

# SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

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### What's cooking?

San Francisco author Patrick Dillon shared the City Club dais Friday with former San Diego attorney Bill Lerach. Dillon co-authored a book, "Circle of Greed," chronicling Lerach's spectacular downfall and conviction for fraud related to his court filings.

Dillon and Lerach also will appear at Warwick's in La Jolla on June 15.

Lerach was willing to answer questions, but first he cautioned: "If someone comes and offers to do a book on your life, I recommend you don't do it."

So what will Dillon, a Pulitzer Prize-sharing journalist and former *San Diego Union* reporter, do for an encore? A cookbook. He is joining forces with celebrated chef Jay Bentley of Montana to pen a book on open range cooking. ...

Joan Waitt's La Jolla estate came alive Wednesday with what sounded like Pat Benatar

in full concert. But guests at the Promises2Kids fundraiser were in on the secret. Benatar and Neil Giraldo, her husband and singing partner, were accompanied by one guitar and a computer perched nearby, which Giraldo referred to as a "band in a box."

Promises2Kids CEO Susan Golding had tapped Ben Haddad, chief of staff from her time as San Diego mayor, and his wife, Ann, to chair the event. The Haddads reported that during the backstage sound check, Benatar compared herself to Paul Simon and her husband to Art Garfunkel because of his curly gray hair, though he quickly retorted that it was because he could sing the high parts. The crew called him "Art" for the rest of the evening.