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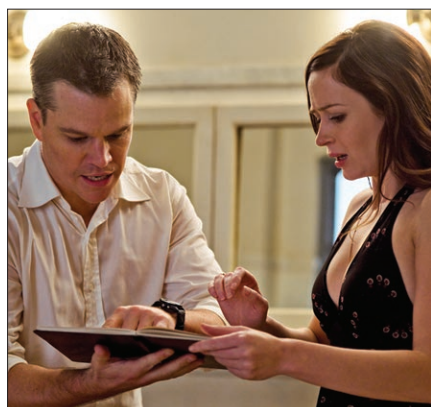
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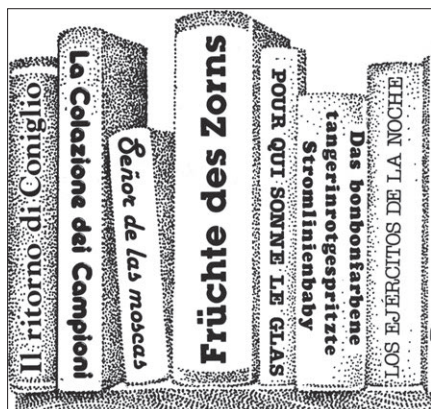
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UNDER THE RADAR

Democrats versus drug lords

Alan Bersin, President **Obama's** customs and border chief, often touts the administration's efforts to counter the danger to American tourists from Mexico's cartel-spawned violence, and it appears that San Diego Democrats are taking him at his word. "I'm pleased to announce that our first 'Set Sail for Victory' cruise will depart San Diego this December 3 for a seven-day trip along the Mexican Riviera," says a recent email from party chairman **Jess Durfee**. "Organized by the San Diego County Democratic Party, the cruise will include entertainment, excursions, informal trainings, food, a special cocktail reception, and more.... Every day will bring a wealth of activities, from informal political workshops to excursions and entertainment. For all Set Sail for Victory participants, an exclusive presentation will show how Democrats will lead the way to success in 2012!"

Stops by Holland America's *Oosterdam* are to include Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas, with tickets starting at \$669 a person, double occupancy. But it's not without risks. According to the U.S. State Department's most recent travel warning for Mexico, issued in September, "Mazatlan has experienced a recent increase in violent crime, with more murders in the first quarter of 2010 than in all of 2009."

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Filner's travels Despite the state's budget crisis, **Sandra A. Brown**, the new vice chancellor for research at UCSD, has been awarded a salary of \$290,000 a year by UC regents. A Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Wayne State University, Brown has been a professor in UCSD's Psychology Department.... Democratic congressman **Bob Filner**, said to be interested in running for San Diego mayor

when **Jerry Sanders** is termed out next year, has been on the road of late, courtesy of the Pacifica Institute, a nonprofit group founded by Turkish Americans, whose mission, according to its website, "is to promote cross-cultural awareness, in order to attain peace and diversity with our neighbors, help establish a better society where individuals love, respect and accept each other as they are." In Filner's case, that meant paying lodging and meal expenses totaling \$880 for a trip he took from Washington to Istanbul during the congressional recess from December 22 through



San Diego Democrats "Set Sail for Victory" in 2012 — a seven-day trip along the Mexican Riviera.

December 31 last year. Highlights, according to the itinerary, included a stop at Topkapi Palace, lunch at Sultan Ahmet Square, a visit to the Karakoy Jewish Foundation Museum, capturing "700 years of amiable relations between Jews and Turks," and a December 25 shopping tour of the Grand Bazaar, "one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with more than 58 covered streets and over 1200 shops.... Many of the stalls in the bazaar are grouped by type of goods, with special areas for leather coats, gold jewelry and the like."... Another potential mayoral candidate, GOP district attorney **Bonnie Dumanis**, entered the new year with a ready-made campaign bankroll, \$42,166 left over from her easy coast to reelection in 2010. Much of the cash — including \$500 each from lawyer and ex-Democratic congresswoman **Lynn Schenk**, her brother **Fred**, Democratic financier **Murray Galinson**, and his wife **Elaine**, as well as \$200 from General Atomics principal **Linden Blue**, a big fan of incumbent mayor Jerry Sanders — was donated in 2009.

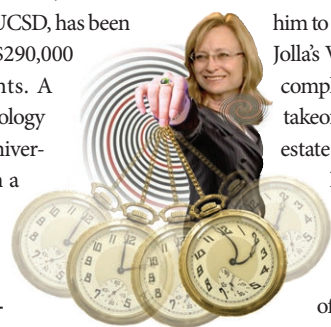
Copley pressed It wasn't so long ago that **David Copley** enjoyed free rein at city hall, easily convincing the City's Planning Department to allow him to combine a cluster of adjacent houses on La Jolla's Virginia Way into a sprawling residential complex and party venue he called Fox Hole, a takeoff on Fox Hill, his mother **Helen's** historic estate on Country Club Drive. A quick call by

Herb Klein, then editor in chief of Copley's *Union-Tribune*, to whoever was mayor was all that was necessary. But May 3 will mark the second anniversary of Copley's sale of the U-T to Beverly Hills-based Platinum Equity, forcing the onetime newspaper magnate, now retired at 59, to seek power and influence elsewhere. According to a

City lobbying disclosure filed December 30, he's found it in lawyer **Paul Robinson**, a high-priced downtown influence peddler whose firm has been retained by Copley Press, Inc., to attain "entitlement and development of the property" located north of Nautilus Street and west of Via Valverde in La Jolla, the approximate neighborhood of Fox Hill.

— Matt Potter

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Psychology professor Sandra Brown, appointed vice chancellor for research at UCSD, awarded \$290,000 per year by UC regents.

Owners' Arrogance Sinking Football

By Don Bauder

Call me Little Mary Sunshine. Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm. But I am beginning to believe that pro football's domination

of the national psyche peaked with this year's Super Bowl. This can only be good news for San Diego, whose Chargers are trying to treacle-talk political and business leaders into a \$700 million subsidy for a new stadium — but only if the team can't first wangle a better deal in Los Angeles.

Pro football may experience a slow leak. It won't be a bubble bursting, like dot-coms or subprime mortgages. But the bottom line, I think, is that the sport will be undone by hard dollars, health, and hubris.

First: hard dollars. States and municipalities are financially underwater, and San Diego was one of the first into the tank. Increasingly, San Diego economic seers are realizing the truth: the downtown stadium plans are just so much spin-drift — what the techies call vaporware and the rest of us call horse manure.

Kelly Cunningham, senior fellow at the National University System Institute for Policy Research, is one of San Diego's most distinguished economists, particularly knowledgeable

on the local economy. He's a fan of pro football, baseball, and basketball, but he wrote a note to me saying, "Having previously tried to rationalize public financing for ballparks and stadiums as an economic development tool and investment in the community, I should state my changing views. It is difficult



Cartoon that first appeared in *New York World* in 1897 ran in a January *New Yorker* article about the NFL's concussion crisis.

difficult, if not outright impossible, particularly during an era of budget austerities, to justify such expenditures." He adds, "If it could be shown the dollars spent actually spurred greater return on the invested dollars, it might be justified, but economic studies show this not to be the



Economist Kelly Cunningham: public funding of ballparks is unjustifiable.

case in about every situation."

My guess is that most local economists who have studied the pro sports subsidy racket would say the same, but they have a constraint: establishment employers looking over their shoulders.

Cunningham points to the Super Bowl extravaganzas that line the pockets of the owners and notes that similar pickpocketing is rampant in other sports. "The economic realities of the costs imposed on the community, inflated ticket prices, increased luxury boxes, overpriced parking and concessions, with inflated salaries for nonresident players and relatively low-paying jobs for everyone else,

only seem to extract more and more from the community," says the economist.

And what about Petco Park? Has it been successful economically? "It helped spur development that probably wouldn't have taken place otherwise," says Cunningham, noting, however, that the subsidized condos and hotels in the ballpark district are hardly successful, and the City's promise that the ballpark would be economically neutral was far wide of the mark. "The big recession and housing meltdown impacted

Don't blame unions, blame Wall Street San Diego securities lawyer Bill Lerach publishes his complaints in *Huffington Post*...

Royale Energy on two-day roar The San Diego-based oil and gas producer's stock zoomed 41.8% last week...

Home prices dropped San Diego home values declined 0.7% from November to December last year...

Read Don Bauder news updates like these every day at *SDReader.com*

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Too Far South for Sidewalks

By Dorian Hargrove

Juan Mariscal rests a hand on the new walker he started using two days ago. In November, doctors amputated the 64-year-old man's right leg because of complications from diabetes. During the next three months, as he recovered and learned to use his prosthesis, Mariscal was confined to a wheelchair.

"I couldn't go anywhere," he says in a thick Mexican accent. "I couldn't roll the

chair on the sidewalks. Too many bumps and cracks. Many places there are no sidewalks and you have to use the street." Mariscal worries that doctors might have to amputate his other leg. If they do, he will be back in a wheelchair.

Mariscal sits in the lobby of the San Ysidro Community Service Center, two blocks north of the border crossing, waiting to speak to Councilman David Alvarez about the poor condition of sidewalks. After hearing that District Eight's new councilmember would be hosting office hours for the south San Diego community, Mariscal caught a bus this morning from his home in north San Ysidro.

"It's disappointing," he



Juan Mariscal struggles to navigate San Ysidro's crumbling sidewalks using his walker or in his wheelchair (his wife Irma behind him).

says. "[The City] puts money where the rich live, but they forget about the poor communities like San Ysidro. Not all of us can afford electric wheelchairs. And that's what you need to get around here because of the sidewalks. I can't stay at home and do nothing. I'm not ashamed of being in the chair. I'm ashamed that my wife has to push me. It makes me look

weak."

Mariscal isn't the only resident upset about San Ysidro's infrastructure. Community members have complained for decades. Old and inadequate streets and the absence of sidewalks and pedestrian pathways were mentioned in the community plan when it was revised in 1990. Since taking office in early December, Councilman Alvarez says most of the calls he's received from San Ysidro residents have concerned infrastructure.

"This is supposed to be the international gateway—America's front door—but look around at the sidewalks and the streets," he says. "No one really feels like it's a gateway. How could they?"

Between appointments with constituents, Alvarez walks west from the community service center along Camino de la Plaza, heading for Las Americas outlet mall, on the other side of I-5. As we cross the bridge over the freeway, we can see construction crews working on the new footbridge at the pedestrian port of entry. On the south side of Camino de la Plaza, the sidewalks between the border crossing and the outlet

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STRINGERS

Don't Tase Me, Foo!

Florencio Hernandez Fights Cops

Escondido — Two Escondido police officers said they ended up rolling in wet ice-plant by the side of the road with a combative man who managed to get ahold of one officer's taser and engage it.

It was a rainy day in Escondido on January 3 when officers arrived on the scene of a single-car smashup. A witness told police a Nissan truck was speeding at approximately 50 miles per hour when it went through a wooden barrier at the end of a dead-end street, Vista Verde Way. The truck pitched up a muddy slope and then smashed into a granite boulder.

Hernandez smiled while he listened to officers recall the incident for a judge during a preliminary hearing last week in the Vista Courthouse. Hernandez is pleading not guilty through his public defender and will be formally arraigned March 3.

By Eva Knott
Tuesday, Feb. 22

Money Siphoners?

Union Members Picket Fresh & Easy Stores

Point Loma — Shopping at Fresh & Easy stores on the weekends may also include interactions with picketers who are members of the United Food & Commercial Workers union.

A press release from the union quoted UFCW 8-Golden State president Jacques Loveall as saying,

"Tesco, which is Fresh & Easy's parent company in the United Kingdom, is siphoning money out of our community.... We are responding to that provocation."

On several Saturdays and Sundays in February, union picketers converged on the Fresh & Easy store located at 955 Catalina Boulevard in Point Loma.



Florencio Hernandez grappled with two Escondido police officers after his truck was towed.

The single occupant then walked away, into a nearby avocado grove.

After police had the disabled truck towed away, Florencio Hernandez came out of the trees and began striking the two officers who remained.

Kelly suffered a bite wound and damaged knee. Leso suffered a bite wound, an inguinal hernia, and herniated spinal disc. Florencio Hernandez got six felonies.

They handed out flyers and spoke with patrons entering and exiting the store. The literature handed out stated: "Tell Fresh & Easy — Let Your Workers Freely Choose a Union." It insinuated that the company was guilty of unfair labor practices by "illegally threatening employees for discussing unionization" and also "illegally surveilling employees."

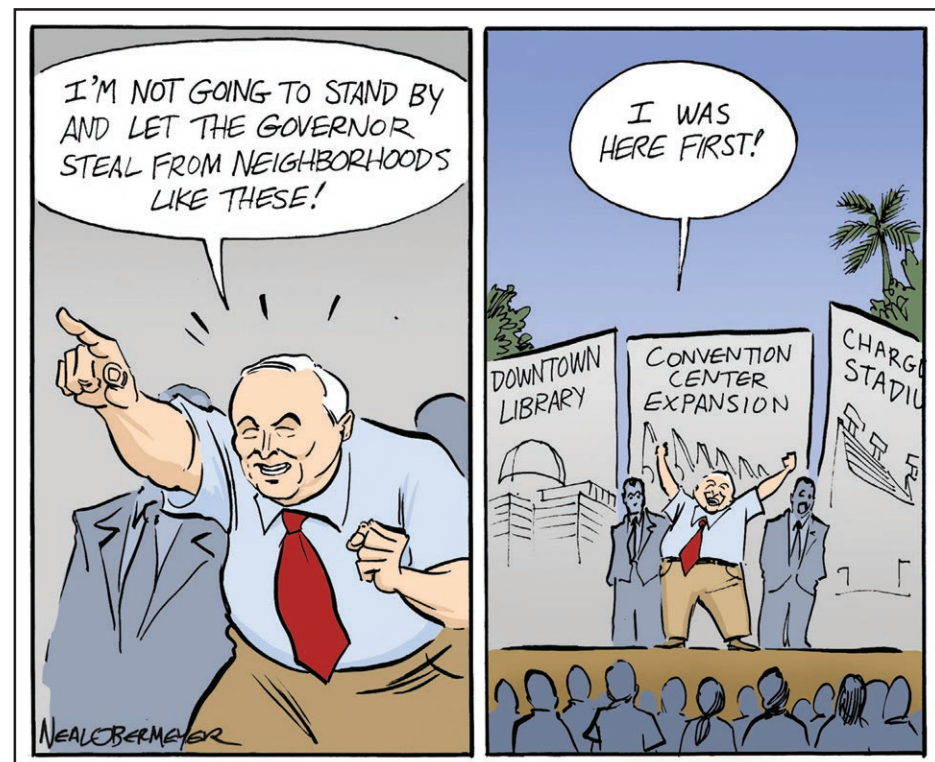
A Fresh & Easy employee

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Councilman Alvarez says the City "forgets about the poor communities."

Neal Obermeyer



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Hey, Babe

Re the cover photo ("Cat Snip," February 24), isn't it distressing when a castrating woman is drop-dead gorgeous?

Gary Whitlock
via email

Cat Lovers Protest

This week's cover of the Reader is very offensive and damaging to a lot of people who have had to witness the picture ("Cat Snip," Cover Story, February 24). Being a real or fake picture, this really isn't a cool thing to put on the Reader, and for a publication that is usually more open-minded to people's feelings

on certain subjects...

I speak for myself and every cat lover that this is just not right.

Branden
via email

Do It, Don't Show It

I am a cat lover. I had three cats that lived until the age of 21. Last year I adopted four kittens from Helen Woodward.

Seeing that kitten tied down to the stiff board after it got "snipped" is horrible ("Cat Snip," Cover Story, February 24). Why do you think that is a good cover shot? Yes, being "snipped" is a great thing, but to display the kitten tied with its paws in that position is concerning. I was with my children, and they were very upset.

Name Withheld
by Request
via email

For Shame!

I am very upset about the cover ("Cat Snip," Cover Story, February 24). It is inappropriate to put a dead feline prepped for a necropsy on the front cover reading "Cat Snip" for all ages to see whether you believe it is for educational purposes or not.

It should be recalled, and shame on you.

Christina
via email

The cat was alive and had just been spayed. — Editor

I Love Irony

Just a note to say how much I enjoyed your hypocrisy of juxtaposing Don Bauder's highlighted comment ("City Lights," February 24) chastising newspapers for reporting "titillating items regularly" with the equally prominent "Stringer," "Caught on Tape," about the man accused of videotaping a 12-year-old girl taking a shower! Or were you just trying to make his point in an ironic fashion?

Anthony Solare
via email

The Light Side of TJ

I would like to comment on the article that was published in the February 24 Reader, "Yonder Lies It: Messages from Tijuana" by Lorena Mancilla. The title of the article is "Rehab: A Public Nightmare in Tijuana." Here we have, once again, another article in the paper depicting a sordid side of the city. And many, many,

many articles appearing in the Reader seem to focus on the dark side or a sordid side of the city.

It would be nice for readers to know that there are thousands of Americans living in the Tijuana area — the Playas-Tijuana area, Rosarito Beach — who feel that Tijuana is a very beautiful place to live. There's a lot of art, there's a lot of wonderful activities, there's a lot of natural beauty. Many Americans feel that as a retirement place this is a wonderful place to live, and many people don't see, or seem to feel that they see, all the violence that the paper suggests is all around them. But most importantly, this is a city that has many wonderful things, and it's unfortunate that the media seems to dwell on the negative aspects.

Any city — Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago — has some very, very, very bad areas, and if these areas were publicized as much as the bad things in Tijuana are publicized no one would probably ever visit the United States either. So this is just a thought from an American who has been

traveling back and forth to Baja for many years.

Vivian Marlene Dunbar
Playas Tijuana

Creepy Corporations

Creeping corporatism isn't happening just at city hall ("Sanders on Sale," "Under the Radar," February 24). Local business titans are financing a ballot initiative for the next election to change San Diego's city charter to permit a takeover of the five-member board of education that currently is elected by the people.

A privately bankrolled group called "San Diegans 4 Great Schools" (Irwin Jacobs, Buzz Woolley, Rod Dammeyer, and others) has paid signature gatherers in mall parking lots to qualify their radical measure for the June ballot. They hope to add four *appointees* to the board of education, *limit* elected boardmembers' scope of authority to small districts rather than present citywide responsibility, and officially *restrict* elected members' terms of office. San Diegans 4 aims to "reform" school "governance."

As at city hall, this focus on public school "governance" is more corporate self-interest than altruism. Increasing the

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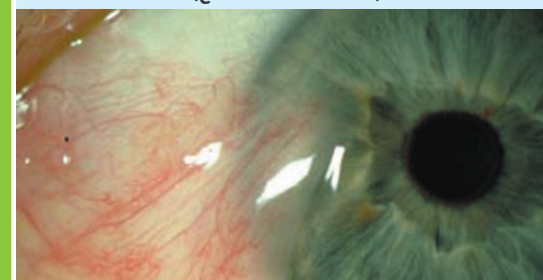
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by Barbarella

Society can exist only on the basis that there is some amount of polished lying and that no one says exactly what he thinks. — Lin Yutang

I stood beside David in the atrium on the top floor of the San Diego Natural History Museum and scanned the artwork on the walls. David was one of four photographic artists represented in the exhibition. “So weird that they’re calling this show the ‘color of water’ when your work is black-and-white,” I said. “Maybe it’s a metaphor or something.”

An approaching woman interrupted David’s eye-rolling acrobatics. She was about my mother’s age, with a no-fuss, Midwestern mom haircut that complemented her turtleneck and denim button-down combo. But it was her face that caught my attention.

“I’m thinking, Don’t stare at her bad makeup. It was serious badness, and not in a Michael Jackson kind of way.” David savored his quip with a sip of wine.

It was like staring at an optical illusion. I struggled to identify the underlying image (her features) beneath layers of distraction (her makeup). Something was off about her lips. I watched as they moved this way and that to form questions for David about his work, and after a minute or so I figured it out: she had two mouths — her actual lips, and the coral paste she’d

smear over them, in the shape of her lips, but a few millimeters to the left, as if she had been trying to center them beneath her nose.

The plight of her eyes was more obvious. Her lids were naked, lashless — I wondered if she’d Tammy Faye’d them to extinction. Beneath each eye she had a straight, Sharpie-thick line of dark-blue liner. I was reminded of school, when I’d use a bold marker to underline a topic so I wouldn’t forget to go back and address it. I was so busy examining her eyes that I missed what her mouths were saying. “I’m sorry, what was that?”

“I said, you must be very proud to have such a talented husband,” said the woman.

“Yes.” I willed myself to look only at her pupils and not the surrounding area. “I’m a lucky woman.” I turned and shared a smile with David. Once my gaze had been broken, I kept my eyes from drifting above her turtleneck. “I’ll let you two talk some more,” I said. “I’m going to get a refill on my

coffee.” Once I was out of sight, I snuck a glimpse of myself in my tiny compact mirror to make sure all my war paint looked the same as when I’d applied it that morning.

After the show, David and I walked over to the Prado for lunch. It was a warm Saturday afternoon, perfect for dining al fresco and sipping honey-scented white wine. While we waited for our food, David started to make small talk.

“Did you notice —”
“That poor woman’s hatchet job? Yeah,” I said, and followed it up with a wounded, *How could you think I would miss that expression.*

“I really wanted to say something,” David said.
“You’re not serious.” I studied his face. “You are serious. God, I’m so happy you didn’t. What would you have said? Wait, how did you know it was so bad? Every girl you dated before me wouldn’t know her concealer from her highlighter.”

“First of all, I recognized that it was a disaster,” David said. “I’m trying to have a conversation with her, and all the time I’m thinking, *Don’t stare at her bad makeup.* It was serious badness, and not in a Michael Jackson kind of way.” David savored his quip with a sip of wine and then continued, “I would say, ‘My wife has professionally done makeup for many people and helped people achieve a better look by not doing so much underlining.’”

I winced. “I would have died,” I said.

“No, I’d do it in a nice way. I’d turn it into a compliment. Like, ‘You have nice eyes. Perhaps they’d look better with a more natural look.’”

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“Didn’t you help your coworker that one time by suggesting she stop using that dark lip-liner?”

“I never said anything to her,” I confessed.

I found David’s philanthropic interest in other women’s makeup endearing, especially given his past attitude toward cosmetics. I wasn’t exaggerating when I said he’d never dated a woman before me who wore makeup. I’m surprised that David — a guy historically drawn to bare faces — ever clicked on my online personal profile, in which I declared “red lipstick” as one of the five things I couldn’t live without.

“Why’d you never tell me I’d look better with a ‘natural’ look?” I asked. “Sure, I don’t cake on the foundation and powder, but I do it up with black eyeliner and lipstick. That never bothered you?”

“I like the way you wear your makeup — it complements rather than distracts from your features.”

“So, you think if someone does a distracting job, they need to know about it — from a stranger?”

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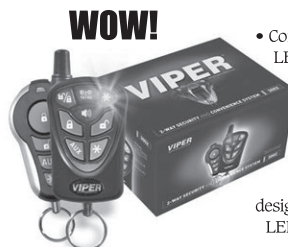
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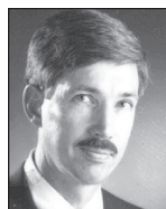
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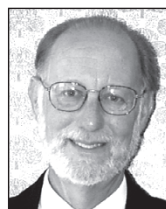


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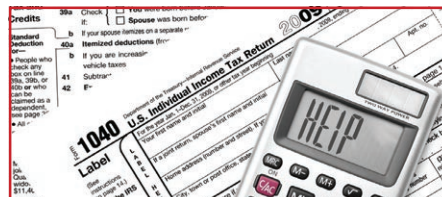
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Almost factual news

No-topia!

Authorities Vow to Block Floatopia/Rowtopia-Inspired "Mowtopia" at Kate Sessions Park

In the Soup

San Diego Environmentalists, Utterly Unable to Gather Support for California Shark-Finning Ban on the Grounds That the Practice is Decimating Worldwide Shark Populations, Now Warn that Finless "Stealth Sharks" Will Pose Substantially Greater Threat to San Diego Ocean Bathers.

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"If our feet don't actually... touch the ground, we legally can't be legally drunk, right? At the park?"

DRINKING COMFORTABLY IN THE CONFINES OF MY OWN HOME (AP): First came Floatopia, the San Diego Booze Crew's initial attempt to beat the Mission Beach booze ban by getting smashed while bobbing in the waves just off shore. That got banned. The party moved onshore to Kate Sessions Park,



but the city council banned drinking there, too. Rowtopia, scheduled for late March, will see a return to the water, this time in rowboats, where drink-

ing is ostensibly legal, at least for passengers. But apparently, some beer-guzzlers are also land-lubbers, and are loath to leave Sessions' sunny sanctuary. They have set up a Facebook events page calling for "Mowtopia — a motorized invasion and liberation of occupied territory, followed by copious and conspicuous consumption. F#\$% yeah." Reached for comment, San Diego Police Department Drunk Division chief Walter Schlitz replied simply, "F#\$% no."



Would-be Mowtopia attendee doing a little pre-heating on his way to the party

NIGHTMARE of Nice

Newly Released Journal Entries Suggest Radical Muslim Cleric Learned to Loathe America While at La Mesa Mosque

"Where is the hate?"

LA MESA'S CHARMING TREE-LINED DOWNTOWN: Anwar Al-Awlaki is considered by some to be the most dangerous threat to the United States alive today. But in the late '90s, he was the intellectual, soft-spoken leader of La Mesa's Arribat Al-Islami mosque, considered by many who knew him to be a moderate, easygoing Muslim. Since then, he has been linked to the 9/11 hijackers, the Ft. Hood shooter, the underpants bomber, and others. He prays "that Allah destroys America." What happened to effect this awful change? Journal entries, recently released by the FBI, seem to implicate this sweet suburban enclave and its brutal, unrelenting pleasantness.

"**June 17, 1996** — Cloudless sky today. But then, I could write that nearly every day here. Same, same, same. Some days, I can barely tell I'm alive, except maybe it's a little hot. But even then, I know that by evening, the air will be deliciously cool, perfect for sleeping. Why does this disturb me? I don't know. But it does. Maybe I should just go live in a cave in the desert somewhere. Maybe then I could hear the voice of Allah more clearly.



Al-Awlaki demonstrates how living in La Mesa made him feel

October 14, 1997 — Picked up a prostitute on El Cajon Boulevard, standing on the corner in front of the Hitching Post Motel. Brazen harlot. I was prepared to punish her for her wantonness, but after she allowed me to insult her in the most degrading terms imaginable during our session for no extra charge, it somehow didn't seem worth it. This place is taking a terrible toll on me.

July 5, 1999 — They will not win. They cannot defeat me. All the smiles, all the greetings, all the

little gestures of acceptance — it's all a lie. Even if the friendliness is real, it is built on a rotten foundation of so-called tolerance and Western decadence. But I will show them. I will show them I am strong, strong enough to smash their false idols of good cheer and neighborly concern. Mrs. Wilson cannot fool me with the homemade baklava she brought to the block party just for me. She is just another infidel, sucking at the swollen, poisoned teat of Western democracy. But she does make good baklava. So flaky!

December 7, 1999 — They took my trash to the curb for me again, this time while I was at the studio record-

ing my talk on Jewish manipulation of the media. Now I have to go and say thanks and maybe make small talk. This is the last straw. I will destroy them all. They will not make a fool of Anwar Al-Awlaki.

September 13, 2001 — Back in La Mesa for a quick meeting. Stopped by Jamba Juice at Grossmont Center, partly for a smoothie, partly to taste the sweet sorrow and helpless outrage of these weakling Westerners following our glorious attack on the World Trade Center. But I was foiled by a horrible father of three who walked up to me, put his hand on my shoulder, and said, 'I want you to know that while I am horrified and even angered by what has happened in New York, I also feel a deep sympathy for yourself and the many Muslim-Americans like you who now have to worry about the way they are viewed by their fellow citizens every time they leave home. I only hope that in time, non-Muslim Americans can learn to live side by side with your people the way they have learned to live side by side with so many others: Catholics, blacks, Jews, and on and on. Peace be with you, brother.' Jews! I could have killed him on the spot, but my Berry Lime Sublime was ready for pickup. I really do think I'm going to have to leave town for good — I need a few thousand miles' worth of perspective to see just how horrible this place really is."

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U.S. representative **Duncan Hunter**

served as a Marine in Iraq, wants to delay the repeal of "Don't ask, don't tell" until the chiefs of the military branches sign off on it.



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In *Hoosiers*, **Chelcie Ross**

played a man who worried that the new basketball

coach's policies would screw up the team.



U.S. representative **Brian Bilbray** backs representative Hunter's bill to delay

the implementation of "Don't ask, don't tell."

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As Ralph Furley on *Three's Company*, **Don Knotts** insisted on running "a clean, family building."



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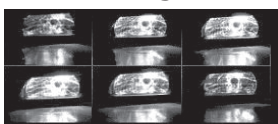
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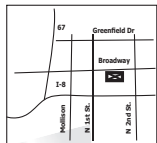
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Matt:

I have this friend who decided that burglars should learn to use their feet instead of their hands when they steal things so they won't leave any fingerprints behind. I think he was kidding at the time, but when we checked our feet we saw that they had patterns just like fingerprints on them. My friend might be crazy, but I think my question is real. Are toeprints individual, like fingerprints? And how do fingerprints get to be individual, since identical twins don't have identical fingerprints. At least I don't think they do.

— Another Matt, San Diego

Good thing your friend has you hanging with him or he might fall into a manhole or wander off down some dark street. He's the dreamer; you're Mr. Practical. And you're right about fingerprints. No two are identical. Ditto for footprints. More than one burglar has been identified by bare footprints left at a crime scene. There's some degree of genetic determination in the basic pattern of a finger- or footprint — the way the whorls and ridges go. But when you get down to a microscopic level, there are a lot of differences. Prints are matched according to the little breaks and forks in the bigger ridges in the pattern. It's here that the innocent is separated from the guilty. And identical twins might have what look like identical fingerprints, but close examination will expose the differences. The differences in the breaks and branches are developed in utero, by the difference in position of each fetus, what fingers and toes rub against, and how their positions change. That also accounts for any bigger physical differences between identical twins, who don't always look like eerie Xeroxed images of one another.

Hello Matt:

Just wondering, is there any scientific explanation for déjà vu?

— Just wondering

Hey, Grandma, haven't we answered this question before? Sounds familiar.

"No. And I told you that the last time you asked. Didn't you ask me that yesterday? Just answer the question, Matthew."

Okay, déjà vu vs. science. What have we got here? Well, we've got many definitions.

Many theories. Not so much research since it's sort of hard to get someone to have a déjà vu experience on demand. Déjà vu is an aberration of memory that different scientists explain in slightly different ways. Neurologists recognize it as a frequent accompaniment to temporal lobe seizures — electrical misfirings in a particular part of the brain. Psychiatrists see it in schizophrenic patients. And almost all of us experience it at one time or another, unrelated to any medical or psychiatric diagnosis. Some research suggests that

people suffering anxiety or fatigue are more prone to the eerie feeling.

Most explanations of garden-variety déjà vu propose that although we think we've never been in this place or been through this experience, there are enough common emotional links between our present situation and some dim past event that we muddle the two and call it déjà vu. The situations aren't identical, but close enough that we conflate the two. One of the problems with the phenomenon is that it likely involves three parts of our brains: the amygdala, hippocampus, and temporal lobe, all of which participate in memory and emotion. Science is just beginning to map out that complicated territory.

The science guys are working on several different theories of memory, which affects their views of déjà vu. One theory says we store conscious recollections, things that we can call into memory in some detail. And we have a second type of memory based on familiarity — the kind of memory that makes you say, "Yeah, I think I've seen her somewhere before." Connecting the two might produce that creepy déjà vu. But there's so much research left to do to map memory in the brain then follow the connections, it may be a while before we can pin down déjà vu.

Three Questions:

1. Is it true that you are actually a woman? 2. Why do farts smell so good to those that cut them? 3. Why do you always include some snide, condescending "why don't you get a life" type remark in every response?

— Fernando Castro, Chula Vista

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— “WOMEN & TECHNOLOGY,”
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Snails. White snails. Little white snails with great big appetites. They eat avocados. They eat citrus crops. They eat ornamental shrubs. And they’ve come to San Diego.

White snails are considered a menace by the local and state departments of agriculture, which are trying to destroy the creatures before they begin wiping out orange groves, plant nurseries, and people’s gardens. Their slimy trails have been found, so far, in Hillcrest, Santee, Oceanside, Encanto, and Winter Gardens (south of Lakeside).

The last white snail invasion was in 1911 and was limited to La Jolla.

— CITY LIGHTS: “ATTACK OF THE KILLER GASTROPODS,”
Brae Canlen, March 6, 1986

Twenty Years Ago

It’s always perplexing to encounter a talented musician who chooses to neglect his skill in favor of a glitzy image. As incongruous as it seems, Roy Clark is this sort of wasted talent.

A virtuoso on guitar and banjo, Clark can almost be galvanizing when he concentrates on displaying his instrument prowess. But his pedestrian tastes and silly image as a grinning yokel make him impossible to endure. There remains a potentially admirable craftsman hidden in him, but it’s smothered by insufferable bushels of corn.

— OF NOTE: “ROY CLARK,” Stephen Esmedina,
March 7, 1991

Fifteen Years Ago

The most enjoyable sports experience I’ve had in years is discovering high school girls’ basketball. Although your local high school will have a girls’ team, the best place to watch this brand of BB is Julian.

I’ve attended basketball practices in the Julian gym. They begin at 3 o’clock in the afternoon. Since JHS is so small, the girls of ten scrimmage against the boys. I love those scrimmages. A girl will defense a boy, hands up, chest to chest, steady eyes, block his shot,

throw a hip into the boy’s butt, fight for rebound, jam up close under the net. The girls show absolutely no fear, give no ground, accept no favors.

Even in high school, boys have watched enough NBA on TV to

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have attitude. They learn, even in Julian, that game face, that phony swagger, that shell, that remove from the game. And the girls don’t.

— SPORTING BOX: “BEST BASKETBALL,”

Patrick Daugherty, February 29, 1996

Ten Years Ago

My father-in-law once told me that if your marriage can survive wallpapering, it could survive anything. So imagine the bond that must have existed between my house’s previous owners — nearly every room was wallpapered, sometimes two or three times, layer upon layer testifying to their mutual patience and devotion. It came as no surprise to hear that they were happily married for over 50 years.

I like to think my own marriage could pass the wallpaper test, but I doubt I’ll ever know. We are not wallpaper people.

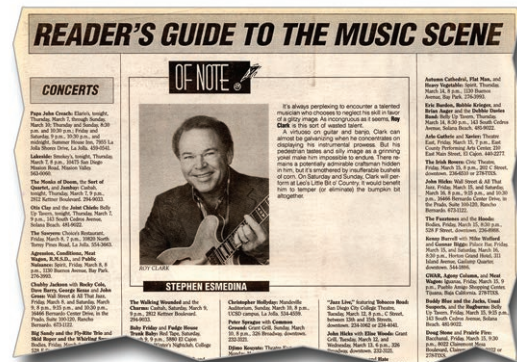
— BEST BUYS, Eve Kelly, February 29, 2001

Five Years Ago

Last Friday was Mexican Flag Day. It was that thought that prompted me to write about Mexico at all, and the column hijacked itself and had me write what it wanted. This is a beloved copout among writers and one that proves itself valid the longer you’re at it. It is spring-like weather that suggests to me I start from there (broad enough), and I have no idea at this moment where that will lead.

— T.G.I.F., John Brizzolara, March 2, 2006

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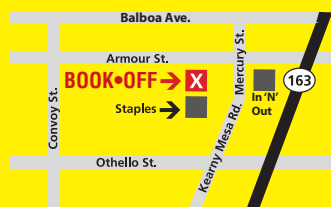
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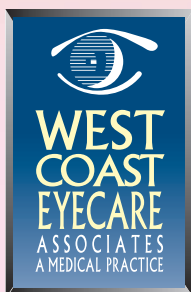


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fast break

By Anthony Gentile

Vista forward Sedrick Childress drives baseline in front of Eastlake guard Brian Panaligan.

Otay Ranch guard Alex Perez leans into El Camino forward Mookie Beard on a shot attempt in the lane.

Playoff savvy El Camino upsets Otay Ranch in quarterfinals

Chula Vista — After a subpar end to the regular season, El Camino is showing that it hasn't forgotten its recent playoff pedigree. Saturday night at Otay Ranch, the fifth-seeded Wildcats started fast and knocked off the fourth-seeded Mustangs 69-50 in the Division I quarterfinals.

"We know we can play with anyone in San Diego," said El Camino guard Chris Gorman. "League didn't show it, but playoffs are a different type of basketball, and we know what it takes to win."

El Camino (25-6) broke open a tied game midway through the first quarter with a 14-0 run that included three Gorman three-pointers. The Wildcats hit five threes in the period and led 26-13 headed into the second quarter.

"We did a lot of shooting in practice," Gorman said. "We came to the gym ready tonight, and I was just feeling it early."

Otay Ranch (24-5) scored the first seven points of the second quarter to get back into the game. The Mustangs kept pace with El Camino for the rest of the quarter, and Otay Ranch guard Alex Perez converted a three-point play with 2.8 seconds left to make it 38-30 at halftime.

"We jumped out of the gate really strong," Gorman said. "We've been working on coming out and playing harder than the other team from the start."

Boosted in the third quarter by a rowdy home crowd, Otay Ranch cut the gap to four points midway through the third quarter when Perez hit a three-pointer to make it 41-37. But El Camino finished the quarter on a 12-4 run and held Otay Ranch to nine points in the fourth quarter to advance with a comfortable 19-point victory.

"I think we could do this every game; this was a pretty typical game," Gorman said. "We have the ability to play better than we have been playing, and this is the time to show it."

CIF Quarterfinals Scoreboard

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Division I

- (1) La Costa Canyon 69, (8) Vista 57
- (5) El Camino 69, (4) Otay Ranch 50
- (3) Rancho Buena Vista 99, (11) San Ysidro 91
- (2) Torrey Pines 69, (7) Poway 50

Division II

- (1) Lincoln 82, (9) Monte Vista 40
- (5) Morse 49, (4) Westview 44
- (3) Helix 57, (6) Hilltop 51
- (2) Hoover 68, (10) Point Loma 27

Division III

- (1) St. Augustine 79, (9) Valley Center 39
- (5) University City 59, (4) Cathedral Catholic 51
- (3) Mount Miguel 53, (6) Canyon Crest 49
- (2) Mission Bay 57, (10) La Jolla 35

Division IV

- (1) Francis Parker 64, (8) Santa Fe Christian 50
- (5) Army-Navy 53, (4) Coronado 52
- (3) Bishop's 54, (6) Mater Dei 37
- (2) La Jolla Country Day 75, (7) Imperial 32

Division V

- (1) Horizon 65, (9) Calvary Christian Academy 28
- (4) The Rock Academy 54, (5) Maranatha Christian 51
- (3) Calvin Christian 60, (6) Tri-City Christian 54
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El Camino cheerleaders make some noise for the Wildcats in the Division I quarterfinals.

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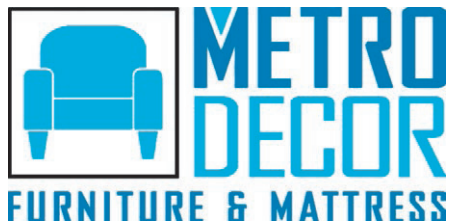
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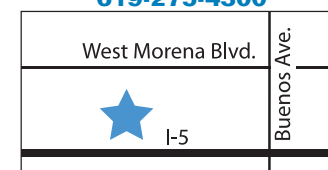
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T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

**Brother Justin
handed me a
credit chit for a
local crew-cut
stylist.**

March may have blustered into San Diego like a lion more than once but never often enough to earn a cuteism like June Gloom or May Gray. Nothing like, "Ah, yes, just like clockwork every year: March Mayhem in the Mesas. Snow in Kearny Mesa, sleet in Clairemont Mesa, hail in Otay Mesa — same every year!" Maybe it will happen, what with the polar ice cap melting, but before we hear that, we're more likely to see billboards reading, "Welcome to San Diego: Home of Abbie Hoffman University and Amusement Park."

While I

have no idea how March might be coming in as this sees publication; out the window to my left is every sign of a fine day in May. Of course, much the same can be said for most days in this part of the country, which is, oddly enough, such a huge market for pharmaceutical antidepressants.

In a previous column I was discussing the phenomenon of weather as a kind of memory trigger in general. For example, I mentioned that day as being a fine one, extraordinarily nice, really, and just the type we San Diegans take for granted. That may be a little more difficult for me and others who migrated from Chicago, a city whose denizens consider the idea of a winter vacation in the seaside resort of Vladivostok to be a kind of retirement dream. But today's weather, here and now, reminds me very much of a day when I was 17 and truly understood that I was alive, and

something of what that meant. It was the day I was kicked out of high school, senior year, because I refused to cut my hair.

It was spring of 1968 in Mundelein, Illinois, a Ray Bradbury kind of small Midwestern town. I had been sent to the disciplinarian's office of Carmel High School for Boys for staring out the window on our first real spring day. This was during economics class, under the gaze of Brother Mel. The disciplinarian, Brother Justin, was less interested in my choice of scenery than my hair length (it was getting really good in the back) and handed me a credit chit for a local crew-cut stylist. I was told not to return unless defoliated. This was a Friday afternoon, so I had until Monday.

I walked the sparsely developed acreage between the school and the town: some cornfields newly planted, grazing areas still damp from winter, but overall a day much like this one in North Park in 2011. Illinois is not completely flat, and the phrase "rolling hills" can fit nicely into descriptions of much of it. When I approached the crest



of a long, slow incline, maybe gaining 50 yards of barely noticed altitude as it ascended so slowly, I remember finding myself among a stand of three trees, maybe maples, all of them leaning to the southeast after months of winter wind. A wind came up again. Stronger than a breeze, less than tornado class. The wind whipped my Catholic school necktie over my shoulder, and my hair, at its seditious length, lifted, swayed,

plastered itself over my face and waved its freak flag in the direction of Libertyville, the next town over.

It is difficult to describe the exhilaration I experienced that Friday afternoon in Illinois. It was a surge of energy, sheer gladness about something and a need to celebrate. I have said that I felt truly alive for the first time, and that was true, along with its attendant realization of its finiteness, a sense of mortality, but not one that depressed the spirit in any way. This experience had nothing to do with drugs, by the way; they were seldom around when I was interested during that period, and I still thought of booze as a cornball and crude high.

I associate a piece of music with that moment, though I probably could not have actually been hearing it at the time. It is the Who's "I Can See for Miles"; and though I believe it came out that year, unless I caught some strains of it from a passing car radio almost a mile away, I could not have been hearing it in real time. Still, if I hear that song today, I'll immediately remember that day I got kicked out of school and felt terrifically happy about it.

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

My two middle boys went deep-sea fishing a while back, and a couple of Fridays ago I cooked up some killer fish tacos with their rockfish. But while the insides were awesome, the tortillas proved a touch dry. “Why not make your own?” asked Patrick. The notion started eating at me. I like my bread better when I make it from scratch — why not tortillas?

But how to do it? Luis Estrada, kitchen manager at Café Coyote in Old Town (619-291-4695; cafecoyoteoldtown.com), told me that his restaurant makes its own tortillas. “For corn tortillas, we purchase masa. Then, to make the tortillas, we add three ounces of water for each pound of masa and mix it up.” Each tortilla starts out as a roughly two-ounce ball of masa. “We use a tortilla press. You put the masa on a round metal plate and then the top presses down.” After the tortilla is flat, it’s time for grilling on a 350-degree *plancha* (griddle). “I know when it’s done from the feel — a firm texture — and then I flip it over for, say, one more minute.”

Flour tortillas are slightly more complicated. “You use three pounds of flour to half a pound of lard, ten ounces of water, and two ounces of salt. You can mix it by hand or with a mixer. When you’re done, the dough will be similar to pizza dough. Divide the dough into two-ounce balls and roll them out the way you would a pizza. You can use any roller. Cook them on a small, flat grill — just like the corn tortillas, about a minute a side. You can serve them fresh and hot, or they will keep for about one week in the refrigerator.”

I had my marching orders. First up, masa. Sammy at Supermercado Murphy’s in City Heights (619-624-2504) told me he had masa for \$1.59 a pound. “We make it here. It’s just dried corn that has been soaked for a day and then ground. We add lime as a preservative.” Supermercado Murphy’s also sells corn tortillas, made in-store daily (\$1.39 for 2.2 pounds, \$2.59 for 4.4 pounds, and \$3.59 for 6.6 pounds). I also found masa at Gabriel’s Tortilleria in Sherman Heights (619-232-5744) for \$.60 a pound.

For flour tortillas, I would need lard.

“They have a machine that cranks them out all morning. Get there early if you want ’em while they’re warm.”

Pancho Villa’s Farmer’s Market in Normal Heights (619-584-4595) sells pork lard for \$1.59 a pound. “It comes in one- to one-and-a-half pound containers,” said the clerk. “We also sell masa mixed with lard for tamales [\$1.99 a pound] and plain masa [\$.69 a pound].

For the tortilla press, I called Great News in Pacific Beach (858-270-1582; great-news.com). “We carry a manual tortilla press by Norpro for \$18.94,” said the clerk. “It’s made from aluminum and is about six inches in diameter.”

San Diego Restaurant Supply downtown (619-239-8107; sdrs.com) offered an aluminum, six-and-a-half-inch manual press for \$10.95.

So many tortilla-making options. I began to consider scrapping the from-scratch approach and asked my friends for their tortilla hotspots. For corn tortillas, Mary suggested El Indio (619-299-0333; el-indio.com).

“They have a machine that cranks them out all morning for \$1.30 a dozen. Get there early if you want ’em while they’re warm.”

Kathy only goes to Las Cuatro Milpas in Barrio Logan (619-234-4460). “You can get corn tortillas for \$1.25 a dozen or flour for \$2.75 a dozen. They start making them around 8:30 in the morning, but if you want some, you have to call ahead and place an order first.”

Maria argued for Tortilleria Lily in City Heights (619-281-2890). “They make only white corn, and they’re open early, from five in the morning until around two in the afternoon. You can get 33 for \$1.45, 66 for \$2.55, and 110 for \$3.55. I buy the large bag and just keep the extras in the freezer.”

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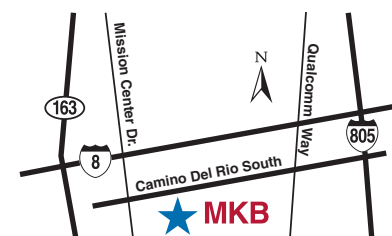
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Writer Laurence Neal with friends in Las Vegas

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Usually, I go up to Vegas to visit family and friends, but this particular trip I'm playing the role of tourist. Four of my UCSD friends and I are headed for the Strip, hoping to get lost in excess and revelry for a weekend. I sense the excitement my passengers feel and can't help but join them. With my driving glasses on and attention focused on the rear-view mirrors, we journey along I-15 north, leaving La Jolla for the Nevada desert.

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a taste of what it's really like over there. In 2007, I was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy after completing a highly involved application process that included a fitness test, the provision of recommendations, and interviews with congressional committees.

A Marine officer on Senator Reid's panel asked: "Why do you think that you are the best candidate for a service academy?"

With a smile, I replied, "I want to serve my country and preserve the freedom that most people take for granted."

I wasn't lying, but my true motive was to get medical school

comped.

Wearing a hand-me-down suit, I convinced the panels that I really wanted to go to a service academy, even when I hadn't quite con-

"What if you can't be a doctor? Would you still want to owe eight years to the Air Force?"

vinced myself. I wanted to get into the Air Force Academy and had been told I was a shoe-in because my dad is an alumnus.

I interviewed with a Navy captain, who,

coincidentally, was also my mom's dentist. She made brownies, which we ate as we discussed my future in the living room. He thought he was wasting his time

with me because of the legacy. He knew that my grandpa taught cadets in Colorado Springs.

"It's a shame we can't have you in the Navy," the captain said. "What do you mean?"

"Your dad is an Air Force Academy alum," he said, shaking his head.

The Air Force major I interviewed with was the only person who saw through my ruse.

He could tell I was more interested in the free-college aspect than a career in the military.

The major said, "You want to go to the Air Force Academy because you desire a career as an officer, correct?"

I hesitated. "I want to go because I want to serve my country. I also want to be a military doctor."

"What if you can't be a doctor?" he asked. "Would you still want to owe eight years to the Air Force?"

Halfheartedly I replied, "I really want to be a doctor."

Subsequently, I was turned down by the school in Colorado Springs. I did receive appointments to the Naval Academy, West Point, and the Merchant Marine Academy. A week after high school graduation in June 2007, I found myself with a shaved head, wearing

a "white works echo" uniform, and sweating and worrying in the Maryland humidity. We would stand in the hallway holding our 12-pound rifles with our arms at 90 degrees from our bodies for hours, until there was a thin film of sweat covering the tile. In boot camp, you are no longer an individual. Once you enter the service, you give up your freedom, and you never truly appreciate freedom until it's gone. That was perhaps the most important lesson I learned at the academy. After a few months of boot camp, I opted out of the U.S. Naval Academy because the Navy wanted a 15-to-18-year commitment for anyone entering the medical program. My dad flew out to Annapolis in his full-dress uniform and tried to convince me to stay.

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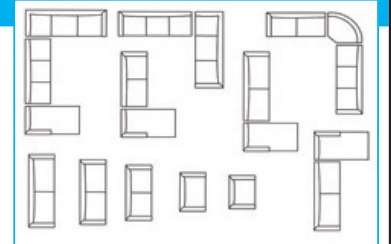
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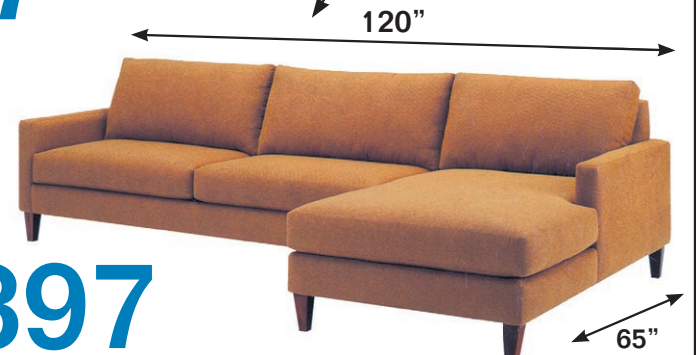
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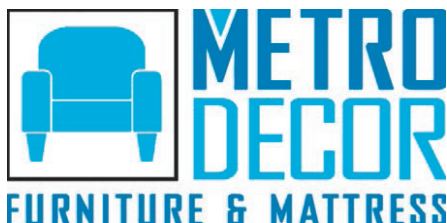
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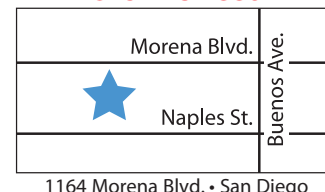
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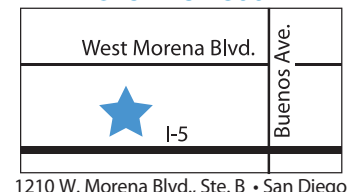
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We argued for a couple of hours, and it was one of the hardest things I have ever done. In the end, I did what I wanted for myself, but I let my dad down. I didn’t speak with him for weeks after returning home to Las Vegas.

A little over a year later and I’m at the beach in La Jolla, feeling guilty that I got off so easy but also happy

that I made my own decision. I’m a military brat. My dad did his 20 and both my grandpas served. It seems strange that I am at UCSD because it’s not what anyone expected. I’ve never been a quitter, but I was so focused on getting into an academy I didn’t think about the next step. I couldn’t see my life as compatible with strict rules and petty regulations. Being told where to look, when to talk, where to walk, and how to dress grated on my nerves more than

I imagined. I wanted to bring the fight to the Middle East — it was personal — but I wasn’t willing to give up my

I couldn’t see my life as compatible with strict rules and petty regulations.

rights to do it. Selfish? Maybe. But it wasn’t too late to gain control over my life. And so here I am in San Diego.

I live in a tiny apart-

ment in Clairemont, and every time I say I’m originally from Las Vegas, I hear an assortment of “Wow,” “Cool,”

and “Ohhh.” People have their own perspectives on the City of Sin and what goes on there. Some abhor it. Most see it as a place to go and

have fun. But for three years it was the place where I went to school, work, and football practice, the city that I called home. I still go there a lot on weekends. In the summer, at noon you can find me bodysurfing in the cool Pacific water at La Jolla Shores, but before nightfall I’m often 350 miles away in a place that feels like an oven. When I come back to San Diego and tell my friends I’ve spent the weekend in Vegas, I usually receive a knowing grin. Most think

they’re in on the conspiracy; they assume I’ve been drinking, clubbing, and gambling. This is rarely the case. When I go to Vegas, it’s for my mom’s cooking and the comforts of home and old friends. I despise gambling. I let my fellow San Diegans assume what they want.

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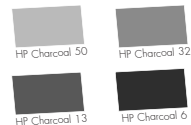
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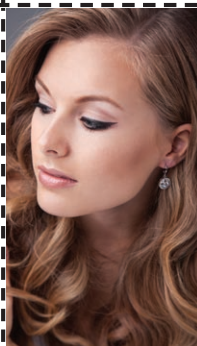
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To accomplish the mission, we must rely on effective communication despite deafening dance music and intoxicating libations. Two gorgeous women let us press our crotches

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I still lived in Vegas. “Your dad was involved with the mission, but he won’t tell you.” I’m used to this. My dad, who at the time was an Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, would know the happenings in the Middle East weeks before the media. When I asked him about capturing al-Qaeda’s number-two man, I received the usual response: “I’m not at liberty to say.” It’s a joke between us. My dad can’t tell me anything that might threaten our troops or national security — this was before Wikileaks could tell me everything. Nonetheless, a grin from my father is usually all I need to confirm the facts. That evening, I hoped his lips would loosen as he worked on a gin and tonic at dinner. The grin got wider.

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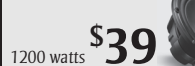


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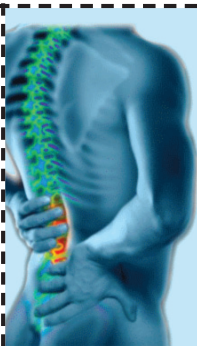
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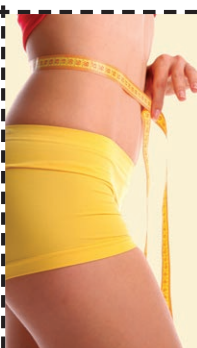
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dad can fly Predators from the outskirts of Vegas, he still has had to go to Iraq to help better integrate the Predators with the ground troops. These trips worry my

by a semi truck packed full of explosives. It was my dad's complex. We didn't know for two weeks whether he was alive. We knew the building had been blown

My dad can't tell me anything that might threaten our national security — this was before Wikileaks could tell me everything.

family because he already has a Purple Heart.

When I was in elementary school, terrorists bombed a U.S. military barracks in Saudi Arabia. The Kobar Towers were torn apart

up and we knew Americans died. Later he told me, "There was a river of blood running down the stairs. Everyone was cut up." A few minutes before detonation, he'd been on his way to the other tower for a briefing. He felt sick to his stomach so he went back to his room. That's when the blast went off. Glass flew everywhere, slicing skin. His head and back lacerated from the shards, he had barely avoided death. A lot of people died in the conference room my dad should have been in — the blast affected that building more than the one where his room was. Nineteen U.S. Air Force personnel lost their lives as a result of the attack. That was more than 14 years ago, but there's not a week that goes by where I don't think about it. On his more recent stint in Iraq, his barracks were attacked again. Of course, he didn't tell us this right away. He knew how much the Kobar Towers bombing had shaken us up, but a couple of weeks after his return to the States he casually said, "Yeah,

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I hate the people responsible for almost killing my dad. Those same bastards caused my family to lose our house after 9/11 because he was laid off from his airline pilot job. He went back to the Air Force. It's unclear whether his motivation was to fight or to support his family. Most likely both.

I would enjoy shooting a few extremists, yet I'm happier improving myself academically and individually. No matter

overpower logic. I don't think either my dad or I want revenge. We would rather do something positive for our family

A lot of people died in the conference room my dad should have been in.

how many of them we kill, they will keep coming back. You can't fight a war on religion because for extremists, beliefs

and country. My dad does this by gathering life-saving intelligence on the front lines. Once I get my UCSD degree, I'll

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My dad is now retired and will never have to go back to the sandbox again, I hope. He's a military contractor for the company that makes the MQ-1. I still consider

knows half the story. Las Vegas Mayor and ex-mob defense lawyer Oscar Goodman says: "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas." But what happens in Afghanistan stays digitally recorded on the hard drives of Creech AFB computers.

I still wonder what kind of person I would be had I stayed at the U.S. Naval Academy. I certainly wouldn't

You can't fight a war on religion, because for extremists, beliefs overpower logic.

myself a Vegas person, but these days I appreciate my old city with a different perspective. Californians don't pay much attention to the possible consequences of revelry in the desert, and I got caught up in that mindset during that weekend with my friends. In San Diego, you can't drink on the beach or anywhere outdoors, while on the Strip you can stroll down the street sipping on a 40. The Strip is an entirely different world compared to the city proper. While there, I almost forgot that my old house was only 15 minutes away.

I found one of my San Diego friends wandering the casino floor at 5:30 in the morning. He was disheveled, clearly inebriated and happy.

"Man, I love this place," he said.

"Where have you been?"

"I don't even know how I got here, but I'm tired." He started to laugh. I grinned because as a tourist he only

have as much debt as I do, and I would have never disappointed my dad. Maybe I would have had a chance to launch a cruise missile at some al-Qaeda members. Despite these occasional thoughts, I'm glad I'm in San Diego. It was the first major decision I made where I ignored the opinions of my loved ones, relying instead on freedom and personal choice.

After returning from the Vegas trip, one afternoon on my way home from school I got in the heinous 4:00 p.m. traffic on Genesee. I took a moment to reflect on the efforts of our military and how I might have been out there fighting with them. These men and women work to keep us safe while we play in the surf. They give up their freedom while we stretch our liberty to the limit in Las Vegas. I never take this for granted. ■

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35, contributes cello, while Karen Childress-Evans, 45, provides viola and musical direction for Pacifica Strings, one of San Diego's few long-lived string quartets.

Grubbs, a lean, bespectacled black man, wears shorts, a dark polo shirt, socks, and dress shoes. He seems to be the comedian of the group, yet the most elusive and private. As the musicians tune (that four-note sawing and occasional skirling associated with clearing one's throat and fanning oneself with the program before the house lights dim), Grubbs, originally from Wichita, Kansas, is rattling off personal and musical jokes in a short-hand recognizable only to his fellow quartet members. Childress-Evans is the quickest to laugh, while Agler chuckles silently and Jerahian beams with pleasure. Grubbs is speaking so quickly, those outside the musical circle are at a loss as to what's so funny.

Grubbs teaches music for a living and performs professionally whenever possible, often without the other quartet members and frequently in Mexico — La Paz, Maza-

tlán, and Ensenada, for example.

Jerahian is dressed in a white, button-down collared shirt, Levi's, and sneakers. His two leg braces (a legacy from childhood polio) rest against a wall near his chair.

"When you do things for a living, sometimes it gets to be a grind. Music now for me is just relaxation and enjoyment."

The first violinist, with his thick, black hair streaked with traces of gray, deep-set, smiling dark eyes, and shoe-brush Armenian mustache has the appearance of a benevolent Uncle Joe Stalin. An electronics technician during the day, repairing such devices as TVs, stereos, VCRs, and video game players, Jerahian has been playing violin since he was seven years old. He holds a BA in music from University of San Diego.

Jerahian has played "in most of the local orchestras — uh, Jolla Civic, USD orchestra. From the age of 13 to 25, I played with the San Diego Youth

Symphony."

Grubbs and Childress-Evans are searching for misplaced sheet music to a Bach piece they'll perform at an upcoming wedding. The violist is a petite, attractive blonde wearing a

red blouse, a grey-and-red checked skirt, and red shoes. She finds the piece and sets it on her stand: "Air" by J.S. Bach. Childress-Evans plays a few tentative notes. She is accompanied immediately by four-year-old Sean Agler, who contributes a wheezing musical non sequitur on his child-size starter violin. His brother, two-year-old Nicky Agler, is offstage (that is, in his bedroom, not in the living room where the action is), crying operatically. Evidently, he has inherited his mother's lung capacity, diaphragm control, and tonal dexterity.

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(“Eine Kleine Nachtmusik”), whether or not to include the Pachelbel Canon (“yeah, we have to”), Handel’s “Water Music,” the “Quartet versions of 2, 3, and 6,” “Hawaiian Wedding Song,” “Wind Beneath My Wings,” “The Vivaldi” (“Four Seasons”), “Trumpet Voluntary” (the Clarke), and/or “that wedding thing by the guy from Peter, Paul and Mary” (“There Is Love”) resolves with a tentative list and the decision to run through Bach’s “Air.”

The piece is processional. The words “stately” or “courtly” are hard to avoid. Grubbs’s cello marks time with a descending scale of slow octaves beginning in the key of C. Jerahian and Agler sustain a middle C in unison and then part ways in a harmonic pavane away from the tonic note that grows increasingly complex and flows into A major and then D major scales — a pattern thoroughly familiar to audiences of a thousand popular love songs. Pacifica Strings render the piece with a grace and soulfulness I don’t usually associate with Bach, thinking of his music more in terms of prancing, mathematical, clockwork patterns than a

slow ballet of emotion.

Agler, Jerahian, Grubbs, and Childress-Evans indeed seem to be sculpting “air.”

Sarah Agler is a round woman with a ready laugh and a smile behind large-framed glasses. She wears a blue floral print dress to her ankles. When she stands to sing, one might envision her in a horned Viking helmet and armor breastplate; when she opens her mouth, she can break your heart. As a violinist she is superb, which raises the question: why second violin? The answer is that everyone in the quartet is very, very good and *someone* has to play the second violin parts. The term “second fiddle” is clearly a misnomer here since what Agler plays is hardly less accomplished than the first violin parts — merely different, harmonic, contrapuntal, and without which the center would not hold.

Agler has been playing since the age of eight and received a bachelor’s degree in violin from the University of Nevada in Reno, followed by a master’s in voice performance from Indiana University.

“I didn’t tell anybody

I was a violinist for eight years,” the musician-singer and mother of two says. “I was only singing. But there was more of a need for violinists than sopranos. I did a lot of moving around, performing in operas.” Agler moved to San Diego in 1984 and won first place in the Met (San Diego Metropolitan Opera) auditions in 1986. Agler met Childress-Evans while playing with the Grossmont Symphony.

Karen Childress-Evans started playing violin in the fourth grade in Yakima, Washington. “I had a wonderful teacher there,” she says. “This woman started off a whole bunch of violinists, and I realized right off I wasn’t going to be able to sit first chair so I decided I would start off with viola.” She laughs; the quartet members find this funny as well. “No,” she says, protesting the unlikely of the situation. “It’s true. I decided to play the viola because I wanted to go to All Northwest and All State and All City. And if you’re just one of several violins...” She trails off. “And I wanted to go to all of them and I did. It was a wonderful experience.”

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since I can't do what I love the most, and that's teach strings, I'm gonna go be a principal and I'm gonna hire Gordon and Sarah and Ken." This concept is met with much laughter and approval from her prospective employees.

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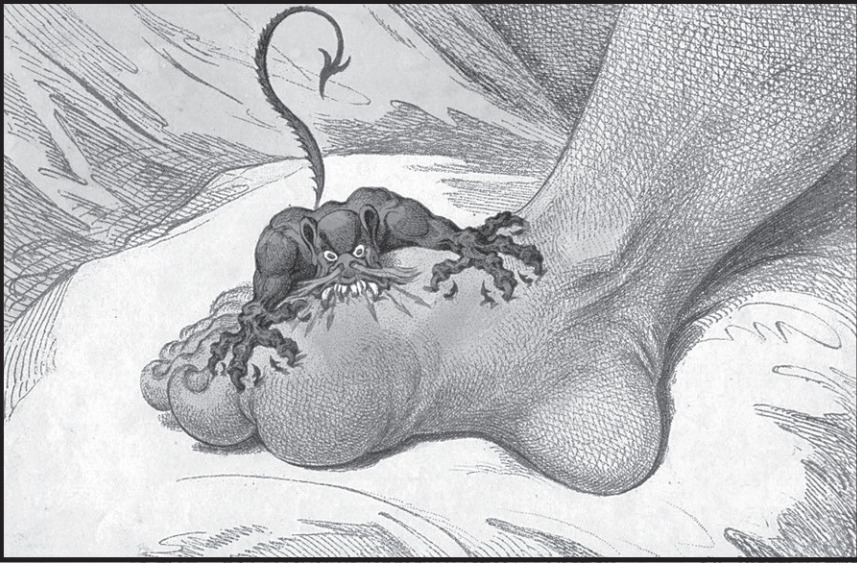
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"We go back," she continues, "maybe ten years — well, a good seven or eight, but not in this incarnation. I found Sarah through an ad. We got Ken involved. We had another cellist at that time, and Ken brought Gordon into it. As Sarah says, this is our best group. Do we like each other? I like each other." She chuckles at her grammatical negligence. "Gordon is kind of a pain in the butt, you know, but..." Again she trails off, joined by four-way laughter.

The rehearsal resumes. "You're gonna do the four," Childress-Evans says to Jerahian about the "Ave Maria."

"Actually, they should both do it," says Grubbs. "You should both play in D."

The violin and viola carve a five-note figure, which climbs half a step in key every time the phrase is completed. Beneath them, the cello sustains single-root notes anchoring the violin's counterpoint to Agler's slow, true soprano. "Ave Maree-eeeyaaahhhh." The five-note figure falters as Childress-Evans and Jerahian tumble their notes

onto each other in slightly separate tempos. The effect is supposed to be a flowing one but instead is that of a lurching vehicle with mismatched tires.

"It sounds as if this is a difficult piece to pull off," I suggest.

"It is, but we have the skills," laughs Childress-Evans. "Believe it or not."

"We may have left them someplace," says Grubbs, "but we have the skills."

"Isn't there something like three or four verses to this thing?" asks Jerahian.

"Yeah, but we're not gonna do 'em," announces the violist, and the others laugh with relief.

"Yeah, let's not," says Agler.

"I went to a wedding," Jerahian recalls, "and a band was singing this, and in the second verse the guy's voice broke, started cracking. I felt terrible for the guy." He looks through his sheet music. "This says, 'From Walter Scott's 'Lady in the Lake.' Which one is this?" asks the teacher/violist.

"This is the Schubert," Agler explains. "I sang them both for her [their employer for the upcoming wedding], and she liked this one bet-

ter. And this is easier for us to play."

"Should we do this smoother? More *legato*?" asks Grubb. "Or maybe even, well, some kind of a brushstroke? Somewhere in between? As long as we stay together..."

"Let's just do it smooth," Childress-Evans suggests, and that seems to be the final word on the matter.

Another run-through and someone is striking sharp notes, though it is not apparent, at least to me, who it is.

"Sorry," says the squinting violist, "I can't read this." Her sheet music is a Xerox copy; the musical text has shrunk and blurred.

Later, one member of the quartet will express dissatisfaction with Childress-Evans's organization and handling of the sheet music.

"In terms of what music means to me in my life, that has changed over the years," says Jerahian, the first violinist and former technician with Maxwell Laboratories. "When you do things for a living, sometimes it gets to be a grind, and you don't enjoy it. Music now for me is just relaxation and enjoyment. I

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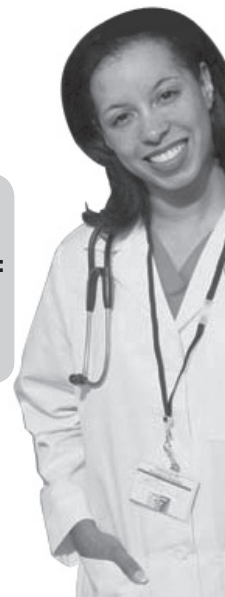
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"I don't know if anybody's flat-out put it in an article, but the arts have never really been supported in San Diego," Jerahian says. "The plays, the Old Globe, are too expensive, and there's a lack of support for the San Diego Symphony. It's not a poor town either; they can afford it, but their priorities go into other areas. We [the quartet] all have other jobs and don't have time to get together as often as we'd like."

When asked, Jerahian

says his mother most influenced the violinist's nascent career.

"She used to play the piano, nothing amazing, but she had an incredible love of music, especially the violin. I had three sisters who were all trained on the piano, so I was the one who got the violin. To be honest with you, I don't really think I had a desire at first to play the violin. I was inspired by my mother. At one point it was a toss-up between electrical engineering and music, and I just so happened to go into music,

not only because of my love of music, but I also received a music scholarship to the University of San Diego, where I went to school. It was a good opportunity to get an education and 99 percent of it was paid for, so I went that route. USD isn't really a topnotch school for majoring in music; it's good for minoring in music; it's good for teachers; and throughout it's a very good education, but nothing like a music conservatory."

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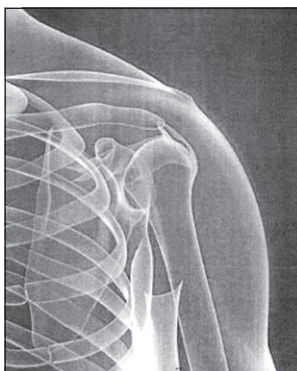
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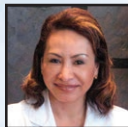
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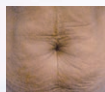


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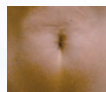
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"Actually, string players develop all these ailments, so even if you're okay when you start out..." Jerahian laughs. "They develop all kinds of problems with their shoulders. It's very taxing on your body. Especially violin or viola because of the awkward position you hold your instrument. I don't

think cellists are as affected. One woman I know of in the San Diego Symphony had to give up playing after years because of all kinds of major problems. It affected her arms especially."

Has Pacifica Strings ever toured?

"No. We really haven't [played] outside of San Diego. What's popular right now is your coffee shops. That seems to be the big thing, where a lot of San Diego's music is happening. I'm trying to break into those coffee shops..." Jerahian laughs, realizing that what he said sounds illegal, "...with classical music, I mean, which doesn't seem to be that prevalent in these coffee shops."

Jerahian and Grubbs will perform as a duet at A Better World this fall, and he hopes to appear there eventually with the entire quartet. "I don't think

there's that much money in it, but it's good for the publicity end of it — to play and advertise what you do, get the word out."

Does Jerahian remember the first piece of music he heard as a kid that turned him on and set him on his course?

"Yeah, probably a lot of people's favorite and that's the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in D or D minor, I forgot which."

What kind of music does Pacifica Strings perform best?

"In my opinion [the wedding pieces] are the most rotten stuff. That doesn't comprise any of what we really do except maybe during the ceremony. Those are little pieces that are stuck in for a candle-lighting, or we'll do the Pachelbel Canon during a processional and maybe we'll do some upbeat light

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Also in the Pacific Strings repertoire are such unlikely numbers as "Unchained Melody" by the Righteous Brothers, "Wind Beneath My Wings" (if you insist), and the Andrews Sisters' "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

"We do those things very well," Jerahian says. "We'll maybe do some of them at A Better World. But I'm not really super fond of contemporary music; that's just always the way I've been."

"Most of the people we play for are sipping on champagne, getting ready for dinner after the wedding, so the light classical is fine. It's usually pretty understandable to people. The heaviest we'll get is Beethoven, and we tend not to do too much Beethoven."

Does Jerahian find that the audience as a rule will ignore the quartet? Comment on the music? Look over the musician's shoulders? Could he characterize a general reaction to the music of Pacifica Strings?

"Maybe you can throw this into words and make it somehow that nobody's offended," Jerahian laughs; his mustache widens, his eyes narrow. "I would say that in general the people that can least afford us are definitely the most appreciative. They're the ones

that struggle to get the money to have our group, and they are the ones who are the most complimentary and supportive and come up and say, 'You guys sound great' or give us requests.

"To be honest with

you, I can think of at least two or three instances playing in La Jolla and here around Soledad Mountain Road where we've been stuck in a corner and nobody even said a word to us. We were there for

the scenery; it was the elite thing to do. That was fine. We got paid very well. At one job, even though there was a large buffet and tons of food, we were not invited to eat. I've learned to make sure you get something

to eat during the breaks." Jerahian laughs again, but at himself, not his thoughtless employers. "A job is a job, and I don't stipulate in the contract that we have to be fed, but sometimes we have a three-and-a-half- or four-

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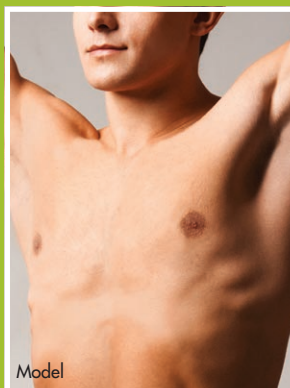
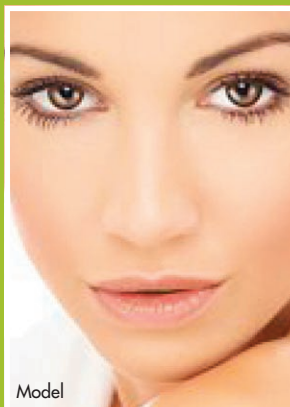
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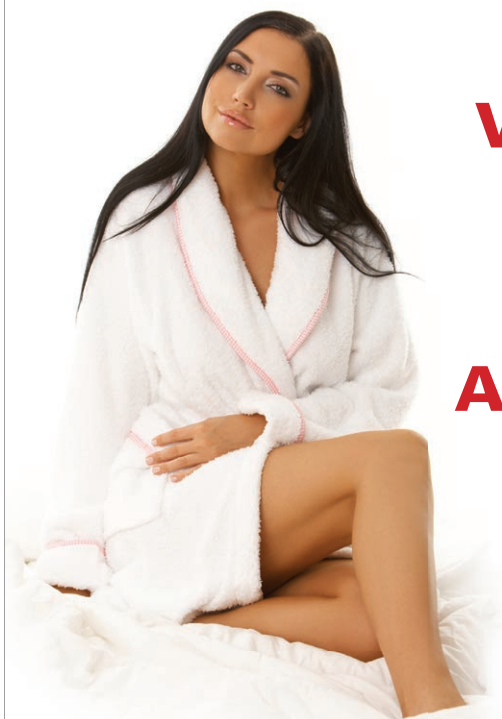
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How is Jerahian’s relationship with the other musicians? His response is primarily about Gordon Grubbs. “He also plays harp, you know? He went to a music conservatory

and he’s a very...,” Jerahian pauses, “...talented cellist. It’s kind of a bummer he doesn’t have a driver’s license, so somebody has to pick him up, and that kind of makes it hard. His cello playing makes up for the inconvenience, and he’s a good friend, a good guy.”

“We had another cellist, but you’ve got to really want to do it. You’ve got to have four people that really want to play who don’t bitch and complain. Whiners, you know? People to whom you have to say, ‘I’ll pay you extra if you play 15 minutes more,’ and they say, ‘No, I’ve got to leave.’ It’s not like they’re really committed to it. It’s like, *bam*, and they’re out of there — give-me-the-money-and-run kind of thing. Everybody wants to be paid and everything, but at the same time,

you’ve got to be diplomatic about it.”

The sun is setting out to sea through a shredded marine layer and shadows spread through the Aglers’ wooded backyard. Lights are turned on in the living room as the members of the quartet take their seats. The smell of lasagna and tobacco (from Agler’s husband’s pipe) fills the house, along with the famous 18 opening notes of Mozart’s “A Little Night Music.” Pacifica Strings begin the piece spontaneously, smiling and nodding at each other with satisfaction and amusement that the same selection was on everyone’s mind as darkness fell.

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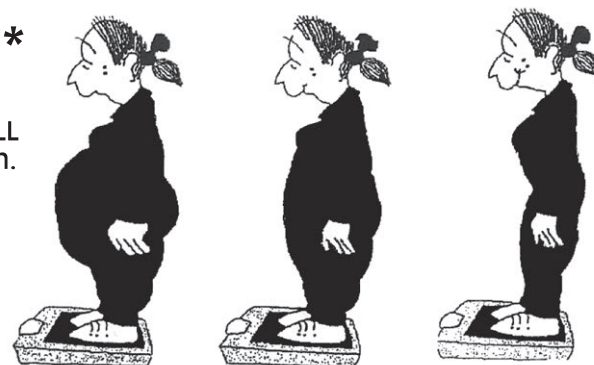
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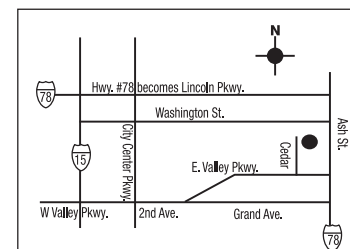


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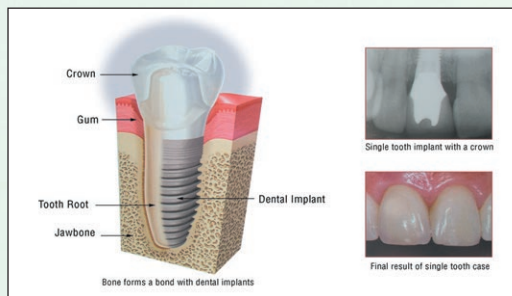
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Sinking football

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those things.” But overall, the project “just redirected development into the downtown area. [Such redevelopment deals] only rearrange economic growth. We’re subsidizing wealthy developers and sports team owners — taking money away from the community and putting it in their hands.”

He says that the proposed football stadium won’t stimulate the surrounding economy, particularly since there would probably be only ten games a year (two preseason and eight regular season, and possibly some postseason games). “If anything, that stadium would take away from development,” he says. “Those owners don’t want you to spend money in the bar next door. They want you to spend money in the

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stadium.”

In San Diego, it is important that an economist of Cunningham’s stature is willing to state these truths.

So much for hard dollars. The next factor hitting pro football is just that: hitting. The sport’s violence is injurious to players’ health, and the public is beginning to get concerned. Ben McGrath’s article “Does Football Have a Future? The N.F.L. and the Concussion Crisis,” in the January 31 *New Yorker*, is a classic. Chronic traumatic encephalopathy results from “major collisions — or from the accumulation of subconcussions that are nowhere near as noticeable, including those incurred in practice,” writes McGrath, citing premature deaths, suicides, chronic depressions, memory failures, and other consequences of on-field crashes that are more frequent as the passing game becomes more

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prominent.

“Retired [National Football League] players are five to nineteen times as likely as the general population to have received a dementia-related diagnosis,” writes McGrath. He says that baseball immortal Lou Gehrig “may not actually have had the disease that bears his name but suffered from concussion-related trauma instead.”

McGrath quotes Jim McMahon, the former swashbuckling quarterback for the Chicago Bears. At the 25th reunion of the 1985 Super Bowl champions, the 51-year-old McMahon said that his memory “is pretty much gone.”

The *New York Times* started the crusade against football concussions. (Sports-writers for other papers said they didn’t want to lose access to their sources.) The *Times* also focused on retired

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players who are permanently injured but are given little help from billionaire team owners. And that brings us to the third factor that could contribute to pro football's declivity: the owners' insufferable hubris. Even football lovers have decried the Super Bowl insult this year, when a gaggle of fans who had bought tickets did not get seats. Now the owners want to extend the regular season to 18 games; they scoff at players who are worried about injuries.

Pro football is quintessential corporate welfare, and the owners have an unbearable sense of entitlement. During the lead-up to the Super Bowl, National Football League commissioner Roger Goodell delivered the annual state of the league address. He lamented that since 2006 "we have not built a new stadium (other than those already in the works)." *We? We?* As sports columnist Sally Jenkins of the *Washington Post* wrote, "This Super Bowl taught me a lesson: luxury can actually be debasing. The last great building binge in the NFL was from 1995 through 2003, when 21 stadiums were built or refurbished in order to create more luxury boxes, at a cost of \$6.4 billion. Know how much of that the public paid for? \$4.4 billion. Why are we giving 32 rich guys that kind of money, just to prey on us at the box office and concessions?"

Why, indeed? And why didn't San Diegans give a well-deserved concussion to Paul Tagliabue, Goodell's predecessor as commissioner, when he pronounced imperiously in 2003, as San Diego was hosting the Super Bowl, "From my own perspective, I'm surprised that we are here this week." The outlook was not promising for future Super Bowls in San Diego. "And the reason is that, you know, so many new stadiums have been built in the last decade."

It was magisterial extortion. And it still hasn't worked. And may not. ■

Too far south

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mall are new. Alvarez points to the north side of the street, where a section of sidewalk

is missing.

As he looks at the dirt, Alvarez says he can understand why some residents accuse the City of favoring the more affluent neighborhoods. "There is some truth

to that," he says, "but it's also true that many of those wealthier areas are newer than San Ysidro. This is an old neighborhood."

The councilmember thinks that part of the prob-

lem is geography. Annexed to the city in 1957, San Ysidro and its neighboring South San Diego communities are nearly 20 miles south of downtown, separated from the rest of San Diego by

Chula Vista and National City.

To make matters worse, the City forecasts a \$56.7 million budget deficit for next year. This year the bud-

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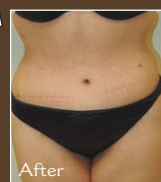
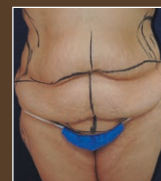
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get for the Capital Improvements Program, the source of funding for new sidewalks, was \$153 million less than it was last year.

The City's Street Division estimates the deferred maintenance on street pavement at \$377 million, according

to an audit report on street maintenance released in November 2010. The report said that 17 percent of the streets are in "poor condition." A study conducted by TRIP, a national transportation research group, found that 50 percent of San Diego's roads are in poor condition. The city was ranked eighth highest in the nation in sub-standard road conditions for

urban areas of 500,000 people or more.

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that curb cuts be built into newly constructed sidewalks. In 2002, an appeals court concluded that the act's "prohibition of discrimination in the provision of public services applies to the maintenance of public sidewalks." The case, *Barden vs. Sacramento*, concerned

curb cuts and access to sidewalks already constructed. Although the City of San Diego had initially joined Sacramento in the suit, in late 2002, then-city attorney Casey Gwinn withdrew his support. "It was said...that this is a civil rights issue, and I agree with you," Gwinn told a group of disability rights advocates. "This is about civil rights."

Despite the legal position taken by San Diego's city attorney, the infrastructure backlog continues to grow. And while it does, many of the 28,000 residents living in San Ysidro believe their community has been particularly neglected. "I think of [capital improvement funds] like an hourglass. Money flows from top to bottom. I consider San Ysidro to be the neck of the hourglass," says Steve Otto, who's a member of the San Ysidro Community Planning Group and the former executive director of the San Ysidro Business Association, a busi-

ness improvement district.

Spending on infrastructure in San Ysidro is hard to find in the City's budget. One project, the West San Ysidro Streetscape project, calls for sidewalk improvements. However, despite beginning project design in 2004, the General Services Department has not yet identified funding for the project.

"The City's Capital Improvements Program money is held pretty close to the vest," says Otto. "Not very much of that money finds its way down to San Ysidro."

Consequently, Otto and other residents have turned to the City's Redevelopment Agency, which was created to "alleviate conditions of urban blight," according to the City's website. They have met with some success. The San Ysidro Redevelopment Project Area comprises business districts near the border. Since 2008, the Redevelopment Agency has allocated \$600,000 for new streetlights along East

San Ysidro Boulevard.

Lobbying the Redevelopment Agency, however, may no longer be an option if Governor Jerry Brown is successful in his effort to help balance California's budget by dismantling each of the state's 425 redevelopment agencies.

Currently, Otto is heading a planning group subcommittee that is focused on improving the condition of streets and sidewalks. The group has identified 6.35 miles of streets that need to be repaved and 6175 linear feet of sidewalks missing or in disrepair. But that is only a fraction of the total work needed in San Ysidro.

During the subcommittee's February 4 meeting, subcommittee member and planning group chair Michael Freedman spoke about the importance of identifying needed improvements. At the same time, he expressed frustration that, despite identifying projects, San Ysidro's list of needed improvements

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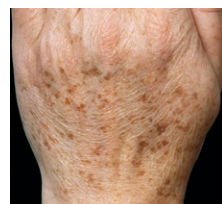


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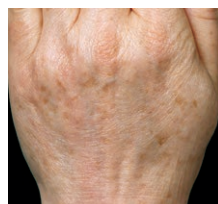


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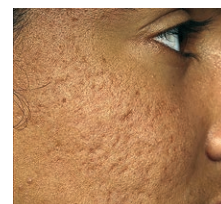


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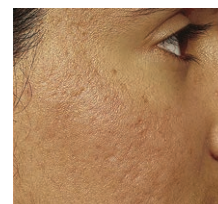


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continues to grow. "If projects are not included in the City's Capital Improvements Program, then it's very difficult to get any funding," he said. "But here we are still waiting for projects to get done that we identified 18 years ago."

Two hours after his meeting with Councilmember Alvarez, Juan Mariscal sits outside his wife Irma's small apparel store, El Regalo, on West San Ysidro Boulevard. Mariscal doubts that San Ysidro's infrastructure will ever catch up to the rest of the city's.

He points north. "You see, there is sidewalk there, and then it stops. It's nothing but dirt." ■

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told me that most employees are "perfectly fine" with not being unionized and that union officials somehow acquired the private phone numbers of store employees and made calls to them during day and nighttime hours.

*By Gail Powell
Saturday, Feb. 26*

Stumped

Eucalyptus Trees Threaten Trains?

Leucadia — Encinitas resident Russell Levan spoke during the public comment of the February 23 city council meeting, voicing his concern for the cutting of eucalyptus trees along the railroad corridor in Leucadia.

"Where does it become City of Encinitas property versus the railroad right of way?" asked Levan. He claimed that ten trees were being cut on Tuesday by the North County Transit District. According to Levan, no notices about the tree-cutting were released and the "notification process failed."

"There was indeed a communication error," responded deputy mayor Jerome Stocks, who cited staffing changes at the North County Transit District as the reason for the unannounced cutting of trees. Stocks said

that the NCTD's executive director ordered the cutting to be stopped immediately after a phone call and that he "chastised" staff for not following written protocol

with the City and for failing to notify certain interest groups.

*By Nathaniel Uy
Saturday, Feb. 26*

Investment in Students

Downtown Garages Might Have to Wait, Says San Diego Unified
Logan Heights — Standing in

front of dozens of students at Perkins Elementary in Logan Heights on February 25, San Diego Unified School Board president Richard Barrera called on city council and

the Centre City Development Corporation to give San Diego Unified \$64 million in future tax increment dollars to reduce the district's \$120

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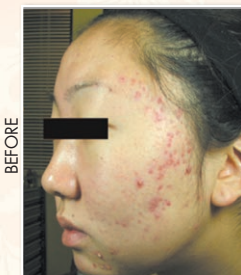


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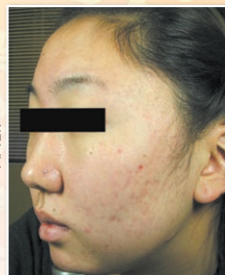


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million deficit.

Barrera's announcement comes days before a March 1 city-council meeting when it will be decided whether to approve \$14 billion in redevelopment projects, \$2.5 billion worth of which are slated for downtown.

"The project list contains more than \$157 million for new parking garages. The garages might have to wait. It seems like a pretty clear choice," Barrera said. "I'm sure many are important

projects, but none can stand up to the investment in these students."

San Diego Unified entered into a tax-sharing agreement with CCDC in 1992. In 2013, that tax allocation will increase from 4 percent — approximately \$5 million per year — to 13.6 percent — \$15–20 million annually. The \$64 million is the anticipated revenues for fiscal years 2017 to 2020 and will be used to prevent increasing class sizes and widespread layoffs to nurses, counsel-

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By Dorian Hargrove
Friday, Feb. 25

No Cutsies

Women Beat Border-Crosser with Burritos

San Ysidro — Three women attacked a 32-year-old man inside the U.S. border-crossing building at 3:30 a.m. on February 25.

A little earlier, this reporter passed a group of three screeching, belligerent women buying what appeared to be burritos on the Mexican side of the

border. The women, in their early 20s, reappeared inside the U.S. Customs building shortly thereafter. They got into the noncompliant WHTI (Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative) line and apparently began to argue with a man toward the front of the line about their alleged "cutting" in front of him. A loud altercation broke out, with the women (seemingly intoxicated, said some observers) telling the man to "Shut the f* up" and that "It's a free country!"

The verbal assault by the females continued for about 15 minutes with no intervention by U.S. border officials until the women began to strike the man with plastic bags of burritos and tortillas. At that point, about eight U.S. officials ran toward the altercation (some leaping the turnstiles) to stop the females from assaulting the man.

Although only one of the females was restrained, handcuffed, and led off (to the cheers of several hundred working men in the WHTI-compliant line), the other two women were sent to the back end of the WHTI non-compliant line. The victim spent ten minutes wiping tortilla particles off his face, shoulders, and clothing.

Since the strict implementation of the WHTI



Debbie Sumi survived ejection from her vehicle at highway speeds only to face manslaughter charges.

documentation requirement several weeks ago, noncompliant border crossers have attempted to shorten their wait times by making such cuts in the line.

By T.B. Beaudeau
Friday, Feb. 25

Dazed on the Highway

Debbie Sumi Faces DUI Manslaughter Charges

Vista — A woman 4 feet 9 inches tall and weighing 104 pounds was said to be driving with a lethal blood-alcohol content when she crashed a car into people on the side of the road last summer, according to testimony given at the Vista Courthouse on February 23.

Witnesses said a white Jeep struck a car that had stopped at the side of Highway 78 in Vista after midnight on August 13 of 2010.

A woman driving a black Nissan had pulled over because she felt sick, and passengers in her car got out and joined her. Two persons from the Nissan were struck and killed (Susana Orozco and Erica Oliva, both 23), according to evidence at the preliminary hearing.

Debbie Sumi was thrown from the white Jeep as it rolled down the highway, and the other person in that car, Larry Alvarez, 34, was trapped under the Jeep and crushed to death, according to CHP officer Brent Twedt. Sumi was found dazed in the middle of the highway.

Hospital records show Sumi had a blood-alcohol content of .348, "acute alcohol intoxication" — a lethal level of alcohol, according to prosecutor Jodi Breton.

By Eva Knott
Friday, Feb. 25

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Nothing New

Aguirre Urges Redistricting Committee to Redemocratize First
San Diego — The San Diego County Redistricting Advisory Committee met for the first time in county chambers on February 23. The five county supervisors appointed five committee members — Deanna Weeks, Andrea Skorepa, Bruce Reznik, Adam Day, and Michael Anderson — on February 9. Redrawing political boundaries is required after each ten-year census.

During the next four months, the committee will be asked to analyze population data from last year's census and gather public input. After doing so, they can submit up to three new district maps.

While the process is not new, neither is public concern about the process. Critics worry that the board of

supervisors will ignore the committee's recommendations as they did in 2001 and draw the boundaries for political reasons.

Former San Diego city attorney Mike Aguirre is among those critics. "In Sacramento the Democrats redistricted in a way that was undemocratic. In San Diego County, the Republicans have done the same thing.... The staff is going to get directed by the supervisors unless you stop it. Last time the plan was completely disregarded," said Aguirre, who accused the supervisors of holding closed-session meetings during the 2001 redistricting process.

*By Dorian Hargrove
 Wednesday, Feb. 23*

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Committee has outlined a plan to close one or more libraries for the 2011-12 academic year as part of a \$3 million budget cut to the libraries, reports the *Guardian*, UCSD's student newspaper.

The UCSD Library Committee is considering closing CLICS, a computer library, as well as the Medical Center Library, Science & Engineering Library, and Scripps Library. The closure of these four libraries would save just over a million dollars per year.

The cost of UCSD tuition increased 32 percent last year; UCSD estimates it costs \$21,909 per year for a California-resident student living at home to attend UCSD.

In contrast, San Diego State University has a portion of its main library that

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is open 24 hours. SDSU estimates that it costs \$15,040 per year for a California-resident student living at home to attend — 31 percent less than the estimated cost of UCSD tuition.

According to a poll on the *Guardian* website, 79 percent of those polled (out of 164 total votes) are against closing CLICS.

Sources: *The Guardian*, UCSD, and SDSU websites

By Claire Luciano
Wednesday, Feb. 23

Tough on Teens

Rosarito Residents Claim Cops Abuse Authority

Baja — Two female residents of Rosarito recently filed a complaint with the City, claiming local municipal police have been abusing their authority of late.

Susana Reina and Virginia Hernandez live in *colonia* Los Ramos. Reina's complaint states that when

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she sent her 17-year-old son out to pick up groceries, she witnessed his detainment by police. She claimed police held her son at gunpoint and — with a rifle to his head — forced him to do squats. Her son's friend (a male) was made to lower his pants by police, who demanded that the two youths hand over drugs they were accused of having.

Hernandez said that residents of the *colonia* were frequent victims of police harassment and that a few of her neighbors had been carried away by police to desolate areas, set free after their money was stolen.

By T.B. Beaudeau
Wednesday, Feb. 23

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DIARY OF A DIVA

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David leaned forward, into his seated argumentative stance. "If I was walking around with my fly unzipped, I'd appreciate it if someone told me."

"Well, yeah, but that's totally different," I countered. "I'd want someone to tell me if I had toilet paper on my shoe, something I didn't spend 20 minutes carefully attaching to it."

"What if someone is a repeat offender? What if they're doing it every day and it looks terrible — shouldn't somebody tell them? What if someone's dressing terribly? Don't all those makeover shows encourage us to help them?"

"Yeah, if you're someone close, someone they trust," I said. "Especially if they've been dressing that way for years — the way people dress, that's their identity. How would you like it if I said those jeans you've been wearing all these years look terrible on you?"

"I'd say, 'Thank you,' and, 'Let's go shopping,'" David said.

"Smart-ass. You know what I mean."

We halted the discussion when our server delivered our plates. David took a bite of his skirt-steak panini and chewed over the points we'd each made. "I say you tell someone," he said.

"I say you don't," I said. "And, may I add, you didn't. So, clearly, on some level, you agree with me."

"I just didn't have the right opportunity," David grumbled.

"Well do me this one favor." I set down my glass and gave him my serious face. "The next time you have the urge to save someone from their own poor judgment, wait until I'm out of the room." ■

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size of the board of education (and padding it with appointed friends) shifts the number of votes needed to cede public school real estate to advantage wannabe private investors.

Gaining access to public-sector markets of real estate, services, and contracts has been sought by these education "reformers" ever since they engineered the controversial appointment of ex-superintendent Alan Bersin more than a decade ago.

Mall shoppers should just say no to San Diegans 4 paid signature gatherers, and should the measure make it to the June ballot, just vote no to defeat it at the polls.

Frances O'Neill

Zimmerman
La Jolla

Stay MADD

To Paula Myers, the director of the MADD Victim Impact Panels ("No VIP Cred," Letters, February 24).

The reason the *Reader* did not, as you write, "do research or contact" you was for the sake of keeping you MADD. You're entitled to your name. If you're not MADD anymore, you're gonna lose your benefits drastically in this economy.

Mike W.
via email

Money From Drunks

I was glad to see an article on DUI ("It's Just Past 3 AM," Cover Story, February 17) and only wish the victim, "Edward," would not have been so hard on himself and instead been aware of

and focused on the real truth about the DUI money machine, which the cops, the DMV, the courts, the tow companies, the insurance companies, and certainly the army of attorneys are using to steal millions of dollars annually from the state's citizens under the great disguise of legally enforcing the law.

The DUI money machine is the single biggest government-sponsored scam — hiding behind the sacred cow of law enforcement — ever to be perpetrated on the American people.

The real truth about a DUI is that no two DUIs are the same, yet the fines and the punishment are exactly the same unless a fatality or bodily injury results, which heightens the offense from a misdemeanor to a felony, and rightfully so.

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In the meantime, a guy like Edward makes a simple wrong lane turn or perhaps has a taillight burned out or leaves a bar at closing, and these guys are all lambs headed for the DUI financial slaughterhouse, as a cop can stop anybody for almost no logical reason at all, and if they have had so much as one drink, the cop can and often does suggest a totally unnecessary sobriety test, and more often than not the cop arbitrarily decides the

person flunks the test (which is rigged against the driver in the first place) and is drunk enough to arrest him/her for DUI, and one more sucker is sucked into the DUI money machine. And the \$10,000 rip-off, all sanctioned and encouraged by the government legislature supposedly there to protect its citizens against blatant financial abuse, cranks out another DUI! Easy money and legal, but deliberate entrapment to the extreme, to say the least!

A DUI in most cases has become nothing more than a way for the attorneys and agencies involved to steal legally. Of course, some DUIs

are certainly warranted, but the vast majority of them are neither warranted nor necessary, other than to produce revenue for the cash-starved government and the agencies that feed off this legally corrupt abuse of the citizenry.

The DUI money machine is a perpetual cash cow that just keeps getting fatter at the expense of the very people it is supposed to protect and serve.

Be sure you check your headlights and taillights before your next visit to your local bar! Even better, don't drive past ten at night. You can't tell who is behind you until the red lights come on, and you are about to be

found guilty until you spend \$5000 to \$10,000, a night in jail, and a year of court hell to prove you might just be innocent. The foundational legal premise our justice system was founded on (innocent until proven guilty) doesn't apply to DUIs! You drink, you drive, you're guilty! Don't waste your hard-earned money trying to prove otherwise. Welcome to the perpetual DUI money machine.

Bill Fadden, M.A.
San Diego

No Looky-Loos

I've just got around to trying to read your cover story from the January 20 issue, "That

Rug You Found in a Dumpster Is Worth \$125,000," by Jay Allen Sanford. I'd like to make two comments, and this is after I've seen all sorts of letters back and forth about the article since then, and I was finally curious enough to go back and try to read the thing.

My first comment is, in June of 2010, my wife had a couple of tickets to *Antiques Roadshow* in San Diego, and we went down there, and we thought the tickets would let us go into the building and watch the show being taped, but when we got there we found out you had to bring something with you to get

in. And I could have brought a couple of old things from around the house, but we didn't know that. So, anyone else, just a warning.

Second comment is — and I haven't seen this mentioned in any of the letters since the article was published — but you've got a discontinuity in the thing. Look at the last sentence of page 28 and the beginning of page 29. It doesn't make any sense — part of the text is missing. Would you please explain? What the hell happened there?

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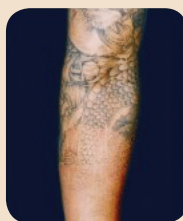
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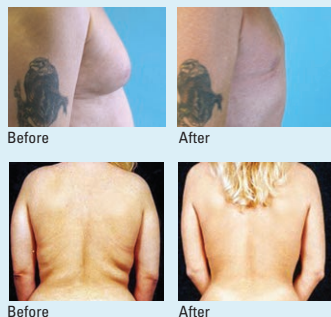
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it at all.

The February 5 "Stage Whisper" on the Reader's website is the last straw. He reviews the *Death of a Salesman*, even though Jeff Smith already has! Why does the Old Globe have two reviews for the same play when other theaters don't have one? What's going on at your paper?

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Name Withheld

Comments from Reader website

Cover Story Published February 23

this article made me cry. So many years volunteering for the cats and wishing the word would get out. My thanks to those of you involved in this article... Very positive article and realistic... I am a volun-

teer and a trapper myself. I work at the clinics as a groomer. If people need to trap a cat, FCC will provide instructions and lend traps... Josh is a rare gem, most people calling in must have the moxy to trap themselves and bring the cats in to the clinics... You have to call ahead of time to get reservations.. Anyway, great article...

By NatBe 8:36 p.m., Feb 24, 2011

oops! I don't mean to say Josh is the only one... there are others. I think I know who Sarah Paulson is... There have been other die-hards too that just don't do it anymore... One wonderful lady that will drive out to places in the desert to help people with their ferals... But people have to get on with their lives, as will Josh, I am predicting ... Can't see anyone being able to do it indefinitely... That's why the word needs to get out; to get more people willing to help ...

By NatBe 9:16 p.m., Feb 24, 2011

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Thursday | 3

POETRY AND THE RELIGIOUS THEMES OF SACRED TEXTS

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LEADING LADIES

Coronado Playhouse, now in its 65th season, presents Ken Ludwig's farce about two British, out-of-work Shakespearean actors who dress in drag to land a quality gig in 1950s Amish country: York, Pennsylvania.

See **THEATER**, page 101.

Friday | 4

LA MAMA: AN AMERICAN NUN'S LIFE IN A MEXICAN PRISON

Freelance writer and news reporter Jody Hammond screens her film for the San Elijo Life program. The documentary chronicles the journey of Mary Clarke, a.k.a. Mother Antonia, who lived in a cell in Tijuana's La Mesa Penitentiary for more than 30 years so that she could care for inmates. Hammond will host a discussion after the screening.

See **SPECIAL**, page 61.

Saturday | 5

WORK-AT-HOME BUSINESS EXPO

Learn how to go to work for yourself, beginning with the home-based business model that is right for you. Over 100 home-based business exhibitors will be on hand, and seminars will cover a variety of topics such as managing and growing a home-based business and tips for your home office.

See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

BEATS-BY-THE-BEACH BENEFIT FESTIVAL

Experience the Indo Board (balance board), take yoga and *muay thai* workshops, meet pro-skaters Tosh Townend and Cano Cardenas, and enjoy burgers from Hodad's. Music by Habitat, Tommy Dubs, the New Kenetics, and Rightjahs Blend. The event benefits the YMCA Youth and Family Services.

See **SPECIAL**, page 62.

Sunday | 6

CONFECTIONS FOR A CAUSE

See over 150 artistic sugar and cake creations at the San Diego Cake Club's 28th annual cake show and competition in La Jolla. Celebrity decorators will give hourly sugar-craft

demonstrations. Proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House of San Diego.

See **SPECIAL**, page 62.



THURSDAY, MARCH 3: LEADING LADIES

Monday | 7

THE WESTERN UNSCRIPTED

Impro Theatre offers a new full-length play in the style of the great film westerns of John Ford and Howard Hawks, replete with cattle barons, sheriffs, saloon girls, and side-winders. One night only at the North Coast Rep. See **IN PERSON**, page 64.



Wednesday | 9

SCIENCE MAGIC

Edutainment Arts presents an interactive look into magic "using the scientific method to explore secrets of magic that are based in science, while discovering that science is truly magical." This Center Stage: Performances for Youth show is for kindergarten through eighth grade.

See **FOR KIDS**, page 64.

Tuesday | 8

PASTA FROM SCRATCH

The Teen Chefs in the Making series continues at Alchemy of the Hearth when Chef Joy shares pasta-making expertise gained during her training at the Barilla Institute in Italy. Learn to make dough for fettuccine, tagliatelle, and linguine in this class for ages 14 to 17. See **FOR KIDS**, page 64.



Travel & Getaways



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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



While in Grenoble, try the raclette, a heavy, greasy, melted hunk of cheese.

Grenoble, France

By Ian Higgins

Grenoble, France, 1968: a sporting and outdoor destination unparalleled around the world. Host city of the Winter Olympics, hub for skiing, alpinism, and focal point of a growing scientific industrial center.

Fast-forward in time to present-day Europe, and what is Grenoble? Most Americans imagine a radioactive wasteland, where the dangers of a nuclear-powered society were realized. In fact, that's the response I received from my friends once I told them I'd be spending a winter there. A nuclear winter is what they imagined.

Though, fortunately for me, and Europe, similarities between Grenoble

and Chernobyl end with the name. Although these foreign destinations were both designed to be powered off nuclear energy, all of Grenoble's uranium is still safely contained within a ten-foot-thick cement boob (with a big blinking nipple, I might add).

The growth of the nuclear power plant and its surrounding amenities is probably the most noteworthy thing to happen to Grenoble since the '68 Winter Olympics. The region in which Grenoble lies hosts a handful of other activities. To start, Mt. Blanc is located about 1½ hours to the north.

While in Grenoble, one must try raclette. It's a heavy, greasy, melted hunk of delicious cheese that can be served in a baguette with ham or in a hearty dish with potatoes, bacon, onions, and spices — kind of French carne asada fries, but not really. Speaking of greasy, melted deliciousness, some say fondue was founded in these foothills of the French Alps. Who would have known the word fondue is French? Its origin is a touchy subject, so while in Grenoble just call it Franc.

Within 1½ hours by bus from Grenoble, one can access nearly 20 ski

resorts. Like everything else in France, skiing is subsidized. Thus, while in Grenoble, do as the Grenoblois: take advantage of the ubiquitous public transportation and take a bus to a local ski resort. I recommend Les Deux Alps. A full day of skiing plus transportation to and from the mountain generally costs around 30 euros. Compare that to a day's trip to Big Bear!



For just five dollars you can taste over 15 wines, and no one counts your pours.

Virginia — for Wine Lovers?

By Niki Van Buren

I was surprised to find my favorite two words when researching what to do on my trip to Virginia — WINE TASTING!

Some quick searching led me to *virgin-iawine.org*, which helped me find wineries closest to the town of Goochland, where I was staying for the week. The website was helpful in locating wineries by region or varietal, and most importantly, helping narrow down the choices

continued on page 60.

Other Adventures



fabsreader: Fruit vendor on a Baja beach braves the last few days of the off-season



misshottie45: Gloves drying by the fire after a day of snowboarding in Big Bear



Suzy: Chichen Itza has a steep climb to the top. People use the rope to get down or crawl down on their butts.



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UPPER ALISO CANYON

Ramble over the spring-green hills of Chino Hills State Park

Distance from downtown San Diego: 118 miles
Hiking length: 3.8 miles • **Difficulty:** Moderate



Upper Aliso Canyon vista

The sprawling Chino Hills State Park east of Los Angeles offers 14,000 acres of open space for hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers to roam (note: dogs are not welcome). Unfortunately, the November 2008 "Freeway Complex Fire" swept

some 95 percent of the state park's lands. The landscape, however, is accustomed to periodic wildfires, and with this season's past rainfall, it now looks as spring-green as ever. If you go, don't wait past April, when green fades quickly to golden brown,

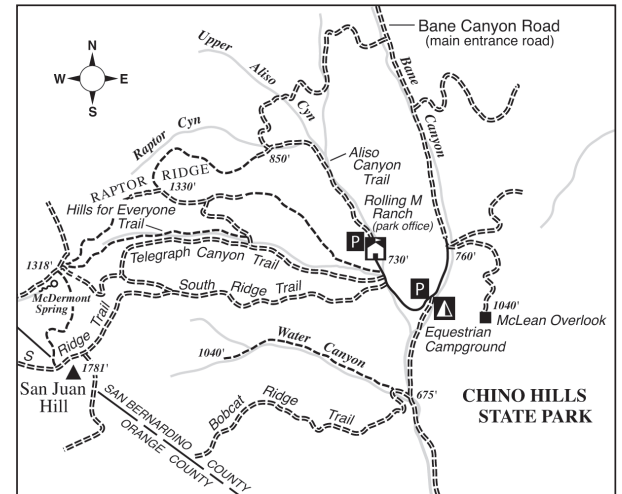
and hiking shoes and socks tend to collect an awful lot of very sharp "stickers" (grass seeds).

To get to the trailhead for the pleasant Upper Aliso Canyon Trail you'll want to head to the east (San Bernardino County as opposed to

Orange County) side of the park. From Corona (on Interstate 15), exit on the westbound 91 Freeway. Drive five miles, and then swing right on Highway 71. Continue another seven miles and exit at Soquel Canyon Parkway in Chino. Drive west on Soquel Canyon Parkway 1.0 mile to Elinvar Drive. Turn left, left again after 0.2 mile, and then immediately right on the gravel road entering Chino Hills State Park. Continue nearly three miles to the Rolling M Ranch (park office) at the end of the road, where parking is available.

On the loop through the upper reaches of Aliso and Raptor canyons, you'll appreciate the fine vistas (on clear days, at least) of miles of empty hill country presided over by the snow-dusted summits of the San Gabriel Mountains. Depending on the mix of recent rainfall and warm sunshine, you may encounter a jungle-like growth of nonnative mustard plants growing alongside (or even on) the upper parts of the trail. If that's the case and you don't feel like fighting it, just make this hike an out-and-back one.

Starting from Rolling M Ranch, head north past outlying staff residences and continue on an old dirt road up the west bank of sycamore-lined Aliso Canyon. At 0.7 mile, the old road passes under some high-voltage wires and soon bends decidedly west up along the bottom of a shallow tributary called Raptor Canyon.



At 1.1 miles, the road veers right and zigzags up the slope to the north. Stay left on the path that strikes west up a grassy ridge just south of Raptor Canyon. After crossing under another powerline, you begin a stiff climb of about 500 vertical feet, up through tall-growing grasses, topping out on Raptor Ridge. On the way up, you can look out over the upper reaches of Raptor Canyon, which features some rather scraggly looking live oak and walnut trees, victims and survivors of the fire. True to the namesake of this canyon, you'll probably notice a hawk or two cruising on updrafts.

At 2.0 miles, atop Raptor Ridge, the trail descends a little and you meet a powerline access road. Turn left (east), walk 0.3 mile toward a

complex of electric towers, and then go right on a road that drops into the wooded drainage to the south. At the bottom (2.8 miles), turn east and return toward your starting point by way of the gently descending Telegraph Canyon Trail (a graded dirt road). When you reach the paved entrance road, turn left and complete the remaining 200 yards back to Rolling M Ranch.

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

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OUTDOORS

March Is the Proverbial Windy Month here in San Diego, as it is in many places. From midday to late afternoon, sun-warmed air expands and rises over the county's interior, drawing in an influx of cool air from the coast to replace it. These afternoon sea breezes will continue at peak strength until well into the summer, providing dependable conditions for such sports as sailing, kite flying, and para-sailing.

Mexican Coral Trees or "naked corals," are showing their stuff this season by bearing and barring scarlet, flame-like flowers on

the tips of their twisting, leafless branches. Commonly planted as park and freeway landscaping, this and other species of coral are blooming along Freeway 94, Interstate 5 through Oceanside, along Harbor Drive near the airport, at the San Diego Zoo, on the lawns in front of San Diego City College downtown, and on the San Diego State University campus. The bloom may continue into late spring, when the naked corals will cover themselves with eight-inch-long leaves, just in time to provide shade for the warm months.

Ornamental Peach Trees, with radiant white and pink blossoms, are lighting up the manicured landscape around Sixth Avenue

and Laurel Street in Balboa Park. These and other "stone-fruit" trees, with and without edible fruits, belong to the genus *Prunus*. Several native *Prunus* species contribute to San Diego County's natural vegetation as well -- among them, hollyleaf cherry, choke cherry, desert almond, and desert apricot. The desert apricot, now blooming on the rocky hillsides of the Anza-Borrego Desert, attracts swarms of bees with its sweet-smelling nectar.

The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park flowers best this month, with peak blooms expected early in the month in low-lying, warm areas like Borrego Valley, the Borrego Badlands, Coyote Canyon, and along Highway S-2 in the south end of the park. Among the many annually appearing wildflowers you'll find in the low-lying areas are desert sunflower, dune primrose, lupine, desert chicory, sand verbena, and desert lily. On slightly higher ground and up along the hillsides, you'll spot blooming brittlebush, chuparosa, ocotillo, apricot mallow, and more. Starting in mid-month, several varieties of cactus should explode into bloom. For the latest update on this season's bloom cycle, call Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's special hotline, 760-767-4684, for a recorded message.

The Slender Waxing Crescent Moon makes its first easily observable appearance in the western sky during evening twilight on Sunday, March 6. Because the zodiac stands at a steep angle relative to the west horizon this time of year, the young crescent

moon hovers almost directly over the setting sun and so appears as a "smile" almost perfectly aligned with the horizon. Sunday night also features an added treat: the bright planet Jupiter lies just left of the crescent moon.

Birds, Bugs and Beasts, Oh My! Meet critters large and small living in communities of sage, oak, chaparral during trail guided nature walk. Learn about their habits, habitats, importance to ecosystem. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 5, 9:30am; Sunday, March 6, 9:30am; Wednesday, March 9, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Cactus Wren Habitat Restoration Help restore coastal sage scrub habitat for endangered coastal cactus wren. Meet in cul-de-sac off east side of Camino del Sur, about one mile north of its intersection with San Dieguito Rd., in Santa Luz development area. RSVP: 858-342-8856. Saturday, March 5, 9am; **free**. Cactus Wren restoration meeting site, Del Sur Court. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Explore Kate Sessions Park Enjoy spot overlooking Mission Bay, explore "its natural charm on a trail in a scrub-covered section beyond the groomed park area" with Canyoneers. Parts of trail are steep or have poor footing. Meet group near playground. 619-255-0171. Sunday, March 6, 9am; **free**. Kate Sessions Park, 5115 Soledad Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Explore Trails of Balboa Park Meet a Balboa Park ranger for trail walk at leisurely pace. Hikers will work "through the trails each

month in a numerical sequence." Check trail map for level of difficulty before attending. 619-235-1122. Wednesday, March 9, 10am; **free**. Morley Field Sports Complex, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Geology Walk Through Time Geologist Don Albright leads hike "through hundreds of millions of years of geology." Visit waterfall, see a rare fossil. Wear good footwear for steep trail. 858-484-3219. Saturday, March 5, 9am; **free**. López Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

Loop Hike Naturalist Mary Lueking leads moderately paced 3.8-mile loop hike using one of the newest trails and trailheads of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Look for native flowers, plants, animals through habitat zones to canyon floor. Bring water, good footwear for steep trail. Meet at trailhead near entrance to Camino Ruiz Park. 858-484-3219. Sunday, March 6, 8am; **free**. Camino Ruiz trailhead, 11489 Camino Ruiz. (MIRA MESA)

Love Your Wetlands Day Sixth annual event, hosted by UCSD Natural Reserve System and Friends of Mission Bay Marshes, includes restoration and clean-up projects (bring gloves, rubber boots if you have them; 1-4pm). Wetlands scientists discuss marsh ecology with live animals (noon-1pm); open house at UCSD's Kendall-Frost Marsh Reserve field station (1-5pm). 858-534-2077. Saturday, March 5, 12pm; **free**. Kendall Frost research trailer, Pacific Beach Drive at Crown Point Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)



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Virginia continued from page 58.

from over 150 possible wineries.

Out of the handful we visited, the best was Keswick Vineyards, near Gordonsville. You can sit in the cozy tasting room or sip your wine in the front garden complete with Adirondack chairs and complimentary blankets for crisp evenings. For a completely different tasting experience, one of the oldest Virginia wineries, Barboursville Vineyards, has a large, busy tasting room on a beautiful hilltop site. I think its popularity is due to the fact that for just five dollars you can taste over 15 wines, and no one counts your pours.

Virginia wine was generally delicious — maybe a little young but with plenty of promise. One of the varietals offered that was new to me, but had a long history in the region, Norton, was interesting but not my favorite. Other successful regional wines (and the tastiest) are the Virginia Viognier and Virginia Cabernet Franc. But perhaps

the best thing about tasting in Virginia is the fact that it is not Napa — not overpriced or pretentious...the people are kind, the traffic is nonexistent, and countryside is beautiful.

Besides wine tasting, there are other amazing things to do in Virginia. In quiet Goochland you can explore Civil War-era relics and sites, have an afternoon picnic in grassy fields, or take a scenic bike ride through winding country roads. If you are lucky enough to visit in the autumn, you can witness spectacular fall colors as the ashes, maples, and dogwoods do their thing. If the city is more your thing, check out the Carytown district in Richmond for its nightlife and trendy shopping.

Plus, Richmond is lousy with history: countless museums, colonial houses, estate gardens, grand cemeteries, and a vibrant waterfront. Best of all, Virginians are among the kindest and most welcoming people I've met — and I can't wait to return! Besides...I'm out of wine.

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Search for Saturn and Jupiter As well as shooting stars and more during stargazing party in MiraCosta College's baseball field (weather permitting). Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday, March 4, 8pm; Saturday, March 5, 8pm; **free**. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Vernal Pools and Wildflowers! Tour this nature preserve with Diana Gordon to learn about rare Southern maritime chaparral, vernal pool lifecycles. Look for wildflowers. 858-484-3219. Saturday, March 5, 9am; **free**. Carmel Mountain trailhead, 4730 Fairport Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Walk Your Canine Buddy Hit the trail for exercise, meet new canine and human companions. Gain tips on canine trail safety, potential dangers from wildlife, pet disaster planning, more. Dogs must be well-behaved, on leash (six feet long or less). Bring water. 858-668-4781. Sunday, March 6, 8am; **free**. Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, 16275 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Wildlife Tracking Trek Search for signs, scat, browsing, bed lays, other evidence of wildlife, learn skills trackers use to identify wildlife inhabiting open lands with tracking guide. Wear long pants. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 5, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL

"Dreams: Magic Mirrors that Never Lie" Why do we dream, why do they matter, how do they help us? Find out during Jeremy Taylor workshop. 619-298-9978 x8014. Friday, March 4, 7pm; \$15-\$20. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"From Cairo to Wisconsin: Is Revolution Possible in the U.S.?" International Socialist Organization of San Diego meets to consider the question. 619-865-0621. Thursday, March 3, 6pm; **free**. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Knit and Dish: Learning to Knit" Learn basics of knitting, how to cast on, cast off, and master the pearl and knit stitches from "an expert knitter." Class concludes March 13. Materials not included. RSVP: 760-839-4120. Sunday, March 6, 1:30pm; \$40-\$45. California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Laughter Party/Fundraiser" Laughter yoga, socializing, refreshments offered by Laughter Matters, whose mission is to "bring more health, happiness, and joy...through laughter yoga." Requested donation: \$10. 619-255-4622. Monday, March 7, 7:30pm; Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Provoke/Evoke" Art reception presented by Sudden Art Gallery, curated by Thumbprint Gallery, with local artists Kevin Peterson, Jack Stricker, Steven Suiter, Eric Wixon, others. Music by local DJs. 858-354-6294. Friday, March 4, 7:30pm; **free**. Industry Showroom, 345 Sixth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Red vs. Blue: What Is America All About?" Civilized Conversation Club convenes for "po-

litical discussions." 858-231-6209. Thursday, March 3, 7pm; **free**. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Tchaikovsky Spectacular" City Ballet performs all-Tchaikovsky program including *Swan Lake Act II*, *Swan Lake* "Black Swan pas de deux," and *Tchai Celebration*, inspired by twelve short piano pieces Tchaikovsky was commissioned to write for publication in each month of 1879. 858-272-8663. Friday, March 4,

8pm; Saturday, March 5, 8pm; Sunday, March 6, 2pm; \$29-\$59. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Unsung History of Women in the San Diego Region" History conference promises "beguiling women's history, exhibits, and collectibles" in Balboa Park Club, Ballroom, and Recital Hall. Program includes numerous speakers, educational exhibits, historical book displays, walking

tour of Balboa Park, more. Registration: 619-469-7283. Friday, March 4, 9:30am; Saturday, March 5, 9:30am; \$15-\$25. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

La Mama: An American Nun's Life in a Mexican Prison Filmmaker, radio and television reporter Jody Hammond on hand when her film screens for San Elijo Life program in room 204. Film chronicles the journey

of Mary Clarke, who has worked as Mother Antonia in Tijuana's La Mesa Penitentiary for more than 30 years. Hammond will conduct discussion after screening. 760-944-4449 x7782. Friday, March 4, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

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Amazonia San Diego Brazil Mardi Gras Carnival returns with samba beats and dancers, capoeira performances, "nonstop Brazilian music," more. 619-224-4684. Saturday, March 5, 8pm; \$25-\$75. 21 and up. 4th&B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Ask the Horticulturist Enjoy informative tour through garden with professional horticulturalist. Bring questions. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Sunday, March 6, 9:30am; **free**. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Beats by the Beach Benefit Festival Take in a street-course skate contest, Indo Board interactive booth with surf simulator,

yoga and muay thai workshops, pro-am skateboarder's meet and greet with Tosh Townend and Cano Cardenas, art show, burgers donated from Hodad's, music by Habitat, Tommy Dubs, the New Kenetics, Rightjahs Blend. Proceeds benefit YMCA Youth and Family Services. 619-225-2317. Saturday, March 5, 11am; **free**. Ocean Beach Surf and Skate, 4976 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Benefit Art Exhibition Paintings and photography by local artists offered for sale. Event is benefit for International Rett Syndrome Foundation. 619-993-6984. Friday, March 4, 4pm; **free**. Heritage of the Americas Museum, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Celebrate International Women's Day Women's Empowerment International hosts event in Great Hall. Meet recipients of microfinance loans, learn how microfinance creates opportunities for women in poverty, sample and learn to cook ethnic dishes; shop STAR Center Bazaar. 858-486-6466. Sunday, March 6, 2pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Civil War Returns Civil War reenactment with battle scenes and hundreds of uniformed combatants, full-scale camp of historians, entertainers, food vendors, historical figures, merchants, period music, more. Battles (noon, 3pm), artillery demonstrations (11am, 1pm). President Lincoln and

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Your Birthday in the California Mountains

A Poem by Kenneth Rexroth

A broken moon on the cold water,
And wild geese crying high overhead,
The smoke of the campfire rises
Toward the geometry of heaven —
Points of light in the infinite blackness.
I watch across the narrow inlet
Your dark figure comes and goes before the fire.
A loon cries out on the night bound lake.
Then all the world is silent with the
Silence of autumn waiting for
The coming of winter. I enter
The ring of firelight, bringing to you
A string of trout for our dinner.
As we eat by the whispering lake,
I say, "Many years from now we will
Remember this night and talk of it."
Many years have gone by since then, and

Many years again. I remember
That night as though it was last night,
But you have been dead for thirty years.



Kenneth Rexroth (1905–1982) was a major figure in American poetry and an important influence on the Beat Poets and the San Francisco Poetry Renaissance of the 1950s and '60s. A notable essayist and important translator from the Chinese and Japanese, he was a pacifist, a conscientious objector during World War II, and a zealous political progressive. Rexroth, who lived for many years in San Francisco and spent his later years in Santa Barbara, often celebrates in his poetry the grandeur of the California Coast Range. "Your Birthday in the California Mountains" was written in memory of Rexroth's first wife, the painter Andrée Schafer, whom he married in 1927 and who died in 1940. It is from The Complete Poems of Kenneth Rexroth, edited by Sam Hamill and Bradford Morrow, published by Copper Canyon Press, and is reprinted by permission.

President Davis on hand to answer questions; Lincoln presents Gettysburg Address. 805-496-6036. Saturday, March 5, 10am; Sunday, March 6, 10am; \$6-\$13. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

Confections for a Cause San Diego Cake Club's 28th annual cake show and competition promises display of over 150 artistic sugar and cake creations. Hourly sugar-craft demonstrations by "celebrity decorators."

Proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald House of San Diego. 858-268-1234. Saturday, March 5, 10am; Sunday, March 6, 12pm; **free**. La Jolla Village Square, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Designing with Succulents Garden docent presentation on "these beautiful and drought-tolerant plants that are easy to propagate and great for creative container gardens." Talk followed by succulent sale. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, March 5, 9am; **free**-\$5. Water Conservation

Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Ease Your Pain Jaruska Solyova, American Viniyoga Institute certified therapist, focuses on diminishing pain and suffering with yoga therapy and meditation techniques. 858-456-9964. Tuesday, March 8, 11am; **free**-\$15. La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Gem Faire More than 80 dealers offer jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals. Classes, demonstrations for all skill levels.

503-252-8300. Friday, March 4, 12pm; Saturday, March 5, 10am; Sunday, March 6, 10am; **free**-\$7. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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

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Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp Celebrate Fat Tuesday with party promising dance crews, beads, live music, carnival action, food and libations, parades (7:30, 10pm). 619-233-5008. Tuesday, March 8, 6pm; \$20-\$25. 21 and up. Gaslamp Quarter. (DOWNTOWN)

Middle-Eastern Drum Workshop Master Arabic *doumbek* player Issam Houshan teaches beginner (1:30-2:30pm; \$20) and intermediate (2:30-4pm; \$25) drumming classes with "belly-dance superstars." 760-703-1487. Saturday, March 5, 1:30pm; Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly Dance Class Doumbek drumming class for all levels taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7pm), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8pm). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6pm; \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry and the Religious Themes of Sacred Texts "Explore the beautiful ritual and liturgical potential of poetry, both within and beyond religion." Participants are encouraged to bring and read their favorites, or just listen, during poetry reading and discussion. Donation. Registration: 619-298-9978 x8014. Thursday, March 3, 6:30pm; First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

QUASH (Quest to Unravel Alzheimer's Scavenger Hunt) Teams receive clues hinting at destinations, asking questions specific to those locations. Travel by foot to each deciphered location, answer question or perform challenge; correctly solved challenges are awarded points. The 2.5-hour event culminates in race to finish line party. 858-492-4400. Saturday, March 5, 10am; \$25. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Ranunculus Rainbows The Flower Fields with 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are

blooming again, open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or take wagon ride (\$5 general), visit sweet pea maze. Season passes available. 760-431-0352. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; Mondays, 9am; Tuesdays, 9am; Wednesdays, 9am; through Sunday, May 8, **free**-\$10. Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

Ring in the Iron Rabbit! Celebrate Losar — the Tibetan New Year — with food, community, live music. Potluck includes "some traditional Tibetan fare" such as *momos* (Tibetan dumplings) and milk tea. Losar Tashi Delek! 619-906-4291. Saturday, March 5, 1pm; **free**. Rigpa Meditation Center, 710 13th Street #314. (DOWNTOWN)

SUHSD Student Art Exhibition Sweetwater Union High School District Visual Art Council hosts gala, awards reception for participating student artists. 619-585-5755. Friday, March 4, 6pm; **free**. South Chula Vista Library, 389 Orange Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Scavenger Dash Teams of two travel by foot or public transportation to 12 checkpoints based on a list of clues. Expect "wacky challenges that must be completed before proceeding." Race-day team fee: \$130 (cash only). 602-751-3403. Saturday, March 5, 12pm; 12 and up. Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Scratch Art It's not a "grade school crayon and poster paint project" Cathleen teaches on Technique Tuesday, but "an easy way to create a dazzling piece of art in popping colors." 619-667-5060. Tuesday, March 8, 3pm and 6pm; \$5. 16 and up. Stamp Addict, 7151 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Sláinte! Drink, dance "in true Irish fashion by tasting Irish whiskeys and beers," listen to music by the Green Jackets, the Leperkhanz. "Dirt the Whiskey Master" leads whiskey tasting. 800-988-5253. Sunday, March 6, 4pm; California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Spring Home/Garden Show Hundreds of exhibits of home improvement products and remodeling ideas. 858-350-3738. Friday, March 4, 11am; Saturday,

March 5, 10am; Sunday, March 6, 10am; **free**-\$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Wittgenstein and Western Philosophy Meeting of the Minds discussion group takes on the topic. 619-370-1027. Wednesday, March 9, 7pm; **free**. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Work at Home Business Expo "Meet more than 100... home-based businesses and find the right one for you." Seminars on variety of related topics such as "Managing and Growing a Home-Based Business," "Home Office Tips," more. 888-955-4287. Saturday, March 5, 10am; Sunday, March 6, 10am; **free**-\$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Yoga for Hope Strengthen your body, rejuvenate your soul during City of Hope benefit. Featured yoga experts Tim Miller, Stacy McCarthy, Michael Fukamura, Bonnie Saldivar-Jones, Claire Petretti "rotate around the main stage taking turns leading" class. All levels welcome to participate in outdoors class. 800-888-5323. Saturday, March 5, 9:30am; \$30-\$50. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

DANCE

Contra Dance Flight Path makes music, Martha Wild calls for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm, dancing 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, March 4, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

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LOCAL EVENTS

English Country Dancing with Live Music Caller Judee Pronovost is joined by Ryan Sandburg (piano), Todd Martin (flute) for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, March 6, 6pm; \$8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

First Friday Social Dance Dance party with mix of ballroom, Latin, club music. 858-560-4372. Friday, March 4, 7pm; **free**. Infinity Dance Sport Center, 4428 Convoy Street #288. (KEARNY MESA)

Latin, Hustle, Ballroom Party Dance party for singles and couples of all ages hosted by Dan Gibbons and David Nguyen. DJs play ballroom mix, hustle music, requests. Waltz and hustle lessons: 8pm; open dancing follows (8:30-10:30pm). 619-275-3533. Saturday, March 5, 8pm; \$4-\$8. Pattie Wells’ Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Main Event Mixer Enjoy blend of ballroom, Latin, swing music for dancing. 858-565-9575. Saturday, March 5, 7:30pm; \$10. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Salsa Dance Class Walter Eduardo leads salsa class for beginners (7pm), and intermediates

(7:45pm). Open dancing with no cover follows (8:30pm). 619-200-7124. Thursdays, 7pm; \$5. 18 and up. Miami Grille, 4545 La Jolla Village Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

FOOD & DRINK

Chocolate for Beginners What is “good” chocolate all about? Learn fundamentals of chocolate, and how to make basic truffles and other chocolate delights. Do not eat garlic or strong food or drink prior to class. 760-233-2433. Wednesday, March 9, 10am; \$65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Tribute to Julia Child Learn “some great French cooking techniques” and how to prepare French specialties including croque monsieur, salad Niçoise, quiche Lorraine, French onion soup. 858-442-5252. Friday, March 4, 6:30pm; \$45. 16 and up. Charlie’s Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

Vegetarian Indian Delight Explore a “fusion vegetarian menu” with “Indian cuisine enthusiast” Shital Parikh. Recipes include spinach and spicy corn dip; spicy masala *puri*, fusion mango chutney, more. 858-270-1582. Wednesday, March 9, 6pm; \$54. 10 and up. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FOR KIDS

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat J*Company Youth Theatre season continues with musical telling tale of Joseph, who overcomes being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. Reservations: 858-362-1348. Saturday, March 5, 8pm; Sunday, March 6, 1pm and 4:30pm; \$14-\$16. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

The Monkey and the Crocodile In this tale, a clever monkey outwits a deceitful crocodile. Puppet Express performances include *City Mouse*, *Country Mouse*. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, March 9, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Game Day Enjoy games including Sorry, Battleship, Candyland, Yahtzee, Monopoly, chess, checkers, backgammon, mancala, Quiddler Deluxe on Thursdays. 858-581-9935. Thursday, March 3, 4pm; **free**. 3 and up. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

I Think I Can! Help Eddie the Engine deliver a birthday present to Bunny Rabbit during *The Little Engine That Could* puppet shows by Big Joe Productions. 619-544-9203. Thursday, March 3, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, March 4, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, March 5, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm;

Sunday, March 6, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Pasta from Scratch Teen Chefs in the Making series continues when Chef Joy shares pasta-making expertise gained during her “extensive training at the Barilla Institute in Italy.” Learn to make dough for fettuccine, tagliatelle, linguine during class for those 14-17. 760-233-2433. Tuesday, March 8, 4pm; \$50. 14 and up. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Science Magic Edutainment Arts presents interactive look into mystery of magic using “the scientific method to explore secrets of magic that are based in science, while discovering that science is truly magical.” This “Center Stage: Performances for Youth” show is for those in kindergarten through eighth grades. 800-988-4253. Wednesday, March 9, 9:30am and 11:30am; \$2. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Slime Science Discovery Lab transformed for kids 5-12 “to have fun making oozing observations” with gak, goop, more. Regular admission (0-\$10) plus \$2 activity fee. 619-238-1233. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, March 26, 5 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Trail Explorers: Birds Discover secrets of nature during program for children ages 10 to 12. Wear closed shoes, weather-appropriate clothing in layers. Bring drinking water, backpack. RSVP: 619-668-2746. Saturday, March 5, 9am; 10 and up. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

GALLERIES

“Old Story/New Works” Opening reception for the 28 artists contributing to this “Invitational Passover Show.” See the exhibit, in which “artists creatively interpret through meaning and form the traditional Passover story and ritual objects,” through Monday, May 23. 858-457-3030. Wednesday, March 9, 7:30pm; **free**. Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Spring Show Reception for gallery artists. 760-789-3682. Saturday, March 5, 3pm; **free**. Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery, 845 Main Street. (RAMONA)

IN PERSON

“All Chicks, No Richards” Brew Ha Ha hosts comedy show; adult material with mild language. Donation. 619-922-9057. Friday, March 4, 7pm; Island Juice, 6784 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

“Alternative Visions: Stories of Otherness and the Ordinary” Dovie Thomason “draws her stories from a life that is pure 20th-21st century and traditional American Indian.” Enjoy “wise, boisterous, and profound tales” from around world when she takes stage for Storytellers of San Diego in Manchester Conference Center auditorium. 619-298-6363. Saturday, March 5, 7:30pm; \$10. 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

“And the World Resounds” Music from the Mediterranean, Asia, Scandinavia, Europe, the Americas may be heard when Westwind Brass performs. Reception follows. 619-501-3562. Sunday, March 6, 2pm; **free**. First Presbyterian Church of El Cajon, 500 Farragut Circle. (EL CAJON)

“Facing Fate, Finding a Destiny” Author, mythologist Michael Meade brings his blend of storytelling, poetry, discussion in conjunction with publication of his new book, *Fate and Destiny: The Two Agreements of the Soul*. 800-233-6984. Thursday, March 3, 7pm; \$15. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

“New Musical Geographies” Concert Hour recital of contemporary compositions for both solo *khaen* and *khaen* with electronics by Christopher Burns, Sidney Marquez Boquiren, Jeff Herriott, David Loeb, Christopher Adler, as well as traditional music from

Laos and Northeast Thailand. 760-744-1150 x2317. Thursday, March 3, 12:30pm; **free**. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

“The Western UnScripted” Impro Theatre saddles up to create a new full-length play in “style of the great film westerns of John Ford and Howard Hawks,” replete with cattle barons, sheriffs, saloon girls, sidewinders. 858-481-1055. Monday, March 7, 7:30pm; \$15-\$20. 18 and up. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987-D Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Words 360: Vietnamese-American Poets and Librarians” Honor poetry and library service with poet and librarian Kim Ly Bui-Burton and San Diego Library librarians Lien Dao and Vy Tu, in conjunction with One Book, One San Diego program. Vy Tu and Lien Dao join Kim Bui-Burton after her poetry reading for panel discussion on librarianship and their experiences as Vietnamese-American librarians. 619-236-5817. Tuesday, March 8, 6pm; **free**. Linda Vista Library, 2160 Ulric Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Guitar Lessons: A Life’s Journey Turning Passion into Business In his new book, Taylor Guitars founder Bob Taylor shares “lessons that enabled two driven ‘kids’ to overcome formidable obstacles and grow their small guitar shop into a world-renowned guitar brand.” Taylor discusses, signs his new book (when purchased from Warwick’s). 858-454-0347. Thursday, March 3, 7pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

In Search of Gold Mountain Murray K. Lee plans lecture, signing of his new book, subtitled *A History of the Chinese in San Diego, California*. “No one knows San Diego’s Chinese community like” Lee, a curator of Chinese American history. 619-338-9888. Sunday, March 6, 2pm; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Lady in Waiting Local author Susan Meissner discusses and signs her new novel. Books must be purchased from Warwick’s to be signed. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, March 8, 7:30pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr Author Ken Gormley, dean of Duquesne Law School, shares details of his decade-long investigation into question of how Bill Clinton came to be impeached. 619-233-4777. Friday, March 4, 5pm; **free**. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

An Evening with Rita Rudner Enjoy entertainment by Rudner, “one of the cleanest comics working today.” 619-570-1100. Thursday, March 3, 7:30pm; \$28-\$50. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)



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At the Intersection of Poetry, Theater, Essay Thalia Field — author of *Birdlovers*, *Backyard*; *Incarinate: Story Material*; *Point and Line* — reads from her work in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. “Her work often uses history and historical characters to foreground the narrative basis of facticity, fantasy, and fallibility.” 503-421-5356. Wednesday, March 9, 4:30pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Brass Concert and “Mini-Mardi Gras Party” The eight trombonists of Bone-A-FieD Brass Ensemble perform movie and television themes, marches, patriotic tunes, an original arrangement highlighting “the 15 most viewed TV westerns of all time.” Concert followed by “Mini-Mardi Gras Party” featuring Cajun hors d’oeuvres, more music. Benefit for Charley Brown Children’s Center. 619-464-1519. Sunday, March 6, 6pm; **free**. United Church of Christ of La Mesa, 5940 Kelton Avenue. (LA MESA)

Brew Ha-Ha East “Uncle Tony Calabrese” entertains. No cover or drink minimums. Donation. Reservations: 619-922-9057. Sunday, March 6, 7pm; 17 and up. GIO Bistro & Wine Bar, 8384 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Hollywood Legends Dick Cavett interviews actress Goldie Hawn. 800-745-3000. Saturday, March 5, 8pm; \$64-\$138. 21 and up. Harrah’s Rincon, 777 Harrah’s Rincon Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series Author Susan Conley presents reading in room LL-430. She is author of *The Foremost Good Fortune*; was designated “a Top 10 Read for February 2011” by *O, The Oprah Magazine*; and is cofounder and executive director of the Telling Room in southern Maine. 619-594-6054. Thursday, March 3, 7pm; **free**. Malcolm A. Love Library at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Listen, Laugh, Heckle! Latent Print and University of Hell Press host book-release reading by Greg Gerding from his recently published books *Piss Artist* and *The Idiot Parade*. Party moves to Bar Pink for CD release with the Stereotypes. 619-564-7194. Saturday, March 5, 7pm; Agitprop

Gallery, 2837 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Poetry in Escondido Bring a few ekphrastic poems or short written pieces written to or about the visual arts to read (1-2pm). “A total of 33 art works and 38 poems are included in this year’s annual *Summation* book; artists and poets on hand to read and discuss their work (2-4pm). Books available for purchase. 760-480-4101. Sunday, March 6, 1pm; **free**. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Sitar Master Kartik Seshadri is joined by Arup Chattopadhyay on tabla for “evening of ragas selected to suit the season and mood of the evening.” 858-534-3229. Wednesday, March 9, 7pm; **free**-\$15. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Wild and Tame Music, comedy, more music promised during show with musicians Paul Hanna, Chet Harrison, Carlos Soriano; comedians Jiavani Linayao, Mark Schreiber, host Sindi Somers. No cover, no drink minimum. 619-384-0761. Tuesday, March 8, 6:30pm; 21 and up. Stage Saloon, 762 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

“30 Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden” See, touch, smell drought-tolerant plants such as California and Australian natives, as well as “unusual salvias,” during talk by landscape designer Doug Kalal. 619-200-7066. Friday, March 4, 12pm; **free**. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

“Der Rosenkavalier: The Role of Sacrifice in Relationships” Reverend Michael Spitters and Nicolas Reveles of San Diego Opera consider whether “sacrifice in relationships means a complete negation of self” for “Community Conversations” series. Is there a place for selflessness in world full of examples “of looking after one’s own needs to the expense of others?” 619-533-7000. Tuesday, March 8, 7pm; **free**. Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North. (LA JOLLA)

“A Credo For Support” “Norman Kunc and Emma Van Der Klift have spent the last 25 years working to ensure that people with disabilities are able to take their rightful place in schools, workplaces, and communities.” Spend day with duo in Mother Hill Hall; workshops include “The Right to Be Disabled” and “Baking a Cake in a Washing Machine.” 619-460-5608. Friday, March 4, 10am; \$50. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

“A Good Place to Grow Up Is Green” University of Colorado’s Louise Chawla “shares methods for enabling young people to evaluate their communities and design places that are a ‘genial green’” when “Sustainable Planet: Children and Nature” lecture series continues. 619-232-3821. Tuesday, March 8, 6:30pm; \$5. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Broadway Legends” Pianist, storyteller Bruno Leone portrays lives, performs music of American musical treasures. Series continues with look at “the lyrical genius Cole Porter.” Leone also depicts “the colorful period in which they composed.” 858-454-5872. Tuesday, March 8, 7:30pm; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

“Cross-Disciplinary Productions” Exhibition exploring “dynamic interaction between art and society through the distinctive philosophy of the UCSD MFA program” commences with preview lecture with artist, critic, theorist Allan Sekula and historian, critic, curator Moira Roth. Duo will discuss history of UCSD MFA program and their own work, in Visual Arts Facility performance space. Preview exhibit with curator (4pm). 858-822-7755. Friday, March 4, 2pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“Greenovation Forum: The Smart Grid” Learn about “Greener Energy Systems for Sustainable Societies” in Calit2 Auditorium at Atkinson Hall. Event commences with “reception with buffet of locally grown specialties” (4pm). Speakers from UCSD’s Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering, Virid-

ity Energy, and Sempra Energy explore “innovative thinking and technologies that will bring about an energy revolution” (4:30pm). 858-822-2521. Wednesday, March 9, 4pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“Hollywood, San Diego Style” Sisters in Crime — a group for readers, writers of mysteries — convenes for talk by Cathy Anderson of San Diego Film Commission. Learn about film jobs, what projects are headed this way. 760-585-5383. Thursday, March 3, 6:30pm; **free**. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

“Mending the World: The Collision of Nature, Culture, and Humanity” Photographers Shana and Robert ParkeHarrison, “who combine sculpture, painting, and theatrics to create surreal, fabricated images,” on hand for conversation with Arthur Ollman. Presentation “will explore their art, exposing mankind’s impact on the environment in a way that is haunting and emotionally gripping.” Reservations: 619-594-1213. Wednesday, March 9, 7:30pm; \$10-\$25. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Obsessed” So Say We All’s Greenroom hosts writing workshop focusing on “concept of obsession, whether...the brand known by fanboys, or when the thought of letting go is more painful than holding on, and the many

problematic places that takes us.” Writing will commence! 619-234-3525. Wednesday, March 9, 7:30pm; **free**. Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street. (BANKER’S HILL)

“Remembering Imogen Cunningham” Learn about the art, life of the renowned modernist photographer from her granddaughter, Meg Partridge, during slide-illustrated lecture. Partridge grew up near Cunningham; one of her first jobs was “spotting prints” in Cunningham’s studio. Included in museum admission. 760-435-3720. Saturday, March 5, 1pm; **free**-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

“Stories of Hope from the Frontlines of Slavery” Free the Slaves International leads workshop in conjunction with Season for Nonviolence events. “Free the Slaves works in partnership with grassroots activists throughout the world.” Donation. 760-753-5786. Saturday, March 5, 1pm; Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. (ENCINITAS)

“The Art of the Singer” Why do opera lovers debate greatness of Sills, Sutherland, Callas, Pavarotti, Domingo, Carreras? Musicologist Ron Shaheen explores what it take to ascend to operatic legend. 760-434-2904. Saturday, March 5, 10am; **free**. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

“The Jim and Ann Show” Jim and Ann Elliott of Western

Graphics in Lemon Grove share “tales from the trenches and little-known back-stories of politicians on the prowl” during Lemon Grove Historical Society “History Alive” lecture. 619-460-4353. Thursday, March 3, 7pm; **free**. 12 and up. Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

“UCSD by Design” Jean-Philippe Vassal of Lacaton and Vassal presents “Architecture as Simple as Possible, but Not Simpler Than That” for lecture series in International House Great Hall. Gilles Clément — National School of Landscape Architecture, Versailles professor — answers the question, “What is the Third Landscape?” 858-534-6270. Friday, March 4, 10am; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“Using iGoogle” Blythe Stokes focuses on iGoogle for genealogy purposes when Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group gathers. Attendees with a Google account “invited to bring their laptop computers for ‘hands-on’ experience” (optional). Visitors welcome. 760-967-8635. Tuesday, March 8, 10am; **free**. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

“What Is the Third Landscape?” Find out when Gilles Clément — National School of Landscape Architecture, Versailles professor — speaks for “UCSD by Design” lecture series. Also on tap: Jean-Philippe Vassal of Lacaton and Vassal presents



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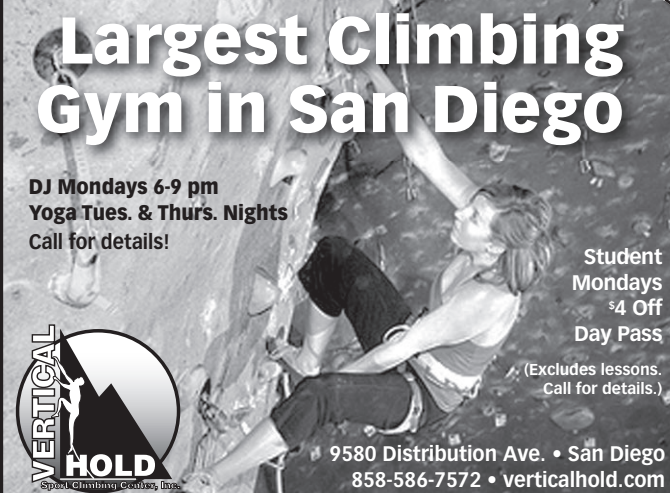
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Make Your Major Work for You in the Workplace Grossmont College Career Center presents workshop for all led by career counselor Nancy Davis. 619-644-7614. Tuesday, March 8, 11am; **free**. 18 and up. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Moving into Smart Design Shayne Rolf details "necessary levels of energy savings needed to move into the area of smart design." 619-684-8888. Wednesday, March 9, 7pm; **free**. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Online Job Search Strategies Charles Jones, an Employment Development Department representative, presents "hands-on exercise to learn how to use CalWorks and other online sources to find hidden job opportunities." 858-573-1396. Wednesday, March 9, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Portrait Drawing Patti Schmidt leads portrait-drawing class first

Friday every month. 858-581-9935. Friday, March 4, 1pm; **free**. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Promoting World Peace and Friendship Recruiter Amber Long considers "The Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary" for Life at Mira Costa senior learning group in room 1068 (1pm). Explore "Earthquake Potential for San Diego Region" with John Turbeville (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, March 4, 1pm; **free**. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Seniors: Nutritional Needs for Aging Dogs Nutritional seminar in company's kitchen and learning center with general nutrition overview, "paws-free

behind-the-scenes kitchen tour," samples, tastings. 858-486-6500. Saturday, March 5, 3pm; **free**. My Perfect Pet, 12655 Danielson Court #312. (POWAY)

Signs of the Tide San Diego Coastkeeper hosts panel discussion focusing on "how much of San Diego's litter originates inland and travels to our coastal waters." Panelists include John Bishop (State Water Resource Control Board), Alicia Glassco (San Diego Coastkeeper), Jeff Ritchie (EDCO Waste and Recycling), John Hanley (Friends of Olivia Canyon). 619-758-7743. Wednesday, March 9, 6pm; **free**. San Diego Coastkeeper, 2825 Dewey Road Suite 200. (POINT LOMA)

This Is Jazz! "Jazz expert, author, and media personality" Dirk Sutro plans lecture and performance series on history of American jazz music with live demonstrations by musical guests and discussions between artists and audience. 760-434-2904. Saturday, March 5, 4pm; **free**. 10 and up. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

SPORTS

Battle of the Badges Boxing Charity boxing event for Cops 4 Kids. 877-946-7252. Saturday, March 5, 6pm; \$20-\$30. 21 and up. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

Board and Brew the Long Way Bring money for lunch in Del Mar during 50-mile bicycle ride with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society.

619-255-5360. Saturday, March 5, 8:45am; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Bocce! The 15th annual Del Mar/Solana Beach Rotary Bocce Ball Tournament and family day returns. 858-794-1171. Sunday, March 6, 9am; **free**. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Defender Bowl II San Diego Enforcers take on Marine Corps Bulldogs during football game with proceeds benefiting completion of the 1st Marine Regiment Memorial Garden. Pregame tailgate party with SWAT displays, music, military exhibits (2pm); game kick-off at 5pm. Saturday, March 5, 2pm; **free**-\$5. Escondido High School, 1535 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Learn-to-Curl Clinic Curl San Diego hosts clinic for people who have never curled before. Learn basics of the game, ice safety, delivery, sweeping. Includes "fun practice game." 760-489-5550. Saturday, March 5, 5:30pm; \$20. Iceoplex Escondido, 555 North Tulip Street. (ESCONDIDO)

Pacific Coast Men's Doubles Tennis Championship The 122nd annual tournament returns. "Many of the best NCAA men's college teams in the country have applied to enter." Finals on March 6. Parking fee. 858-551-4605. Thursday, March 3, 3pm; Friday, March 4, 8am; Saturday, March 5, 8am; Sunday, March 6, 9am; **free**. La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, 2000 Spindrift Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Pick-Up Curling Practice or pick-up games with Curl San Diego. New and experienced curlers welcome. Instruction available. 760-489-5550. Saturday, March 5, 8pm; Iceoplex Escondido, 555 North Tulip Street. (ESCONDIDO)

RC44 Class Regatta "Biggest names" in sailing including Russell Coutts, Paul Cayard, James Spithill, Rod Davis, Terry Hutchinson race against each other on San Diego Bay in identical RC 44 sailboats. Racing takes place directly in front of Broadway Pier. 619-225-0300. Thursday, March 3, 11am; Friday, March 4, 11am; Saturday, March 5, 11am; Sunday, March 6, 11am; **free**. Port Pavilion on Broadway

Pier, 1000 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

San Marcos Blast Pedal out for 70-mile bicycle adventure with Bicycle Touring Society riders. 619-255-5360. Sunday, March 6, 8:45am; **free**. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Tai Chi Chuan Try a free class. Mon., Wed., 6:00 pm; Sat. 9:30 pm. Qi Gong/Taoist meditation classes ongoing. Saturdays, 9:30pm; Mondays, 6pm; Wednesdays, 6pm; Taoist Sanctuary of San Diego, 4229 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

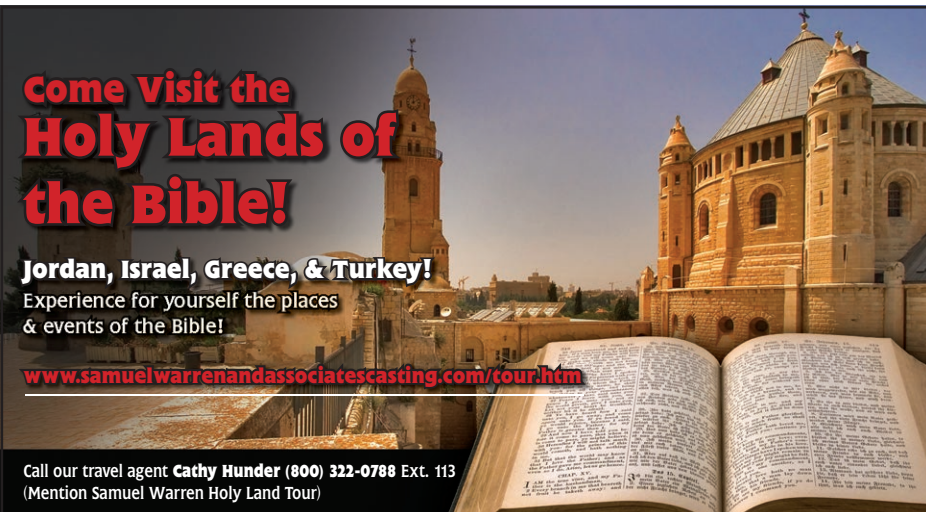
Watch the Birdie! Badminton played daily. Call for times: 858-581-7100. Thursdays; Fridays; Saturdays; Sundays; Mondays; Tuesdays; Wednesdays; **free**. Balboa Park Activity Center, 2145 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center "Vaqueros — Cowboy Gear and Bonita's Ranching History," continuing through Saturday, February 26, includes cowboy gear "produced by some of the finest cowboy craft artisans in the country." Bonita cowboy artist Mehl Lawson, exhibit guest curator, displays items from his personal collection, including his collection of Luis Ortega braiding. Also on view: work by saddlemakers Denny Bryant, Richard Beahn, Garry McClintock; braiders Sharon Pauling and Ron Titus.

Museum features exhibits of local history and fine arts, striving "to preserve and celebrate the spirit of Bonita in its two spacious galleries." Stories of Bonita's 100-year history are told with artifacts, photographs. Displays include Native American culture, lemon orchard period, events of the flood of 1916, and transformation of family life by technology. 4355 Bonita Rd., 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum "Patricia Patterson: Here and There" attempts to summarize a lifetime of Patterson's work, while giving attention to the museum's "spacious rooms, tall ceilings, cool and clas-



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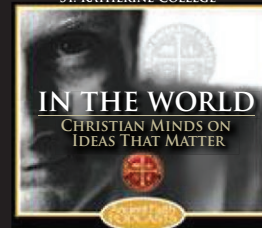
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Lakeside Christian Church

Contact: 13739 El Monte Road, Lakeside, CA 92040; 619-443-6918; lakesidechristian.org

Membership: 300

Denomination: Independent Christian Church

Pastor: Marshall Masser

Age: 38

Born: San Antonio, Texas

Formation: Lincoln Christian Seminary, Lincoln, Ill.

Years Ordained: 15 years.

San Diego Reader: How long do you spend writing your sermon?

Pastor Marshall Masser: I like to think I spend an hour of preparation for every minute of the sermon. So I like to think I spend on average 20 hours preparing. A more exegetical sermon requires more hours in commentary

work, while a topical sermon requires fewer hours because you're usually pulling from resources not just commentaries, but also experts on a subject and things like that.

It takes half as much time to write a topical sermon.

SDR: Can you think of a time when you gave a sermon that completely flopped?

PM: This past December I preached a Christmas series related to Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. I called the series "From Humbug to Hallelujah." I urged everyone to start dealing with our bad attitudes about family get-togethers, how much money we're going to spend, and other things that bring bad Christmas humbugs. I

delivered the sermon — well, it was just deadpan — and the whole congregation was looking at me like I was the only person that ever had any humbugs. The faces I was getting told me that I was standing in the room alone while the rest thought Christmas was the greatest time of the whole year. They eventually caught on as the series went along, but that first sermon I remember thinking, *What have I done?*

SDR: What is the most prevalent sin you observe or hear about from your congregants?

PM: I teach my church that all sin can be boiled down to three things — pride, greed, or lust. At the heart of all sin is one of those three things.

I call it the three-legged stool of sin. In my church, I suppose the struggle for us Christians, the longer we have been believers, the more we struggle with pride and with thinking that we're doing things right....

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PM: It is our goal to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. The first step toward that goal is to build a relationship with Jesus — by coming to church on Sunday. For step two, we want to grow with believers and we encourage our congregation to become members of a small-group Bible study. So they're growing in God's word and grow-



Marshall Masser: "I urged everyone to start dealing with our bad attitudes about family get-togethers."

ing together with believers in community. For the third step, we want congregation members to help their church and neighbors by encouraging them to be servants. We want our people to help the people that live

or work right next to them.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PM: I believe when we die we meet our creator. We go face to face with God. If we have a relationship with Him through His son Jesus Christ, then we go right to Heaven. There is no delay. We close our eyes on this world and we open our eyes in paradise with Jesus. I believe there is also an alternative to Heaven. We do believe there is Hell, and if people do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ, then they do spend eternity without Him.

— Joseph O'Brien

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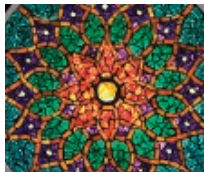
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David Hume

...philosophers cannot entirely exempt themselves from this natural frailty; but have oft ascribed to inanimate matter the horror of a *vacuum*, sympathies, antipathies, and other affections of human nature. The absurdity is not less,

while we cast our eyes upwards; and transferring, as is too usual, human passions and infirmities to the Deity, represent him as jealous and revengeful, capricious and partial, and, in short, a wicked and foolish man in every respect but his superior power and authority. No wonder,

then, that mankind, being placed in such an absolute ignorance of causes, and at the same time being so anxious concerning their future fortune, should immediately acknowledge a dependence on invisible powers, possessed of sentiment and intelligence. — from “The Origin of Polytheism”

David Hume (1711–1776) was a Scottish philosopher and historian and considered to be one of the most important thinkers in Western philosophy. Hume’s lifelong project was to establish a natural science of man — a philosophy based squarely on a psychological under-

standing of human nature. Eschewing reason except as a handmaid of human behavior, Hume said that, above all, humans are guided by custom and sentiment. Like his French forerunner Michel de Montaigne (1533–1592), Hume popularized the essay as a literary form.



sic design.” Patterson will create a new work specifically for one of the galleries, fusing two previous environmental pieces she created for distinct shows. Patterson makes art about “ordinary things,” even though “domestic material is risky...it can seem too sentimental, too intimate.” Patterson navigates around sentimentality by “creating works monumental in both scale and subject matter.” Closes Monday, July 4. 340 North Escondido Bl., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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 CECUT 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 “Undercover: Tea Cozies of China and Beyond” showcases items from “exquisitely embroidered silken sleeves to

intricately carved and lacquered boxes.” Exhibition of fine cozies from China and Europe features motifs highlighting various values and aesthetics from different cultures. Closes Saturday, April 16.

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 Ave., 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum “The Way We Learned: Education in the South Bay” illustrates history of buildings, campuses, and people attending school through photographs, artifacts, school annuals, student memorabilia.

The museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing-crate la-

bels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. 360 Third Ave., 619-427-8092. (CHULA 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 depict-

ing science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are required. 5345 Armada Dr., 800-421-7250. (CARLSBAD)

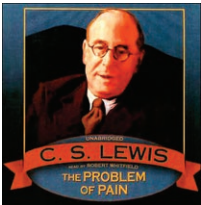
Heritage Walk Museum The museum includes the restored Victorian house, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park. 321 North Broadway, 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

TEMPLE EMANU-EL Yale Spizzwinks Concert



The Yale Spizzwinks(?) are America’s first and oldest underclassman a cappella group. Sunday, Mar. 6 at 7:00 pm. GRANTVILLE 6299 Capri Drive (619) 286-2555

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Presented by David Brog, executive director of Christians United for Israel. Sunday, Mar. 6, 7:00 pm. DEL MAR 5050 Del Mar Heights Rd (858) 481-8454

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Guitarist Fred Benedetti, performer in the master classes of Segovia, Pepe Romero, and Christopher Parkening. Sunday, Mar. 6, 4:00pm. LAKESIDE 9908 Channel Road

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The Case for Christianity
Exploring why our faith makes sense. Saturday, Mar. 12, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Includes breakfast and lunch. 1620 S. Stage Coach Ln. (760) 728-3256

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
A Way with Words
Popular KPBS co-host Martha Barnette will speak and autograph books. Thursday, Mar. 17, 1:30 pm. LA JOLLA 9001 Towne Centre Drive (858) 535-1111

LA JOLLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Bill Frieder



Meet NCAA basketball coach Bill Frieder. Guys Dinner. Tuesday, March 8, 6:00pm. LA JOLLA 7715 Draper Avenue

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The goal of this six-week class is to teach and encourage husbands and wives God’s design for the family and His purpose for marriage, unity in the marriage, God’s power in marriage, meeting your spouse’s emotional and companionship needs, understanding God’s plan for leadership in the home, and more. Six-week course, Tuesdays, starting Jan. 25, 7:15pm to 8:45pm. CLAIREMONT 5331 Mount Alifan Drive (858) 277-4991

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We’ll be screening three of the best films from the recent San Diego Christian Film Festival and executive director of the festival Rich Bagdazian will be on hand to provide highlights. A music video entitled “Word,” a short film “The Desperate,” based on a true story, and a feature presentation, “Cutback,” filmed locally. ‘A high school senior dreams of being a pro surfer, until tragedy forces him to take another look at life.’ Friday, Mar. 11, 6:30pm to 9:15 pm. RANCHO BERNARDO 11740 Bernardo Plaza Court (858) 592-2434

VAJRARUPINI BUDDHIST CENTER
California Dharma Celebration
During this weekend event, Gen Jampa will grant the blessing empowerment of Buddha Avalokiteshvara and give teachings on how we can transform our ordinary concern for others into the universal compassion of an enlightened being. Town and Country resort, Mission Valley. Friday, Mar. 11, through Sunday, Mar. 13. BANKER’S HILL 3344 Fourth Avenue (619) 940-5301

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24 Hours That Changed the World
This Lenten study follows the last 24 hours of Jesus’s life and helps participants of all ages experience and understand the significance of Jesus’s suffering and death in a way they may never have before. Starts Sunday, March 13, 8:00am, through April 24. MISSION VALLEY 2111 Camino del Rio South (619) 297-4366

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The Cross and the World
Annual religious art festival. Sunday, March 13 to Sunday, April 24. CLAIREMONT 3502 Clairemont Drive (858) 273-1480

HORIZON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - NORTH COUNTY
Aaron Gillespie



Former drummer and clean vocalist for the metalcore band Underoath and the current lead singer and rhythm guitarist for the alternative rock band the Almost. Sunday, March 13. RANCHO SANTA FE 6365 El Apajo Road (858) 756-5599

NORTH COAST CALVARY CHAPEL
The Five Love Languages
Based on the NY Times bestseller. Presented by author Gary Chapman. Monday, Mar. 14, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. CARLSBAD 1330 Poinsettia Lane (760) 929-0029

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Presented by Catholic radio host Jerry Usher. Part of Theology on Tap series. Monday Mar. 7, 6:30 pm. 2730 Via de la Via

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One Hit

“*Bolero*’ was made famous in 10 as Bo Derek’s favorite doin’-it music.”

The following are entries from the Reader’s classical music blog, “Immortal Beauty.” Click to SDReader.com/weblogs/immortal-beauty/ for more.

ONE HIT WONDERS

I caught part of VH1’s show *One Hit Wonders of the ’80s*. It got me to thinking about classical one-hit wonders.

One-hit wonders are an interesting phenomenon. One piece of music becomes so popular that it eclipses the rest of the artist’s music. That’s not to say the rest of the music is bad, it just isn’t what the artist is known for.

Here are a few one-hit wonders from the classical ranks.

Pachelbel’s *Canon in D*. This music dominates bridal processions and has been re-worked for voice, guitar, organ, piano, strings, and probably accordion.

The *Masterpiece Theatre* music is technically called “Rondeau” and was composed by Jean Joseph Mouret. Try asking someone about Mouret’s “Rondeau” and you might get some blank stares. Ask about the *Masterpiece Theatre* music and the lights go on.

Czech composer Bedrich Smetana’s *Ma Vlast* is a series of tone poems about his homeland. Of these six poems, “Vltava,” or “Die Moldau,” is hands down the most famous. The Vltava is the river that flows through the heart of Prague. Apparently, Czech Airlines plays this theme after their planes land.

Edward Elgar can hardly be considered a one-hit wonder, but his “Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1” is undeniably more popular than anything else he wrote. If you graduated from junior high, high school, or

college, then you know this music. I like the complete march better than the graduation section, which is chunked out of the middle.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

GARRETT HARRIS

Mascagni wrote more than *Cavalleria Rusticana*, but that’s about all we know him for. The intermezzo from *Cavalleria* was used in *Godfather Part III*. On some days, *Cavalleria* is my favorite opera.

On other days, Leoncavallo’s *Pagliacci* is my favorite opera. The title character’s aria, “Vesti la giubba,” was the opera aria of all arias until “Nessun dorma” took over in the 1990s.

I’ll highlight more one-hit wonders as we go along.

COMMENTS

aaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhh yes *Masterpiece*’s opening Baroque!!! Let me dress for dinner and serve classical up to me as a lovely entree and i’ll be most happy every Sunday Night at 9PM. Very nice blogs this week Garrett.

By nan

Why thank you, Nan. I think I’m on to a few things that will be beneficial for us all.

By Garrett_Harris

I consider Ravel to be something of a one-hit wonder. I’m speaking of his “Bolero,” of course. It was made famous in the movie *10 as Bo Derek*’s favorite doin’-it music. What was that? 1980 or so? I should say it was made famous all over again. It was a big hit when it premiered at Paris in 1928 and an even bigger hit after its New York premiere in 1929. That New York debut was under the baton of Toscanini who later famously battled with Ravel over the tempo of the piece. (Ravel thought Tosca-



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nini’s version was too fast.) The controversy, it seems, made the piece even more popular.

By CurtainCall

ONE HIT WAGNER

This next one hurts a little.

Richard Wagner is a pivotal figure in the history of music. We can almost divide the entire history of music into pre-Tristan and post-Tristan. The “Tristan Chord” from the prelude of *Tristan und Isolde* changed music forever.

Wagner also wrote *The Ride of the Valkyries* and that’s how many of us know him. From Elmer Fudd’s, “Kill duh Wabbit” to Robert Duval’s air cavalry raid in *Apocalypse Now*, *The Ride of the Valkyries* is Wagner’s most popular music.

His funeral march from *Gotterdammerung* got some play in the 1981 fantasy movie *Excalibur*, but no one wants to admit to seeing that film.

COMMENTS

I knew that Bugs was a rabbit of elevated taste....w00t!!!

By nan

CLASSICAL MUSIC

“**Echo**” Art of Élan concert inspired by surrealist Italian painter Giorgio de Chirico’s *Memory of Turin* features “Diamond in the Rough” by Michael Daugherty, and David Lang’s “I Lie.” 619-692-2081. Tuesday, March 8, 7pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“**From Renaissance Improvisation to St. Colombe and Marais**” Virtuoso viola da gamba player Paolo Pandolfo in concert with lutenist Thomas Boysen, promising “an intimate program of conversations between gamba, theorbo, and baroque guitar” for San Diego Early Music Society. Pandolfo will also “demonstrate his talent as an improviser.” 619-291-8246. Friday, March 4, 8pm; \$10-\$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“**Piano Reserva**” Pianist Pnina Becher, “an official Steinway artist,” offers “tasting notes” on music and “specially selected wines chosen to complement” Scarlatti piano sonatas. Tickets include wine, nibbles,

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recital. 858-534-TIXS. Saturday, March 5, 7pm; \$125. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Beethoven's "Eroica" Hear the master's "Symphony No. 3," along with Dvorak's "Serenade in D minor," "Of Glorious Plumage" by Meyer, and the Granados "Intermezzo" when 40-member New City Sinfonia performs. 619-276-1041. Sunday, March 6, 2pm; **free**. St. Mary Magdalene Church, 1945 Illion Street. (BAY PARK)

Celebrating Franz Liszt Acclaimed Hungarian pianist Endre Heged?s commemorates 200th anniversary of Franz Liszt with recital of an all-Liszt program. Reception promises Hungarian pastries. 858-538-8158. Saturday, March 5, 7pm; **free**-\$10. 5 and up. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Chamber Orchestra Kremlin Listen for selections by Prokofiev, Mahler, Schubert. Harpist Elena Mashkovtseva joins orchestra for Boieldieu's "Harp Concerto." 760-451-8644. Sunday, March 6, 3pm; \$10-\$38. 8 and up. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, 2400 South Stagecoach Drive. (FALLBROOK)

Classical and World Music Flutist Adrienne Nims, pianist Sheldon Rosenbaum perform selections by Poulenc, Vivaldi, Bolling, Nims for Winter/Spring Concert Series. 619-236-5810. Sunday, March 6, 2:30pm; **free**.

San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Discovery Series Violinist Ray Chen performs selections by Tartini, Franck, Bach, and Wieniawski for La Jolla Music Society. 858-459-3728. Sunday, March 6, 3pm; \$5-\$30. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Slavic Music Enjoy songs and instrumental pieces by Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Glinka, Dvorak, Martin?, Lutoslawski, Konjovic, and others performed by soprano Maja Markovic, pianist Miho Gary, cellist Eric Moore, clarinetist Matt Gill. 858-552-1668. Wednesday, March 9, 7pm; **free**. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Vienna Philharmonic Semyon Bychkov leads orchestra in Schumann's "Symphony No. 2 in C Major" and the "Symphony No. 2 in D Major" by Brahms for La Jolla Music Society's Celebrity Orchestra Series. 858-459-3728. Friday, March 4, 8pm; \$25-\$105. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

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 (11am, 1pm) and Sundays (noon, 2pm). 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 St., 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum A collection of fine work in metal and woodworking at small end of the size scale including running model gas, steam and Stirling engines, clocks, model aircraft, cars, trains, construction equipment, engraving, miniature guns, model machine tools, woodworking tools. Also included: a collection of small vintage tabletop and benchtop machine tools from early 1800's to present. Master machinist can be seen building small engine projects in on-site machine shop. 3190 Lionhead Ave., 760-727-9492. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown "Home Bodies: Selections from the Collection," continuing through Sunday, February 27, presents 23 artworks including paintings, sculpture, prints, room-sized installations by artists such as Claes Oldenberg, Joe Goode, Cornelia Parker, Martin

Kersels, Jean Lowe, Manny Farber. In "most of the works on view, the 'body' is only implied, and the viewer completes the work through their physical engagement or their imaginative empathy."

Video, installation, graphic and fashion design, architecture, art history, music all play a part in Cuban-born artist Raúl Cordero's "ambitious painting." View "Raul Cordero: Hendrickje," a series of nine related oil on canvas paintings taking Rembrandt's *A Woman Bathing in a Stream* "as the structural framework for the entire series, which together forms a single painting documented by a photograph that is also part of the work." Closes Sunday, April 17.

"Joan Jonas: The Shape, the Scent, the Feel of Things" — on display through Sunday, May 1 — features "a complex five-channel video installation," an artistic consideration of the Hopi snake dance.

"Jennifer Steinkamp: Madame Curie," a new digital video animation continuing through Sunday, June 19, is inspired by Steinkamp's recent research into atomic energy, atomic explosions, and the effects of these forces on nature. The "enveloping panoramic work will activate a field of moving flowers and flowering trees." 1100 and 1001 Kettner Bl., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Streetwise: Masters of 60's Photography," on view through Sunday, May 15, "builds on Swiss photographer Robert Frank's snapshot aesthetic," which gained attention following release of his book, *The Americans in 1959*. Frank influenced photographers including Diane Arbus, Lee Friedlander, Jerry Berndt, Ruth-Marion Baruch, Garry Winogrand, Bruce Davidson, Danny Lyon, Ernest Withers.

What is a portrait? "Inside Out: Portraits from the Permanent Collection" explores question by looking at the many varieties of photographic portraiture, from daguerreotypes to interpretive portraiture. Through Sunday, September 25. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade 2825 Dewey Road Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

New Children's Museum "Animal Art" explores the powerful relationship between humans and animals. How do you communicate and interact with animals? What do you do each day to help save the environment? If you were an animal, what would you be?

During a semester-long residency, artist and educator Joshua Krause and his High Tech High Media Arts senior class "confront issues of waste specific to each student's neighborhood, while also revealing trash problems common to all of San Diego." While on view through Tuesday, September 6, visitors eleven and older may contribute to project, "witness the potential for repurposing trash into thought-provoking art." The resulting installation, "I Can Feel the City Breathing..." transforms

"banal materials into an urban-influenced community garden and a meeting place for San Diego youth." 200 West Island Ave., 619-233-8792. (EAST VILLAGE)

Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Campo Depot Museum showcases more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, including cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11am, 2:30pm) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove Dr. Charles and Mrs. Effie Good came from Minnesota to San Diego in 1900 and then to Lemon Grove in 1905 to run a ten-acre lemon ranch and raise three children. Learn all about "The Remarkable Legacy of the Good Family: A Lemon Grove Story" through December. Exhibit displays extensive family photographs and memorabilia related to camping, ranching, road-building, politics, family life. See reproduction of Good's ranch wagon, a mural of East County as it looked in the late 19th-century by Lemon Grove Historical Society artist-in-residence Kathleen Strzelecki. 3185 Olive St., 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center Exhibitions include "Blockbusters," "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers). Museum features more than 100 hands-on science exhibitions. Films shown daily in IMAX Dome theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum "Space: A Journey to Our Future," presented in collaboration with NASA, looks at history of aeronautics, "examines the many unknown questions of existence posed by future space exploration." Visitors explore a future lunar base camp including bunk beds and kitchen, build an Ares rocket, create a "mission to Mars," ride a bike-powered centrifuge and experience physiological challenges of space flight, touch actual Moon meteorites and Mars rocks, more. Through January 2012.

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 Lindbergh 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 Black-

bird 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. The 3D/4D Zable Theater hosts screenings of *Jetpack Adventure* and *Fly Me to the Moon*. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center 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 Rd., 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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 History Center "Dressing the Part," on view through Friday, April 15, was developed in collaboration with the Old Globe. Exhibit provides dramatic installation featuring "spectacular costumes from the Old Globe," emphasizing process involved in moving costumes from concept to stage.

"Creating an Artistic Basis: Local Artists Groups from the Early 20th Century" features 40 works from center's collection. View oil works by Charles Fries, Maurice Braun, Charles Reiffel, Belle Baranceanu, Edith White, others, through Saturday, April 30. Museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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 Dr., 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature center's building is a "green" facility made from recycled 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 every Saturday (10-11am). 2710 Manchester Ave., 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

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This Little Piggy

The very week that I received the elaborate press kit from Tre Porcellini (which means “three little pigs”), Barbarella mentioned the restaurant favorably in her column. Knowing her and David’s fine palates, I looked at the enticing menu and figured I’d better scamper over there before it was mobbed by hungry, huffing, puffing wolves. It seemed an apt place for Samurai Jim, Michelle, and I to hold a temporary farewell dinner for our friend “M.E.,” who’s heading off to a Baja fishing village for a year to work on a film she’s making.

The restaurant is on the previous site of Chris Walsh’s Bite but looks larger and holds 100 if you include the heated front patio. The decor features white plastic chairs and white tables, plus a few four-top booths with leather (or pleather) seats. I’m not sure whether to call the style Milanese moderno or Ikea pragmatico.

The chef, Roberto Gabino, comes from Catania in Sicily and most recently cooked at several branches of Il Fornaio. His sophisticated menu blends Sicily with more northern regions — classics and some culinary clichés, most executed with personal twists, plus a few apparently original inventions. All the pasta, including the dried ones, are made in-house but the breads aren’t. By looks and taste, they probably come from nearby Bread & Cie.

The breadbasket holds a few slices of savory olive bread, along with two types of baguettes, accompanied by a pleasing bagna of chopped tomatoes in a mild vinaigrette. I like this much better than the usual lazy blend of undistinguished extra-virgin olive oil oversplashed with balsamic. It’s not only a sign of serious attention to the diner’s pleasure — this bagna also tastes good.

An appetizer of Polenta al Cinghiale not only delights the palate but wraps itself like a fuzzy blanket around the heart: it offers soft, creamy polenta topped by a rich tomato-tinged ragu of chopped wild boar, wild mushrooms, and sweet diced carrots with shaved parmigiano on top.



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Tre Porcellini’s decor is either Milanese moderno or Ikea pragmatico.

One unshared order of this (\$10.50) would easily make a singleton’s whole, blissful main course (unless that person was a real hog), not merely by its generous size but in the deep satisfaction it affords. You feel like you have seriously eaten — not scarfed down, chowed down, or gobbled up, but savored something wonderful.

The burrata — young mozzarella, its center still unset — didn’t seem all *that* young to me; it was nearly firm, but we enjoyed its fresh creamy flavor and its posse of thin-sliced red and yellow vine-ripened tomatoes bathed in balsamic reduction alongside a flare-up of arugula. When this little piggie went to market, he bought the best available: the chef had obviously shelled out for some serious tomatoes, as one has to do to get lovable love-apples in winter.

Salmon Affumicato, cold-smoked salmon

served over arugula, was rather coarse in texture, saltier than most of its ilk, and sliced thickly, compared to the translucency of its packaged Nova, Norwegian, and Scottish cousins. The menu specifies that it’s served with dill crème fraîche. That didn’t arrive, and the salmon needed it for lightness and contrast.

The Frittura Mista (mixed fry) of calamari, shrimp, and artichoke included two slices of artichoke and a total of two small shrimp — all the rest were squid rings and tentacles — with a lively, tart, caper-strewn aioli for dipping. It’s good, it’s light, but for a fried dish, we much preferred the scintillating side dish of truffled polenta “fries.” Firm but buoyant polenta fingers are imbued with truffle oil (and perhaps some shavings, or maybe those were just bits of parsley darkening with the cooking). It’s almost

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NEED TO KNOW: Street parking (in Hillcrest — ha ha!). Rugless room with hard chairs gets very loud when even half full. Sufficient choices for lacto-vegetarians; scant vegan choices but some dishes adaptable to “hold the cheese, please.” Casual atmosphere, but reserve, as crowds are already gathering.

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as seductive as a cornmeal version of the great garbanzo-flour *panisse* served at Cavaillon. These come with the same sparky aioli as the fried squid.

A tempting house specialty appetizer we didn’t try was “Mac and Cheese” risotto with parmigiano, aged white cheddar, champagne, and truffle oil. Farther down the menu, among the pastas, there’s also a specialty risotto with strawberries, shrimps, champagne, and parmigiano. Another specialty we skipped was a lively sounding vegan couscous salad with veggies, raisins, and a lemon-mint vinaigrette.

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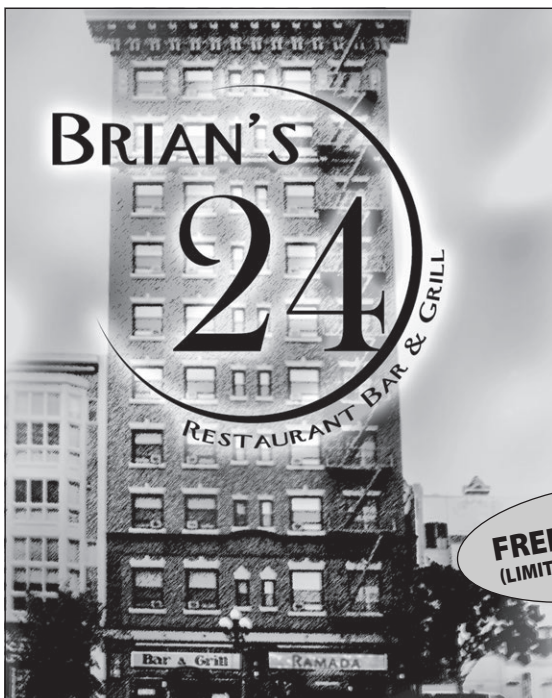
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with most bottles under \$40, covering numerous regions. We began with a delicious white Torrontés (\$21) from Mendoza, the Napa of Argentina. For our entrée wine I should probably have ordered a red (e.g., the Nero d'Avola from Sicily) but I couldn't resist the rare chance to try a Sicilian white, La Segreto Bianco (\$26), with the aroma of cold water running over clean river stones — although in the end, the Torrontés (distant whiff of a fruit orchard) seemed a little tastier.

We split our entrées

between two pastas and two protein dishes. One pasta, which was really both pasta and protein, nearly rivaled the wild boar polenta. Ravioli con l'Oso consists of house-made ravioli filled with braised osso buco meat (veal short ribs) in a red-wine reduction and mushroom sauce — with a great, big, juicy marrow bone alongside and a little fork to tease out the unctuous contents. For once, enough marrow for four of us to get a few bites each! Even without that, the ravioli were *delizioso* with the flavors of

wine-braised tender meat. Our gracious waiter seemed delighted to create a separate doggie-box for the actual doggie in our foodie family, Jim's glam blonde housemate, Ginger, the little piggy who stayed home.

In the potato gnocchi with Italian sausage, porcini, and marinara cream sauce, the sausage, made in Vernon, California, was acceptable but not as good as our own Pete's Meats' Sicilian sweet fennel sausage, which would have made a real difference. The

gnocchi flopped heavily, and heavily is the word. When I come back, I'll be most tempted by the house specialty of *tagliolini neri*, pasta dyed black with cuttlefish ink served with a seafood ragu, and carbonara made with *guanciale*, delicious smoked hog jaw meat.

This little piggy ate roast pork. The obvious signature main course is Trio Porcellini, a combination of slow-roasted pork shoulder, a pork chop *milanese* (breaded and fried), and glazed pork belly. None of us made room in our appetites to seriously address the *milanese*. (Does anybody actually *like* this? If so, why?) The shoulder was tasty and tender. The glazed belly was a small sweet rectangle of crisped fat (mainly). I remember some small potatoes on the side...nothing interesting; the shoulder makes the dish worth ordering, and the glazed belly offers a little nip of nutritional sin.

We wanted a seafood dish, but the catch of the day was swordfish. At best, I find it dry, but this time of year, for some reason internet "fish sites" warn it's carrying heavy loads of mercury in its flesh. *Grazie*, no. Pork-eschewing little piggies can choose *gamberoni*, large, tender prawns with a touch of brandy-caper cream sauce, served with a modest amount of simple, clean-tasting spaghetti *aglio e olio* (garlic and oil) with a sprinkle of fresh herbs.

Dessert was a small delight: we ordered the Sicilian-style cannoli, which arrived as four miniature rolls of crisp, pock-marked cannoli cookie-pastry with a dreamy orange-scented, orange-colored filling of creamed ricotta, flashed with candied cherries and a few pistachios and dark chocolate chips. They were some of the most soulful cannoli I've tasted since leaving New York's Little Italy. Even in this modernized, miniaturized version, they respected the ancient truths of the dessert. And not only did my espresso (and M.E.'s cappuccino) arrive with dessert as requested, but the espresso was perfect, with *crema* on top, deep mellow flavor, dark but not bitter. The bill was pretty reasonable, too, for a pig-out review dinner (about \$50 each for three courses and two

bottles of wine). After all that rewarding food, this little piggy went "Whee! Whee! Whee!" all the way home.

Hospital Food, and What to Do About It

A dear colleague at the *Reader* who passed away last week recently posed the issue: What do foodies do about hospital food? And since I haven't totally used up my allotted space, here are some ideas.

1. "First of all," wrote my colleague, "you will never eat as well in a hospital as you do outside. That said, realize that you are in the hospital to get well, and getting well is work. So is eating hospital food. When they serve it, steel yourself, and get it inside your body where it will do some good.

"The first thing to remember is to bring your own condiments. My own survival kit contains a box of Equal packets (for cereal, oatmeal, whatever), a bottle of...my favorite hot sauce, and random packets of ketchup, salad dressing, and parmesan cheese. The only way to get through hospital scrambled eggs is with some ketchup and hot sauce." (I'd add to the condiments list some soy sauce packets from Chinese restaurants and a tiny bottle of balsamic.)

2. You gotta have friends. When they say, "What can I do for you?" say, "No flowers, no candy — bring dinner." They can get takeout from restaurants you like, but choose carefully: the burger you love when healthy may seem unbearably greasy when you're sick. Consider Asian comfort foods like Vietnamese *pho bo* and *pho ga* (noodle soups, beef or chicken-based), or good Chinese *jook* (aka *congee*, rice soup), if you can find it, or Mexican chicken-based soups. As you recover, look to Mexican seafood cauldrons like *siete mares* and *vuelta a la vida*. If you don't cook but have advance notice that you're going to be hospitalized, consider buying large takeout portions of not-too-spoilable soups to bring to the hospital in a plastic container. (See #4, below).

3. If you have a phone in your room, you can get delivery on your own from nearby piz-

zerias, etc. My colleague said they'll often deliver right to your room. If you know you're about to be hospitalized, before you go, check out which restaurants in the hospital neighborhood will do this.

4. Most hospital wards have a fridge and a microwave. The one time I was hospitalized for several days at Kaiser SF (at the time, home of some the worst hospital food in America), I spent a few hours a couple of days ahead making from scratch a gallon of low-salt chicken soup with matzoh balls (Jewish dumplings). And, of course, I made friends with the head nurse so I could use the ward kitchenette. When I was well enough to walk, I was well enough to nuke myself some wholesome home-made soup, as opposed to the horrifying sodium-bombs the hospital was serving.

5. Conspire in advance with your doctor to get onto the low-sodium (or "heart-healthy") diet plan, even if you don't need it. At least at Kaiser, this substitutes sweet flavors like fruit purées for their usual chokingly salty stuff. Generally, the food is lighter, and you don't want heavy meaty stuff when bed-bound.

6. If you can, choose your hospital. My colleague reported that Sharp Grossmont is the pits for food. (Sharp Coronado is a little better, or maybe it just has better vibes.) Kaiser Northern California has reputedly improved, but I don't know about the SoCal version. Cedars-Sinai in L.A. has a varied menu that even includes chicken soup with matzoh balls. Probably not as good as D.Z. Akin's or home-made, but any chicken soup is better than none. (Although it doesn't do us much good down here, the best hospital food in California is at French Hospital in San Francisco. The food is actually French, and unless medically forbidden, includes a glass of wine with dinner. A very non-foodie acquaintance was in there for ten days, and when she came out she said it was "the best food I've ever eaten.")

Suggestions are welcome, from what to eat to what hospital to wrangle yourself into. Let's hear it. ■



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Trawlermen's Tucker

"Kettner was the waterfront. Then the Navy dredged the bay and dumped the silt right here."

I'm jonesing to get back down to Panama," says Jeff.

"Jonesing?" says this old guy who is seated next to me.

"Yeah," Jeff says. "Like, longing."

Huh. I'd forgotten the word myself. But Jeff, it seems, has set himself up a life in Panama. Runs a bar down there. He's the type of person you get here in this famous fishermen's joint...mornings, anyway. For instance, Mike, up at the end of the counter, creates those giant Calcutta cane fishing poles that old-fashioned tuna fishermen use. And the guy next to him, Terry? He used to sail out of Dutch Harbor in Alaska in a *Deadliest Catch*-type crab-fishing boat. Hey, this is the Waterfront.

I was legging it down Kettner, heading for the Santa Fe train station, when I saw scrawled on a blackboard the words "Breakfast With Tiffany." Blue-eyed gal's wiping down a sidewalk table. "You Tiffany?" I ask. "I'm Tiffany," she says, then adds, "You look like you need breakfast. Come on in!"

"Breakfast, in a bar?"

"Sure," she says. "Been serving since six this morning."

Hard to turn down an invitation like that with a Jackson floating in my pocket. So I came in and hoisted myself up onto a bar stool.

Black rafters and a black ceiling keep it cozy. I lean over the well-worn wood 'n' Formica counter and look around. First thing you notice is hundreds of black-and-white photos of trawlers and fishermen, 'specially tunamen hauling tuna, three poles together, bent under the weight and fight of one huge albacore. This bar, you can see, has been around. Since 1933, turns out. "San Diego's Oldest Tavern," said the sign on the black canopy outside. Meaning, I guess, that it was the first to get a liquor license after Prohibition was repealed.

The guys scattered around the bar look

like regulars. "I rode a motorbike down through Mexico," Jeff's telling me. "Ended up in Panama. Panama's it, man. The tops." He and his buddies run the Dirty Devil Cantina down there.

The Waterfront is where he socializes when he's up visiting San Diego. Right now he's sipping a Bud.

Tiffany asks me, "What would you like?"

"What's popular, this time of day?"

"Bloody marys," she says. "In the old days the trawlermen would be done unloading their catch by dawn, and they'd come up here for food and drink. We still have one or two of them come by. Retired now... You decided yet?"

Well, would love a brewski, but unlike the trawlermen of old, I ain't headed for the sack straight afterward. "Coffee," I say. "And something to eat."

"Yes, sir."

She brings a plastic-covered menu with my coffee (\$2, endless refills). Can't help noticing that Terry is lunging into a luscious-looking breakfast burrito. It oozes avocado, sour cream, bacon, cheese, hash browns, eggs... I check the menu. Aha — number 8, the Santa Maria, \$7.25.

"The dishes are named after local fishing boats," says Tiffany.

That explains it. Number 2, "one egg any style, two hot cakes, and sausage, bacon, or beef patty (\$6.50)," is the Millie G. Number 4, "two eggs, hash browns, toast, and sausage, bacon, or beef patty (\$7.50)," is the Atlantic Jag. There's the Mary Barbara (french toast, \$6.50), the Lucky Strike (hot cakes, \$6.25), and the Lone Wolf (steak, eggs, hash browns, toast, \$9.45). The only one without a fishing boat's name is the one I think I want: country-fried steak with gravy, two eggs, hash browns, toast, and sausage, bacon, or beef patty. Yes, it's \$9.50. But I've got that Jackson, so what the heck.



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And *muy sabroso* it is. The breadcrumb jacket of the beaten steak stays crispy under the gravy. It's salty, but not too salty. Plus, Tiffany brings bottles of Cholula, Tapatio, Tabasco, and ketchup to kick it up. I stick the two over-easy eggs atop the English muffins and slice off chunks with a big fat steak knife. Hash browns blot up the places where I've dumped too much hot sauce. And cholesterol? I swear I'll run it off during the day.

One question I gotta ask before I go: Why "Waterfront?"

"Kettner was the waterfront," says Tiffany. "Then the Navy dredged the bay and dumped the silt right here in front of us. The County Administration Center sits on Navy fill."

I'm just finishing up when, dammit, I spot a breakfast burger on the menu, a

quarter-pounder topped with a fried egg and cheddar cheese and served on an English muffin, with fries or hash browns (\$8.50). I coulda had that delish-sounding contender. Plus, all sorts of dishes for lunch and dinner, even at this hour.

"Have the Waterfront Burger next time," says Jeff.

I see it's a quarter-pounder with fries (\$6.40).

"All the burgers are great," Jeff says, almost nostalgically.

"Ever find yourself jonesing for the Waterfront Burger when you're down in Panama?" I ask.

"No, what I jones for when I'm in Panama is good *Mexican* food. They don't have it there. That's half the reason I come up." ■

The Place: *The Waterfront Tavern, 2044 Kettner Boulevard, 619-232-9656*

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Prices: *The Santa Maria breakfast burrito (with avocado, sour cream, bacon, cheese, hash browns, eggs), \$7.25; Atlantic Jag (two eggs, hash browns and sausage, bacon, or beef patty), \$7.50; Mary Barbara (french toast), \$6.50; Lucky Strike (hot cakes), \$6.25; Lone Wolf (steak, eggs, hash browns, toast), \$9.45; country-fried steak (with gravy, eggs, hash browns, toast, and sausage, bacon, or beef patty), \$9.50; breakfast burger (with fried egg, cheese, in English muffin), \$8.50; Waterfront Burger (a quarter-pounder with fries, \$6.40); specials (4:00 p.m. onward) include \$1.50 tacos (Tuesday), \$2 sliders (Wednesday)*

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Allied Gardens

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. All the staples: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Inexpensive.

Alpine

Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers 2754 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1264. You get a bang for your burger buck, from the junior burger to quarter-pounders and half-pounders to Fred's three-quarter-pound "monster burger." Even the BLT sandwich comes loaded with six slabs of bacon. Inexpensive.

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Happy Face Restaurant In Plaza Viva Tijuana (near Yellow Cab parking area), Tijuana. Breakfast (all day) includes *chilaquiles* with chips doused in cheese, a thin steak, frijoles, rice, chips, salsa, coffee, and a house salad. Inexpensive.

Manzanilla Boulevard Teniente Azueta #139, Ensenada, 646-175-7073. Sophisticated "nuevo" Mexi-

can cuisine at this Euro-style bistro features seasonal menus with fresh-caught seafood, locally grown vegetables, and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill. A spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is a constant. Moderate.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67, Rosarito, 661-612-1430. In a restaurant full of caged birds (and a patio with free birds a-wing), enjoy sublime mesquite-grilled aged steaks, quail with garlic sauce, or venison — especially the savory *machaca de venado* (meat strips with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Mostly moderate; cash only.

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel (south end of Blvd. Benito Juárez), Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. Somewhat expensive for the area.

Banker's Hill

Hexagone 495 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-236-0467. This urban spin-off of Rancho Bernardo's French Market Grille offers provincial "bourgeois cuisine" (snails, frog legs, bouillabaisse) nearly identical to that of the mother ship — including the inconsistent nightly quality. Moderate to expensive.

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. All-day breakfasts and sandwiches, and at dinner, while there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Bay Park

Bay Park Fish Company 4121 Ashton St., Bay Park, 619-276-3474. Go big (surf n' turf can cost you thirty-plus) or small: a filling seafood stew or the panko-crusted halibut tacos go for \$10. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive.

Borrego Springs

Olde Homestead Fudge Co. 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The chocolate walnut fudge is delicious, but the masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Inexpensive.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs,

760-767-5753. The most authentic dishes come from the Specialties section of the menu, including a good pork in green chile sauce, enchiladas, and *chilaquiles*. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Cardiff

Beach House 2530 S. Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. Branch of a beachy mini-chain. Great oceanfront view, but stay with the simplest foods — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs. Weekend brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive.

Carlsbad

Norte Mexican Food 3003 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex, but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Inexpensive.

Vivace 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. First-class ingredients enliven skillfully executed Italian haute cuisine — think Medici princes, not *mamma mia*. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.

Carmel Valley

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Organic grocery chain with prepared foods to go. Best deals at the hot case are usually the daily specials, like vegan seitan stew (a low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's jerk turkey in fig sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza 12925 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-259-6600. Additional locations in La Jolla, La Mesa, Mission Valley, University City, and Downtown. The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Inexpensive.

Spices Thai Café 3810 Valley Centre Dr., Carmel Valley, 858-259-0889. Additional locations in Mira Mesa and Rancho Bernardo. Not only elegant, but the food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Chula Vista

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. Famous for Grandma's buckwheat pancakes, banana-pecan pancakes, and rolled pancakes. Other good bets: deluxe burger with french fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Inexpensive.

Zorba's Greek Buffet 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. Families are here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in flaky pastry), dolmas (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), mousaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Inexpensive.

City Heights

Asmara Eritrean Restaurant 4155 University Ave., City Heights, 619-677-3999. Similar to Ethiopian food, with a long, interesting menu, including a fine three-meat combo platter, luscious veggies. Seasoned to your specifications: "hot" means "hot!" Cash only. Inexpensive.

Canada Steak Burgers 3604 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4345. Run by a Greek-American family for 30 years, their hamburgers and especially their steak burgers are nicely seasoned and a great value. Interesting Greek choices include gyros souvlaki (skewered lamb), chicken kebabs. Inexpensive.

College Area

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Rd., College Area, 619-265-0218. A full range of European-Jewish specialties including deli meats and smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, huge sandwiches and dinner entrées (including a lively Romanian skirt

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Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-287-3536. The tempura special roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is filled with whitefish and garnishes. The Johnny roll shows octopus at its most tender. Inexpensive to moderate.

Coronado

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0612. House-baked breads and croissants and crunchy imaginative sandwiches like the Brie Fantasy (Brie, chicken, roasted peppers). Bino's Austrian wife makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-522-0217. They call themselves "Memphis style" and indeed cook their meats and tender chicken in a hickory-fueled smoker. Consistency problem — some days you taste smoke, other days not a whiff. Local delivery available. Moderate.

Del Mar

Il Fornaio 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Also 1333 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4911. Regional Italian dishes range from *filatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy Dijon and salad) to a mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*. Great breads, of course. Moderate.

Shimbashi Izakaya Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-523-0479. Izakaya-style restaurant and sake bar with ocean-view dining serving fusion sashimi, tempura, shiitake seafood sandwich, sushi rolls, grilled yakitori, and desserts.

Downtown

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Additional locations in La Mesa and Chula Vista. 18 fish to choose from, available seasonally, most prepared simply. Moderate.

Anthony's Fishette 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Fast fish, mainly fried, but the clam chowder — New England or fisherman's — is fresh, thick, tasty. Inexpensive.

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 W. G St., Downtown, 619-696-7220. You sit under poplar trees in a brick patio — and except for the wind, it's blissfully silent. With light fare like quiche, salads, and *panini*, it's the nearest thing to a French country café downtown. Inexpensive.

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Cheese Shop 427 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-2303. Also 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Not much retail cheese anymore. They still have all-cheese sandwiches but now specialize in overstuffed spit-roasted meat sandwiches like lamb and roast beef. Inexpensive.

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-9236. Enjoy grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, rice dishes, and appetizers like leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). Moderate.

City Pizzeria 675 B St., Downtown, 619-531-0955. Definitely West Coast pizza, with specialties like the Ranch Chicken pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. Inexpensive.

Croce's 802 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-4355. Live music comes free with dinner. Seasonal, creative menu, but simple dishes are best here, like the shrimp carbonara fettuccine in white garlic cream sauce. Fun people-watching from window tables. Expensive.

Maryjane's Coffee Shop Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-764-6950. Back to the '50s with frozen peas and instant-tasting mash. The meaty meat loaf may improve on Mom's, but the chicken pot pie is barely better than Morton's. Moderate.

Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-6550. Pleasant dishes include mussels *marinière*, Cajun seafood pasta, seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood).

Operacaffe 835 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-6538. True Tuscan cuisine, not austere but simple and sensual, priced for a song — with salads to sing about, unique Florentine home dishes, and sublime seasonal specials. This one's for us, not conventioners. Low-moderate.

Organic to Go 1143 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-0086. Lunch for most is a lounge at the salad bar, but they make a cheddar albacore tuna melt, a toasted meat loaf sandwich, and a vegan Thai-style veggie wrap.

Other interesting dishes include mango-chutney-curry chicken salad sandwich. Inexpensive.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-595-7959. The glory days have passed, but starters (mozzarella campagnola, fritto misto) still shine, and pastas can be excellent. Osso buco with marrow is best entrée. Try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Expensive on up.

Roy's Marriott Hotel, 333 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-239-7697. Also 8670 Genesee Ave., La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain, serving Pacific Rim fusion and sushi on a daily changing, seafood-oriented menu. End with the signature chocolate soufflé. Very expensive.

Royal India 329 Market St., Downtown, 619-269-9999. Standard North Indian Sikh menu. The lunch buffet costs a bit more than rock bottom, but is a decent deal if you care about flavor — none of the dishes have that sludgy sameness that mars cheaper buffets. Moderate to expensive.

Sadaf 828 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0008. Also 613 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-551-0643. Good Persian food, better at the more adult-oriented L.J. branch. Try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Suite & Tender Hotel Sè, 1047 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-3003. Celeb chef Christopher Lee officially presides — phoning it in from Manhattan. Cocktails are more creative than the corporate, Vegas-created "pick hits" menu. Fine raw bar and surf 'n' turf combos won't rock your world. Expensive.

Toscana Café and Wine Bar 238 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-5788. This clubby bistro/coffee/wine place offers reasonable breakfasts with organic coffees, lunch specials, and elegant happy-hour specials on bites, wines, upscale beers. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vela 1 Park Boulevard (at Harbor Drive), Downtown, 619-564-3333. "Farm to fork" local-grown diners include surprise international luxury ingredients, and first week of the month offers a bargain prix fixe exploring a national cuisine. Vibrant starters and lush desserts could make a great grazing meal with a view. Expensive, but not very.

East Village

La Casita 1247 C St., East Village, 619-531-0044. Some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage

with eggs) in town. Most delicious is watching Anglo city-hallers trying to love the house-made menudo (tripe soup). Inexpensive.

J. Wok 744 Market St., East Village, 619-231-1088. Brave attempt to fuse Asian and American foods. Eat on the sidewalk or inside under *The Tiger* (a great mural by local artist Mark Richmond). Try the "Modern Mix" side of the menu — with, say Korean BBQ getting the Philly treatment — or the "Traditional" side, with standards like pad thai. Open daily, lunch till late. Inexpensive.

Lotus Thai 906 Market St., East Village, 619-595-0115. Also 3761 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. The chefs are from northwest Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a zestiness, a love of strong citrus and herbs — evokes the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Low-moderate.

Neighborhood 777 G St., East Village, 619-446-0002. This mainly male-patronized, rackety gastro-pub's menu centers on fine half-pound burgers, plus steak tartare, sweet potato fries with bleu cheese curls, creative deviled eggs, mac 'n' cheese, and big, interesting salads. Inexpensive to very low-moderate.

Pokéz Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E St., East Village, 619-702-7160. Hipster atmosphere and mainly Mexican vegetarian fare (with some carnivore dishes like steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Inexpensive.

Venissimo Cheese 871 G St., East Village, 619-358-9801. Also 754 W. Washington St., Mission Hills. Stinking Bishop, anyone? Humboldt Fog? Balarina goat? The sole lunch is a cheese sandwich to go — made from any of 150 cheeses, same low price for all. Fresh fruit is part of the deal. Retail cheeses available.

Zanzibar Café 707 G St., East Village, 619-230-0125. Also 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Casual food until 11pm or later. The three-egg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon, and the indulgent blueberry buttermilk pancakes. Inexpensive.

Eastlake

Miguel's Cocina 970 Eastlake Parkway, Eastlake, 619-656-2822. Additional locations in Coronado and Point Loma. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are luscious. Great for kids. Moderate.

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El Cajon

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Hacienda Casa Blanca 700 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Old California-style family-friendly Mexican atmosphere and food, including lively *camarones al tequila* and *enchiladas suizas* in tangy green sauce. Brunch and all-day buffet Sundays. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Hammurabi Family Restaurant 401 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-401-3200. This Chaldean eatery in Iraqi-rich El Cajon offers exotica like stuffed honeycombs and intestines, along with comforting kebabs, marinated lamb shank, crushed wheat pie stuffed with beef, and baklava. Inexpensive to expensive.

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. By day, the fare centers on fresh Chinese dim sum (finger food) offered by cart and by menu. At night, multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a pan-Asian panoply. Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées).

Encinitas

Bubby's Gelato 937 S. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. Sandwiches include intriguing Mediterranean combinations. Gelati are twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs

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Kim's Restaurant 745 First St., Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. Huge menu highlighted by Vietnamese house specialties and seafood also includes a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes. Moderate.

Potato Shack Café 120 W. I St., Encinitas, 760-436-1282. You'll find generosity here, of the North County-hang-loose-surfer kind. You can split a plate for no charge, get bottomless coffees, endless fries (French or "American cottage fries"), "manhole-cover size" pancakes (weighing as much as their name implies), good pork chop breakfasts, great lunch burgers, and huge trees to sit under.

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 N. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. The focus is vegan and vegetarian, but they've added fish and a garlicky chicken pizza. Most popular item: falafel burger (made of garbanzo beans) on a bun with melted cheese. Inexpensive.

Swami's Café 1163 S. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. There are standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black-bean burrito, but the emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-489-6420. Omelets are light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around

mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, potato casseroles, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Dr., Escondido, 760-746-1444. The margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food is a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. A pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. Also 2121 El Cajon Blvd., North Park, 619-294-9417. Real New York pizza, with just-right sauce and crusts thin enough to fold in a V and eat on the run. Better yet: get a whole pie to enjoy at leisure. Neighborhood delivery available. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant 1220 Cleveland Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. Also 5420 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-573-0000. Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.). Hillcrest branch offers more authentic Lebanese flavors. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Quick service until 2:30am from a huge menu of vaguely Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Consider fried pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage, curry-tinged Singapore-style rice noodles, shrimp with lobster sauce, scallion ginger chicken. Inexpensive.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. Kazumi’s simple but imaginative rolls are distinctively seasoned to flatter the particular fish’s flavor. For families, the Ultimate Boat is a huge, encyclopedic platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. Witty staffers treat you like dinner guests. Start with chicken or shrimp *b’stila* in cinnamon-dusted phyllo. Lamb Tagine with honey, nuts, and fruit and Chicken Tagine with olives and lemon are standouts. Moderate.

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu highlights include identical steaks of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime-grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Moderate to very expensive.

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Jeremy’s on the Hill 4354 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1587. What a surprise — out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned, California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and bison steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. Try the Korean BBQ marinated short ribs or thick marbled slices of sirloin, which come with a bevy of small accompaniment dishes. Adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). Moderate.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Local Chinese come here for Shanghai seafood dish-

What the Chef Eats

by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

ITALIAN GRILLED CHICKEN WITH VEGETABLES AND QUINOA

RECIPE BY MIKE LIOTTA

Chef de cuisine, Quarter Kitchen

I spent my early years in the South. I know, an Italian family that grew up in the South, right? But I think it’s a really cool mix. We moved to New York, where my parents had a restaurant, and then we moved to San Diego. My mom always worked in restaurants. I grew up rolling up silverware. She had a place called Granger’s Café in North Park. She made everything from scratch and her café did really well.

I still like to mix traditional foods. For example, I like the old flavors of Italian food like red-wine-marinated steak. Sometimes I pair it with a fried egg or a biscuit. I don’t mix them all up at once, but you get the

idea. Sometimes I make cornbread but I use it for polenta. Now we do a smoked maple-glazed pork belly with charred onions and finish it with a relish made with anchovies. It’s pretty fun and unique but familiar at the same time.

I worked in my mother’s restaurants after school prepping food and cooking and serving on the weekends. When I was going to college I wanted more money, so I got a job as a line cook at night. I went to UCSD and majored in creative writing. I did some short stories that were published. I guess every art has a science behind it. And vice versa.

After college I realized I just love to cook, so I kept going. I kind of got

exposed to the other side of stuff, the more competitive style of line cooking. I went to Loews [Coronado Bay Resort] and worked at the Market Café there. James Boyce hired me and William Bradley was there at the time. There was a nice pedigree around me, and I picked up some good habits.

I have a seven-year old son and a daughter on the way. Mica will eat anything — any meat and any vegetable that’s raw. That’s what we eat at home. Meat and shaved vegetables and spinach. I like to grill a lot. We do pizza night, too. My wife does a lot of the cooking, but whenever I have a night off I like to cook for everyone.

es or clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Open to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-0077. Bond-trader atmosphere, prole prices. Best bang for the buck: the Hot

Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Inexpensive.

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Chic scene where men with Bentleys and glam gals nibble above-average sushi and Asian fusion, especially on jam-packed Thursday nights. Best bet: graze on appetizers and creative party rolls. No reservations for sushi bar, so come early. Very expensive.

Cliff Hanger Café 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr., La Jolla, 858-452-9858. Spectacular ocean view. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there are gen-

erous half-pound hamburgers. Inexpensive.

Roppongi 875 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-5252. Gorgeous interior, large, heated street patio, Euro-Asian fusion menu with tapas and sushi as well as entrées. The treats of any size add up to expensive.

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. The hotel restaurant with close-up sea views serves “Neighborhood American Cuisine” with a fun wine list. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive happy-hours bites 4 to 6pm

Sky Room La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-3744. After renovation in 2007, Sky Room is

now modern, sleek, and quietly chic, with a simplified menu of California cuisine and slightly lower (still steep) prices. The romantic, panoramic view remains, of course. Expensive.

La Taverna 927 Silverado St., La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Italian home-style, including chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale’s house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage. If the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say “yes.” Moderate.

Truluck’s The Aventine, 8990 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-453-2583. Florida-based surf ‘n’ turf chain offers irony-free retro ’50s décor and dinners featuring crustaceans (including seasonal stone crabs), other seafood, and natural meats — all care-



Mike Liotta

INGREDIENTS

SERVES 4-6

- 1 whole chicken (can’t go wrong with a Rocky Roaster from Whole Foods Market, Seisel’s, or Iowa Meat Farms)
- 4 cups free-range chicken broth (or homemade if you keep that around)
- 1 bunch parsley, washed and chopped
- 1 tbsp dried oregano
- 1 tin (2 oz) anchovies, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, cleaned
- 2 lemons peeled for zest
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What the Chef Eats

1 orange peeled for zest
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1 ½ cups extra virgin olive oil
salt & pepper to taste
2 cups quinoa, rinsed well in cold water and drained
1 bunch asparagus with the bottom 2 inches trimmed off
2 zucchini or yellow crookneck squash, sliced lengthwise to grill easily
½ pound cleaned spinach (I like Savoy or Bloomsdale because it holds up well to heat.)
1 lemon, juiced for finishing
1 bunch scallions, chopped extra virgin olive oil for dressing

HOW TO DO IT
To butterfly the chicken, lay the chicken breast side down. Using kitchen shears, cut out the backbone, making the cuts as close to the spine as possible. Once the spine is out, open the bird like a book

all the way back until you can see the breast bone. Pull back until the bone pops out and then remove it. Save and use the back and the giblets to fortify the chicken broth.
In a blender, puree the parsley, oregano, anchovies, garlic, lemon juice and zests, vinegar and oil until smooth. Season heavily with salt and pepper. Rub this puree all over the top and bottom of the chicken. Allow to sit at room temperature for one hour prior to grilling.
In a saucepan, bring the chicken broth to a simmer and add the giblets and spine. Cover and keep the broth at a simmer while preparing the rest of the meal.
Prepare your grill and have the temperature set at a medium flame. Start the bird skin side up on the

cooler end of the grill until the edges begin to look cooked, moving around often to find the right spot. Use the cover of the grill to help trap the heat but don't let the inside get too hot, especially if using charcoal or wood. Cook the bird 90 percent of the way with the bones down, finishing on the skin to get a crisp char on that side. Allow the meat to rest while preparing the rest of the food.
To prepare the quinoa, rinse well and drain in a fine-meshed sieve. Pour the simmering broth over the quinoa in a metal bowl. Promptly cover the bowl and allow to steam until serving. Use a fork to fluff the kernels (much like couscous) and dress with some olive oil, salt, and pepper just before plating.
Dress the asparagus

and squash in olive oil, salt and pepper and grill until nicely charred but still crisp. Remove from the grill and allow to cool in a metal bowl. Roughly chop the squash and mix with the asparagus, spinach, and any juices remaining in the bowl. Add a squeeze of lemon and some chopped scallions just before serving.
On a nice-sized platter, spoon the quinoa in the center, arrange the vegetable mix on and around the quinoa, and place the chicken on top, drizzling any drippings from the chicken onto the whole platter. I enjoy adding some piquant cheese to this dish such as feta or an aged goat cheese.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to sreader.com.

lessly cooked, but the meals are piled high with starches. Towering sweet desserts, fun wines. Moderate to very expensive.

La Mesa

Himalayan Cuisine 7918 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-2503.

Nepalese-Indian-Tibetan food, ranging from high-country exotica to steam-table buffet clichés — but subtly different from standard Punjabi renditions. Worth the detour: Tibetan momos (steamed dumplings) resembling fine dim sum, stuffed with beautifully seasoned lean lamb or gentle greens. Also: Nepalese samosas. Inexpensive.

Jitters Coffee 8201 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-460-4800. This small corner café is a local morning favorite. Flyin' Hawaiian waffle has macadamias, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream, but "plain" standards like the breakfast burrito are plain good. Lunches offer homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads. Inexpensive.

Lemon Grove

Charley's Famous Hamburg-ers 8213 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. An old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps. The menu is a long list of

hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebabs. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

La Especial Norte 604 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. It's famed for superb soups — the Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the eggplant soup includes airy little croutons of puffed *relleno* batter. Inexpensive.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. Standard but generous breakfast and lunch fare in an old-time atmosphere has kept the place humming since the 1950s. Specials named after local characters. Inexpensive.

Linda Vista

Bull's Smokin' BBQ 1127 W. Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-2855. Genuine BBQ, tender meats, and poultry dry-rubbed with spices, smoked over mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Masterpiece dish: dark, spicy, filé gumbo, served with a spectacularly moist jalapeño-spiked corn muffin. Patio seating. Moderate.

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Fabrisson's Crêperie and Boutique 1425 India St., Little Italy, 619-955-8834. Unexpected in Little Italy, but this café has a good French vibe — as much a social center (even offer-

ing free French lessons) as an eatery. It's mostly sandwiches and crêpes for breakfast and lunch. Try Alison's Special pesto crêpe. Inexpensive.

Pappalecco 1602 State St., Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Copy of a café in Pisa that three brothers created there, and now here. Meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. One delicious combo: the Rustico, varied Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India St., Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. Succulent veal is expertly grilled, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are zesty. Moderate.

Logan Heights

La Fachada 20 25th St., Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. Open until 3am (and 24 hours on weekends), this restaurant serves both Mexican and Anglo food. Good Western omelet breakfast, great Mexican seafood soups, and fun outdoor eating evenings until 11 pm. Inexpensive.

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Calendar RESTAURANT

Mira Mesa

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families coming for the all-you-can-eat buffet of Punjabi and Gujarati specialties, including aloo curry, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), *ben-gan bartha* (eggplant), and sensational Asian-mango desserts. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Eco-conscious breakfasts and lunches. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Familiar comfort fare, like the Southwest burger (avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa) or the Monte Cristo sandwich. Owner does magic card tricks around 6pm some evenings. Inexpensive.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0333. The deep-fried taquitos are their

top-selling item. But try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Better yet, breakfast around the clock. Inexpensive to moderate.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-298-1866. Also Escondido, Pacific Beach, Fashion Valley, Chula Vista. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with Angus top sirloins. Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

The Barbecue Pit 920 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-2244. Rustic timber, knotty pine, animal heads on the walls, and meats cooked true Southern BBQ style, over oak. Inexpensive.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Ave., National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Many are very good — marinated baby octopuses, mussels topped with melted cheese, roast beef au jus. Plus groaning salad bars, adequate sushi. Inexpensive.

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Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295-0156. Now, as in the '30s, chicken pie comes with chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert. Inexpensive.

Urban Solace 3823 30th St., North Park, 619-295-6464. American comfort food with a faint Southern accent, including, sweet potato fries, a big burger made of Niman Ranch beef "cooked your way" (and rare is reasonably safe). Great "bluegrass brunches" with live music. Moderate.

Ocean Beach

The Old Townhouse Restaurant 4941 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-1880. A real diner without all the retro come-ons. All-day breakfast is the big thing (try the three eggs and pork chop), but you can splurge on, say, a pretty decent

New York strip steak for the price of a burger at a gourmet burger joint. Inexpensive/low moderate.

Point Loma Beach Café 1424 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-758-1776. Cute eaterette, half a block from the cliffs, frequented by international surfers drawn to the challenging waves below. Good-value breakfasts, decent burgers and OB Burrito, and delicious tortilla soup.

Oceanside

Azafran 1001 S. Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. Cuban cuisine. Try the house-baked breads, the tender roast pork with garlicky *mojo* sauce, or the traditional Cuban pressed sandwich oozing ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles. Inexpensive.

Hill Street Cafe & Gallery 524 S. Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in O'side, including Cajun chicken for lunch and breakfasts of tofu/spinach scramble and *pan perdu* (to us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Inexpensive.

Old Town

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg's St., Old Town, 619-295-2343. The culinary pick hits of all the Americas including superb Chilean empanadas and *pastel de cholo* corn pudding, Peru's herbal *seco de cordero* meat stew, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal*. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. Classic French dishes — pâté, ratatouille, calf's liver — in a homey atmosphere. Start off with escargots or mussels and hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot.

Fine dessert pastries and cheese plate. Moderate to expensive.

Kono's 704 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. Chow down on a patio on the pier at this inside-outside café, the prototypical California surfer hangout. Tourists and locals alike flock here for generous breakfasts and burgers. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

Tender Greens 2400 Historic Dectatur Rd., Point Loma, 619-226-6254. This "healthy food" chain features great soups, desserts, and local, organic produce served cafeteria style with or without mesquite-grilled natural beef, free-range chicken, or local tuna in salads or ciabatta sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Ramona

Kountry Kitchen Ramona 826 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-3200. They still open at 5am for the farmers. Try the Italian Sausage breakfast, a sausage with a rich, sharp flavor, with eggs and hash browns. Or the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausage or bacon. Inexpensive.

Rancho Bernardo

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Pl., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. Authentic Hong Kong cuisine, beautiful setting. Daytime dim sum includes irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to "gold cup" dishes. Try the sea bass with pine nuts. Moderate, with some expensive specialties.

Rancho Santa Fe

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. The daily changing menu sports first-rate modern French/Euro cuisine by chef Martin Woese. The menu's often most exciting on weeknights, when chefs have time to stretch, but more luxurious dishes appear on weekends. New "bistro menu" of casual French cuisine and weeknight three-course prix fixe offer some affordable choices. Otherwise expensive.

Scripps Ranch

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Rd., Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon sandwich, their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich — all original. Inexpensive.

Solana Beach

Nobu Gourmet Japanese Restaurant 315 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The friendly sushi bar of our local, not-famous Nobu offers fine classic sushi and sashimi, or settle into a booth for a standard Japanese dinner. Try monkfish liver pâté and *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup. Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Dr., Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. The sushi is ultra-fresh, and the friendly chefs make their compositions look beautiful. Also Japanese dinners, special *kaiseki* meals, and a *teppan* room. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive.

Sorrento Valley

The Grill 10920 Roselle St., Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. The Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials like the luscious Philly cheese steak. Inexpensive.

South Park

Vagabond 2310 30th St., South Park, 619-255-1035. Eclectic bistro fare, French-based but with ever-changing global menu. Don't miss the *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. Noisy when full. Moderate.

Southcrest

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 S. 43rd St., Southcrest, 619-264-6525. A bright, '70s-style breakfast-all-day spot where long-time owner Su Cha Yang also caters to vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Try the ham, bacon, mushroom "hunter" omelet, or fill up on the pork chop plate. Inexpensive.

University Heights

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington St., University Heights, 619-296-8268. Open all night on weekends, and late night is a scene. But for many, breakfast is the thing: Charbroiled top sirloin with eggs and potatoes is a Saturday morning treat. Inexpensive.

Muzita Abyssinian Bistro 4651 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-546-7900. Hospitable intro to veg-rich Ethiopian/Eritrean cuisine, served family-style, to eat using healthy whole-grain spongy pancakes to pick up savory morsels. Try Ethiopian beers or crisp honey wine. No wheelchair access to interior. Moderate.

Valencia Park

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Ave., Valencia Park, 619-264-3115. Longstanding soul food restaurant, serving until 1am weekends. Try gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, and rice, or Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Inexpensive.

Valley Center

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant 29000 Lilac Rd., Valley Center, 760-749-8041. Also 201 Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-480-5565. Carnitas are outstanding for moist smokiness, and fresh-tomatillo salsa verde is exciting. Inexpensive to low-moderate, with three-course seafood dinners high-moderate.



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Honoring Hollis. On February 24, Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego and the O'Farrell Community School in Skyline hosted a dedication concert on campus to name their auditorium after a former student, the late jazz saxophonist Hollis Gentry. Mary Skrabucha

grew up with Hollis, and he played in bands with him. When we were at Hollis's memorial service, somebody mentioned that he'd gone to O'Farrell. In all the years I knew Hollis, I never knew that. At the time, I mentioned to the [Gentry] family that O'Farrell needed to do something in his

saxophone."

After O'Farrell, Gentry transferred to Crawford High School. A protégé of jazz sax legend Cannonball Adderley, Gentry cofounded smooth-jazz group Fattburger in the 1980s. A fixture on the local jazz club circuit with his band Neon, Gentry toured with Larry Carlton and David Benoit, among others. In 2004, a near-fatal car accident cost him the ability to play saxophone. Gentry died of cancer on September 5, 2006 at the age of 51.

In the days prior to the February 24 event, Skrabucha described an evening of dedications followed by three different bands and performances from a list of local jazz stars that included Daniel Jackson, Lila Brown, and Fattburger cofounder Kevin Koch. "We'll [eventually] have a plaque," she says, "that will hang inside the auditorium." And at some point during the next year, Hollis's name will be applied to the outside of the building.

Skrabucha says the biggest challenge was in getting the school district to agree to name it the Hollis Gentry III Auditorium. "We wanted it done formally. And regardless what school was in this facility, we wanted to know that the auditorium would always be named after Hollis." It took about six months to win school board approval, she says.

Proceeds from ticket sales benefited O'Farrell's music program and SAY San Diego.

— Dave Good

There's an App for That

"I used about ten different apps, with a total cost of about \$50," says Gary Gorzoch, aka DJ Shag, whose entire new album *Made*

DJ Shag began producing and performing around Ocean-side in 1990, becoming involved with Undersound Experiment, Supa Unknown, Blame One,

mount cost me \$119, the other adapter was \$199, and the 35mm Nikon lens was \$150"

Made with My Phone features local vocalists Blame One,

Jimmy Powers, Sojourn, Kaus, and the Anti Citizens. Says Powers, "I was amazed at the bass he got out of it. It was incredible."
— Jay Allen Sanford

What of Young Teddy Ballgame?

Be it glorious summer — or just after another homegrown baseball talent leaves the Padres for the Red

Sox — Ted Williams (1918–2002) remains eternally relevant. "Teddy Ballgame" endures as arguably the greatest achiever among San Diego's many fine athletes. But what of young Theodore Samuel Williams — who grew up playing hard in North Park — as any part of any SD music scene? He was raised around music — and he did participate in a local band.

Ted's musical mother, May, born Micaela Venzor of Mexican parents, was a Salvation Army member for 33 years. She played and sang songs of Jesus — and collected donations year-round — on streets, buses, and in SD and Tijuana bars. Proficient on guitar, banjo, cornet, and piano, she excelled in the Salvation Army band. But

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the inside track
blur

is O'Farrell's head counselor. The inspiration for the dedication, she says, came to her in the days

memory?"

Gentry attended O'Farrell in Southeast San Diego in the 1960s. Fitting, in a way, that he should be memorialized at the middle school because that is where evidence of his unusual talent first became apparent.

"My mother could probably best tell you," remembers Veronica West, Gentry's sister, "but he started out trying to play drums in the fourth grade

at Knox Elementary. When he got to middle school, he knew what he wanted to do. He said that he really wanted to play the



San Diego saxman Hollis Gentry will be immortalized on Skyline school.

following Gentry's death nearly five years ago.

"My boyfriend is Ronnie Stewart. He's a musician. He



DJ Shag's making music and movies...on his phone! He'll "show you on the spot, anytime."

with My Phone was recorded using his iPhone 4. "It's a totally portable studio that can be used like a regular four-track to record vocals, instruments, anything. The different methods of inputting sounds into the phone include sampling from the phone's internal mic or using an input device to enable a quarter-inch jack input.

"I was always looking for music apps that had great sounds as additions to my current sound banks and samples, but I needed a solid sampling drum machine type of app. Intua's BeatMaker app was \$19.99.... I can now bounce out four-bar sequences and loops of each sound in the phone, transfer them to my computer over a Wi-Fi network, import them into protocols, and little to no mixing is needed."

and others. Currently living near Temecula, he may be the first person to release an entire album and video created on a portable phone. "There's an iPad synth project by the Gorillaz, [but] when I first started making beats with the phone, no one believed me. They pretty much had me perform something in front of them to prove it. I know there will still be some people out there who don't believe me, but I'll show them on the spot, anytime."

A "Made with My Phone" performance video was shot on the same iPhone 4, using cinematic lens adapters. "It shoots in 720p HD, although it's the lower end HD. I was checking gadget sites and found an adapter that enables a 35mm lens to be attached to the iPhone and the special housing. The wide-angle

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Teddy dodged his mom's enlistment efforts early on.

In fact, in his 2005 book *The Kid: Ted Williams in San Diego*, editor Bill Nowlin cites "how mortified Ted was at the ribbing he received from schoolmates,



Baseball great Ted Williams grew up in North Park in a musical family — who knew?

who would tease him about being dragged along with his mother when she was on the street with the Salvation Army band.... Ted told Bob Doerr [his teammate on the San Diego Padres in 1936] that when his mother brought him along with the Army band, 'I used to try to get behind the big bass drum so that I could hide.'"

Ted's father, Samuel Stuart Williams, was also musical,

a U.S. Army trumpeter. And Ted's nephew Sam Williams is an acclaimed finger-picking folk-singer. While living at the Williams home on Utah Street with his grandmother May — whod lead sing-alongs on guitar and piano — Sam also played North Park Little League ball. His bio notes he later "became an 'itinerate musician'..performing at colleges, coffeehouses,

and nightspots in California, Oregon, and Washington." But young Teddy chose baseball over music — or, sometimes, food: investigating his skinniness revealed the elementary schooler was skipping lunch for more hitting practice instead.

Such focused intensity inspired the Baseball Project, a side

group including REM's Peter Buck, Scott McCaughey (Young Fresh Fellows), and Steve Wynn (Dream Syndicate). Their 2008 debut sported a rousing Ted tribute, whose title quotes a salty boast the slugger would make (according to Jim Bouton's classic baseball memoir *Ball Four*). As liners note, "Ted Williams would take batting practice and shout 'I'm Ted Fucking Williams and I'm the greatest hitter in baseball'

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before every pitch, sometimes adding, 'Jesus H Christ himself couldn't get me out!'"

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Record-Release Round-

up. New this week is the debut from Middle Brother, featuring Delta Spirit singer Matthew Vasquez alongside Taylor Goldsmith (Dawes) and John McCauley (Deer Tick). A free download of the track "Me Me Me" is available at *PartisanRecords.com*.

The debut five-track EP from pop-punk trio Lesands, *Sweet Skin*, can be downloaded free at the BandCamp website. They'll play it at Austin's annual South by Southwest music fest, happening March 11-20.

Gayle Skidmore's new album, *Make Believe*, with accompanying coloring book, is being sold on a name-your-own-price basis

at BandCamp.

The Best of Candy Kane: Songs from the Toughest Girl Alive Stage Play collects 23 original compositions from the blues belter's recent autobiographical

Cage, *The Rise to Power*. Disc one features their Progpower X show in Atlanta, Georgia, while disc two includes footage from various festivals and five unreleased audio tracks.



Tornado Magnet is a band of who's whos on the San Diego scene.

stage show at the Moxie Theater. Kane also self-released the new *Burlesque Swing* CD, with Sue Palmer on piano and Steve Wilcox on guitar.

Debuting March 15 is a two-disc DVD from heavy metallers

Tornado Magnet drops their "Digby Falling Down" single on March 28, taken from the upcoming full-length *Bob's Your Uncle*. The album features Beat Farmer Joey Harris, Mike Ashley, Wolfgang Gresakemp

(Hazel O'Connor), Tom Owens and Doug Meyer (Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash), and Phillip Bensimon.

Unwritten Law invited fans to submit art for their album *Swan*, due March 29 on Suburban Noize Records. The three winning creations will appear on variant editions of the album.

Also new for March: *The Narcissists Anonymous* EP from DUDES (aka former Da Bears frontman Ryan Solomon), the debut album from Pretty Too Bad (featuring players from Transit War, Demasiado, and Ir-radio), a four-LP vinyl box set re-issue from the reunited Psychotic Waltz (*The Architects Arise: The First Ten Years*), and a new full-length from the hip-hop execs of Vokab Company (*Quit Sleep*, with guest player Lincoln Parish of Cage the Elephant).

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 3

SanFran garage-pop band the **Nodzzz** will stretch out at Tin Can Ale House. The trio's '08 debut received favorable reviews for its no-fi, less-is-more take on the trend of the day — doo-wop noise-pop cloaked in fuzz tones. The Nodzzz' ditties, like their name, do carry a string of Zs, but describe Brit-invasion bounce rather than that American sock-hop jive. With L.A. folkies the **Finches** and local up-and-comers the **Plateaus** (who are apparently trying to plant the Seeds in San Diego's indie-rock consciousness), these'd be the sets to see tonight.... The best of the rest has Grammy-winning Blues Traveler **John Popper** and his **Duskraz Troubadours** rolling into Anthology behind their s/t debut, which dropped Tuesday via 429 Records....it'll be the return of the hard-bop heavies to Dizzy's Culy space to celebrate the 70th birthday of tenor saxman **Gary Lefebvre**....punk



NODZZZ AT TIN CAN ALE HOUSE

purists the **Tuggs** (feat. Joey G. of Lady Dottie's Diamonds and Mark Monteith of aMiniature) bring their thing to Bar Pink...while **Circa Survive**, **Thrice**, and **Dynamite Walls** fill an emo-y alt-rock bill at Soma.

Friday 4

Bay Area band **Birds & Batteries** are an odd pairing of soft rock and electronics. Odd like Bowie producing Paul Simon, which, the more I think about it, the more I want to hear. Can you imagine Bowie's take on "Kodachrome"? Anyway, B&Bs are on their way to play South by Southwest behind last year's recommendable **Panorama** and will plug in at Soda Bar with our own FM throwbacks **Gun Runner** and **River City**.... Casbah puts on **Diamond Rings** and **PS I Love You**, which seems semantically apropos, but is a v. disparate set of glammy, dancey indietronica and noisy art-punk. They're both from Canada, though.... Else: Orange



BIRDS & BATTERIES AT SODA BAR

County garage groups **Lovely Bad Things** and **Cosmonauts** land at Tin Can Ale House....L.A. garage punx the **Slighted** slam into Tower Bar with O.C. zombie rockers **Death Hymn Number 9**...and the **Radius Festival** will take over the Air & Space Museum Friday and Saturday nights. I'm clueless when it comes to this subcultcha, but what I think I gather from their website is that it's a bunch of DJ types producing synthetic music for sheople on synthetic drugs. Sheople is one of my new favorite words.

Saturday 5

From Stockholm, Sweden, indie-pop octet the **Concretes** hit Casbah behind last year's WYWH, which is text lingo for "Would you want halibut?"

No it isn't. I just made that up. Lmfao. But this is a lot of people who've come a long way to play for you, and with the v. excellent **Millionyoung** and **Blackbird Blackbird** up first, it's gonna be a fun one.... Blues-rock troubadour **JJ Grey** will play Anthology Saturday night. The **Georgia Warhorse** is a Florida native, atypically flying solo, without Jax act MOFRO, for this West Coast swing. Go get intimate with JJ.... "Calling all femme fiends and walking corpses," from Hollywood, Misfits trib the **Bitchfits** hit Shakedown Bar. The self-proclaimed "new queens of horror" will take the Midway stage with our own horror rockers **Zombie Surf Camp** and from Long Beach, the **Transers**.... Uptown, noize-rock supergroup **Spider Fever** (with members of Earthless, Heartaches, Widows) infects Tower Bar with their ear-bleeding beats...lo-



THE CONCRETES AT CASBAH

cal alt-rock act **Lyon Crowns** drop on Eleven with **Long Neck Goose** and **Disguster**... and **Ale Mania**'s spilling their Volar Records debut disc at Soda Bar with labelmates **Mrs. Magician** and **Stalins of Sound** in support. Our Ms. Leary got the lowdown on Volar founder Craig Oliver for this week's music feature. Click or flip to that for more.

Sunday 6

Supersucker **Eddie Spaghetti** joins the Dwarves' **Blag Dahlia** and Philly's favorite son **Toothless George** at Brick by Brick Sunday night. Mister Spaghetti is touring in support of his new Bloodshot rock-roll collection **Sundowner**. Blag and George're on the bill because nothing goes better with spaghetti than meatballs.... Feeling more shoegaze-y lazy, then **Autolux** is for you. The L.A. trio's avant pop on last year's **Transit Transit** — six years in the making — prompted NME to proclaim "six years well spent," hanging an honorable 8 on their meticulous, slo-groove electro sound. They play Casbah with synthy SanFran band **Soft Moon** for one stoney double bill.... And alsos: guitar great **Eric Clapton**'s at the San Diego Sportsavalleyview Casinorena...and **Ozokidz** — all the little Ozomatlis — join their 'rents onstage at House of Blues for some family fun.

Monday 7

Canadian punker Cecil Frena blew out his throat and turned to the friendlier confines of pop music-making. He moved to San Francisco and called it **Gobble Gobble**. He's out to tout last year's

MP3 release **deBonten 2nd Grab Bag**. Check out lead single "Lawn Knives" on the interweb. That's some catchy glitch pop. Like-minded locals **Jamuel Saxon** and Boston band **Truman Peyote** fill an uncommon Monday-night bill at Tin Can Ale House.... Spook-pop perennial **David J** (Bauhaus, Love and Rockets) does the Anti-Monday honors at Casbah this week. He'll have some new singles at the merch table about vampires and blood and stuff.... And then psych-rocking Seattleites the **Night Beats**'ll be at Soda Bar with our own **Trap Gold**, **TRMRS**, and them cats from **Operation Mind-blow** will put on a liquid light show.

Tuesday 8

British trip-hop trio **Morcheeba**'s touring in support of last year's dance disc **Blood Like Lemonade**. They will pour it



MORCHEEBA AT HOUSE OF BLUES

on House of Blues after the slinky sepia tones of San Jose sextet the **Mumlars**. You dig Tom Waitian squeeze-box, get yer mitts on their **Thickets & Stitches**.... And Hot Tuna Blues fills the air at Belly Up as harmonica cat **Charlie Musselwhite** joins guitarist **Jim Lauderdale** on the Solana Beach stage.

Wednesday 9

'Trane's pianoman **McCoy Tyner** graces the stage at Anthology Wednesday night. The post-bop pioneer has been touring and recording as a band leader for near 50 years. Tyner's key sides came on his first for Blue Note, 1967's **The Real McCoy**, a "Core Collection" notable. Is it in you? Mr. Tyner will be 73 this year.... Rest of your hump-night highlights'd be polite-pop groups **Kisses**, **Hosannas**, and **White Apple Tree** at Soda Bar...the hard-rocking **Decide** stacking 'em up at Brick by Brick...and northa town, where local singer-songer **Derek Evans** plays the Ché Café...and the jam band **North Mississippi All Stars** brings **The Keys to the Kingdom** to Belly Up.
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I met Craig Oliver at a scorching rock spread (Oh Sees, So Cow, and Bare Wires at Bar Pink). Unless he’s pouring lager and adjusting sound at the Whistle Stop, Oliver’s at just about every gotta-go garage-rock show. His schedule’s become more complicated by a record company he’s started, which from the outside can look more

like a kid in a candy store than work. Volar Records has released the Fresh & Onlys. But the 30-year-old Marine brat is equally stoked about broadcasting relative unknowns such as Pope Anything, Tijuana Panthers, and Audacity.

Born in Guam, Oliver scuttled with his family to Colorado, then Arizona, by the time he was four. He spent most of his teens in Japan, where he got into PJ Harvey, skateboarding, and writing. In 1998 he landed in San Diego:

“Going to high school on a military base, I’d never been to a show in the States. I’d given up on playing music. The idea was to attend community college before going to film school in L.A. Then life happened. I was excited about coming here, mostly because I was obsessed with Drive Like Jehu and Clikatat Ikatowi. I came at a weird time, just after most of the Gravity Records and Cargo/Casbah scenes had died. Thankfully, the Ché Café was still going strong, and I was fortunate to see a lot of great bands — like Camera Obscura, one of my favorites, close to 15 times. When I was 18, they opened for Tristeza and Blonde Redhead — a totally perfect show. The Sess were always amazing, almost blindingly so, just a total force of nature. They had the same live approach as Camera Obscura — a pure, exhausting blast of energy

from start to stop. And Hot Snakes were really great.”

Oliver ended up in South Park, which he calls “one of the last great communities in the city...its own little bubble of sanctity,” and playing guitar with Spirit Photography and Christmas Island.

How did Volar Records come about?

“In 2009, with Spirit Photography, I wanted to split a seven-inch with Sharp Ends but couldn’t figure out who I could get to put it out. When someone suggested doing a record label, my ex-girlfriend and I ran with it. There were some newer bands we wanted to work with. Beaters and Ale Mania were unleashing their first songs after the demise of the Sess. I loved the new stuff, and they’re friends, so it became a matter of starting collectively. It’s been more curatorial than anything, like having another place for artists to share their work. It’s been a slow process. I wasn’t really aware where it could go at first.”

What’s Volar named for?

“In English it’s a term for the palmar region of the hand. In Spanish it’s a verb that means different things — to fly, to disappear, to blow up or demolish, to be blown away by. My ex-girlfriend came up with it. We liked the idea of holding something in your hand that could be destructive or take flight.”

Why the ferocious cat logo?

“My cat Anton’s face eventually became the logo.”

With several recent releases (Black Orphan, Audacity, Stalins of Sound, Cold Pumas, *Under the Covers Vol. 2*, and another compilation) and more upcoming, do you ever feel like you’re in over your head?

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Craig Oliver: “Juggling it all — the communication and deadlines and making sure I can work enough at my job to pay for everything — can make my head spin.”

“Of course — all the time. The *Under the Covers* and Ale Mania LPs are the biggest projects I’ve tackled. It’s another case of trying to stay on top of everything after the initial, ‘Hey, I love you guys, let’s do a record!’ excitement. Then the work comes in, and there can end up being more involved than I initially thought. With the Ale Mania LP on its way out, the band and I are constantly having to figure out the best way to go about promotion and touring and everything. There’s a different set of expectations, depending on who I’m working with, so I have to adjust accordingly.

“Despite the time, energy, and money I’ve put into the label, I only recently learned to accept it as real, with responsibilities. A lot of people come to depend on you, so juggling it all — the communication and deadlines and making sure I can work

enough at my job to pay for everything — can make my head spin.”

As Oliver catalogs the minutiae of wrestling with record plants, graphic design, social networks, and Bandcamp, I’m glazing over. Poking through his lists are the words “fun and exhausting,” which have the authentic ring of the fan-as-rocker-as-fan ethos coloring a recent high:

“I kinda know Keith Morris, and he just wrote to give me Peter Case’s email because I guess Pete was asking for a copy of *Under the Covers*. Paul Collins wrote to me as well, to see about getting copies. And that’s a little surreal, dealing with these punk legends.”

The Ale Mania record-release party will be at Soda Bar on March 5, with Stalins of Sound and Mrs. Magician. ■



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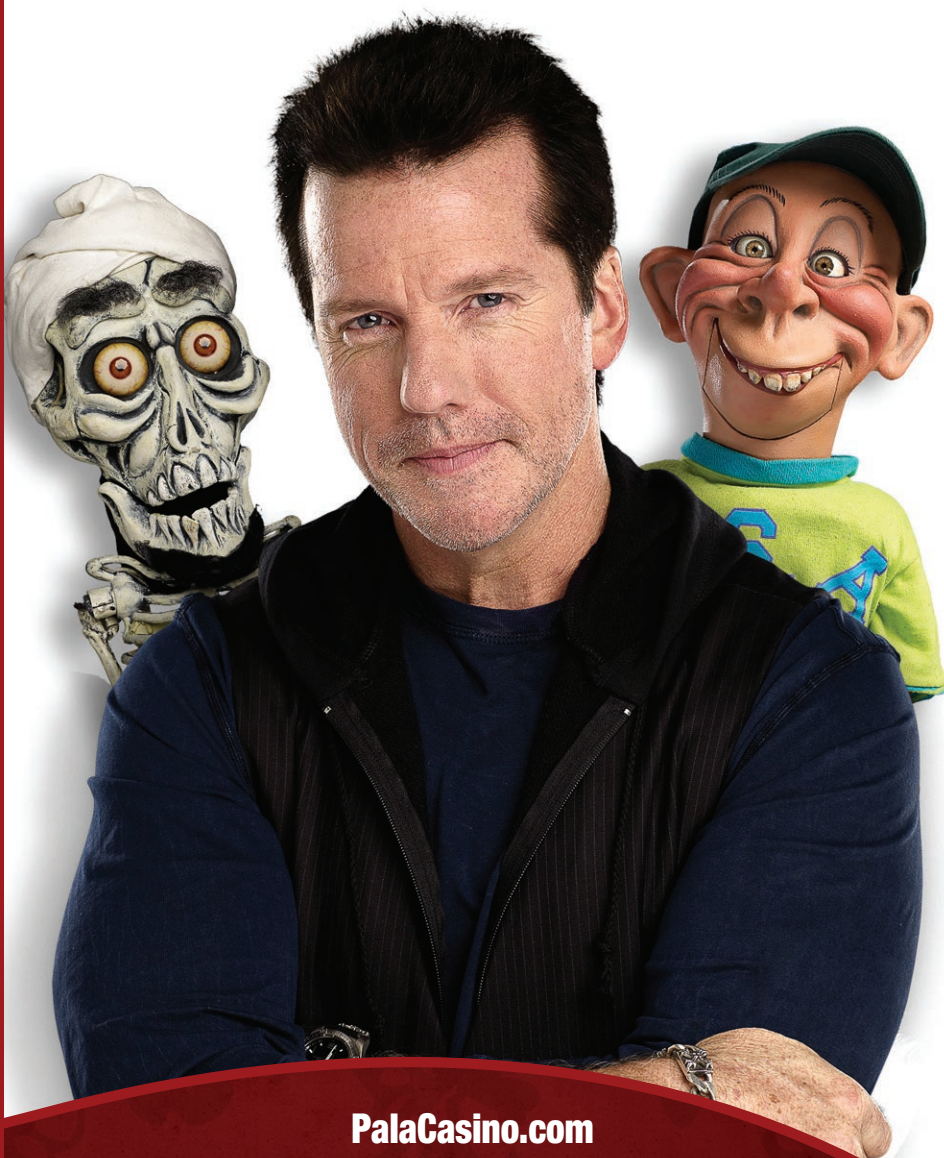
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The Concretes came together in Stockholm in 1995 and made a modest splash in the United States when their song “You Can’t Hurry Love” showed up in Target commercials six or seven years ago. With strong melodies and arrangements that suggested a more approachable Velvet Underground, embellished with strings and horns, the Concretes charmed the pants off a lot of indie-pop fans. Perhaps the key ingredient in this was Victoria Bergsman’s relaxed, Scandinavian-accented vocals. Swooping up to notes and slurring the edges

of consonants, she sounded like a friend at the end of a drunken night confessing her love.

By the way, the Concretes’ “You Can’t Hurry Love” isn’t a cover of the Supremes’ ’60s hit. Nonetheless, the band’s debut album had a song about listening to Diana Ross’s disco-era hit “Love Hangover.” There, Bergsman sounded like a friend sharing her record collection.

After Bergsman left to pursue her folk project Taken by Trees, drummer Lisa Milberg took over lead vocals. She has a similar accent and sleepy delivery but a slighter voice. The Concretes have struggled to regain their footing ever since. On last year’s WYWH, the band tries out some disco rhythms. Still, the beats land softly. Milberg doesn’t sing about dancing all night, she sings, “We’re gonna stay in bed all day.” Instead



of mentioning Ross, she sings about listening to Squeeze and Paul Simon. The Concretes are different, but they still sound like friends sharing their record collection.

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Friday, 8:30pm — Diamond Rings, PS I Love You, and TV Girl. \$10-\$12.
Saturday, 9:30pm — The Concretes, Millionyoung, and Blackbird Blackbird. Indie pop. \$10-\$12.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Autolux. Experimental rock/electronic.

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Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Friday — Common Sense. Reggae/rock/funk.
Saturday — “Platinum Rockstars.” Tribute bands.
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Wednesday — The North

469-6344.
Friday — TNT. **Free.**
Saturday — Get Rockin’. **Free.**

Dizzy’s: Second Avenue & J St., Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Friday, 8pm — Mikan Zlatkovich. Jazz.

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Saturday — Lyon Crowns, Long Neck Goose, and Disguster. Alt rock/soul.

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Tuesday — Morcheeba. Electronica/trip-hop.

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Saturday — Viva Santana. Carlos Santana tribute. \$12.
Monday — Chet Cannon. Blues. **Free.**
Tuesday — Michele Lundeen. Scorchin’ blues. **Free.**
Wednesday — The Bozani Brothers. Blues. \$5.

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Saturday — Ale Mania, Mrs. Magician, and Stalins of Sound. Garage/rock.
Wednesday — Kisses. Electropop.

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Saturday, 7pm — Casino Madrid. Hardcore/metal.
Wednesday — Kataklysm. Metal/hardcore.

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Wednesday — David Gray. Alt rock.

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March 25 — Julie Feeney and Lucy Schwartz.
April 3 — David Wilcox.
April 9 — Tish Hinojosa.
April 10 — Ambrosia.
April 28 — Hot Club of

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July 24 — Guy Davis.
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March 10 — The Brubeck Brothers.
March 11 — Jay Nash.
March 13 — Laurence Juber.
March 16 — Paul Thorn.
March 19 — Mindi Abair.
March 23 — Jake Shimabukuro.
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March 26, March 27 — Ashford

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March 31 — Trevor Davis.
April 8 — Joe Louis Walker.
April 12 — Kurt Elling.
April 14 — Matt Wertz.
April 15 — Floyd FX.
April 22, April 23 — Ramsey Lewis.
April 30 — John Scofield.
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March 26 — Cowboy Jack.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
March 11 — DeVotchKa.
March 12 — Dead Man's Party.
March 18 — Stepping Feet.
March 19 — Tainted Love.
March 20 — Devo.
March 24 — Toad the Wet Sprocket.
March 25 — Wild Child.
March 26 — Stripes and Lines.
March 28 — Kenny Loggins.
March 29 — Fitz & the Tantrums.

March 30 — Galactic.
March 31 — Uh Huh Her.
April 1 — Orgone.
April 3 — Brian Setzer Orchestra.
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March 14 — Cave Singers.
March 15 — Datarock.
March 16 — Tapes n’ Tapes.
March 17 — Cash’d Out.
March 18 — A Scribe Amidst the Lions.
March 23 — The Appleseed Cast.
March 25 — Miniature Tigers.
April 1 — Pretty Too Bad.
April 3 — The Penetrators and the Loons.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Jim Lauderdale has written hits for such country-music glitterati as George Strait, Patty Loveless, and George Jones but never for himself. It’s not that he hasn’t tried. The night before we talked, I listened to his *Planet of Love*. Every track on that CD is a little masterpiece, shined to perfection by producers Rodney Crowell and John Leventhal. *Planet*, says Lauderdale, got no radio play but spawned eight hit covers for other country stars. He’s not bitter. “I was always so grateful whenever somebody recorded one of my songs,” he says by phone. And that spells paycheck. “I’ve never taken that for granted.”

Born in North Carolina, Lauderdale is 55 now. An L.A.-based country rocker at the time he made *Planet of Love*, he moved to Nashville years ago. The crafting of reliably heart-achy country songs with lines such as, “I was pouring whiskey in an empty heart when I met Jesus in a bar” has earned him a cult following. Lauderdale’s also in demand as a backup singer. He’s recorded with Elvis Costello and toured as a band member of his band.

So, what’s he doing onstage with Hot Tuna Blues (Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Cassady) and blues harpist Charlie Musselwhite? “So far, we’ve been doing some songs that I wrote with [Grateful Dead lyricist] Robert Hunter. Probably by the time we get to San Diego, I will have written some new songs, and we might do one or two of those.” Lauderdale leaves Nashville occasionally for the Joshua Tree–like embrace



JIM LAUDERDALE

of Pioneertown. He says he loves to hunker down at Jim Austin’s Rimrock Ranch up there and write songs. Otherwise, he doesn’t visit the West Coast often. “I’ve only played in San Diego once or twice,” he says. “It’s a treat for me to come back to the area.”

JIM LAUDERDALE: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 8, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$30, \$32.

April 7 — Sleepytime Gorilla Museum.
April 8 — British Sea Power.
April 9 — The Dodos.
April 16 — Ellie Goulding and the Knocks.
April 20 — Fake Problems.
April 22 — Blowoff.
April 23 — The Growlers.
April 25 — Acid Mothers Temple.
April 26 — The Builders and the Butchers.
April 29 — Dengue Fever.
April 30 — Mudhoney.
May 7 — J Mascis and Black

Heart Procession.
May 10 — The Greenhornes.
May 14 — Urge Overkill.
May 20 — Yelle and French Horn Rebellion.
June 4 — Gayngs.
June 9 — The Black Lips.

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9845.
March 10 — Scott Wilson & the Contradictions.
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June 5 — Tim McGraw.
June 18 — Rush.
August 12 — Toby Keith.

The Crossings at Carlsbad: 5800 The Crossings Dr., Carlsbad, 760-444-1800.
March 10 — Michael Tiernan.

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March 11, March 12 — Serious Guise.
March 25, March 26 — Nemesis.

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March 11 — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra.
March 12 — Richard Thompson.
March 19 — The Irving Flores Latin-Jazz Quartet.
March 20 — Joshua White.
March 29 — Lee MacDougall.
April 2 — Gilbert Castellanos & His Quartet.
April 7 — Brian Levy & Mikan Zlatkovitch.

Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.
March 11, March 12 — Deadbolt.

Fluxx: 500 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-8100.
March 10 — Louis XIV, Lesands, and Hot Moon.

The Harp: 4935 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168.
March 19 — Full Moon Fever.

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March 10 — Andre Nickatina.
March 11 — Unwritten Law.
March 12 — Medeski Martin & Wood.
March 18 — Umphrey’s McGee.
March 26 — Which One’s Pink?
March 27 — Sum 41.
April 1 — Ani DiFranco.
April 6 — Talib Kweli.
April 8 — G. Love & Special Sauce.
April 9 — Pete Yorn.
April 14 — Brandon Flowers.
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April 29 — Hollywood Undead.
April 30 — Accept and Sabaton.
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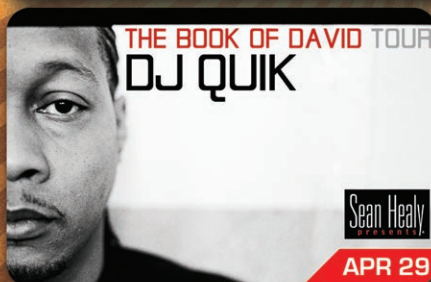
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March 11 — Fishtank Ensemble.
March 13 — Bonnie Dune.
April 8 — Middle Brother.
May 6 — The Submarines.
May 7 — Ezra Furman & the Harpoons.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

For the Ghosts Within Wyatt/Atzmon/ Stephen

By Mary Leary

Robert Wyatt, an art-rock category con-founder, lists toward the traditional as he weaves disparate strands into this set of haunting sob-songs, jazz standards, and originals. Cello, alto sax, and strings throw washes of color behind depressive interpretations ("Laura," "Lush Life"). These pain-staking stretches are sarcastically sweet, with Wyatt's lispy vocal adding ironic poignance. Elements that seem, if not dissonant, at least

surprising, have a way of reopening the ears to such well-masticated chestnuts.

Other tracks stun with hybrids of the mechanistic and ice-water fresh: "Where Are They Now?" should make samplers and mixers around the world wonder if they should have kept their day jobs. "Maryan" is strange and lovely, giving the brain a gentle jolt — listen to it while doing housework and see if you don't stop in mid-sweep to break out the paint box, model train, or love-doll parts that have been lying under a cloth in the garage. "Round Midnight" goes much further 'round than previous versions — an acid trip soaked in rum and doilies, it's parsed so that nothing ever seems "too much." It takes a genius who came of age in the '60s to imagine it doubling back through the psyche.

Reopens the ears to well-masticated chestnuts

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Geoffrey Keezer and Peter Sprague Unite

By Robert Bush

Pianist Geoffrey Keezer and guitarist Peter Sprague teamed up to form a new jazz band that sold out the Saville Theatre. The concert served as a CD-release party for their debut, *Mill Creek Road*. The group features Los Angeles-based bassist Hamilton Price and San Diego drummer Duncan Moore with special guests Zach Harmon on tablas and Erica Ochoa on violin.

The evening began with Sprague's "Thesaloniki," which featured fast piano and guitar lines that periodically dove-tailed into pedal-toned

passages. Next up was Keezer's waltz "En Babia," based loosely on "Hotel California." This one had lots of piano-bass ostinatos and a guitar solo.

They brought out L.A. percussionist Harmon for "India Zach," which featured a complex, hypnotic tabla solo. Sprague's title track was pastoral, with a nod to the interplay of Pat Metheny and Lyle Mays. The concert finished strongly with Sprague's samba lullaby "Secret Code."

Sprague and Keezer's instrumental voices have grown together well, and they've written beautifully complex music that factors in the special abilities of Price and Moore.

Concert: Geoffrey Keezer-Peter Sprague Band
Date: January 11
Venue: Saville Theatre, San Diego City College
Seats: General admission
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Sprague and Keezer's instrumental voices have grown together.

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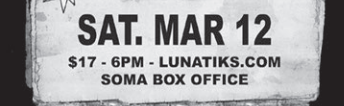
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Kadan, kadanclub.com

Kadan at 30th and Adams takes its name from the town where owner Chris Heaney met his wife at a smoky café in 1994. Inspired by a Czech discotheque that played eclectic music to a broad demographic, Heaney opened Kadan nine years ago and hasn't closed doors for a single day since, holidays included. The full bar offers 12 taps and an assortment of bottle beers, harkening to its Czech roots with adornments including the Kadan coat of arms, medieval swords, shields, daggers, battle axes, and morning stars. To augment the mood, a three-quarter-sized knight lurks behind faux-trees on the shadowy dance floor.

Come in the afternoon for a booze-fueled game of chess on one of Kadan's four sets. Stick around for choice groove weeklies most nights of the week, especially if you prefer the bar's minor grit to Gaslamp's pomp and peacock dance.

Saturdays rotate between Broken Beat (glitch hop, dubstep with DJs Miguel, Walker, and Puppy Kicker), Funk Deluxe (Latin, funk, afrobeat, soul

with DJs Danny Massure and Jon Wesley), and Illfonix (acid jazz, funk, old school rap with DJ Sachmo).

On Sundays are the Bohemian Rap City hip-hop open-mic nights, followed by Monday's open jam sessions. Go maudlin Tuesdays at Darkwave Garden (goth, '80s, post-punk) with DJs Bryan Pollard, Heather Hardcore, and Pet M1. Sweat it out on Wednesdays with Evolution drum and bass or get down to your favorite one-hit wonders from the Reagan era on Club '80s Thursdays. Fridays rotate between SD Jump Off (dancehall, hip-hop) by DJ Unite, Underworld (gothic), and Moonshake.

"We've always had a hard time defining our sound," says Moonshake resident DJ Mark E. Quark. "San Diego has a strong nightlife scene, but we felt something was



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missing. I wanted to hear house music be edgier, take more chances, be less safe."

The consistently awesome dance night has become a tradition for many regulars who come out bimonthly for the upbeat mix of future disco and tech house from

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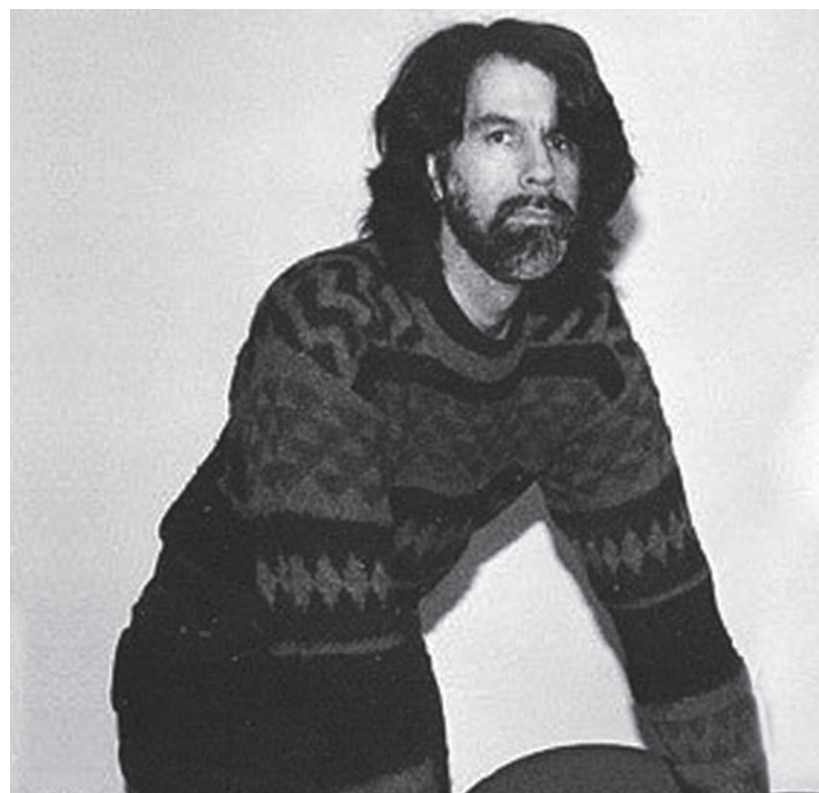
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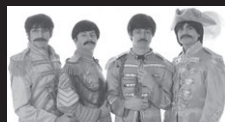
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Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

Patrick's II: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, bloody marys.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

Stage Saloon: Daily, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

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Taste & Thirst on Fourth: Monday-Saturday, 3-8pm: All drinks two-for-one.

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Wine Steals: *Tuesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

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Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

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Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita.

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Charcoal House: *Daily*, 11-7pm: \$.75 off all drinks, \$1 off all appetizers.

Chico Club: *Daily*, all day: \$3 big-ass beer (23 oz).

Hearth House: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 premium beers, wine, & wells. \$2 bratwurst & fries, \$3 burger & fries.

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LAKESIDE

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The Calypso Café: *Daily*, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINDA VISTA

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LITTLE ITALY

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Desi's Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 drafts.

Wine Steals: *Wednesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

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MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

Cafe Bleu: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, beers, wines. 20% off appetizers.

Adam's Steak & Eggs: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-7pm: Double well drinks, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 glasses of wine, \$7 house cocktails.

Ruby's Diner: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.99 shakes/malts.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import & local beer, \$4 house wine. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$3 mimosas, \$4 bloody marys.

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Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

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Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, \$2.50 domestic bottle, \$3.50 draft.

El Comal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: *Daily*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

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The Smoking Goat: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

Toronado: *Daily*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

West Coast Tavern: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$3 margaritas, wells, \$1 off select appetizers.

Portugalia: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine.

Sunshine Co.: *Daily*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

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Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Hosie's Pacific Pub: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3.50 craft drafts.

P's & Q's Sports Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$3 premium pints. \$3 chicken wings.

Pier View Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off pitchers.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

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Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Casa Guadalajara: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. \$3.50 well drinks, margaritas, drink specials.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday

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Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

The Pearl: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 wines.

Pete's Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines. \$.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos.

Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1 off everything, \$2 beers.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

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Brigantine: *Daily*, 3-6:30 pm: \$1 off draft beer, \$3.50 champagne, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5.75 Chardonnay, red wine, \$7.50 Cuervo Gold hand-shaken margarita.

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings.

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2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. *Thursday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

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Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

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Had I been watching this show by myself, I would have probably laughed myself into tears.

The following are entries from the *Reader's* theater blog, "Stage Whisper." Click to sandiegoreader.com/weblogs/stage-whisper for more.

EMMA
Jane Austen's Emma — A Musical Romantic Comedy is playing at the Old Globe Theatre through March 6th.

The creation of composer/writer Paul Gordon, *Emma* premiered in September 2007 at Palo Alto's TheaterWorks. The show had some success in productions in Cincinnati and St. Louis before being brought to the Globe.

The program contained a note from the composer, "Why Emma Sings," in which the composer describes why he thinks Emma is material for a musical. But Mr. Gordon gave the singers very little to sing. There was no lack of music, but the style was repetitive and tuneless. Every song seemed to follow a pattern of patter-patter-patter-patter-sustained note.

The musical pieces were obviously based on harmonic structure instead of lyrical. At times it seemed as though Mr. Gordon established his harmonic progressions then jammed the text into

complex rhythms, relying heavily on a pseudo recitative style. I was impressed by the diction of the singers and their ability to make mountains of text understandable to the audience.

But over the course of an entire show, this style becomes mundane and boring. It was as if the entire musical landscape was one massive plateau with nary a peak or valley. The music was pretty, but it didn't support the characters or the plot. There was no tension in the music to augment the growing frustration between Mr. Knightley and Emma.

Near the middle of the second act, Mr. Knightley sings the only song in the show. The song was appropriately titled "Emma." It was a great song, and it worked well with Knightley's character.

The song is reprised as Knightley finally reveals his true feelings to Emma. This scene worked very well, and musically it saved the show. I was expecting the scene to conclude with both Emma and Knightley singing the song together, but that didn't happen. Musically, we never got a validation of the love Knightley and Emma have for each other.

Emma is a good show and I enjoyed the story, but in its current form, the music is holding it

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back from being a great show.

However, the audience did give the cast a standing ovation, and the show has been extended for a week beyond its original run. So what do I know?

ADORABLE CAST

The cast of *Emma* made the show work. From what I heard from other patrons, the cast was the

main reason they liked the show. Several people mentioned that the music was so-so but that the cast was adorable.

I agree. There is no other word for Patti Murin, who played the title role. Emma is not necessarily a likeable character, but Ms. Murin was an Emma we cared for and pulled for and sympathized with. Emma creates every problem and every issue in the show, for herself and for others.

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But we didn't mind, because she seemed truly sorry for the mess she was making of things. Ms. Murin's comedic timing was solid, and she resisted the temptation to "ham up" the scene where Emma is required, by her pride, to play the piano and sing a song for everyone. Ms. Murin's voice was nice and pleasant, but I would consider her to be an actor first, singer second.

As the romantic protagonist, Adam Monley was an understated, subtle, Mr. Knightley. Knightley gets to sing the best music in the show, and Mr. Monley did well. In his big song, I could hear Mr. Monley pacing himself to ensure the top notes were there. Throughout the show, he tended to back off the high notes and they sounded careful and controlled. Of course, that was not out of character for Mr. Knightley. I assume there was vocal fatigue involved, as this was the fourth performance in two days. At the end of the show, Mr. Monley gave us all we needed when Mr. Knightley says what he needs to say. Again though, I consider his acting to be much stronger than his singing.

Kelly Hutchinson has maybe three or four scenes as Mrs. Elton, the vicker's obnoxious wife. However, each time I saw her come on stage, I got excited. Her accent almost made me lose it. Had I been watching this show by myself, I would have probably laughed myself into tears. The accent and inflection she used sounded part British, part French, part *South Park*. I usually find affected humor to be annoying, but in the case of Ms. Hutchinson, I only wanted more. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Big Daddy Is Here
To commemorate Black History Month, Community Actors The-

atre presents a musical revue of the blues from the late 1800s to the 21st Century.
COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 6.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Palomar Performing Arts stages Jeffrey Hatcher's stage adaptation of the Robert Louis Stevenson novella. Pat Larmer directed.
HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE AT PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION RD., PALOMAR COLLEGE. 760-744-1150. 4PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 6.

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Nothing new under the sun? Don, a novelist, may have plagiarized a third of his book. Don's lawyers, Sy and Chris, claim it was "influence" not "intellectual theft." Both are in love with Madi. When Sy writes her a love letter, Don pilfers it. Step back, and just about everything in Sarah Gubbins' funny romantic comedy is a "borrowing" (including Sy becoming Cyrano-like). And in James Vasquez' smart staging, scenes morph into film noir movies (suggesting they've been played before, even though the emotions are live). In effect Gubbins artfully deconstructs notions of influence. The play has lulls, when legalities take centerstage, but the Diversionary production boasts quality performances by Amanda Sittin (Sy), Jacque Wilke (Madi), and Wendy Maples (Bec), and smart design work, especially when Michelle Caron's lighting

and the uncredited music convert the office into a film - not noir but rusty-orange. *Worth a try.*
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 13.

I Love a Piano
Moonlight Stage Productions' winter season continues with the Irving Berlin revue, spanning seven decades. Carlos Mendoza directed and choreographed.
AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 13.

Jane Austen's Emma: A Musical Romantic Comedy
She's such an inept meddler, if Emma Woodhouse had her way, every relationship in Highbury would be star-crossed. But somehow in Jane Austen's wonderful novel - and Paul Gordon's sprightly new musical - Highbury survives her shenanigans. The book moves so fast that fans of the novel can rightfully cavil. And the staging's a bit of an acquired taste, since it's so surprisingly minimal. But like Austen's dialogue, the songs are the heart of the enterprise (as when stiff Mr. Knightly reveals his love for "Emma"; or when she whispers/belts the hilarious "Have a Piece of Cake"). There's a sag, late in Act two, as the novel's many strands reconnect, but overall the production moves with spunk and polish. As Emma, Patti Murin's a charm-

er throughout. So's this show. **Critic's Pick.**

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 6.

Last of the Red Hot Lovers
OnStage Playhouse presents Neil Simon's comedy about Barney Cashman, a "married nebbish who wants to join the sexual revolution before it's too late." O.P. Hadlock directed.
ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 19.

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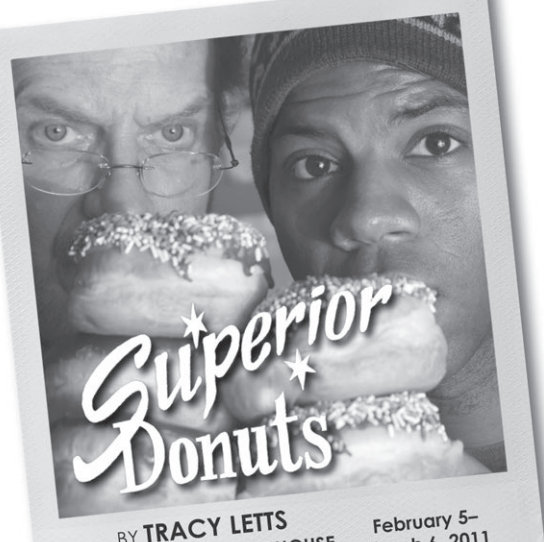

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She Loves Me
MiraCosta College presents the popular musical about shop employees at once at odds and secret pen pals. Tracy Williams directed. MIRACOSTA COLLEGE THEATRE, ONE BARNARD DR., OCEANSIDE. 760-795-6815. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 12.

Skin Deep
PowPac stages Jon Lonoff's romantic story about a seemingly mismatched couple that, beneath the surfaced, are "perfect for each other." Sherrie Colbourn directed. POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATER, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 27.

Steel Magnolias
He wrote so many good ones, the one-liners in Robert Harling's comedy drama, even after several viewings, seem brand new. The play depicts a women's encounter group in the South, without the trappings. While the men outside Truvy's beauty salon kill critters and blow things up, the women bond and express their "laughter through tears" forte. The Lamb's Players production, beautifully cast, is very good (Mike Buckley's set and Jeanne Reith's erzatz, Technicolor costumes are

top notch, as are the uncredited hair styles and wigs). The pace is steady, but could tilt more forward, and the cast could break rule #1 about telling jokes. They should italicize them, since the six intrepid women are deliberately entertaining each other. Worth a try.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 20.

Stick Fly
Mo'olelo Performing Arts stages Lydia R. Diamond's "contemporary comedy of manners" about an affluent African American family at Martha's Vineyard. Robert Barry Fleming directed. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 20.

Superior Donuts
When you see the San Diego Rep's production - and I urge you to - don't stereotype Arthur Przybyszewski or Franco Wicks. On the surface they're an odd couple, but they defy categorizing. So does Tracy Letts's play, set in a run-down doughnut shop in a run-down part of Chicago. Donuts has a manic-depressive quality, spinning on a dime from blazing comedy to drama. Much credit to director Sam Woodhouse for expert shifts of mood. Robert Foxworth is excellent as Arthur, besieged hippie. Anthony B. Phillips gives Franco, a young black man who may have written the Great American Novel, a body as agile as his mind. Strong support comes from DeAnna Driscoll, Keith Jefferson, and Max Tarasov. Critic's Pick.
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 6.

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The Crucible
The Pickwick Players stage Arthur Miller's drama about events surrounding the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 6.

The Drawer Boy
North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Michael Healey's story about WWII veterans' lives turned upside down with the arrival of a young actor doing research. David Ellenstein directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 20.

The Importance of Being Earnest
The Old Globe/USD Graduate Theatre Program stages Oscar Wilde's "trivial comedy for serious people." Kirk Jackson directed. UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALÁ PARK, USD. 619-260-4600. 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, 7:30PM TUESDAY, 7:30PM WEDNESDAY.

Waving Goodbye
New Village Arts stages Jamie Pachino's drama about Lily Blue, 17-year-old photographer, who lost her father and must spend time with the mother who abandoned her. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM

SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Yelizaveta Bam
Chronos Theatre Group stages the United States premiere of Daniil Kharms's "darkly comic whodunit" in which games and jokes take on layers of meaning. Ivan Rupnik directed. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 13.

miXtape
Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." miXtape is a longish evening, but performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. The musical has a 2010 radar-blip attention span. Most of the songs are mere song-bites. Showcasing a full number (like Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'") would help. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, miXtape is always entertaining - and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) Worth a try.
HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN. 800-542-1886. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 20.

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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 Bl., 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Knox House Museum
See how Amaziah Knox established a hotel serving drovers, miners, teamsters on their way through the valley. Museum offers display of historical photographs of El Cajon valley, furnishings of the time period (1879-1912) including a pump organ, rolltop desk, wood-burning cast-iron stove, furniture brought around tip of South America, a Thomas Edison phonograph, ice-box, Hoosier cabinet, bed warmer, clothing, children's toys. Museum is open on first and third Saturdays of month, 11am-2pm. 280 North Magnolia Ave., 619-444-3800. (EL CAJON)

Timken Museum of Art
Robert Wilson — described as "a towering figure in the world of experimental theater" — showcases four contemporary video portraits from Friday, February 25 through Sunday, May 15. Three portraits are displayed on 65-inch high-definition plasma monitors; fourth is projected on museum's south exterior wall. Portraits "depict recognizable personalities from the world of performing arts including Robert Downey, Jr., Mikhail Baryshnikov, Jeanne Moreau, and Winona Ryder, who take on an aspect of their professional lives by being captured in character — but in character inspired by great masterpieces of European art."

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Valley Center History Museum
The museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. 29200 Cole Grade Rd., 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

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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 Ave., 619-233-4692. (DOWNTOWN)

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"Exquisite Corpses: Femme Fatale" — opening Friday, March 4, 6pm — features art by Linda Churchill, Leah Intravaia Younker, Lynn Schuette, Cindy Zimmerman. "Using four articles of historical clothing, the artists... work with the surrealist's concept of the 'exquisite corpse' in a contemporary format." Conversation with artists, curator Carol McCusker on Saturday, March 19, 2pm. Exhibit continues through Saturday, April 2. 2323 Broadway, Suite 107, 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

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You're just as clueless about your job as the poor slob's you're trying to regulate.

For everyone who couldn't get enough of the Matt Damon metaphysical muddle in *Hereafter*, here's a second helping, the chief lesson of which seems to be: it's hard out there for an angel of God. Er, for an agent of the Chairman. Sure, you get to live a lot longer than regular people, but you're overworked, understaffed, unable to do your job around the stuff covering 70 percent of the earth, and, to top it off, you lose your spacebending mojo unless you're wearing a hat that went out of style in 1964. No, wait, to really top it off, you're just as clueless about your job — "making sure things go according to plan" — as the poor slobbs you're trying to regulate. And don't even get one of these guys started on that fickle trickster Chance. Frustration at every turn — no wonder the soundtrack is so full of what feels like New Age relaxation loops.

MOVIE REVIEW

MATTHEW LICKONA

Despite all the nonsense and leaden pacing, everyone seems to be having a good time looking wonderful. Damon is All-American handsome as a bad-boy politician, Emily Blunt is lissome and witty as a hipster ballerina, and the two manage some decent meet-cute dialogue before Fate (or the Plan, or Divine Providence, or whatever) intervenes to keep them apart.

A man in a white shirt and a woman in a black dress are looking at a tablet together. The man is pointing at the screen, and the woman is looking at it with a concerned expression. They are in a room with warm lighting and a window in the background.

and happiness! Your only chance, it seems, is to fight for your freedom and maybe catch His attention. This is how Hollywood handles upping the stakes in the romance department: to stay together, boy and girl must literally move Heaven and Earth.

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” — John 1:5

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Oh, yes, it's a religious picture, or at the very least a metaphysical one. (There's that word again!) The struggle to survive recast as the struggle to exist — very high-minded. When darkness descends upon the land and nearly everybody vanishes into the consuming shadows, a quartet of survivors gather at Sonny's (!) still-lit bar and start hashing things out. "This is no accident," asserts Thandie Newton's druggie-turned-physical therapist. "There is a reason." To which Hayden Christensen's world-weary TV reporter replies, "You gonna lay your Catholic guilt on us now?" Later, she talks about being left behind, and he calls her a fundamentalist before snarking that God has closed up shop like everybody else. Meanwhile, projectionist-cum-physicist John Leguizamo mutters about the Roanoke colony, math that doesn't add up, and the way computers shut down prior to reboot. But, then again, teen Jacob Latimore's mom heard there was a light in the church....

Who's right? It's a mystery. There doesn't seem to be any roadmap to earthly deliverance — no rules to be

discovered, no personal demon to be overcome, no heroic quest to be achieved. Just poor souls flailing in the dark. Good theology? Maybe. Lousy drama? Definitely. A random universe tells no story. And speaking of random, there are enough throwaway details here to distract the viewer with questions about what got left on the cutting-room floor. The significance of the Monopoly racecar, Christensen's complicated predarkness love life, the lone little girl lifted straight from the set of *Aliens* — all head-scratchers.

The film gains some momentum (if not necessarily coherence) when Christensen decides that everyone needs to help him jump a truck and drive to Chicago. And there are some fine creepy touches — in particular, the slurring and stuttering of a jukebox as the generator hiccups and the lights begin to flicker out. But none of it — and this is the part that really matters — is enough to obscure the fact that *Vanishing*, whatever else it may be, just isn't that scary.

★

Under the Boardwalk: The Monopoly Story

File under: Local boys make good. San Diego-based moviefolk Kevin Tostado (director/producer), Craig

Bentley (producer), and Jordan Guzzardo (director of photography) team up to do for *Monopoly* what *Wordplay* did for crossword puzzles. Scads of fun facts and endearing personalities are peppered through the story of the 2009 Monopoly World Championships in Las Vegas. The result is gently entertaining and even thought-provoking, though it could have stood a little less from the psychologist about why people like buying property and a lot more on the neat inversion that took the game's original incarnation, Lizzie Magie's anti-capitalist *The Landlord's Game*, and transformed it into a nigh-perfect celebration of capitalist competition. Of particular interest are the various explanations offered for preferring this or that playing piece: "I like the iron. I think people don't notice it."

★★

— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

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Barney's Version — On his pot gut and sagging shoulders, Paul Giamatti carries this wry, baggy treatment of Mordecai Richler's last novel. A Montreal TV hustler, drinker, hockey gambler, and womanizer, Barney is a Jewish rebel devoid of cause or much excuse. But Giamatti doses the story in his caustic charm, even as wife No. 1 (Minnie Driver) turns into a bulldozer and then loveable No. 2 (Rosamund Pike) wobbles away from him. There is some obscure plot filler, and Richard J. Lewis directed as if still filming episodes of *CSI*, but Giamatti fans can savor Barney and his touching, kvetching movie. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15, FROM 3/4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Beastly — Daniel Barnz's update on *Beauty and the Beast* as a teen-scene romance with a chill factor. With Alex Pettyfer, Vanessa Hudgens, Neil Patrick Harris, Mary-Kate Olsen, Lisa Gay Hamilton. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15;

SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/4)

Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son — An FBI man, a.k.a. Big Momma (Martin Lawrence), and his stepson (Brandon T. Jackson) go to a performing-arts school for women to sleuth a murder in this comedy ripe with prosthetic fat. (CHULA VISTA 10; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Biutiful — Alejandro González Iñárritu attends his film with such care and detail that, despite the squalor of the environment, we are left with an undeniable aesthetic. Javier Bardem, as the protagonist, accomplishes much with little, revealing a detached worry and guilt. While Iñárritu may amble too far with his plot, he gives us much to appreciate along the way. Ultimately we are faced with too much integrity. The suffering we are shown is genuine, but it is also relentless. 2011. — J.R.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 3/4; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Black Swan — Ballet hokum becomes a head trip of pop-goth stylization as director Darren Aronofsky falls off his raw, real form of *The Wrestler*. Natalie Portman worked hard as the traumatized ballerina but spins around in a blur of bad dancing, one-note acting, and demented plot. Helping to creep it up are Winona Ryder, Barbara Hershey, and Vincent Cassel as a Svengali (he's like a bad joke about Anton Walbrook in *The Red Shoes*). This thing is so hammy and passé that the film's positive reviews are like goofy extensions of the script. 2010. — D.E.

● (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 3/4; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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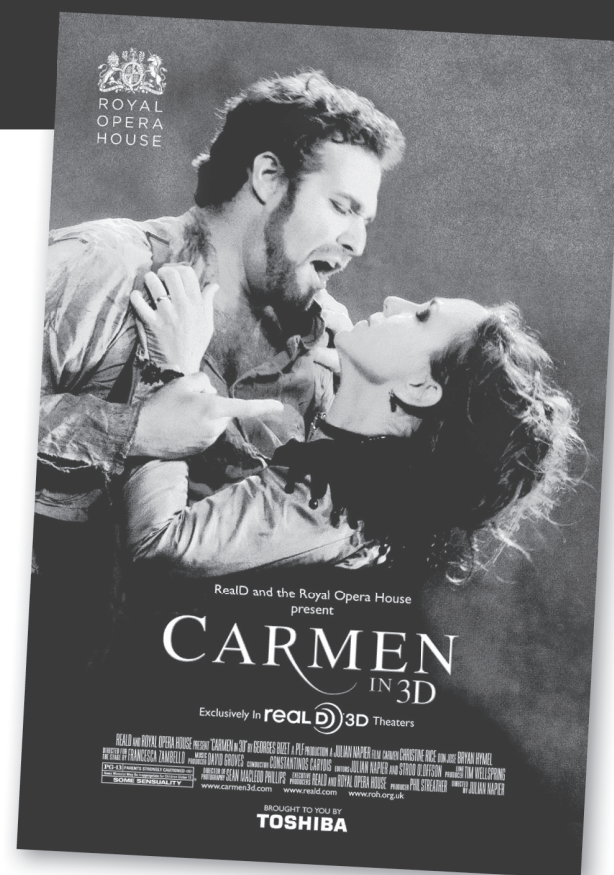
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Blue Valentine — Derek Cianfrance’s first feature is about a boyish ex-con (Ryan Gosling) who lacks ambition. His more focused wife (Michelle Williams), a nurse, tires of his limitations as drink, temper, dutiful sex, and parenting corrode the remains of romance. Williams is excellent, Gosling ragged. In a way that recalls John Cassavetes’s films, there are heartfelt truths, and the frank sex is hardly provoking. In 1970, such decline-of-love material was treated with a more adult grip in Irvin Kershner’s *Loving*. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Cedar Rapids — Like a Christopher Guest comedy less rigged for pat satire, Miguel Arteta’s film is about a naïve insurance salesman (Ed Helms) who goes to a convention in Iowa and learns from a sly roommate (Isiah Whitlock Jr.) and an amiable vulgarian (John C. Reilly) how to grow up in a somewhat raunchy but engaging way. The type-cut women (Sigourney Weaver, Alia Shawkat, Anne Heche) are not just doodles, the Midwestern banalities are adroitly rendered, and the elements click into place. Mainly, it’s funny. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Cold Weather — There is chat about Sherlock Holmes and vapors of Hitchcock, but Aaron Katz’s quirky mystery is mostly a hip, atmospheric slummer on the underside of wet, gray Portland, Oregon. The weather conspires with the shaggy plot to work up some soft, amiable tensions that will either tickle or bore you. Appealing, even amusing, are Cris Laneke, Raúl Castillo, Robyn Rikoon, Trieste Kelly Dunn. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Company Men — A view of the effects of the economic crisis in a company gutted and “diversified” by a CEO turned bottom-line pig (Craig T. Nelson). Ben Affleck (rising sales exec), Chris Cooper (vulnerable workaholic), and Tommy Lee Jones (grizzled dreamer-doer) turn on the spit, yearning not just to survive but to make an honest buck again from good work. Kevin Costner is a totem of the alienated proletariat. John Wells, from TV, wrote and directed with Capra-pegged ideas and rote pacing but a perceptive, moving feeling for lives assaulted by shabby practices. With Maria Bello, Rosemarie DeWitt. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Drive Angry — Nicolas Cage, ripping down highways to avenge his daughter and recover his grandchild from a satanic cult preacher (Billy Burke), joins with a kick-ass waitress (Amber Heard) and is pursued by Hell’s suave, deadly emissary (William Fichtner). The violence, nudity, crashes, trash talk, and hocus-pocus could make you yearn for the simple, honest pulp of Robert Mitchum’s old drive-in hit *Thunder Road*. Cage has the force of a good actor slumming, but so what? 2011. — D.E.

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The Eagle — Donald Sutherland sags into his Roman toga when his soldier nephew (Channing Tatum) goes almost solo from Britannia into dark, primeval, 2nd-century Scotland to retrieve (great

Caesar’s ghost!) the gold eagle of his dead father’s decimated legion. Though a limited actor, Tatum has the brawny force of meat on a mission. Kevin Macdonald directed this frontier yarn with robust verve, raw settings, storms of action (sometimes over-sliced by editing), and a feel for virile patriotism on both sides. It’s like a John Ford Western in armor, with Jamie Bell in the backup role that Ford would have given to Jeffrey Hunter. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Even the Rain — Honorable simplification. In Iciar Bollain’s film, Gael García Bernal is the idealistic director and Luis Tosar the tough producer of a film being made in the Bolivian Andes. Modern villagers play the Carib Indians subjugated by Columbus, and as politics invade the production, themes arrive on tracks of editorial cinema: the artists echo the troubled priests of old, modern exploiters are the new Spaniards, water has replaced gold, etc. Bolivia has great presence, and

there is the remarkable newcomer Juan Carlos Aduviri as a Che-like radical with piercing eyes. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/4)

Fight Club — Director David Fincher, loaded with don’t-try-this-at-home ideas on how to prove yourself a man and not a mouse, traces a course of anti-Establishment insurgency, from small acts of personal liberation (peeing in the lobster bisque, splicing a frame of male genitals into the middle of a kiddie film) to organizing an underground bare-knuckle boxing club (“How much can you know about yourself if you’ve never been in a fight?”) to masterminding a large-scale terrorist operation code-named Project Mayhem. (Brad Pitt, in loud shirts and spiked hair, leads the way for white-collar, buttoned-down Edward Norton, a loquacious narrator: “I wanted to open the valves on oil tankers and smother all those French beaches I’d never see.”) A cheap-trick plot turn — a mind-blower

for the gullible — pulls the rug out from beneath an already unbalanced movie: all attitude, no brains. The photography is all green. With Helena Bonham Carter and Meat Loaf. 1999. — D.S.

★ (KEN, SATURDAY, MIDNIGHT)

The Fighter — Not so much a movie about boxing as a movie about fighting, about the act of conflict. Mark Wahlberg plays Micky Ward, the real-life road

worker from Lowell, Massachusetts, who recharged his sputtering boxing career to win the WBU Light Welterweight Championship in 2000. Amy Adams stars as his supportive girlfriend, struggling with her own missed opportunities. Both easily outdo Christian Bale as the crack-addicted brother/trainer, living vicariously and in mediocrity. Directed by David O. Russell. 2010. — J.R.

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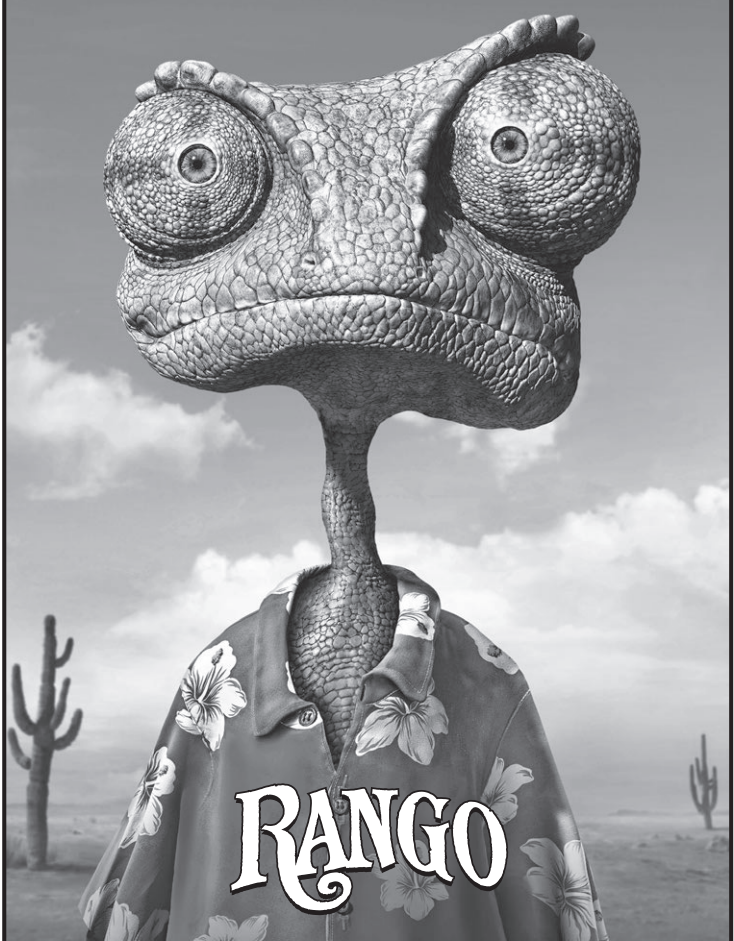
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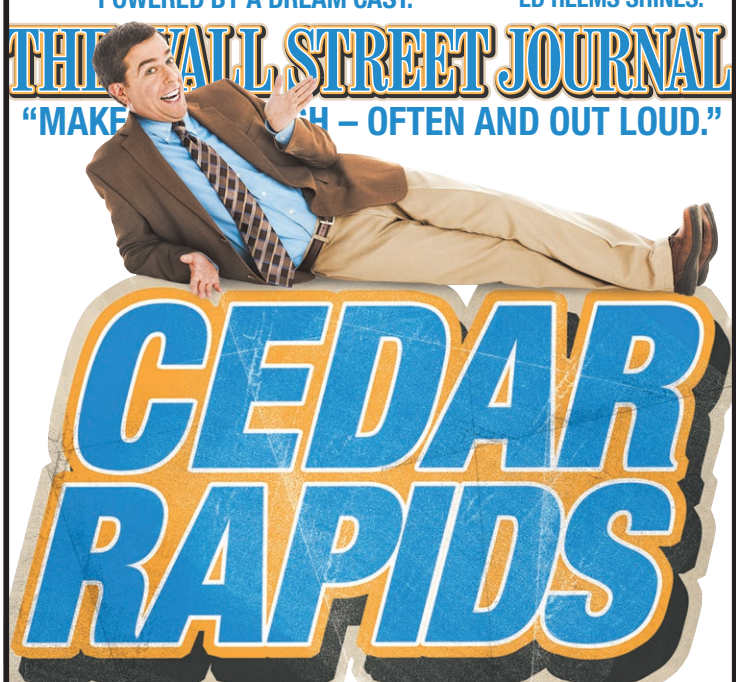
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Gnomeo & Juliet — A Shakespearean herald reading the play’s old prologue is comically yanked at the beginning. So much for the literary roots, and despite mostly British accents, the wit leans to “Adios, loser,” “Let’s kick some grass,” and a “pansy” joke as garden gnomes fill out plastic remnants of the *Romeo and Juliet* story. Kids may enjoy the generically cute animation and the 3-D. Voices include James McAvoy, Emily Blunt, Michael Caine, Maggie Smith, Ozzy Osbourne, Patrick Stewart, Jason Statham, Hulk Hogan. 2011. — D.E.

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The Green Hornet — Pay attention to the opening scene, people: a boy who plays with superhero dolls is chewed out by his dad in the world’s most opulent newspaper-editor’s office. Because, as the film’s *last* scene hammers home with a clang, that’s what this movie is about: a schlubby, bighearted underachiever coming to terms with his successful but unloving father. You know, finding the man behind the *bronze statue they erect above his grave*. Director Michel Gondry isn’t going for subtle here. Nor, it seems, is he going for much else, except maybe the 3-D superhero movie as farce. The daffy surrealism that permeates his earlier work shows up here as a cute gimmick, good for illustrating an expository montage or manifesting a dude’s ability to zero in on the bad guys’ guns. The bloated car chases and fight scenes, on the other hand, are as depressingly real as any action movie can afford to make ’em. With Seth Rogen, Jay Chou, Cameron Diaz. 2011. — M.L.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

Hall Pass — Though starting to look his age (42), Owen Wilson once more plays a guy around 32 who is mentally about

20. His wife (Jenna Fischer), tired of his frisky glances at other women, gives him a “hall pass” to play bachelor for a week. That accelerates his raunchy flippancy with his pals. The Farrelly brothers filmed with all the glazed oomph of a worn-down 1990s sitcom. Wit includes “eye banging” and “I need to poo,” and there is nothing to make us think that any kind of sex could possibly mean anything to anyone. 2011. — D.E.

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I Am Number Four — Brutal aliens pursue a fugitive teen to Earth, a crisis that rouses his special powers. Directed by D.J. Caruso (*Disturbia*) from a popular young-adult novel, it has conceptual traces of *Superman*, the *Twilight* saga, and TV’s *The Fugitive*. It offers cute bodies, ugly creeps, a dog, high school clichés, dewy love, okay effects, and the likelihood of a sequel. The solid cast, mostly young and aspiring, includes Alex Pettyfer, Callan McAuliffe, Teresa Palmer, Dianna Agron, Timothy Olyphant. 2011. — D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Illusionist — Sylvain Chomet adapts and animates a never-filmed Jacques Tati story depicting a Tatiesque magician who goes from France to Scotland, where stony Edinburgh is lovingly cartooned. The whimsical wit and magical moments are barely developed from soft ideas. A brief glimpse of Tati’s classic *Mon Oncle* reminds us what is most missing: Jacques Tati. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Ip Man 2: Legend of the Grandmaster — Sequel continuing 2008’s martial arts hit from director Wilson Yip, as the hero moves to Hong Kong in 1949. Starring Donnie Yen, Sammo Hung.

(GASLAMP 15)

Just Go with It — Adam Sandler is a plastic surgeon whose cute lies lead to consequences in this romantic comedy. With Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Justin Bieber: Never Say Never — The boyish singer glosses his already spangled rep in this scan of his 2010 concert tour. With Miley Cyrus, Ludacris, Usher, Jaden Smith. (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The King’s Speech — As masters of speech, British actors stutter superbly (think of Derek Jacobi in *I, Claudius*). This lovably intricate, humane film from Tom Hooper and writer David Seidler dramatizes how the unexpected king, George VI, overcame his handicap in uneasy 1936. There is wonderful acting rapport between Colin Firth’s stiff, shy, decent monarch and the Aussie speech therapist played with tact and humor by Geoffrey Rush. Plus ace period touches, Michael Gambon, Timothy Spall, Helena Bonham Carter, and (too sharp as Edward VIII) Guy Pearce. Musical help from Mozart, Beethoven, Gershwin. 2010. — D.E.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Mechanic — Filmed in a static, pedestrian style, the story never surfaces above its clichéd roots. Statham takes on the role of assassin mentor to a lost cause with temper issues. Ben Foster, in the latter role, is reduced to the loose cannon, the sidekick. Statham attempts to preserve his rugged, tough-guy persona, but the illusion is well worn beneath his array of fashionista get-ups. He looks good, but he doesn’t look the part. 2011. — J.R.

● (GASLAMP 15)

No Strings Attached — The opening wit is “Can I finger you?” Next are the oral sex jokes, penis jokes, condom jokes, and the many meet-cutes of Natalie Portman (who opts for sex only) and Ashton Kutcher (who will take whatever he can get). Kutcher, who cannot act, takes his clothes off frequently. Portman can act but mainly prefers to smile or smirk. As Kutcher’s dad, the fine actor Kevin Kline is a dear old rake who likes to “eat kitty.” Miserably directed by Ivan Reitman, this is not a comedy for anyone with even the faintest memory of Hepburn and Tracy. 2011. — D.E.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Oscar-Nominated Short Films 2011 — The five Academy Award nominees for 2010’s best animated short films and the five up for the live-action short prize. The usual mixed bag, but we can easily tout (among the cartoons) Bastien Dubois’s lovely, hand-painted trip diary, *Madagascar: Carnet de Voyage*, and in the second group Luke Matheny’s black-and-white comedy *God of Love*, in which he becomes the romantic Cupid of Brooklyn. (KEN)

Rabbit Hole — How the Other Half Grieves — the other half being rich, beautiful, and above and beyond the dubious comforts of group therapy for parents who have lost a child. (Well, maybe not “beautiful” — unless you find Nicole Kidman’s shift from China Doll to Sinewy Skeleton transporting.) Moments of exquisite discomfort are served up as comic relief along the well-trod path to acceptance. Less intentional is the comedy of Kidman’s atheist mourner searching for something else in which to believe. 2010. — M.L.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Rango — The first computer-animated feature from Industrial Light & Magic, centered around a chameleon who finds his identity as a “spaghetti Western” sheriff. Said to be hip about the genre roots. With the voices of Johnny Depp, Alfred Molina, Abigail Breslin, Bill Nighy, Harry Dean Stanton, Ned Beatty. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VIL-

LAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/4)

The Rite — Dung, ritualized. Anthony Hopkins exerts his almost papal acting authority as the old, weary, but vigilant exorcist in back-alley Rome. He inspires a doubting priest by demonstrating that the Devil lives (mostly by tormenting kids, pregnant girls, and animals). It’s like Hannibal Lecter spewing deviled ham at a midnight mass for *The Exorcist*. The young priest (Colin O’Donoghue) looks somewhat like Anthony Perkins, which adds little *Psycho* vibes. The Catholic Church should reconsider lending its symbols and rites to squalid spookers like this, since the enduring and not elevating lesson is that sadism sells. 2011. — D.E.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Roommate — Chick chiller about a college student (Minka Kelly) whose new dorm mate (Leighton Meester) turns into a creepy problem. Directed by Christian E. Christiansen. (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Social Network — Everything you never wanted to know about the advent of Facebook, where “friends” gather on the Internet. An amorphous series of flashbacks from the depositions of two separate lawsuits takes you through the steps by which a socially inept (how ironic!) Harvard computer nerd stumbled upon “a once-in-a-generation holy-shit idea” and transformed himself into the world’s youngest billionaire, making more enemies than friends (how more ironic!) along the way. Of necessity, it is filled with references, jargon, proper names, which will be familiar to some and unfamiliar to others. The former will be in a better position not just to understand but to identify and to envy — and possibly, paradoxically, to feel superior. The others are apt to be left out in the cold or simply left cold. Regardless, the film engineers a remarkably smooth experience, even when pressing the accelerator to the floor. The compulsive rapid patter (Aaron Sorkin, logorrheic screenwriter) is well handled by all, but especially in the lead role by Jesse Eisenberg, the pretentious high-schooler of *The Squid and the Whale* grown now into a pretentious collegian, adding the essential ingredients of detachment, abstraction, and arrogance to complete the character’s charmlessness. The busy churning industrious background music sweeps you into the excitement whether or not you can see it or comprehend it. And director David Fincher bathes the eye with the muted dark harmonious color schemes of Whistler’s Nocturnes. Despite the pieciness of the narrative, the film gives a good impression of being all of a piece, all of a tone. Altogether, it glides, it slides, and it never really grips. With Andrew Garfield, Justin Timberlake, John Getz, David Selby, Rashida Jones. 2010. — D.S.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Take Me Home Tonight — Throwback comedy about high party times in the summer of 1988. With Tophér Grace, Anna Faris, Teresa Palmer, Dan Fogler. (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/4)

Tangled — An exercise in recycling — the Cabbage Patch plasticity of the faces, the unchanging costumes, the glowworm “magic” of the heroine’s hair. Everything

FILM FESTIVALS

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

San Diego Museum of Art
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Imagine: A Portrait of the Painter 2006. Documentary shown in conjunction with “Howard Hodgkin: Time and Place” exhibition follows Hodgkin from his England studio to India. Prior to screening, curator Sonya Quintanilla discusses influences of Indian art on Hodgkin’s paintings. **Friday, March 4, 7 p.m.**

FILM FORUM

San Diego Central Library
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The Economics of Happiness 2011. Helena Norberg-Hodge’s documentary chronicles the environmental, social, and economic impacts of globalization, as well as benefits of localization. Kevin Marks leads discussion after screening. **Monday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.**

Never Let Me Go 2010. British dystopian drama stars Carey Mulligan, Keira Knightley, and Andrew Garfield as scientific specimens entangled in a love triangle. **Monday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.**

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

4040 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills
619-295-4221

Love and Other Drugs 2010. Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway star in this “steamy screwball comedy.” **Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5.**

Some Like It Hot 1959. Billy Wilder’s cross-dressing comedy features Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis as jazz musicians and Marilyn Monroe as pouty, hard-drinking Sugar. **Sunday, March 6.**



Youth in Revolt 2009. Michael Cera is Nick Twisp and Francois Dillinger, who sets his sights

on dream girl Sheeni Saunders, in this flick with Portia Doubleday, Justin Long, Zach Galifianakis. **Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12.**

An Affair to Remember 1957. Will gadabout Cary Grant and nightclub

singer Deborah Kerr discover true love or has destiny passed them by? **Sunday, March 13.**

DIVE-IN THEATRE

Pearl Hotel

1410 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma
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Ferris Bueller’s Day Off 1986. “Bueller? Bueller?” Matthew Broderick stars with a 1961 Ferrari 250 GT California in this John Hughes romp. **Wednesday, March 9, 8 p.m.**

Pretty in Pink 1986. Romantic comedy-drama about teenage love and social cliques stars Molly Ringwald and Harry Dean Stanton. **Wednesday, March 16, 8 p.m.**

COMING OF AGE FILM FESTIVAL

Museum of Photographic Arts

Balboa Park • 619-238-7559 x307

Cherry Blossoms 2008. Doris Dorrie’s bittersweet exploration of “the concept of accepting life as a constantly changing process that we can never truly prepare for.” Introduction by writer Lonnie Hewitt. **Thursday, March 10, 6 p.m.**

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES

MiraCosta College
One Barnard Drive, Room 3601, Oceanside
760-757-2121 x7737

Revanche 2008. “Ex-con Alex plans to flee to the south with his girl after a robbery,” but something goes wrong “and revenge seems inevitable” in Götz Spielmann’s film. In German with English subtitles. **Friday, March 11, 7 p.m.**

CINEMA SOCIETY OF CARLSBAD
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The Necessities of Life

2009. Benoît Pilon uses a “1950s-era tuberculosis epidemic in the Far North as its starting point,” when the spread of disease forced many Inuit to venture to Canadian cities for treatment. In French and Inuktitut with English subtitles. Discussions led by Andy Friedenberg. **Saturday, March 12, 2 p.m.**

looks like a toy. The Rapunzel legend itself is lost amidst the Disney checklist: the awkward sidekick, the trademark characters, and the sentimental, expository songs. For all its effort to be fresh and original with “current” touches on child abduction and passive-aggressive parenting, what we’re left with is a feeling that we’ve seen it all before. 2010. — J.R.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14)

True Grit — Jeff Bridges takes up John Wayne’s spurs as Rooster Cogburn in the Coens’ masterful update. He leaps at the role with such grind and boast that we are often left with too much to appreciate. Bridges draws a convincing foil to Matt Damon as the opposing lawman, LaBoeuf. However, the film belongs to Hailee Steinfeld as Mattie Ross, the 14-year-old fire-cracker determined to bring her father’s murderer to justice. The Coens bring their flair for crisp dialogue, expert framing, and thematic heart. 2010. — J.R.

★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN, FROM 3/4; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Under the Boardwalk: The Monopoly Story — Reviewed this issue.

★★ (MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 3/4)

Unknown — What’s unknown is why they bothered. Liam Neeson goes to Berlin, is smashed into a coma, emerges from it. The movie doesn’t. He hustles through a hectic plot that seems like a close-out sale on thrillers. Flushed away are Aidan Quinn, Frank Langella, Diane Kruger, and Sebastian Koch, though Bruno Ganz has some wry, touching dignity as a former East German agent. 2011. — D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Vanishing on 7th Street — Reviewed this issue.

★ (KEN, FROM 3/4)

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Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. 12:00p.m.; **The Secrets of Turtle Reef 3D** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 3:15; **Waking the T.Rex 3D: The Story of SUE** (PG) Fri., Sun. 1:00, 2:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15; **Barney’s Version** (R) Fri., Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:25; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (10:55, 1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri., Sat. 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 7:45p.m.; **The Fighter** (R) Fri., Sat. (11:05, 2:00) 4:55, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:55, 7:50; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri., Sat. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:15,

7:20, 9:20 Sun. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:20; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri., Sat. (11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:35, 9:55 Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:35; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (11:35, 2:05) 4:40, 7:10, 9:45 Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:40, 7:10; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (11:25, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15 Sun. (11:25, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40; **The King’s Speech** (R) Fri., Sat. (11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:30, 10:05 Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:30; **Rango** (PG) Fri., Sat. (11:45, 2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25 Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:35, 7:00; **Tangled** (PG) Fri., Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:10) 5:20; **True Grit** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (11:00) 10:10 Sun. (11:00a.m.); **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (11:20, 1:55) 4:20, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:20, 7:05

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DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Arsenic and Old Lace (1944) (Not Rated) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **Barney’s Version** (R) Fri., Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **Biutiful** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10 Sat., Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; **Blue Valentine** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Cold Weather** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. (11:35, 1:45, 3:55) 6:05; **The Fighter** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri., Sat.

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The Oscar® - Nominated Short Films 2011: Animated (NR) Fri – Sun: (2:00), 6:00, Mon – Thu: 6:00; **The Oscar® - Nominated Short Films 2011: Live Action** (NR) Fri – Thu: (3:45); **Vanishing On 7th**

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Street (R) Fri – Thu: 7:50, 10:00; **Fight Club** (R) Sat: 12:00 Midnight

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:10) 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15; **Carmen in 3D** (PG-13) Sat. 1:00p.m.; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri. (10:20) 12:50, 3:20, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00 Sat. (10:20) 6:00, 8:30, 11:00 Sun. (10:20) 12:50, 3:20, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00; **The Fighter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 7:10; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 8:00; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:25, 4:00, 6:40, 9:15; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:35, 9:50; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:30, 5:25, 8:10, 10:55; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 5:50, 11:00; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 3:10, 8:20; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 1:10, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45; **Rango** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; **Take Me Home Tonight** (R) Fri. (11:45) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **True Grit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:20p.m.; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 2:05, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Even The Rain (Tambien La Lluvia) (NR) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:30), 7:20, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; **Black Swan** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:30), 7:10, Sat & Sun: (1:30), 7:10

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:10, 2:45, 4:45, 5:25) 7:20, 8:05, 9:55, 10:45; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:05, 4:30) 7:05, 9:25; **Black Swan** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 10:20; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri. (12:15, 3:05, 5:40) 8:10, 10:40; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri. (12:30, 2:35, 4:40) 6:50, 9:05; **Gnomeo & Juliet 3D** (G) Fri. (11:50, 2:00, 4:10); **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) Fri. (3:10) 7:45; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri. (11:40) 10:40 Fri. (1:45, 4:20) 7:15, 10:00; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri. 6:55, 9:35; **I Am Number Four: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri. 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35a.m.) Fri. (1:30, 4:25) 7:10, 9:50; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:45; **Rango** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 1:10, 2:20, 3:50, 4:55) 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 10:10; **Take Me Home Tonight** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **True Grit** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 3:00, 5:30) 7:55, 10:30; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri. (11:05) 12:05, 1:40, 2:40, 4:15, 5:15, 6:50, 7:50, 9:25, 10:25; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40) 1:05, 3:30, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; **Carmen in 3D** (PG-13) Sat. 1:00p.m.; **Cedar Rapids** (R) Fri. (10:10) 12:20, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri. (10:50) 12:00, 1:35, 2:35, 4:25, 5:25, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55 Fri. 10:30p.m.; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20) 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **No Strings Attached** (R) Fri. (11:25) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Rango** (PG) Fri. 6:30, 9:15 Fri. (10:15) 1:00, 3:45; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri. 5:10, (11:30) 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:50, 10:55 Fri. 7:00, 9:50 Sat. 8:00p.m.

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
The Adjustment Bureau; **Beastly**; **Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son**; **Drive Angry**; **The Fighter**; **Gnomeo & Juliet**; **Hall Pass**; **I Am Number Four**; **Just Go with It**; **Justin Bieber: Never Say Never**; **No Strings Attached**; **Rango**; **Take Me Home Tonight**; **True Grit**; **Unknown**

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Carmen in 3D (PG-13) Sat: (10:00 AM), Thu: 7:00 PM; **The Adjustment Bureau** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:45 AM), (1:30), 4:30, 7:00, 10:00, Sun - Wed: (10:45 AM), (1:30), 4:30, 7:00, Thu: (10:00 AM), (1:30), 4:30, 7:00, 7:00; **Rango** (PG) Fri & Sat: (10:00 AM), (12 :30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Wed: (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, Thu: (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00); **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:45, 7:20, 10:10, Sat: (1:45), 4:45, 7:20, 10:10, Sun: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:45, 7:20, Mon: 4:45, 7:20, Tue & Wed: (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:45, 7:20; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri: (10:30 AM), (12:45), (3:10), 5:20 , 7:50, 10:40, Sat: (12:45), (3:10), 5:20, 7:50, 10 :40, Sun - Wed: (10:30 AM), (12:45), (3:10), 5: 20, 7:50; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (10:15 AM), (1:00), 4:15, 7:10, 9:40, Sun - Wed: (10:15 AM), (1:00), 4:15, 7:10; **True Grit** (PG-13) Fri: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 5:00, 7:30, 10:20, Sat: (2:00), 5:00, 7:30, 10:20, Sun: (2:00), 5:00, 7:30, Mon & Tue: (11:30 AM), (2:00), 5:00, 7:30, Wed: (11:30 AM), (2:00); **The Little Engine That Could** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Under the Boardwalk: The Monopoly Story** (G) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (1:10), (3:20), 5:30, 7:40, 9:50 , Sun - Wed: (11:00 AM), (1:10), (3:20), 5:30, 7:4 0, Thu: (11:00 AM), (1:10), (3:20)

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The King's Speech (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:25), (4:10), 7:00, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (1:25), 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; **Inside Job** (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 6:50, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30; **Black Swan** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:50), (4:25), 7:10, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; **Even The Rain (Tambien La Lluvia)** (NR) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:10), (4:45), 7:30, 10:00, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **127 Hours** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:00), (4:40), 7:20, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Call theater for program information.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Big Momma's: Like Father, Like Son** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:50; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 6:55, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 6:55, 9:15; **Gnomeo & Juliet 3D** (G) Fri. (11:45, 1:50, 4:15) Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 1:50) 4:15; **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:05) 9:40; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 5:05) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 5:05, 7:35, 10:15; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:35) 6:50, 9:35; **Rango** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10) 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:40) 4:30, 5:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10; **The Roommate**

(Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 7:20; **Take Me Home Tonight** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **True Grit** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:35; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:45p.m.; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 4:30; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D** (G) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 7:00, 9:20; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:00; **Rango** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:15, 4:55) 7:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:15, 4:55, 7:00, 7:40, 10:20; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:45, 10:30; **Black Swan** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:45, 5:20) 8:05, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:20, 8:05, 10:50; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 9:50; **The Fighter** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:50, 10:35; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 6:30, 9:20; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:35, 5:10) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:35) 5:10, 7:55, 10:40; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:55; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:35) 6:50, 9:40; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:45) 6:40, 9:35; **Rango** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 12:05, 2:00, 4:00, 4:40) 6:45, 7:20, 9:30, 10:05 Sat. (11:20, 12:05, 2:00) 4:00, 4:40, 6:45, 7:20, 9:30, 10:05 Sun. (11:20, 12:05, 2:00) 4:00, (4:40) 6:45, 7:20, 9:30, 10:05; **Take Me Home Tonight** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:05, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:45, 7:30, 10:10

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Hall Pass (R); **Rango** (PG); **True Grit** (PG-13); **Unknown** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
Big Momma's: Like Father, Like Son (PG-13) Fri. (11:35) 1:30, 2:45, 4:10, 5:25, 6:50, 8:10, 9:30, 10:45; **Biutiful** (R) Fri. (11:45) 3:15, 6:30, 9:45; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri. (11:30) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 10:00; **The Eagle** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50) 2:30, 5:15, 8:05, 10:50; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:20) 1:45, 4:05, 6:20, 8:30, 10:45; **Gnomeo & Juliet 3D** (G) Fri. (10:45) 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10; **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) Fri. (10:50) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri. (11:15) 12:40, 2:00, 3:40, 4:35, 6:00, 7:20, 8:45, 10:00; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55) 2:40, 5:25, 8:15, 11:00; **I Am Number Four: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15) 1:10, 2:10, 4:00, 4:55, 6:40, 7:40, 9:25, 10:30; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never** (G) Fri. 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri. (11:40) 2:25,

5:10, 8:00, 10:40; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri. (10:55) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; **Mooz-lum** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10) 1:40, 4:00, 6:20, 9:00; **No Strings Attached** (R) Fri. 7:25, 10:05; **The Rite** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05) 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; **The Roommate** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:45) 1:40, 3:55, 6:10, 8:25, 10:50; **Sanctum** (R) Fri. (11:00) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Tangled** (PG) Fri. (11:35) 2:10, 4:50; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13); **Beastly** (PG-13); **Drive Angry** (R); **Hall Pass** (R); **Rango** (PG); **Take Me Home Tonight** (R)



The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 , Sun: (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, Mon - Thu: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, 10:30 , Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, Mon - Thu: (3:30), 5:45, 8:00; **Rango** (PG) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **Take Me Home Tonight** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 , Sun: (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, Mon - Thu: (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Yu-Gi-Oh! 3D: Bonds Beyond Time** (NR) Sun: (10:00 AM); **Hall Pass** (R) Fri & Sat: (12:45), (3:15), 5:4 5, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, Mon - Thu: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D** (G) Fri - Sun: (1:45), 7:15, Mon - Thu: 7:15 PM; **Big Momma's: Like Father, Like Son** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:30; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:30, Sat: (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:45, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:30; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (G) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, Mon - Thu: (3:30), 5:45, 8:00; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun: (11:00 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:15; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: (11:00 AM), 4:30, 10:00, Sun: (11:00 AM), 4:30, Mon - Thu: 4:30 PM; **The Little Engine That Could** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **Carmen in 3D** (PG-13) Sat. 1:00p.m.; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri. 7:40, 10:10 Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:10 Sun. 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:40, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 9:45; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40 Sun. 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 1:50, 4:25 Sun. 1:50, 4:25; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D** (G) Fri.-Sun. 7:10, 10:10; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri. 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:15 Sat. 6:30, 9:15 Sun. 3:40, 6:30, 9:15; **Rango** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55; **Take Me Home Tonight** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:10, 3:55, 6:40, 9:20

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 1:55, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; **Big Momma's: Like Father, Like Son** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:35) 12:15, 2:55, 5:35, 8:15, 10:55; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:25, 3:05, 5:40, 8:25, 11:00; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (9:30) 12:00, 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25; **Gnomeo & Juliet 3D** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:10) 12:30, 3:00; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **I Am Number Four: The IMAX Experience** (PG-1

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40, Sun - Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40; **Yu-Gi-Oh! 3D: Bonds Beyond Time** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:00 AM; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:50 PM, Sun - Thu: 7:25 PM; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10, Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D** (G) Fri - Thu: 1:00, 7:00; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:25, 7:25, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:25; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:25 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:25, Sun - Thu: 11:25 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **Gnomeo & Juliet 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 3:55, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 3:55; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sat: 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Little Engine That Could** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13); **Beastly** (PG-13); **Drive Angry** (R); **Hall Pass** (R); **Rango** (PG); **Take Me Home Tonight** (R)

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10) 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:05, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; **Big Momma's: Like Father, Like Son** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20, 4:55) 7:25, 10:05; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun.

(12:25, 2:35, 4:45) 7:05, 9:15; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:35, 10:10; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:20, 2:05, 4:50) 7:30, 10:15; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D** (G) Fri,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:05, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Rango** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:50, 11:35, 1:20, 2:10, 4:00, 4:40) 6:40, 7:20, 9:20, 10:00; **Take Me Home Tonight** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:25, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:15; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:15, 9:50; **Yu-Gi-Oh! 3D: Bonds Beyond Time** (Not Rated) Sat,-Sun. (11:00a.m.)

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Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
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The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40 Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15; **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sat. (11:25, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 Sun. (11:25, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri,-Sat. (11:40, 2:05, 4:25) 6:45, 9:05 Sun. (11:40, 2:05, 4:25) 6:45; **Rango** (PG) Fri,-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:25 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00

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The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30; **Cedar Rapids** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Barney's Version** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 4:45, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 4:45; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **The Fighter** (R) Fri - Thu: 2:00, 7:45

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Black Swan (R) Fri. 6:35, 9:00 Sat,-Sun. (4:10) 6:35, 9:00

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The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Rango** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45, Sat: 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45, Sun: 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:30

AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30; **Gnomeo & Juliet 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; **The Little Engine That Could** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

OCEANSIDE

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401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Beastly (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 3:10, 5:15) 7:40, 10:10; **Rango** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:25; **Take Me Home Tonight** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00; **The Adjustment Bureau; Drive Angry; Hall Pass**

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Carmen in 3D (PG-13) Sat: 10:00 AM, Thu: 7:00 PM; **The Adjustment Bureau** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Beastly** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 1 0:30, Sun - Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Rango** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 12:00, 1 :45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45, Sun - Tue: 11:00 AM, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, Wed: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, Thu: 11:00 AM, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **Take Me Home Tonight** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 12:30, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15; **Yu-Gi-Oh!**

3D: Bonds Beyond Time (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:00 AM; **Drive Angry 3D** (R) Fri: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, Sat: 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Hall Pass** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D** (G) Fri - Thu: 11:15 AM, 4:45, 7:30; **I Am Number Four** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Unknown** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, Sun: 12:15, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Gnomeo & Juliet 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30, Sun - Wed: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, Thu: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45; **Just Go With It** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D** (G) Fri & Sat: 2:00, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 2:00 PM; **The King's Speech** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **Moon** (R) Sun: 4:00 PM; **The Little Engine That Could** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

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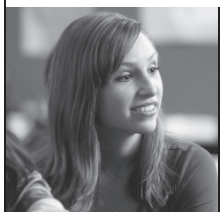
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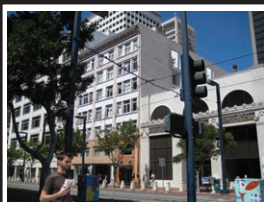
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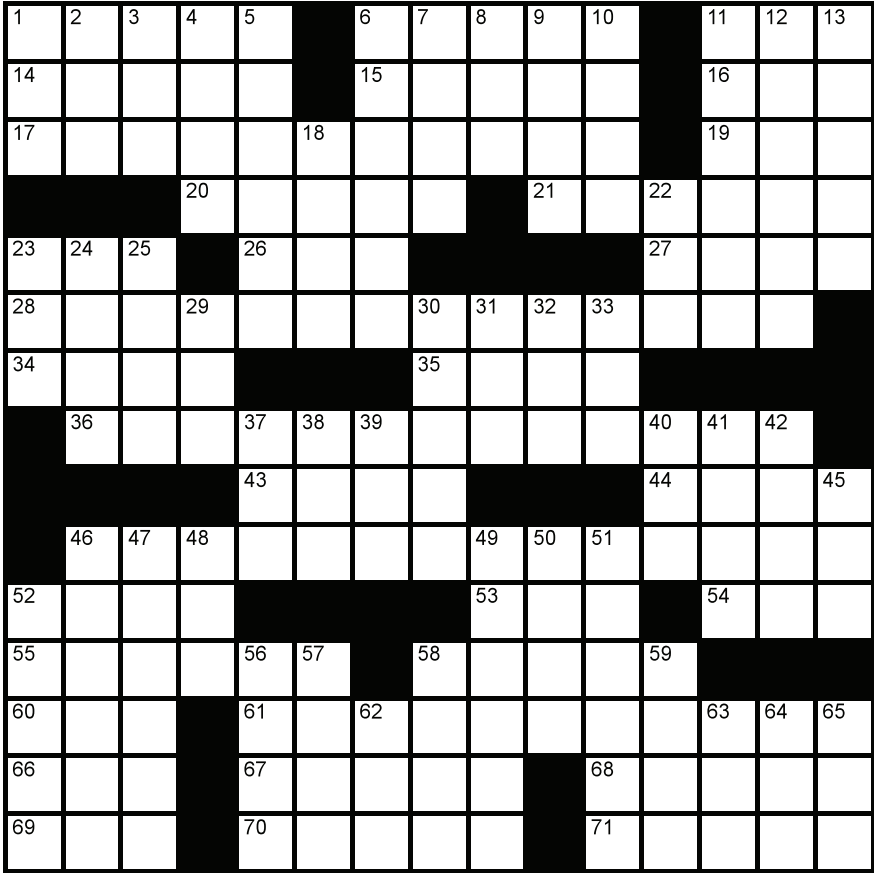
1. Nettles in baseball
6. Tibetan capital
11. Caribbean music
14. Arroz con _____
15. Quilt filler
16. Camera movement
17. Wedding gown fabric
19. Lawyers' org.
20. Conductor whose name is spelled with two musical syllables

21. Longtime Oreo rival
23. Flow back
26. Tennis judge's call
27. Stick _____ in the water
28. Columbia River project
34. Marvin of Motown
35. Place for a houseplant
36. What many romantic comedies have ... and what 17-, 28-, 46- and 61-Across have
43. Seat near the front of the plane
44. "Deal _____ Deal"
46. Film director who, had he lived two years longer, would have aptly died in 2001
52. "Put _____ on it!"
53. Suffix with Sudan
54. Roast hosts, for short
55. Salon offering
58. Bing Crosby's record label
60. "House _____" (2004 Robin Williams movie)
61. Attempting
66. Biodegrade
67. "Uncle!"
68. Mantel
69. Prefix with biology
70. Prize since 1929
71. Windows predecessor

Down

1. Rte. finder
2. Lyon king
3. Every last one
4. Sorts
5. Grew tiresome
6. Reserved for
7. LP player
8. Commercial suffix with Power
9. Meyers of 38-Down
10. Like _____ of sunshine
11. Ancient military hub
12. Comic book blast

13. Have _____ to grind
18. Baldwin of "30 Rock"
22. Parental palindrome
23. It may get whipped in the kitchen
24. Bric-a-_____
25. Two-generation name in Indiana politics
29. Michele Obama _____ Robinson
30. Start of an expiration notice
31. Vietnam Memorial designer Maya
32. Antiquity, once
33. "The Book of _____" (2010 film)
37. It's a real stretch
38. See 9-Down
39. "_____ -haw!"
40. Neither's partner
41. Bad, as a prognosis
42. 60's Black Power grp.
45. Blesses
46. Cunning sort
47. Connected with
48. Tall, dark or handsome: Abbr.
49. Actress Catherine
50. Search and rescue org.
51. "Don't panic"
52. Love to pieces
56. The "O" of B&O Railroad
57. They may be checked
58. "Me, me, me" sort
59. Sits in a wine cellar
62. Singer Damone
63. Bizarre
64. Previously
65. Some NFL pass catchers



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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 9. Hey you, don't miss The Drawer Boy!
Leslie Chase, Campo, 9. Let us replay John Lennon's Imagine.
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9. Excuses are tools for losers, lawyers and politicians.
Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 9. Yes, finally back on track. Thanks!
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 9. Words not seen in crosswords: doohickey, gizmo, doodad, whatzit, thingamajig.
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 9. Oh no, here comes the NFL lockout!
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 9. Hate gas prices? Ride your bike.
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 9. Fa fa fa fa fa fa far better.
Rich Larrabee, Clairemont, 9. What's with hysterical weather people?
Jim Odell, Vista, 9. La Nina, give us back our warm!

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 9. Montana Florida Pennsylvania.
P Drew Papas, La Jolla, 9. No ham, no swiss.
John Pilch, San Carlos, 9. Go Aztecs! Beat the Jimmer Jimmer!
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 9. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!
Conway Redding, La Mesa, 9. Still awaiting score correction.
Jack Roberts, Rancho Bernardo, 9. What asentamentaslist am I.
Lillian Santander, San Diego, 9. Score correction please, I should be 9.
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 9. Happy big fat Tuesday!
David Wray, El Cajon, 9. Now Jerry's ridin' chalice.
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 8. Who needs Libya? Let's drill more oil wells in ANWR!
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 8. I liked the state abbrev in answers.

L. Barling, El Cajon, 8. With mind, eyes open: in light you'll see all shades.
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 8. God is good!
Bob Carlson, Serra Mesa, 8. Jimmy Johnson no more crashes please.
☞ **Allan Dorfman, Del Mar, 8.** I didn't get 10 words last week.
John L. Drehner, North Park, 8. Anorexia Cafe: closed 24 hours a day.
Dale Duffala, Bird Rock, 8. Welcome back, sweetie!
George Elam, Vista, 8. 6 hours to change 6 spark plugs. Ridiculous!
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 8. Chibi the famous rabbit says thanks for the correction!
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 8. Go Gophers!
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 8. I love New York.
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 8. Kiera, get well soon. Hi Bodo!

Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 8. Happy girls day!
Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 8. Happy birthday Mom! Happy birthday Rick!
Willie McGee, San Diego, 8. Preparation is everything!
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 8. Missed last week by one letter!
Ron Meyer, Santee, 8. Congratulations- Jessica and Joe on your baby girl lxchel.
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 8. I hear stuff too- mostly things I should have said.
Michael Panther, San Diego, 8. I'm not gonna let the man spoil my good time!
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 8. Fuzzy Wuzzy lost his fuzzy- nice buzzcut Babyface!
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 8. Hi mom!
☞ **Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 8.** The hurrier I go, the behinder I get.

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 7. SF Giants should be NL west favorite!
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 7. Ok, it's La Jolla or Del Mar. Thanks, Angela.
☞ **William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 7.** We miss you Matt and we will never forget you.
Jim Emmons, Oceanside, 7. It is what it is.
Chad Griffith, Poway, 7. Walking, singing in the rain... life of a mailman.
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 7. Infatuation- an exuberant love of breaking wind.
Sue Janisch, Escondido, 7. The sentry.
Stephen McLaughlin, Carlsbad, 7. I need a SD Reader in Puerto Vallarta.
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 7. Easier than usual?
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 7. 41 moves and the car remains on the lot, seriously...
Henry Romero, San Diego, 7. The 200 is always a treat.

Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 7. If I should fall behind, wait for me.
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 7. Hola Yomi!
Lisa Torrescano, San Diego, 7. Happy birthday, Dawn!
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 6. I'm still here!
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 6. "Close it yourself, Shaft."
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 6. Thanks for the cap.
Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 6. Warm wishes, cold winter? Send some cards. Ink by KP.
George Jackson, Oceanside, 6. Aim for average; you're rarely disappointed.
Jane M. Reilly, University City, 6. You really stumped me last week.
Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 6. When will spring be here!
David Tomasin, San Diego, 6. Came wifling through the tulgee wood

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 6.
March already!

Susan Williams, North Park, 6.
Happy birthday, Marta!

Jeanmarie Barnes, Allied Gardens, 5.
Jayne. Hey George, what’s up doggy?
Rick Chambliss, San Diego, 5. Hello-
this was much better.

☛ Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer,
Eastlake, 5. Two kids out; one to go.
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 5. Love
ya, all!

Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 5. March
madness!

Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 5. Good
salad stuff.

Elizabeth Jackson, Alpine, 5. Carpe
diem.

Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 5. Linda
Vista Fair and Parade is April 16th.

Martha Klages, Encanto, 5. In
memory of my mother-in-law Ruby,

2-22-11
Linda Morris, Encanto, 5. Oh mercy!

Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 5. LA. Lakers
win- back on track, yeah team! Your fans.
Marc Richard , Banker’s Hill, 5. Help
build the bridge to the 19th century. Think
Buggy whips.

Lucy Gomez Santoyo, San Deigo, 5.
YES!

Sherrie Stockdale, Vista, 5. Missed
last week on 38. This one was no sweat!!

Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 5. The
rain! It’s on its way.

Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 4. I’m
hatted again, thank you.

☛ Robin Coulthard, Lakeside, 4.
Big 50.

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 4.
Happy birthday, Laurie!

Robert Page, Cardiff, 4. Great fun!
John Pertle, Santee, 4. Jesus
removes sins, God provides righteousness.

Believe! Receive eternal life.

Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 4. Gull
to fool with.

R Balachandra, Mission Hills, 3.
When is the weather going to warm up?

Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 3. Drmes
are bad, m’kay?

Gary D’Ambrosia, Escondido, 3.
My wife is my life!

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 3. Pooh,
you are my heart and soul! I love you!

Carolyn Foley, Carlsbad, 3. Thanks
for the hat; it’s really quite nice.

Jim Hurley, San Diego, 3. I’ll take
SDSU plus 14 points.

Susan Milow, San Carlos, 3. Hoping
for number one spot this week.

Penelope Munro, Encinitas, 3.
Where are you El Nino?

Pat Olafson, Mission Hills, 3. No
more Borscht!

Raymond Schwartz, Clairemont, 3.
Hockey lives!

Helen Shove, Mira Mesa, 3. One
plus one!

Barry Tidmore, San Diego, 3. Beer
tapper, pool table, Jacuzzi, fast cars
and guitars, nice!

Jan Weeks, Vista, 3. Hi Sue and
Kelly!

John Whitford, Vista, 3. Try some
preserved lemons!

Walter Deegan, Scripps Ranch, 2.
Have to get back on track!

Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 2. Let’s go
Aztecs! All the way.

Bernie Howlett, Banning, 2. No
more rain!

Jason Kron, Lakeside, 2. Sempra:
Destroying out back country, multiply-
ing fire hazards, all for L.A.

Laura Lilly, Pacific Beach, 2. This
one’s for Fahery xoxo!

Michael May, San Diego, 2. Go Gov.
Walker!

☛ Thomas J Moore, Downtown, 2.
Make sure brain is engaged, before putting
mouth in gear.

Derry Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 2.
It’s four o’clock; feed me!

Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 2. A nr
two seed is ok.

Kyle Abbey, Oceanside, 1. Stair Club
rocks! Yay for ops floor two!

Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 1. Bring
on the rain, we need it!

Bruce Alan, San Carlos, 1. Go Aztecs,
beat Colorado State.

Katherine Anady, Mission Hills, 1.
Team BAT forever! Love you Cinnabenny
Bun.

Marian Aste, San Diego, 1. Go Aztecs,
beat Colorado State.

Brian Berlau, Emerald Hills, 1.
Helen, enjoy the art at First Friday.

Lee Berlau, Emerald Hills, 1. Go
Aztecs, beat Colorado State.

☛ Zach Booth, Encinitas, 1. Lettuce
and cornbread, yum!

Jens Brodie, Poway, 1. Thanks Barry!

Amelia Brown, Bay Ho, 1. I miss
football! By-Who!


Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 1. I love
you Daniel Pascoe- you’re the finest son
ever!

M.A. Castro, Paradise Hills, 1. Go
Aztecs!

☛ Eva Cogburn, Fallbrook, 1. The
whole family helped get it done.

Emi5ly Danger McAllister, Ocean
Beach, 1. Tartan day sat. April 2, Balboa
Park.

Rhona Fulling, San Diego, 1. Hello to
Rhondda and David in Portsmouth...



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THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the Reader each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles

- and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified. Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our

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- 5) 10 Reader baseball caps are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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HARD:

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EVIL:

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

EASY:

- Don Bowman, Santee, 9.** Jump ahead...daylight saving time...13 March.
- Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 9.** Go Aztecs!
- Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 8.** I am so sick of our cold weather.
- Mike Sheridan, Pacific Beach, 7.** Hola Yomi.
- Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 7.** Celebrate Chula Vista's centennial with singing and music.
- David Burk White, Little Italy, 6.** This ones for my grandson Caleb, love you buddy!
- Felix E. Charfauros, San Diego, 4.** Please use another color for the caps... too much black.
- John Pertle, Santee, 4.** God's word taught; Saturday's 530 PM 190 East Douglas, El Cajon.
- ☛ **Mary Giovaniello, Del Cerro, 3.** Marion Jane (Davis) Giovaniello, you are amazing!!! You too Dad.
- Tom Hayes, Chula Vista, 3.** Life is the essence of time.
- ☛ **Evelyn Walters, San Diego, 3.** Happy b-day Mom/Angie/all! God bless, Whoo 2nd month Reader, love it!
- Yvonne Gaffney, Poway, 2.** Three is a charm.
- Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 2.** Taking the easy way out.
- Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 1.** I miss you John K.
- Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 1.** Bay to breakers.

Debra Shapiro, Downtown, 1.

Unions gave us five day weeks and forty hours.

MEDIUM:

- Linda Bible, El Cajon, 8.** Gas prices are horrid!
- David Tomasin, San Diego, 6.** The Jabbenwock with eyes of flame.
- Melquiades B. Rivera, Spring Valley, 5.** Take care of pennies- dollars will take care of themselves.
- Bill Calderwood, Clairemont, 3.** Annie is my true love.
- Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 3.** Mucho gracias, Mo San!
- Jim Felix, Pacific Beach, 2.** Roy Felix, Happy 51st birthday.
- Lanora Manzano, Escondido, 2.** Go SDSU!
- ☛ **Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1.** Austin, happy birthday! I'm very proud of you, love daddy.
- Lily Sun, Carmel Valley, 1.** Happy girl.
- Joi Taylor, Oak Park, 1.** I work hard for the money!
- ☛ **Rob Welder, El Cajon, 1.** Sierra my baby girl, Justin my sports hero.
- William Zoby, Pacific Beach, 1.** I eat papers like this for breakfast.
- HARD:**
- Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 9.** Will March come is as a lion or lamb?
- Abdalwahid Bahho, El Cajon, 9.** Happy birthday, Leticia.

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 9.

- Felicidades, Melissa S. Garcia. Reyna de C.P.H.S. te queremos.
- Stephen McLaughlin, Carlsbad, 9.** I want to be a roadrunner. Beep beep zip bang!
- Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 9.** Gonna throw a party every night financed with subprime loans!
- Marc Richard, Bankers Hill, 9.** What? A relief? Where?
- Espie Helpling, San Diego, 8.** Have a nice day everyone...
- Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 7.** Happy b-day to me! I'm ok, you're ok.
- Cheryl Uppling, Carlsbad, 6.** A sante, mom, dad, Kiera, serio! Love you, Bodo!
- Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 5.** Go Cards!
- D. Faulkner, San Diego, 5.** Ride your bike. No gas needed.
- Henry Romero, San Diego, 5.** Winter's last gasp. I hope.
- Josie Ranches, San Diego, 4.** Happy birthday Edmund!
- Joan Boland, Bay Park, 3.** Wow- three in a row.
- Glenn Dunham, Mission Hills, 3.** Always for Jeanne.
- ☛ **Larry Lewis, Poway, 3.** Break out the bubbly.
- Clancy Sloan, Clairemont, 3.** How about them Aztecs!
- Fred Tana, San Diego, 3.** Hope has 2 daughters, 1 name anger the other is courage...
- David Brokiewicz, Spring Valley, 2.** Evil is bad.

George Elam, Vista, 2. Evil is evil.

- Got to get to work.
- Bruce Alan, San Carlos, 1.** Go Aztecs! Beat Colorado State.
- Marian Aste, Morena, 1.** Go Aztecs! Beat Colorado State.
- Lee Berlau, Emerald Hills, 1.** Go Aztecs! Beat Colorado State.
- Brian Berlau, Emerald Hills, 1.** Helen, enjoy the Art at First Friday.
- Judith Bleses, Rancho Bernardo, 1.** Thank you for the baseball cap! I love it!
- Lark Herrick, Alpine, 1.** Closing Oscars number was the part of the show.
- ☛ **David Mills, San Diego, 1.** Walking with my fancy!@ makes me look more attractive.
- Judy Rogers, Mount Helix, 1.** Go team TNT in Santee!
- Warren Ross, La Jolla, 1.** Happy birthday Sydnie.
- Helen Ross, La Jolla, 1.** Happy birthday Brian.
- Marjie Souza, Ocean Beach, 1.** Br!

EVIL:

- Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 9.** Thank you Scott Walker- re-awaking Democracy in America!
- Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 9.** Thank you Jeff Loeb- try iblockade for the iPhone.
- Peter Bartkiewicz, Chula Vista, 9.** Cougar Mary prowls KOA.
- Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 9.** The way the truth and the light.

- Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 9.** Check out the oppressive dictators on TV! Hey, that's Wisconsin!
- Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9.** Holy Mother ..., Batman! We stop LiLo from criming!
- ☛ **Larry Clark, Clairemont, 9.** Shawn Webb. Thank you for being such a great policeman.
- Gary Gish, Rancho Bernardo, 9.** Old man winter, be gone!
- Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 9.** See you at 4th & B! 19th Annual Brazil Carnival!
- Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 9.** I can't sleep because my bed's on fire.
- Roy E. Leeper, Chula Vista, 9.** My daffodils are in bloom.
- Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 9.** The meaning to life is... just live it!
- Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 9.** 41 moves and the car remains on the lot, seriously?
- Jim Upshaw, Clairemont, 9.** Glad tap time is behind us.
- Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 9.** Everybody gets lucky once in awhile.
- Mark Xitco, San Diego, 9.** It still counts as a win!
- Patrick Driscoll, Santee, 8.** I looked out my window and saw myself looking in.
- Jim Hurley, San Diego, 8.** Son: I'll take BYU minus 12 points.
- Richard Hutchings, Santee, 8.** Where is the fame? I have morning glory.
- Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 8.** Hi Kiera! Hi Ignatz! Hi Bodo!

- Jonathan McMurtry, Vista, 8.** Small showers last long, but sudden storms are short-
- Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 8.** Now that you have found Mary Gentle, I don't know what to say, Thanks.
- Michael Panther, Point Loma, 8.** Hey universe- thanks for all the opportunities to exercise patience.
- Bruce Robbins, Allied Gardens, 8.** This darn fax machine!
- Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 8.** Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and fantasy draft Thursday!
- Art Spencer, Oceanside, 8.** Eviler than some.
- Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 8.** Take a hike- see Calendar/Local Events/ Outdoors.
- L.J. Tamura, Del Mar, 8.** You're M.I.A., in sudoku land this week!?
- Seratima Tkachuk, San Diego, 8.** Hello! Claire.
- Susan Williams, North Park, 8.** Got tickets for Fiddler on the Roof!
- Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 7.** Too late last week. Did you enjoy the day off?
- Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 7.** Appeasement to the rich means more jobs for American poor.
- Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 7.** Debbie, thank you for the card.
- Haley Hodnett, San Diego, 7.** Catching up!
- ☛ **Rebekah Mathieu, San Diego, 7.** I am going to the snow.
- David Najman, Chicago, 7.** Will all of the Middle East become Democratic?

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Le Phan, La Jolla, 7. *Some more rains, please.*
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 7. *Here's hoping So Cal live up to expectations, Jason and Heather!*
Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 6. *Trust in Christ!*
Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 6. *Time for patience and perseverance.*

Tom Norris, Santee, 6. *Did some body say something about baseball?*
Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 6. *Jake, have a good lacrosse season.*
Ed Rull, San Diego, 6. *Your birthday is coming Edmund.*
Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 6. *A little harder than last week!*

☛ **Tom Kelleher, Redondo Beach, 5.** *Godspeed space shuttle Discovery on your final mission.*
Wang Tang , San Diego, 5. *Help me, No more ETOH!*
Patty Duckworth, Carlton Hills, 4. *Bob, every day with you is Amazing. 143*
☛ **David Eddleman, Oceanside, 4.** *Workers right are part of free enterprise.*

Dave Lee , South Bay Terraces, 4. *Ahh... Cactus League baseball. Summer's drawing nearer. Go Padres!*
Terry Phillips, Borrego Springs, 4. *Bless your little Irish heart and every other Irish part.*
John White , La Mesa, 4. *March madness. Go big blue! Kentucky Wildcats!*
Susan Avery, Escondido, 3. *JH, I do taxes.*

Adam Blumenfeld, Clairemont, 3. *Go state!*
Cheryl Deegan, Scripps Ranch, 3. *Happy birthday my Wally!*
Deirdre Oakley, Spring Valley, 3. *Mark, Zeke- We will go to Tosche.*
Chang Qing Su, San Diego, 3. *I like blue sky!*
Ross Christie, San Diego, 2. *Moderate Muslim leaders' silence regarding radical Islamists= cowardly approval.*

Christine Hennes, San Diego, 2. *Whatever it takes.*
Momma Oakley Sergeant Major, Oceanside, 2. *Sleepless in Oceanside, thanks to sudoku puzzles.*
Antonio Guillen, Spring Valley, 1. *Welcome back, my baby Maria from Yosemite National Park.*
☛ **Matthew Kelly, La Jolla, 1.** *Go Lumberjacks!*
Carlos Zalueta, El Cajon, 1. *I love my car driver Jorge Beltran.*

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- 10) Breakfast of Champions
- 11) On the Road
- 12) Armies of the Night
- 13) The Breast
- 14) Gone With the Wind
- 15) Death in the Afternoon
- 16) Of Human Bondage
- 17) (Henderson) The Rain King
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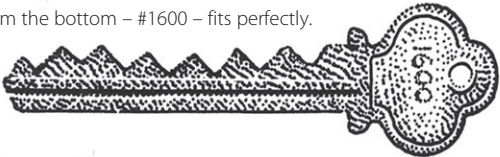
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE:

Pick one

The third key from the bottom – #1600 – fits perfectly.



BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the Reader each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
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- (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
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- 5) 5 Reader baseball caps are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!
- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS:

- Ed Barno, San Diego, 9.** *The numbers assigned to these keys are their own puzzles.*
- Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 9.** *What is it about National TV and San Diego sports!*
- Miyuki Passchier, Clairemont, 9.** *Happy "Hina Matsuri" day!*
- Conway Redding, La Mesa, 9.** *Well, forget the key- a little C-4 will do the trick.*

- Carl Balrunas, Milpitas, 8.** *Thank you Jeff Loeb- The key to life is love!*
- Tom Somich, Clairemont, 8.** *Thanks for another cap. I'm starting a collection (3)*
- Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 7.** *Don't lock stable door after horse has been stolen.*
- Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 7.** *Happier than*

- John Strauch, Point Loma, 7.** *Climbed West Butte Borrego Mountain.*
- John Fitzpatrick, San Diego, 5.** *I saw the 41/42 ambiguity; anticipating debate, didn't submit.*
- Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 5.** *Kiera! Ignatz! Boda! Go Aztecs! Go OMBAC*
- Jeff Lutz, Jacumba, 5.** *Auslander Raus.*
- Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 5.** *La Mesa Village Antique Street Fair, March 27th- please come!*

- Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 5.** *41 moves and the car remains on the lot, seriously.*
- Marc Richard, Banker’s Hill, 5.** *Tax it coming in- tax it going out- tax it.*
- Niki Romani, San Diego, 5.** *The very moment is all that matters.*
- Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 4.** *Finally! One I can solve.*
- Christine Hartpence, Santee, 4.** *My hubby holds the key to my heart!*
- Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 4.** *Psycho killer qu'est-ce que c'est.*

- Richard Hutchings, Santee, 4.** *1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Wow! Key to the White House.*
- Jason Parson, San Diego, 4.** *My wife holds the key to my heart.*
- Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 4.** *The key to happiness is right in front of you.*
- Cheryl Uppling, Carlsbad, 4.** *A sante, mere, pere, kiera, seriosos! Budo- good boy!*
- Clyde Christie, East Village, 3.** *The key to opportunity is education.*
- Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 3.** *Let me win this one.*

- Stephen McLaughlin, Carlsbad, 3.** *There is no Dana. There is only Zull!*
- Joe Arbusto, San Diego, 2.** *Will this "key" finally open door? Any Reader Cap?*
- Diana Aretxaga, Chula Vista, 2.** *Check out In Every Breath's, new EP. Awakening, on iTunes!*
- George Elam, Vista, 2.** *Though provoking puzzle congrats.*
- Bill Goff, Cardiff, 2.** *I need another hat.*
- Bernie Howlett, Banning, 2.** *Got to be the one!*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Martha Klages, Encanto, 2. *I hope I got this one right!*
George Navia, San Diego, 2. *No keys required to open door. Just yell open sesame!*
Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 2. *I unlocked the answer.*
Craig Stein, El Cerrito, 2. *I love having the answer key. Happy birthday Danielle!*

Kelly Walton, La Mesa, 2. *Mr. Grey, I won't ask you again.*
Adam Blumenfeld, Clairemont, 1. *Getting' ready for the Pads!*
Felix E. Charfauros, San Diego, 1. *This puzzle was quite a challenge... especially the approach.*
Jack Cogburn, Fallbrook, 1. *What key won't open a lock? A piano key!*

Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. *Hope the key works, or I'm locked out.*
Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 1. *Smoking is bad, 'mkay?*
Derek Dhillon, North Park, 1. *Hi Matt, Cassie, Mim. Kim, the key to my heart.*
Calvin G. Gamble, Lemon Grove, 1. *Hi Gloria, hi Sebastian, thanks Brainstorms.*

Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 1. *Spring won't be ordinary with new stationery! Ink by KP.*
Michael May, San Diego, 1. *Calculus Rocks!*
Jeremy McDougald, La Mesa, 1. *Was down to two keys... The third notch was key!*
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 1. *Green lights and soft breezes at your back.*

Joey Riley, Grantville, 1. *Elderly and disabled folks can have care at home thru IHSS.*
Amber Rogowicz, Mission Hills, 1. *Now teach me how to pick them-the lock not the key.*
Joi Taylor, Oak Park, 1. *I want my golden ticket!*
Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 1. *Don't second guess Tom, first answer was right!*

Justin Tynan, Mira Mar, 1. *Having fun in the Marine Corps, enjoying life.*
Richard Vega, Paradise Hills, 1. *Love is the key to life!*
Robert Welder, El Cajon, 1. *The majic key.*

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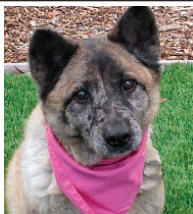
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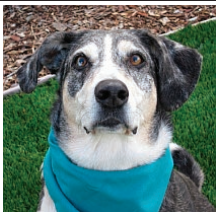
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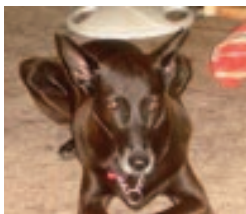
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CAT, MEDIUM HAIR. Jim. ID#A1398593. Male, 4 months old, domestic, black and white. Litter-box trained, would love to be an indoor lap cat. County Dept. of Animal Services, Central Shelter, 5480 Gaines St., San Diego, 92110. 619-767-2675, www.sddac.com.



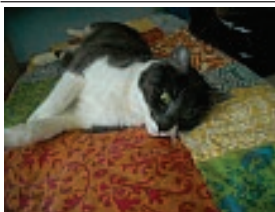
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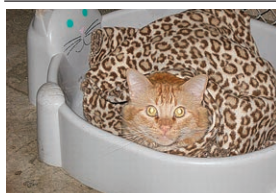
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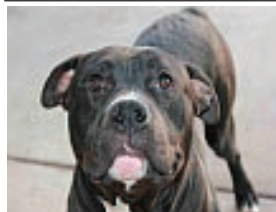
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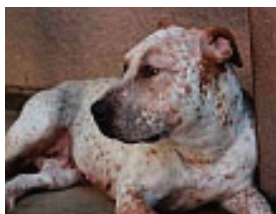
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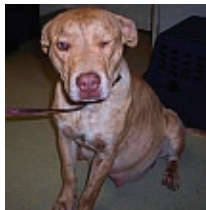
PIT BULL MIX. Jay. ID#A1397677. Male, 1 year old. A stray who was never claimed, a sweet boy looking for a forever home. County Dept. of Animal Services, Central Shelter, 5480 Gaines St., San Diego, 92110. 619-767-2675, www.sddac.com.



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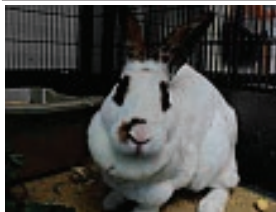
PIT BULL/POINTER MIX. Matilda. ID#51726. Female, 1 year old, brown brindle/white. Loves to play, can play on own, loves to snuggle. Spayed, current on vaccines. Microchip, certificate for free vet exam. Free license if residing in Oceanside or Vista. North Campus, San Diego Humane Society and SPCA. www.sdhumane.org. Daily, 10am-5pm. 2905 San Luis Rey Rd., Oceanside 92058, 760-757-4357.



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SHORT-HAIRED CAT. Kit Kat. ID#A1398592. Female, outgoing, 4 months old, black and white. County Dept. of Animal Services, Central Shelter, 5480 Gaines St., San Diego, 92110. 619-767-2675, www.sddac.com.



SHORT-HAIRED CAT. Moon. ID#1322. Male, neutered, 3 years old. Black and white. Adoption fee includes microchip, worming, flea treatment, FELV testing and vaccinations. **Senior Discount!** National Cat Protection Society, 619-469-8771. 9031 Birch St., Spring Valley, CA 91977. www.natcat.org.



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Pacific Beach

I'm an abstract painter. My dream is to have everybody appreciate my art, to be traveling around the world and having shows everywhere.



Lana Lee

Student

La Jolla

My dream is to become a pediatrician and to work in third-world countries. I've wanted to do that since I was five. The dream kind of just came about one day. I realized that a lot of people needed help and instead of adding to the negative side of things, I could add to the positive.



Dave Moore, Jr.

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— The Turkish military’s legendary homophobia (rare among NATO countries) comprises both zero-tolerance for homosexuality by service personnel and the requirement of rigorous proof by anyone applying for exemption from service by claiming to be gay. (Homosexuality is the only disqualifier from compulsory service for able-bodied men.) In personal experiences recounted for *Foreign Policy* magazine in December, some gay men seeking exemptions were ordered to verify their claims by producing witnesses to their homosexual acts or by photographing themselves fully engaged — and to be persuasive to authorities, the conscript had to be depicted in the “receiving” position in sexual intercourse.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

— Daring New Products: (1) Introduced at a New York food fair in January (and planned for U.S. distribution later this year): Great Scot International’s potato-like chips in the “flavor” of Scotland’s “national delicacy” (yes — haggis chips!). (2) Burger King U.K.’s Christmas-season special this year (available briefly in December): a regular Whopper, garnished with a generous helping of brussels sprouts.

— The notoriously isolated North Korean economy only permits new products to be sold as needs arise, and in December (according to a report by Agence France-Presse), the ministries began allowing Western-style “skinny jeans” (having relaxed the rule requiring female workers to wear skirts). Also recently for sale: human fertilizer (owing to the attrition of the animals that previously produced manure for family gardens). — The SEGA video company’s Japan division began test-marketing its new Toylets game in January, designed for men’s urinals. With sensors in the basin and a video screen at eye level, men score points based on the strength and accuracy of their streams. Among the suite of games: sumo wrestling (squirt the opponent out of the circle), graffiti-eraser (strong streams wipe out more graffiti), and skirt-raising (the stronger the stream, the higher a woman’s skirt is “blown” upward).

Science on the Cutting Edge

— Perhaps too many late nights at Japan’s National Institute for Materials Science led to the recent quixotic “testing” of superconductor metals by submersion in alcoholic beverages. Yoshihiko Takano and his colleagues developed experiments to soak the metals to see if resis-

tance to electricity is decreased (and, thus, conductivity increased). They found success with whiskey, sake, beer, and the vodka-like *shochu*, but red wine worked best, improving conductivity by 62 percent. — Among human procreation technologies soft-pedaled to tamp down controversy is surgeons’ ability to selectively abort some, but not all, fetuses in a womb in cases where in vitro fertilization (IVF) has overproduced (usually involving mothers expecting triplets or greater, which pose serious health risks). More controversially, according to a December *National Post* report, a Toronto-area couple told their physician that IVF-created “twins” would be too much for them to care for and that the doctor should terminate one fetus (randomly chosen?) and leave the other.

Weird Animals

— British researchers, writing in the journal *Evolution* in November, described a species of birds in Africa’s Kalahari Desert that appear to acquire food by running a “protection racket” for other birds. The biologists hypothesize that because drongo birds hang out at certain nests and squawk loudly when predators approach, the nest’s residents grow more confident about

security and thus can roam farther away when they search for food — but with the hunters gone, the drongos scoop up any food left behind. (The researchers also found that drongos are not above staging false alarms to trick birds into leaving their food unguarded.)

Fine Points of the Law

— (1) A Roman Catholic church tribunal in Modena, Italy, ruled in November that a marriage should be annulled on the grounds of the wife’s adultery even though she apparently only “thought about” having an affair. Her now-ex-husband believes she never actually followed through on her desires for an “open marriage.” (2) Because two different laws operate, New York State prisoners, when they win lawsuits against guards who have injured them, keep the entire amount of the award, but when New York State mental patients win similar lawsuits, the hospitals can claim a large portion of the money back, as repayment for the daily cost of providing “care.” The *New York Times* reported in December that the dual system is unique to the state.

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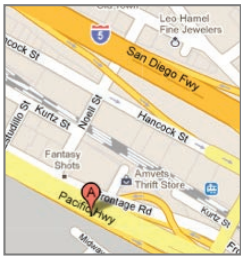
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ACCIDENTS? No accident for 10 to 15 years. I was hit on Hwy 8 east on Election Day in rush hour by a drunk driver.

WORST TRAFFIC? There are typical spots in SD that are bad during certain times. In the morning on Hwy 5 north to Genesee (due to all the medical workers) or in the afternoon Hwy 5 south from Carlsbad to Del Mar, then again at the Hwy 805/5 split (although 805 tends to be worse). Hwy 15 south in the morning and 15 north in the afternoon. Basically everything headed into downtown in the morning and out of it in the afternoon.

MOST CHANGED STREETS? New Hwy 76 in North County when completed will make it modern and not rural any longer from Oceanside to Hwy 15. There's a lot of new stuff in Chula Vista (Eastlake area), too.

FAVORITE DRIVE? Around old streets in areas I haven't been on much. I like discovering little pocket areas that



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LEAST FAVORITE? Having to go to anywhere on an appointment against traffic in the afternoon (I will usually reschedule if possible).

SHORTCUT? There are "shortcuts" all over the city, but mostly to avoid traffic. Take the "Bat Chute" over the top of Mt Soledad and onto the ramp to Hwy 52. Pacific Hwy from Downtown avoids Hwy 5 (it comes out at Sea World Dr.). Take College Ave north to Navajo to get into San Carlos. I find good shortcuts mostly by knowing the streets really well and how to use alternative routes to avoid traffic, construction, etc., and by routing my travel at the opposite times of the commuter masses.

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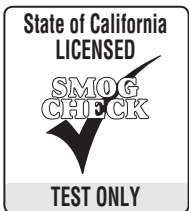
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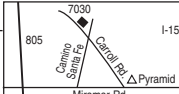
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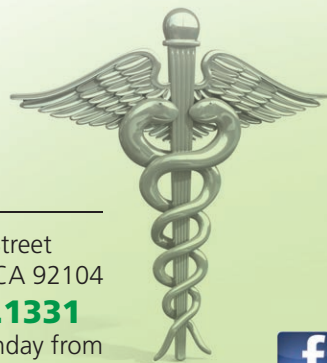
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