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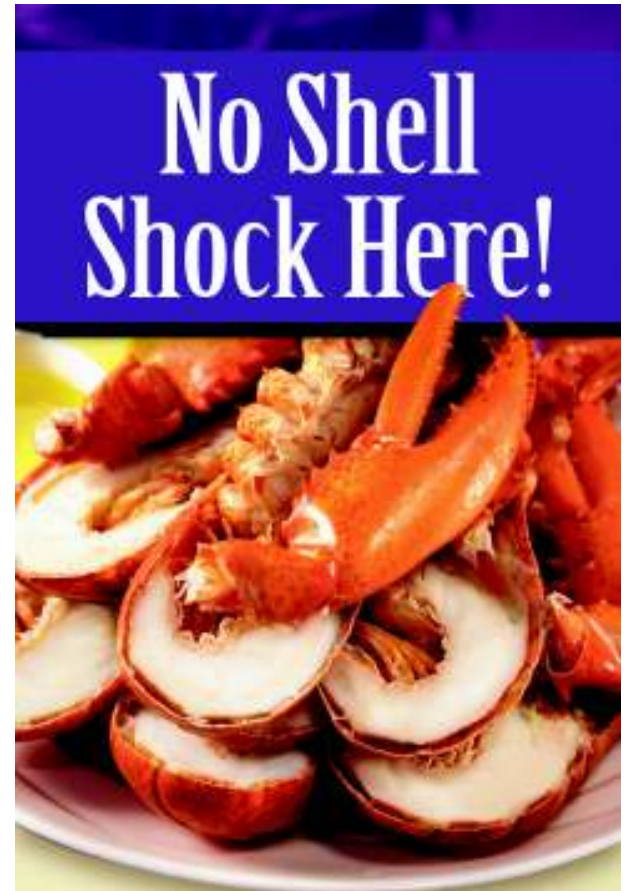
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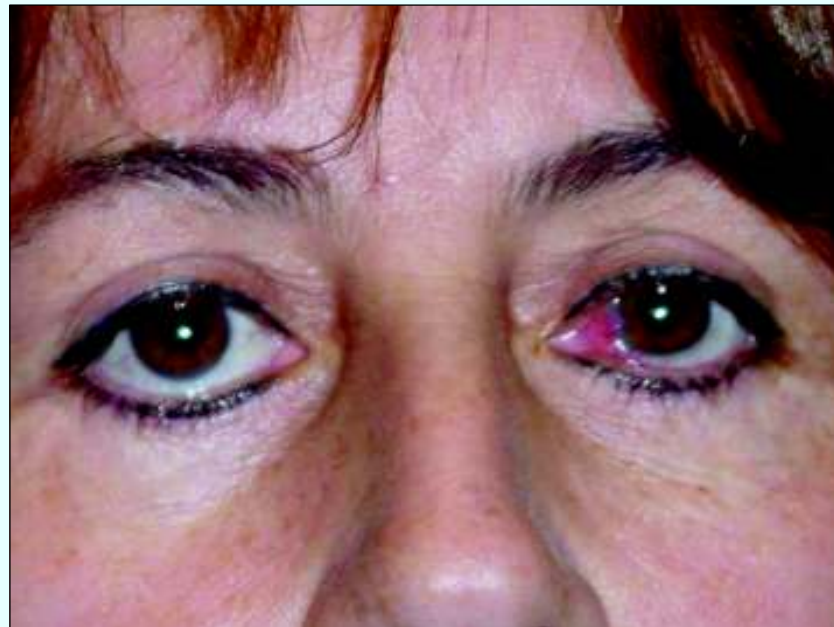
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Candace Carroll

Bill Clinton, or by **Carol Lam**, ousted by the Bush administration's justice department in an ideological coup, campaign cash has ruled. So it comes as little surprise that newly empowered Democrats have already introduced big money into the method for choosing the next occupant of the office. San Diego lawyer **Candace Carroll** has been named chairwoman of Sen. **Barbara Boxer's** judicial and U.S. attorney screening committee. According to the website *CampaignMoney.com*, during the 2008 election cycle Carroll gave a total of \$87,500 to 64 Democratic and liberal campaign funds, including \$28,500 to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; \$5000 to the League of Conservation Voters Action Fund; and \$2000 to Friends of Barbara Boxer... Stockton, California, the hometown of Chargers owner **Alex Spanos**, has been designated the nation's "most miserable city" by *Forbes* magazine, in part because of all the houses that have been built there. "Stockton was ground zero for the housing boom and now the subsequent bust," notes *Forbes*, citing the city's predicted unemployment rate this year of 13.3 percent. Because of urban sprawl and congestion spawned in large part by developer Spanos, the city is also a difficult place in which to get around.

Strange bedfellows What does San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** have in common with **Bill Maher**, **Jerry Brown**, **Gavin Newsom**, and **Brad Pitt**? He was named a "Hero of Love" to those fighting Prop 8, last year's anti-gay-marriage measure. "Though he was attacked and vilified by fellow members of the Republican Party, and targeted for defeat in the next election, he never wavered from his opposition to the measure and campaigned to defeat it," says a profile on the website of the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center... Freshman city council member **Carl DeMaio** continues to loan big bucks to his political action committee, which he's dubbed San Diego Citizens for Accountable Government. According to campaign disclosure records on file at city hall, the councilman personally lent



Jerry Sanders

the group \$200,000 on December 15 of last year. In June, he made two loans totaling \$50,000. Just \$900 came in from other contributors, including \$300 from real estate broker **Thomas Mullaney**; \$100 from retiree **George Gerrodette**; and \$500 from the Palomar Card Club. The committee made a number of small expenditures during the period, including \$1150 for a poll and other research on a "planned pension reform measure." At the end of the year, the group had \$240,332 of cash in the bank. Late last year, a lawyer for the city's ethics commission advised that the fund could not be used to promote DeMaio's political career directly but could spend its money to sponsor any bona fide ballot measures he came up with... Ex-city councilman **Scott Peters** spent a grand total of \$530,500 of his own money in his failed race



Carl DeMaio

for city attorney, according to a year-end disclosure filed with the state. In addition the wealthy La Jolla gave \$6000 to state Attorney General **Jerry Brown**, who dissed then-incumbent **Mike Aguirre** during his re-election effort.

Hanging by a string As if it didn't have enough problems trying to unload the struggling *Union-Tribune*, the Copley Press has been hit by a lawsuit claiming that it is violating state labor laws by treating its newspaper carriers as independent contractors rather than employees. In the case, filed last month in Superior Court, six plaintiffs claim that the company failed to provide meal and rest periods; didn't pay minimum wage; made routine pay deductions of \$1 each for "damaged papers, wet papers, and allegedly undelivered papers"; and forced the carriers to pick up the tab for their own string, rubber bands, and plastic bags... San Diego has lost another big convention to the declining national economy. The National Business Aviation Association has canceled its 2009 Light Business Airplane Conference, originally scheduled at the convention center on March 13 and 14. "We regret the inconvenience to all who finalized their itinerary for San Diego," the group said in a statement. "Still, we believe the step we've taken is the right one for both Attendees and Exhibitors in this very challenging economy."

— Matt Potter

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Pacific Beach Scoundrel Time

By Don Bauder

In June of 1999, Nicholas Charles Herbert (aka Nick Ashton and Nick Hanson) was jailed in San Diego and charged by the

district attorney's office with selling homes out from under the owners — elderly people who had no idea what was going on. To effectuate his thefts and fraudulent sales, Herbert forged such things as escrow instructions, deeds, notes, trust deeds, and appraisals, the district attorney charged.

Herbert later confessed, "On or about November 23, 1998, I stole approximately \$240,000 from Carlin T. Elmendorf by unlawfully selling his property at 3811 Kendall Street, San Diego, CA, without his knowledge or consent. I netted approximately \$213,000." (It was one of several Herbert con-

fessions for illegal sales of houses owned by the elderly.) According to proceed-



3811 Kendall Street

ings in a civil suit initially filed March of 2007 in superior court in San Diego, Her-

bert had pulled off the stunt by forging Elmendorf's name on a deed that purportedly transferred the property to someone supposedly named Ian James Grossman.

In August of 1999, Herbert was sentenced to five years and eight months in state prison. After he got out, and after his probation period was over, Herbert took aim a second time at the very same house on Kendall Street. According to the 2007 civil

suit, in which defendants filed several cross-complaints, Herbert forged Grossman's name on another document that transferred the property to Gold Coast Realty Investments, a company Herbert controlled. Then Herbert took out a \$700,000

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Worms Eat My Reader

By Joe Deegan

Some readers want us to eat our words. David Shean worries about what happens when he eats them. “I eventually feed [the *Reader*] to my worms along with my kitchen scraps,” Shean writes us in an email. “What kind of ink do you use? I use the worm castings to fertilize plants and vegetables. I later eat these vegetables and indirectly consume your paper/ink. I was just curious to know what chemicals I’m ingesting and if I should stop.”

A call to San Dieguito Printers in San Marcos will give Shean a degree of comfort. Chris Lapham, manager of the company that

enough to show me his vermicompost bin (worm compost), a purple plastic bin that looks like those mail containers you see in post offices. The bin, which Shean bought for five dollars at Target, sits at one end of a four-by-ten-foot balcony outside the Pacific Beach apartment he shares with two friends.

In the bin, six inches of shredded *Reader* pages (but not the glossy covers) serve as the bedding for red wigglers, a small variety of earthworm specially suited to



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David Shean with his vermicompost bin

and a half, all this paper will be gone.”

Water is a constant by-product of the worms’ work. The compost bin is raised higher on one end than the other, and a carved-up plastic orange juice bottle collects the water from an opening at the low end. “I pour

ies testify to that being a foolish move.

Is there any soil in there, I ask?

“No,” says Shean. He lifts the shredded paper at one end of the bin and exposes his latest contributions, old lettuce and lemon peels. He also fingers a few worms wiggling through what looks to be a rich loam. But it’s the worms’ castings, or to put it less delicately, worm poop. “Only a few weeks ago,” Shean continues, “there wasn’t any of this brown stuff in the bin.” It now appears to be eight or ten inches deep.

Red wigglers, which range between a half inch and three inches long, are the most efficient worms at turning garbage into fertilizer. Big earthworms, such as night crawlers, are slow.

Even though Shean keeps a lid on the bin, fruit flies can become a problem if too much produce is thrown in at once. So far, he has had no problem with ants. He says he avoids putting meat, cheese, or anything oily into the bin so that foul odors don’t develop.

The expert on vermiculture is a little more liberal with what she recommends putting in the compost bin. In 1982, Mary Appelhof published *Worms Eat My Garbage*. She revised the

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Red wigglers

prints our pages, tells me the ink he uses is soy based. Newsprint ink of any kind, especially if multicolored, does contain toxins. According to a number of sources, however, soybean oil makes ink more biodegradable — and therefore safer — than if it comes from petroleum products. But glossy pages are probably not as safe.

Shean, who’s 26, was kind

vermiculture. Shean buries his apartment’s food waste in the shreds, as though the paper were the soil of an outdoor compost bin. “Then the worms do all the work,” he says. “They break down the food, but they need a significant amount of sawdust or paper for a good balance of carbon and nitrogen. They end up eating the paper too. In a week

the water in my flowerpots,” says Shean. “It makes a great fertilizer.”

The worms need substantial aeration to thrive, so Shean drilled a line of three-eighth-inch holes into the bottom of one side of the bin, and another line at the top of the other side. Only a few worms venture out through the holes. Their motionless, dried-up bod-

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Hard Times

By Craig Vansant, 2/13/09

Escondido — City hall was packed with onlookers on Wednesday, February 11, as Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler said Escondido’s revenue continues to decline.

Escondido has relied on sales-tax revenue to fund city services. With the closing of



Lori Holt Pfeiler

three local businesses, the city’s budget is down over \$500,000. Since 2005, the city’s sales tax has declined by 30 percent.

In Wednesday’s speech, the mayor referred to budget cuts announced during the meeting of January 14: a five percent pay reduction for 222 employees, a decrease in library hours (closure every other Friday), and cuts to Escondido police and fire departments.

The mayor addressed the city’s water shortage. Sixty million gallons of water is used in Escondido daily. Pfeiler noted that it takes 48 inches of rain to take care of our lawns and that California is lucky to get 16 inches.

We Won’t Be Kicking Up Our Heels

By Peter C. Salisbury, 2/16/09

Imperial Beach — On Thursday, February 12, a mostly senior crowd attended an exploratory meeting to discuss the potential for a new park in the Oneonta neighborhood.

At the Oneonta Elementary School cafeteria, Imperial Beach public works director Hank Levine explained to the audience of approximately 40 that the intent of the meeting was to see if there

was enough interest for a park and what amenities such a park should feature.

Residents expressed concerns about the park attracting gang members and about loitering students from the nearby Job Corps training center; one woman stated her desire for a leash-free dog park.

Levine said that the park would need to be at least three quarters of an acre of land, be located on an intersection with good public view, and that the owners of land incorporated into the park must be willing to sell.

When asked if he or the city had any thoughts on where to locate the park, Levine said he didn’t want to influence anyone’s decision. He finally admitted, “Pat Hutchins, from Hutchins Realty, and I have talked about a spot at Hemlock and 14th Street, where a church is located.”

Pat Hutchins, present at the meeting, said that Hutchins Realty had “about 100 units in the Oneonta neighborhood, small units, and that prospective tenants would always ask if there was a place for children to play. It’s not us that would be enjoying a park, as we’re seniors and won’t be kicking up our heels.”

Casey’s Place

By Alan Haynes, 2/13/09

San Carlos — The purpose of the meeting on February 12 was to publicize the plight of Casey’s Place, a privately



owned, not-for-profit community center located near Navajo Road and Jackson Drive. The meeting was

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book, which some call a classic of the environmental movement, in 1997. Shean has used Appelhof's book for guidance in his own composting.

In addition to produce of all types, Appelhof suggests the following for good compost material: cake, cereal, cheese, cornbread, cream cheese, Cream of Wheat, deviled eggs, farina, grits, Malt-O-Meal, molasses, oatmeal, pancakes, pizza crust, potato salad, Ralston cereal, tea leaves, and eggshells. She does not list coffee grounds, which Shean puts in his compost. "Worms need grit in their diets," he says, "much the way chickens use it in their gizzards to digest food." So, like Appelhof, Shean uses eggshells.

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attended by over 100 people, including San Diego city councilmember Marti Emerald.

The half-hour-long meeting inside the 20,000-square-foot facility began at 7:09 p.m. with remarks by founder Casey Kinslow. He turned the microphone over to staff member Ed Stanfield.

Stanfield explained the fiscal problems facing Casey's Place. The center, a community fixture since 2000, is four months behind on rent, which costs \$10,000 per month. The facility's income barely covers other monthly operating expenses and salaries. The difference has been made up by donations, often from Kinslow and his wife Jan.

The Kinslows can no longer finance the operation themselves, and they are seeking support from the community.

Gun Turned on Gun Owner

By Mark Jay, 2/12/09

Imperial Beach — At approximately 11:45 a.m. on February 12, shots were fired in an apartment building on Elder Avenue east of Mar Vista High School in Imperial Beach. A 21-year-old woman was shot in the stomach by a male who had walked into her apartment. As the victim walked into the same room as the gunman, she was shot. The shooter dropped the pistol and fled.

Comments

1. Actually, the gun belonged to the woman who got shot. The story is, this lady was in another room when this guy came into her house and started jacking her stereo and other electronics. She went into her living room, saw this guy, aimed the gun at him, he attacked her, and

in the scuffle, the trigger got pulled and she got shot with her own gun. I don't understand why people own guns if they aren't going to use them.

By Hudsonumber3
10:01 a.m., Feb 13, 2009

Crime Cam Stolen

By Cindy Winslow, 2/11/09

Rancho Peñasquitos — On January 21, at 10:00 a.m., upon hearing loud, repetitive knocking at her front door, a Torrey Highlands resident looked through the peephole and saw a man outside. Moments later, the woman spotted the would-be burglar on the side of her home, attempting to break in. She confronted the man, snapping photos of him with her camera. He ran past her, dropping a chisel in the process, and fled to a waiting vehicle with another man in it.

The resident stood by the

side of the street and continued to take photographs of the suspect. The driver jumped out of the car and confronted the resident, grabbing her camera and knocking her to the ground.

Comments

1. About three years ago, I was at home (Miramar Ranch North) at about 9:30 in the morning when there was a knock at my door. From upstairs, I watched a young Asian man walk across my driveway and over to the side of my house. An unfamiliar SUV was parked out front. I ran downstairs, out my back door, around the side of the house and repeated "excuse me" in a firm but calm tone as I walked toward him. He stood there frozen with a crowbar in his hand. I calmly asked him "What are you doing?" twice. He

never responded and wouldn't look up. Because I grew up in a "Barrio" in Los Angeles, I was not afraid to confront him (I am 58, 4'11", 160lbs, and female), but I knew not to antagonize him, disrespect him, or threaten him. He jumped the gate and ran over to the car waiting out front. I called in the plate number to the police. SDPD told me the car had been stolen in RP and that the burglar had tried to break into three more homes after mine. I won't ever have one but I understand why people own guns and big dogs.

By reddragonfly
2:03 p.m., Feb 12, 2009

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"I smash a bunch of shells, run 'em through the coffee grinder, and dump 'em in the bin."

Appelhof's book seems to cover everything you'd like to know about vermiculture. The chapter "How Do I Take Care of My Worms?" strikes me as the most helpful. Nevertheless, it reveals that much of the work will involve your own personal intuitions about

how to proceed. For instance, about six weeks after starting a vermicompost, writes Appelhof, the bedding "will get darker, and you will be able to identify individual castings. Although you add food waste regularly, the bedding volume will slowly decrease.... There will come a time when so much of the bedding in the box becomes castings that the worm population will suffer. Because each system is different...it is not possible to predict precisely when you must deal with changing the envi-

ronment of your worms. It is important to get them away from their castings and to prepare fresh bedding for them at the right time." Sounds to me as though that's the time for more shredded *Readers*.

What does Shean believe he gets out of vermiculture? He tells me that now he has less waste to put out for pickup each week. Since he also composts paper, he is sending only plastic wrappings, cardboard (not good for the compost), cans, and miscellanies to the curb. Shean's household saves the energy it would require to use the garbage disposal. But mostly he benefits by using the worm castings as a natural fertilizer. He mixes it with the potted soil he puts in his vegetable planters.

Shean built several four-by-one-foot wooden planters to grow vegetables on his balcony. Recently, Shean harvested tomatoes, green onions, lettuce, and bok choy. I ask if there isn't a gardening spot on the property where his apartment building sits. The only outside space he was able to find, he replies, was his front porch, where he placed a few pots. "It wasn't long before someone ripped them off," he tells me. He also wants to participate in a Pacific Beach community garden about a mile from his home. He's on a one-year waiting list.

I follow Shean down a flight of stairs to his apartment's garage. It's

where, in another bin, he stores the worms' work after harvesting a sufficient quantity. When he opens the bin, the castings look like rich farm soil. Shean rolls a bit in his fingers. "It's nice and crumbly," he says. "Black gold' is what the vermiculture posters call it." By now, Shean has removed as many of the worms as possible. "The last time I emptied the bin upstairs," he continues, "I took out handfuls of worms. There were probably 1000 in the bin. But you can't get them all. And there are their cocoons, little footballs a couple of millimeters across, that are hardly detectable at all. They hatch later. But the worms that are still in here now don't have much to eat."

Shean thinks of Southern California as a perfect place for vermiculture, especially in comparison to his home state of Maryland. He had a garden when he was a kid, he tells me, and then composted in Providence, Rhode Island, while he attended Brown University. "You have to provide lots of packing and bedding for insulation around an outdoor compost bin on the East Coast. For a while, I kept an indoor compost bin on my kitchen floor. And it's harder getting the worms there. A couple of years ago, the post office made it illegal to send live animals through the mail."

Shean came to San Diego a year ago to work with Malin Space Science Sys-

tems, a company that makes cameras for use on robotic spacecraft. He has a master's degree from Brown in geology and follows what one of four cameras on the Mars rover picks up. "Since there is no vegetation on Mars, it's perfect for looking at geological formations," he says.

Could wiggler worms do their thing on Mars, I ask? Shean laughs and says it would be much too cold for them. "But here," he goes on, "it's easy to get started in vermiculture. I bought my worms for \$25 a pound from a place up in Carlsbad. But a person could get started by just taking a handful from someone who has them. They reproduce very fast." ■

Scoundrel time

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loan on the property and later transferred the home to an Orange County company through a fraudulent deed, according to multiple complaints in superior court. (Herbert is now in jail in Orange County, awaiting trial for other alleged real estate scams, but I will get into that below.)

"Ian James Grossman does not exist," says Edward (Sean) Doheny, who represented Elmendorf in the civil suit. "We looked for Grossman. He is a straw man. Gold Coast is an alter ego for Nicholas Herbert."

So who is Carlin Elmendorf? Well, "He's insane and mentally incompetent," says Doheny, and those afflictions helped Elmendorf get

his house back. As Doheny showed at the civil trial, Elmendorf, 78, suffered a brain tumor while he was in the Marines in the 1950s. The resulting surgery has affected his mental capacity ever since. A psychiatric expert testified that he has the executive functioning capabilities of a typical third or fourth grader. Elmendorf has never held a job and doesn't even collect the payments he receives from the U.S. military. His grandparents built the 3811 Kendall Street home 76 years ago. His mother lived in it until 1973, when she died and it passed to Elmendorf.

In attempting to filch Elmendorf's house a second time, Herbert had competition. That's what all those civil complaints were about. One Justin Killman attempted to claim the Kendall Street house on the legal theory of "adverse possession." Killman sued Elmendorf, Gold Coast (Herbert), the Orange County firm, and some other entities, claiming that the house was his. "Herbert no-showed. He was on the lam in Tennessee," where he was recently arrested and returned to Orange County, says Doheny.

Under adverse possession, a person can claim title to an empty home if, among several things, he occupies it openly, pays taxes on it, and is on the property uninterrupted and continuously for at least five years (with an exception that eventually snuffed out Killman's claim).

In the complaints that were tried in June, Judge

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Scoundrel time

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Michael Anello had several problems with Killman's assertions. For one thing, Killman's testimony "is subject to certain credibility problems," declared the judge. Killman couldn't show that he occupied the house openly; neighbors didn't notice him there for a long time, although some complained of "rowdy parties," said the judge. There were other reasons why Killman couldn't meet the test of adverse possession, but perhaps the most important one was Elmendorf's insanity. As Anello explained, under California law, the normal five-year period doesn't apply in the case of a minor or someone who is insane. Under such circumstances, the period of required occupancy can run to 20 years, and the clock doesn't begin to run until an insane person is cured. Pronounced the judge, "If Mr. Elmendorf was the legal owner of the subject property, and if he was insane at the time Mr. Killman commenced his purported

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adverse possession of the subject property, and if he has been insane ever since that date, then the prescriptive period hasn't even begun to run yet, and for that reason alone Mr. Killman could not prevail on his adverse possession claim."

In his trial brief, Doheny noted, "Killman is a professional adverse possessor who preys on those who cannot defend themselves and are incapable of managing their properties.... Killman carries out his plan of taking properties belonging to the elderly and mentally infirm through a perversion of the adverse possession doctrine." Judge Anello noted in his decision that Killman was trying to get a house on Bancroft Street through adverse possession at about the same time that he was working the same strategy on Kendall Street. Killman disagrees with the decision and has appealed.

According to Judge Anello, attorney Felipe Hueso, a friend and boss of Killman, told him about the house on Kendall Street. Hueso, brother of city council president Ben Hueso, had in the mid-1990s unsuccessfully attempted to adversely possess a Market Street property belonging to Elmendorf. Said the judge, "It was Mr. Hueso who introduced Mr. Killman to the subject of adverse possession, and it was Mr. Hueso who told Mr. Killman that the subject Kendall Street property might be a good opportunity for him. Against that backdrop, it is more likely than not that Mr. Killman knew that Mr. Elmendorf was elderly and mentally challenged even before he [Mr. Killman] ever saw the subject property for the first time in or about October 2000."

In his trial brief, Doheny said that Killman was following "in the footsteps of his mentor, Felipe Hueso, the self-proclaimed expert on adverse possession."

Patrick Tira, an attorney who assisted Doheny in the

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case, says, "Adverse possession may not make as much sense as it did centuries ago. It is designed to make vacant property productive. It should not be turned into a business. And it certainly should not be used to target the elderly."

That's particularly true when plenty of money is at stake. Although it is only 1500 square feet, the 3811 Kendall Street house is worth \$718,000, according to Zillow.com. A few years ago, it was worth more than double that, says Doheny, greatly because it is located in the desirable Crown Point area of Pacific Beach.

And what of Herbert, now in jail in Orange County? A federal grand jury charges that he persuaded straw buyers (relatives and friends) to buy real estate at inflated prices through his Gold Coast Realty operation. Herbert told them he would make all the payments. Then Herbert and his confreres would create "fraudulent loan packages," according to the grand jury, that persuaded the lenders to finance the purchases. Herbert raked in the fees and commissions, and the straw buyers would quickly go into default. As foreclosures followed, mortgage lenders lost \$2.5 million, says the government.

According to court documents, Herbert, 47, had threatened by phone to cut his wife's head off. They are getting a divorce. Then, in Tennessee, he got a 23-year-old woman pregnant. She had earlier been convicted of theft and prostitution. Noting that Herbert had enrolled in a domestic violence program that also addressed alcohol and drug treatment, the magistrate judge on December 8 decided that he was a flight risk and he should be transported in custody back to Orange County for trial.

However his trial comes out, there is a nagging question: Will he make a third raid on that Kendall Street house? ■

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Bar Walmart

I was surprised at the poor journalism displayed in your "They've Taken the Dive Out of Dive Bars" story last week (Cover Story, February 5). The idea of the piece was great — North Park's "extreme makeover" (read: homogenization) is a complex subject that I've thought a lot about. But Rosa Jurjevics simplified the subject far too much and made some blatantly false statements in the

process.

First of all, I've been a resident of North Park for a while now, and bars changing ownership is nothing new. RE-Bar became Bluefoot and Dino's became Bar Pink years ago, and those changes actually added to the number of dive bars in the area. If you've ever been to the Bluefoot on a Monday or Bar Pink on a Sunday, you know what I mean. Soda Bar — the new Chaser's — seems to have continued that tradition, as the place is dark, the drinks are cheap, and the lack of pretense that makes a dive a dive is alive and well. There is nothing "corporate" about small business owners buying local bars and, like, giving them new pool tables. Jurjevics's story completely disregards that in an effort to make it seem like Walmart is taking over North Park. Her case would have been much better had she focused on the Office, U-31, and the fact that Shooters was bought by the owner of P.B. Tavern.

Also, Chaser's reopened

as Soda Bar just weeks after the new owners bought it. You actually recommend a show at Soda Bar in the very same issue where Jurjevics declared it "closed indefinitely." Is your staff really that out of the loop? Should y'all start reading more *CityBeat* and less Yelp? (I think so.)

Here's to hoping you publish an apology and avoid lazy journalism in the future.

P.S.: Although I consciously approached this subject objectively, it is worth noting that I'm a bartender at Bluefoot Bar and Lounge and the art director of *San Diego CityBeat*.

Adam F. Vieyra
via email

Poop Patrol

I wish to comment on your article concerning "Battle on the Beach" in the February 5 edition of the *Reader* ("City Lights"). Mr. Les Hopper, as spokesman for the boating clubs, should be a little more professional and knowledgeable with his statements. Concerning "the majority [of owners] do not clean up their dog poop," he does not know because he is not walking there three to seven days a week as the dog owners are. Almost all the dog owners love the natural beauty there and do not want to see any kind of litter and so do pick up after the dogs.

Also, I would think a project manager for Fiesta Island such as Mr. P. Jacob should be talking directly with the involved parties. (I understand there is proof that he has communicated with the paddlers.) He should not be getting secondhand information from Mr. Singleton, who was reported in your column making invalid statements, such as the "toxicity of the landfill" at South Shores Park and the "incompatibility" issues of the paddlers at other sites.

FIDO leaders have been trying to sit down and talk with the paddlers to work out solutions, but they have refused repeatedly. The big question is...why?

Marilyn Link
Pacific Beach

It's People, Not Dogs

Re: City Lights: "Battle on the Beach," February 5.

FIDO's position from the beginning is that we have no other place to go. So yes, we will fight for our 90-acre fenced area. However, our intention has always been to find a compromise that would provide a space for ALL users, dog owners and paddlers included. We have never said that paddlers were unwelcome. However, their location within our area will require roads, fences, and parking lots that will bisect our space and make it less usable and dangerous, not to mention the \$20 million price tag. Their insistence on locating there remains a mystery, as there are other existing locations that fulfill the list of requirements that they themselves gave to the developer (KTU&A) at a meeting on October 4, 2006. The paddlers continue to roadblock this process by refusing to consider these locations. FIDO has no interest in delaying this project or taking this fight to council chambers — we merely want a fair and equitable solution. This is not about dogs but about the thousands of humans who want a place to go and exercise — with their dogs.

Mr. Jacobs, the project manager who is a paddler, claims that he has not corresponded with the paddlers. We have emails he sent to paddler groups as early as July 2006, before the first public workshop was held, rallying them. We, on the other hand, have had to fight to be heard at every step of this process.

Jean Spengel, DVM
La Jolla

I Like Chaos

I just have to reply about this "Letters" reply ("Didn't See That Track?" February 5) about griping concerning the train noise at 3 a.m. The letter of reply was signed by Chaos Rabbit. I will agree with everything he wrote concerning how these people buy property then whine about the noise etc.

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Heymatt:

What would happen if I owned some cows and I milked them every day for a while and then I stopped milking one of them? Would that cow explode or what?

— Bearman, via email

Hey! The elves almost had a cow. They bugged and bugged Grandma for a pet until she finally gave in, so they brought home

a Guernsey. Have no idea where they got it. It was wearing a little straw hat with fake daisies on it, and somebody'd tied a bow around her tail. On the way home they'd named her Fiona. I don't know what Grandma did with it. I know she ran screaming out of the house as they all came up the driveway, and she

grabbed Fiona's rope and spun her around on her little hooves and kicked her butt all the way down the road. Most of the elves cried. Boy, was Grandma pissed.

Anyway, that's my closest encounter with a cow. But I'll answer your question anyway. And your answer depends on how much milk the cow's been giving every day. If Farmer Gray has been squeezing out less than 12 liters or so, not much will happen, at least nothing as fulfilling as an explosion. You'll have an uncomfortable cow for a few days, and her butt may be draggin', but that's about it. After five days or so, her little cow brain will stop sending signals to her little cow hormones and she'll stop producing milk.

But, say the cow you pick is just crankin' out the moo juice. If you stop abruptly, you'll end up with one sick, leaky cow on your hands. Infections. Mastitis. No need to go into the ugly details, since I suspect you don't really own any cows so no animals are threatened if I don't continue.

Cold turkey is actually the recommended method for "drying off" a low-producing milk cow before she goes into her brief vacation from producing. I mean, everybody's gotta have a couple of weeks off every year. The screeching halt helps turn off her hormones. So, maybe you should consider hooking up with a few bovines. Seems you have a knack for it.

Hey, Matt:

I saw in a newspaper where there is a "car-orama" for the latest new cars. Where does this "orama" business originate?

— Pat N. Paul, via email

Mankind has always been a sucker for the wow factor. Wow-o-rama is just an 18th-century logical extension. At that time, all the lucky ducks were out seeing new sights, exploring new worlds, while the rest of us huddled around the fire eating gruel and darning damp socks. What we needed was some entertainment that would

bring the world to our doorstep. Comes along Robert Barker, Irish painter, and his panoramas — re-e-e-ealy wide paintings that captured a 360-degree view of famous cities and landscapes. Stand in the middle of the display and it's almost like being in London or Paris, or at any rate, it's better than darning socks.

The enterprising Barker copyrighted the painting technique and the name "panorama" (Greek: *pan* = all; *horama* = sight) in the 1780s. Special rooms and buildings were constructed to show off the paintings, and they were a bona fide craze. Cyclo-

ramas and dioramas were spin-offs of the panorama idea. Even in the 1830s, when photography displaced painting, some of the most popular shots were city and landscape panoramas. Basically, any "o-rama" was something pretty big and spectacular. The Matthew Alice French connection confirms that there is currently a mattress chain in France called Conforama, so the word ending lives on.

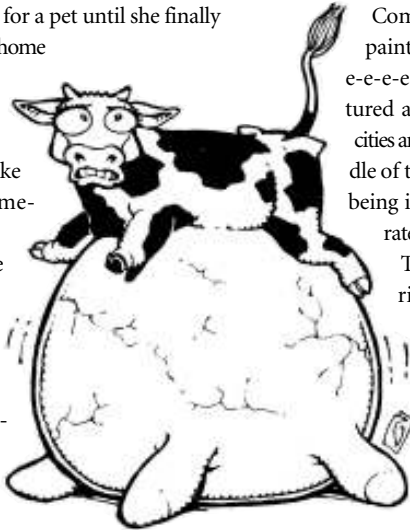
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Matt:

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— Anonymous, via email

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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Conspiracy Is an Ugly Word



Smooth-haired dachshund puppy

The Westminster Dog Show was on TV last week. Here are the facts: Smooth-haired dachshunds have been showing at the Westminster since 1877, and not one — not a single one, zero, zip, *nada* — smooth-haired dachshund has won Best in Show.

So what if I happen to own a dachshund currently wallowing in front of the floor heater with her little chicken thighs pointing skyward. This is about sports fairness.

Poodles have won Best in Show. Oh, yeah, plenty of poodles have won. You got your girly-girl Pekingese, your Pomeranian, your whippet, your papillon, dogs that some cultures eat for dessert — they've won Best in Show. You got your fox terrier, Airedale terrier, white terrier, Sealyham terrier, Welsh terrier, West Highland white terrier, Scottish terrier, Bedlington terrier, Yorkshire terrier, Norwich terrier — the whole debased clan of constantly fornicating terriers — they've won Best in Show. Plenty of winners there. You've got your stone-cold killers: Doberman Pinschers and Siberian huskies — they've won. You got your teatime hunting dog, English setter — he's won. Then, there are the spaniels: English, Irish water, and this year's winner, a Sussex spaniel by the name of "Stumpy," or as I prefer to call him, "Stumpy." Stumpy the amazing 103-year-old Sussex spaniel won Best in Show this year. But for the noble, intelligent, devil-may-care dachshund, there is no room at the table.

I've got Bill Buck on the phone. He and his wife Susan own Nuforest Dachshunds in Ramona. I ask, "What's the deal with miniatures never winning?"

"Judges like bigger dogs."

Bill and Susan Buck are dachshund breeders with an inventory of "120 miniatures and lots of puppies." They got with dachshunds in the mid '70s, "wanted something small. She had a litter of puppies and went on from there." Buck retired from the San Diego Fire Department in 1991 and has been full on with dachshunds ever since going to 75, 80 dog shows every year.

Buck says, "The dachshund is not a flashy dog, something that flies around the ring at a nice clip. Running is not what a dachshund does. They don't motivate that well. They dig a hole and go into the hole. They're not a nice, crowd-pleasing, flashy dog."

"How are you treated at dog shows?" I want to know if dachshund hatred extends to the human companion.

"It's very political at the other end of the leash," Buck says. "It's how many times that particular judge has seen that particular dog with that particular handler. It's what kind of advertising owners have authorized their professional handlers to place in magazines. You're talking about budgets of \$250,000 to \$500,000 per year."

"Is it like the Oscars? Studios place ads in trade papers, 'My movie is great!'"

"The Oscars, everybody votes for Johnny Jones because he did a real good job in the movie. Say, a judge is judging wirehaired dachshunds. He's looking at all the champions in the ring, and he's looking at which professional handler is handling which dog. And he recognizes the professional handlers because they show to the same judges all the time."

"Is it a matter of, 'I like this handler' or 'I don't like this handler?'"

"That's correct. If I'm handling a wire-haired dachshund I've shown the judge and I didn't win, he didn't put me up. He went to some other dog. I'm not going to waste my client's money by entering under [the same judge] anymore. I'll fly to Atlanta and show this dog to Mary Smith because two weeks ago in San Jose, Mary Smith gave my dog a nice Best of Breed win or even a placement in the Hound group."

It is a conspiracy. "Let's say you wanted to show off a dachshund's chest to a judge. What would you do?"

"I would take the ear and put it over the dog's eye so it would cover up the head and accentuate the neck. And then I'd pet the dog down the shoulder a couple of times...not play with the tail, wouldn't stretch the tail out, I'd let the tail drop down. I'd put the back leg where it's supposed to go and then leave it, wouldn't correct it if it was wrong. I'd pet the shoulder again and hold the head of the dog so it best accentuates the front legs, the shoulders, the layback of the shoulder blade and the depth of chest on the front legs."

"Let's talk about Stumpy."

"I'm not happy with [Stump], even though it's probably a nice dog, but it came out of retirement two weeks ago..."

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fast break

By Anthony Gentile



St. Augustine guard Stephon Lamar drives to the hoop against University City guard Reynard Rice

San Diego-Foothills Christian game canceled; Cavers forced to forfeit two games

Posted February 14, 2009

Second-ranked San Diego's road loss at Mira Mesa on Friday night was their second loss of the day. Earlier Friday, the Cavers were forced to forfeit their final two games of the regular season because ineligible players participated in a pair of November preseason games.

San Diego's non-league home game against No. 9 Foothills Christian scheduled for tonight has also been canceled. The matchup would have pitted two of the best players in the section, Cavers center Jeremy Tyler and Knights guard Troy Leaf.

The two ineligible players in question were transfers Terrence Boyd and LaBradford Franklin. Boyd, Franklin, and Zechariah Smith were denied eligibility by the San Diego Section before the season started and all three have appealed the decisions — Smith and Franklin have already been turned down and Boyd's appeal is pending. Questions surrounding the possible recruitment of these players resulted in the firing of head coach Kenny Roy and two assistants last month.

The games forfeited were Eastern League contests Tuesday, February 17, at Morse (12-14, 1-7), and Friday, February 21, at No. 4 Hoover (21-7, 6-2). The forfeit losses will give San Diego a 14-9 overall record (7-3 in league) and most likely will cost the Cavers a league championship.

Comment:

Posted by Joaquin_de_la_Mesa, February 15, 2009

I remember when coaches were thrilled to have one sure-fire Division I college recruit.

Why did Roy have to go after three more? I love sports, but I hate win-at-all-costs sports culture.

No. 1 El Camino overcomes slow start to beat No. 8 Vista

Posted February 12, 2009

When No. 1 El Camino took on No. 8 Vista on Wednesday night, the Panthers were clearly the better team in the first quarter. Vista hit all their shots and ran the section's top team out of their gym.

Then the first quarter ended, and the Wildcats took complete control of the game en route to a 78-64 win. It was their third win over the Panthers this season.

The Wildcats (23-3, 7-0 Palomar) opened the second quarter with a 12-0 run, holding Vista scoreless for the first four minutes. The Wildcats eventually grabbed their first lead of the game when center Luke Evans made a layup with 58 seconds left in the half. The halftime buzzer could not sound soon enough for Vista, who was outscored 21-3 in the second.

"Once we started hitting those buckets that we've been hitting in the last few games," El Camino guard Steven Aldridge said, "we knew from there that we had them."

St. Augustine shuts down No. 5 University City

Posted February 11, 2009

St. Augustine (18-5, 7-2 Western) can lay claim to something that not many teams in the section can — they know how to beat University City (18-5, 6-3 Western). With their 68-61 win at home on Tuesday, February 10, St. Augustine won their second straight against the fifth-ranked Centurions.

"It's pretty much the same," said St. Augustine point guard Stephon Lamar. "We came out with the same game plan and we executed the game plan. It's as simple as that."

The Saints game plan is simple — stop guard Mark Hills and center David Washington, University City's leading scorers, "making their other three players beat us instead of those two," Lamar said. "And it always works."

The game was even through the first three quarters, with neither team leading by more than six. But St. Augustine's defense stepped up in the final quarter. After Hills hit from downtown early in the fourth to give University City a two-point lead, the Saints went on a 12-0 run, holding the Centurions without a basket for nearly five minutes. University City made three tries in 32 seconds to make it a five-point game, but they would not get any closer than that as St. Augustine hung on for the win.

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T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

People-watching is always more rewarding when there are little kids involved.

In these harsh, Bush-shadowed times as the sun sets on the empire of the two Georges from Texas, it is not surprising that our Friday nights may find us with a shortage of funds slated for our discretion. San Diego Bay was two short blocks away from my room and reflected the incandescent bowl of a moon, calm and untroubled on the surface. Stars wouldn't repeat themselves there, not through the marine layer muted by surrounding neon and fluorescence. The night was still evening, and I joined the tourists for a stroll because it is free and a part of me will always be a tourist here.

It was inevitable that Otis Redding's "(Sitting on) The Dock of the Bay" should arrive in memory. Never a bad song, even with its cornball whistling solo, but it did bring along with it its year of origin and all that accompanied those digits, welcome or not — 1968.

I stopped at a display rack for tour brochures and pretended to pick out "Harbor Cruises: Sea Lion Adventures," "Dining Cruises," and some harbor-excursion two-hour deal, but I was really steadying myself against the stand. It was a rich year, 1968; distant as it may be, those 12 long-ago months contained more than their share of stuff. It once occurred to me that the expression "shit happens" came into being just to accommodate 1968. Things happened to the world that year, from Prague to Peking to Pulaski Avenue in Chicago. And standing/leaning against the brochure rack of tourist materials that Friday night, listening to the murmur of the bay, the bustle of boats, the voices of families, raised just out of habit and not anger or urgency, I never felt more like an out-of-towner in the 29 years I've lived here.

Yachts, I think, staring without focus at what I would guess to be a 26- to 32-foot Columbia or California, a

two-masted sloop and not a ketch. I learned some things, out of necessity, years ago, about boats. What kind of word is *yacht* or *yachts*? Momentarily, it is as if I were coming out of a coma with a bad case of aphasia; simple words have no referents.

"This is the perfect place if you're a yachtsman," a voice says behind me, one of those people I took to be a family member in a group of five. "We've been blessed here with calm waters and good winds." I don't mean to be eavesdropping. Turning, I see that the speaker is maybe early 50s, a bald dome with a corona of gray just over his collar and to the bottom of his ears. His black-framed glasses are on a red string. He bears a resemblance to the other man and one of the children, a boy about 14. I decide that they are related and that the speaker lives here and acts as tour guide for his brother's family.

The speaker's brother is looking out across the bay to the lights of North Island and Coronado. "That's where we were today for lunch, right?"

"Yeah, that's Coronado. That's the restaurant too." The tour guide is pointing with his chin. "We could do some sailing, maybe tomorrow. I could rent a 22-footer over at Harbor Island or Shelter Island. I can't remember which; it's been a few years."

The woman speaks up, "You're not getting me on the water."

"We'll see," her husband, I presume, tells her.

Walking north, toward the *Star of India*, I leave the family and tour guide and reflect that my first glimpse of San Diego was from this bay, from the deck of a 48-foot ketch called *the Griffin*. It was January of 1973. We had sailed down from Santa Barbara and were about to sail down the length of Baja. Four of us, in our 20s, none of



us with a clue. Had any of us known the true extent of our ignorance, we would have been much more frightened than we were.

This watery nostalgia fest is interrupted by a boy, maybe six years old, who darts in front of me in hot pursuit of a pigeon. The kid cackles like a maniac, as if nothing could ever possibly be this fun again. The pigeon waddles at a clip but frankly doesn't seem all that concerned. The boy doesn't tire for a good ten minutes, though he selects alternate pigeons. The joke doesn't wear thin at all. Each bird cracks him up. People-watching is always more rewarding when there are little kids involved.

A cruise ship, the name of which I made a point of remembering and then promptly forgot, looks like a chunk of some modern South American city that broke off and floated up against our own.

Only a few minutes ago and maybe 20 yards back I was overcome by recalling too many events from 1968. From there I went to sea then reverted to childhood and chased pigeons right alongside the boy who looked like a ventriloquist's dummy, as I did at that age.

The night is still young.

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My husband Patrick's grandparents' wedding photo, taken in 1917, sat on the bookshelf with water damage. The damage got me thinking about photo restoration. Only a handful of heirloom photos have survived on Patrick's family side, and those are in bad condition. I decided to do something about it.

"We are very passionate about permanence," said Twyla Cecil, owner of Cecil's House of Photography. (619-232-2426) "I can't see taking an old picture that somebody has had for 100 years and giving them something that'll only last 8 or 10 years. We do beautiful work with negatives and good paper so that people have something permanent. When we do a correction, it is done on the computer, but sitting next to our computer is what we call a negative recorder, and the image transfers to that and we make a negative. So the client always has a very permanent print and a very permanent negative.

"A lot of pictures have cigarette smoke on them," Cecil continued, "and in the East, where they heat with coal and oil, the pictures can just be very dirty. Ninety percent of the time we are able to take the dirt off of the picture. If it is badly stained, the stains won't come off, but the dirt will. I never tell anybody what I use because if I did, and they used it on something that it didn't work on, they would be very unhappy with me."

Cecil filled me in on some photography history. "Photography started in 1840. Daguerreotypes were first — images done on copper. Then copper became so expensive, they used a different kind of metal.... Tintypes were a little harder material, a metal, [usually iron or steel]. They didn't damage, they would put a little color on them, and they were never any bigger than 7 by 9 inches. We have one on display from about 1850. A tintype is not bright like a photograph; they are always kind of dark. That doesn't mean they are faded or changed; that is the way they were from the beginning. We can take them and make them look like a wonderful black-and-white photograph."

Cecil gave some tips on keeping heirlooms safe. "Anything that is worth keeping, we think is worth framing. We are very careful about what surrounds the picture; the glass never

"A lot of pictures have cigarette smoke on them."

lays on it. There is always a mat, or these new little strips of plastic that fit back under the edge of the frame that keeps the glass off. Everything is archival. Our pictures you could put anywhere. Clients ask, 'You can't leave those pictures in the window more than just a week or so, can you?' Well, some of them have been in the windows for years."

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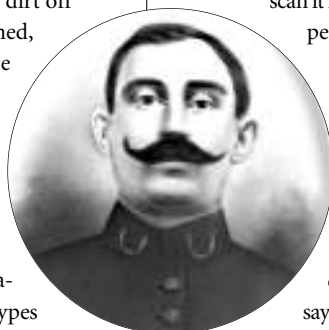
"I do the photo restoration myself," explained Claire Santos-Daigle, owner of Photos Made Perfect. (619-397-7600) "Depending on how bad the photograph is, that image can cost anywhere from \$40 to \$300. You can pretty much restore anything. I have been doing this since 1998 and have only refused five pictures in that time period. They were small, too vague, faded to the point of no return, or the filth was embedded throughout the whole picture...the picture had a lot of detail in it, and it would end up being too much money to restore the one picture...."

"When people bring pictures that have been wet in a flood, the picture is now stuck to the glass. I try to break the glass off, or I scan it right through the glass. Other people might draw the missing parts in, or they might crop it so that the missing part is cropped out. I collect old photographs. I have a large archive of them, and I look and see if I can replace an object of the same time period. Let's say the hands are missing, I look for a pair of hands in the same position and I cut and paste them into that photograph. This way the photographic integrity remains in the photograph.

"I am devoted to the genealogy community," continued Santos-Daigle. "A lot of pictures need special attention in order for genealogists to use them in their historical books.

"Scrapbookers also will come to me with pictures in a convex glass, and they can't scrapbook that. Or they have no desire to put that up in their house because it doesn't fit their decor or it is a pretty ugly ancestor. They have me photograph it, sometimes I scan it, and then I reduce it to an 8" x 10" to fit into a scrapbook."

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Horribly Obsessive

Any dolt with half a brain can see that humankind has gone insane.

— Dr. Horrible

I tried to hide my satisfaction when Janet ordered the burger. I was thrilled she had placed such trust in my recommendation, and I was trying to play it cool, but it was difficult — this was Janet's first time at Starlite, and her looking to me for menu guidance made me feel empowered. I was so caught up with glee when she took her first bite and declared my suggestion a success that I didn't think to conceal my grin.

Each of us was reaching for our quarter of the toffee ice cream sandwich when the subject came up. This time, it was David who found a way to steer the conversation to its inevitable point — had they heard of it? Upon glimpsing the first micro-expressions that disclosed our friends' ignorance of the subject, David and I lit up like a couple of born-agains presented with sinners in need of saving. Like any couple with a higher calling, my man and I were impatient to usher our

friends to the light. We professed the greatness of the subject with which they were unfamiliar, stressed the altruism of our mission.

"You have to come over now, tonight," said David, seeking to close while emotions ran high. Andrew hesitated. He was

on the tail end of an ear infection and had to be up early in the morning. David began to push, but I recognized a more effective path to sealing the deal and seized it. "Forget about tonight," I said with nonchalance; I pulled out my iPhone and tapped the calendar icon. "We'll set a time that works best for you." Once I'd entered their names into my calendar for Saturday, I returned my phone to my purse and beamed. "I can't believe you haven't seen *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog!*" Janet and Andrew agreed not to look it up online — their introduction would be uncontaminated, and I was being trusted to administer it.

When it comes to developmental benchmarks, I've always been a late bloomer. I was 15 when I got my period, 19 when I lost my virginity, both years later than most of my peers. Throughout grade school, my friends nursed obsessions (mad crushes on Donnie from *New Kids on the Block*, a

veiled appreciation for the Teletubbies). To be into something is to adopt that thing's philosophy, what it stands for; its very essence. In this area, I bloomed early — for most of my fifth year of life, my parents tell me, I would only answer to "Wonder Woman." My memory is vague, made up mostly of the Underoos in which I lived. That costume, flimsy as it was, was enough to make me feel like the strong, pretty lady on TV. Once in my star-spangled panties, I could even imagine myself with blue eyes.

Comic-Con showed me the extreme to which "into" could go if I had continued my Underoos habit into adulthood. Sure, I could quote every line from *The Color Purple*, but it had never occurred to me to try to assume Shug's, Sofia's, or Celie's identity. I didn't go to Comic-Con for the comics; I had no interest in figurines, lectures, or autographed posters. I went to marvel at the throngs of geeks, at the ingenuity of cardboard and polyester costumes, the diligence of each wannabe Wolverine, and the faithful emulation of hundreds of other characters I didn't recognize. I appreciated their dedication.

Janet and Andrew arrived at our place on the appointed evening. Nervous with anticipation, I forced myself to relax while we nibbled Manchego and sipped Cabernet. A week before, I'd screened the show for my father — things hadn't gone exactly as I'd imagined they would. Dad was more confused than enthralled, more disconcerted than amazed. And this from

the man who once told me he thinks there's something inherently wrong with anyone who doesn't like musicals. In my mind, *Dr. Horrible* was the quintessential musical. I wanted my friends to have an experience like mine, only enhanced by my behind-the-scenes knowledge.

As we took our seats on the couches, I gave Janet and Andrew the spiel I'd given Dad, a few others before him, and soon to be just about everyone else I know. "This was made by the guy who did *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Firefly*." I didn't mention that I'd never seen an episode of *Buffy*, or that I'd only watched *Firefly* online as a result of my newfound obsession with *Dr. Horrible's* supreme creator, Joss Whedon. "They wrote and shot this during the writers' strike — all the people involved donated their time, and they made the whole thing available online for free. How cool is that?"

What I said next was risky because, depending on the audience, I stood a chance of coming across a tad bit obsessed. But these were trusted friends, and I knew if anyone could understand what it's like to be gripped by something wonderful, it was a couple who collect Dunny's, those multiple artist-designed rabbit-y toys that happen to be featured at Comic-Con. "When David and I drove back from L.A. last weekend, we blasted the soundtrack and sang along. And when it was finished, we looked at each other and decided without a word to start it over and *do it again*."

Once in my star-spangled panties, I could even imagine myself with blue eyes.

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I breathed a sigh of relief at the lack of judgment in their faces. I smiled goofily. The moment was at hand. "Ready?" I pressed play. During the title sequence, I said, "Wait until you hear what a great singer Neil Patrick Harris is." As the story unfolded, it became increasingly difficult for me to refrain from singing along. I pressed my lips together and stole glances at my friends, checking to make sure they got this joke or caught that line. Janet was a step ahead of me — she

pointed out details that I hadn't caught in countless viewings, like the first-aid poster on the wall in Dr. Horrible's lab.

Half a breath after the last word of the show (which happens to be "thing") had been uttered, I said, "Well? Did you like it?" I was ecstatic when they answered in the affirmative. "I knew you would!" I said. "That's just great. Next we can watch the musical commentary. And then, if you guys are up for it, I was thinking of working on my own video application to the Evil

League of Evil."

David, who'd been sucking down as much Horrible-flavored Kool-Aid as me, asked, "Do you have an idea for your villain yet?" I shook my head. Then, demonstrating our compatibility in the dork arena, David added, "Well, I've decided that mine's going to be the Baker. Rather than making pretty little cupcakes I'm going to use my flour for evil! MWAH-HA-HA-HA-HA!" ■

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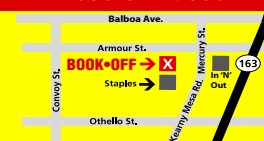
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Bertha Bugarin heads to jail

**Why did she want
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so badly?**

In October 2007, Michael Varga, a police officer assigned to the Chula Vista Police Department's Special Investigations Unit, began interviewing women about the abortions they had received at a local clinic, Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy. The storefront clinic, with its dull turquoise awning, was located on Broadway,

THE "WHOLE CONCEPT" OF THE CLINICS WAS "DEvised BY
next door to Plaza's Mexican Food. Its windows were blacked out
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Dr. Nolan Jones in front of Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy

and the image of a stylish woman was drawn onto one pane. For years, the clinic had targeted Spanish-speaking women with low-cost termina-

tions of their pregnancies. Varga was investigating Bertha Pinedo Bugarin, a layperson who was purportedly the owner/manager of the

Chula Vista clinic as well as five other medical offices in Los Angeles and Orange counties, each specializing in cash-only abortions. Months ear-

lier, the Health Authority Law Enforcement Task Force in Los Angeles had begun its inquiry into Bugarin's operation. It had obtained a search warrant, and among the patient records it seized were 56 from clients who had "received medical services, generally abortions," at the Chula Vista clinic, according to a declaration Varga made to the San Diego Superior Court. The task force had turned these records over to Varga.

Nine of the 56 women agreed to look at a photographic lineup of potential female suspects. Each of the nine, all of whom complained about their abortions, identified Bugarin as the one who had done the procedure. Eight had been charged between \$300 and \$500. Most of the women said Bugarin wore a white lab

coat and called herself a doctor. Several suffered complications; a few told Varga that they experienced extreme pain. To several, Bugarin prescribed or dispensed medications.

Varga noted that the Medical Board of California confirmed that

injected Marta with a local anesthetic, performed the procedure, gave her pills to take, and told her to come back in two weeks. When Marta returned, she was told her termination had been unsuccessful. That day a male doctor performed the pro-

Dr. Braemer punctured the woman's uterus and seriously damaged her bowels.

Bugarin was "not a medical doctor or physician, she was unlicensed, and had never held a physician's license to practice medicine." But on these nine "unwitting victim-patients" she had performed abortions.

One of the nine, Marta C., went to the Chula Vista clinic on March 9, 2007. Bugarin

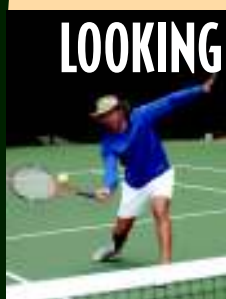
cedure again. This time it was successful.

Another of the nine, Lindsey T., paid \$2000 for a late-term abortion on March 7, 2007. Bugarin placed a laminaria, a small piece of dried seaweed, into Lindsey's cervix. Over the course of a day, the tubular seaweed would absorb moisture and swell, dilating the cervix to allow

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for the abortion. Bugarin told Lindsey to go to another clinic she owned in Santa Ana for the next procedure.

According to Varga's declaration, Lindsey said that the laminaria caused her to suffer extreme pain. The next day in Santa Ana, she changed her mind about terminating her pregnancy and decided she wanted to deliver the baby. Bugarin agreed and said that once she removed the lami-

naria, the baby would be all right. But Bugarin had difficulty removing the tube and "had to call someone to get instructions," Varga's statement says. After Bugarin finished, Lindsey "suffered more pain." Bugarin gave her a prescription. But Lindsey continued to have complications and was admitted to an emergency room at a local hospital for further treatment. About a month following the procedure, the

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Bertha Bugarin was arrested in San Diego on June 19, 2008. She was charged with nine felony counts of practicing medicine without a license, one felony count of grand theft, and one misdemeanor, "dispensing dangerous drugs." At her

arraignment, Bugarin wore her black hair very long; her oval face seemed downcast, her expression, lost. Bugarin agreed in December to plead guilty to all ten felony counts and will be sentenced February 27.

Two of Bugarin's assistants in Chula Vista — Luz Catalina-Gomez, 23, and Paloma Yonna Solorzano-

Rodriguez, 27 — were charged with four counts of aiding and abetting Bugarin and one count of grand theft, all felonies. According to the California Penal Code, anyone who aids a "principal" in committing a crime is also charged as a principal in the crime. The district attorney says that both women knew Bugarin was not a doctor. Their case has been continued until March.

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Bugarin Pleads No Contest in L.A.

During the task force's investigation in Los Angeles, five patients came forward

and identified Bugarin as the woman who, posing as a doctor, performed abortions on them and gave them drugs. On August 1, 2007, Bertha was arrested in Los Angeles County and released on \$500,000 bail; on September 6, her sister Raquel was arrested and released on \$100,000 bail. Bertha was eventually charged with 16 and Raquel with 7 felony counts of practicing medicine without a license. (Bertha also faced 1 count of grand theft and 2 misdemeanor counts of dispensing medication without a license.)

Following the Bugarins' arrest, the Los Angeles court ordered the siblings not to practice medicine, not to hire or engage licensed physicians to provide medical services, and not to enter the clinics in Panorama City, Los Angeles, Baldwin Park, Huntington Park, and Santa Ana, as well as the clinic in Chula Vista. From these clinics, authorities confiscated equipment and records. Among items

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listed in court records were “machinery used to conduct abortions”; medical supplies and equipment; “dangerous controlled substances and dangerous devices, i.e., used and unused syringes with needles and unsterilized medical instruments”; “human fetuses stored in plastic containers”; and “patient records, many of which would indicate that abortions were not performed by a licensed physician.”

In September 2008, Raquel pleaded no contest in an L.A. courtroom to three counts of practicing medicine without a license. She received three years’ probation and agreed to do 500 hours of community service as well as pay \$3270 in restitution. Raquel was described in court documents as “a passive par-

ticipant,” identified by six patients. “Her role was limited to using ultrasound equipment and assisting Bugarin during medical procedures.”

In December 2008, Bertha pleaded no con-

When Bugarin was doing abortions herself between mid-February and mid-April 2007, she charged patients from “\$320 to \$900 in cash before receiving any medical treatment,” accord-

Dr. Gordon Goei lost his license for a botched abortion of a 26-week-old fetus, which, the L.A. Times reported, could have “survived outside the womb” and “was found in the trash.”

test in Los Angeles Superior Court to seven counts of practicing medicine without a license. A requirement to pay restitution of \$7885 to 16 patients was imposed before sentencing.

ing to a sentencing memo. Patients in Los Angeles said that Bugarin wore “a white doctor’s coat or robe, white lab coat, white nurse’s ‘robe’ or white ‘sweater’ like one for a doctor.” As in Chula Vista,

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At Bugarin's sentencing hearing last month, she sobbed and said she had "never been more ashamed." The deputy district attorney asked for a five-year sentence, calling Bugarin's actions callous and cruel. The judge noted that Bugarin was not "an evil person or a hardened criminal." He sentenced her, a week after her 49th birthday, to three years and four months in state prison.

Shut Down or Still in Business?

Though Bugarin and her sister were ordered on September 7, 2007, not to enter the Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy in Chula Vista, the facility remained open after the Bugarins' arrest in Los Angeles. That month, South Bay antiabortion activist Luis Mendoza, who's been counseling people against abortion at the Chula Vista clinic, photographed Bugarin going into the clinic wearing a sleeveless black shirt and blue jeans and carrying a stethoscope around her neck. Mendoza, who knew Bugarin was not a doctor or a nurse, gave a copy of this photo to the Chula Vista police as evidence.

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monitor the clinic's activity, saw Dr. Nolan C. Jones enter the Chula Vista facility. Mendoza said that for years he has seen Jones coming regularly to Bugarin's clinic in Chula Vista, at its location on Broadway and at a former location on H Street.

Jones was disciplined by the California Medical Board in 1999, 2002, and 2004 for gross negligence, among other things. On each occasion, the board ordered probation. (The way it has worked is that the board

revokes Jones's license, then "stays the revocation" and places him on probation, adding on time to his probation in 2002

Dr. Glenn Miller, according to the medical board, delivered a baby while intoxicated.

and 2004.) In August 2004, the medical board extended Jones's probation five years. The 2004 disciplinary order involved three elective abortions

Jones did in 2002 and 2003 in the Latino suburb of Huntington Park and in L.A. In three instances, he was cited for not

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the standard of care,” according to the medical board. In the 2002 case, the girl, 16, had difficulty breathing and suffered an asthma attack. Without oxygen, she had to be rushed to a hospital, where she recovered.

Jones gave two of these patients “improperly labeled dangerous” drugs, tetracycline in an envelope that lacked the labeling the law requires.

Jones’s probation included the following conditions: he was required to take 40 hours of educational programs each year; he had to enroll in a “clinical training program” designed to assess a physician’s physical and mental health; he was to be monitored by another physician who had to submit quarterly reports about Jones’s performance; he had to “ensure that he has appropriate staff and equipment available when performing surgeries”; he could not supervise physician assistants; he had to be available for interviews at his place of business; and he owed \$7374.

The terms of Jones’s probation did not prohibit him from doing abortions.

Mendoza spotted Jones on the weekend of October 20, 2007, going into Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy in Chula Vista. Mendoza said that while monitoring the clinic that day he saw “female patients...entering for surgery.” Mendoza, who said he observed all day, noted that “no one was in the business except for Dr. Jones.” If this was true — and if Jones was doing abortions — it would be a violation of term number seven of his disciplinary order, which states that he must have appropriate staff available when

performing surgeries.

When I spoke with Mendoza in summer 2008, Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy was closed. Last month, he and another source tipped me off that the office had

reopened under a new name. I visited the Chula Vista clinic and found it reopened as A Woman’s Choice Family Planning Clinic. The front office and its waiting room had been renovated with soft

lighting and a giant plasma TV. A man named John, wearing scrubs, said that he was there to give out information to walk-ins. No doctors were present. John said he believed the office space was leased

and the business run or owned by three doctors: Nolan Jones, W. Constantine Mitchell, and Andrew Rutland. John said they would soon open with all-new equipment but so far had done no

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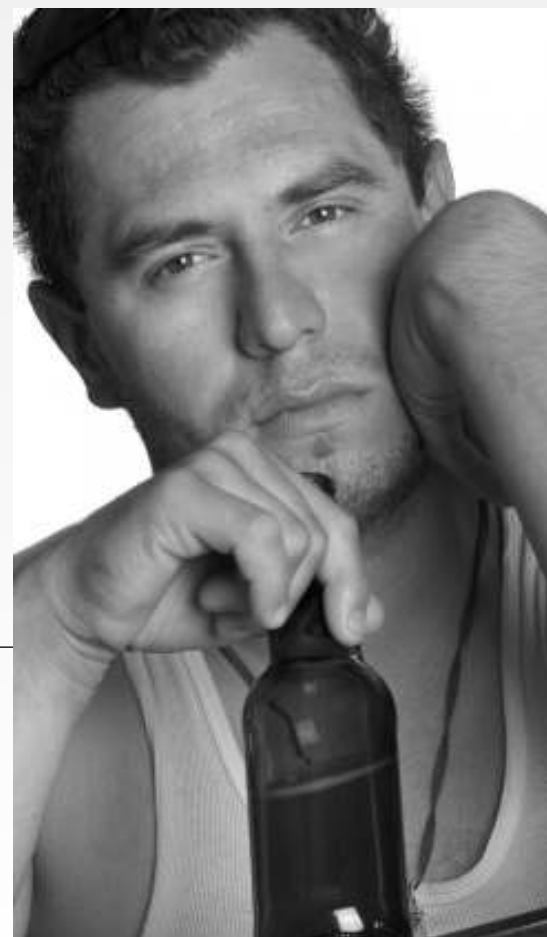
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would be practicing medicine at A Woman's Choice. He turned me over to a secretary, Michelle, who said that

there were two more doctors, one Rutland's daughter, Dr. Costanza Rutland, and another whose name she'd forgotten. (Costanza Rutland currently practices at an ob-gyn clinic in Virginia.) A total of five doctors would be working in Chula Vista. She didn't know who owned the business.

On December 12, 2008, a fictitious business name statement was filed with the County of San Diego for A Woman's Choice Family Planning Clinic. The statement said

the business was owned by an individual, Andrew Rutland. On January 26, the medical board issued a fictitious name permit for A Woman's Choice in Rutland's name.

Andrew Rutland surrendered his license in 2002 after he was involved in two neonatal deaths, but the board reinstated it in 2007, subject to a five-year probationary period. During his probation, Rutland must be monitored regularly and pass an oral and/or written medical exam. The

medical board states that Rutland has "limits on practice," one of which is that he cannot engage "in the solo practice of med-

clinics most frequently named Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy was Nicholas Braemer. Braemer graduated from the

The law requires that doctors apply for a permit with the board if they are "practicing under a fictitious, false or assumed

In 1999 and 2000, two women said that Dr. Reich fondled their genitals, then gave the women his home phone number.


icine." Dr. Mitchell was placed on probation in 1983 and completed it. Dr. Jones's license has expired and is currently delinquent.

University of Alberta, Canada, medical school in 1964 and was licensed in California in 1966. In Los Angeles County, in 1978, he first applied for a fictitious name permit for his own medical office. He would go on to open more offices and file permits for the next 20 years.

name in any public communication, advertisement, sign or announcement," according to the medical board's website. Laypersons cannot own a permit.

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tered with the board in October 1991, at 2140 West Olympic Boulevard, near downtown Los Angeles and not far from MacArthur Park.

In 1990, Braemer partnered with Bertha Bugarin, a U.S. citizen who was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1960 and a resident of Granada Hills, California. She came to the United States at age 13 and, for a time, attended high school before dropping out. In 1978, she began working as a legal assistant for the law offices of Zachary Sachs. There, she helped with "client intakes" and with "interpreting for the law firm's Spanish-speaking clients," according to Bugarin's sentencing memo. She also "accompanied clients to Independent Medical Examinations to assist in translation." She studied at a Hollywood school of beauty, amassing 1300 hours of supervised care but left when she got pregnant.

From 1986 to 1990, Bugarin worked in the Van Nuys medical office of Dr. Lawrence (aka Lawrence) Reich, an osteopath and gynecologist who, at the time, was on ten years' probation for sexual abuse of four patients, among other charges. At Reich's office, Bugarin "served as the general manager of the practice, setting up appointments, confirming insurance coverage, and submitting forms for insurance company payments," according to Bugarin's sentencing memo. Reich's practice included abortion procedures and family planning services.

In 1993, Braemer and Bugarin filed papers of incorporation for Bugarin and Braemer Professional Management Company, the business entity that

managed the clinics. The next year Bugarin incorporated Bugarin Management Company, which was "suspended" in 2001. According to the secretary of state's office, the suspension occurs when

a company stops reporting taxable income. In 1998, Bugarin incorporated Villa Jal Professional Management. In 2000, she opened a Brazilian restaurant in Panorama City. Four years later, she

was selling skin-care products and beauty supplies.

According to the deputy district attorney's sentencing memo, Bugarin was the "office manager" of the clinics. Bugarin described her managerial

responsibilities as "preparing the doctors' schedules, providing the equipment, writing out checks, and determining the doctors' and employees' salaries." She also "received a percentage of the revenue

from the clinics, somewhere between 40 to 60 percent, depending upon the amount of money she had 'put up front.'"

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aging the clinics, their business took off. By 1995, Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy had ten locations, with clinics in North Hollywood, Los Angeles, Palmdale, Santa Ana, Baldwin Park, Huntington Park, Montebello, and Torrance. That year Braemer also had permits for at least three other names: Community Women's Medical Clinic, Family Planning Medical Center de la Comunidad, and Clinica Medica Amiga.

Despite the success of the clinics, Braemer, who had a history of medical malpractice dating back to the 1980s, was facing new accusations. The medical board first placed him on probation in 1983, when he was convicted of Medi-Cal fraud. He was placed on probation again in 1995, this

time for a botched abortion in 1987, for which he was not accused until 1993 and not disciplined by the medical board until two years later. According to state records, Braemer performed a "dilation and extraction," an "elective abortion," on a 27-year-old female, 15 to 18 weeks pregnant, in August 1987. Braemer removed only "one arm of the fetus, and the remainder was left behind. Through haste, inattention, and neglect," he "failed to notice that he had not removed the entire fetus." He sent the woman home with antibiotics. The next day, with "labor-like pains and fever, while at home, the patient miscarried a stillborn fetus missing an arm." The woman was hospitalized for infection and later released.



Steve Turnipseed: disciplined by the medical board for performing abortions without presence of physician

For this, Braemer's license was suspended for 90 days and he was then placed on five years' probation. Among the terms of his probation, including a course in ethics and monitoring by another California-licensed physician who served as a sort of parole officer, were the stipulations that during this period he was prohibited from performing third-trimester abortions and that he "shall per-

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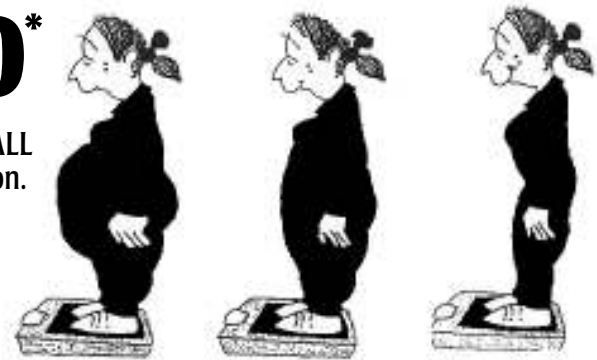
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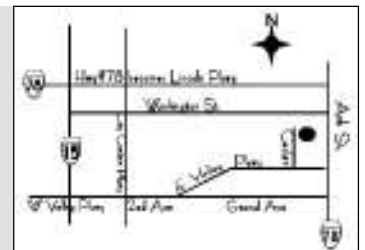
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money to finance the business's growth. In early 1996, Salvador Manzur, an accountant in Claremont, California, wrote a letter to Orange National Bank on behalf of Bugarin to provide "additional information regarding the activity of the corpo-

Bugarin. She negotiated all the leases and has given her personal guarantee on them." When patients use the clinic, "They don't come to see Dr. Braemer or any other doctor in particular.... Braemer is not a primary or essential part of the operation. When Dr. Braemer had a temporary suspension, Dr. Mohamed Dia was hired to take his place." The letter says that the doctors are "on call." It ends by saying that the clinics' concept "targets Hispanic women in certain key areas. The concept, the name and the approach all belong to Bertha Bugarin."

Bugarin's sentencing memo states that in 1996, Braemer "sold his interests" to Dr. Lawrence Reich. However, Braemer continued to hold the fictitious name permit for

Bugarin said that the employee should "put the fetuses in the sink and run the garbage disposal."

perform abortions at Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy.

By late 1995, with Braemer in trouble, Bugarin seemed to take over the reins. She was hiring doctors to fill the workload at the clinics, and she may have needed

ration [Bugarin and Braemer Professional Management Company]. The letter states that "the whole concept" of the clinics has been "devised by Bertha Bugarin, majority shareholder and CEO of B&B. All the locations of the clinic were picked by Ms.

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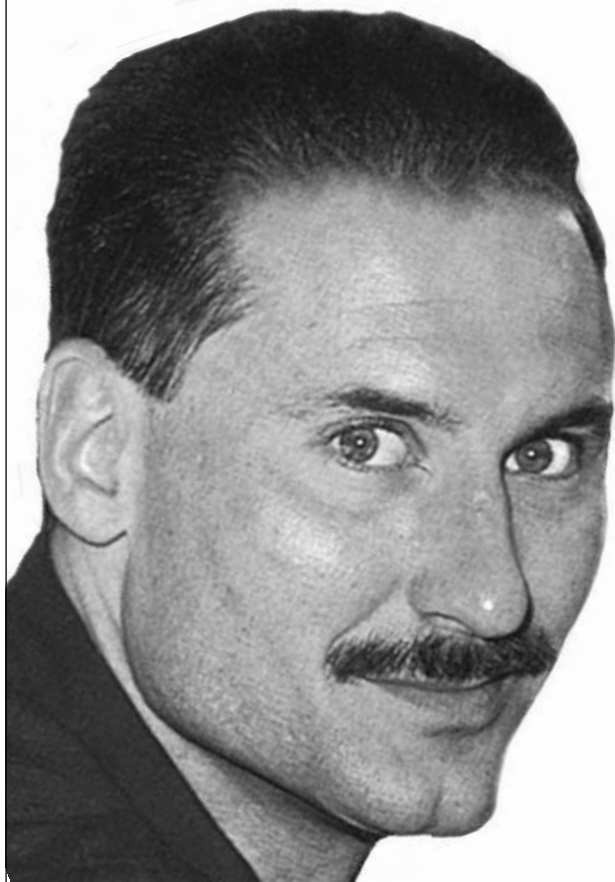
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Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy for another four years, until he lost his license. Bugarin "continued to maintain [the clinics'] offices with Dr. Reich" until 2006, when, in another case of medical malpractice, Reich had to surrender his license. Meanwhile, Bugarin attended courses, the sentencing memo con-

tinues, "for the training of medical assistants in Los Angeles. She learned how to perform abortion procedures by assisting and observing physicians" as they performed abortions.

The Chula Vista Clinic

In Chula Vista, in 1999, Bugarin opened Clinica Medica para la Mujer de

Hoy on H Street. She may have chosen the location because of its proximity to Tijuana, where abortion is illegal, and to Interstate 5. In addition to Braemer and Reich, Bugarin hired other physicians to do abortions at the Chula Vista clinic, among them Dr. Phillip Rand, a San Diego resident.

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nance supervisor of the Chula Vista clinic told members of the California Life Coalition, an antiabortion group, that when "Clinica Medica representatives" signed the lease, they "assured the property owner that they would only be providing prenatal care." When the landlord found out about the abortions from TV spots, the owner contacted an attorney but could not get the lease terminated. Eventually, however, when the lease came up for renewal in 2001, the landlord did not renew it, and the clinic closed. In 2002, Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy was moved to 1550 Broadway.

During the early 2000s, Bugarin advertised regularly on Spanish-language television in San Diego and Tijuana. In some spots, she dressed in a white lab coat and wore a stethoscope around her neck. She would not use the word "abortion" on TV but would say in Spanish, one clinic protestor recalled, "Amiga, if you have an unwanted pregnancy, we can help you. No appointment necessary. We offer help 24 hours a day."

In 2004, Lucía de Flores, who ran a pregnancy-counseling center in Tijuana, Centro de Ayuda para la Mujer, saw this commercial and complained to Channel 21. The station said that the clinic had misled Channel 21 by claiming it did not offer abortions. It was a policy of TV stations to refuse ads for abortion services, said an advertising executive at another Tijuana station, XEWT-TV. The Channel 21 executive told Flores that "once the contract with the abortion clinic expires, it will not be renewed."

On its website, Oper-

ation Rescue notes that Bugarin would pay homeless or poor people \$25 a day to hand out discount coupons for the clinic's services. In some of the clinic's pink flyers, shown to me by Luis

Mendoza, Bugarin offered "10% off" for family planning methods such as IUD insertion, but only "with this flyer." An ad in the Spanish Yellow Pages said the clinic would do abortions "up

to 24 weeks or more."

Braemer's Botched Abortions

The terms of Braemer's probation required that he only perform abortions

at an accredited hospital or at a place approved by the medical board or its designees. When asked if the division or its designees had allowed Braemer to continue performing abortions at Clin-

ica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy, the board said that the file with that information had been purged in 2005.

To ensure patient safety, the California Health and Safety Code

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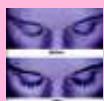
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By late 1996, Bugarin had opened a clinic in Panorama City, where Braemer continued to do abortions. The clinic had no transfer agreement with a local hospital, and

the second trimester, approximately 19 weeks old. For this procedure, she would have to pay the higher fee, \$500.

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According to the *Union-Tribune*, the Battles lived in “a one-bedroom Chollas View home.” Meanwhile, Rand lived in a downtown San Diego high-rise.

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out. Sometimes called partial-birth abortion, this procedure was banned in most circumstances in 2003. But in 1996, it was legal. The *San Diego Union-Tribune* stated in 2000 that Braemer was "one of few doctors in the state who provide abortions up to the 26th week of pregnancy."

At the Panorama City clinic, the woman in her second term was seen by physician's assistant Steve Turnipseed, who, to prepare her for the abortion, placed a laminaria in her cervix. She returned the next day. While under general anesthesia, the woman was seen by Braemer, who performed a dilation and extraction. According to medical board records, Braemer "grabbed the fetus and removed it through the cervix; however, the cra-



Nolan Jones: judge will rule on revoking his license in late March

nium and placenta were left in the uterine cavity."

Next, Braemer used a "clamp to remove the cranium [but] he pulled out omentum [a membrane that encloses the bowels], and he could feel something like a small bowel with his fingers." In short, Braemer had punctured the woman's uterus and seriously damaged her bowels. Braemer stopped the procedure, but later, after a period of recovery, he went back in and

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The woman returned

to Braemer one last time for treatment, but since he had no admitting privileges at any hospitals, he sent her on her own to Torrance Memorial. There, hospitalized for over a month, she needed multiple surgeries — three laparotomies, a bowel resection, and drainage of multiple abscesses — to repair the

damage.

It took the medical board two and a half years to charge Braemer with gross negligence, accusing him in June 1999 of failing to dilate the cervix sufficiently, failing to end the procedure when he ran into trouble, and performing the procedure in an unaccredited facility. Braemer was cited for

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his lack of a written agreement with a nearby hospital. "He should not have performed the dilation and extraction...because he cannot adequately care for a patient if there are complications." (The woman brought a lawsuit against Braemer, and he settled with her out of court.)

In February 1998, a woman who had cancer and was six weeks pregnant saw Braemer at the Huntington Park clinic. He dilated her cervix and used a "#5 suction curette." The clinic's medical records indicate that on a follow-up visit, ultrasound and pregnancy tests showed that the woman was no longer pregnant. Two months later, after another physician's exam, the woman discovered she was still pregnant. A second abortion (not done

by Braemer) removed the 15-week-old fetus. (The woman sued Braemer for emotional distress and, like other female litigants, settled with him out of court.) In a November 1999 supplemental accusation, the medical board

Two months earlier, in September 1999, the medical board had finally sent someone out to Bugarin's clinics. That month, undercover female investigators went into four clinics in the Los Angeles area and found

In November 2006, Bugarin entered the Chula Vista clinic and took Flanigan's medical license off the wall.

accused Braemer of gross negligence. The accusation said that Braemer had failed to dilate the cervix sufficiently, that the #5 curette was too small, and that either "the records were falsified or the [ultrasound and pregnancy] tests were done improperly."

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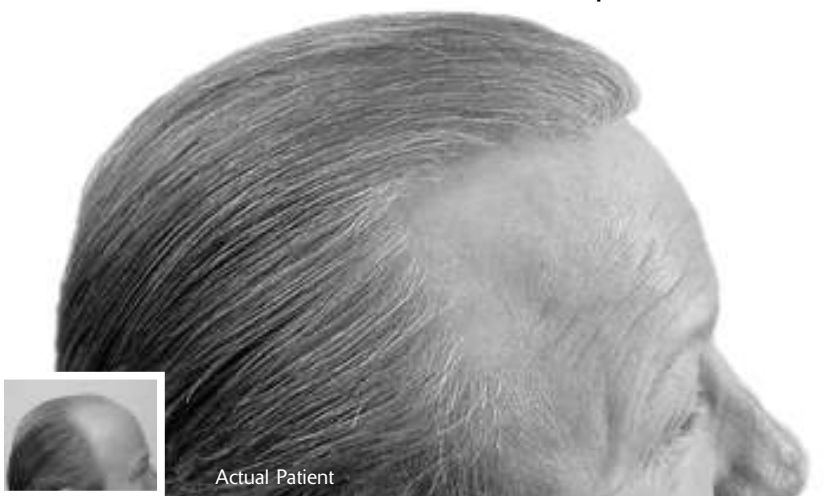


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tion that day. The staff person did not call out for a doctor. It is unlawful for unlicensed assistants to perform ultrasounds or interpret them to patients. Investigators interviewed Braemer on-site, and the board accused him of helping "his medical assistants in practicing medicine without a license."

As a result of these investigations and violations of his probation, on May 30, 2000, Braemer, 60, agreed to surrender his license. The effective date of the surrender was August 1, two months later.

Braemer's botched abortions in December 1996 and February 1998 were violations of his probation. And yet, until the September 1999 undercover action, apparently no investigation of the clinics occurred. And even after that, Braemer was allowed to continue practicing medicine for almost another year.

When asked about the medical board's procedure for monitoring doctors on probation, information officer Candis Cohen quotes, in an email, the board's chief of enforcement: "The majority of our probationers are visited in their offices by their probation monitors, both randomly and by appointment, to talk with the probationers and review the problems that lead to the probation." Records of these visits are kept, but Cohen notes, they "are not [made] public unless the probationer violates his/her probation and that results in the filing of an Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation. That document would cite what the violation(s) were."

In its petition to revoke Braemer's proba-

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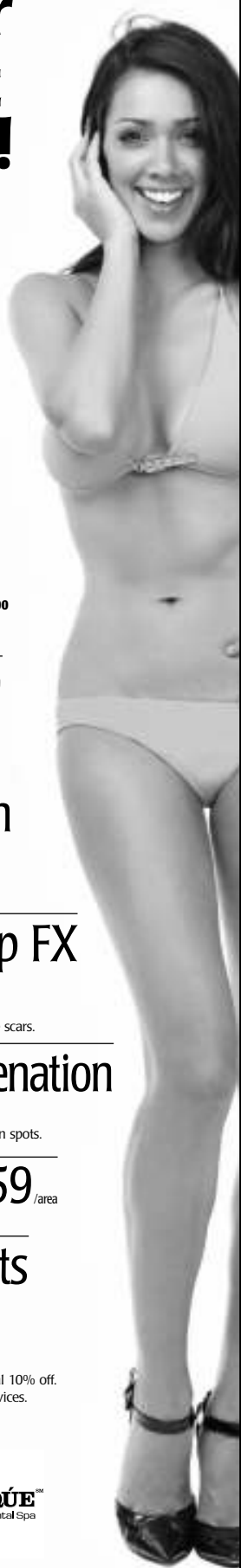
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tion, the medical board stated that he had "failed to obey all laws and rules governing the practice of medicine." Not only had he performed shoddy abortions, he had also aided and abetted others in the unlicensed practice of medicine. Since Braemer's probationary files have been purged, there is no way to know whether he was visited by his probation monitor or what exactly the restrictions were on where he could practice medicine.

In June 2000, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* reported that "Braemer said his clinics will remain open, with another doctor as owner, but will not provide late abortions." When Braemer surrendered his license, his clinics' fictitious name permits were revoked. For the clinics to stay open,

another doctor would have to apply for a permit.

On August 17, 2000, some two weeks after Braemer surrendered his medical license, Dr. Lawrence Reich filed a fictitious business name statement with the County

out by a Dun and Bradstreet report. As of November 1, 2006, Community Women's Medical Clinic and its seven employees in Panorama City had annual sales of \$500,000.

spokesperson Ken August of the California Department of Public Health, a doctor or group of doctors can open a medical clinic, and the clinic can provide services for women, including pregnancy counseling and

Jones had between 50 and 99 creditors, some 36 credit cards, many of them with sizable balances, totaling over \$150,000.

of San Diego, listing one address and two names. The address was 335 H Street, Chula Vista, and the dual names were Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy and Community Women's Medical Clinic, another of the fictitious names Braemer had used.

That Reich and Bugarin made a good business team is borne

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In his letter to Orange National Bank, Bertha Bugarin's accountant, Salvador Manzur, claimed that "the name Clinica Medica Para La Mujer De Hoy is the property of Bertha Bugarin. Dr. Bramer [sic] is not a primary or essential part of the operation." Manzur said that the source of revenue to Bugarin and Braemer Professional Management Company was the patients, not the doctors.

A doctor or group of doctors can hire a management company to run the business side of a practice, but a management company cannot start up a clinic business and hire doctors to run the medical side. If this is what Bertha Bugarin was doing, how did she escape the notice of the Department of Public Health or the medical board? She had to have the help of a doctor.

One regulatory method the medical board uses is to maintain a database of fictitious name permits, which can only be issued to a doctor or a professional medical corporation, of which no layperson can be a member. Dr. Braemer applied for the fictitious name permit for Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy, and when he did he signed the application, right beneath the statement that reads, in part, "I certify, under penalty of perjury...that all statements, answers and representations in this application...are true and accurate." One of the statements that he certified as true was that he "wholly owned and entirely controlled" Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy.

Clinica Medica Doctors and Their Rap Sheets

Bugarin's clinics were opened in largely Hispanic or Mexican-American neighborhoods to serve poor women.

Women, usually young, would see the clinic's ad and figure doctors would do the abortions. What they didn't know was there was no guarantee that a doctor, a licensed nurse, the proper equipment,

sterile conditions, and emergency backup, all required by law, would be available for their terminations.

Here's how it worked. The doctors were on call; they zipped from clinic

to clinic in Los Angeles as well as to appointments in Chula Vista as needed. Most of the doctors in the following list who performed abortions at Bugarin's clinics were disciplined prior to joining

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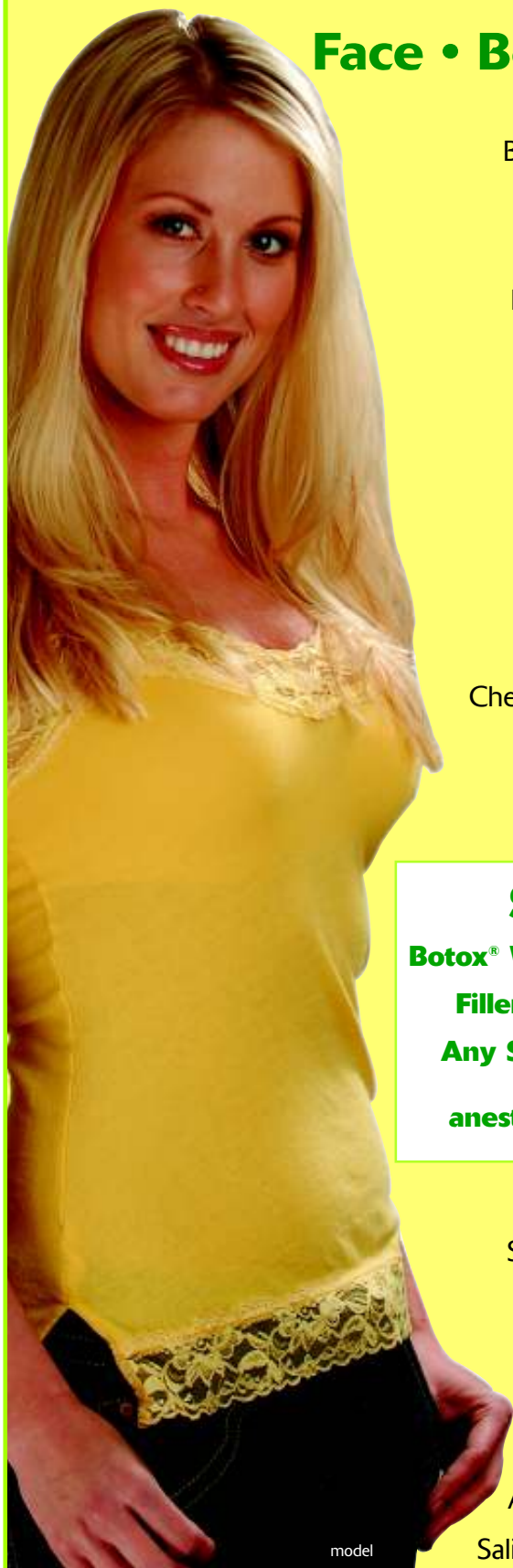
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gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and commission of acts involving dishonesty or corruption. He surrendered his medical license in 1999.

Dr. Kim Beauchamp had his license revoked in 1997 for gross negligence and incompetence in the death of an infant.

Dr. Gordon Goei lost his license in 1998 after he'd been put on probation three times. Earlier that year, while his license

was suspended, he botched the abortion of a 26-week-old fetus, which, the *Los Angeles Times* reported, could have "survived outside the womb" and "was found in the trash at Family Planning Medical Group," where Goei worked.

Dr. Glenn Edward Miller's license was revoked in 2005 because he had long-term addictions to alcohol and drugs and, according to the med-

ical board, delivered a baby while intoxicated. Bugarin testified at Miller's administrative hearing, saying that as the "administrator for six women's clinics" she had known Miller as a "staff doctor in the clinics for several years." She described him as "responsible, punctual, and professional" and indicated she would hire him back in a heartbeat.

Dr. John R. was on probation for three years, until 2006, for being under the influence of ecstasy at San Diego's Street Scene and for groping a young woman at the event. Luis Mendoza says that a few years ago he ran into John, who told him that he had "left the [abortion] industry" and was working in a gynecology office.

Dr. Mohammad Bararsani, a Los Angeles doctor, was placed on 35 months' probation in

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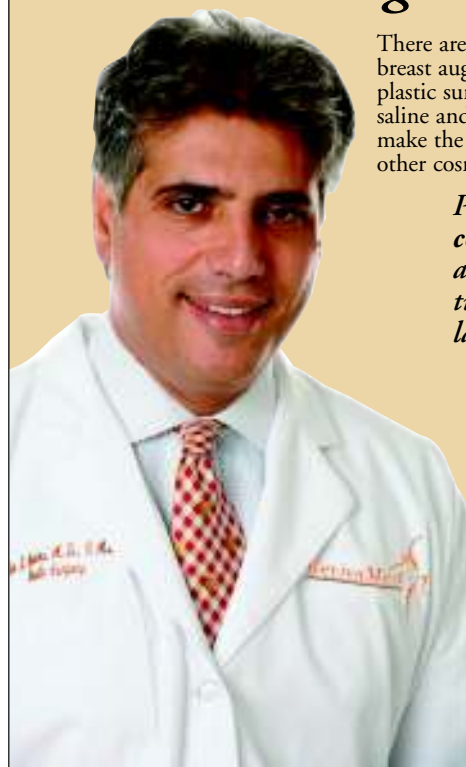
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2008. His disciplinary order reveals a web of negligence and incompetence. Bararsani worked at two clinics “knowing that the clinic was owned by an unlicensed person,” according to the medical board. At three clinics where he worked, he knew that the offices “did not file for or have a Fictitious Business Name Permit in his name,” which violated the California Business and Professions Code. Bararsani also performed abortions on two women with the aid of an unlicensed person, and in both cases, he failed to provide adequate pre-examinations, counseling, post-procedural monitoring, and medications for the patients.

Finally, physician’s assistant Steve Turnipseed worked at Bugarin’s North Hollywood and Panorama City clinics in 1999 and 2000. He was disciplined by the medical board in 2004 for performing abortions on two women “without the personal presence of a licensed physician and surgeon.” He was also cited for using on one woman only local anesthesia during a second-trimester abortion: “neither intravenous sedation nor general anesthesia was used.” Turnipseed was placed on probation for three years and completed his probation in 2007. However, last fall he was again disciplined by the board for a 2001 procedure in which, while working at another clinic in North Hollywood, he prescribed the wrong medication for a two-year-old child with flu symptoms. The child had to be hospitalized for “bismuth toxicity” and “metabolic acidosis.” Effective December 19, Turnipseed was placed on two years’ probation.

Lawrence Reich and Phillip Rand
Dr. Reich’s story is one of the most scandalous in Southern California medical history. Reich was a licensed osteopath, a physician who manipu-

lates the body’s musculoskeletal system (bones, muscles, and joints) as a form of treatment. Osteopaths attend osteopathic medical schools. Soon after Reich received his license in

1979, he began fondling patients and asking them inappropriate questions about their sex lives. In 1982, the osteopathic medical board accused him of sexually abusing four patients and gross

negligence and incompetence in respect to two pregnant patients. Later that year, the board ordered Reich to undergo psychiatric evaluation and suspended his license for 180 days, then put him

on ten years’ probation, requiring a third person be in the room when he was examining women. In 1999 and 2000, two women said that Reich fondled their genitals, then gave the women his

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home phone number; one incident occurred at the Family Planning Medical Center in Santa Ana, another of Bugarin's clinics. Two years later he pleaded no contest in criminal court to one count of sexual exploitation by a physician, a misdemeanor, and was put on one year's probation.

But it wasn't until 2004 that the osteopathic medical board accused Reich of sexual misconduct in the case. A year later, in response to dozens of complaints to her office, Senator Barbara Boxer entered the fray. She called on the board to suspend his license. "I understand," she wrote, "that an Administrative Law Judge will hold a hearing in February 2006 regarding the June 2000 complaints... nearly six years

after the original complaints that triggered this latest process." Boxer's demand went nowhere: a spokesman said that though the case was slow, Reich was entitled to due process.

On April 14, 2006, Reich did surrender his license, or as the osteopathic board stated, a "stipulated surrender of [his] license was ordered." However, Reich continued to perform abortions in Bugarin's clinics, allegedly at the Panorama City site. He was arrested in February 2008, still doing abortions *two years after surrendering his license*. He was charged with three felony counts of practicing medicine without certification.

Last September, Reich pleaded no contest to one felony count of practicing medicine without cer-

tification. A Los Angeles Superior Court judge sentenced him to three years in state prison but suspended that sentence. He was given five years' probation and 365 days in the Los Angeles County Jail or on electronic monitoring. His restitution order was \$5125.

A former Bugarin employee filed complaints in 2006 against Bugarin and Lawrence Reich for unlicensed practice of medicine. In a phone interview with a woman's rights activist, the former employee identified herself as a medical assistant at Clinica Medica para la Mujer de Hoy in Panorama City from October to December of that year. She said that she saw Bugarin perform "four or five abortions," and that Bugarin "didn't keep any records when

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she did abortions.” The former employee said that there were no licensed doctors or nurses in the facility at the time Bugarin did the procedures. Bugarin called herself “Doctor Bertha.”

The employee added that she saw Dr. Lawrence Reich, who had surrendered his license in April 2006, continue to come “in to do abortions with Bertha.” The former employee noted that Bugarin “preferred” cash. Patients paid the receptionist, who in turn gave the money to “Saul,” who gave it to Bugarin “at the end of the day.”

It was the employee’s “job to dispose of the aborted fetuses.” Bugarin said that the employee should “put them in the sink and run the garbage disposal because Bertha did not want to pay for a lab to do pathology or to properly dispose of the aborted remains.”

Dr. Phillip Rand had been a San Diego doctor for at least four decades. In 1989 there were large protests against his abortion office in the Midway district; eight anti-abortion defendants were eventually convicted of trespass and fined. Rand became another of Bugarin’s doctors. Before he surrendered his license in 2005, when he was in his mid-80s, there were more than 40 personal injury and malpractice lawsuits filed against him by women he treated. Greg Anthony, an attorney who litigated against him, said that “Rand has had a lot of evil around him. The guy has a career of malfeasance,” reported Operation Rescue.

In 1978, Southeast San Diego resident Pamela Battle was eight months pregnant and heavily bleeding. She called Rand, her obstetrician, for help,

but he told her to go back to sleep. The bleeding didn’t stop so she rushed to Sharp Hospital. Doctors wanted to do a Cesarean section. But when Rand arrived, he argued against the pro-

cedure. Because of the delay, the baby, Terry, suffered severe oxygen deprivation during the birth, leaving him severely handicapped for life. Terry Battle never developed beyond the mental level

of a one-year-old; as a teen, he weighed 100 pounds and was still in diapers.

In San Diego Superior Court, Battle’s attorneys won a \$31 million judgment, payable over

ten years or, as an alternative, in an immediate single payout of \$4 million. But Rand had let his malpractice insurance lapse, and after the verdict, he declared bankruptcy. In the end, the Battle fam-

ily received nothing. According to a November 30, 1991 story in the *Union-Tribune*, the Battles lived in “a one-bedroom Chollas View home.” Meanwhile, Rand lived in a downtown San

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Rand had many problems with abortions. In 1988, his failure to completely remove a fetus resulted in a uterine infection that, in turn, required the woman to undergo a hysterectomy. In 1990, a woman delivered a dead fetus in her home after Rand said he had performed an abortion, and

that year he also performed the uterus of another woman during an abortion.

In August 2004, Rand performed an abortion at 20 weeks on a woman named Angela without giving her adequate anesthesia. Using suction, he quickly finished the procedure. He drove away but was called within the

hour: the woman was bleeding profusely. He told the staff at Bugarin's Santa Ana clinic to call 911. The attending paramedic stated in a signed declaration that when he arrived he found Angela bleeding in the clinic's "recovery room," a mattress on the floor. A medical board-appointed doctor who helped investi-

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gate the case called Rand's action "barbaric." In the end, Angela did recover.

Rand was charged with gross negligence, incompetence, dishonest acts, and prescribing a controlled substance to another patient, a drug addict. The deputy attorney general who sought the suspension of Rand's license said, "He continues to place unsuspecting females at risk because of his diminished medical skills and his reckless disregard for their safety." Six weeks after Angela's abortion, as an interim measure, the medical board suspended Rand's license "immediately," concerned that "serious injury will result to the public" before the hearing could be held. At the hearing the following April, Rand was ordered to surrender his license.

George D. Flanigan III and Nolan C. Jones

From 2002 to 2006, Dr. George Dalton Flanigan III worked as an independent contractor at Reich and Bugarin's clinics — three in Los Angeles, one in Santa Ana, and one in Chula Vista. In February 2006, about the time that the osteopathic board ordered Reich to surrender his license in April, Bugarin approached Flanigan to buy the clinics. Bugarin said she was "tired of the medical clinic business," according to a civil suit filed by Flanigan on December 15, 2006. In April, Flanigan agreed to purchase the five clinics with their medical equipment for \$145,000. The money was to be paid in two installments: \$72,500 due at the signing and the second chunk due a year later. Flanigan, who had to borrow the money, also

agreed to pay an extra \$5000 for an ultrasound machine.

The agreements were signed, checks for \$72,500 and \$5000 were tendered, and Flanigan took over. He operated the clinics under the name Women's Today's Medical Group, according to his lawsuit. He applied for a fictitious business name statement and a fictitious name permit for the clinics. He began paying the overhead costs, monthly rents, salaries of the employees, utility bills, and vendors.

In August, Bugarin apparently changed her mind: she didn't want to wait until April 2007 for the second payment of \$72,500, but, instead, wanted Flanigan to pony up \$10,000 a month. When he refused, Bugarin began harassing him, according to the suit.

At the Panorama City clinic, she threatened Flanigan and the staff, demanding "good faith money." She said she would "take all of the business away" from him. She refused to provide Flanigan with "the master lease agreements for each of the clinics." She told the staff that she was going to replace Flanigan with other doctors. She told the staffs to "discontinue scheduling [his] appointments."

On or about November 3, 2006, Bugarin entered the Chula Vista clinic and "took [Flanigan's] medical license off the wall," telling the employees they should resign immediately. She "took similar action" at the Santa Ana clinic.

In December, Flanigan filed a "contractual fraud" suit against Bugarin; almost two years later, he won a judgment of \$59,632. This was not the end of it, though. To



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buy the clinics, Flanigan secured a loan for \$77,000 from Leaf Funding. In August 2008, Leaf sued Flanigan for its money. To date, Flanigan has not collected from Bugarin nor has Leaf collected from Flanigan.

Meanwhile, Flanigan had malpractice troubles of his own. In 2005, he had a criminal conviction for Medi-Cal fraud. Two years later, he was given five years' probation for gross negligence and incompetence in the death of an 11-pound, 5-ounce baby due to his botched delivery in 2002.

Nolan C. Jones's medical malpractice problems began in 1996 when he was charged with causing the death of a baby, Aldo Carrillo, on October 3, 1996. Jones ruptured the membranes of Aldo's mother, Blanca C., and

then left the hospital for three hours despite calls from nurses reporting fetal distress.

Medical board records show several other accusations against Jones for gross negligence, repeated negligence, and incompetence. At San Bernardino Community Hospital, Jones performed "D&Cs without doing pap smears in his care of four young women," one of whom had "persistent vaginal bleeding." For this he was put on four years' probation in 1999 and his staff privileges were terminated at the hospital. In 2000, he was cited for failing to comply with his probation terms: his monitor's reports were not filed; he had no properly certified X-ray operator at his clinic; he lied on his quarterly reports. He received three more years' probation.

In 2003, Jones filed for bankruptcy. Court records reveal that he had between 50 and 99 creditors, some 36 credit cards, many of them with sizable balances, totaling over \$150,000. In addition there were several unpaid judgments adding up to \$147,000; a debt to an ad agency of \$52,500; a phone directory debt of \$20,000; attorneys' fees from a lawsuit of \$48,000; and a big chunk, \$267,500, owed the U.S. Treasury. Other liens, judgments, loans, legal fees, and unpaid fees brought the grand total just shy of \$900,000.

In 2008, the medical board accused Jones of reporting that he'd performed examinations that he did not perform. The clinic billed for the exams. Medical board records state that Jones's license

expired on October 31, 2008, and it has not been renewed. In late January, the Office of Administrative Hearings conducted a three-day hearing on a petition to revoke his license. Jones did not appear, but his lawyer did, challenging the petition before an administrative

clinic in 1999. For many years since, antiabortion activists and members of prayer groups have, on Wednesday mornings or Friday afternoons, held protests and prayer vigils in front of the clinic. Members counsel women about the clinic's string of disciplined doctors and

on which doctors and which staff enter and leave the building for two decades.

One watcher, Luis Mendoza, got involved with antiabortion activities after he and his wife, who couldn't have children, adopted a boy, Martin, in late 1999. Tragically,

Bugarin told Mendoza she "didn't want to do abortions anymore."

law judge. The judge will rule on Jones's revocation in late March. A receptionist at Jones's Alliance Women's Medical Group in Los Angeles said that Dr. Jones was out of the country for two months.

The Clinic Watchers
Bugarin began operating the Chula Vista

hand out brochures from the medical board that document problems the clinic's doctors have had. The groups have permission from the Mexican restaurant next door to patrol the sidewalk. At least one member speaks Spanish to Latinas. In hopes of exposing the unsafe procedures, they have been keeping tabs

Martin had liver cancer. At nine months, the baby was given a transplanted liver, but he rejected the organ when he was four. He died in 2004. To commemorate what would have been the boy's fifth birthday, Mendoza joined a Catholic prayer group, Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, who protested in front of Bugarin's Chula

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On days he would pray outside the clinic, Mendoza often saw doctors pull up and enter the clinic for a few hours, then leave. He told me last summer that in the four years he's been observing, he's seen some eight doctors come and go. On a few occasions, Mendoza witnessed Bugarin

operating the clinic when no doctor was present. "I didn't call the police," he told me, "because it didn't occur to me that she'd be doing" abortions herself. "I didn't want to believe that she'd be doing that."

In a letter, Mendoza alerted the medical board that he was worried when he saw the clinic in oper-

ation with no doctors showing up. "I only sent one letter to that effect," he said.

He recalled the first time he saw Bugarin. "There was a man from Calvary Chapel praying on the sidewalk. Phil Magnan. I saw her coming with another man. She had a lab coat like a doctor. I was giving out arti-

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cles from *News Notes* about the doctor who had lost his license,” Phillip Rand. Mendoza described Bugarin as “very aggressive and complaining.” He said one time she was civil with him, saying that she “didn’t want to do abortions anymore.” Instead, she wanted to change the business to a weight-loss clinic. He asked about her doctors. “She said, ‘My doctors all have licenses.’ But she would brush things off.”

As for the clinic’s clientele, Mendoza said that most were “in their 20s, and 95 percent of them were Hispanic.” He believes they came to Bugarin because the wait was short, shorter than at Planned Parenthood or other places. The procedure was not necessarily cheaper, though it was a cash transaction. Most women, in Mendoza’s counseling, confessed that they were getting an abortion for financial reasons. “They couldn’t afford it; they’re single. So we’d approach them with information about adoption.” Mendoza would tell them his story too. Some went to an agency that would

handle a crisis pregnancy and put the child up for adoption. He remembered one young woman who was engaged to one man but was pregnant by another; she came to the clinic, but the abortion was botched and she ended up in a hospital.

This woman returned to get her money back from the clinic. And later Mendoza spoke to her. “She came back with her mother. She was getting married, in her early 20s. Her mother told us that she got on the phone with Bugarin. ‘This woman is ruthless,’ she said. She used that word over and over.” Bugarin wouldn’t give her money back. So Mendoza told her to call the police. “She did, and the police intervened. The clinic gave her \$100, only part of her money.”

Mendoza said that the pro-life movement remains strong. Lots of groups continue to protest at clinics. Technology that shows fetuses in the womb is convincing people these days, he says, that “it’s a human being.” He notes that ten years ago there were 2000 of these “free-standing clinics around

the country. Now there are only 700. A lot of them have closed. Places like this” — he pointed to the closed-up Chula Vista clinic — “with substandard work and non-credentialed doctors.”

That was last summer. Now, in February, A Woman’s Choice Family Planning Clinic is open for business. In a phone call on February 16, a clinic employee said that A Woman’s Choice will offer a full range of family-planning counseling. Dr. Andrew Rutland, whose name is on the fictitious name permit and the fictitious business name statement, had his medical license reinstated in 2007 on the condition he serve a five-year probation. Rutland’s life has been one of extremes. He graduated with honors from Howard University College of Medicine and is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. He has also, in the past 15 years, been a defendant in more than 20 malpractice lawsuits, of which three resulted in Rutland’s paying money to plaintiffs. ■

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belly just above his belt buckle and hit the switch. The pulsating motion...he yawned the handle to the left as he'd been taught, and the buffing head moved left. A gentle transition to neutral...now to the right, the head moved right. Back and forth, the motion seemed easy for him as he advanced down aisle three.

Yolanda, Yolanda, I see you're wearing my favorite nightie. Come closer, my love. Their eyes riveted to each other, he felt her breath against his lips. He switched the Whizzer to high. Left, and back to the right, he and his Yolanda moved to aisle four as they danced an embrace, their bodies one.

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you knocked over that display case on aisle three? Give me that buffer! You're fired!" screamed the boss. "Pick up your stuff and get the hell outta here."

The bus ride home will be long tonight, my love. Yolanda, Yolanda, move closer to me — stay away from that drafty window. Put your head on my shoulder, dear. I love the smell of your hair. Yolanda, Yolanda, let's just stay on this bus and ride till our money runs out. Our love will nourish us; our passion will keep us warm during the chill of the night. Yolanda, Yolanda, as long as we are together....

They found them there, behind Walmart, frozen together in a last, loving embrace. ■



Author: Rob Pink
Neighborhood: Oceanside
Age: 60
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This 1989 black comedy starring Helen Mirren and Tim Roth will be screened as part of ArtPower’s “Architecture + Cinema” series. Enjoy chamber music performed by Scott Paulson and Christian Hertzog and a meal inspired by filmmaker Peter Greenaway. See **FILM**, page 59.

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What began as a farewell party for meat as Catholics entered a period of fasting has become a fabulous excuse to party like a pagan. In Venice, masks were great equalizers — servants could sidle up to magistrates at the bar. Little Italy hosts a smaller version of the big celebration. See **SPECIAL**, page 64.

SEA SECRETS

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Professional bicycling hits North County with competition by elite cyclists from around the world, including Lance Armstrong, Levi Leipheimer, and Fabian Cancellara. The 96.8-mile San Diego North route of the Amgen Tour of California includes a 4200-foot climb up Palomar Mountain. See **SPORTS**, page 66.

HIGH SCHOOL SURF CONTEST

(Hope they’re wearing wet suits!) Since 1988, the Interscholastic Surfing Federation has hosted statewide competitions for middle and high school students. Spectators get a closer look from the Oceanside Pier. See **SPORTS**, page 66.



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STEAMBOY

From the maker of the Japanese cult classic *Akira*, this animated film set in Victorian England is about Ray Steam, a 13-year-old boy who must protect the “Steam Ball,” a mysterious energy-producing entity, from forces of evil, including his father. See **FILM**, page 59.

Tuesday | 24

CORRUPTION! DECEPTION! INTRIGUE!

Truth is stranger than fiction, so we can only imagine the real stories that inspired this novel by Leonard Downie Jr., longtime editor of the *Washington Post*. Downie will be on hand to discuss his fiction debut about a young journalist named Sarah Page who finds herself in mortal danger while investigating an influential lobbyist. See **IN PERSON**, page 61.

Wednesday | 25

EXPERIENCE DEEP PEACE

Certified Tibetan “bowl healer” Diáne Mandle uses ancient Himalayan singing bowls and other “sacred sound instruments” to create a “harmonic attunement for your physical, emotional, and spiritual being.” Hear and be healed. See **IN PERSON**, page 61.

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to **READER EVENTS**, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SDReader.com by clicking on the events section.

DANCE

Argentine Tango Class Introductory Argentine tango classes, ongoing. No partner required. 619-393-1974. Fridays, 9 p.m.; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Balkan Song and Dance Mary Ann Downs leads Balkan singing, followed by regular international folk dancing. 619-281-5656. Saturday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.; free. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Belly-Dance Showcase Rachel, Leilainia, Ina, and Valentina per-

OUT & ABOUT

AND THE OSCAR WENT TO...

It Happened One Night, Saturday, February 21, MiraCosta College.

(SEE FILM)



form to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. 619-688-9845. Thursday, February 19, 8 p.m.; \$5. Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

David Patrone \$10,000 Swing Dance Extravaganza David Patrone Productions, 2toGroove, Viejas Casino host "biggest single 'top cash prize' swing dance competition in the world." Registered couples may compete in any number of nine weekly qualifying rounds in order to advance to semifinal round on March 22. Top two couples from each of nine qualifying rounds move on to semifinals; of 20 couples in semifinal round, ten couples move to final round on March 29.

Enjoy music by the Dean Mora on February 22; weekly dance contests take place during band breaks. Registration: 4-4:45 p.m.,

swing dance lessons with Jim and Margie at 5 p.m., live music swing dance: 6-9 p.m. 619-517-2719. Sunday, February 22, 4 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, 5000 Willows Road. (ALPINE)

English Country Dancing Live music provided by pianist Kathleen Sand and flutist Melanie Miller, with calling by Sharon Green. 858-676-9731. Sunday, February 22, 6 p.m.; \$8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Hustle and Night Club Dance Party DJ plays hustle, nightclub two-step, and requests. For singles and couples of all ages. Hustle lesson: 8 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m.; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Interested in Salsa? *America's Got Talent* contestants Junior and Emily are starting an amateur salsa team. Interest meeting for all levels.

No experience necessary, no formal auditions. 619-602-0828. Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m.; Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Road, Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

International Dance Festival Annual event hosted by International Dance Association of San Diego promises dances from around world demonstrated and taught every half hour through afternoon. Partners not required. Vendors on hand offering wares. 619-286-1588. Sunday, February 22, noon; free. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Pick of the Lizard Martha Wild calls to music by this band during contradance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30 p.m.; dances taught and called to live music 8-11 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

The Ancient Art of Belly Dance Leilainia offers mixed-level class on Thursdays "focusing on balancing and invigorating through dance." Stretch, tone, strengthen your body. Drop-in fee: \$15; \$60 for six weeks. 619-884-7707. Thursdays, 6 p.m.; through Thursday, February 26, \$15. Rock Paper Scissors, 4967 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Tribal Belly Dance Sabrina Fox and Saraswati Modern Tribal perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, with open dancing. 858-488-4200. Sunday, February 22, 8 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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FILM

The Cook, The Thief, His Wife, and Her Lover Film-maker, architect Peter Greenaway's film of adultery and jealousy screens for ArtPower "Architecture + Cinema" series. Meal served before film with recipes inspired by "Greenaway's culinary musings." Scott Paulson and Christian Hertzog of Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films perform chamber music by Michael Nyman, who composed the film's score. 858-534-TIXS. Friday, February 20, 7 p.m.; \$10-\$20. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

A Fly in the Champagne Surfers Kelly Slater and Andy Irons star in this "documentary rooted in rivalry." 760-436-7469. Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; \$7-\$9. La Paloma, 471 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

A Thousand Years of Good Prayers San Diego Asian Film Foundation presents Wayne Wang's new film, in which a father travels from "China to comfort his newly divorced daughter in America, but finds himself lost in a different culture." 858-565-1264. Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; \$7-\$9. Mission Valley 7, 7510 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

Absence of Malice Paul Newman and Sally Field star in this 1981 film, screening for "Tribute to Paul Newman" themed Carlsbad Library film series. Pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Bella This 2007 film directed by Alejandro Gomez Monteverde follows an international soccer star on his way to sign a multimillion-dollar contract and a New York City waitress brought together by one irreversible moment. 619-236-5821. Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Eszter's Inheritance Screening commemorating 20th anniversary of Sándor Márai's death, based on Hungarian writer's 1939 novel. Film written, directed by József Sipsos. In Hungarian with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Monday, February 23, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Steamboy Katsuhiro Otomo's 2004 animated film is set in Victorian England. Young Ray Steam must keep his family's device — which boosts power of the steam engine a thousandfold — from forces of evil, including his own father. Rated PG-13 for animated violence. 619-527-3430. Monday, February 23, 5 p.m.; free. Ages 13 and up. San Carlos Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

Fruitless Documentary screening of *Tehran Has No More Pomegranates* hosted by Persian Cultural Center, written, directed, produced by Massoud Bakhshi. 619-819-0236.

Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9:40 p.m.; \$10. La Jolla Village, 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

The Accidental Advocate Surgeon and athlete Claude Gerstle became paralyzed from the neck down after a bicycling accident; he and his daughter Jessica discover hope in politicized science of stem cells. This film tells their story. 201-952-4142. Monday, February 23,

7:30 p.m.; free. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (MIRA MESA)

The Toe Tactic Animator Emily Hubley's feature film debut is described as "an aggressively whimsical mix of live-action and animation." Music composed by Yo La Tengo; band plays preshow music, 7-7:30 p.m. Postscreening conversation with director Emily Hubley and animation compositor Tara Knight. 858-534-TIXS. Tuesday,

February 24, 7 p.m.; \$10. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

And the Oscar Went to... Step back in time to 1934 Academy Awards — the year MiraCosta College was founded — and enjoy *It Happened One Night*, best picture winner of that year (and first film to win all five major Oscars). Commentary by KPBS film critic Beth Accomando, screening in room 204. Frank Capra's romantic comedy stars Claudette Colbert and

Clark Gable. 760-795-6613. Saturday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Border Fence and Immigration East County Democratic Club conducts general meeting, then offers screening of two short films and open discussion on topic of border fencing and immigration. 619-820-5321. Sunday, February 22, 1:30 p.m.; free. El Cajon Li-

brary, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

International Social Action Film Festival Three-day festival features films about local organizations and many international efforts, providing "a global opportunity to recognize the good that is being done to serve and benefit others throughout the world." Titles include *Outlawed: Extraordinary Rendition, Torture, and Disappearances in the 'War on Terror'*; *Occupied*

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

Big Sycamore Canyon in coastal Ventura County's Point Mugu State Park is famous for its miles-long promenade of magnificent California sycamore trees. Higher up and farther inland, hidden in that same drainage, you can find an intimate little waterfall. The falls merely whisper most of the time — but now, in the aftermath of recent rainfall, they resound resolutely.



Below the cascades, Sycamore Canyon

To get to the trailhead, which lies on the edge of the Thousand Oaks neighborhood of Newbury Park, exit Highway 101 at Lynn Road and turn south. Drive 5.6 miles on Lynn Road to the Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Park entrance on the left. Continue past a gate (open daylight hours) and arrive, after one-half mile, at a large trailhead

parking area. From the trailhead, head southeast on an unpaved service road to the paved Big Sycamore Canyon Trail, 0.2 mile away. Jog briefly right, then veer left on the Satwiwa Loop Trail, bypassing the Satwiwa Native American Culture Center and a Chumash Indian demonstration village. Following signs to the waterfall, aim southeast across a gorgeous meadow, more or less toward the toothy ridgeline called Boney Mountain. You pick up the Old Boney Trail (an old roadbed), which climbs to a small crest (1.0 mile) and then starts descending into the upper reaches of Big Sycamore Canyon.

You're now crossing from Rancho Sierra Vista Park into Point Mugu State Park. At the bottom of the grade, Old Boney Trail swings across the Big Sycamore stream (1.5 miles) and then strikes uphill. That's where you leave Old Boney Trail and turn left onto the narrow, rough Waterfall Trail. You work your way 0.2 mile upstream to the cascades, which lie in a north-facing grotto almost perpetually shaded from the direct rays of the sun. The falling and flowing water around you is framed by a wild and tangled assortment of oak and sycamore limbs overhead. Given that you've only spent perhaps 45 minutes walking in to this spot from the edge of the suburbs, the beauty, serenity, and splendid isolation of the place is a bit hard to believe. Don't get too carried away — on a visit here a few months ago, we spotted two rattlesnakes, including one right below the falls.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily shaded from the direct rays of the sun. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The Reader and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

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Minds; Fish for Today, Fish for Tomorrow; many others. 619-238-7559. Friday, February 20, 6 p.m.; Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m.; Sunday, February 22, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$100. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Family Day at the Opera" San Diego Opera provides families an opportunity to attend special performance of San Diego Opera's Ensemble show of *Così fan tutte*. Participants enjoy "behind-the-scenes peek at the set for San Diego

Opera's production of *Don Quixote*, backstage demonstration of theatrical lighting, rigging, and makeup." See gallery of props, costume pieces from productions. Performances of *Così* at 12:40 and 2:40 p.m. Singers answer questions following each show. Tickets: \$5 for students, free for accompanying parent. Reservations: 619-533-7091. Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m.; free. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sea Secrets" Meet children's author Beth Simmons as she reads her new book, *Sea Secrets: Tiny Clues to a Big Mystery*, during family day events. Find a hidden connection among three ocean ani-

mals: a seabird, a whale, a penguin. Learn from Scripps researchers about real-life sea investigations make a "krill-er" craft. Included in regular admission. 858-534-7336. Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m.; free. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Sound Science" Members of San Diego Symphony lead journey through science of sound. Two live symphonic presentations will be interspersed with sonic science demonstrations. Children may try various orchestral instruments in "musical petting zoo," build their own instruments. 619-238-1233. Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m.; \$8-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sound" Time for family science day with hands-on activities. Included in regular admis-

sion. 619-238-1233. Saturday, February 21, noon; \$6-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

City Mouse, Country Mouse Puppet Express Productions offer the mouse fable, paired with *The Monkey and the Crocodile*. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, February 19; Friday, February 20; Saturday, February 21; Sunday, February 22; Wednesday, February 25; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

High School Musical 2 — On Stage! Young Actors' Theatre presents "high-energy musical" with choreography and direction by Jean Isaacs and Sara Roberts.

Tickets: 619-670-1627. Friday, February 20, 7 p.m.; Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m.; \$15-\$18. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

GameFest Tournament Competition on Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360, and Playstation 3 video games, with prizes awarded for first and second place. 619-641-6100. Wednesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m.; free. Ages 6 and up. City Heights-Weingart Library, 3795 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Jungle Fantasies Children's art class focusing on "artist of the season" Henri Rousseau. Look at plants in "rainforest jungle," then paint a jungle fantasy in style of Rousseau. Bring a smock, wear old clothes; all other supplies pro-

vided. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Ages 8 and up. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Wacky Science Sundays Explore wild and wacky worlds of mysterious creatures, fascinating habitats, and phenomenal science with Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus. Included in regular museum admission. 619-232-3821 x110. Sundays, 12:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.; free. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

What's a Thaumatrope? Make a thaumatrope — a Victorian optical toy working on principle of "persistence of vision" — during craft time. "Make two images become one." Younger children require parental supervision. 619-527-3430. Thursday, February 19,

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IN PERSON

"African-Americana" Grossmont College Symphony Orchestra and Grossmont Master Chorale plan performance celebrating Black History Month. Guest artists include tenor Ken Anderson, bass Michael Morgan, Grossmont College Student Gospel Choir, as well as choirs from Helix Charter High School, Mt. Miguel High School, and Morse High School performing with Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir of San Diego. Selections include "The Chariot Jubilee," "Joshua Fit de Battle o' Jericho," "Seek the Lord," "Mighty Long Way," "Total Praise." 619-644-7254. Sunday, February 22, 3 p.m.; free. East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

"Love, Marriage, and Other Dangerous Pursuits" Professional storyteller Marilyn McPhie regales with tales of love during concert hosted by Storytellers of San Diego in Manchester Conference Center. Suitable for adults, children over 12. 619-298-6363. Saturday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Rammed Earth" Piece explores architecture as fundamental force in choreographic form as well as in human experience, created by Tere O'Connor. Audience mem-

bers are incorporated into "the expanding, contracting, liquid space of the work as they are escorted into different viewing positions throughout the performance." Pay what you can; requested minimum donation: \$15. 619-235-8466. Thursday, February 19, 8 p.m.; Friday, February 20, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Sunday, February 22, 7 p.m. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

A. Lincoln: A Biography Ronald C. White Jr. discusses, signs his book celebrating this man "unafraid to 'think anew and act anew,'" with sourcing from Lincoln Legal Papers as well as recently discovered letters, photographs. 858-454-0347. Thursday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf Play illuminating lives of black women in America presented by African Student Drama Association in Back Door in Aztec Center. 619-594-6531. Friday, February 20, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Islam: A Religion of Peace? Saleem Ahmed reads, discusses his second book on Islam, in which "he clarifies the context in which the Qur'an's war and peace signals were revealed to Muhammad." He'll also discuss psyches of Muslims following these diverging paths, suggests a way for global peace, all based on the Qur'an.

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A. LINCOLN: A BIOGRAPHY
Author Ronald C. White Jr., Warwick's Bookstore, Thursday, February 19.

(SEE IN PERSON)



619-236-5821. Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Les Miserables CYC Theatre plans production of this epic musical. 619-944-7574. Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m.; Friday, February 20, 7 p.m.; Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m.; Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m.; \$20-\$30. Truax Performing Arts Center, 400 Rancho del Oro. (OCEANSIDE)

The Renegades Multiple award-winning suspense author T. Jefferson Parker signs his new book, featuring Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff Charlie Hood investigating the shooting death of his partner. 858-268-4747. Tuesday, February 24, 5 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy

Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

You Be the Judge Superior Court Judge Norbert Ehrenfreund discusses and signs his latest book, subtitled *20 True Crimes and Cases to Solve*, depicting real San Diego court cases. 619-667-2895. Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m.; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

Award-Winning Entertainment! Multiple award-winning suspense author T. Jefferson Parker discusses, signs his new thriller, *Renegades*. 858-454-0347. Monday, February 23, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy with El Jaye, Sean McBride, Oliver Paragus, Kitty Martini. Hosted by Jason Bang. 619-255-8635. Monday, February 23, 9 p.m.; \$5. Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Corruption! Deception! Len Downie, former executive editor of the *Washington Post*, discusses and signs his fiction debut *The Rules of the Game*. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Experience Deep Peace Diane Mandel presents Tibetan bowl and gong concert, creating "rising and falling rhythms and tonalities of harmonic sound with singing bowls, planetary gong," more. 760-929-1520. Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m.; \$20-\$25. HealthWalk, 5825 Avenida Encinas, Suite 111. (CARLSBAD)

Laughter Is the Best Medicine "Laugh for Recovery" hosted by Mental Health Systems Inc., with performances by Alonzo Bodden, Paul Ogata, Chip Franklin, and Bob Murphy. 858-573-2600. Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Meet a Multi-Genre Author Dan Simmons signs *Drood*, in which Wilkie Collins narrates an exploration of Charles Dickens' mysterious final years. 858-268-4747. Monday, February 23, 7 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books,

7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

No Child Left Inside Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder* and recipient of the National Audubon Society medal, shares his vision for a grassroots "No Child Left Inside initiative." Talk offered in Brown Chapel. 619-849-2695. Tuesday, February 24, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Ocean Beach Comedy North County comic Ibo Brewer headlines; several other local feature comics also perform. Open-mike comedy at 6 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. 619-222-6822. Friday, February 20, 6 p.m.; \$5. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Squeaky-Clean Comedy! Family-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

Support Your Local High School Band The Rising Star Band, the Jackals, South Bay Community Chorale, EastLake Middle School Concert Band, and EastLake High School Concert and Jazz Band plan concert to raise funds for students of EastLake High School Band to play at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Donation. 619-787-7513. Friday, February 20, 7 p.m.; Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m.; \$10. New Hope Community

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LOCAL EVENTS

Church, 2720 Olympic Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

Urban Fantasy Author Kim Harrison signs *White Witch, Black Curse*. 858-268-4747. Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

West Coast Funnies Enjoy sketch comedy during this "PG-17-rated comedy variety show" starring Alonzo Bodden, with Kurt Swann. 619-997-3033. Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

LECTURES

"Academy Award Winners and Classics" The birth of the movie industry in America was one of the great cultural events of the 20th Century. Bruno Leone's music lecture series concludes with pieces by composers including Henry Mancini, Harold Arlen, Hoagy Carmichael, Harry Warren. 858-454-5872. Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Animal Cruelty Lecture" What can you do for an abused or

neglected animal? Find out when Sergeant Shari Olson presents talk covering animal-related laws and what kind of action can be taken to help victims of animal abuse. Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Black Women Past, Present, and Future" Moderated panel discussion focuses on issues facing women of color in our region, country, worldwide. Panelists explore concerns about workplace, family, identity, perception, community relations. 619-232-7931. Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Market Creek Plaza, Euclid Avenue and Market Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Border Battle: Bringing Home the Drug War" Video presentation and dialogue with KPBS border reporter Amy Isackson and *TijuanaPress.com* editor Vicente Calderon. They "have teamed up to understand what message the violence is sending, how it affects behavior, and learn what's being done to curb the problem." 858-453-5560. Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.; free. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

"Camellias: Types and Care" San Diego Camellia Society president Dean Turney brings large selection of camellias to explain their varieties, care, and pruning techniques when MiraCosta Horticulture Club gathers at Alta Vista Gar-

OUT & ABOUT

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dens in Brengle Terrace Park. 760-729-8172. Saturday, February 21, 12:45 p.m.; free. Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive. (VISTA)

"Evening Encounters: Gender and Racial Stereotyping in the Visual Arts" In conjunction with museum's exhibition "Black Womanhood," art historian and SDSU professor Jo-Anne Berelowitz talks about gender, racial stereotyping in visual arts. UCSD's Gospel Choir will sing its way through African American history. 619-696-1953. Monday, February 23, 5 p.m.; \$25-\$30. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Feats, Fates, Foibles, and Firsts" Wordsmith, humorist Richard Lederer divulges "fascinating facts about our presidents"

during fundraisers for ArtsBus-Xpress (an organization providing free bus transportation for cultural field trips for San Diego County students). Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$40 at door. Reservations: 858-270-7577. Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Art Expressions Gallery, 2645 Financial Court suite C. (BAY PARK)

"From Minsk to Manhattan: Jewish Music in the Jewish Immigrant Experience" Lecture with music by violinist/klezmer music scholar/composer/filmmaker/writer/photographer/playwright Yale Strom, in Corky McMillin Companies Event Center. Talk is in conjunction with "From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America" exhibition. 619-255-8908. Sunday, February 22, 1:30 p.m.; free. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

"Grace Paley Deconstructed" SDSU professor emerita Kathleen Jones offers "intimate discussion" of feminist writer Grace Paley. Jones is author of the play *Acts of Faith*, based on Paley's work. Also planned: staged dramatic readings from the play by cast members. Reservations: 619-233-7953. Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m.; Women's History Museum, 2323 Broadway, Suite 107. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Impressionism as a New Art Form" Eugene Marseglia, of Johns Hopkins University and Fulbright

scholar, presents art appreciation class on French Impressionists. Registration: 858-538-8159. Friday, February 20, 1 p.m.; free. Ages 18 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

"Into the War Zone: Iraq and Afghanistan" *Los Angeles Times* journalist Tony Perry speaks for Hansen/Hostler Distinguished Lecture Series. Talks examining key international issues facing President Obama take place in Hardy Tower room 140. 619-594-6244. Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Mapping Rome vis GIS and Situationist Techniques" Architects Adriana Cueller and Marcel Sanchez will discuss their work mapping Rome when Friends of San Diego Architecture meet. 619-235-4100 x107. Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.; free. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Matters of Controversy" Robert Jensen of School of Journalism at University of Texas at Austin presents "Saying Goodbye to Patriotism: Ideas for Action — An Ordinary Person's Guide to Empire, Culture, and Resistance." Jensen's latest book is *All My Bones Shake: Radical Politics in the Prophetic Voice*. Donations requested. 858-459-4650. Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"My Soul Looks Back: A Celebration of Culture, History, Humanity, and Change" Black History Month commemoration includes lecture/discussion on "Humanity." Goal is "to stimulate dialogue with the community about things they can take back to create change." 619-582-4002. Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m.; free. Springfield College School of Human Services, 5348 University Avenue, Suite 110. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Our Waterfront: Highest and Best Use" Sharon Cloward, executive director of San Diego Port Tenant Association, speaks for Friends of San Diego Architecture. Learn about tenants of San Diego's tidelands and five cities that make up San Diego's Unified Port District. Donation. 619-224-8584. Saturday, February 21, 9:30 a.m. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Perceptions of the History of Life Before and After Darwin"

SDSU biology professor J. David Archibald speaks for San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-421-5844. Sunday, February 22, 7 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Priests and Angels: Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Jewish Mysticism" Rachel Elior, professor of Jewish thought and Jewish mysticism at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, examines presence and absence of angels in Jewish literature in antiquity, explains role of angels as "source of indisputable knowledge in priestly literature." Donation: \$10; 619-420-6040. Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. Ages 13 and up. Temple Beth Shalom, 208 Madrona Street. (CHULA VISTA)

"RBG from Marcus Garvey to the Black Panther Party" Lecture offered in Casa Real in Aztec Center, sponsored by Student African American Brotherhood. 619-594-6531. Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"The Life and Legacy of George Marston" Historian Gabe Selak focuses on this founding father and civic leader for Sons of the American Revolution. Tickets include breakfast. Required reservations: 760-743-0034. Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m.; \$8-\$16. Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

"The Trials and Struggles of Conserving the Tijuana Estuary" Mike and Patricia McCoy of Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association focus on why Tijuana Estuary didn't end up as a marina like most other coastal wetlands when Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series continues. 619-575-3613. Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m.; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Tropical Fruit Propagation" Ron Hurov speaks for California Rare Fruit Growers meeting in Horticulture Building room 7003. Master gardeners and novices alike welcome to share, learn. 760-631-1731. Friday, February 20, 7 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Google Your Genealogy Gena Philibert Ortega focuses on how "Google books, Picasa, Google docs, Google maps, and other Google resources will help with your genealogy" for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego

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(10:30 a.m.). User groups for Legacy, RootsMagic, and special-interest group on Web-based genealogy meets at 9 a.m. 619-426-8295. Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m.; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Weather Series" Art Talk "Meet the Artist" slide-illustrated lecture by Sally Pearce, in conjunction with her "Weather Series," on exhibition through February 27. Included in museum admission. 760-435-3720. Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m.; free. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Bookish Delights Artist Terri-lynn Quick talks about history of artist's books, shows examples of her own handmade books. Lecture followed by an artist's book workshop, all in Arts Building room 342. 760-750-4366. Tuesday, February 24, 5:30 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Celebrating Charles Darwin "Devo-Evo: What Embryological Processes Can Teach Us About the Evolution of Animals" is subject when Robert Zeller of SDSU's biology department speaks for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Seminar Series in Gold Auditorium of BioScience Center. Lecture preceded by reception (3:30 p.m.). 619-594-1105. Monday, February 23, 4 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Clicker Training for Cats Teach your cat "some fun new behaviors" — like "sit" or "wave goodbye" — during class. Maybe "learn a new and exciting way to keep your cat off the kitchen counter." Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Class is for people only. Friday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Art and Architecture The series, examining "How We Choose to Live II — Perspectives on Art, Architectural Design, Urban Planning, and Our Changing Ecology," features *Los Angeles Times* art critic Christopher Hawthorne. What is the role of architecture during lean economic times? 858-454-5872. Thursday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Get Off the Beaten Path! "Exploring Europe by Train" presented by longtime traveler, Le Travel Store founder Bill Keller. Find Europe's hidden treasures. RSVP: 619-338-9981 x14. Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m.; free. Le Travel Store, 745 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Home Grown "Starting with Seeds: Seed Selection, Planting, and Care" is subject when master gardeners Diane Hollister and Pete Ash speak for community gardening series. Reservations: 800-262-4167 x4. Saturday, February 21, 1:30 p.m.; free. El Corazon compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog Open-forum workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Inspired in the Garden? Nature photographer Bob Bretell leads garden photography workshop, helping participants "transform...nature photos to a new level." For all levels. Students must have digital camera, tripod. Materials list provided with registration. Required registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, February 21, 8:30 a.m.; \$85-\$95. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Medical Questions Answered? Workshop dispensing skills required to find answers to medical questions, presented by medical library faculty from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. Handouts, computer exercises. 619-238-6634. Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet a "DNA Detective" "The Hand in the Snow: Finding the Relatives of an Alaskan Plane Crash Victim" presented by forensic scientist Colleen Fitzgerald for North San Diego Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 858-592-6049. Tuesday, February 24, 10 a.m.; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

More Book Arts Doug Beube plans lecture. 858-454-5872. Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Ahh, the Copper Skillet... Pacific Beach Historical Society gathers and displays ads from the 1982 Pacific Beach phone book, featuring long-gone businesses. 858-272-6655. Saturday, February 21, 1 p.m.; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Save Time and Energy "Program Evaluation Made Easy" is topic during this ongoing grant-writing workshop. 619-460-2738. Friday, February 20, 10 a.m.; free. San Diego County Health and Human Services, 690 Oxford Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Solar Shade Workshop covers shade methodology for 2009, accounting for shade when installing one array or more, handling oddly shaped arrays, measuring tilt and azimuth when panels are not parallel to roof, more. 858-244-1177. Thursday, February 19, 10 a.m.; free. California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Solar Water Heating Basics Educational session is for homeowners to learn more about solar water heating, including details on different solar water heating technologies and their appropri-


ate applications. Information provided on Solar Water Heating Pilot Program. Dinner provided. Registration: 858-244-1177. Tuesday, February 24, 6 p.m.; free. California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Book Distribution News Jennifer Silva Redmond examines current state of book distribution for next meeting of San Diego Writers/Editors Guild. Redmond is editor-in-chief of Sunbelt Publications. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m. 760-471-5323. Monday, February 23, 6:30 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Solar System Speech Jerry Hilburn from Jet Propulsion Laboratory in conjunction with California Institute of Technology speaks on solar system. 619-463-3006. Thursday, February 19, 3 p.m.; free. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

What's Vermicomposting? Learn to compost with worms and build your own worm bin during workshop taught by Solana Center Master Composters. Registration: 760-436-7986. Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m.; free. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Greywater Guerrillas Workshop entitled "How to Disengage from the Water Grid with Rainwater, Greywater, and Composting Toilets" is presented by this Bay Area group, hosted by MiraCosta College's sustainability club. Ready to contemplate waterless (composting) toilets? Donations accepted. 619-929-6445. Thursday, February 19, 6 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)



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OUTDOORS

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

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

A Series of Low Tides commences this weekend, offering good opportunities for tidepooling along San Diego's rocky se-

ctions of coastline. Saturday, February 21 features a -0.5 foot tide at 1:46 p.m. Sunday's low tide of -0.7 feet happens at 2:10 p.m. Monday's low of -0.7 feet occurs at 2:34 p.m.

Multi-Planet/Moon Gathering takes place early on Sunday, February 22. From any locale with a clear view of the eastern part of the sky, starting around 5:45 a.m., scan the lower southeastern sky for (listed left to right): faint Mars, bright Jupiter, faint Mercury, and the waning crescent moon. This row of celestial objects spans only about 10 degrees of sky, just above the horizon. Binoculars will definitely help. By 6 a.m. the increasing dawn's glare may render these objects nearly invisible.

"Having Fun on the Trails" Explore flora, fauna, scenery of Daley Ranch with naturalist/biologist Carol Stanford during three-plus mile walk over Creek Crossing and Sage Trails. 760-839-4680. Sunday, February 22, 9 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Hawkwatch 2009 Visit Ramona's grasslands to witness resident and winter migration of hawks, falcons, and eagles during outing led by Wildlife Research Institute. Events include demonstrations of hawk banding and tracking eagles with transmitters. Walks led by trained biologist every Saturday through February. Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. 760-789-3992. Saturdays, 9 a.m.; through Saturday, February 28, free. Wildlife

Research Institute, 18030 Highland Valley Road. (RAMONA)

Mystery Walk Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles based on makeup of the group. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, February 20, 7 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Native Seed Planting Help the Friends of Buchanan Canyon take advantage of winter rains when they plant seeds of native plants in the canyon. Wear good shoes and long pants. 619-297-2957. Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m.; free. Johnson Avenue, Johnson Avenue at Lincoln. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Rediscover Old Escondido East Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m.; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Tree Time Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m.; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar? Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to

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current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Hasta que la Boda nos Separe Enjoy comedy by Jacqueline Bracamontes and Juan Soler. 011-52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Nacionalismo y Revolución: 1911 in Baja California New book by Marco Antonio Samaniego, narrated by Lawrence Taylor. 011-52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m.; free. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Tengo Un Arma Actor Francisco Mufote presents play about a

clown and his misery, family, and looking for a better life. 011-52-664-687-9636. Tuesday, February 24, 8 p.m.; \$8. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Comedy Show Polo Polo performs. 011-52-664-681-7000. Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; Friday, February 20, 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; Grand Hotel Tijuana, Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

"Healing Ourselves Through a Love Vibration" It's the theme for "Black Love Day," in celebration of Black History Month. Performances by spoken-word artists, poets, drumming, storytelling, with workshops, discussions, arts and crafts, African marketplace, more. Wear "purple and black or cultural attire." 619-582-4002. Saturday, February 21, 8:30 a.m.; free. Springfield College School of Human Services, 5348 University Avenue, Suite 110. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Hidden Faces of La Jolla: Portraits of Black San Diegans" Photographic exhibit celebrating Black History Month. Between 1920-1945, black community in La Jolla grew to almost 500 residents. Photographer Molly Low documented what remained of black and Latino community of La Jolla in photographs taken between 1988-1990. Portraits include the subject's own writing below the portrait, adding a textual layer to visual images, documenting the subject's experiences living in La Jolla. Exhibit continues through February on lower level, west wing of Geisel Library. 858-822-5758. Thursdays, 10 a.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.; Mondays, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.; through Saturday, February 28, free. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Oscar Night America" San Diego Film Foundation hosts "San Diego's only official Academy-sanctioned viewing party." Expect "limousine arrivals, red carpets, paparazzi, press interviews, film-themed dinner stations," silent auction, more. 619-582-2368. Sunday, February 22, 5 p.m.; \$50-\$150. Ages 21 and up. Anthology, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Reclaim, Rework, Recreate: The Gotthelf Goes Green" Exhibit utilizing "only recycled and repurposed materials" continues through Wednesday, February 25. "Show explores the whimsy and creativity of Tony Berlant, Liz Mamorsky, Marilyn Mitchell, and Jody Silver." 858-457-3030. Thursdays, 10 a.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m.; Sundays, noon; Mondays, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.; through Wednesday, February 25, free. Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"The Moral Sense of Man and the Lower Animals" Discuss Charles Darwin's work with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Festival of Local Authors Local writers covering a mix of literary genres discuss their work during panel led by moderator Taffy Cannon (*Blood Matters, Booked for Travel*). Enjoy light refreshments, peruse selection of books available for sale and signing. 760-602-2012. Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at

Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Art in Your Heart Mixer designed to encourage interaction between attendees as well as art on exhibit. Library curator Mark-Elliott Lugo plans a brief, informal talk on current "Edward 'Ed' Mix: A Memorial Art Exhibition." Because Mix frequently used nude models as inspiration for gestural drawings and paintings, guests may create drawings using a live model. Pamela Whidden, who modeled for many of Mix's works, will pose. 858-581-9934. Thursday, February 19, 5:30 p.m.; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Ask the Designer Professional landscape designer Connie Beck offers personalized, 45-minute landscape design consultation. Bring a photograph of your area, ideas from magazines, project dimensions for practical advice, suggestions for creating a low-water landscape. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Tuesday, February 24, 5:30 p.m.; \$60-\$75. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)


Brazil Carnival 2009 Brazilian Promotions presents 17th annual Mardi Gras party with carnival

bands, capoeira, parades, Mardi Gras beads, samba show with dancers in glittering costumes accompanied by percussionists playing authentic *batucada* rhythms. 619-231-4343. Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m.; \$25-\$75. 4th&B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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Dog Days! Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego's AKC All-Breed Dog Shows are terrific fun to watch. Dog agility competitions, vendors. No unentered dogs allowed on show grounds. 760-751-2302. Friday, February 20, 8 a.m.; Saturday, February 21, 8 a.m.; Sun-

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Dogs + Yoga = Doga? Zen fitness classes for you and your dog led by yoga master Stacy McCarthy and professional animal trainer Rob Kutty. Expect instruction in yoga and dog agility. Reservations: 858-756-4117 x349. Sunday, February 22, 8:30 a.m.; \$15-\$25. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Fungi! View displays of local fungi during San Diego Mushroom Fair hosted by San Diego Mycological Society. Experts identify your mushrooms, demonstrate home cultivation techniques. Cooking demonstrations, exhibits of lichens and medicinals, children's table. Vendors for mushrooms, food, and mushroom books, materials on hand. 858-204-7142. Sunday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Goodbye Icebergs? Can global warming be stopped "in time"? P&R Discussion Group gathers to focus on the question. 619-370-1027. Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Gray Whale Season Surfaces! Outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursion boast Scripps naturalists on hand to share information about gray whales, the ecology, and history of San Diego Bay and Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dolphins, sea lions, marine birds make guest

appearances. Registration: 619-234-4111. Thursdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Fridays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Sundays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; through Sunday, March 29, \$15-\$35. San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Hey, It's National Engineers' Week! "Engineering Day at the Mall" promises activities for children including making water filters, wind farms, and aluminum foil boats. Student volunteers from American Society of Civil Engineers at SDSU and UCSD will show off their projects, including a steel bridge. Representatives from local engineering companies, professional societies will speak with high school, college-age students

about engineering careers. 619-687-0110. Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m.; free. Ages 6 and up. Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)


How Are Your Chakras? Jaruska Solyova presents yoga workshop entitled "Balance Your Chakras — Better Your Relationships." Learn "self-care" poses, breathing, meditation to stay "grounded, heart-centered, and positive." Fee is \$40 for one or two! Registration: 858-456-9964. Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m.; \$40. La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Little Italy Carnevale Sixth annual festivities include vignettes of entertainment, costumes, masks, live music, centered around India and Fir Streets. 619-233-3898. Saturday, February 21, 5 p.m.; free. San Diego Reader, 1703 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp Dance crews, beads, live music, giant carnival puppets, parades at 7:30 and 10 p.m. 619-233-5227. Tuesday, February 24, 6 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Gaslamp Quarter. (DOWNTOWN)

Practice Your Vietnamese Meet others who want to learn, practice, or speak Vietnamese during San Diego Vietnamese language meet-ups. 619-813-2272. Monday, February 23, 6 p.m.; free. Ages 18 and up. Lei Lounge, 4622 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

R-Rated Trivia Trivial fun returns with "mini-games, comedy, and 'will it float?'" Cost: \$3 per person. Winning team takes all "or come play for free if you just want see and be seen by highly educated drunks." 619-294-4848. Sunday, February 22, 8 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

R-Rated Trivia in the North Enjoy trivia, comedy, mini-games, and "Will It Float?" Fee: \$3 per person. Winning team take all, or play for free to compete for bar prizes! 760-944-0233. Monday, February 23, 7:30 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. First Street Bar and Grill, 656 South Coast Highway. (ENCINITAS)

Ranked? Unranked? You are invited to play chess. Organizers say "kibitz at your own risk." 858-568-1641. Saturdays, 1 p.m.; free. La

Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Ready for Tough Love? Miss H reprises her role as "a dominatrix Valentine" for Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School. Drink, draw, listen to tunes, compete "in silly contests" for prizes. Bring your art supplies. 619-299-7372. Saturday, February 21, 3 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Recipe for a Cure Chefs from 20 area restaurants cook up their signature dishes for sampling during this Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation fundraiser. 858-597-0240. Friday, February 20, 6 p.m.; \$60-\$70. San Diego Hall of Champions, 2131 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

See Art Happen Mixed-media sculptor and painter Jolynn Krystosek is first resident artist of 2009, created a large-scale, 8' x 10' paper collage in studio during January. View the completed work through Wednesday, March 18. 760-436-6611. Thursdays, 1 p.m.; Fridays, 1 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.; through Wednesday, March 18, \$10. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

Big Lagoon Ride Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 50-mile "fun ride." 619-647-3212. Saturday, February 21, 8:45 a.m.;

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San Diego Mushroom Fair, Casa del Prado, Sunday, February 22.

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free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

California Classic Gymnastics Invitational Youth gymnastics competition. 858-755-1161. Friday, February 20, 8 a.m.; Saturday, February 21, 8 a.m.; Sunday, February 22, 8 a.m.; \$7-\$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Give Your Heart to Monarch This 5k run/walk hosted by San Diego Meeting Professionals International benefits Monarch School of San Diego. Check-in starts at 6:30 a.m., event begins at 8 a.m. 858-909-7308. Saturday, February 21, 6:30 a.m.; \$35. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

ISF High School Surf Contest High school surfing competition takes place at south pier beach. Free for spectators. 760-476-1694. Saturday, February 21, 7 a.m.; Sunday, February 22, 7 a.m.; free. Oceanside Pier, Mission Ave and Pacific St. (OCEANSIDE)

Lance, Levi, and Fabian! Amgen Tour of California professional bicycling hits North County, with

competition by elite professional cyclists from around the world including Lance Armstrong, Levi Leipheimer, Fabian Cancellara. Nine-day stage race boasts participation of 17 top professional teams. The 96.8-mile San Diego North route includes 4200-foot climb up Palomar Mountain.

Events on February 22 begin with "Stage 8 Experience," including "autograph alley" with cyclists, activities, food, entertainment (9 a.m.-2 p.m.). Racing starts at noon. Lifestyle Festival at finish line area (at intersection of North Broadway and West Grand Avenue in Escondido) promises booths, demonstrations, kids' zone, 1-5 p.m. Estimated arrival time at finish line: 3:34-4:43 p.m. 800-848-3336. Sunday, February 22, 9 a.m.; free. Amgen Tour of California, Bernardo Center Drive, between Bernardo Plaza Drive and Lomica Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Rollers versus Divas! The Diego Rollers meet up with Inland Empire Derby Divas for roller derby action. 760-500-7915. Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m.; \$13-\$15. Del

Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

MUSEUMS

Black Historical Society Museum of San Diego African American History 740 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. 4355 Bonita Road, 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum See artifacts from San

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

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

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

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are



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

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

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

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours

on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Lane, 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

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

Marston House Museum Historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

Museum of San Diego History "100 Years of Art," continuing through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. "Place of Promise: Stories of

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

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade "From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America" — continuing through February — is an exhibit created by the American Jewish Historical Society, chronicling "the American Jewish experience in this country." Trace the American Jewish journey "from persecution to participation," from the original 23 refugees who landed in 1654 to today's diverse Jewish community.

2825 Dewey Road Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

New Children's Museum The title of the "Childsplay" exhibit is reference to art of Allan Kaprow, "one of the most important artists to have made work for the museum in the past." Local artist Brian Dick reinterprets two installations Kaprow created with his sons —

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Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove "Messages from the World: The Story of the Lemon Grove Post Office" follows evolution of local post office from horse and buggy days through modern times. Also on view: "The Children's Room," "The Parents' Room," "The Sewing Room," offering installations evoking life in the parsonage from 1900-1940. 3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center "Tinkering" features more than 20 hands-on exhibits bringing out "your inner inventor" with pulleys, computer circuits, turntables, wind tunnels, more. In the "Tinkering Studio," kids transform household items into catapults, robots, spectrometers, more. Closes Sunday, June 7.

Decades of NASA research and color photography from robotic spacecraft illuminate "Giant Worlds: A Voyage to the Outer So-

lar System," a three-dimensional, interactive exhibition continuing through Sunday, May 3. Exhibition consists of 20 individual exhibits filled with interactive experiences, models, and murals revealing "the grandeur of these amazing planets."

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

San Diego Air and Space Museum "The Da Vinci Experience" reveals how Leonardo's conceptual designs for many technological wonders were centuries ahead of their time. "For the past 50 years a group of Florentine artisans have poured over Da Vinci's notes and drawings in an attempt to faithfully create replicas of his many inventions, relying solely on materials that were available in 15th-Century Italy. The result is over two dozen fully functional models, 11 of which are full-sized." The interactive models are displayed with a facsimile of relevant Leonardo drawing. Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A section of exhibit celebrates 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lind-

bergh Field, uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

San Diego Archaeological Center "What Is Archaeology?" exhibit provides basics of archaeology in San Diego region from 9000 years ago to present day. Artifacts from center's collections provide look at past for young and old alike. Treasure hunt activity "archaeology quest" for kids, artifact matching game, hands-on crafts and research station. Closes Tuesday, July 21.

Center hosts monthly archaeological-themed lectures, workshops, and family events on second Saturday of each month. Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collections with public for educational, scientific, cultural use. 16666 San

Pasqual Valley Road, 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

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

San Diego Maritime Museum "The Art of the Boat — Photos from the Rosenfeld Collection," continuing through July, is collection of over 40 black-and-white photographs celebrating marriage of great yachts and sea through lenses of father-and-son team Morris and Stanley Rosenfeld. Duo is renowned for photographs of yachts, tall ships, and speedboats and photography of every America's Cup race from 1885-1992.

The photography exhibition "Portrait of Tall Ships" features more than 30 photographs by Thad Koza and Michael Berman. Exhibit includes chronicles of sailing adventures of the museum's ships. Through February.

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

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by

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

Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Tugboat Museum A 100-foot retired Korean War-era tugboat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum The museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. 450 Quail Gardens Drive, 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature center's building is a "green" facility made from re-

cycled materials, using solar panels, irrigated roof plants, recycled water. Facility features an array of interactive exhibits exploring the natural and cultural history of the San Elijo Lagoon, one of the few remaining coastal wetlands in our area. Guided nature walks offered second Saturday each month (9-11 a.m.), starting at Rios Avenue trailhead. 2710 Manchester Avenue, 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

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

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

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

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

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Faculty Recital Expect “a fun and eclectic array of musical pieces” when faculty members perform for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2453. Free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 12:30 p.m., Thursday, February 19. (SAN MARCOS)

“An Insight into the life of Itzhak Perlman” Conductor, music columnist David Amos focuses on life of this great Israeli violinist, using audio and video examples. Required reservations: 858-362-1174. Free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 19. (LA JOLLA)

Chivalry and Honor San Diego Opera season continues with Jules Massenet’s masterpiece *Don Quixote*, based on novel by Miguel Cervantes. Cast includes Italian bass Ferruccio Furlanetto, American mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves, German bass Reinhard Dorn, American tenor Bryan Register, American tenor Joel Sorensen, others. Conductor is Karen Keltner, director is Ian Campbell. Performed in French with English translations above the stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. \$28-\$175. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 8 p.m., Friday, February 20, and 2 p.m., Sunday, February 22. (DOWNTOWN)

They’re Social Instruments! San Diego County Recorder Society meets to play ensemble music from medieval to 20th Century with professional conductors. Recorder players of all skill levels invited. Warm-up session (1-1:50 p.m.), followed by instruction by guest conductor Sandra Stram (2-4 p.m.). Free to attend; membership encouraged (\$35 per year). 619-297-2095. Free. Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive), 1 p.m., Saturday, February 21. (CLAIREMONT)

“Angelus: Sacred Early Music in Founders Chapel” German organist Rudolf Kelber, director of church music at St. Jacob’s Church in Hamburg, presents early-music concert in Founders Chapel, Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. \$8-\$12. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Saturday, February 21. (LINDA VISTA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, February 22. (BALBOA PARK)

Sacred Voices La Jolla Symphony Chorus “performs rare and dramatic motets from all eras” such as Tallis’s “Spem Alium” for eight five-part choirs and Bach’s double-chorus motet, “Singet dem Herrn,” among other works. 858-534-4637. \$8-\$15. San Rafael Catholic Church (17252 Bernardo Center Drive), 4 p.m., Sunday, February 22. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

“Four Hands and More” Pianists Mary Barranger and Diane Snodgrass are joined by flutist Lori Bell to perform “an eclectic concert of music for solo piano, piano-four-hands, harpsichord, and flute.” 619-297-4366. Free. First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South), 7 p.m., Sunday, February 22. (MISSION VALLEY)

Late Works by Mozart Enjoy chamber music by Camera Lucida, featuring musicians from UCSD music faculty and San Diego Symphony. 858-534-3229. Free. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 8 p.m., Tuesday, February 24. (LA JOLLA)

Comic Opera Time Opera Ensemble of San Diego Opera presents the comic masterpiece, *Così fan tutte*, boasting “some of Mozart’s greatest music.” 760-633-2746. Free. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 25. (ENCINITAS)

ART LISTINGS

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GALLERIES

“Home Is Where You Make It — New Works by Jolby” Opening reception with artists Josh Kenyon and Colby Nichols.

Their show tells an “imaginative story using a variety of mediums including prints, paintings, drawings,” detailed handmade plush dolls by Jill and Erin Lynch of Dolls for Friends. Closes Sunday, March 22. 619-876-0664. Free. Subtext Gallery (2479 Kettner Boulevard), 6 p.m., Saturday, February 21. (DOWNTOWN)

“Making Space” Opening reception for exhibition of work by Miami-based photographer Lee Materazzi, on display along with “Every Instance Removed” by New York-based Derek Stroup. View these congruent solo exhibits through Saturday, March 28. 858-454-3409. Free. Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Drury Lane), 6 p.m., Friday, February 20. (LA JOLLA)

“Parientes de Ocasión” Opening reception for exhibition of project from the Centro Cultural Tijuana, which brought together artists, photographers, and photo-journalists who had not previously met. Also opening: selections from Athenaeum’s “Erika and Fred Torri Artists’ Books Collection: Derli Romero.” View both exhibits through Saturday, March 28. 858-454-5872. Free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 6:30 p.m., Friday, February 20. (LA JOLLA)

“Translations” Cedros Gallery Night reception for exhibition of contemporary works referencing the classical in imagery and medium. Landscape paintings by Wade Hoefler “reflect a reverence for the untouched vistas of the 19th Century.” Through Monday, March 16. 858-793-4442. Free. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue #160), 6 p.m., Thursday, February 19. (SOLANA BEACH)

Colorful Abstract Painting Reception for artist Simona Cherlin. 760-929-9192. Free. Saint Tropez — Horton Plaza (926 Broadway Circle), 2 p.m., Sunday, February 22. (DOWNTOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Four new exhibitions on view: “20th Century Photography: Selections from the Wachovia Securities Art Collection,” “Divi/nation: Work by Debby and Larry Kline,” “Between: Work by Nina Waisman,” and “Reel Mothers: Film Video Art and the Maternal.” Exhibits address current social issues and reflect on how historical moments have impacted life in America and world. Through Sunday, June 21. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum “India Adorned” features selections from museum’s Stephen Huyler Collection. Exhibit “reveals the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works that are used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family — objects of worship, personal and domestic

adornment, utility, and recreation.” Closes Sunday, September 6.

“Shibui — The Subtle Beauty of Japanese Craft” features metal, textiles, wood, and ceramics from museum’s collection of Japanese folk art, craft, design. Highlights include kimono and textiles by Keisuke Serizawa, more. Continues through Sunday, June 28.

“Forms in Wood and Fiber,” continuing through February, features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and California Fibers, a group of artist craftsmen from Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego counties. Exhibition is conceived as “lively conversation among peers and between two artistic media.” 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County “Nomadic Legacy — Tent and Textiles of Central Asia and Iran” presents aspects of rich artistic heritage of nomadic culture, traditions with origins in antiquity. Highlights include recent gifts to museum such as a Kyrgyz yurt, Persian bag faces, Central Asian hats. The Kyrgyz yurt — a round, domed, trelis-tent dwelling, 22 feet in diameter — won first prize in a national contest celebrating 1000th anniversary of Kyrgyzstan’s existence. Also on view: rare Kyrgyz reed screens; Turkoman, Uzbek, and Kazakh costumes and textiles. Exhibit continues through Sunday, March 22. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown “Rising Tide: Film and Video Works from the MCA Collection, Sydney,” opening Sunday, February 22, is drawn from collection of Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, and features film and video installations by 13 contemporary Australian video artists and collectives. Exhibit encompasses wide range of themes, modes of presentation. Pieces range from single-channel video to multi-projection installations to architectural interventions. On view through Sunday, June 21. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla “Jasper Johns: Light Bulb” — on view through Sunday, May 10 — focuses

on Johns’s first sculpture, *Light Bulb I* (1958), a recent gift to the museum. Exhibition brings together Johns’s light bulb sculptures and related drawings and prints, including several never-before-exhibited drawings and modified prints from artist’s collection. Selection of works in this exhibition “demonstrates the significance of the relationship between the two-dimensional and three-dimensional in Johns’s work and the importance of the light bulb as an image he explored for over 20 years.”

“Cerca Series: Javier Ramírez Limón” features photographic works by the Tijuana-based artist. Exhibition includes the two documentary photography series “Mexican Quinceañera” (2006-2008) and “De Altar al Sásabe” (2007). Through Sunday, May 10. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts “Lou Stoumen: The Naked Truth” is solo exhibition of photographs by the artist describing “the era in which he lived” and his travels around the U.S., India, Puerto Rico, China, Japan, and beyond. Closes Sunday, May 17.

Also on exhibit through May 17: “Lou Stoumen Award Winners: The Legacy.” Exhibition begins with photographs by 2009 Stoumen Prize Winner, Mikhael Subotsky, as well as previous Stoumen winners Debbie Fleming Caffery (1996), Kenro Izu (1999), James Nachtwey (2002), Gary Schneider (2006), featuring the photographs that won them the award alongside new work created after receiving it.

Edward Steichen (1879-1973) was one of the most influential figures in history of photography. “Edward Steichen: The Early Years” consists of Steichen’s “signature soft-focus, moody studies of light, landscape, and form.” Closes Sunday, May 17.

“Considering Edward Curtis,” closing on Sunday, May 10, examines over 35 photogravures from 1907 to 1930 made by Edward Curtis (1868-1952) for his monumental 20-volume opus on Native American tribes. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art Referencing multiple dimensions of pop culture, “Lowbrow Art: Nine San Diego Pop Surrealists” is

said to highlight “alternative styles of expression that comment on the subculture of San Diego.” See work by Mary Fleener, Scott Saw, Tim McCormick, Scrojo (Craig Haskett), Jason Sherry, Charles Glaubitz, Ron Wharton, Pamela Jaeger, and Jen Trute through Sunday, May 24. “Each artist extols their narrative world of fantasy through a personal approach reflecting the regional underground culture.”

“Quilt Visions 2008: Contemporary Expressions” — continuing through Sunday, March 1 — boasts 41 quilts selected from 586 entries. Jurors were Judith Content, Mary Anne Jordan, and Don Bacigalupi. 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art “Black Womanhood: Images, Icons, and Ideologies of the African Body” — through Sunday, April 26 — explores “direct relationship between historic and contemporary representations of the black female body as they have been expressed in both traditional African and modern Western art.” The 130 included works — prints, photographs, paintings, sculpture, video, installations — are said to “reveal how ideologies and realities of race, gender, identity, and sexuality have been constructed, critiqued, and transformed through visual representations of the black female body” from 19th Century to present.

Also see “Oceanic Art: A Celebration of Form,” featuring 97 works of art primarily from Melanesia and Polynesia, as well as objects from Micronesia and Taiwan. Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010.

“Emerging Elites: Indo-Muslim Cultures in Transition” examines artistic transitions that took place in Indo-Muslim cultural centers in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Exhibition treats these paintings as creative, ongoing cultural transformations. Closes Sunday, March 15.

“Visible Places: Works on Paper by Women,” continuing through Sunday, March 22, is composed of “Spatial Gestures” and “Manners of Sight.” All of the included works are from museum’s permanent collection, many of them presented for first time. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)



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River Bottom Rollover
Chula Vista roots-reggae band River Bottom Rockers has had the same nine-man crew for more than two years.

That changed when lead singer-songwriter Kenny Diaz, 20, died in a car crash early on February 1. The

The county medical examiner's office said on February 11 that toxicology reports are pending.

"The weird thing is that the day of the accident we played a show at a family get-together, and after the show we had a band meeting. He

eight hours. Admission is what you donate." Abrilk says proceeds will help the Diaz family.

"I have a feeling God will throw someone our way in terms of singing who will help us out. Or the rest of the band will have to learn his vocals to keep him alive. He was a soulful activist. He saw through the fake things in society. He wasn't about jive.... Services were last Friday. It was huge. We all sang one of his songs a capella style at the gravesite [at Glen Abbey]. It was very emotional. It's all on our website [myspace.com/river-bottomrockers]. We all stand behind Kenny's lyrics. He was always talking about love and respect, about uniting our brothers and getting rid of evils.

"He would always be late to a practice or late to a show. One time he was super late to a show at the House of Blues. He knew we were super pissed off. He shows up and says, 'You guys can cuss at me later. Let's just do the show.' But we didn't care. We were just happy to have him there."

— Ken Leighton

Penetrators Redux "This trip made me realize how much I miss my friends in San Diego," says Penetrators singer Gary Heffern, now back home in Finland after a January 24 reunion perform-

ance at the Casbah. "Playing with the band again...they mean more to me than they'll

'made it.' Did we ever really make it? I would hope that people realize the answer was



THE LAST LAST PENETRATORS REUNION?

ever know. I know it sounds foolish, but when I hear their sound, it just gets to me.... You know, it's just punk rock, but man, I loved it so much."

Onstage and off, the room contained 30-plus years of top local talent, from David J of Bauhaus to *Ugly Things* publisher Mike Stax, Robert "El Vez" Lopez (the Zeros), Mario Escovedo (the Dragons), Ted Olson (Battalion of Saints), the reunited Manual Scan, Andrew McKeag (UJBOD, the Presidents of the United States of America), Skid Roper, and (somewhat inexplicably) comedian Rob Schneider.

"Trying to remember the [Penetrators] lyrics was a bit difficult, so, yeah, mistakes were made," says Heffern. "I'm hoping people will remember us with kindness and not just with the jealous and shallow notion that we

no. And we knew that all along. It's easy for people to confuse passion for what you do with self-importance.... We just wanted to make music."

Heffern says this was the final reunion for the aging punkers, who split in 1984 and whose garage-band fame came posthumously. "The death of [Cramps singer] Lux Interior last week hit me hard. I'm not getting any younger, and I know for most folks it would be hard to understand just what makes a person my age let themselves get abandoned in the music. There's no real

answer for it. It's just...it's just that thing."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Record-Release

Roundup Pop songstress Miz Mandy's sophomore album *Today's the Day* was released last week on BabyLove Records. "We did a soft release in December for presales to the fan club," says Mandy (real name Mandy Gasparich), "and now that it's through the distribution channels, we are officially releasing it to the general public."

Mandy scored a national chart hit in 2007 with a

blurt

the inside track

police report says Diaz was traveling at a high rate of speed on northbound I-805 when his car left the freeway and rolled several times. He died at the scene.

"He had just moved in with our [band] manager,"

kept saying that '09 is going to be the year of the RBR. That this was our year and that we were about to get really big. We were planning on going on tour this summer. We were all super into this. Our first record is out



REMEMBERING ONE OF THE RIVER BOTTOM ROCKERS

says bassist Bubba Abrilk. "He was leaving his house in San Ysidro to see his girlfriend. He crashed right after the Palm exit. It was a super-foggy night."

this summer."

Abrilk says the River Bottom Rockers will continue. "Our next show is March 7 at the World Beat Center. Ten bands are playing over



TODAY'S THE DAY, MIZ MANDY

dance remix of her song "In the Mix." She's one of several

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front women of locals Liquid Blue to go from onetime "Blue Girl" to recording artist. A locally shot music video for her song "Let Love Be Free" debuts February 27 at Universal Hillcrest, 1202 University Avenue, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Comedic singer-songwriter Happy Ron Hill will debut cuts from his upcoming album *If You're Bored in San Diego, It's Your Fault* at Lestat's on March 4. The album title was inspired, he says, by "my coworkers at Costco, where I've worked for 25 years, who virtually never come to my shows. They're often in their 30s or older and never get out. They say things like 'I'm old' or 'I'm tired,' but, when pressed, they say, 'Well, there's nothing to do in San Diego.'"

The reunited twins of Scarlet Symphony, Joshua and Zachary Wheeler, celebrate the release of their new album *Foundation* (Cat 9

Records) at the Casbah on Saturday, February 21.
— Jay Allen Sanford

Back to the Urban Underground "The shooting that happened at Static Lounge during the DayGo Unity event last summer was due to the outside scheduling of gang members as headliners," says local promoter Jimmy Powers. "It resulted in [Static Lounge] canceling the Urban Underground Weekly, which provided an 18-and-

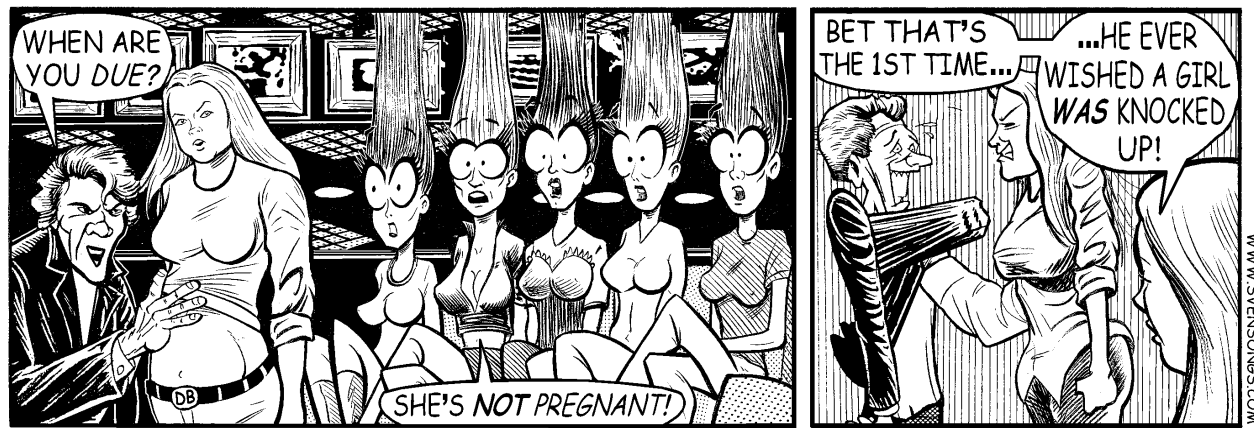


JIJi STRONG'S URBAN UNDERGROUND IS BACK, MAYBE

up hip-hop event every Thursday."

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working security was shot in the neck in front of downtown's Static Lounge on August 7, 2008, during a multiband hip-hop event. According to Powers, "After I talked for months with Jiji Strong, the promoter and organizer of Urban Underground, I finally convinced her to come back to San Diego once a month at 710 Beach Club in P.B.

"These shows will give the opportunity for local hip-hop groups to open for nationally known headliners at ticket presale quotas well below those offered by companies such as Los Angeles-based Sean Healy [Presents], who routinely makes openers at Canes sell \$1000 to \$2000 worth of presale tickets to

ensure the highest achievable profit by taking advantage of the ambition of local artists."

While Sean Healy Presents did not respond to email requests, its website states, "We do expect each act to bring a minimum amount of people to any SHP gig. Once you have met the minimum booking requirements, you go into the pay-scale portion of your door receipts."

Powers says the monthly 710 Beach Club events will require locals to provide only \$200 in ticket sales. "Our structure calls for openers to be given 40 tickets with a \$12 face value. They're allowed to keep the extra \$280 for their work if they happen to sell all 40 tickets. This ensures we're

able to cover the overhead and cost of the headliner."

Jiji Strong: "At first we were reluctant to come back to SD after the horrible shooting that went down back in August 2008. But we knew it was not our crowd that caused the shooting. Urban Underground promotes peace and unity and is in no way gang affiliated. We have been doing shows every Friday in L.A. for three years and never had a fight or shooting. Now we're much more careful about the artists we are booking in SD. We make sure to screen new artists to make sure they are not gang affiliated.

"We are very excited to be back in town; however, we are facing problems with the

new venue. They canceled our March 19 show with Large Professor because our first show with C Rayz Walz on January 29 did not result in high bar sales. The in-house promoter said the management at 710 Beach Club is reluctant to book hip-hop because the crowd doesn't drink! They may give us more shows, depending on how February 19 goes.

"Our hope is that everyone will come out to support the show on February 19 with Lil Dap so that we may continue doing at least a monthly — if not another weekly — in San Diego."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 19

Jayceon "the Game" Taylor brings his play to Crib of Blues tonight. The Compton kid has racked three CDs in his six-year career — all on *Billboard's* top ten, two at numero uno.

The hip-hop hit has said that with these three discs (*The Documentary*, *Doctor's Advocate*, and *LAX*) he has "made [his] point," that *LAX* will be his last. Mmm-hmm. The multi-faceted, multi-tatted Taylor has a coupla Grammy nods and brought cred back to West Coast rap by joining forces with Dr. Dre and 50 Cent

and "calling out" East Coast crews — "He's been implicated but never indicted, and as for BET, he's been uninvited!" With **Clyde Carson** and **Nipsy Hussle**, they gon' raise the roof.... *Like the Exorcist*, but with *More Breakdancing*. Bloomington, Indiana's concept crew **Murder by Death** brings the reaper to Casbah. The quartet "will be performing the complete two albums in their Desert Series, 2008's *Red of Tooth and Claw* and 2003's *Who Will Survive and What Will Be Left of Them*," all for film, so dress sharp. With Portland's **Builders and the Butchers** and **Fake Problem** from Naples, Florida, of all fucking places.... Locals **Gunplay Maxwell** fire alt-country shots at Bar Pink with local-ish **Billy Midnight**...and L.A. session studs **Team Noise** sound off at Brick by Brick. Team Noise'll jam everything from Alice Cooper to Zeppelin, AFI to Weezer in yer earholes.



THE GAME AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Friday 20

O'Connells in Bay Park stages the SanDago side of the **International Pop Overthrow**, which kicks off Friday night and runs through Sunday. Highlights include **Four Eyes**, the **Loons**, the

Modlins, and the **Shambles**. Yeeeah, man. Go to *internationalpopoverthrow.com* for a detailed sked of events.... Else: radio-ready alt-rockers the **Gin Blossoms** and **Tonic** spritz House of Blues...greezy garage gang the **Heartaches** hit Bar Pink with **Thin Man**...**Gram Rabbit**, **Mr. Tube** and the **Flying Objects**, **Black Hondo**, and **Bartender's Bible** fill a genre mash-up bill at Casbah...Radio Room dials in the **Screamin' Yeehaws**, SanFran band **Flexxbronco**, and **Die Sabotage**...nearly Neil **Super Diamond** shines on Belly Up...and soul bros. **Bankhead Press** groove Whistle Stop.

Saturday 21

House of Blues hosts rock-roll reveler **Reverend Horton Heat** and **Manic Hispanic**.... Local bar-room rockers **Mojo Nixon**, the **Farmers**, **Joey Harris**, and **Candy Kane** book a benefit at Brick by Brick for "superfans" Lorna Doone (R.I.P.) and Otis Owens.... Coupla CD-release things at Casbah Saturday with L.A. indie chick **Eleni Mandell** up early and our own riff-rawk throwbacks **Scarlet Symphony** doing the late shift with **Apes of Wrath**, **Zodiac Death Valley**, and **Drug Wars** setting the stage.... Belly Up books Man in Black copycats **Cash'd Out**. **Sara Petite** and **Pushin'**



THE GRAILS AT CASBAH

Rope open, and **DJ Gonzo** spins 'round sets.... Oaktown Hieroglyphics hip-hoppers **Souls of Mischief** hit the beach at Canes.... **Wendy Darling** and **Ed Vallera** coif at Beauty Bar...**Knives!** and **Desert Diamonds** shine on Radio Room...and Uncle **Pete Escovedo** does his Latin-jazz thing at Anthology.



DEAD CONFEDERATE AT BELLY UP

Sunday 22

Portland ambients the **Grails** will preview follow-up to '08's crit-hit *Doomsday's Holiday* (Temporary Residence), *Acid Rain*, due to drop in April. According to Pitchfork, "These dudes hail from grey Portland, but they have somehow perfected the art of desert-rock mystery." Far-out acousticats **James Blackshaw** and **Joshua Emery Blatchley** make this triple bill *three* triple bill this week.... Hometown jazz cats **Charles McPherson** and **Gilbert Castellanos** blow through the Loft at UCSD.... Local noiseniks **Koppojutsu** meet Tokyo's **Number 2** at Radio Room.... Soda Bar draws dark Irish draught **We Should All Be Dead**, one of the featured bands at this weekend's International Pop Overthrow (see Friday).

Monday 23

NYC quartet **French Kicks** are garage-punk revivalists with a mod-pop bent that critics cream over. Check the reviews on last year's Vagrant disc *Swimming* and then see foryourself at Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up. With Angelino indie kids **Broken West** and **Army Navy**, this one's sticky-sweet pop fare and another hat trick for the Middletown mainstay this week. Anti-Monday, indeed. Yay Monday!... Besides: Bar Pink stages Seattle garage punks **Whore Moans**...and heavy-metal madman **Danzig** drops in on House of Blues. Hide the good china.

Tuesday 24

Athens GA's Southern psych-rockers **Dead Confederate** play a 94/9 It's About the Music showcase at Belly Up. With like-minded Californios **Transfer** and **Heavy Young Heathens**, this was one rad bill. So-o-o-ld out, suckas. See you on Cedros.... Country skrunks **Hank III** and the **Assjacks** hit 4th & B. The potty-mouthed progeny of the late, great Hanks has one on the country charts, *Damn Right, Rebel Proud*. Give a listen, and your recommended reading from the man himself: *The Redneck Manifesto* by Jim Goad.... Around the corners, artsy prog-rockers **Yes** revisit the '70s at House of Blues, and Nashville troubadour **Matt Wertz** will woo Anthology.

Wednesday 25

Your hump-night highlights're New Pornographer **A.C. Newman** (the red-headed one) and odd-pop Mississippian **Dent May** at Casbah. Check Dent May's Space takes — indie doo-wop? Morrissey on acid?...and Liverpoolian acoustipunk **Pop Levi** will make you rethink the Kinks at UCSD's Loft. He's out to tout his latest *Never Never Love*. Amen, bro.



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“Those were great sessions, true cardio workouts on the sax,” says Jacobson on his website. “I’ve studied over 500 hours with [Marienthal] since 2001, and he’s an excellent and patient teacher.”

Jacobson moved from Seattle to San Diego in 2000, becoming a regular at jazz-friendly venues like Humphrey’s Backstage Lounge. His 2006 debut album *I Wanna Be With You* — featuring Marienthal as guest player and coproducer — hit number 39 on the *SmoothJazz.com* charts. His follow-up album, *Turn on the Charm*, was nominated for Best Jazz Album at the 2007 San Diego Music Awards and has had frequent play on local 98.1 KIFM.

For live performances, Jacobson mixes his own songs with classic jazz and covers of contemporary tracks such as Billy Joel’s “She’s Got a Way.”

“At some of these less glamorous solo gigs, I get onstage and nobody cares,” says Jacobson. “But by the end of the night people are into it and telling me later how much they enjoyed my performance. I really love those ‘only in Southern California’ moments when I’m playing late in the day, with the sun in my face, playing the smooth jazz I love. It’s really blissful.”

WHAT’S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Steely Dan, *Aja*. “With complex horns, blazing solos, and oddly timed songs, this album creates an original fusion that may seem strangely out of place by jazz or rock enthusiasts. Yet it’s perfectly natural for listeners who are comfortable in either genre.”

2. Hank Easton, *Nylon and Steel*. “Hank is San Diego’s best-kept secret, a true virtuoso on guitar. All three of his CDs are great, but this one is focused on beautiful acoustic guitar, and it’s my favorite.”

3. Eric Marienthal, *Just Around the Corner*. “There will always be a spot in my CD player with his name on it.”

LISTS JAY ALLEN SANFORD

MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

1. *Digg.com*. “This is a social news site, meaning it allows you to filter what type of news you want to receive — like technology, entertainment, or politics — and then arrange the results based on the number of user votes, or ‘diggs.’ Stories that receive enough positive votes are featured on the front page of the website.”

2. *Last.fm.com*. “This music-streaming website hooks you up with artists similar to ones you like, with a database that also picks new tunes for you based on what other users like you are listening to.”

3. *Blinkx.com*. “This site lets you keyword-search for the most obscure videos you can imagine. It shows you a preview of any clips it turns up, and it redirects you to a website where you can legally watch or purchase the viral video, TV show, or clip you were looking for.”

GUILTY PLEASURES?

1. “Microwaved M&Ms.”

2. “Gluing candy to the bush in our back yard and telling my son that the candy tree has grown again.”

3. “Half-hour hot-tub soaks, first thing in the morning.”

4. “Buying useless treasures at garage sales and hoarding them in my storage unit because I think one day I’ll sell them on eBay and make a fortune.”

5. “‘Dessert dessert,’ which is the second dessert you get for eating all of your first dessert. My son suggested that we should have ‘dessert dessert dessert,’ but I thought that was pushing it.”

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4. Corvette Diner, Hillcrest. “This is my five-year-old’s number-one pick.”

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

“I have to say the price of gas is my greatest concern, being that my job requires a lot of driving.”

BEST ADVICE YOU’VE EVER RECEIVED?

“I had the fortune to give jazz guitarist Joe Pass a ride from a gig to his hotel one night, and he told me this, about music and about life: ‘If you hit a wrong note, then make it right by what you play afterwards.’”

WORST JOB?

“Installing fiberglass insulation. It’s hot, dirty, ex-



Keith Jacobson

hausting, and then you itch for days.”

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

“I graduated from college as a ceramic engineer. So I know how to make a toilet.”

WORST GIG?

“I once agreed to let a drunk lady join us to sing happy birthday for her boyfriend, and she wanted to do it like Marilyn Monroe. After the band started the song, she turned to us and asked, ‘How do the words go?’” ■

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<p>Thursday, February 19</p> <p>“TEAM NOISE”</p> <p>KEVIN BLADES (Lit)</p> <p>KERI KELLI (Alice Cooper, Skid Row)</p> <p>JIMMY D’ANDA (Bullet Boys)</p> <p>ANDREW FREEMAN (Offspring, Lynch Mob)</p> <p>SLEDD • UNCLE JUNKIE</p>	<p>BRICK BY BRICK</p>	<p>Saturday, February 21</p> <p>In memory of Lorna “Doone” Hamilton and Otis Owens</p>
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<p>NSD</p>	<p>Sunday, February 22</p> <p>NSD presents</p> <p>MR. RICH</p> <p>MONEY FIRST • BUGZY</p> <p>FUDGE DOG & ADONIS</p> <p>SPEEDY DA KID</p> <p>PONDER • YUNG CALI</p>	<p>Friday, March 6</p> <p>“LOST BOYS REUNITED”</p> <p>Featuring</p> <p>G TOM MAC</p> <p>(Performer of Lost Boys movie theme)</p> <p>w/special guest Lost Boys cast members: Corey Haim, Brooke McCarter, Jamison Newlander & Chance Corbitt</p>
<p>etix</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 25</p> <p>DOUBLE STANDARD</p> <p>AVITIA • THE PRISM</p>	<p>UNSET</p> <p>ELECTRIC DYNAMITE</p>
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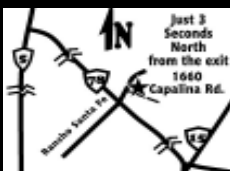
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 Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Eliyahu & The Qadim Ensemble. Middle Eastern. \$15-\$20.
 Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Geoff Muldaur. Folk/blues singer-songwriter. \$20-\$45.

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Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
 Friday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Judy Collins. Folk singer-songwriter. \$42-\$45.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Pete Escovedo. Latin/jazz. \$20-\$25.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Matt Wertz. Acoustic/pop/rock. \$18.
 Wednesday, 7 p.m. — The Anthology House Band. Jazz/R&B/soul. \$5.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.

Monday, noon — Jaeryoung Lee. Jazz piano trio. Free.

Azuki Sushi Lounge: 2321 5th Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-238-4760.

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Tuesday, 10:30 p.m. — Jordan Reimer. Acoustic. Colin Clyne. Acoustic/rock. Free.

Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino: 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, 619-443-2300.
 Sunday, 6 p.m. — The Arrowhead Band. Covers/standards/rock.

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 Saturday, 9 p.m. — Bomb Shelter. Alternative/funk/rock. Free.

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Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Orquesta Primo. Salsa. \$10.

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Café La Maze: 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-3222. *Fridays and Saturdays*, 7 p.m. — The Sandy Chappel Quartet. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Hank Young. Standards/jazz/blues. *Sundays*, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues.

Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. *Thursday* — Gene Perry y Afro Rumba. Latin/jazz/salsa. *Sunday* — Orquesta LGC. Latin. *Mondays*, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español. *Wednesday* — Orquesta Salsa Caliente. Salsa.

The Calypso Café: 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. *Sunday*, 6:30 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz. Free.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. *Thursday*, 11 p.m. — Heretic. With Dust n' Bones and King Washington. Alternative. \$5. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — One Drop. Reggae/rock/dub. \$10. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Souls of Mischief. Rap/hip-hop. \$15. Ages 21 and up. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Through the Roots. With Kanari, the Knowz, and Steel Foundation. Roots. \$6. Ages 21 and up.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Baytown Band. Funk/pop/rock. Free.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355. *Thursday*, 8:30 p.m. — Murder by Death. With the Builders & the Butchers and Fake Problems. Indie/rock/acoustic. \$12. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Gram Rabbit. With Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects and Black Hondo. Experimental/rock. \$10. *Monday*, 8:30 p.m. — French Kicks and the Broken West. Indie/rock/pop. \$12-\$14. *Wednesday*, 8:30 p.m. — A.C. Newman and Dent May. Indie/acoustic.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

A friend of mine summarized **Pat Travers** best when he said, "Somewhere during the '80s, 'Boom Boom' replaced 'Louie Louie' as the party song." He was speaking of "Boom Boom (Out Go the Lights)," a Little Walter tune from 1955 that Travers reworked from a forgotten R&B hit into an arena-sized rock classic some 20 years later. That same friend owns one of Travers's old guitars, a flame-red Gibson electric that Travers had retired and sold at auction. Its once-gleaming hide is checkered with scars.

"Looks pretty worked over," I tell Travers. "Absolutely," he says. "You know, they don't play themselves." He's on the phone from his home in Florida. "You can see where there's quite a

bit of effort put into it," he laughs. "It's kind of fun. Actually, it's kind of cathartic. It's a way to get out a lot of stress, to beat the crap out of a really expensive guitar for about 90 minutes."

Called one of the more influential blues rockers of the '70s, Pat Travers has the lock on the testosterone-and-big-amps sound, but it's done with taste and without the ego that accompanies much of big guitar. At the peak of his fame, he told a writer, "If we could set up a Stratocaster and a nice little fuzzy amp in here... you could pull anyone into this office and get them in the right mood, and they could probably make something that would sound reasonable."

Travers has a new live album out called *Stick with What You Know*. It's full of old chestnuts such as "Snortin' Whiskey" and "Life in London." He's excited about an upcoming appearance on *Rockline*, and he says that he has an album of all-new material ready to be



PAT TRAVERS

released.

"I love the fact that I'm a pretty good guitar player. I'm lucky to have the aptitude to be able to do it...and the fact that I really just enjoy it, you know?"

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Band. Latin/rock. *Saturday*, 6 p.m. — The Zydeco Blues Patrol. Zydeco/blues. *Sunday*, 5 p.m. — Billy Watson. Blues/soul/jazz.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344. *Friday and Saturday* — TNT.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Leonard Patton & Rebecca Jade. A tribute to the

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OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Carl Newman is better known as the main man behind four albums by Vancouver supergroup the New Pornographers, but he has also released two solo albums as A.C. Newman. The first, his excellent release *The Slow Wonder*, came out in 2004 and immediately put to rest any questions about who was the indispensable member of Newman's other band. It had the unforgettable hooks and beautiful vocal harmonies of the New Pornographers but used them in sparser arrangements and slower tempos. Overall, it set a more contemplative mood — even if the surrealistic lyrics meant you couldn't really tell what Newman was con-

templating.

That mood carried over into the next two New Pornographers albums, *Twin Cinema* and *Challengers*, which all but abandoned the chugging, upbeat rhythm that had been one of the band's trademarks. They're both good albums, but their pleasures don't reveal themselves as quickly and easily as did *Mass Romantic* and *Electric Version*.

With his new *Get Guilty*, Newman doesn't make things any easier for us, with one exception: he includes a lyric sheet. For the first time, those of us who buy the CD (instead of downloading it) can puzzle over the meaning of Newman lines such as "Few have the luxury of B-sides, no, but I do. I've got buckets full."

Are we supposed to take that to mean we're listening to his second-rate songs, or does he mean to say that the New Pornographers



A.C. NEWMAN

are now getting his castoffs? Probably neither, but who knows? The most remarkable thing about such a line is that words that look so plain on the page can sound so stirring in the middle of his song.

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as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Janell Rock**
Song: "The Black Cat Cries" (from the CD Performer)
Heard By: **Silvia Flores, College Area**



Silvia

I liked the bass in the beginning. Instead of just keeping the rhythm, it actually played the melody. The vocals seemed interesting in the beginning but then got a little repetitive in the middle of the song. I like how you can feel the emotion being portrayed throughout the song. It was definitely jazz — almost a little of the bebop era and kind of close to Anita O'Day. The lyrics were something like "the cat cries for the little girl." Metaphorically speaking, I took it to be about someone's heart crying. I got a sense of longing. I can really see somebody like that picking up on the jazz circuit here in San Diego.

Artist: **Matt Commerce**
Song: "Only with You (feat. Quino)" (from the CD Closer Than You Realize)
Heard By: **Ovie Soto, North Park**



Ovie

I thought it was an interesting mixture of three styles: there was a little bit of a country feel in the singer's voice, the music had a reggae beat with some of the typical reggae instruments, and then there was an addition of a ukulele, which gave me a little bit of an "island" feel. The acoustic-guitar solo was nice. It wasn't too prominent or tinny. The female singer sang a nice harmony that didn't overpower the lead singer's melody. Obviously, "Only with You" is the title, and he's talking about life with this [particular] person but not with other people. I think around Valentine's Day it's timely.

Artist: **Wayne Riker**
Song: "Tumbleweed Trot" (from the CD Fretology)
Heard By: **Christian Ferruzca, Linda Vista**



Christian

It sounds a little like bossa nova — Brazilian music. I think the guy's really good. I took a couple of guitar classes myself, but I didn't go that far. Mainly, I was just focusing on the guitar. There was no singing; it was just instrumental. The music was really mellow. It's a CD that you can sit down and have a cup of coffee to — maybe even [take] to the beach. I wouldn't necessarily say that this is music for younger people. Rock and alternative rock is pretty much what I listen to the most, but I can also just come to a coffee shop and put something like this on my laptop.

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Music & Event Calendar of February

Thursday, 19th: Irish Night w/Skelpin

Friday, 20th: Special Guest

Saturday, 21st: Special Guest

Sunday, 22nd: Old Timey Session

Monday, 23rd: The Blokes

Tuesday, 24th: Special Guest

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 February 28 — The Duhks.
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 March 21 — Michelle Shocked.
 March 26 — Chad & Jeremy.
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 April 5 — Muriel Anderson.
 April 11 — Rory Block.
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 February 28 — Thunder Road.
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 March 6 — Gene Perry's 10-Piece Orchestra.
 March 7 — Joey DeFrancesco.
 March 10 — The Anthology House Band.
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 March 12, March 13 — Jane Monheit.
 March 14 — Haute Chile.
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 March 21 — Dave Mason.
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 February 26 — The Amina Figarova Sextet.

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 March 6 — Delta Spirit.
 March 9 — Tom Jones.
 March 12 — Solana Beach Baseball Bash.
 March 15 — The Von Bondies.
 March 21 — Stepping Feet.
 April 4 — John Brown's Body.
 April 9 — The Dark Star Orchestra.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Avenue, North Park, 619-239-8836.
 February 28 — The Lalo Schiffrin Trio.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
 March 5 — Colin Clyne.
 March 11 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
 February 26 — Irieside.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen: 333 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-342-0212.
 March 15 — Jordan Reimer.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
 February 27 — Bionic jive.
 February 28 — Ditch.
 March 6 — Lost Boys Reunited.
 March 7 — Chanauk.
 March 8 — Acoustic Alliance.
 March 12 — theSTART.
 March 14 — Kyle Van Band.
 March 19 — Yesterday & Today.

Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-757-2827.
 February 27 — Playback.
 February 28 — Rip Carson.

Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.
 February 26 — Charlie Chavez y su Afro Truko.

March 1 — Hablando Salsa.
 March 3 — Mambo Salvaje.
 March 4 — Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney.
 March 5 — Charlie Chavez y su Afro Truko.
 March 8 — Orquesta Salsa Caliente.
 March 10 — Orquesta Estrella Mix.
 March 11 — Orquesta Guarare.
 March 15 — Orquesta Guayo.
 March 17 — Orquesta Primo.
 March 22 — Son y Clave.
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March 24 — Trece de la Suerte.
 March 24 — Mambo Salvaje.
 March 26 — Orquesta Primo.
 March 29 — Gene Perry y Afro Rumba.
 March 31 — Banda del Swing.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
 February 26 — Iron Works.
 February 27 — Pantera'd.
 February 28 — Chasing Claymores.
 March 6 — High Tide.
 March 13 — De La Soul.
 April 29 — Diplo.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.
 March 14 — The Baytown Band.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
 February 26 — N.A.S.A.
 February 28 — Kool Keith.
 March 10 — Plants & Animals.
 March 14 — Cursive.
 March 15 — Asobi Seksu.
 April 16 — The Black Lips.

Chateau Orleans: 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744.
 February 27 — Robin Henkel.

Cox Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947.
 March 8 — Slipknot.
 March 15 — Los Temerarios.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
 March 29 — The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

March 22 — MX Live Fest.
 July 17 — Coldplay.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
 February 27 — Leo Rising.
 February 28 — West of 5.

Dos Picos County Park: 17953 Dos Picos Park Road, Ramona.
 March 28 — Sara Petite.

Downtown Café: 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.
 March 14 — The Burnsville Band.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.
 February 27 — 1Louder.
 March 27 — Dead as Dillinger.

Encinitas Library: 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas.
 March 1 — Skelpin.

Epazote: 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-9966.
 February 26 — Freefall.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
 March 30 — Sing It Loud.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
 February 27 — Cadaver Dogs.
 February 28 — Hungover Tomorrow.

The Harp: 4935 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168.
 February 27 — The Buzzbombs.
 March 7 — Eddie Money.

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February 27 — The Blokes.
 February 28 — Rocksllyde.

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 February 26 — Skelpin.
 March 20 — The Band in Black.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church: 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0365.
 March 6 — Gráda.

Hooligans: 560 Greenbrier Drive, Oceanside, 760-967-0128.
 February 28 — The Live Wire Band.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.
 February 26 — Kinky.
 February 27 — Big Head Todd & the Monsters.
 February 28 — Raphael Saadiq.
 March 1 — Zappa Plays Zappa.
 March 2 — Busta Rhymes.
 March 3 — Adalitas Way.
 March 4 — The Oddity Faire: A Mutated Mini Fest.

March 5 — The Pretenders.
 March 6 — Jimmy Eat World.
 March 7 — Mago de Oz.
 March 8 — G. Love & Special Sauce.
 March 9 — Adele.
 March 10 — Jesse McCartney.
 March 11 — Who's Bad?
 March 13 — Rocco DeLuca and the Burden.
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April 23 — Queensrÿche.
April 25 — Panteón Rococó.
April 26 — Ximena Sarinana.
April 30 — Eek-A-Mouse.
May 1 — Kreator.
May 5 — Sammy Hagar.
May 15 — Ramón Ayala.
May 18 — Tech N9ne.
May 31 — Mayhem.
June 12 — Billy Ray Cyrus.
July 22 — Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine.

Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College: 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos, 760-744-1150.
May 18 — Palomar Jazz Vocal Ensemble.
May 21 — Palomar Concert Band and Palomar Brass Ensemble.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
February 26 — Rhythm & the Method.

JP's Pub: 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 858-576-2509.
February 27 — West of 5.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.
March 27 — Forbidden.

Yo, DJ!

Talk About a Star



Reverend Horton Heat plays House of Blues on Sunday, February 22

The Reverend Horton Heat, or "Jim," as I like to call him, is a true rock 'n' roller harking back to the good ol' days of the era. Some call him psychobilly and some say rockabilly or a fusion of both. I say rock 'n' roll says all it is. And it's good, if not epic.

The man has been here many times — from the Casbah to Street Scene — and left many people entertained and begging for more. The Reverend

loves San Diego, too, being that he frequently hangs out with Harley Davidson of local "scariest band in the world" Deadbolt.

The gospel according to Jim is a blend of many influences, but I see Jerry Lee Lewis to the Big Bopper.

One of my own personal favorite shows was when the band played the grand opening of the Hard Rock Café downtown maybe ten years ago. They blocked off the entire street, trucked in a bunch of sand, and it was a beach party with the Reverend Horton Heat. Good times! Especially the dust up of sand when he played "I Can't Surf."



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February 27 — Serious Guise.
February 28 — Ghost Riders and Frankie Dee & the Funk Ntra Band.
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March 1 — Ra Ra Riot.

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February 27 — The Fabulous Pelicans and Innovation.
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March 7 — Revenge Club.

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February 26 — Adam del Monte.

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March 15 — Eddie and the Vibra Tones.

North Park: University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets), North Park.
February 28 — Guava Belly.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
February 27 — Frenzy.

Oceanside Library: 330 North Coast Highway, Oceanside.
February 28 — Omega.

Old Time Music: 2852 University Avenue, North Park, 619-280-9035.
February 28 — Richard Greene.
March 7 — Wayne Riker.

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February 28 — Dave Aude and Charles Feelgood.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947.
April 29 — Celtic Woman: Isle of Hope.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.
March 6 — The Pretenders.

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March 12 — The Spectrum Trio.
April 23 — Janet Hammer and Nathan Fry.
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Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
February 26 — The Blue Four.
February 27 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.
February 28 — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire.
March 1 — Soul Plow.
March 2 — Jukeville.
March 3 — Blue Largo.
March 4 — "Cream."
March 5 — Blue Four.
March 8 — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.
March 9 — Jukeville.
March 10 — Blue Largo.
March 11 — Bill Magee Blues Band.
March 12 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.
March 14 — Missy Andersen.

March 15 — Delta Heat.
March 16, March 17 — The Bayou Brothers.
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February 27 — 5 Miles High.
February 28 — The Alternatives.
March 7 — 6one9.

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March 16 — Fighting Chance.
April 6 — Jerkagram.

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February 27 — Lipstick N Leather.
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February 27 — Nihilist.
March 21 — Pushin Rope.

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March 11 — The Dirty Legs.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.

April 17 — Avenged Sevenfold.
May 24 — Taylor Swift.
May 31 — Fleetwood Mac.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown.

March 1 — The Mellotones.
March 15 — Dublin Down.

Schroeder's at Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del Rey Street, Clairemont, 858-794-9044.

February 28 — Debra Wanger.
March 7 — Swingin' at the Sands.
March 21 — The Needemann Brothers.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.
March 1 — Blue Rockit.

March 8 — Midnight Heat.
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March 29 — The Cat-illacs.

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February 26 — Mower.

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March 28 — Hapa.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-255-7224.

March 10 — Hurts to Laugh.
March 20 — The Dirty Legs.

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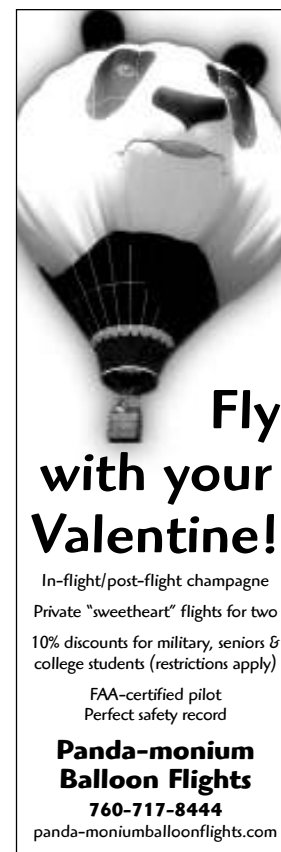
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by Josh Board

Each year I go to two Super Bowl parties. I leave the first party at halftime, which I don't mind doing if the TV halftime show includes musical guests such as Bruce Springsteen.

This year, the first party I attended was being thrown by a woman named Linda. I called her to ask if I could bring my dog. (I'd just gotten him from the shelter and already had a complaint from a neighbor because the dog barked when I was gone for a few hours. Until I could train him to deal with the separation anxiety, I wasn't thrilled about leaving him alone.)

Linda said she had a few big dogs and it wouldn't be a problem. She was worried about people stepping on him, and I said I'd keep my eye on that.

Linda's backyard in Mount Helix was perfect for a party. It was huge and had a pool as well as an outdoor bar. TV sets were everywhere. There was so much food, I couldn't find a place to put the Super Bowl cupcakes I'd brought (half of which were ruined when I stopped suddenly and they fell off the seat).

There were two large canopies set up, and Linda told me, "I really looked at all the areas, to see how shaded it would be." I glanced



Gerald (center) and Jell-O shot girl (far left)

over and saw three huge palm trees on one side. They offered no shade.

She told me that a wedding reception was held here, with the groom throwing the bride and the cake into the pool. She made a joke about it turning into "sponge cake."

"They're both married to other people."

There were a couple of huge dogs; one had a diaper on. I asked the owner if it wasn't potty trained. I was told that it was a wound from a pit bull attack.

I saw a few teenagers drinking Dr Pepper, but all I saw was booze available. There were four

coolers, but each one I opened was empty. Not even ice. I grabbed a drink from the frozen-margarita machine.

I heard Linda tell someone that she was going to get a projector to show the game. Someone asked, "Did you buy all these TVs for the game, or did you borrow them?" She said they only borrowed one.

Because I got there an hour before the game started, I was able to mingle.

I found out one guy trained dolphins for the Navy. I asked him about his job, and he said he didn't want to talk to a reporter about it. Someone leaned in and said, "You could understand that. What if he's training them to go on suicide missions with bombs strapped to their dorsal fin or something?"

I met a bailiff and his friend who worked in law enforcement.

They told great stories. One involved a defendant who was mad at his lawyer. He smuggled in a bag of his own feces and rubbed it on his attorney's face before throwing it at the jury.

I put down the bean dip I was enjoying.

The bailiff's friend, a woman, spent a lot of time petting my dog and praising it...and also praising another furry thing — the toilet seat in the bathroom. She told me I had to try it. I explained that guys hate furry seats because they don't stay up. Someone heard this and yelled, "That sounds like a personal problem to me!"

Every time someone came out of the bathroom, the lady would ask them what they thought of the seat.

I finally went in there and reported back to her. I said, "That seat is great because it's furry and actually stays up without you having to hold it." She then talked about how it's great because it can sop up all the mess the guys leave. She added, "My brother was the worst, but that's because he was born with a small pee hole." She went on to explain that at four years old he had to have surgery. She said, "I brought that story up at his wedding. I don't think he liked that."

I met a couple that had just

moved here from Texas; the guy was stationed on a ship there. He told me that the previous night a homeless guy had assaulted him. He said he didn't want to fight and risk getting in trouble with his work, so he just walked backward as he dialed 911. The homeless guy kept yelling at him as cops showed up. He said, "They were there really quick. They tased him and he pissed his pants. It was insane."

All the conversations I was having were about going to the bathroom. As I grabbed a few spicy pieces of chicken, Linda told me about her family in Boston and how they brag about their sports teams. She then brags about the weather.

I thanked her for letting me bring my dog and headed to the next party in San Carlos.

I stopped at home, where my girlfriend said she'd watch the dog. I picked up a Super Bowl cake (which I managed to get to the party in one piece).

The second half had started. And, it wasn't toilet-seat talk I heard. My friend Gerald and I argued with a guy that thought Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner should make it to the hall of fame. I said, "Uh...he threw an interception that was returned 100 yards for a touchdown." We debated for

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ten minutes.

Everyone was looking at the squares others had bought for one of the betting pools. The woman that won bought only one. Someone said, "What are the odds of that? The person with the fewest squares wins." Someone else said, "Can't you spare a square?"

A cute redhead in a Chargers jersey kept saying, "There was a score. We have to do Jell-O shots." She'd grab a large tray from the fridge and pass them out. I said, "Did you make these in the Cardinal colors on purpose?" She said she didn't.

One guy kept wrestling with a woman. At one point he got her into a headlock and was trying to make her eat a chili pepper. I mentioned they were really cute together. Someone leaned in and said, "Uh...well, they're just coworkers. They're both married to other people."

This was a smaller crowd than the first party, but it was harder to hear the commercials because nobody cared about them.

When the Steelers won, I asked the guy with whom I'd argued about Kurt Warner if Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will now be talked about for the hall of fame. He'd just won his second Super Bowl in a young career. The guy responded with "He'll need to perform like that for years to be considered." I got mad and said, "What are you talking about? That was my whole point with Warner! He's only had three good years in the NFL. Just because those years all led to Super Bowls..."

We agreed to disagree, and I left during the postgame celebrations. ■

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The last time I ate at Arterra, it's then nearly new head chef lammed it out the back door and ran home to Pittsburgh a few days after the review came out. Don't blame me, I liked his food fine. Ever since the original chef de cuisine, Carl Schroeder, left to open Market a few miles north, Arterra's been a revolving door, spinning chefs through at mad speed for no reason that I can fathom. Even Philip Marlowe might be stumped by this mystery.

This time, the "new" near-new (since 2007) executive chef, Jason Maitland, has been cooking, in one capacity or another, in that same open kitchen since its opening day. Son of a gourmet-cook doctor, and himself a graduate of the New England Culinary School in Vermont, he moved west looking for sunshine and found it in San Diego. He took a job at Arterra as junior sous chef in January 2002 and has risen through the ranks to the top toque position. Maybe he'll stick around awhile. I hope so. He's good.

I kicked myself for missing the bold fall menu, where Maitland challenged San Diego's native food-fear with dishes such as seared beef tongue, roasted bone marrow, and truffled popcorn sweetbreads. Unfortunately, I was otherwise engaged, questing for manna on the meaner streets and mainly failing to find it. I finally got to the restaurant during January Restaurant Week, hoping for a little mercy to my wallet along with my palate. Instead of just three choices per course like most restaurants, Arterra's \$40 prix fixe offered a menu with six appetizers and six entrées, several of the most desirable choices carrying surcharges of up to \$15. The wine list — remarkably thin at the low end — wiped out any other savings, since I'm not about to turn teetotaler anytime soon. I've heard about



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a country that tried that, about 80 years ago. It didn't work out.

I was eating with Lynne and Mark and Ben. We told the waiter it'd be family style. He knew what we meant. Following the dictum "age before beauty," he delivered the seared duck foie gras to me for first bites. I've eaten enough foie gras that I'm almost inured to its divinity, but I was taken with this astute treatment. A tart "salad" of local blood-orange slices complemented its unctuousness, while an intensely citrusy chutney-like marmalade offered bitter-sweet notes. Best of all, delicate, crackly soft flakes of black "lava salt" from Hawaii, placed alongside for the diner to add at will, brought all the flavors into focus with their gentle mineral undertones. This wasn't salt for saltiness's sake but a distinctive flavor of its own. (It also wasn't one of those sulfurous *Joe Versus the Volcano* pricey black salts that stink like a blowhole on Kilauea or the mouth of hell.)

Local organic cauliflower soup sounded humble but outshone the foie. It had a darker, richer flavor than any mere cruciferous veg-

etable can ever confer, reminiscent of black truffles: cumin oil and coriander, per the menu. Floating in the soup were bits of rich braised beef and nameless sautéed root vegetables. "I want that again for dessert," said Ben, who started the bowl and longed to bogart it. "I want it for my last meal," I said. Only January when eaten, and it's already a shoo-in for the year's "best dishes" list.

After that high point, a salad of braised Chino Farms baby beets (both red and gold) was bound to be anticlimactic. Is there any California cuisine restaurant in the entire state that does not offer a beet salad? And of all the beet salads in all of California, how many of them *don't* include melted goat cheese? This one was still lovable due to a few fresh seasonal twists, with organic blood orange and tangelo segments over shaved fennel and arugula dressed with curry vinaigrette, and chevre puffs coated in earthy whole-wheat flour. If we must have more beet salads, then let them be like this one.

The one semi-flop starter was a smallish, not-moist-enough pan-seared blue crab cake. If beet salads are now as common as dirt, crab

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cakes are as ubiquitous as ants. This one was plated over a hash of roasted chestnuts and butternut squash with "melted" cipollini onions and sage butter. "We're here for our big scene with the duck," said the squash cubes and onions. "Hey, I thought we were booked to back up the heritage pork," the chestnuts and sage grumbled. However clever they were, these garnishes by nature seemed to rebel against lending support to wimpy crab cakes. I'm surprised they didn't call a strike and walk off the plate.

The entrées weren't quite up to the cauliflower soup, but few things are. The best was

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grilled natural Duroc pork — you may know it better by its Japanese name, Kurobuta. We chose the eight-ounce bone-in chop. (You could get a bigger chop or a “New York” cut for even higher surcharges.) It was cooked longer than requested but was still savory, surrounded by kale festooned with bits of salty, smoky bacon and topped with sweet-tart huckleberry compote and, for a final touch, served with a slick of creamy cauliflower purée. “This chef is so good with salt,” the Lynnester said, eating the kale. “Yeah,” said Mark. “He uses it as an active flavor, not just a passive addiction like most American cooking.”

A duo of Prime beef short-ribs had, first of all, USDA Prime-grade beef. As I learned at George's at the Cove a few years ago, even low-on-the-steer braising cuts are vastly better as Prime than as lower grades. The plate looked as dainty as an appetizer, with its two modest brown mounds, but with flavors as huge as Sydney Greenstreet's suit size. Half the duo was a “shepherd's pie” consisting of browned mashed potatoes fried in duck fat, topping a mix of chopped meat and root vegetables. This is, obviously, not at all what Brits eat at home, or even in pubs. The other half was a Napoleon-like layering of soft and juicy Syrah-braised meat over veggies. Somewhere on the plate was something called a “three-minute egg sauce,” but none of us could locate or identify it. Nobody cared.

Crispy Skin Loch Duart King Salmon offered Scottish salmon in a saffron-curry *nage* — the latter being a brothy, light sauce (from the French word for “swim”). Alongside the moist, tender fish (and yummy crisp skin) were fingerling potatoes, local organic chard, and, best of all, a swarmlet of tender, peeled whole garlic cloves lending their rooty sweetness.

Least exciting was Jidori chicken. It had tender breast meat cooked *sous vide* and a confit leg “terrine” that resembled Thanksgiving stuffing, plus brussels sprouts with bacon and some contribution (vaguely noted on the menu) from Meyer lemons. Maybe it's time for chefs to stop treating Jidori chicken like the fowl Holy Grail. Even if it has a Japanese name and a refined upbringing, it's still just chicken. Do something! Spice it up, stuff it, brine it, marinate it — do anything!

Finding “affordable” wines was not just challenging, it was painful. I'm on a budget here myself. My job is to come up with the best quaffs from the bottom realms of the list — from what you've told me in your emails, that's what you want, and so does my Boss of Bosses. Best I could do for a white was “Le Secret Ivre” (“drunken secret”), a big delicious white Rhone Marsanne blend for \$52. Reds were seriously hard, since even the Chilean and Argentine selections ran over \$100. I finally settled for an over-\$60 Stellenbosch Cab that didn't thrill me at all. Other local sommeliers manage to provide delicious \$30–\$40 choices from South America, South

Africa, Iberia, New Zealand, Australia, the Rhone, the Loire, the Minervois, and — yes, North County and Baja. Is the sommelier here living in some dream world in his very corporate hotel restaurant, cheek-to-cheek with bankers whooping it up on their bailouts? Oh, Mr. Marriott, who do you think you are...?

We weren't happy with their service, either — not a problem with our waiter, but with the service-management plan. The waiter was covering too many other tables, and we couldn't get him back again when we needed him — just runners and busers with no power to initiate action. He wasn't there often enough to refill our glasses with the white wine and was long delayed when we wanted to order a red for the entrée course and then again to deliver said red. Part of our discontent with the Cabernet was that it arrived far too late, when we were already down to seeds and stems on the food — had we realized how long it would take, we would probably have skipped it and just hoarded the last of our white and maybe (God forbid) sipped more San Diego water. (And while I'm at it: Why is Arterra still giving each table only one or two of the brilliant little corn muffins in the bread basket, even when there are four diners? That is *so* chintzy! We're not spending enough on indulgence, you have to withhold everybody's favorite signature dish? Grrr!)

All three desserts were highly accomplished, even if none quite hit my “D” (for Dessert) spot. The lightest consisted of three scoops of blood

orange-tangelo sorbet, just right after all the red meat. Most exciting was a pastry called “roasted pineapple waukau,” filled with roasted pineapple chunks and accompanied by a rich cream-cheese ice cream. But I didn't like the pastry — too dense and heavy. A “rocky-road brownie” was a reasonably delicate dark-chocolate confection accompanied by a frozen milk-chocolate mousse that seemed cloned from a Fudgsicle.

When Arterra first opened, celeb chef Bradley Ogden was in charge of the kitchen. At that time, I found the food a little too laid-back and “business dinner-ish” for my tastes (my frequent complaint with Brad's style). And I've never liked the business-class vibe of the Carmel Valley Marriott. (Stayed there one night. Room windows are sealed. Corporate tyranny!) But with each successive chef, I've liked the cooking better, as the newcomers have each seized the reins and made the menu his own, within the admirable framework of a local-sustainable-organic farm-to-table ethos. Maitland makes the food not just good but fun — you want to stick around to see what he'll do for his next act. The food costs, but you get actual value for your money when it tastes this pleasing.

The rich are different from you and me: they have more money to spend at good restaurants (unless they've been “Madoffed”). The rest of us, in these scary times, have to make our own deals with the devil. We can eat out rarely and well. We can eat out often, but often rather badly. (It's not always slop, but it can feel that way if you know that, with a little time and energy, you can cook better yourself.) We can also seek out great, cheap ethnic mom 'n' pops (and I found a corker for next week's review). As the old-time carnies used to say, “Yer pays yer money and yer takes yer choice.” Arterra remains a primo destination when your whole weary, frazzled being is crying out for a vacation, a house in the country — or at least the treat of a truly fine meal. ■



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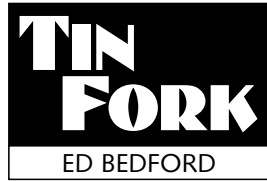
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Hmm... Little break can't hurt. Plenty of time to climb back over that mountain. I head west, and right before a fishing pier, here's this pair of little brown-painted, six-sided cinderblock buildings. One's a storehouse and public bathrooms; the other, hey hey, JJ's. Half a dozen tables with red-and-white-checked plastic cloths and white Mich-elob Ultra umbrellas fill a courtyard between the buildings.

They have a surprisingly extensive menu, propped near the little grille where you give your orders. First thing I like is that they've included tax in the price. Breakfast items are cheapest. Egg sandwich with cheese is \$3.23. If you add sausage, ham, or bacon, it's \$4.85. A “plain” breakfast burrito, with egg, hash browns, grilled onion, sour cream, and cheese goes for \$4.42. For lunch, a tuna sub (with cheese and choice of potato salad, coleslaw, or chips) costs \$6.47, and roast beef's \$6.20. Burgers go from \$5.87 (for 1/3 lb. with the same sides) up to \$8.40 for JJ's 2/3 lb. double cheeseburger. (You can add chili to any burger for

\$1.75.) Hot dogs start at \$3.23, up to \$6.73 for a large chili dog. Daily specials vary, from a burger plus sides and a soda for \$6.72 (Mondays) to a BBQ torpedo with grilled pork strips and a soda for \$9.00 (Thursdays). And every day they have that rib-eye steak sandwich advertised on the sandwich board for \$9.97, including a soda and beans. Ooh, and a pork-chop meal (two chops) costs \$8.78.

But the one that has me reaching for ye olde wallet to count the greenbacks is the Wednesday and Sunday Special: a half-rack of barbecued babyback ribs with ranch beans, garlic bread, potato salad or coleslaw or fruit cocktail, and a soda for \$12.93.

Yes! Have enough dingle. And today's Sunday. And now I see they have cerveza — and Stella Artois at that — for \$4 (16 ounces) or \$5 (20 ounces).

This is when the man himself, JJ, comes up. “Tell you what,” he says. “I'll take the price of the soda off the beer price. How's that?”

Mighty fair, I'd say. I go sit at one of the tables in the sun, sipping Stella, and feasting my eyes on, wow, a million-dollar view — a fishing pier and then the blue bay, jumpin' with yachts and tugs and barges and ferries and pelicans and fishermen, and a brisk breeze whipping the tops of the waves. Heck, Coronado can't be more than a ten-minute swim away.

“I wouldn't try that today,” JJ says. “Tide's running mighty fast.” He's cooking the ribs

outside and has quite a little crowd. Raymond and Jewel, his wife, are chewing on a center-cut pork loin sandwich, watching a destroyer slice south, headed for the bridge and 32nd Street. It's so close you can almost touch it. “I started in the Navy in 1942,” Raymond says. “LSTs. South Pacific. Rock and roll? You had to tie yourself into your bunk or get thrown out.” Sam, who's just slurping a beer, says he's been fishing these waters since the pier opened 28 years ago. “Fishing here sucks now,” he says. “But you still get mackerel, bass, bonito, bat rays — I've seen them five feet across. And a gal caught a leopard shark once. Right here. They grow up to seven feet.”

JJ — he's also retired Navy — brings over my ribs. Wow. Quite a rack, half a dozen, looks like, with ranch beans in one pot and potato salad in another, all on an aluminum foil-wrapped paper plate. Another plate has foil-wrapped hot garlic toast, and a third has — this is good — a little stack of wet finger-cleaner napkins. The beans are delicious and brown-sugar sweet. The rib meat falls off the bone and also has something tangy-sweet going. Overnight marinade, for sure. But the biggest pleasure is the heat of the meat. Delicious in the chilly breeze.

I come away, walking, not running. Hey, I



weigh a couple of pounds more now. I get to the convention center. Stand at the bottom of those dreaded outside stairs. Look up. The beer I drank says, “Don't even go there.” Feel like yelling, “Hey, Stella!” Oh, what the heck. Should be okay, if I just take them like you should take life. One step at a time. ■

The Place: JJ's Sunset Deli by the Bay, 200 Marina Park Way, 619-237-1070

Type of Food: American

Prices: Breakfast egg sandwich with cheese, \$3.23; breakfast burrito (with egg, hash browns, grilled onion, sour cream, cheese), \$4.42; tuna sub (with choice of potato salad, coleslaw, or chips), \$6.47; roast beef sub, \$6.20; 1/3 lb. burger (same sides), \$5.87; 2/3 lb. double cheeseburger, \$8.40; hot dogs, \$3.23-\$6.73; check daily specials, e.g. Thursdays: barbecued torpedo with grilled pork strips and soda, \$9.00; also, everyday combos, e.g. rib-eye steak sandwich with soda, beans, \$9.97; Wednesdays and Sundays: half-rack barbecued babyback ribs, with ranch beans, garlic bread, and potato salad or coleslaw or fruit cocktail, and soda, \$12.93

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BEACHES

Baleen 1404 Vacation Road, Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at

the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations. — N.W.

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Fridays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-692-1410. The pleasures of the Brazilian table go beyond the orgies of skewered meats served at *rodízios* (e.g., Rei Do Gado). Here you can eat like a real *carrioca*, sampling typical dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can happily make a grazing meal of stuffed things — appetizers such as *coxinhas*, *pasteles*, *croquetas*, and *kube* (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kibbe*) — and don't miss the luxuriant fried-bananas Milanese. Ask for the house's Brazilian hot sauce, hotter and livelier than the Mexican bottled sauces on the tables. The main-course masterpiece is *moqueca de peixe*, fish in a curry-like coconut milk stew. Other good choices include *prato feito* (beef, fish, or chicken, sprinkled with lemon juice and served over a sea of red beans) or *filet mignon* with *catupiry*, a stroganoff-like concoction made with a rich Brazilian cheese of the same name. Weekends, there's *feijoada*, the Brazilian national dish, but it's a rather thin and soupy version. Good desserts, including passion-fruit mousse. Beer, wine, sake-based cocktails. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations accepted but not needed. Moderate. — N.W.

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is Coast Toast, served until noon — the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads, while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, 858-551-3620. In this oddly cozy penthouse with wide windows facing west, the curtains rise at sunset to reveal a panorama stretching to the sea. It's comfortable, attractive, not too formal — casual-chic. Here, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a creative, sophisticated, seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors seamlessly integrated, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. With his discerning palate, his fare is unusually delicious. And it's healthful, low-carb enjoyment with interesting veggies, little starch, minimal cream. Wine list includes some high-end French bargains; good choices by the glass. Full bar. Free parking. Elevator-accessible restrooms same floor. Dietary restrictions accommodated. No kiddie menu, but child-size plates half-price from regular menu. Reservations recommended. Live local jazz in lounge most nights after 7 or 8 p.m.; big band Sunday nights. Can be noisy. Three meals daily. Expensive. — N.W.

Come On In 1030B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. 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 until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B.

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Café menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast-Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific 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 fireplace-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.

Sky Room 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-3744. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and California coastal cuisine, i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during week-night happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular

restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — N.W.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

El Arrecife Calle Colima 2293, Baja, 664-200-2585. Think of it as a Mexican take on an American institution, the burger joint. In this settled, upper-middle-class neighborhood, Daniel Ludim Gómez Vaca set up a hip little spot ("The Reef") where he specializes in...octopus burgers. Actually, octopus, shrimp, beef, or chicken burgers. Or mixes. One of the best is octopus and shrimp with cheese and bacon. The children of Tijuana's elite come here to watch soccer, eat, and hang out, even though it's cramped and half underground. The menu has healthier alternatives, such as chicken salad or shrimp salad, but it's the octopus that has made him famous. Open noon to 9



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La Fonda Baja Highway 1, km. 59, Baja, 646-155-0307. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Vegetarian upon request. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Original Ortega's Calle Principal (next to Casa de la Langosta), Baja. In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original Lobster Village restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually, Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted Kitchen Maid margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Vegetarian upon request. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W.

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadron 201 Street), Baja, 664-686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente Valley. The restaurant even grows its own

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a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday to 7 p.m., Sunday to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-230-0382. Despite its moniker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta-and-rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. Tastings of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W.

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious: a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their

billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous, lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — please to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M.

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-281-1355. This bright, über-cool eatery offers dishes from the state of Hidalgo, Mexico, where lamb eating is a tradition. In dishes like the Lamb Special (lamb taco, quesadilla, cactus salad, rice), the rich taste of lamb cooked in maguery leaves comes through beautifully. Lamb *mixiote* (a spicier, smokier variation, with the lamb cooked inside the thin maguery skin) is also a "must eat." Or, just to get hooked on the whole lamb thing, slurp their luscious broth (with lamb, garbanzo beans, rice). If you're feeling adventurous, try lamb *pancita* (lamb's organs cooked inside its own sewn-up stomach). Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Café Delight 4646 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-5248. He used to run one of Baghdad's most famous restaurants, the Ishtar, when Sad-

dam was vice president. When the government asked him to spy on his customers, Sami and his wife Claudia left the country. You can tell from the cooking: this couple know what they're doing. They took over this little place (and little it is) from a Vietnamese-American couple, so the menu has echoes of Vietnam and the Middle East, as well as Italian dishes. Prices are very reasonable. Try the Vietnamese-style coconut milk soup with veggies, with a sandwich, or lamb shank with red curry sauce and couscous. Don't miss the classy Greek coffee. Open daily from 10 a.m. to late; closes at 5 p.m. on Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Café Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

California Cuisine 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency but a preponderance of deliciousness.

Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic alfresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for non-diners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — N.W.

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-4283. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Here you're getting cheap-but-good Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pao hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of mul-

ti-regional "chef specialties" (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even farther. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Crescent Heights Kitchen & Lounge 655 West Broadway, Suite 150, Downtown, 619-450-6450. Chef-owner David McIntyre, a skilled veteran of Wolfgang Puck's Los Angeles restaurant empire, offers fresh, simple, seasonal California cuisine featuring premium meats, seafood, and poultry — and, above all, Chino Farms vegetables, treated with such loving care and imaginativeness that they become the secret center of every entrée. Instead of ordering by the protein, consider choosing dishes with the vegetables that interest you most, as whatever protein comes with them will also be well treated, and the veggie treatments may blow your mind. Needless to say, vegans and vegetarians (and those with allergies and/or taboos) are easily accommodated by request. Patio dining available. Parking \$5 in attached garage. Save room for dessert. Dressy-casual. Interesting international wine list, plenty by the glass. Full bar with avant-garde cocktails. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W.

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — 70 years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday menu. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From

a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-237-4900. The one-time 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. King's 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, Manales' Style, a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Leave parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — N.W.

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Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 J Street, Downtown, 619-858-2277. Oceanaire serves all manner of fresh seafood, including some rare species, from simple preparations to complex dishes with international influences (France, Italy, Asia, Louisiana, fusion). Fusion-y appetizers range from crab cakes (among the best in town) and lively El Diablo fried squid to disappointing oysters Gatesfellar and laughable Cajun-rubbed prawns. ("Eh, Soileau! C'mere, let me rub these prawns on you!") Of a menu comprising some 30 entrées, the best dishes tend to be the least ambitious choices from the "Simply Grilled and Broiled" section. Or you can gamble on more elaborate but risky

composed entrées — e.g., fire-roasted Mano de León scallops in an Asian-style treatment are earthy and delicious, but spiny lobster is buried under an overwhelming, incoherent sauce. Let K.I.S.S. be your guideline. Vegetables and side dishes, served family size at extra charge, aren't wonderful. House-made desserts are pretty good and sized for groups. The oyster bar is a pleasant separate area for snacking or seasonal special dinners; in season, the Kumamotos are superb, other varieties less thrilling. Reservations urged, especially on weekends. Dinner daily. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive. — N.W.

Ono Sushi 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food, and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled

room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate. — N.W.

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the Sicilian steak. But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies

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accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W.*

RA Sushi 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder “Oriental” decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food’s a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and diced *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it’s fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 1 a.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong’s hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions’ tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong’s dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

NORTH INLAND

Bernard’O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-1711. Chef Patrick Ponsaty, a master of flavor, reigns in this unpreten-

tious but beautiful high-ceilinged bistro, producing creative, classic-based French-modern cuisine featuring fine seasonal ingredients. The food isn’t merely creative, it tastes heavenly — the man’s got a palate. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) *bouillabaisse* should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place — and desserts are ravishing, too. Servers are mainly well-informed, enthusiastic fellow foodies who are right on the mark. Alluring wine list at all prices includes top French growths at near-bargain markups, plus full bar. One vegetarian entrée most seasons. Slightly dressy, reservations urged. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive but not exorbitant. — *N.W.*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated *quesadillas* and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best. — *N.W.*

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Suite 200, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood — it’s, as *Guide Michelin* would say, “worth a detour.” Provence-born chef-owner Philippe Verpiande (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes emphasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don’t miss the signature starter of *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a marshmallow. Other great dishes include transcendent *coq au vin*, superb slow-baked salmon, and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) Monday through Thursday nights are as fine as the *à la carte* menu, although it’s difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower-than-average markups, French “bargains” on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Dinner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

El Galeón 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is

What the Chef Eats

JUNIPER BERRY BRINED PORK CHOPS

BY DANNY BANNISTER

Executive Chef, Red Marlin

I’ve been a chef my whole life. It’s always been inside me. My mom hates it, but I attribute it to her because she’s not that good of a cook. I was always trying to make my dinner better. My dad died in a car accident when I was really young, and my mom had to go back to work. Starting when I was about eight, I came home from school alone and I made anything I could for snacks and dinner. I made pasta, using pasta sauce out of different cans and I added in seasonings. I made mac and cheese with different cheeses, and I tried to fancy it up. The first job I ever had cooking, I was 18 and still in high school and

my brother and I bought a small restaurant in Ventura — Numero Uno Pizza and Pasta. I took my first four periods of high school and then I got off to run the business. We took it over as a failing restaurant and got it cheap, but our lack of knowledge was the ultimate downfall. A Pizza Hut and Domino’s came in down the street. Our pizza was a lot better, but because it was a little more expensive, people went to the chains instead of us.

My mom always knew I would be a chef, but I never really saw it. I never thought I would make anything of myself or get ahead in the world. So I went to college to

study anthropology and international studies. I also started working at the Bacara Resort and Spa in Santa Barbara as a pantry cook and fell in love the second I walked into that place. I was in awe, seeing the chefs there with their perfectly pressed shirts and immaculate kitchens. I dropped out of college after a few months and went to the French Culinary Institute in New York City.

I’m only 29 and still developing my food philosophy. It’s constantly changing. I just like fresh, simple food that comes from the heart. It doesn’t have to be something that has a thousand ingredients



and 20 steps and takes five days to make. It could be as simple as a grilled cheese sandwich. Another thing I’m big on is brining pork. If you don’t brine pork, it gets so dry and tough. It’s a waste. For the holidays, I like to brine with juniper berries or molasses. I serve it with roasted potatoes with rendered bacon and caramelized onions. Acorn squash and roasted apples go well, too. There’s nothing like pork chops and applesauce.

featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino (“squat lobster,” in fishermen’s terms) are the house specialties and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong

fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W.*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 South Escondido Boulevard, 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. Senora 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.*

Savory 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; groups larger than ten accommodated with manager’s approval. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

WineSellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Sorrento Valley, 858-450-9557. This long-time favorite “splurge” restaurant, located in a soulless industrial park (there’s no “there” there), sits atop a serious wine store, and your dinner quaffs, from an encyclopedic choice of bottlings, will cost just 20% over retail. The food is the comfortably upscale French cooking that San Diego cherishes — luxurious and modern, without a hint of exoticism. And many dishes would shine in any galaxy — e.g.,

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1 gallon of warm water
 1 cup kosher salt
 1 cup sugar
 1/2 white onion, sliced
 1 carrot, medium dice
 1 stalk celery, medium dice
 1/3 cup juniper berries, ground
 in a clean coffee grinder
 or spice grinder (available
 at most grocery stores in
 the spice section or at
 Whole Foods)
 5 whole garlic cloves, peeled
 1 T ground allspice
 2 T ground coriander
 3 bay leaves
 4-5 ten-ounce pork chops

Olive oil for cooking (about 2 T)

HOW TO DO IT

In a large bowl, mix together the water, salt, and sugar until completely dissolved. Add the rest of the ingredients from the onion to the bay leaves. Add the pork chops to the brine and make sure pork chops are completely submerged. Let the pork sit in the brine mixture for 10-20 hours in fridge. About an hour before cooking, remove the pork chops from the brine,

rinse them under cold water to make sure there is no excess salt or spice, and then season with pepper but no more salt.

Grill the pork chops on a BBQ or pan sear. If pan searing, heat the oven to 350° and heat a large oven-proof skillet over a high heat. Add enough oil to form a thin layer on the pan and heat until shimmering. Lay the chops in the pan and sear until golden on one side (about three minutes). If pan is too crowded, sear the

chops in batches, setting the first ones aside on a platter while searing the second batch. Sear the fatty side of each chop by holding the chop sideways with tongs, about one minute per chop. Turn the chops over and immediately transfer the pan to the oven. Cook the chops until an instant-read thermometer registers 140° (about ten minutes).

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foie gras with mango and tender pheasant stuffed with foie gras, along with cured hamachi and yellowfin-tuna tartare. Dining room up staircase, no lift; accessible seating in first floor tasting room, with full facilities. (Call ahead to arrange, and to arrange vegetarian meals.) Reservations usually necessary, as restaurant holds many sold-out special events. Ask for directions, too, as all the architecture for miles is identical. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday (closed between meals). Lunches high-

moderate, dinners very expensive. — N.W.

NORTH COASTAL

101 Café 631 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from

truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken-fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Cash only. No alcohol. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish-and-

chips, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers, which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out

of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open weekday nights until 8 p.m. and weekend nights until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Oceanside Café 1938 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall, a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the Sausage of the Week is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Pizza Port — Solana Beach 135 North Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-

481-7332. "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, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (Pizza Carlsbad), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (Pizza Solana). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard, 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

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example, share a sampler plate with deadly-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.*

Sbicca American Bistro 215 Fifth Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce on a menu that changes with the seasons. The irresistible lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. Some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them: Salmon served with peas and mushrooms to one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. Family-friendly setting (only well-mannered kids come here) with handsome, airy dining rooms and charming patios. Wide-ranging wine list emphasizing California, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. On different weekday evenings they offer \$5 martinis, no corkage fee, and 50% off all bottles; call for specific days. Crowded during racing season. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. High moderate to expensive. — *B.D.*

When in Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, 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.*

SOUTH BAY

1500 Ocean 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-8490. A lovely indoor-outdoor dining venue replaces the venerable walled-in Prince of Wales at the Del. Now the food is breezier, too — Chef Brian Sinnott's savory California-Mediterranean cuisine is constructed with the beautiful luxury ingredients of each season. His skill with vegetables can turn even brussels sprouts into treats and celeriac into manna. There's everything to like, from the patio with a beach view to the comfortable atmosphere that's dressy but not stiff. The wine list is awesome — rather steep but no gouging, including reasonably mature top quaffs from France. Validated parking. Request assistance with handicapped access (stairs) when calling to reserve. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Anthony's Fish Grotto — Chula Vista 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200. If you don't want overcomplicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish-and-chips are still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

El Comal — Chula Vista 262 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. No border compromises here, just great home cooking from the mainland (Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, Puebla, Oax-

aca, and the Yucatan) in a pair of restaurants founded by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Stuffed tortilla dishes are back in their proper place as appetizers or lunches (don't expect numbered "combo plates"). A *botana* sampler plate that "serves two" (actually stuffs four) is a fun way to try a bunch of them, including outstanding pork-filled *sopes* that taste like somebody's loving *mamacita* made them. Also try a *mulita*, a soft, substantial, house-made tortilla folded over your choice of meat with melted cheese and guacamole, perfect for lunch. For entrées, look to the casseroles, with such exciting choices as *Lengua en Salsa Verde* (tongue in tomatillo sauce), *Barbacoa de Chivo* (tender goat in a lively red "barbecue" sauce), and an excellent *Mole Poblano* (tender chicken breast in sweet-spicy chocolate-based mole sauce). Fish are also well treated. Grilled meat choices, which include a full *parrillada assortment* ("serves two," feeds six), are cut thin and cooked well done. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Crown Room 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even a chocolate fountain for large parties, available upon request. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or lukewarm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Open Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B.*

Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and

comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the *hau-pia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 109, Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. There are folks who believe the best two vegan sandwiches in the county can be found here — the Baby Greens sandwich (roasted eggplant, squash, sprouts, avocado on ciabatta or focaccia) and the Vegan Fusion (imitation meats — smoked turkey and salami — mozzarella cheese, greens, tomatoes, red onions, sprouts, "mayo," deli mustard, olive oil, balsamic vinegar on focaccia). But they're all good: the Appalonia panini (grilled apples, bacon, cheddar) or the Tango (spiced beef pastрами, Black Forest ham, provolone cheese on a ciabatta roll) or the Chicago Way (London broil roast beef with cheddar and horseradish) are all better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, smoothies, and homemade soups. 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; closed Sunday. — *E.B.*

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Romescos 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-8627. Given the post-9/11 tran-

sit hassles, Romescos is a Tijuana restaurant family's way of bringing their fine food to this side of the border. This branch of the respected Casa Placencia and Villa Saverios features seasonal "Baja Mediterranean" cuisine, a creative blending of southern European and Mexican flavors, highlighting inventive uses of Baja ingredients. Don't miss smoked marlin carpaccio, grilled duck breast, escobar. The whole menu is worth exploring, full of surprising treats. Wide-ranging international wine list includes Guadalupe Valley bottlings. Ambiance is dressy-casual; reserve for dinners. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

EAST COUNTY

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven. Also, try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Lunch and dinner (with inexpensive early-bird dinner) Monday through Saturday; brunch and dinner Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

La Casa del Zorro 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the denatures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Downtown Café 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Main,

a French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought-iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Geno's Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. The original owner, Geno, was a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He was a surfer, but serious. He'd won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he said nobody else had. Today, a new owner has continued the tradition. 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 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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My friends and I went there the other night and had the best time! The service was amazing, and the food just topped off the entire evening. We sat at one of the tables on the ocean side for the sunset, and it was a great view. We shared the crab cakes (amazing), then for dinner we had the pork chop, swordfish, and surf-n-turf. The food was well cooked and came out in a timely manner. For dessert, we had the black forest cake (amazing) and the mixed berry cobbler. Overall the evening was a success; the food and service were top notch. I will be going back very soon!
By **joesman21** 12:14 p.m., Feb. 11

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria, North Park

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria has Chicago-style deep-dish pan pizza and Vienna beef products that make you feel you are back in the "Windy City." The deep-dish pizza is a meal in itself and the hot dogs and Italian beef sandwiches dipped in "da jus" sauce are delicious. The food is always served right out of the oven or from the grill. The atmosphere is very open and friendly with lots of Chicago sports memorabilia on the walls. The restaurant has indoor and outdoor seating. Lefty's works because of the quality of food, the great atmosphere, and the reasonable prices. Kudos to Lefty's for keeping Chicago food relevant!
By **fridge2172** 11:11 a.m., Feb. 15

San Marcos Mexican Restaurant, La Mesa

Absolutely wonderful place to dine with the family! The food is as authentic as homemade, reminds me of Mom's. The bistec with nopalitos is very tasty; actually, haven't tried anything on menu that didn't leave me smiling. Another plus: prices are very reasonable.
By **giselavw** 6:06 p.m., Feb. 15

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Do Tell

The logic of it can pass as the logic of destiny.

Fresh from the Jewish Film Festival, Avi Neshet's *The Secrets* starts a theatrical engagement this Friday at the Reading Gaslamp. (Not to be confused with the singular *A Secret*, also Jewish-themed, that played there in December.) Neshet, a name unfamiliar to me, has a list

of schlocky straight-to-video Hollywood credits with titles like *Raw Nerve*, *Mercenary*, *Savage*, *Doppelganger*, and *Timebomb*. But this one he made in his native Israel, collaborating on the screenplay with Hadar Galron, an orthodox-Jewish feminist playwright — a contradiction in adjectives — based in London. The result would seem to be, although maybe the schlock deserves a closer look, a testament to what can happen when making an honest effort. More than a testament: a monument.

Prefaced by the cheesiest-looking studio logos you would ever want to see, it immediately homes in on a young Israeli named Naomi (Ania Bukstein, looking like an earlier Rachel Weisz, and acting with a singeing ardor), the

academically advanced daughter of a fundamentalist rabbi, pledged in marriage to his stern protégé, but in the wake of her mother's death securing a postponement of the wedding to study the Talmud at a seminary for women — a midrasha, as distinct from a yeshiva — in the holy city of Safed,

ancient seat of the kabbalah. Hardly has she settled in with two congenial roommates, who have come to the midrasha as much for the matchmaking talents of the directress as for her teaching, than the sanctuary is invaded by a latecomer from France named Michelle (the kittenish Michal Shtamler), who co-opts the dormitory's only operable window to accommodate her smoking habit. Michelle, sent there in part for disciplinary reasons, is something of a rebel. But Naomi is something more, a revolutionary, one whose devoutness transports her to an imagined future of female rabbis. Cigarettes can't hold a candle to her inner flame.

The two young women are instantly at odds, but at the order of the direc-



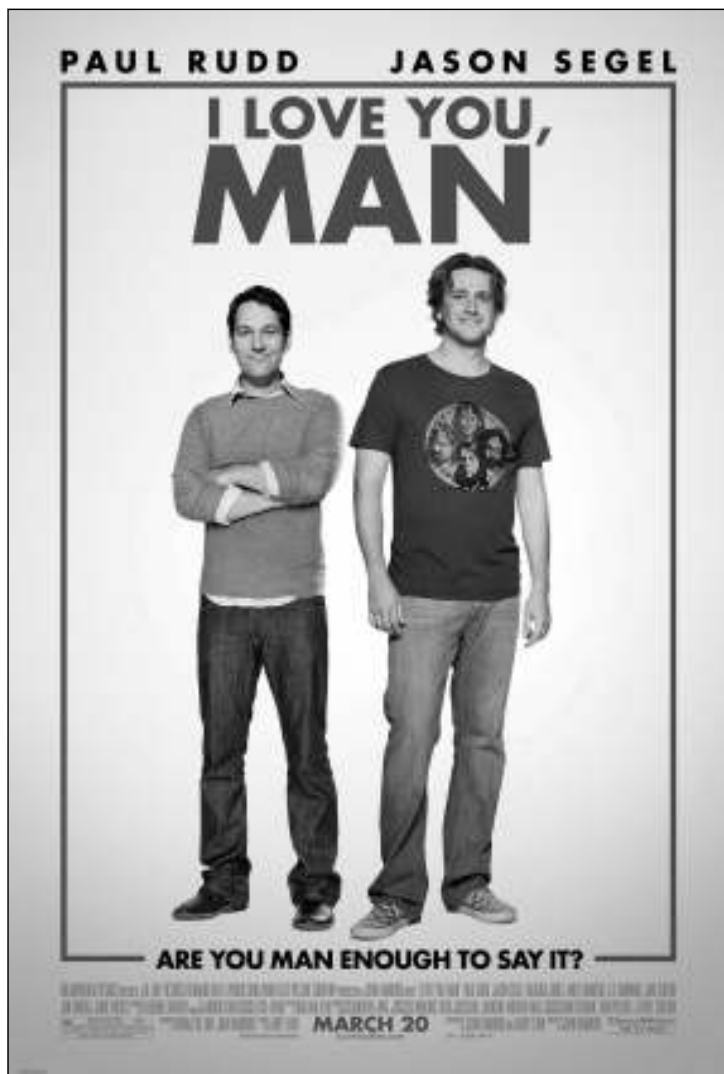
The Secrets

trix they are united on errands of mercy to the house of an outcast French expatriate and ex-convict (the regularly magnificent Fanny Ardant, more magnificent than usual), said to have murdered her artist lover, and now dying two kinds of death, from heart disease and cancer. Her wish to know God and obtain absolution before the end is more than the ambitious Naomi

can resist. With Michelle needed for translation to and from the French, Naomi taps all of her knowledge of the esoteric sacred texts — those harbor a certain sort of “secrets,” but the dying woman possesses her own sort — to devise a custom-made program of restitution, a tikun, that bends the boundaries of received doctrine: crashing the men's bathhouse after hours,

for instance, for a ritual purification known as a mikvah. The nakedness in that scene, while it preserves the modesty of the aging Ardant, signals graphically that the film itself, respectful as it is of Jewish orthodoxy, is not a slave to piety. And we are not surprised, even if we might forget for a moment to breathe, when the tightening bond between the young women turns car-

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nal. (Brilliant use of intermittent black-outs, so that the passion progresses in stages, and you can never be sure when the limit has been reached.) Nor are we surprised that the resourceful Naomi can adduce no divine sanction against this relationship as there is against that between seed-spilling men. Lesbians get the green light.

The twists and turns of the storyline are too plentiful to be spoiled by the revelation of that one. It's a story of feminism and sisterhood in an exotic culture with specific obstacles and specific personalities to negotiate them. The logic of it can pass as the logic of destiny, the bringing together of these people in this place for this purpose, to carve out a life path that diverges from the path that had been charted, a twisty, turny one in place of a paved straightaway. (I haven't even mentioned the endearing klezmer clarinetist who crosses, and alters, the path.) To say it a different way, the logic of it can pass as an object lesson in the art of fiction. This is how the trick is supposed to be done, one thing leading inexorably to another with step-by-step credibility, cumulative implication, climactic impact. It fascinates and illuminates.

Landmark's La Jolla Village opens its own very good movie this Friday, *The Class*, a free adaptation of François Bégaudeau's nonfiction chronicle of a single year of teaching French, or trying to teach it, to a group of restive fourteen- and fifteen-year-olds at a melting-pot public school in a rough district of Paris. Bégaudeau essentially — and needless to say, convincingly — plays himself on screen, under

the fictitious monicker of M. Marin, and the students are nonprofessionals chosen with no eye to beauty and glamour, but a sensitive eye to a variety of shapes and shades.

The reliable name of Laurent Cantet, best known for *Time Out* and *Heading South*, has directed the piece with standardized documentary affectations — an air of improvisation, a raw digital image, a bobbing camera and floating frame, no background music — and the teaching sessions are far less compressed than in the typical school film of minute-and-a-half classes and saved-by-the-bell. (Many of the nuances of language and accent are unavoidably lost in the English subtitles.) The circle of action is strictly confined to the school grounds, and any parents who enter into the picture must come to campus to do so. There is no continuous story arc, although the disciplinary proceedings against a chair-rocking troublemaker from Mali become the focus of the final stretch. By then we have gotten to know a few of the students quite well, while others are still getting noticed for the first time. It all feels irrefutably and exasperatingly real; and the teacher, a youthful figure given to Socratic sparring with his charges, wins our admiration for his equanimity under the constant stress. A misunderstood use of the word “skank” (as it is translated) in class discussion can be readily pardoned. For all that, the drawback of the rigorously realistic movie is that it seldom adds up to more than the sum of its parts. This isn't the exception.

The Oscar nominees for animated and live-action shorts have been gathered into segregated programs with separate admissions at the Ken Cinema beginning Friday, roughly an hour and a half each. (The animated program has

had to be plumped up with a few bonus shorts.) If you attend before Sunday evening, you can experience them in innocence of the winners. ■

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Bride Wars — Through a booking mix-up, two “inseparable” girlfriends are locked into simultaneous June weddings at the Plaza Hotel, whereupon they take leave of their senses in their efforts to sabotage one another. A deviously insulting chick flick. Anne Hathaway, although she looks like she's in training for a concentration-camp film, doesn't just outdance Kate Hudson at the bachelorette party, she outranges her throughout. It's a standoff, however, in the eyeliner wars. With Candice Bergen, Kristen Johnston, Bryan Greenberg, Chris Pratt, and Steve Howey; directed by Gary Winick. 2009.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Class — Reviewed this issue. With François Bégaudeau, Esméralda Ouertani, Rachel Régulier, Franck Keita, Carl Nanor, and Wei Huang; directed by Laurent Cantet. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 2/20)

Confessions of a Shopaholic — The addiction nightmare played as comedy, very frothy and formulaic and materialistic comedy: a dozen maxed-out credit cards of an aspiring fashion writer, and rapacious consumer, in Manhattan (“They said I was a valued customer. Now they send me hate mail!”). The effervescent Isla Fisher dives into the role as if it's her one shot at stardom, and she hits a small jackpot out on the dance floor with a Spanish fan in hand. Hugh Dancy, Krysten Ritter, Kristin Scott Thomas, Leslie Bibb, Julie Hagerty, Joan Cusack, John Goodman; directed by P.J. Hogan. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Coraline — A piece of 3-D stop-motion animation about a little girl with blue hair and ski-jump nose (everyone hears her name as Caroline, and her last name of Jones will only encourage confusion in anyone who remembers the Morticia of TV's *Addams Family*, Carolyn Jones), who, unhappy with her preoccupied parents, is lured into a parallel universe of idealized replicas — a sort of Stepford Mom and Stepford Dad — but for their button eyes. Her price to pay for permanent residence in this universe is to trade her own eyes for buttons: “Soon you'll see things our way.” (Distant echoes of *Invaders from Mars* and *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*: the lobotomy bugaboo.) Director Henry Selick, heretofore of *The Nightmare before Christmas* and *James and the Giant Peach*, pays a lot of attention to landscape and surface, such that the film cultivates an aggressive tactility. But the dream world opens the door also to a self-indulgent succession of oddities and bizzarries — here a mouse circus, there an audience of Scotties — without much narrative drive. And it's plainly a higher priority to be dark and edgy and Tim Burton-y than to be kid-friendly. The catered-to adult is still apt to feel something extra was

needed, and the distracting 3-D neither provided it nor disguised it. With the voices of Dakota Fanning, Teri Hatcher, John Hodgman, Ian McShane, Keith David. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button —

The central conceit, and little else, has been retained from an F. Scott Fitzgerald short story of the same name: a protagonist who ages in reverse. (The story of course was written and titled before the soundlike name of Benjamin Britten came to fame, and as long as they were changing everything else...) With a script by Eric Roth, and with an historical scope and a “special” hero that often recall his script for *Forrest Gump*, the movie is at some pains to shore up the plausibility of the tale — a painful undertaking for sure — and to expunge the humor of it. On screen, nothing is more absurd about it than its length, two and three-quarters hours, plenty long enough to read the Fitzgerald story five or six times over. And its wistful theme of transience frankly gains very little from the reverse-aging phenomenon, nowhere near as much as you'd want to gain from so mindbending a device. The theme, moreover, gains nothing at all from the movie's feeling of interminability. Director David Fincher, determined to show his softer side, softer than *Zodiac* and *Panic Room* and *Fight Club* and so on, manages first and foremost to show his technical side. The movie is replete with proficiencies of production (the periods are lavishly detailed, the brief tugboat battle with an enemy sub in WWII is dazzling, the duplex love nest is a splendid locale, etc.), and it serves as a virtual showcase for the art of makeup and/or art of digital touch-up, digital airbrush, digital prestidigitation, whatever went into the various aging effects on Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett. The seamless surgery by which the leading man's head has been grafted onto bodies of different sizes is used, in this instance, responsibly. But it raises unsettling possibilities for the evolutionary next leap in screen body doubles. What's to prevent another filmmaker from putting Brad Pitt's head, in service of vanity, on Michael Phelps's body? Cate Blanchett's on Giselle Bündchen's? With Taraji P. Henson, Jason Flemyng, Jared Harris, Tilda Swinton, Julia Ormond. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Defiance — Workmanlike account of the untold (or anyhow unfiled) true story of a 20th-century Moses and his two brothers, who sheltered hundreds of Jews from the Nazis in the forests of Belorussia, such dark days that color itself evidently went into hiding, leaving behind only a greeny or occasionally orange residue. Daniel Craig, a blond blue-eyed Jew like Paul Newman in *Exodus* (“He is a Jew?” wonders aloud a plain-spoken child), delivers heroic declarations on the order of “Our revenge is to live” and “We may be hunted like animals, but we will not become animals.” Natural lovelies emerge undimmed from the rustic privations to pair up with the heroes. A schoolteacher and an intellectual carry on a running sideshow of comical bickering. And Liev Schreiber, the hottest-headed of the three brothers, not content just to dodge the Nazis but itching to engage them, defects to the Red Army. The big hooray moment when he returns to the fold in the nick of time can be seen coming from so far off that we're surprised only that it didn't arrive sooner. Somehow, even with violin solos by Joshua Bell to put you in mind of *Schindler's List*, the saga doesn't quite sweep

you up and away. But it at least stirs interest in the real story. With Jamie Bell, Allan Corduner, Alexa Davalos, and Jodhi May; directed by Edward Zwick. 2008. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Doubt — From the prize-winning stage play by John Patrick Shanley, an ambiguous drama of possible priestly pedophilia at a Catholic school in the Bronx. The playwright, perhaps best known to moviegoers as the writer of *Moonstruck* and writer-director of *Joe versus the Volcano*, handles the direction of his own work on screen, and the freedoms of the medium enable him to detail operations of the parish to almost anthropological ends: the nuns' rising and dressing in the A.M., the altar boys' preparations for Mass, the crosscutting contrast between the bloody-roast-beef and red-wine dinner table of the jovial priests as against the silent and austere table of the milk-fed nuns, the students' coed dance lesson to “Blame It on the Bossa Nova,” and so on. (The time, as the aforesaid musical selection would suggest, is early Sixties, the time of the playwright's own Catholic boyhood in the Bronx, although the sermon on communal despair after the JFK assassination — one of three pithy sermons in the script — could easily have been recycled post-9/11.) The three principal characters are types: the progressive priest who believes in a “friendlier” church that moves with the times, a friendliness that may or may not have gone too far in embracing the school's first black student, a vulnerable target; the hidebound and humorless old nun (“Penmanship is dying, all across this country”) whose hawklike vigilance zeroes in on the priest; and the innocent and idealistic novice, young and pretty, who wants to believe the best of everyone. The clash of personalities, strictly limited by the play's title and tactical guideline, illuminates nothing so much as the players. Meryl Streep, over-acting awesomely, is not only a holy terror as a nun but as a thespian, booby-trapping every scene with unforeseeable little diversions, inventions, stratagems, embellishments. Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams, no slouches themselves, appear to enjoy their one scene alone together in the courtyard, no one to steal it from them, no one to show them up or slap them down. With Viola Davis and Joseph Foster. 2008. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA)

Fired Up — Teen comedy with Nicholas D'Agosto, Eric Christian Olsen, and Sarah Roemer, directed by Will Gluck. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/20)

Friday the 13th — Marcus Nispel's remake of the 1980 slasher film, with Jared Padalecki, Danielle Panabaker, Derek Mears. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Frozen River — Stoical prole sob story has some fresh ground to go over — the smuggling of illegal aliens through the slushy snow of the Mohawk Indian reservation on the Canadian border — and some stark scenery to go with it. Writer and director Courtney Hunt, whose plotting and pacing are sloggingly pedestrian, expends a lot of energy explaining how a law-abiding white woman could get caught up in that sideline: a gambling-addicted husband who

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skips out on Christmas week, a fifteen-year-old son eager to drop out of school and go to work, nothing to put under the tree for the five-year-old, a dead-end job at Yankee Dollar, bills due. Melissa Leo, aging in a characterful way, able to assume the lead role without a Charlize Theron reverse makeover, does a solid professional job, so much so as to highlight the amateurism around her. Misty Upham, Charlie McDermott, Michael O'Keefe. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Gran Torino — Clint Eastwood, director, serves Clint Eastwood, actor, a nice fat one, a softball lobbed right down the middle of the plate and effortlessly belted over the fence: a sort of Grumpy Old Man version of Dirty Harry, a scowler and growler (looking and sounding uncannily like a dog in defense of a T-bone), a new widower who has seen his Detroit neighborhood taken over by Hmong immigrants ("HUM-mong," in his two-syllable pronunciation), a hard-ass retiree defined by a pair of prized possessions, the M-1 rifle that commemorates his service in the Korean War and the '72 Gran Torino that commemorates his life's work on the Ford assembly line. The character's blatant bigotry toward his Asian neighbors, whereby he runs through every applicable epithet in a thesaurus of slang (past "fishhead" and "gook" all the way to "zipperhead") is somewhat problematic. Eastwood's endearing presence in the role automatically takes the edge off the racism in a way that just wouldn't happen if the role were occupied by, say, Gene Hackman, Rip Torn. And taking the edge off the racism is not altogether a good idea, regardless how many laughs you get out of it.

What ultimately redeems him and his film is not the conventional, formulaic, soft-hearted and simple-minded warming of relations with the two weakly acted Hmong teenagers next door, and not the tighter focus of wrath on the Asian street gang that's terrorizing the neighborhood, and not even the expediently plotted climactic act of karmic restitution (which in honesty had slim chance to work out as planned). No, none of that. What redeems him and his film, lending it, for all its entertainment value, a sense of gravity and personal conviction, is simply its place in line in his ongoing penance for the offhand violence, the incalculable casualties, of his earlier career: its place behind *Unforgiven*, *A Perfect World*, *Mystic River*, etc. Once was not enough. It was not just lip service, like an obligatory number of Hail Mary's after a long-postponed trip to confession. It was, so it would appear, a genuine conversion, a revelation. This stands as the further proof of it, and further refinement of it. With Bee Vang, Ahney Her, Christopher Carley. 2008.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

He's Just Not That into You — As an explanation of romantic incompatibility, the catchphrase title is stunningly unilluminating, no matter which of its six words is stressed. (On screen, the third one stands out in green from the white of the rest, but that seems an arbitrary reading.) Satisfied with the what and incurious about the why, it tends to slam the door on further discussion. The screen treatment of Greg Behrendt's and Liz Tuccillo's best-selling advice book, illustrated by way of a fictitious mating game for five women and four men, is similarly incurious. It's ... just ... not ... that ... into... anybody. Its objects of study remain light on personalities, preferences, professions, particulars of any type. The stubborn superficiality, even so, puts up no impenetrable barrier to enjoyment. The filmmakers grapple with real and eternal and universal issues, in precisely the



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same sense that their puppets, the characters, grapple with them: the transmission and interpretation of signs and signals, the exercise of power and will, the preservation of self, the hope of happiness. Ken Kwapis, while not a director of impressive imagination, is an efficient traffic cop, maintaining good spacing and smooth flow; and his ace cinematographer, John Bailey, oils up the action in luscious, flattering, sunsetty pinks and oranges. There are plainly too many characters, too uneven in numbers, for happy endings to be arranged across the board; and such arrangements are tricky enough to be not readily apparent from the start. As far as they can be made, they fall well short of Jane Austen, but they nevertheless are deftly brought off, and they offer, for the susceptible, a couple of squeal-with-delight climaxes. Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Connelly, Ginnifer

Goodwin, Scarlett Johansson, Ben Affleck, Kevin Connolly, Bradley Cooper, Justin Long. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Hotel for Dogs — Fanciful, tasteful children's film, from the Lois Duncan book, about two foster kids who secretly transform a derelict hotel into a shelter for stray dogs (the homeless housing the homeless), and more than a shelter, a veritable amusement park. Nicely individualized dogs; tolerable kids; touches of real imagination in script and direction (Thor Freudentahl in

his feature debut); general geniality. With Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin, Don Cheadle, Lisa Kudrow, Kevin Dillon. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The International — A murky exposé of big-bank chicanery, not stopping short of paramilitary hit squads, is only a posturing

pretext for some pretty slick thriller maneuvers: the foot chase in pursuit of what turns out to be an empty car; the nifty detective work that reveals the presence and identity of a second shooter at a political assassination in Milan; the tailing scene on the streets of New York that leads to a running gun battle at the Guggenheim; the bugged assignation in a Turkish mosque. Tom Tykwer's very precisely balanced — or just as often, precisely unbalanced — compositions proclaim an iron hand. With Clive Owen, Naomi Watts, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Ulrich Thomsen, and Brian F. O'Byrne. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Madea Goes to Jail — Writer and director and star Tyler Perry reprises his cross-gender character, with Derek Luke and Keshia Knight Pulliam. (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; FROM 2/20)

Milk — Gus Van Sant's celebratory biopic on Harvey Milk, the gay-rights activist and San Francisco City Supervisor martyred by assassination in 1978. However useful as pep rally or memorial service, the film comes up short as drama, relying altogether too much on Position Statements, Slogans, Bromides, primarily through the protagonist's stump speeches and a serialized in-the-event-of-my-death tape recording that ties the narrative together. (Screenplay by Dustin Lance Black.) What nonetheless humanizes all this plain talk is the transformational performance of Sean Penn, a totally new and different Sean Penn, almost bird-like in his lightness and tightness, very vul-

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nerable in his worries and very touching in his joys, unshy about the kissy-face with James Franco and Diego Luna, bravely not avoiding homosexual stereotype yet nicely avoiding caricature. It immediately takes its place alongside the performances of *Mystic River*, *Dead Man Walking*, *Casualties of War*, maybe one or two others, in the actor's best-of portfolio. With Josh Brolin, Emile Hirsch, Alison Pill, Victor Garber. 2008. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

New in Town — Although movies had been set in Minnesota before *Fargo* (notwithstanding its misleading North Dakota title), movies as disparate as *The Farmer's Daughter*, *The Heartbreak Kid*, *Purple Rain*, *Grumpy Old Men*, it was the Coen brothers who converted that territory into grist for the mill. (On the laugh meter, Wisconsin and Iowa don't even register.) This one, set specifically in the small town of New Ulm, and directed by the Danish-born Jonas Elmer in his Hollywood debut, is nothing if not laboriously ground out, a campaign of cynical populism that simultaneously satirizes and sentimentalizes the natives, in a milky image that might or might not be meant to suggest the lens-fogging frost of a Northern Star winter, snowed under by the standard quota of pop songs decreed for romantic comedies. Renée Zellweger, as the fish-out-of-water hatchet woman dispatched from Miami headquarters to downsize the local food plant but (in due time) digging in to fight for its survival, gauges her charm at about half wattage, which proves to be about twice as charming as full wattage. (Cf. *Leatherheads*, another pinch of Minnesota grist for the mill.) Her reactions to snow, ice, and

subzero wind are nicely mimed, and the scene of her untamably erect nipples at her welcoming dinner party is one for the books. Harry Connick, Jr., the uninteresting love interest, has been written as a Carolina transplant to protect him from ridicule and preserve him for romance. Meantime, Siobhan Fallon Hogan, as a friend of Jesus with a secret tapioca recipe, does the heavy lifting on the Scandihoovian accent; and the character's surname of Gunderson, shared with the heroine of *Fargo*, seems an open tribute to the Coens. With J.K. Simmons, Frances Conroy. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Paul Blart: Mall Cop — A hypoglycemic overweight eight-time reject from the Jersey State Troopers, trying to make the most of a job as security guard, can't handle a speeding old duffer in a wheelchair or a bellicose fat lady at Victoria's Secret, yet he rises to the challenge of a highly trained team of professional armed robbers. *Die Hard* for the common schlub (Kevin James, highly trained in his own way), with a hot chick as a bonus. Better call it *Dream Hard*. With Jayma Mays, Keir O'Donnell, Raini Rodriguez, Shirley Knight, and Bobby Cannavale; directed by Steve Carr. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Pink Panther 2 — Steve Martin carries the Inspector Clouseau torch into a sequel, thoroughly doused though the flame may be. (Kevin Kline got out while the getting was good, leaving the role of Clouseau's superior to John Cleese, with unaltered British accent. And previous director Shawn Levy handed the bag to Harald Zwart.) The juggling of bottles from a teetering wine rack is the only flicker. With Emily Mortimer, Jean Reno, Andy Garcia, Alfred Molina, Yuki Matsuzaki, Lily Tomlin, Je-

remy Irons, and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Push — Differently gifted paranormals, on the model of the Fantastic Four and the X-Men, battle over a wonder drug in a secreted syringe in Hong Kong. The possibilities are endless, and so, in consequence, is the tedium. Paul McGuigan's hopped-up direction only increases it. Chris Evans, Dakota Fanning, Camilla Belle, Djimon Hounsou. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Rachel Getting Married — A sort of Rainbow Coalition wedding weekend: the father of the Jewish bride had remarried a black, the bride too is marrying a black (it might be noted that Sidney Lumet, the father of first-time scriptwriter Jenny Lumet, had remarried a black himself), and the theme of the wedding is inexplicably Indian. Director Jonathan Demme, striving for an improvisational feel, stages the goings-on with an almost Danish disengagement: a hand-held camera in the grasp of an arm-weary cameraman. Anne Hathaway, as the bride's just-out-of-rehab sister, a constant and tiresome threat of disruption ("She needs a lot of acknowledgment"), proves to be too actressy for the style; but Rosemarie DeWitt makes a fine impression as her well-behaved sister, and the conviviality of the gathering, with heavy representation from the cool cats of the music industry, is by and large believable and admirable. With Mather Zickel, Bill Irwin, Anna Deavere Smith, Tunde Adebimpe, and

Debra Winger. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Reader — Stephen Daldry's tight and trim adaptation of the Bernhard Schlink best-seller on German war guilt and the filial estrangement of the postwar generation. It begins in 1995 in the frigid colorless anti-septic Berlin apartment of Ralph Fiennes, lit by way of Vermeer, but soon it retreats to his adolescence in 1958, his incarnation in a very dissimilar young actor named David Kross, his scarlet fever, his torrid summer affair with an older streetcar attendant played by Kate Winslet, and his habit of reading to her in bed and bath: *The Odyssey*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Lady with the Little Dog*, *Lady Chatterley's Lover* ("This is disgusting," huffs the naked lady beside him). In school, his Lit. teacher broaches the universal theme of secrecy — a nudge to us viewers — and it's clear that the boy's secret is his older lover. But what's hers? Again it's clear, from the shaded and shifting emotions of the unfailingly fascinating Winslet, that there's a lot going on inside which we don't know about. And not because Winslet, as the torrid affair abundantly lays bare, is to any degree inhibited. It would not be giving away too much to reveal that several years later, when our protagonist has enrolled in law school, his advanced seminar attends for educational purposes a war-crimes trial in which his former lover is unmasked as an S.S. officer at Auschwitz. It's still clear even then, from all the shading and shifting, that she harbors secrets. The provocation of the protagonist to divulge his own secret and to interpose himself in the proceedings becomes quite urgent and suspenseful, although in both courtroom and classroom the film has now entered a polemical mode that can only be termed uncinematic. All the same, David Hare, the screenwriter, is a fastidious wordsmith; and even if the film drags on a bit once the time line catches up to Ralph Fiennes, drags on seemingly to justify his

place on the payroll, it eventually comes to a satisfying end in a highly charged sit-down between him and Lena Olin, a concentration-camp survivor. The clean clear color and the pinpoint focus (Chris Menges and Roger Deakins, co-credited as cinematographers) belie the moral muddiness. 2008.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10)

Revolutionary Road — Director Sam Mendes returns to the suburban stamping ground of his filmmaking debut, *American Beauty*, but at the very opening of that territory in the 1950s, at the inception, that is to say, of all the clichés of cookie-cutter conformity, Little Boxes, the Lonely Crowd, lives of quiet desperation, and so forth. As the central couple — the Wheelers, residing with strident irony at the titular address in Connecticut, the dead end of the American Dream — it must have seemed a bright idea to reunite the lovebirds of *Titanic*, as if to hint at the illusion-shattering grimness of the married life ahead of them had the iceberg not got in the way. But the birds have matured at different rates in the intervening eleven years. Whether in rage or frustration, cajolement or surrender, Kate Winslet (Mrs. Mendes off screen) appears much too strong for Leonardo DiCaprio, whose perennial boyishness clings to him, dogs him, drags him down, even in, or perhaps especially in, his face-caving moments of total emotional nakedness: "You're not worth the powder it would take to blow you up!" (Now, now, sonny.) You could wonder, to divide the faultfinding fairly, whether she's not too strong for her own role. The movie, taking its lead from the Richard Yates novel and then going beyond the novel in search of a present-day perspective, is trying to do something a bit different, and a bit difficult, in suggesting that the would-be free Wheelers are not as superior to, or separate from, their neighbors and surroundings as they would like to imagine,

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The Wrestler 2009

When I was younger, I lived in San Francisco and wrote film reviews for alternative papers. One of the perks was seeing films early in private-screening rooms for free. When I first experienced Mickey Rourke in the movie *Diner*, I gushed in my review that he's the next James Dean. Well, his career almost terminated early, not in a car crash, but in a collision of personal abuse, steroid shape shifting, and B movie bad-guy roles. Then along came young and talented writer director Darren Aronofsky who convinced Rourke he was perfect to play Randy "The Ram" Robinson, a self-described "old broken down piece of meat," in the award-winning film *The Wrestler*. I don't know why I waited so long to see this impressive film and Rourke's riveting and sympathetic performance. But coupled with supporting actress Marisa Tomei's best and most pleasantly revealing role in years, it was well worth waiting for and a flat out winner not to be missed.

By **alansegal** 3:47 p.m., Feb. 6, 2009

Taken 2009

Think of *Taken* as the movie *Ransom* plus *The Bourne Identity*. An ex-CIA operative's daughter is kidnapped in a foreign country and then he goes on a bloody murderous killing rampage trying to get her back. Pretty basic storyline with lots of action and bad guys getting the crap kicked out them. I didn't really picture Liam Neeson as an action star, but he pulled it off.

By **spooks69** 8:04 p.m., Feb. 8, 2009

Push 2009

Went to the sneak preview of the movie on Wednesday, February 4, and it was very well put together. There was constant action from beginning to end, with a good storyline and an ending that left an opening for *Push 2*. Chris Evans who plays Nick Gant, was very good in this, along with Dakota Fanning who plays Cassie Holmes, who I thought did a great job in her part. It was fun, very entertaining, with some humor as well. I would recommend this to anyone!

By **maddmax** 1:09 a.m., Feb. 9, 2009

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and in nudging the spectators, at the same time, to recognize that they themselves are not as superior as they might suppose to the central couple, the Fifties, their neighbors today. The codified view of postwar suburbia has over the years undergone too much expansion and elaboration for the movie to escape a sense of cliché and sense of hyperbole. But the cliché and hyperbole are done to a turn. And the period and its archaisms (“I must scoot. Toodle-oo”), its formalities and manners (no one but a certified madman, an institutionalized mathematician on a day pass, dares speak the truth in mixed company), combine to produce a stylization that brings out the satire in the piece. *Revolutionary Road* beats *American Beauty*, not terribly hard to do, for both seriousness and funniness. Kathy Bates, Michael Shannon, David Harbour. 2008.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

The Secrets — Reviewed this issue. With Ania Bukstein, Michal Shtamler, Fanny Ardant, Adir Miller, and Guri Alfi; directed by Avi Nesher.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 2/20)

Slumdog Millionaire — Feverish daydream, partly amorous, partly avaricious, around an unschooled Bombay teenager who, hoping to reconnect with his childhood sweetheart, climbs toward the top prize on the Indian *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* It breaks down into three time zones, shuffled together in a jumble: the game show itself, the torture and third degree of the contestant by police who presume he’s cheating, and the flashbacks to the life experiences that explain how he could answer the questions. Much squalor and brutality, but filmed by Danny Boyle with a heedless, almost uncaring, exuberance and exhibitionism. Dev Patel, Freida Pinto, Irfan Khan. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Taken — A ring of Albanian white slavers (Middle Eastern buyers) has the bad fortune to shanghai the virgin daughter of a retired American superspy — “I was a preventer,” he understates — on her first morning of vacation in Paris. There is no satisfaction in the quick-as-a-blink detective work that leads him to them, only satisfaction, for those who can take it, in watching him mow them down, a Weedwacker in a field of dandelions. (Too late to “prevent”

the kidnapping, but not too late for the defiling.) Nor is there satisfaction in watching an eye-lifty Liam Neeson playing Steven Seagal. Nor in watching the native director, Pierre Morel, sell out his country on top of himself. Catharsis, you learn anew, can’t come out of crud. A hot shower afterwards would be your closest approximation. Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Olivier Rabourdin. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Twilight — Teen vampire romance from the popular series of girls’ books by Stephenie Meyer, a sort of *Nancy Drew* — *Vampire Lover*. It merits a modicum of credit for attempting to bring some virgin blood to a tired old genre: the nonnuclear vampire family, having settled in the rural Northwest for maximum privacy and cloud cover, strive to fit in and stay straight, fancying themselves “vegetarian” for dining only on animal blood instead of human. Because the narrative point of view is that of an ordinary flesh-and-blood high-school girl, we don’t witness the gory details of their daily diet. (Exsanguination of deer and rabbit, to say nothing of pet dog and cat, could tend to alienate the audience.) What we mainly witness is the cultivated aura of mystery and danger around the eternal seventeen-year-old adopted son of the family. And the business of being a bloodsucker in the 21st Century takes a distant backseat to the business of campus courtship: the classic pattern of Good Girl meets Bad Boy. He flatteringly lusts after her (“You’re like my own personal brand of heroin”), but even more flatteringly he respects her (“I can’t ever lose control with you”); a parent’s least nightmare, and little wonder that the hearts of schoolgirlish readers, and now moviegoers, might go pitty-pat. Given the general level of innocuousness and salubrity, we don’t expect the frustrated teen sweethearts now or in future installments to explore the engorgement option in Theodore Sturgeon’s novella *Some of Your Blood*, namely menses. (Euuww!) But given the fixation on the girl’s “scent” and given the old-fashioned proscription against Going Too Far or indeed Going All the Way, that option insistently comes to mind. Kristen Stewart, a cashew head on a pipe-cleaner

body, to all appearances unsullied by vanity, does very well with things like adolescent insecurity, crippling self-consciousness, unvoiced feelings, and the scariness of sex; and on those counts Catherine Hardwicke is a sympathetic director. She is less sympathetic in shooting everyone in the cast, human and vampire alike, with a deathly bluish pallor. Robert Pattinson as the bloodthirsting heartthrob, meanwhile, achieves little more than Cornball Cool and requires a lot of slow-motion and a lot of hair gel to help him with it. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Unborn — Cheap thrills of the seeing-things variety: hallucinations, dreams, nothing with staying power. The initial edge thus turns dull in a hurry. But the upside-down heads — of dog and man — are creepy effects, and the climactic exorcism of a dybbuk (respectful observance of tradition), from the wispy body of Odette Yustman, resharpens the edge. With Gary Oldman, Meagan Good, Cam Gigandet, Jane Alexander, and Idris Elba; written and directed by David S. Goyer. 2009.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans — After two installments, Kate Beckinsale and her director husband, Len Wiseman, have dropped out for the backstory, but the murkiness and the monotone continue unabated, and Rhona Mitra fully matches the tire pressure in Beckinsale’s lips. The plentiful action is cut to tatters. With Michael Sheen, Bill Nighy, and Steven Mackintosh; directed by Patrick Tatopoulos. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Uninvited — Unwelcome remake of a Korean shocker: wicked-stepmother mechanics tricked up with pseudo-supernatural “visions” and a hopefully mind-blowing ending. Fuse-blowing, more likely. Direction is credited to “The Guard Brothers,” Charles and Thomas. With some people, two heads are no better than half a brain. Emily Browning, Arielle Kebbel, Elizabeth Banks, David Strathairn. 2009.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Vicky Cristina Barcelona — You can’t claim that Woody Allen’s rapid rate of production doesn’t show. Even the title of this one sounds more like brainstorming for a title than like a final decision: three names off the chalkboard of keywords. Vicky and

Cristina, two separate people, are dissimilar American friends, the first pragmatic and steady, the second capricious and restless, together visiting Barcelona for the summer. (Allen’s British sojourn seems to be over, though he’s not ready to come home.) The young women are picked up in tandem by a brooding Catalan artist with a legendarily tempestuous love life, flown off to Oviedo, seduced in sequence, separated by choice. Then the artist’s ex-wife re-enters the scene after her attempted suicide, setting up a ménage. The film is almost more a sketch than a fully filled-in picture, a skeleton thin on flesh. (If Allen tends to hurry his ideas, it may be because he always has new ones waiting to join the queue. More than he can get to in a lifetime.) The dialogue, much of it in the writer’s laziest declarative vein — *I’m this, you’re that, he or she’s the other* — has not been polished anywhere near his brightest sparkle. And the dryasdust omniscient narrator spares him a heap of expository labor: “One evening Mark and Judy took them to the opening of a friend’s art gallery.” The half-baked aspect has its upside. In consequence of the cut corners and rushed development, a lot happens in only ninety minutes, and Allen can lay out on a broad canvas his vision of human discontentment and self-ignorance. He can lay it out as a pattern, not as an isolated instance. The complicating appearance of Penelope Cruz as the ex-wife, shrewdly put off till just past the halfway point, is a potent pick-me-up in a flagging narrative, a powerfully physical, sensual, passionate presence that deliciously shows up the callow blankness of Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall. With Javier Bardem, Patricia Clarkson, Kevin Dunn, Chris Messina. 2008.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Waltz with Bashir — Anomalous animated film, autobiographical in nature. The premise has Israeli documentarist Ari Folman delving into his repressed memories of the Lebanon War twenty years earlier, in particular his role as a foot soldier in a massacre at a Palestinian refugee camp. Drawn in a “realistic” comic-strip style, Judge Parker as opposed to Dick Tracy, and set in motion in what we could call a viscid as opposed to a fluid style, the animation makes a useful investigative tool for a probe of memory, dream, imagination, well suited to conveying a sense of unreality, a sense of remoteness, well suited, in other words, to fictionalizing the facts, cerebrally processing the data. It also helps smooth over the familiar talking-heads pitfall, generating illustration where none exists. And it offers an

easy solution to depicting the twenty-year age differences between past and present. The last-minute switch to live-action archive footage is hair-raising. 2008.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 2/19)

The Wrestler — It was a stroke of fortune if not of genius for filmmaker Darren Aronofsky to cast Mickey Rourke in the title role of Randy “The Ram” Robinson (né Robin Ramzinski), a Dodge Ram-driving, self-described “old broken-down piece of meat,” two decades past his prime, yet persisting in plying his trade at sparsely populated venues outside the glare of TV lights, dreaming of one last big payday at a twentieth-anniversary rematch with a Southern California car salesman formerly known as The Ayatollah. Rourke, monstrously bulked up since his stint of moonlighting as a professional prizefighter, has one of the most ravaged faces in the entire gallery of once beautiful leading men, somewhere between Jan-Michael Vincent and Francisco Rabal, and his noisy, labored breathing is excruciating. There is, however, an inherent sentimentality in the basic situation, and it’s not at all toughened through the by-the-numbers plotting around an attempted détente with his neglected lesbian daughter (Evan Rachel Wood), a clumsy courtship with an over-the-hill stripper (Marisa Tomei, carrying on in the before-it’s-too-late exhibitionistic mode of *Before the Devil Knows You’re Dead*, plus nipple rings and tattoos), a post-match heart attack, a bypass operation, an obvious and inevitable self-martyrdom. Aronofsky’s handheld camera follows Rourke around — often literally behind his back and over his shoulder, as in a Dardenne brothers art film — in ghoulish anticipation of a train wreck; follows him into the locker room to map out the matches with his fellow combatants (an amusing glimpse behind the scenes); follows him to the hair salon (for upkeep of his Eighties heavy-metal mop), to the tanning salon, to his drug dealer, to his degrading day job in the stock room of a grocery store. Best scene: reluctantly working behind the deli counter in direct contact with the customers, but really warming up to it. (Bad scene: flipping out behind the deli counter, specifically at the meat slicer.) The wrestling matches, natural dramatic climaxes, are crucibles for the actor and the character alike. Not to forget the spectator. 2008.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7, FROM 2/20; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); **Coraline** (PG); **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13); **Fired Up** (PG-13); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **The International** (R); **The Pink Panther 2** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **Revolutionary Road** (R); **Taken** (PG-13); **The Wrestler** (R)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
The Class (PG-13); **Milk** (R); **The Reader** (R); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R)

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

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Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Confessions of a Shopaholic; **Coraline**; **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button**; **Fired Up**; **Friday the 13th**; **Gran Torino**; **He's Just Not That Into You**; **Hotel for Dogs**; **The International**; **Madega Goes to Jail**; **Paul Blart: Mall Cop**; **The Pink Panther 2**; **Push**; **Taken**; **Underworld: Rise of the Lycans**; **The Uninvited**; **The Wrestler**

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



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13); **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Friday the 13th** (R) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45; **Coraline 3D** (PG); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13); **Bob the Builder: Skyscrapers** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (877-789-6684)
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Friday the 13th (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



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Fired Up (PG-13); **Madega Goes to Jail** (PG-13); **The International** (PG-13); **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Coraline 3D** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13); **The Uninvited** (PG-13); **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) (12:30) 5:30; **Bob the Builder: Skyscrapers** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); **Coraline** (PG); **Fired Up** (PG-13); **Friday the 13th** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **The International** (R); **Madega Goes to Jail** (PG-13); **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG); **The Pink Panther 2** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R); **Taken** (PG-13)

Palm Promenade 24

770 Demery Road (858-558-2262)
Bride Wars (PG); **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Coraline** (PG); **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13); **Defiance** (R); **Fired Up** (PG-13); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Gran Torino** (R); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Hotel for Dogs** (PG); **The International** (R); **Madega Goes to Jail** (PG-13); **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG); **The Pink Panther 2** (PG); **Push** (PG-13); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R); **Taken** (PG-13); **Twilight** (PG-13); **The Unborn** (PG-13); **Underworld: Rise of the Lycans** (R); **The Uninvited** (PG-13); **The Wrestler** (R)

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Escondido 16

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River Village 6

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POWAY

Poway 10

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sions of a Shopaholic (PG); **Friday the 13th** (R); **Coraline 3D** (PG); **Pink Panther 2** (PG); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13); **Hotel for Dogs** (PG); **Gran Torino** (R); **Bob the Builder: Skyscrapers** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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Flower Hill 4

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ENCINITAS

La Paloma

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Doubt (PG-13); **Milk** (R)

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La Costa 6

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Defiance (R); **The International** (PG-13); **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG); **Coraline 3D** (PG); **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13); **Gran Torino** (R); **Bob the Builder: Skyscrapers** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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WILL NO ONE MOURN THE CARTER? The Cassius Carter Centre Stage is no more. The Old Globe demolished its intimate theater-in-the-round to make way for a state-of-the-art, ADA-compliant arena. Named for its generous donors, the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre will open January 2010. But in the meantime, San Diego has lost a historic playing space, and no one has mourned its passing.

Over the years I've seen dozens of in-the-round theaters, but to me the Carter had a mystique. Four steep-raked rows of seats faced the four sides of the stage. The audience was so close to the actors, I overheard a woman say, "You can almost hear their heartbeat."

That intimacy made the Carter ground zero for the craft of acting. In the movie *The Hustler*, Paul Newman plays "Fast Eddie" Felson. The cocky pool shark goes to a Southern gent's home. The gent removes a black cover from a strangely small table: it's for billiards, an intricate, three-ball game much more confined — many say more demanding — than straight pool. Accustomed to a larger table and 12 more targets, Fast Eddie loses his shirt.

The Carter was the Old Globe's billiard par-

lor. On the main stage, actors can hide behind a prop or inside a lavish costume. At the Carter, even though fully clothed, an actor was naked.

"Totally vulnerable," says Jonathan McMurtry, who performed at the Carter since the day it opened. "You were more aware of the audience looking at you. They're *right there*, all around you. There's no place to hide if your fly is open.

"But because of that closeness," McMurtry adds, "there was also a special connection, a warmth." McMurtry had an affinity for the Carter from the start. "I'm sure it was Craig [Noel] who coaxed me into it, but it's always been my favorite space."

Audiences in the front row sat arm's length from the stage. Diane Sinor, the Old Globe's director of education for 30 years, recalls when a woman crossed the line. A cigarette smoldered in an ashtray. "She got up, midscene. She tiptoed on stage, crushed the stub, and returned to her seat.

"That's the Carter," says Sinor, "that closeness. It's always been a challenge for actors — and audiences. People across the way were in the show too."

Welton Jones, who has been a theater critic for 50 years, remembers the hallmark instance. Dur-

THEATER

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Cassius Carter Centre Stage

ing a 1974 performance of *Ceremonies in Dark Old Men*, an African-American drama set in a barbershop, cast members threw darts at a picture of Richard Nixon. "A woman from the audience suddenly walked onstage and pulled the picture off the wall. 'Well, he IS the President!' she said.

"She headed out, only to be met by Floyd [director Floyd Gaffney], who gently removed the picture from her hand, replaced it, and nodded to his cast (frozen in their spots), saying, 'Go ahead.' They did, and the woman left the theater, followed by her totally embarrassed escort."

From the start, Craig Noel always wanted a

second stage at the Old Globe for experimental works. "In the '50s," says the 93-year-old father of San Diego theater, "the Globe was staging one Broadway repeat after another — and not as well, since we didn't have the budget and couldn't compare with the money they could spend in New York." Noel envisioned a second, smaller space to "do plays that had a modest appeal and an intrinsic value, rather than repeating Broadway successes."

In 1961 the Globe performed cutting-edge works by Beckett, Albee, and Pirandello at Sherwood Hall in La Jolla. In 1963, Noel and company moved into the Falstaff Tavern, next door to the

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Globe's main stage. Along with a Renaissance-flavored menu, the tavern served as a makeshift workshop and rehearsal hall. Noel and William Roesch began staging the "modest" works on a bare floor with three rows of folding chairs on risers. Diane Sinor, who performed in several of these shows, remembers an in-the-round production of Arthur Miller's *Crucible* in 1964 that jelled: "Everybody was drawn in. We knew we had something. Craig said, 'It was like directing 21 people on a 9'-by-12' rug.' The stage wasn't *that* small. Just seemed so. But it worked, and an audience grew that was eager for experimental plays."

The popularity of the second stage pleased Noel, who has always believed that "every successful show is a success for the whole theater community."

Cassius Carter, a Shakespeare scholar and county district attorney from 1903 to 1906, had a home in Balboa Park and donated to the Old Globe. The Centre Stage was completed in 1969. Carter's words hung on a wall beneath his portrait: "Drama is the noblest form of human expression. A people that has no love for great plays and good players will show itself to be lacking in social development, in humane politics, and in intellectual and moral life."

Noel directed the first show — *The Unknown Soldier and His Wife*, by Peter Ustinov — and embraced the theater from the start. "My absolute favorite space," Noel says. "I loved doing things in the round, with people on all sides. You never had to worry about scenery getting in the way, or [design] values that had noth-

ing to do with an actor performing. It was where more honest acting could take place — had to, because the audience was practically breathing on the actors.

"When they asked me where I wanted to work, I'd say, 'Give me all the shows in the Carter.'"

There weren't many small, arena stages when the theater opened. Actors and directors were relatively new to them. As were costume designers, who found the configuration an acquired taste, since audiences could see practically every stitch.

Noel experimented continually. How do you include an audience on all four sides? He tried different ways. In a proscenium theater, center-stage is position A for an actor; in an arena, it's the worst, since the actor must "spin like a top" to keep contact with the house.

Noel had actors move in curved lines. In time, he grew to love the "four corners" — the four entrances of stairs, often putting an actor on the second step from the top. By looking left and right, they could include the largest audience.

"Acting in the Carter became like driving a car and talking to people in the backseat," says McMurtry. "It's a mental thing. You don't have to project, just keep them in your rearview mirror."

"The Carter was Craig's baby," McMurtry adds. "The only thing he regretted: the stage had a trap door but no tunnel entrance from backstage." The land was a former Navy yard embedded with scrap metal. "It was too tough to dig, so if you were supposed to be under the trap door, you had to climb into a four-by-six concrete coffin before the show started." When McMurtry began *Moby-Dick*

Rehearsed beneath the stage, he "read a book with a flashlight."

The Carter was also McMurtry's baby. "I did my best work there." Along with the critically acclaimed Francis Biddle, the aging judge in Joanna McClelland Glass's *Trying*, McMurtry will never forget replacing Anthony Zerbe as the lead in the Scottish play. "Jack [O'Brien] directed a 90-minute, no intermission speedball. Tension started rolling and you couldn't stop it." McMurtry, who had played Macbeth before, found himself taking the role further, and deeper, than ever. "A lot of that was the Carter," he says. "The space became a pressure cooker."

It's a tribute to the theater that no two people agree on favorite shows. Those who remember the first season name *The Balcony* by Jean Genet as a breakout production ("we could never have done that at the Globe," says Sinor, "it was so-o-o-o risqué"). Fairly recent productions that made most lists include Stephen Metcalfe's *Strange Snow* and *Vikings*; Noel's expert direction of Gurney's *Dining Room* ("no backs to the audience," said an admirer) and *Billy Bishop Goes to War*; and Loretta Devine as near-death Billie Holiday in *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*.

One look at the Carter's restrictions and you'd wonder why a set designer would ever work there. No object could be as high as the front row; if one were, it had to be see-through. And yet, the Carter has been a boxing ring (by Lee Savage for *In This Corner*); Billie Holiday's bar, which Robert Brill extended from the stage into the house seats with a cream-colored floor; the Kent Dorsey-designed deck

of the *Pequod* for *Moby-Dick Rehearsed*; and Michael Vaughn Sims's mystical, aquamarine island for Lee Blessing's *Body of Water*.

Noel's favorite project? *Billy Bishop Goes to War*. "A gem," he says; "I simply couldn't have cast it better. Harry [Groener] was so natural he wasn't doing anything — except doing everything correctly."

Groener played Bishop and a dozen other characters. In an interview he called it his favorite performance: "It was like going...back to acting again in the sense that all your facilities are going all the time. I loved that one-on-one with the audience.... They would really be involved."

Noel's original idea for the Carter, he says, 40 years later almost to the day, was "for people who want to see interesting plays in an unusual space. I didn't want just to repeat Broadway. I wanted to make theater an integral part of this community, make San Diego a theater town — and it wasn't at all at that time; there was no theater here. I think I did turn it around." ■

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Bulrusher

"Our names are our fates and our proper place," a teacher named Schoolch tells the title character, an orphan discovered in the bulrushes 18 years ago. Eisa Davis's drama is a tale of identities lost and found, of truths smothered and revealed. It's 1955, the eve of the Civil Rights movement. Young, mystical Bulrusher reads peoples' futures in water they've touched. She grew up in Anderson Valley, Mendocino County, where some locals still speak Boontling (a language invented in the 1880s, at first for people to stomp each other, then to make objects more personal) and where the African-American Bulrusher was so isolated she had no idea about racism or sexuality. The arrival of Vera, a black woman from Alabama with a secret, awakens Bulrusher to realities both horrific and wonderful. It's easy to see why Davis's drama was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Character- and language-driven, it unfolds like a musical score about the varieties of innocence and experience. New Village Arts's opening night had many, but not all, of the play's elements in place. Kristianne Kurner's scenic design, a handsome triptych of three raised locales (a spare cabin, a manzanita near a river, the front room of a brothel, all backed by pine tree trunks), featured

graceful rain effects. Mary Larson's rustic costumes and blues-rich background music enhanced the look and mood. The production, however, sometimes went fast when it should go slower, and vice versa. The cast often sped through the poetry and Boontling; and scenes often lagged with slow stage business, which lengthened the evening. Sandra Ellis-Troy scored as Madame (don't call her "madam," even though she runs the brothel), a crusty perfectionist who also has a secret. Grandison M. Phelps III adds upbeat Logger, Boonville's only black man, to his list of impressive performances. Tim Parker, with pomaded hair and James Dean outfit, energizes every scene, be it crooning with his guitar or being "Stook On" (infatuated with) Bulrusher. Though she could savor the language more, Jasmine Allen made Bulrusher part perplexed teen and part woodland sprite. A touching portrayal.

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Love Negotiated

"Lawyers in love," but probably not as Jackson Browne envisioned them when he wrote the song. Commitment so horrifies these lawyers they compose lengthy legal briefs for daily matters and devise "post-nups" to insure civility should the bond go south. Kevin Six's comedy, which placed second in a national contest, begins with a gathering at Richard and Veronica's apartment. He's a divorce lawyer who, given what he sees every day, is horrified of the M-word (marriage), the C-word (children), and just about every word in the language that begins with a letter! Something in that tasty punch works like a truth serum, however: four couples, chipper when they arrived, open up about their lives like never before ("I don't know if [she's] really great," says one, "or really co-dependent"). As the jokes fly, the partners flee each other, and the play becomes musical chairs, performed by a mismatched quartet. As they try to define love, over a three-month span, they evolve better understandings of themselves. The Lotus Theatre Collective has given the play a lively

production in which the entire cast contributes (Marc Biagi as Richard, Jennie Olson as Veronica, and Melanie Sutherlin as Maria, merit special mention). Sheila Rosen's costumes define character to a T. And Marie Miller's lighting's the best I've ever seen at Swedenborg Hall. There are so many relations, interrelations, and ex-relations, the play's hard to follow now and then (and the second-act time shifts could be more apparent), but overall this is one very funny show.

Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGH HALL, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 1.

Love Song

John Kolvenbach's becoming a player's playwright. He crafts scenes that often resemble a three-ring circus. In his *Love Song*, for example, he juggles actors with rapid-fire dialogue and makes things balloon: a simple multiple-choice personality test, for example, when taken at face value expands into life-and-death issues. Harry, wife Joan, and her withdrawn brother Beane live literal lives. Everything is what it is (and, to bullish Joan's way of thinking, barely that). But when Molly, an unexpected intruder, attempts to rob Beane's apartment (which is as empty as his heart), light bulbs click above the trio's heads: romance blooms and re-blooms, a melon in-spires, and the world becomes chocked with poetry, for a while. If you don't count its critique of lives so rapid they can only thrive on fantasy — Harry and Joan don't even know how to play hooky, for criminey's sake! — the play's a frag-

ile whimsy. The Cygnet Theatre production, directed by Sean Murray, however, is a hoot. A quartet of actors tear into their roles, relishing Kovenbach's zany lines and daffy business (and performing with stopwatch precision at that). Francis Gercke makes Beane an Ugly Duckling: after having been mute for years, he suddenly swans and can't stop talking or appreciating (or evoking laughter). Daren Scott, as Harry, and Jessa Watson, as Joan, showcase their comic gifts as a couple so repressed that, when they open up, find themselves in undiscovered territory. Jessica John, who also designed the apt costumes, makes Molly a nifty hybrid: an impish recidivist.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR-

DAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH FEBRUARY 22.

Room Service

Who knew? Who knew that a door-slammng farce, first produced in 1937, would resonate with such relevance today? Seven years into the Great Depression, after Sam Harris dropped the project in Philadelphia, George Abbott became producer and director of a fledgling comedy. He turned it into a Broadway hit, then sold it to the Marx Brothers for the highest price ever. The situation's what theaters across the country face today: a producer on a shoestring has a hot script but no money. Backers are backing out, and he owes the White Way Hotel a small fortune for housing his 22-person cast. The show must go on — but how? Amid a giant moose head, a big bunch of bananas, a stuffed owl, doctors (both true and

quack), harried hotel — and doubly harried theater — folk, and maybe the world's most on-the-spot creative producer (a tribute to Abbott, who was just as inventive off-stage as on), the show not only goes on, the villain... well, see for yourself what happens to him. Robert Smyth and his Lamb's Players cast have obvious fun breaking today's rules of acting and going for broad portrayals; the broader the better, in fact. Jon Lorenz's mellifluous-voiced producer flat refuses to accept defeat, as does John Rosen's Gregory Wagner, red-faced hotel honcho; the two are a frenetic pair, around whom the cast runs a two-act steeplechase on Mike Buckley's handsome, hotel suite scenic design. Special mention: David Cochran Heath keeps walking offstage as one character then, seconds later, comes back as someone else, equally believable, detailed, and funny.

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 22.

The Scarlet Pimpernel

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I will agree with this person 100 percent. Example: this fighter jet crashes in the area of Miramar which, it has been noted, has been in this very spot long before any houses were built. My own personal attitude is that they should never have been allowed to get a permit to build houses right in the air flight space to begin with. On the other hand, now the homeowners have the nerve to request the base should relocate.

I have lived in many places and — over a period of 23 years living here — I will admit California surely has many stupid people. If you have money, city hall will issue you a permit to build any place, anywhere.

Pauline Davis
Point Loma

Little Know-It-All

“Diary of a Demon,” or maybe it should be “Diary of a Little Thoughtless Bitch.” Barbarella’s article last week (February 5) called “Do Right” should be retitled “Do Wrong.” I love when people find ways to rationalize to fit their screwed-up values. Hers being: *There is no right thing to do, there is only what is right for you.*

What a bunch of spoiled brat crap. I only wished my grandparents lived longer than my 15 years — so much you can learn from them about yourself. You can really develop a sense of history of who you are by reaching out to your family and asking questions. But of course this little girl thinks she already knows it all. The least she could have done is reached out to her mother. Her generation is so thoughtless. If she is not getting professional help, she should.

Yosel Tarnofsky
via email

Date Of The Dead

The opening line in this story (“Crasher,” February 5) states that this past December 8 would have

been Jim Morrison’s 60th birthday. This is incorrect. December 8, 2008, would have been his 65th birthday.

Here is a link to his gravesite which states this to be so (findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=740). Any fan of the Doors should know this!

Bryen Beglinger
via email

Thirst And A Good Vibe

I’m one of the main door-men at Patrick’s, and your comic strip was way out of line (“Overheard in San Diego,” February 5). Your depicting a drunk gentleman on our patio putting his finger into a pedestrian’s belly and judging him on his North Park looks, that would never happen at our bar, and if it did, they would be asked to leave. I took offense to the second bar depicting this fictitious character escorting the guy out on his North Park looks. I looked into Cathryn Beeks Ordeal’s Myspace page to find out she is a musician and probably has an agenda against Patrick’s booking, but as far as how we treat anyone, and I mean anyone, come on down with a good vibe and a thirst for some cheap drinks and some good blues, and you will see how we treat you, like family.

Keith
via email

Shameless Pleading

Man...I know times are tough but it’s writers like Ollie that make it just a little better for all of us. His weekly article (“Remote Control King”) always makes me laugh and brings me back to the *Reader* website each week. I seriously haven’t missed a column since he started. Please bring his column back! Begging.

Mel
via email

“Remote Control King” has been discontinued. — Editor

Comments from Reader Website

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

Diary of a Diva

Published February 11

Posted by pinkshoes on February 13, 2:05 p.m.

hey babarella! do you think you may be one of the 50 to 70 percent of adults who have lactose intolerance? your symptoms were similar to mine. i really thought i was going to die the cramps were so bad. five nights in a row until i stopped (okay, finished) eating the trader joe’s cheesecake. i experience serious gas on a regular basis if i don’t pay attention to the contents of sauces and toppings, etc. and it is always worse when i’m stressed. gas-x doesn’t help since it occurs in the small intestine. the lactaice pills only help partly with me and i still end up paying for any dairy indiscretion for days.

Downsized and Out

Published February 4

Posted by NewsViewer on February 9, 1:40 p.m.

Let’s face it downsizing sucks. The above article is well written. Even in the midst of being laid off, I see no disregard for writer’s former employer even while telling her personal tale. I was laid off after the dot com boom and experienced something very similiar. As an avid news viewer seems to me that turn over is high in the news industry and that layoffs happen more frequently then you know.

Posted by rbrock on February 10, 7:23 p.m.

Justwonder, as someone else said, Tara said her log in changed two years ago.

I know for a fact that she worked there until last last year.

As far as when the ownership changed, no it wasn’t even close to two years ago. In 1992 NBC bought the station and has maintained majority ownership ever since. In 1998 they sold a small share to LIN TV, so NBC could buy into a Dallas station. But they continue to own the majority of the KNSD.

Posted by rbrock on February 10, 7:28 p.m.

Whoops..I meant she worked there until LATE last year!

The Wiki Reader

“A wiki is a page or collection of Web pages designed to enable anyone who accesses it to contribute or modify content.” – Wikipedia

In the past 12 months the Reader has added features to encourage its readers to contribute or modify content:

Typo Patrol – Sharp readers catch the *Reader* staff’s typographical errors and make \$10 per error identified. We publish the results weekly. Over \$6000 was paid out to Typo Patrol sharpies in 2008. See this week’s results, page 138.

My Neighborhood – Started out as an occasional contest, it is now a monthly competition to foster heartfelt writing about where we live. First place earns \$500, second \$250, third \$100. Essays end up on website neighborhood pages and the winners are published in the paper *Reader*. Over \$7000 was paid in 2008. Submit your story at SDReader.com.

Movie User Reviews – The *Reader*’s movie reviewer, Duncan Shepherd, has been the most reviled man in San Diego. Now the public joins him every week on the website – commenting on current reviews and the 7000 movie capsule reviews. The best three are awarded prizes and printed in the *Reader* every week. Submit your comments at SDReader.com.

Restaurant User Reviews – The *Reader*’s reviewers Naomi Wise and Ed Bedford are joined by the public complaining and praising. The best three are awarded prizes and printed in the *Reader*. Submit your comments at SDReader.com.

High School Football and Basketball Blogs – Anthony Gentile, the author of “Red Zone” (high school football) and “Fast Break” (basketball), has attracted fervent co-bloggers, including a food-fight between Cathedral Catholic and Oceanside High fans. Submit your comments at SDReader.com.

Pop Quiz – Readers of the *Reader* are tested on each week’s stories. First five correct entrants get \$25 or a *Reader* T-shirt. See this week’s questions and results, page 139.

Reader Puzzle – Hundreds of puzzle solvers send in their results with personal messages. Ten of the solvers earn *Reader* T-shirts each week. The puzzle is a particular hit in Santee. See this week’s puzzle and results, page 126.

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 3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m., Monday.
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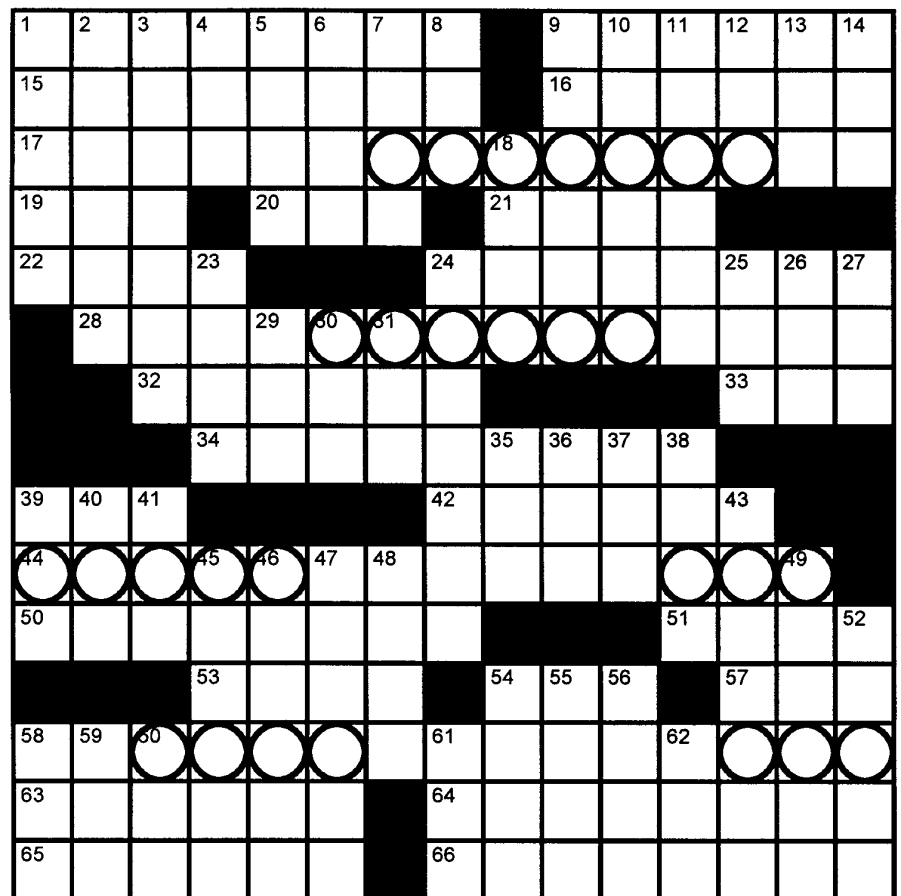
1. And
9. Something to reflect on
15. Product of protein decay
16. Lake near Syracuse
17. Article of clothing of a name brand popular among skiing enthusiasts
19. Many, many moons
20. No longer working: Abbr.
21. Prom partner
22. Sleep like _____
24. Creating dissension
28. Property of liquids that forces them to combine with one another

32. Connected
33. Sick
34. Card dealer's announcement upon seeing the cards dealt to 17-, 28-, 44- and 58-Across
39. "48 _____"
42. Kid's comeback to "No you don't!"
44. Frilly white flower also called wild carrot
50. Michigan's Sault _____
51. Maine city or river
53. Galway Bay's _____ Islands
54. 1959 Kingston Trio hit
57. San Francisco's _____ Hill
58. Filling in for
63. Actor Estevez
64. Newspaper introduced in 1982
65. Bob Dole, by birth
66. Chocolatey treats since 1936

Down

1. Sleep problem
2. Bar lineup
3. Beat
4. 911 responder
5. Cowardly Lion portrayer Bert
6. "That's _____!"
7. Med school subj.
8. "Just a _____!"
9. Desert known for its Joshua trees
10. How sardines are often packaged
11. Playtime at school
12. Smits of the NBA
13. Praiseful poem
14. Turncoat
18. Blue-pencil
23. Moxie

24. Gum brand available in "fire" and "ice"
25. Afternoon hour on a sundial
26. L x W x H
27. Photo order: Abbr.
29. Sprinkling
30. Suffix with block or stock
31. The Bengals, on a scoreboard
35. "____-hawl!"
36. 1940s spy org.
37. Zilch
38. Writer LeShan and others
39. Command ctrs.
40. Tiresome routine
41. "Get it?"
43. Anthem with both English and French lyrics
45. In-box fillers
46. Land created by C.S. Lewis
47. Catherine of _____
48. Hombre, once
49. Prius, e.g.
52. Follows orders
54. Southwestern height
55. Leader overthrown in 1917
56. Places for rent: Abbr.
58. "____ War" (William Shatner sci-fi novel)
59. "Helping doctors help patients" org.
60. Blood
61. Book before Deut.
62. Tennis tactic



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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

◆ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 6. "Oro who? Oro Solido Yen. Solid Gold."
Cecile Alcaraz, Chula Vista, 6. "Give me a holler if you're a Pinoy puzzle fan."
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 6. "Laugh out loud."
Stuart Auger, Chula Vista, 6. "Honey, sorry about forgetting Valentine's Day."
Jen Barnes, University Heights, 6. "Kelly, you're my red sister. I love you."
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 6. "X is for x-ing x's!"
Jeff Battles, Serra Mesa, 6. "Cheers! Salut! Avotre! Kanpai!"
Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 6. "Some love lasts a lifetime. True love lasts forever."

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 6. "I love my juicy goodness provider."
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 6. "I have qualms about this quaint quip!"
E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 6. "No comment."
Phillip Castle, Carlsbad, 6. "Time for pitchers and catchers to report!"
A.T. Certik, Bonita, 6.
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 6. "A holy-owned subsidiary of the Kingdom of God: St. Marks!"
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 6. "I feel the need - the need for speed!"
Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 6. "The Italian deli-man to wed the NRA. He's pro-shooter."
Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 6. "Happy Heart Day to Sue, Nik, and Katrina!"

Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 6.
Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 6. "That puzzle quacked me up!"
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 6. "Ken, paper folding art is origami!"
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 6. "Beer knuckles unite."
Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 6. "With six you get eggroll."
William Edwards, Kensington, 6.

Harry Engel, La Jolla, 6. "Everybody should have a Liza."
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 6. "The long off season begins for NFL football."
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 6. "Pedal your bike for all around fitness."
Rand Feura, Santee, 6.
Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley, 6.
Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 6.

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 6. "Why don't you try reading the rules, Shankopotamus?"
Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 6. "A cow says, moo. A pig says, oink."
Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 6. "Goodbye Fred. We'll never forget you. Thanks for the memories!"
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 6. "Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo!"
Jim Koziol, UTC, 6. "Do your homework, guys!"
Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 6.
Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 6. "Quite QT Queries Quelled PDQ."
Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 6. "Turns out I'm the only hell my mom ever raised."
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 6.
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 6. "Pelosi liberals reward lazy/irresponsible, pun-ish competent/motivated individuals."

Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 6.
Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 6. "Transform your home or office with quality painting. paintwithdan.com"
Ron Meyer, Santee, 6. "Happy Anniversary Honey."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 6. "Without football, what else can you do on Sundays? sdmm.org"
C.J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 6.
Ed Murphy, Ocean Beach, 6. "Drink good beer."
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 6. "Heartland Lions We Serve."
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 6. "I love you Bubba Broomstick Jackson!"
Jim Odell, Vista, 6. "Too old to bike? Switch to a trike? I dunno."
Julie Osburn, North Park, 6. "This one's for Michael Faught; my biggest, okay only fan."
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 6. "6 pack abs."

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☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Gil Patricio, San Diego, 6. "I saw Norm Duke."
John Pertle, Santee, 6. "Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31; Romans 1:16; John 3:18."
Robert Phillips, Downtown, 6. "If I miss one I'll drop back with Santee."
Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 6.
Matt Read, La Mesa, 6. "Merit Badge Jamboree!"
Don Reckless, Carmel Valley, 6. "If you can dream it, you can do it. - W. Disney"
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 6. "My picks: Slumdog, Roarke, Ledger, Winslet, Boyle, Cruz."
Doug Rodgers, Rancho Penasquitos, 6.
Marc Rutter, University Heights, 6. "Happy Birthday to my mom, Dot Bartlett in Kansas!"
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 6.
Ted Scafdi, Hillcrest, 6. "Stimulate a dead horse, will ya?"
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 6.
Capn Skarz, Encinitas, 6. "Hey, hey, hey. Here comes Richard!"
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 6. "Happy Birthday Jennifer!"
Eddie Spaghetto, Coronado, 6. "143U15! Once again I repeat repeat (sic) myself...CIUM21"
Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 6. "Yosemite camping in July!"
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 6. "Happy Birthday Rosie!"
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 6.
Pamela Swain, College Area, 6. "Do the Chargers stay or leave?"
Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 6. "I'll be back."
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 6. "Inside every season philosopher is a child with better answers."
Bob Werner, Bay Park, 6.
Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 6. "Is there anything better than golf?"
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 6. "Knowledge is power - exercise your mind daily."

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6. "Only difference between a hero and a traitor is who won."
Ken A, Ocean Beach, 5. "Joe, bless sun worshipper George."
Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 5. "God bless the Riders."
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 5.
Bruce Bell, South Park, 5.
Jay Berkowitz, La Jolla, 5. "Best Valentine dinner ever at Chez Jorie."
Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 5. "Thanks Willis for your help again."
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 5. "That's a tasty burger."
Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 5. "Thomas Diehl: Adam to Eve, in John Milton's Paradise Lost."
Robin Drubin, Vista, 5. "Mikey is a crossword."
Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 5.
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 5. "Pooh, I missed by 1 letter last week!"
Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 5. "No, he thinks he's Jack Nicklaus."
I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 5. "SGT (ES), that was my rank in the corps! Hurrah!"
Joe Griffin, Crest, 5. "What up Marcus? How was the head cheese?"
Bill Griffin, Crest, 5. "I should have 6 wins but editor lost my email."
Bryan Hartman, Golden Hill, 5. "Way to go Finance! Imps are tricky!"
Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 5.
Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 5. "Oh heaven, a two pound box of candy!"
Ron Hootman, Santee, 5. "Hoot 101: Answer to 55D - a new T-shirt winner!"
Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 5. "Hiromi rocks Billy."
George Jackson, Oceanside, 5.
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 5. "Hi Amber, Gabe, and Ben."
Thisby Krakatoa, San Diego, 5. "I love you, and this time I mean it."

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 5. "After the taxpayers leave, who will pay the taxes?"
Cornelia Lewis, Alpine, 5. "Life in balance."
Lane Litke, Chula Vista, 5. "And Gaby."
Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 5.
B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 5.
Craig Martin, Serra Mesa, 5.
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 5.
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 5. "Where's my bailout?"
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 5. "Happy Valentine's Day!"
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 5. "Beware the flatterer; he feeds you with an empty spoon."
Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach, 5. "That's my personal anthem."
James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 5.
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 5.
Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 5.
Michael Picardel, San Diego, 5. "The Mask wants to live with the Beasts!"
Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 5. "This city has got to be the stupidest city ever!"
John Prince, Serra Mesa, 5. "Stormwater runoff: mutter n' putter, 'bout butter in the gutter."
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 5. "Holy 10-0. Nice job Enc Heat and Rock Idol Grant!"
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 5. "It is gone."
Chief Shiflett, San Diego, 5. "Thank God and Google, it's finished!"
Dave Small, San Carlos, 5. "Quite uneeq - like the shirt I hope to win."
Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 5.
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 5. "P-town 4 life."
Jim Vaughan, Carlsbad, 5.
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 5.
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 5.
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 5.
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 5. "www.gopnot4me.blogspot.com"
Mike and Karen, Talmadge, 4. "A is for all the ways you make me smile."

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 4.
Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 4. "Thanks Teresa."
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 4. "It's back - my beautiful bathroom!"
Lane Coda, Oceanside, 4. "Hi All!"
John P. Domingo, Chula Vista, 4. "Go Lance Armstrong! Kick butt at the Tour de California!"
George Elam, Vista, 4. "Is my fax working now?"
Kathleene Evans, Santee, 4. "The Coffee Bar is the best coffee bar."
John Fabry, San Diego, 4. "To the winners go the spoils!"
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 4.
Greg Harkless, San Diego, 4. "I got mad love for you shorty. That's on the real!"
Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 4. "All the world's a crossword and we mere players."
Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 4.
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 4. "I love New York."
Billy Horton, Santee, 4.
Jerry Jones, Oceanside, 4.
Willie McGee, San Diego, 4.
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 4. "Happy Birthday Phil and Matt Ryan."
P. Drew Papis, La Jolla, 4. "Good one, Valentine."
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 4. "I love my AFOL!"
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 4. "Ipsa loquitur."
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 4. "Happy family = Cuvvie, Berryface, Molly Obachan."
N'Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra Mesa, 4.
Ken Sirois, El Cajon, 4.
Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 4. "Gesundheit! Comes out loose!"
Dena Torres, San Marcos, 4. "Pudgy but cute."
Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch, 4. "Thongs and BBQ - oboyl!"
Marie Turock, North Park, 4.
Nathaniel Uy, East Village, 4.
Kierkegaard Victoria, San Diego, 4. "I use Q-tips to clean my ear."
Dave Washington, La Jolla, 4. "Whatever...Phil 4:8."

Westie, San Diego, 4. "Thin Mints, yum!"
Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 3. "In record time..."
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 3. "Thanks to my wife for all she does!"
Caroline Broaddus, South Park, 3. "Printing my messages verbatim you are not. Hi Dad!"
Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 3.
Jim Corbett, San Diego, 3. "Gino - #3"
Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 3.
Rosalie Dow, Tierrasanta, 3. "I love Doug!"
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 3. "Bring on the summer!"
T.K. Halverstone, Mission Valley, 3. "Thanks Blair and Kevin!"
Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 3.
Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 3. "Phelps to A-Roid: Can't we all just hit the bong?"
Jose A. Maniquis, Mira Mesa, 3. "Happy Birthday Art, Jamie, Eric, Abe! Thanks for the calendars!"
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 3. "Forget the shirt! I need a job!"
Alex Moran, San Diego, 3. "April and Deirdre - have fun at Mardi Gras."
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 3. "Ever go into that bathroom and wash your hands?"
Cindy Quinto, Golden Hill, 3. "Jeanne is so cool!"
Adam Roberts, San Diego, 3. "You're my heaven, my one love eleven. ILY Julie."
Eddie and Andrea Schroder, Carlsbad, 3. "God bless America. We're going to need it!"
Terry Wasley, Solana Beach, 3. "I could use more 4-day weekends!"
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 3. "Rest in peace, my friend Bill Kloor."
Michael Wright, Downtown, 3. "Xbox live: Aztecbuffalo."
J.D. Bouchard, North Park, 2. "13 days and counting!"
Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 2. "Get the squirrel Judy!"
Todd Gleed, Del Mar, 2. "Do you have a three? Go fish."
Terry Golden, Clairemont, 2. "Quite hard!"

☛ **Gordon Kanteena, San Diego, 2.** "Here I come!"
N.C. Lyman, Poway, 2. "Illinois Girl, you are so beautiful to me."
Noah Najbert, Mira Mesa, 2. "Y'all ready for this?"
Joanne Sanchez, Mira Mesa, 2. "Cindy is so cool!"
Rob Warren, Sabre Springs, 2. "Hana here we come - Aloha!"
Michael Williams, Downtown, 2. "Shift change Geo 2 Crew: Luansing, RJ, JB, Speedy, Scott."
Duncan Brown, La Jolla, 1. "Class of '11 rocks!"
John Clapp, Lakeside, 1. "If at first you don't fricasse, fry a hen."
Ben Coyle, Pacific Beach, 1. "I am smarter than Alyssa."
Joe Dudas, North Park, 1. "Brooke, reading is good for you."
Mariana Garcia, Chula Vista, 1. "Tuve tiempo hacer l'esto entre las revistas."
Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 1. "I'm on a mission."
Dara Hetzel, Escondido, 1. "4. You win some, you learn some."
Tammy Lin, San Diego, 1.
Beryl Mason, Bay Park, 1.
Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 1. "Hi Dad!"
Abra Nasinnyk, Pacific Beach, 1. "Some people think cucumbers taste better than pickles."
Jon Nuanez, Downtown, 1. "Hi Angelica! Te amo."
Philip Paradissis, Del Mar, 1. "Yes we can!"
Janet Reilly, University City, 1.
D. Reynolds, El Cajon, 1.
Don Romero, Ramona, 1. "Welcome home Mei Ling."
C. Streets, Campo, 1.
Rod Wastier, South Park, 1. "...and give me back my black T-shirt!"

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Ramona DeRyan
Paralegal
San Diego

Listening to so many songs that would work for an answer. There's a Fred Astaire song, but nobody would know that. Maybe I'll pick "No Regrets" by Billie Holiday, which most people probably don't know either. I like the song. It swings. It has lyrics about somebody looking good to you and loving what you had but not having any regrets.



Billy Russell
Doorman
Pacific Beach

My choice would be "Night Swimming" by REM. I'm from Athens [Georgia], and we used to see Michael Stipe at parties. He also supported the local music scene. He was kind of quiet and shy. I did once knock a beer out of his hand. This song was about how the bars close at midnight, and everyone is looking for something to do. The water would be 85 degrees, and people would go skinny dipping. The song has other lyrics in it I like and is really bittersweet.



Dan Feldman
Teacher
Bay Park

The song "Lucky Man." Not the one by Emerson, Lake & Palmer. I can't think of the group that does it. Maybe Tonic...I'm not sure. It was used in a movie, too. I can't remember that either. I'm bad with actors and titles of things like that. The song mentions good things and bad things you face. There are lyrics in the song I think are great. One line about all the love you need is in your head. Or maybe it's in your heart.



Jim Stewart
Real Estate Consultant
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I would say "Right by Your Side" by the Eurythmics. That song got me hooked on them. It has a Caribbean beat...or maybe it's South African or Norwegian. It's Caribbean to me. I had heard a few of their songs before that one, but I just loved that track. Annie Lennox solo is good. She's a lot more introspective with her lyrics than all the instruments of the band.



Josh Snyder
Social Worker
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"I Don't Want to Grow Up" by Tom Waits. I collected records and would buy them really cheap in the early '90s. Usually I paid around \$3 a piece. And I got a lot. And I just loved Waits's stuff. He progressed a bit, but with that song, it's where I was in my life — carefree. It's the opposite of the stuff in the beginning.



Kamila Rakhimora
Graduate Student
Mission Valley

It would be that song played at the end of *Tropic Thunder* when Tom Cruise is dancing. It's a hip-hop song about being a player. I guess I identify with it because I'm always rolling, whatever the game is.

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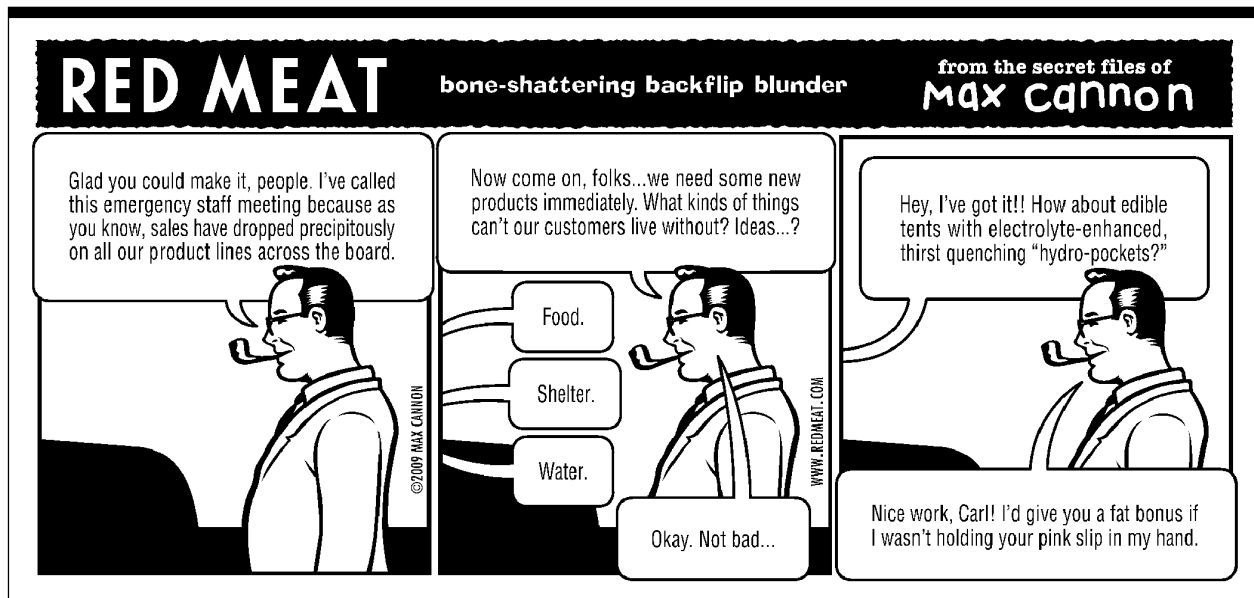
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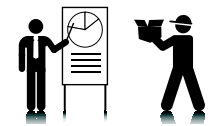


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Pre-surf music: MGMT

Worst beach pickup line: "Want help waxing your board?"

"I thought I could catch a few sets today, but it's way too cold," says Michelle, surveying the ocean. "Besides, it's raining, and the last time I was stupid enough to surf in the rain I got really sick. I missed a week of work."

Michelle surfs daily, waking up at 5 a.m. to get some waves before work. She's almost gotten fired because of her morning routine.

"You know when you're just in the zone and every wave is the best one ever? I had a morning like that a month ago; I could do no wrong out there. The next thing I knew, the sun was coming up, which means that it's at least 6:30. I paddled back to shore and saw that it was almost 8:00! I quickly got to work and had to convince my boss that I was stuck in traffic, which was pretty hard to do with wet hair."

She's been surfing since she was six years old



and has dealt with her share of discrimination.

"Okay, being a girl is not a big deal. It seems like, living here, people just trip out because you are female and also able to do more than lay out [in the sun]. Surfing is serious for me. It's who I am, and I can't stand being judged because of my gender. I am a better surfer than most of the guys I see out

there and wish that they could get over themselves and quit asking me if I'd be more comfortable in a pool! I stopped surfing at Swami's because of the attitude."

Last July, Michelle saved a surfer who had previously given her a hard time.

"This big dude had been harassing me all day, making fun of me and just being a jerk. I saw him start

to ride in, he slipped off his board, and he hit his head on it. When I didn't see him surface, I swam out there and luckily saw his board. I pulled him up and towed him in. It was an accident that could have happened to anyone. He was very apologetic and ended up being pretty cool."

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This week's questions

1. Josh Board parties with a bailiff and his friend from law enforcement. One of their stories involves a defendant who smuggles a bag of his own feces into court and, before throwing it at the jury, applies it where?
2. On what date was Bertha Bugarin arrested?
3. Canadian rocker Pat Travers had a 1979 hit with "Boom Boom (Out Go the Lights)," but who recorded the 1955 original?
4. To John Brizzolaro, the saying "shit happens" was coined to describe what year?
5. Is the ink on the *Reader* relatively safe to eat...for worms?
6. Cassius Carter, the namesake of Balboa Park's Cassius Carter Centre Stage, was a Shakespearean scholar and held what civic position?
7. When photography began in 1840, what metal were daguerreotypes produced on?
8. How many times can the same piece of paper be recycled?
9. Gumshoe Naomi Wise heads off in search of a decent nosh armed with "a hat, a coat, and a ___."
10. Ex-Penetrator and ex-San Diegan Gary Heffern now makes his home in what northern European country?

Last week's answers

1. Scripps Institution of Oceanography. (p. 70)
2. "Fashion." (p. 76)
3. 135. (p. 94)
4. UC Santa Barbara. (p. 80)
5. Paul Dobson. (p. 96)
6. 280 million. (p. 18)
7. The Rolling Stones. (p. 82)
8. South by Southwest, North by North Park. (p. 68)
9. "Goodbye." (p. 84)
10. *Dhammapada: Sayings of the Buddha.* (p. 21)

Last Week's Winners:

Janet Reese, Marilyn Reese, David A. Faulkner, Allison Vaughn, and Brenda Fass-Holmes

Rules Pop Quiz answers must include page numbers from the *Reader* print edition on which the answers are found. First five entrants to deliver correct sets of answers win Reader T-shirts or \$25 (indicate preference). Answers must be submitted by Monday at 7 a.m. after the issue in question. Only one winner per household or email address per month. Multiple entries will be disregarded. Mail answers to: Reader Pop Quiz, SD Reader, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186; or fax to 619-231-0489; or email to Quiz@sreader.com; or deliver to 1703 India Street in Little Italy (we have an after-hours mail slot).



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LEAD STORY

— They're either earnestly civic-minded or people with issues, but in several dozen cities across the country, men (and a few women) dress in homemade superhero costumes and patrol marginal neighborhoods, aiming to deter crime. Phoenix's Green Scorpion and New York City's Terrifica and Orlando's Master Legend and Indianapolis's Mr. Silent are a few of the 200 gunless, knifeless vigilantes listed on the World Superhero Registry. According to two recent reports (in *Rolling Stone* and the *Times of London*), unanticipated gripes by the "Reals," as they call themselves, are boredom from lack of crime and (especially in the summer) itchy spandex outfits.

Undergarments Different Than Ours

— Although to many outsiders, the concept of "clothing" on Muslim women suggests full-body veils, many married women in Syria are decidedly more playful, feeding a market for daring underwear (to be worn in private, of course, and only for one's husband). Musical panties (some that glow in the dark), bras with "hands" covering the cups, and underwear designed to collapse and fall to the floor at the sound of hands clapping are just three of the popular items at bou-

tique shops, according to a December BBC News dispatch from Damascus.

Leading Economic Indicators

— (1) The owner of a local ski shop told Colorado's *Vail Daily* in November that he was confident he could sell his parking space in a town garage for his asking price of \$500,000. After all, he said, it was on the top floor and next to an exit. (2) The upscale residents of Gate Mills, Ohio, are so grateful to their town's 61 government employees that they volunteered \$50,000 in holiday tips in December.

That's Nasty

— Among the best-selling and most controversial toys of this past holiday season were the \$39.95 Mattel "Gotta Go" Doll and the \$59.95 Hasbro Baby Alive, both because of their interactive features, especially their digestion/excretion functions. The latter doll comes with its own food ("green beans," "bananas") and a warning ("May stain some surfaces").

Cutting-Edge Science

— Dr. Peter Nakaji, expecting to find a tumor in the brain of a woman in Phoenix, was heard

on video of the surgery chucking when he realized the problem was a worm on the brain stem (probably acquired from poor sanitation)... In December, a three-day-old infant was doing well in Colorado Springs following the discovery and removal of a tiny, almost perfectly formed foot from his brain.

— More than 1000 new animal species were discovered in the past decade in the area surrounding the Mekong River that runs through Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam, including striped rabbits and a spider bigger than a dinner plate. Also found was a pink millipede that secretes cyanide, according to a December World Wildlife Fund report.

Recurring Themes

— On successive days in January in two towns in Britain, loners in their 70s were reported dead from dehydration in their homes after becoming trapped in monstrous labyrinths of, in one case, hoarded garbage, and in the other, hoarded but unopened merchandise. Gordon Stewart, 74, was found dead in a tunnel system he had arranged from several tons of refuse in his house in Broughton, Buckinghamshire, and compulsive shopper Joan Cunnane, 77, was buried under so much mer-

chandise and rubbish that it took rescuers in Heaton Mersey two days to locate her body.

Least Competent Criminals

— Torvald Alexander, 39, was able to chase away the unlucky home invader who hit his apartment on Dec. 31 in Edinburgh, Scotland, according to a BBC News report. The two men inadvertently came face to face just as Alexander was preparing to leave for a New Year's party, dressed in full regalia as Thor, the hammer-wielding Norse god of thunder. Alexander said the burglar took one look at him, turned, and climbed hurriedly out a window, sliding down a sloped roof and landing on the ground, where he took off running.

Undignified Death

— In November, a 67-year-old woman was killed in southern Brazil on her way to the cemetery following her husband's funeral. She was a front-seat passenger in the hearse when another vehicle collided with it, slamming her husband's coffin forward and crushing the woman's skull.

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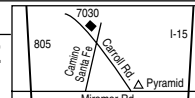
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Thirty Years Ago

WHITE QUEEN: I'm a Queen fan, but what do Queen fans do besides buy records and attend very very very loud concerts? DCB.

SAVOY TRUFFLE, Zoot and Dingo: Will see you at the Ken February 24, first showing. Wear your George buttons. Beatles four-ever! R. Wood.

WILD, WICKED, wanton woman — Still wanna find the lifeguard station at LJ Shores? Bring your scissors. I am Ringwinner and Luckwearer; and I am Barrelrider.

— CLASSIFIEDS, February 22, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

For the past few weekends, ten kids calling themselves the San Diego Breakers has met at Embarcadero Park near Seaport Village. Lucy Sardina, mother of two of the dancers, says that the 12- to 16-year-olds came in the afternoon to dance for an hour or so for fun.... [Seaport Village chief of security] last week issued this memorandum regarding

the break dancers: "Because of the concern of all of us on the bad element being attracted by these gangs at the edge of the park, by the Popcorn Wagon, I have been in contact with Chief LeBlanc of the Harbor Police."

— CITY LIGHTS: "THOSE ARE THE BREAKS," Abe Opincar, February 23, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

If Daddy Warbucks offered to build a \$120 million "sports palace" — "The finest in the world" — smack in the middle of downtown in exchange for moral support from the local citizenry and news media, you wouldn't ask questions, would you? Not, apparently, if you were San Diego's three major daily newspapers.

Last week Harry G. Cooper, billed as a "computer baron," a "hedonist," and "a multi-millionaire who never went to college," came forward to announce he and his "nephew-in-law" had purchased the

existing Sports Arena and wanted to build a new one. Local news pages greeted them with a noisy reception, running no fewer than five photos of Cooper in as many days, revealing him to have the looks of a middle-aged matinee idol.

— CITY LIGHTS: "HERE'S HARRY," Matt Potter, February 23, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

San Diego's least successful tower aesthetically is Sea World's 320-foot Skytower. Unlike the 984-foot Eiffel or many other towers throughout the world, ancient and modern, where you ascend through the "bones" of the structure to burst out at the top, Skytower is a giant decorative toothpick with a transparent olive that moves up and down. No mystery. No soul. I have no affection for it except during the holidays, when it becomes the world's largest used-car-lot-style tree of lights. The apparatus is so straightforward that it looks as if it could be dropped down on its side

and carted away in a weekend.

— "TOWER ENVY," Peter Jensen, February 17, 1994

Ten Years Ago

This is a note for Eleanor Widmer. I'm calling to point out that she is pronouncing wrongly the name of the restaurant Le Fontainebleau. She pronounces it [on KPBS] and spells it in her review (February 11) as though it were Fontainebleu, but it ends in *b-l-e-a-u*, not *b-l-e-u*, so in fact it's pronounced *Fon-taine-blow*, like eau de cologne, that kind of *o*.

— LETTERS: "FRIENDLY BLOW," Dale Hansen, February 11, 1999

Five Years Ago

Speculation about the fate of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* is raging through the *U-T* newsroom, Mission Valley watering holes, other haunts of those who've worked at the newspaper. The latest round of what has become an age-old guessing game among San Diego media watchers



San Diego Reader, February 23, 1984

kicked off last month when it was said that *U-T* scion David Copley had been rushed to an unidentified local hospital for heart surgery and had not returned to the office after weeks of recuperation, prompting suggestions he had taken a turn for the worse and might require a heart transplant.

— CITY LIGHTS: "END OF AN ERA," Matt Potter, February 19, 2004

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CARMEL VALLEY. Garage/estate sale. Furniture: Leather sofa/chair, patio furniture, executive desk, tables, computers, and much more. Saturday, 2/21, 8am-12. 13532 Penfield Point, 92130.

LA JOLLA. Windansea. Moving sale. 2 households. Saturday, February 21, 7am. Clothes, TVs, bikes, surfboard and more. 6709 Vista Del Mar.

POWAY. Interior designer moving. Garage sale 2/21/09, 8am-noon. 93 percent good stuff, 7 percent junk. No reasonable offers refused. 13884 Belvedere Drive. No earlybirds!

SANTEE. March 7, 9 am-noon. Fundraiser for schools. Children's clothes, toys, games. Children/family furniture. Rugs, books, kitchenware, electronics, more. Refreshments sold. 8949 Gorge Court.

SOUTH PARK. 2/21, 8am-1pm. Amoire, China cabinet, desk, bookcase, LPs,

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MISCELLANEOUS

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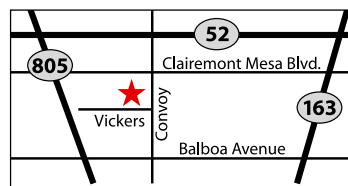
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Senior pastor: Wendy Craig-Purcell
Congregation size: 1400
Staff size: 14
Sunday school enrollment: about 120
Annual budget: about \$1 million
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to formal
Diversity: majority Caucasian, also Pacific Islander and Hispanic
Sunday worship: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Website: theunitycenter.net

Many churches of a certain age feature, at the back of the Sanctuary, a full-body baptistry — some sort of tank into which the believer may descend in order to be raised up into new life. I've seen such a baptistry used only once; almost always, the basin is dry. Not so, the Unity Center, a community with roots in Christianity and tendrils twining into the realms of Buddha, Confucius, and Gandhi. In the Sanctuary, water also flowed down the undulating faces of two

glistening sheets of stone. The effect was soothing, much like the Tibetan chant for universal compassion offered by guest musicians Anton Mizerak and Kim Lorene (the former on keyboards, the latter working the singing bowls, both of them harmonizing on vocals). "Om Tare Tare Tut Tare Ture Soha..."

There was much that was soothing about the place and the service, including Pastor Wendy Craig-Purcell's words during meditation: "Jesus talked about the invitation to come unto Him, all you who were weary and heavy-laden, and He would give you rest. Mystically and metaphysically, we take that to mean, come unto the awareness of the God within. In doing so, we will feel a sense of freedom and peace and relief..." (And the gathering concluded with the following prayer of protection: "The light of God surrounds us. The love of God enfolds us. The power of God protects us. The presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is, and all is well.")

But it wasn't all comfort

and light. Craig-Purcell continued, "Let our prayer of affirmation this morning be, 'Spirit, let me know what is mine to do. Let me know what is mine to understand.'"

What to do, what to understand? Well, there was this, from the on-screen announcements before things got started: "Your version of reality is an illusion. It doesn't exist outside your head. Enlightenment is just seeing things as they are. All that's needed is a shift in perception. But beware, Adyashanti warns, there's nothing in it for the ego. 'A Shift of Perception: Adyashanti' video discussion group with Pastor Will." More challenging than comforting.

But the real theme of the service showed up in Pastor Will's words of inspiration. First, from Gandhi: "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are all in harmony." Then from Epictetus: "First say to yourself what you would be, and then do exactly what you have to do." And then from Confucius: "To put the world in order...we must first cultivate

our souls." All this was illustrated and illuminated by Eknath Easwaran's book *The Compassionate Universe: The Power of the Individual to Heal the Environment*.

The book was based on Gandhi's Seven Social Sins, an examination of which, said Craig-Purcell, would give us "a pattern or blueprint for beginning to live our lives in greater spiritual authenticity across all aspects of our lives.... How we purchase, what we purchase, how we live, how we treat our planet, how we treat one another, what we stand for... We do not just celebrate our faith... on Sunday morning. It's demonstrated in what we put into our bodies, what we watch on TV, what we support, conversations we have..."

First up: knowledge without character. "We have acted with knowledge without character," said Craig-Purcell. "We're not bad people, but we don't fully understand sometimes all that we need to understand.... Our problems are simply the result of avoidable though deadly errors of judgment.



Wendy Craig-Purcell

The Unity Center Miramar ★★

Sermon	
content	★★
delivery	★★½
Liturgy	★★½
Music	
congregational	★★
band	★★½
Snacks	★★
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All we have to do is judge rightly. All we have to do is get better informed and act upon that information.... We know right from wrong, and if we're not sure, we can use that practice of prayer and meditation... and we will get to what the absolute truth is. We will know the right action to take. Solu-

tions are already present; we just have to make sure we know what they are and we have to make them important enough...that we are motivated to act upon them."

She warned against rampant consumerism and challenged the congregation to attend church and think about what they heard, to join a "Sacred Circle" small group and grow spiritually, and to "pick one thing that you know is good for you and for our world — something wholesome and right that you're not doing now — and commit to doing that through the next seven weeks." She mentioned diligent recycling or eating lower on the food chain. "How many of you are willing to pick one thing?" she asked, and hands went up. "That's a lot of us. That gives me hope."

What happens when we die?

"The soul goes on," said Craig-Purcell.

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