot view. Pool, Internet, cable. Panoramic, fireworks, ocean, Mexico views. 619-750-2641.

**POINT LOMA.** \$500/month, plus utilities. Room for rent in 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. No pets. Please call 619-220-4914 or 619-410-4866.

**POINT LOMA.** Male to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. \$725/month, 1/2 utilities, \$350 deposit. No pets/smoking. Own bathroom/phone. Available 3/1. 619-200-0175; 619-226-0355.

**POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH.** \$700 professional woman only. Private, fully furnished, luxurious room with great ocean view in newer home. Microwave, refrigerator, TV, laundry. Available 2/20. Nonsmoking, no drugs/alcohol/pets. 619-226-4010.

**POWAY.** Easy access to I-15, I-5, and 56. Near Miramar Base, shopping mall. Nice area. \$550, utilities included, \$100 deposit. Nonsmoking/pets. Available now. 858-531-9169.

**RANCHO BERNARDO.** 45+ community, \$750, plus half utilities/Internet. Contemporary furnished room, private bath, newly furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Clubhouse facilities. Washer/dryer, dishwasher. Maid. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-890-0818.

**RANCHO PENASQUITOS.** \$675/month. Share nice, large apartment, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Room is 13'x10' with large closet, cabinet space. No alcohol/drugs. 858-672-0807.

**RANCHO PENASQUITOS.** \$550, utilities included, \$550 deposit. Bedroom in nice house with shared bathroom. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Have dogs, no pets. Available now. 858-335-6633.

**SAN CARLOS.** Furnished room 13x13, available in 3 bedroom 2 bath condo, share bathroom with male, \$500, 1/3 utilities about \$40/month, \$250/deposit. Nonsmoking. 619-469-3468.1

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**TIERRASANTA.** \$675/month, \$200 utilities in clean and quiet 4 bedroom house. Includes broadband internet, cable, gardener/maid, washer/dryer, pool, fireplace. No smoking/pets. 619-920-9990.

**TIERRASANTA.** \$580, plus \$350/deposit, utilities extra. Shared utilities/cable/Internet. Washer/dryer. Comfortable room, furnished/unfurnished. Near all. No smoking, drugs, pets. Male preferred. 858-292-0145.

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**UTC.** \$500/month. \$350/deposit. Quarter utilities, share bath, unfurnished room. Extended digital cable, pool, fireplace. Great location. Nonsmoking. Have dogs. No more pets. Available now. 858-452-2644.

**VISTA/SHADOWRIDGE.** Huge master bedroom with walk-in closet and private bath in gated, clean, quiet complex. Available 3/1. \$600/month, 1/2 utilities. 760-598-6969.

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**POWAY.** Light industrial space with roll up door, 1200 square feet. Pomerado Business Park. \$400 CAM includes electric, waste, water, alarm and landscape. Paule, 858-679-9442.

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**BAY PARK.** Charming 2 bedroom 1 bath house with SeaWorld view, newer paint/carpet, garage, yard, gardener included. No pets. Available 3/1. \$1750. Broker 619-997-2883.

**BAY PARK.** \$2600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house overlooking Mission Bay, great views of bay, new kitchen, recessed lighting, 2 story, washer/dryer, garage. 2865 Morena Boulevard. Pets OK with additional deposit. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

**BAY PARK.** \$1950. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with view of Mission Bay. 3586 Trenton. TPPM, 858-699-3851 or 858-454-4200 x110.

**BONITA.** Newly remodeled 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath. 2-car garage. Front/backyard. Ocean views. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. New appliances. \$2900 includes trash/landscaping. bmrbenz@aol.com, 619-917-4432.

**CARDIFF.** 4 bedroom, 3 bath house with garage. Washer/dryer hookups, yard. Close to freeway and beach. \$2795/month. 760-753-4101.

**CARLSBAD.** From \$1395. 1 bedroom bungalow. Call for specials! Close to beach. Carpet, fenced backyard. Washer/dryer hook-ups. \$0 down OAC! Available now. 760-729-5668.

**CARLSBAD.** 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. \$1152/month. (.5% down, 20 years, 8% APR) 1 block to beach! Buy now! Won't last! For listings call 1-800-690-3990 xS150.

**CARLSBAD/LA COSTA.** \$1800. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage with storage, vaulted ceilings, large kitchen and dining room, fireplace, fenced yard. 760-634-2567.

**CARLSBAD/LA COSTA.** Newly remodeled spacious 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Luxurious coastal living located just above the famous La Costa Resort and Spa. All appliances, washer/dryer, fireplace, yard, garage. Available now. \$2000, includes water/trash/gardener. Preston, 619-742-7776, 760-778-4244.

**CHULA VISTA.** 461 Reinstara Court. 5 bedroom, 3 bath, \$2300. 1800 square feet. Yard. Section 8 OK. Excellent condition! vr@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 619-540-3009.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** Azalea Park bungalow, 3 bedroom, 1 bath loft, backyard. Great location, near park. Newly renovated. Pets OK. \$1700/month. Call 619-723-1047 or 619-342-5870.

**CITY HEIGHTS/Azalea Park.** \$1895. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage with washer/dryer. All oak floors, fireplace, 6' sunken tub. Fenced in back yard, gardener. Pet on approval. 2119 Tulip Street. Carol, 619-282-2617.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1695. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house in great condition. Total remodel, new everything! 3527 Lemona Avenue. 2-car garage, washer/dryer hookups. No pets. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

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**FASHION VALLEY/USD.** \$1150 rent, \$600 deposit OAC. 2 bedroom 2 bath townhouse, 2 parking spots. Bonus density unit. Laundry, walk to USD. No pets, at 5550 Mildred Street #13, 619-291-1755.

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**FASHION VALLEY.** Townhouse, \$1650. Large 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, fireplace, 2-car garage with 8'x10' storage room, washer/dryer. Nonsmoking. 5803 Riley Street. 858-459-3531.

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**GOLDEN HILL.** \$995. Half off first month! 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage style duplex. Berber carpet. Washer/dryer included. Gated. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553. www.goldenhillpm.com.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$895. 1 bedroom cottage style fourplex. Hardwood floors. Gated. Shared yard. Cats OK. Laundry. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$700/month, \$500/deposit. Exceptionally nice, clean 1 bedroom. 1 off-street parking space. Free laundry, near all freeways and bus, no pets, nonsmoking. Available now. call 619-501-6551.

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**GOLDEN HILL.** \$850. 1 bedroom third floor condo. Gated. Berber carpet. Lots of light. Off-street parking. Laundry room.

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**HILLCREST.** \$1150. 1807 University Avenue, behind the Crypt. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great cottage! Breakfast nook, hardwood floors, laundry room, street parking. No pets. Phillips realty, 619-291-6686.

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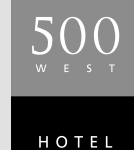
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He called the next day, having decided to shorten his stay at Disneyland so he could come back, and we could go out that night. Ridiculously hungover from Le Deux [a band] the night before, I reluctantly agreed to a date with him that evening when he returned to Oceanside. Of course, Darren didn't have a car, and when I went to pick him up in Oceanside, where his train was supposed to let him off, I learned that he had decided to get off in

Solana Beach. So the irksome evening began.

It continued with margaritas at a Mexican restaurant in Del Mar where Darren explained every single detail of his military life — why he joined, what he planned to do, his tattoos, his daily routine, and why he made such a good Marine — without so much as looking up from his enchilada to ask me anything about myself. It was at this point that I mentally checked out and decided to focus on his physical qualities.

Now, I realize that these guys do some pretty hard-core training, but how dark must it have been for me not to notice his two black eyes until halfway through dinner? He also explained later that he had a broken leg, but it was fine to walk on. After dinner I was ready to call it quits, but all his buddies were still at Disneyland — he had nowhere to go, so we headed to a movie. I got talked into the new Bond film, which I'm usually not a fan of, but Daniel Craig was able to

occupy my attention through the second half of this awful evening.

To give Darren credit, he did pay for both dinner and the movie, which was probably a \$50 evening, and I was thankful. But I wasn't into him. While I thought I was making that clear through body language (arms crossed and body facing away from him), he took that as an invitation to try to hold my hand. Seven — I swear — seven times he put his gritty palm out on my thigh, hoping for reciprocity, but I played it off, pretending to be confused. I suppose it was just too much work for him — he fell asleep.

What man who's still half alive falls asleep on a date with a fairly attractive young woman, much less during a Bond movie? I kid you not — this guy was snoring during *Casino Royale*. No, wait, he did wake up when he realized he dropped his can of snuff (which he smelled like) on the ground. He literally crawled underneath his seat to recover it. I was livid, but I

couldn't just leave him there. I was his ride, and he had my number. I called him out on falling asleep but otherwise didn't say a word on the drive back. I drove as fast as the law allows, without knowing where I was going. Apparently, neither did he. *God help me...if this guy thinks he is staying with me...* I made him pick some random hotel in Oceanside and dropped him off without looking back. "Darren train," as he was listed in my phone, called several times that week, but his calls were not returned.

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— Jennalee Ryan of San Antonio last year began selling choice human embryos, ready for prospective mothers to implant after having chosen from Ryan's catalog describing the contributors' education, attractiveness, and medical history. "We're just trying to help people have babies," she told the *Washington Post* in January, and at less cost than full in-vitro procedures (since she has eliminated the risk of failed fertilizations). But, said a bioethicist, "It's like you're ordering a computer from Dell." (Ryan said she does not take custom orders.) Of her emphasis on well-educated, good-looking contributors of sperm and eggs, she said, "Who wants an ugly, stupid kid?"

**Chutzpah!**

— After Emmalee Bauer, 25, was fired by the Sheraton hotel company in late 2006, she sought unemployment compensation from the Iowa agency that offers benefits to employees terminated through no fault of their own. However, the judge noted that Bauer had written a 300-page journal, during office hours, chronicling her efforts to avoid work. Among her entries: "This typing thing seems to be doing the trick. It just looks like I am hard at work on something very important," and, "Once lunch is over, I will come right back to writing to piddle away the rest of the afternoon," and, "Accomplishment is overrated, anyway." (Her claim was denied.)

**Can't Possibly Be True**

— We License Fishing, But We Can't License Parenting? (1) Shawn Mohan, 20, was arrested in January for shooting his infant son several times with a BB gun. Mohan said it was an accident, but the St. Charles County, Mo., sheriff pointed to similar bruises on the baby's face, left arm, hand, foot, hip, and buttocks, and said Mohan was on probation for an earlier child-endangerment conviction. (2) Samaritans stopped on Interstate 465 in Indianapolis in December to help a wandering three-year-old boy wearing only a diaper and T-shirt. Police tracked down

his mother, Nancy Dyer, in her filthy apartment, where her two-year-old daughter was eating spaghetti off the floor. Dyer's first reaction to news about her son: "Oh, he got out again." — For two months late last year, after a pair of convicted murderers escaped from Sudbury prison in England, the local Derbyshire police refused to release their pictures. According to the police, "Photographs of named people that are in police possession are classed as data, and their release is restricted by law" to instances where there is a "proper policing purpose." Derbyshire authorities said that since the escapees had probably left the area, there was no such purpose, and the photographs should be kept confidential.

**Unclear on the Concept**

— The school system in Hagerstown, Md., issued a written reprimand in December to the parents of a five-year-old kindergarten boy who had pinched a classmate's buttocks, terming his behavior "sexual" harassment. Said his dad: "He knows nothing about sex. There's no way to explain [to him] what he's been written up for." ... In December, the principal of a preschool in Bellmead, Texas, issued an in-school suspension to a four-year-old boy after he hugged his female teacher's aide with his face in her chest, which was termed "sexual contact and/or sexual harassment" (though following complaints, the offense was changed to "inappropriate physical behavior").

**The Continuing Crisis**

— Daring young men use the danger of moving cars for attention, especially if there's a video camera rolling. An 18-year-old Topeka, Kan., man became the latest casualty when he bailed out of a car going 35 mph in October and suffered a serious head injury. Other video performers go "ghost riding the whip" (letting their cars coast in neutral while they climb onto the roof to dance), with at least two deaths reported. In the newest craze, Jonathan Mendonca, 22, was hospitalized in critical condition in Fort Lauderdale,

Fla., in January after "skiing" (holding onto the back of a car) on Interstate 95 at 65 mph.

— In September, according to sheriff's officials in Buffalo, N.Y., Thomas Montgomery murdered a 22-year-old workplace colleague in a love triangle involving a West Virginia woman. Montgomery, age 47, was pretending to be a young Marine in online conversation with the woman, 45, who was pretending she was her 18-year-old daughter. The murder victim had also struck up an online conversation with the woman, apparently making Montgomery jealous, but the victim, ironically, was the only one in the triangle who wasn't pretending to be someone else. — In January, a hospice in Britain run by Sister Frances Dominica approved the wish of a 22-year-old man (born with Duchenne muscular dystrophy) who wanted to lose his virginity before he died. The Douglas House hospice arranged for a prostitute to visit him at his family's home, and the man said afterward, "It was not emotionally fulfilling, but the lady was very pleasant."

**The District of Calamity**

— The *Washington Post*, examining 135 cases of disability by "stress" among Washington, D.C., police officers, found only 16 that resulted from specific incidents, such as gunfire, with the rest due to "common workplace tensions" ("arguments with colleagues, shift changes, disciplinary actions" among them). According to an internal police memo, the department's generous disability benefit would be "unheard of in private industry and public service," and the department's rate of officers unable to work is, for example, several times higher than Baltimore's, according to the *Post's* October report.

**Names in the News**

— (1) The allegedly drunk 23-year-old driver who caused a collision in Lynn, Mass., in December: Mr. Chansavong Y (whose name really is Y). (2) Convicted of attempted murder of his former girlfriend's current boyfriend in Cocoa, Fla., in December: Mr. Taj Mahal Owens. (3) The leg-

islator seen erupting toward the speaker of Taiwan's parliament in January and throwing her shoes at him: Ms. Wang Shu-hui. (4) The man whose death in August left a vacancy on the Vidor, Texas, school board: Mr. Ivan Croak.

**Least Competent Criminals**

— Easy Collars: (1) Nicholas Raber, 19, was arrested in Annapolis, Md., in December for punching a police officer and dashing up a flight of stairs after yelling, "You'll never catch me." The officers were aware that upstairs exits were locked and so waited for Raber to come back down and be handcuffed. (2) Mitchell Sigman, 22, was arrested and charged with robbing the Village Pantry in Elkhart, Ind., in November after the clerk-victim identified him as a regular customer and one who had recently filled out an application to work there. — Failures to Keep a Low Profile: (1) College student Cory Shapiro, 19, was arrested in January after he flagged down a police officer to complain that he had been overcharged for drinks at an Athens, Ga., bar. (2) Sunday-school teacher Edgar Selavka, 49, was arrested after he reported to police in Northampton, Mass., in January that someone had stolen his backpack from church; shortly afterward, police found the backpack in a nearby restroom, with its contents on the floor, including at least 11 child-pornography photos.

**The Classic Middle Name (all new)**

— Arrested recently and awaiting trial for murder: Michael Wayne Poe (Dayton, Tenn., October); Timothy Wayne Widman (Pittsburgh, Pa., September); John Wayne Peck (Beaverdam, Va., October). Murder warrants issued recently: Bradley Wayne Hamrick (Longview, Wash., September); Billy Wayne Hayes (Nashville, Tenn., December); Christopher Wayne Luttrell (Henderson, Ky., October). Ordered re-sentenced for a 2001 murder: Gary Wayne Kleypas (Topeka, Kan., December).

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## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

[Lee] Hubbard hates the fact that [Pete] Wilson is enthroned upstairs and he is down here in this cavern, this dungeon, badly outnumbered by Wilsonites. And he hates that useless open space between the offices. Sometimes he gets out there with his golf clubs and putts around on the carpet. He says that makes the other council members unhappy. He calls it the Green Belt, the council's Open Space Policy.

—“**THORN IN THE MAYOR'S SIDE,**” Richard Louv, February 17, 1977

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

Not too many days ago I sat at the Pannikin in La Jolla, sipping my fourth mug of Kenya AA coffee, elbow to notebook with a crowd of others like myself. Some plotted novels, some broke their hearts into poems, some reorganized Kant, Hegel, and Nietzsche for the benefit of the confused. Me, I was back under the “Architecture” heading, noticing how much comment I had collected on the subject of contemporary church design.

—“**A HOUSE OF WORSHIP IS A (BIZARRE) THING TO BEHOLD,**” Stephen Heffner, February 18, 1982

### Twenty Years Ago

When the San Diego Symphony disbanded in January, everyone suffered the same conse-

quences: no more Wagner in the winter, no more Gershwin in the summer, and no more men in tuxedos carrying picket signs in between. But for the ladies on the symphony's fundraising council, it could have been worse: no more fashion shows, no more afternoon teas, and no more Christmas musicales at Ramona Sahn's gorgeous Rancho Santa Fe home.

—CITY LIGHTS: “**AUXILIARY VERVE,**” Brae Canlen, February 19, 1987

### Fifteen Years Ago

The San Diego skyline doesn't measure up in terms of height because of the city-imposed 500-foot limit, yet it does sport some innovative architecture. I look around, flashing on other nights and other jumps.

Over by the convention center stand the new twin towers of Harbor One. I had the pleasure of being the first to jump from both towers, a distinction that forever makes me Harbor One Number One.

Farther down the street, toward the harbor, stood the steel skeleton that has since become the new Hyatt hotel. We've done the Hyatt so many times that the guards at Seaport Village call us by our first names. It wasn't always that way; our first confrontation came at gunpoint.

I asked him to put the gun away; nothing

really bad is happening here. He approached so close that I could see his bottom lip quivering uncontrollably.

“You just broke the law.”

“What law?”

“You did an illegal stunt.”

—“**THEY JUMP AT NIGHT,**” Nick DiGiovanni,

February 20, 1992

### Ten Years Ago

The desert can be dangerous in summer if your car should break down, an uplifting spiritual force if your faith or hope should. The relative inaction and remarkably unstrutuous lives natives lead remind me of the game of baseball, dull half the time, with local people either sitting or standing around, when, suddenly, an emergency — engine breakdown, gully wash, snakebite, even intense cold, and, in summer, a desperate killing heat, sometimes reaching as high as 121 degrees — can come your way. Sharp thorns protrude everywhere. Tarantulas are sometimes fist-sized. Certain cul-de-sac box canyons can be explored often only with a small jeep or on foot. Wood is odd and shattery, trees Giacomettian and thin. And the Brueghel-empty vastness can haunt the very soul.

—“**HELL WITH THE FIRE GONE OUT,**”

Alexander Theroux, February 13, 1997



San Diego Reader, February 20, 1992

### Five Years Ago

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—**BEST BUYS,** Eve Kelly, February 14, 2002

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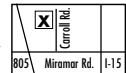
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Times are frustrating. We are trying to work with the Iraqi people. My position affords me opportunities to see this on various levels. I often ride or walk through the streets in Iraq on patrol. I can feel the vibe in the city. There are days when it feels as if I'm joyriding, sightseeing, or parading down the streets. And there are days when the hair on the back of my neck crawls. On occasion, I attend meetings with Iraqi officers or people on the street with complaints.

Iraqi people have much fear and apprehension; there is a delicate balance of trust. The Marines and the Army have done damage in the cities we patrol, and our uniforms stand out. We are working with them, training them, giving them aid, handing out candy, toys, and toothbrushes for the kids. Under Saddam, the people knew what to expect. They feared him and knew the system was corrupt. Challenging the system got people shot or decapitated or their families hurt. Now soldiers in those same uniforms are trying to help them. The Iraqis have a newly elected government on top of old tribal customs, beliefs, politics, and corruption. The people do not know whom to trust, and my heart goes out to them. We rely on interpreters to accurately convey our thoughts and convictions. I watch as they talk, and I can see and feel their emotions, not knowing which way to turn. On the other hand, the terrorists wear no uniforms, change their tactics, and often work as sleepers to gain trust and access before committing to a suicide bomb.

I believe the Iraqis are good people and keep reminding myself how long it took the U.S. to become a united country.

I now appreciate how diverse Americans are and see the things we take for granted. The American army is, after all, a microcosm of America held to a tighter standard by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. We are here to provide a positive example for the Iraqis while respecting their beliefs. Doing so, we have given up more freedoms than being away from our families, and we live on cots in tents.

We received more upgrades to our body armor. With my helmet, vest, and crotch protector, I feel as if I am wearing samurai armor. Survivability and mobility are inversely proportional — the more gear we put on, the less we can move, or want to move, in the heat. It takes time to break in and get used to before the gear becomes familiar and fluid. I think the tenets of Bushido have gone the way of the sword, more a decorative conversation piece than a warrior ethos.

There is a distinct difference between being a soldier and being a warrior.

Although soldiering involves performing a job with a great deal of sacrifice, being a warrior really internalizes a commitment of mind, body, heart, and spirit. I don't think people understand why we are here or why we want to or should be here. It's not really for the combat patch, medals, oil, economy, et cetera. We hear there are



still people home protesting the war and voting at town meetings for us to come home. We are not fighting Iraqis. We are fighting corruption and fear. I have talked to several Iraqis in positions of authority. They all say the insurgents are either non-Iraqi Muslims who fear democracy and American influence and

think our presence here weakens the Muslim/tribal culture, or they are people who were in Saddam's back pocket and are upset because they no longer have power and riches. The Iraqis seem to want us here to help rebuild and bring them out of poverty.

I wish the war protesters could see into the eyes of the children here. Support the troops by supporting these people. We are all related. I am an idealist, and I am here. I do not want to go home because of the way people feel back home. I am not giving up my seat so someone can die in my place. I am here to make a difference.

It may be to influence a handful of Iraqis and their children, so they do not grow up to hate Americans or become terrorists, or it may be to keep the guys in my unit alive. In any event, this is my path; I have to do the best I can.

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# BLOG DIEGO

Ann Coulter writes a weekly column, and in the course of her writing, I think maybe one in ten of her essays is worth excerpting from or commenting on. But, great googly-moogly if she didn't turn her 2006 book *Godless: The Church of Liberalism* into the equivalent of a home-run derby.

If you heard about the book at all, chances are that you're politically conservative, or you follow pop culture closely enough to remember that Coulter was harshly criticized for daring to suggest that four of the more outspoken and politically active widows of men killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, were perhaps *enjoying* the celebrity bestowed on them by their husbands' deaths.

It's true that Coulter has never been known for her tact and also true that her writing shows an almost pathological preference for vinegar over honey. As a master of *ad hominem* and *ad feminam* zingers, the tall blonde dances (some might say slithers) between honesty and cruelty, while leaving the impression that this modus operandi is the predictable result of a smart woman's frustration with years of progressive doublespeak.

A-list operators like Dennis Kucinich and James Carville would probably forgive her insults, but bit players like Cindy Sheehan and Joe Wilson are less likely to. Odd, that, because being namechecked in a Coulter book ought to count as a feather in one's cap, even though most of her

namechecks have the force of a chaperoned trip to the boards in a professional hockey game.

This is not to say that Coulter's book is one long zingerfest. It will, I think, age better than most of its neighbors in the "Current Events" section of your local bookstore. In that respect, it's as durable as the violin riff that bridges verses in the Crosby, Stills, and Nash song "Wasted on the Way," and the reason why is easy to discern: Apart from being frequently hilarious, *Godless* is also meticulously researched.

Here's a sample of Coulter's style from a chapter bemoaning the state of public education in America:

"When Jason Kamras received his National Teacher of the Year award from President Bush in 2005, he hailed the other members of his profession for working 'tirelessly every day doing wonderful and challenging work.' And he added that they 'do so almost always without recognition.' Without recognition? Kamras was in the Rose Garden of the White House being recognized by the president of the United States of America. I'm guessing they don't

teach irony at schools of education."

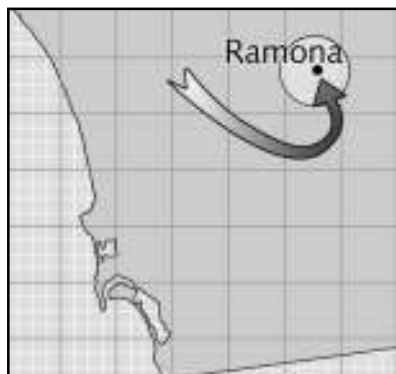
Coulter cites a fistful of movies and no less than eight different "Teacher of the Year" awards underwritten by organizations

president of the American Federation of Teachers, said, "When school children start paying union dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of school children."

Perhaps the most impressive part of the book — and where Coulter distinguishes herself from other conservative flamethrowers like Michael Savage — is in her four-chapter debunking of what Joseph Sobran calls "Darwinian" orthodoxy. It's a *tour de force* compendium of logic ("however persuasive one finds the squirrel-falling-from-a-tree explanation for the evolution of the bat, there

are no fossils to support it,") and insult ("Evolution's Piltown Man makes Scientology's 'e-meter' look like a particle accelerator at Los Alamos") arranged almost symphonically.

That the argument between the Darwinist and ID camps is essentially theological in spite of the Darwinian pretense of agnostic objectivity seems beyond dispute. I'd never thought of it that way before, but Coulter quotes Oxford zoologist Richard Dawkins, who let the cat out of the bag by saying



ranging from the National Football League to Wal-Mart by way of bolstering the following claim:

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Coulter goes deeper, however, spelunking for shocking quotes like "Back in 1985, Albert Shanker,

that "Darwin made it possible to be an intellectually fulfilled atheist." Notwithstanding their advanced degrees, Dawkins and his ilk don't fare well under her withering assault.

Have you heard, for example, about the peppered moths that got darker in response to air pollution? I remember growing up with that British anecdote in high school biology textbooks. It was a fraud, Coulter reminds us, and not the first. Moreover, even if it had been true, it's hardly "the sort of metamorphosis that turns a mosquito into a German shepherd."

Lehigh University biochemist Michael Behe made essentially the same point in his groundbreaking 1996 book, *Darwin's Black Box*, but Coulter's Cliff Notes version is funnier. Worse (for the Darwiniacs), her attack can't be dismissed as superficial, because she uses everything from Chinese fossils to the Irish potato famine in making her point. Coulter is also adept at turning the tables on her adversaries, as when observing at the end of a chapter full of damning evidence that "far from chastely refusing to acknowledge miracles, evolutionists are the primary source of them."

In shooting terms, *Godless* is a bandolier full of hollow point rounds guaranteed to stop progressive intruders rash enough to attempt the invasion of any conservative mind. I've never read another book so widely denounced, and never found another book of that reputation that repaid my attention to the degree that this one does.

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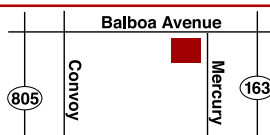
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AS A CHILD, I TRAVELED WITH MY FAMILY ALONG THE DREARY ROAD from Budapest to Bucharest. We were the animal caretakers in the "Csodálatos Cirkusz" — the "Wonderful Circus." I was born into it, wagon wheels carrying me over loose stones and puddles.

Communism was hard on Hungary and Romania. Many snowy nights I slept on concrete, beneath the statues of Russian war heroes. My parents slept in line to buy bread and milk for my sister and me. In the morning, I would feed the tigers, bears, and hyenas what scraps I could collect from local butchers; sometimes only bones.

After several winters, the animals died. The checks from Mother Moscow slowly died, too. Cages emptied, steel bent, and wood splintered along the cracked and rocky road. The wagons were fixed, as best we could, and made into carts. The carts broke and were made into sleds to drag the old and sick performers through the weathered mountain passes.

A mime went to sleep and didn't wake up. In a note I found the next day, he declared that I should have his unicycle. From village to village I cycled, wobbly at first but steady over time. While on the unicycle, I carried a gypsy woman's sick dog, and while I did, she lent me face paint and a red-and-yellow cloak with fringe and tassels on its selvedge. In my outfit, and with my sick dog, I was the last "Csodálatos Bohóc," the last "Wonderful Clown."

My sister carried the heavy sign of our circus on her back. I carried the dog. The gypsy woman died. We had everything we needed. We propped the sign between the unicycle and a nearby rock for shelter. Village families gave us borscht and underwear. We paraded from capital to capital, the three of us — the dog, my sister, and me — a Wonderful Circus.

When I was 12 and my sister 10, a French woman in a white car stopped to pick us up. We left the sign, dog, and unicycle on the road that day, and we didn't stop driving until we were in Paris. In her flat, overlooking the river Seine, I saw a television for the first time.

Now I sit in front of my square cabinet of light, my own television, watching pictures of people laugh and dance, and I remember my unicycle and dog.

metic surgery procedure, and plot revenge on the men who afforded them this lifestyle, without whom the old bats would still be receptionists for an insurance agency and struggling to make rent on a three-bedroom townhouse where they all live with only their cats, bubble baths, and bitter tea.

**MIDNIGHT MADNESS**

ESPN 9:00 P.M.

Midnight comes a little earlier now that ESPN is 27 years old.

Those days of throwing up on its gray Dartmouth hooded sweatshirt and getting up in enough time to polish off the rest of last night's pizza and still make it to the game are gone. Now ESPN has a white-collar job and wife it can barely stand, and it pretends to be asleep at 10:00 p.m. ESPN hasn't seen midnight since New Year's Eve, and even then, it only had a little bit of champagne and a slice of pita with hummus. Oh, how it longs for those glory days.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**DUDLEY DO-RIGHT**

USA 10:00 A.M.

What the hell happened to Brendan Fraser? One minute he's that handsome Jewish kid in an important movie about anti-Semitism in an Ivy League university. The next minute he's in a score of slapstick kids' movies released directly to Beta. He must've pissed off the mafia of Hollywood producers. Tomorrow catch him at The Coffee Bean on La Brea; he'll be the barista who serves a flip of his untamable mane with every large latte.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**HEROES**

NBC 9:00 P.M.

I've been trying to pick my super power for a couple weeks now. Everything cool is already taken: super strength, flying, invisibility, mind control, and such. I'm going for the less-than-obvious but helpful-in-a-real-world-situation ability of picking the fastest moving line at the grocery store. How many hours? How many



Watch Over Me

**WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**TOM AND JERRY**

TOON 8:30 A.M.

You know that's all B.S., right? I wasn't born in Eastern Europe. I'm from California. I wasn't in a circus. Instead, I sat on a carpeted floor in front of a big console Zenith and watched *G.I. Joe* and *Transformers* and *Alf* like the rest of you. God, you're gullible.

**2007 GRAMMY AWARDS FASHION WRAP WITH JOAN & MELISSA**

TVGC 1:00 P.M.

Why the hell do we need two weeks of Grammy coverage? What was cool about the Grammys, or any awards show, was that it was one special night, like your 12th birthday or the first night you tried cocaine. (Hmm...which was the same night for me. Anyway, moving on...) I say we have year-round Grammy and Oscar coverage. So even the Wal-Mart and Disney crowd gets sick to death of Horse Face and

Horse Face Junior giving their (*neeheehee!*) unbridled opinion on accessory do's and don'ts.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**WATCH OVER ME**

MY NETWORK TV 9:00 P.M.

I prayed once. In a Rio de Janeiro *favela*. There was a drug deal going wrong. A machete was pounded against an unsteady nightstand. *Dear God, help me out here.* Against everything I knew, against my atheist nature, and against all probability the plywood door was swung open and I was spit out into the wet-trash-and-beer-bottle gutter with all my limbs and digits still intact.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

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## Oh twinkly bird of Love!

By John Brizzolara

It has occurred to me that the publication date for this column is the day after Valentine's Day and what a shot for me. I'll say I forgot; just give me one more day. This year it will not only cost me zip, I'll call it work and it will actually make me a few bucks. I'll convince Mr. G., the art director, that this column requires an illustration of Willy Nelson playing pool with a bunch of dogs and a cute little bug, (private pillow talk imagery, no time to explain) scissor out the first couple of paragraphs and bingo! This thing will be too sensitive and thoughtful for words.

I've got a few books of poetry and about love to crib from:

*Oh twinkly bird of Love!  
Caress my tongue with words sublime  
To anoint my love, my valentine.  
Oh, throbbing manlove of destiny,  
Still thy...*

No, no. What is this? I wrote this on the inside flap of *Listen to the Warm* while I was waiting in line for Rod McKuen to sign it years ago.

Another book, *The Four Loves*, by C.S. Lewis, is a good bet. My Valentine (I will call her, as I often do, "the Bug") is Jewish, and Lewis would not be a major player on her bookshelves (though she has him, I believe). Bug is Jewish like I'm Catholic, which is to say we're not particularly vocal about it, and neither of us practices ceremonially, ritually — at least, rarely in public.

"We can sometimes point to the very day and hour when we fell in love or began a new friendship. I doubt if we ever catch Affection beginning. To become aware of it is to become aware that it has already been going on for some time.... Affection...is the

humblest love. It gives itself no airs." — *The Four Loves*

Lewis writes of Love in the forms of Friendship, Affection, Eros, and Charity. The first three are familiar, and the fourth gives pause. What does Charity have to do with the Valentine's Day, candy and flowers kind of love? My Valentine and I, having covered the first three aspects of Love as Lewis describes them, over a period of 23 years, find that Charity has inconspicuously made its way into the relationship. It was she, Bugspray, who introduced, with consistent charity to me and then to absolute strangers, this fourth aspect of love's evolution.

"Charity is a work so difficult that perhaps no fallen man has ever come within sight of doing it perfectly. Yet the law that loves must be transformed is, I suppose, inexorable.... The invitation to turn our natural loves into Charity is never lacking. It is provided by those frictions and frustrations that meet us in all of them; unmistakable evidence that (natural) love is not going to be 'enough' — unmistakable, unless we are blinded by egotism. When we are, we use them absurdly."

In one sense, I suppose, Lewis is saying that every argument/fight/row is an opportunity. The Chinese have a single word, or character, for crisis and opportunity.

In a bizarre example of this, I can draw a line through Friendship, Affection, and Eros to Charity by citing an incident some ten years ago or so when, after spending a weekend with the Bug at her Bughouse (completely infested, she won't kill anything), we passed a familiar character on the streets of La Jolla. A homeless, schizophrenic transvestite known around the neighborhood had been mugged for his/her wig and My-Valentine-O'-Love suggested I buy her a new one. I did. Bug gave it to him. I have no idea if the poor soul ever wore it (the stolen one might have had personal, totemic significance); but the impulse, I maintain, is a weird form of what Lewis describes. Luckily Lewis is not around to come forward and say, "What are you talking about? What has that got to do with anything?" But I'm leaving it in here.

The Balboa Tennis Club in Morley Field is celebrating Valentine's Day with a poetry reading and casual get-together of as many as 1200 members with a suggested donation of five dollars to help supply "Waterman," or "Motown" David Ross with bottled water to distribute to the homeless in an area (skid row) where there are no water fountains and where dozens upon dozens of diabetic, schizophrenic, undernourished, dehydrated, displaced San Diegans go begging for a drink of water. Ross can no longer find the funds in his Social Security check to finance his rounds and indicated help from local companies like PureFlo never materialized. Regional manager Jeff Bickford of that company, for one, has not returned phone calls. Who wants to be "The Water of the Homeless!?" At any rate, Balboa Tennis Club has caught on to the spirit of Valentine's Day in a way C.S. Lewis would give the nod to. I hope they were able to get Ross some damned water, but if nothing else they should have demonstrated that, at least here, Love means something other than no score.



Another definition, however:

I remember, during puberty, seeing Richard Burton on (I believe) the *Dick Cavett Show* talking about Liz Taylor. Burton provided my first real definition of love, and it has held up better than most; it does right now. "Love," Burton intoned, "is tolerance to an irrational degree."

I do not love Saint Valentine's Day, and I still maintain that Al Capone was closer than anyone to celebrating it in the manner that it begs. But naturally that was wrong.

In closing, I will include those final lines from the young poet I once was, scribbling in a treasured volume on this moving holiday and in the throes of Eros.

*How gay my bulging  
My yearning need  
For you, of thighs supreme  
I wandered lonely as a cloud  
Until you arrived upon the scene  
To lift me from the depths of gloom  
Loving only myself in my melancholy room.*

Crude, unpolished, yes. But I think the romantic in me was more revealing than talented, and I had a certain something there.

My recommended reading for this year's Valentine's Day enthusiast, especially men, is *Ladies' Man*, by Richard Price. The author rivals Al Capone here in his grasp of the day's sentiment — only Price isn't wrong.

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