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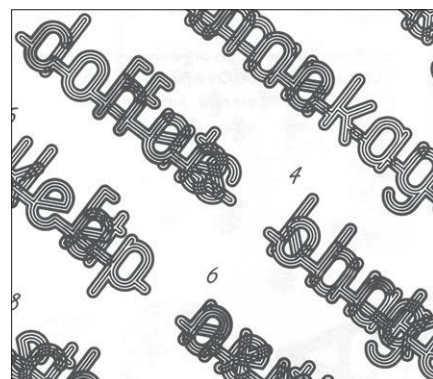
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Citizen Gores Fans of the movie *Citizen Kane* will remember the “declaration of principles” read by publisher Charles Foster Kane, played by **Orson Welles**, to his prep-school buddy, Jedediah Leland (**Joseph Cotten**), right after they take over the young Kane’s first newspaper. “I will provide the people of this city with a daily paper that will tell all the news honestly. I will also provide them with a fighting and tireless champion of their rights as citizens and as human beings.” Later in the film, after Leland begins writing a bad review of Kane’s opera-singing wife but passes out drunk over the typewriter, the power-mad Kane completes it as Leland intended, then

fires his old friend with a fat severance payment. Leland returns the check, shredded, along with the original statement of principles.

There’s a bit of that same flavor to *Union-Tribune* editor **Jeff Light**’s statement of “editorial page principles” for the *U-T*. “The *Union-Tribune* will be independent of any political party and will be devoted to a constructive, pragmatic approach to issues,” says the draft, featured on Light’s Facebook page. “We believe that communities and their institutions must live within their means, be honest, transparent and accountable, and embrace the maxim that the noblest motive is the public good.”

That was July 1. On July 12, the *U-T* ran a distinctly nontransparent story announcing that the paper and its owner, Platinum Equity, operated by Beverly Hills billionaire **Tom Gores**, had retained New York’s Evercore Partners to “help the company explore alternatives for its future.” The *U-T* went on to say that “the exploration could range from new acquisitions to partnerships to divestiture. The announcement marks the beginning of the exploratory process, and no decisions about the future have been made.”

Gifts from political gods The nonprofit Sunlight Foundation is out with some interesting new information about a relatively little-known but popular practice: big corporations and unions giving large sums of money to charitable activities favored by congressmembers,

senators, and other high-ranking federal officials. One local example, according to Sunlight’s database: in April 2009, North County GOP congressman **Darrell Issa** was honored by Chevron U.S.A. Inc. in the amount of \$33,333 in support of the

Arab American National Museum (Issa is Lebanese-American). The same year, Fluor Corporation, which does a lot of business in the Middle East, gave the American Studies Center \$625 in Issa’s honor.

Democratic congressman **Bob Filner**, now running for mayor, was honored by \$1600 from Southwest Airlines last year in sponsorship of the annual dinner of Access to Independence of San Diego; he also was honored by a variety of other small donations adding up to \$2776.

In 2009, fellow Democrat **Susan Davis** was honored by a total of \$13,333 to the

American Ireland Fund, thanks to the Laborers’ International Union of North America. And last year and the year before, Republican and Marine veteran **Duncan Hunter** was paid tribute to by D.C. lobbyists Van Scoyoc Associates, which kicked in a total of \$6667 to the Armed Forces Foundation.

For its part, Science Applications International, the big defense consultant founded in La Jolla, last year gave a total of \$293,500 to a variety of causes favored by powerful officials, including \$50,000



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to the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor on behalf of Democratic senator **Daniel Inouye**; \$25,000 to the Center for Security Policy, in honor of Marine Corps commandant **James Conway**; \$100,000 to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, at the behest of then-Democratic con-

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Good Bad News

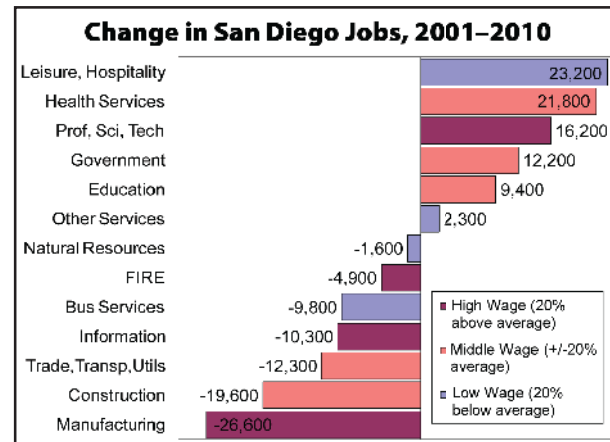
By Don Bauder

Over the past two years, the economy and stocks have generally gone in opposite directions. In the economy, we have suffered the steepest downturn and the weakest recovery since the Great Depression, but since early 2009, stocks have doubled.

In short, stocks have zoomed as the economy sputtered — or *because* it sputtered. As statistical measures of the economy sagged, the Federal Reserve, our central bank, kept handing money to banks at 0 to 0.25 percent interest and using other techniques to flood the financial system with money and credit. Hedge funds borrowed from the banks at very low rates and gobbled up stocks. Other institutions, including the banks, did the same.

Thus, Wall Street thrived because Main Street starved. Ben Bernanke, head of the Federal Reserve, even said that the Fed’s nostrums were working: one index of highly speculative stocks had soared, he boasted. Huh? The Fed is supposed to worry about keeping inflation and unemployment low. Now it wants to keep stocks high. Trouble is, the economy has to stay weak to give

Bernanke an excuse to keep short-term interest rates near zero. That’s been the market’s



While tourism and health jobs increased over the past decade in San Diego, manufacturing and construction jobs plummeted.

propellant.

In late June, the Fed mournfully predicted that the American economy will grow by only 2.7 percent this year. Just two months earlier, the Fed had pegged growth at 2.9 percent. Similarly, a gloomier Fed said in late June that the unemployment rate would be 7.8 to 8.2 percent this year — far worse than the bank’s April forecast of 7.6 to 7.9 percent.

So, following these dolorous predictions, the stock market soared upward, gaining more than 5 percent that week, although there were other factors

involved. What happened is that the Fed had given a covert signal to Wall Street: “Let ‘er rip, boys and girls!”

Bernanke has stressed for a considerable time that as long as unemployment remains high, he will keep interest rates around zero. Wall Street would much rather have low interest rates than a healthy consumer. Bad economic news

is good investor news: the Fed will keep the spigot flowing. What’s more, companies are not hiring, so as unemployment stays high, profits boom — also boosting the stock market.

Action on Friday, July 8, made the point. Early in the day, the government reported that the economy had had almost no job growth in June; the unemployment rate had gone up. Stocks initially

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Arthur Lipper: tide not lifting all boats.



Jim Welsh: household debt is soaring

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How Did We Get in This Mess?

By Susan Luzzaro

On June 21, Sweetwater Union High School District bought out superintendent Jesus Gandara's contract for \$416,675.

Last November, Southwestern College paid superintendent Raj Chopra \$100,000 to walk away from his contract.

Prior to the buyouts, both South Bay districts were immersed in scandal, beset with allegations of contractor-related corruption. Now many are asking, how did the school districts get saddled with these guys?

Sweetwater hired Dr. Gandara in 2006, and Southwestern hired Dr. Chopra the following year. An Illinois-based executive search firm called Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates brought both men to the South Bay. Both districts paid over \$30,000 for the service.

Typically, a search firm advertises nationally and thins the applicants down to three. Sweetwater board



Raj Chopra was paid \$100,000 to walk away.

minutes describe what Hazard Young promised to do for the high school district: "Specifically, this consultant screens and interviews candidates, performs reference checks, prepares the board members to interview candidates including assisting the board in developing interview questions, and counsels the board regarding the search."

Executive search firms, or headhunters, as they are called, wield power. "Ultimately, it is the consultant



The biggest controversy surrounding Proposition R was the development of the vacant lot at the corner of East H Street and Otay Lakes Road.

who anoints a short list of candidates to be presented to board members, a ritual that secures the consultant's role as kingmaker," writes Christopher Hann in a *District Administration* magazine article called "Land-ing the Chief."

Hann quotes a San Francisco school board member who opines, "Commercial search firms tend to have their own stable of candidates."

Hazard Young's stable appears to have included Chopra. The firm's website

takes credit for placing Chopra in two consecutive superintendent jobs: at Phoenix Union High School District in Arizona and Southwestern College.



Jesus Gandara was "found" by the same search firm as Chopra.

Chopra had known controversy long before he arrived at Southwestern. In July 1994, the *Houston Chronicle* wrote that Chopra "reportedly is the subject of a board-approved investigation into unspecified illegal activities."

In January 1995, the *Chronicle* confirmed that Chopra had been "ousted" and that his contract had been bought out for \$200,000. Nor did the superintendent finish out his contracts in Marple Newtown, Pennsylvania, or Phoenix, where he left an embattled situation when he took the job at Southwestern.

Initially, Southwestern had planned to have Russell Bloyer of Maas Companies handle the search for a new superintendent. Bloyer was the district's general contractor for construction funded by Prop AA, the \$89 million bond passed in 2000. He submitted a five-page document to Southwestern's board that listed criteria the candidates should meet. The document repeatedly calls for someone with community college experience.

In a recent interview,

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STRINGERS

Walk the Line

Grocery Workers Geared to Strike

Serra Mesa — On July 15, more than 200 people rallied in a Vons parking lot in support of grocery workers.

The local chapter of the United Food & Commercial Workers and the San Diego Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice organized the demonstration. The UFCW

is in contract negotiations with Vons, Albertsons, and Ralphs. Health care has been a sticking point.

A man named Paul, who said he has been a Vons employee for five years, told the crowd that the health plan currently offered by management would leave employees like him on the hook for up to \$11,000 in out-of-pocket medical costs each year.

Members of the audience included dozens of members of a range of unions, including groups of laborers, home-care workers, and painters.

State assemblyman Marty Block encouraged grocery employees to walk the line if the call goes out. "The entire assembly — at least the Democrats — are with you," Block said.

By Shane Finneran
Sunday, July 17

Aghast and Mortified

Gangsters' New Paradise? Point Loma — Some colorful, detailed graffiti that was painted on a retaining wall overlooking Kellogg Beach in La Playa earlier in July has



Neighbors worry that graffiti like this indicates new gang activity in Point Loma.

been painted away.

Concerned neighbors called police gang units to come out and take pictures to document the defacement near the dead end of Perry Street. Painters then covered it up.

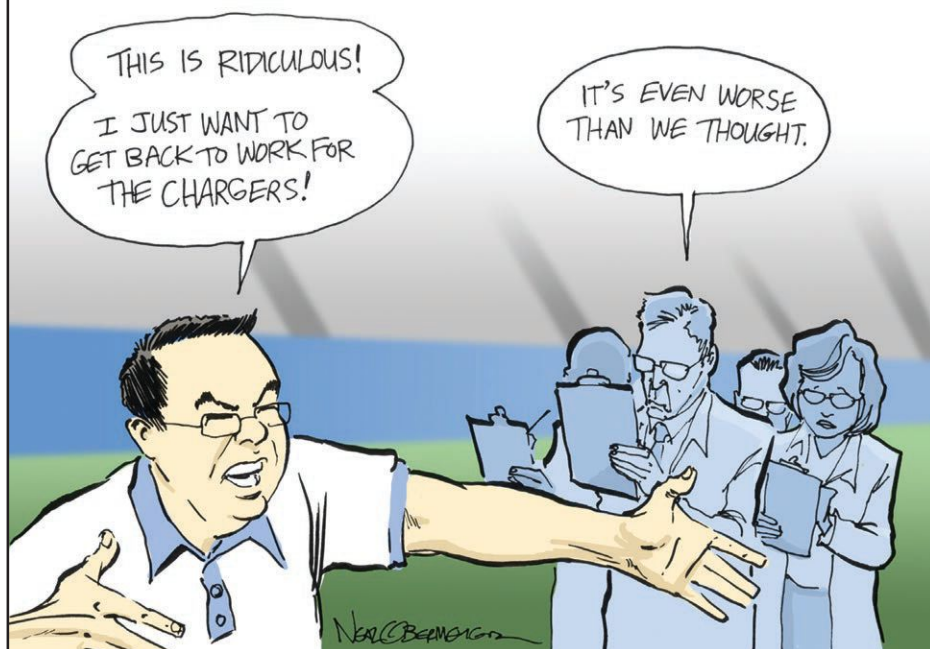
There is some concern among the locals that gangsters may have discovered the quiet beaches off Rosecrans Street in Point Loma. Residents say there have been groups coming down to lounge on the beaches, reportedly bringing along loose dogs (identified as "pit bulls") and alcohol.

One neighbor said that there was gunfire a few weeks ago along San Antonio Avenue in the middle of the night; police responded immediately, but the shooter got away.

By Gail Powell
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Dave? Is That You?

I would like to comment on "Where Do They Go When the Races Are Over?" (Cover Story, July 14). First, I think society should be more evolved so that races are banned in the first place. Second, I think the working class should want to boycott the races because they are oppressed by their masters, and the lines of class division are clearly drawn at the racetrack.

Next, I would like to say that I think the rescuers who want to save the Thoroughbreds from the slaughterhouses, I hope they don't eat meat. And finally, you mentioned that a Dave Quinn was a beneficiary of horses that end up in Phoenix. Well, actually, the leader of local band Tiltwheel, his name is Dave Quinn, and his father's name is Dave Quinn.

Lorelei
via voice mail

Support Your Local Barn

I was so happy to see your story raising awareness for the futures of our gallant Thoroughbreds after they have given it their all ("Where Do They Go When the Races Are Over?" Cover Story, July 14). I know readers were encouraged to hear of the diminished path that led to untimely death. But readers should also be aware of the precarious position of our ranch owners. So many are operating in the red right now but subsidizing their passion in hopes that things will turn around. Many have not been able to hold on. Hay prices are astronomical. Growers that have not switched to cotton are often offered exorbitant

compensation from foreign horse owners for their entire cutting. These "deals that are too good to pass up" generate supply shortages and high prices here at home. In California, especially, the worker compensation requirements are breaking the bank for owners.

What can we do to see this piece of our equestrian heritage survive? Support your local barns. If you don't use their services yourself, be their advocate. And if you have a desire to ride, you'd be surprised how affordable it actually is to get yourself a weekly session with a trainer. As our past president said, "There's nothing better for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse."

Sue Hardman
via email

Good Fodder

Don Bauder's article "What? No War?" ("City Lights," July 14) is a good example of the practical application of Darwin. We have seen so many adaptations in the business world, like computers replacing typewriters, autos replacing the horse and buggy, science replacing religion. Darwin said that it's not the brute strength or the IQ that wins in the long run; it's the ability to adapt. This is a poignant application that is good fodder for the defense industry. And that gets the point across.

Ted Rodosovich
University City

Hanging On Honor

I'm calling about "City Lights" — "Thief Does His Homework," by Eva Knott. It ends on page 50 with nothing. It just says "The Honor" — and it doesn't say "continued." A very interesting story about this thief that got through the Carlsbad jewelry store and all the shenanigans for years for which he should be locked up. I mean, it's a horrible story to read. But, please, continue it. Don't leave us just hanging.

Name Withheld
via voice mail

The story's last sentence was, "On June 28, the Honorable Aaron Katz sentenced Davis to 50 years to life." — Editor

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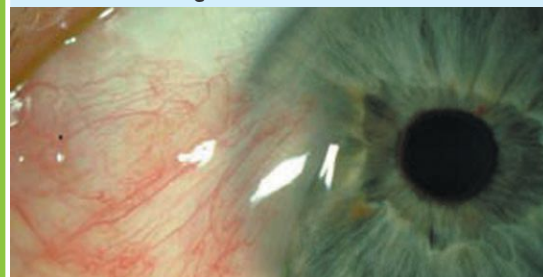
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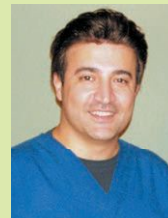
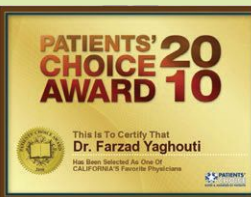
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by Barbarella

I think David is trying to kill me. If I'm right, he's a sadistic bastard for choosing such a slow and agonizing method.

In a bid to do as much as he can to make our new place feel like "home," David is throwing himself into home-improvement projects. I wouldn't mind so much (on the contrary, I'd be grateful) if his work did not always seem to involve some level of danger. This week he embarked on "extreme painting." He set up two ladders — one at the bottom of a staircase, the other at the top — and balanced a narrow beam of wood on a rung from each ladder. Then, as if there wasn't a long drop to the bottom of the staircase should he fall from his little stick, he scooted and crawled along it so that he could paint the corner of the wall near the ceiling.

On my way down the stairs, I shimmed around one of the ladders. "There are better, faster ways to kill me, you know," I shouted up at him as I headed for the door.

As I paced and passed him canisters and napkins, my eyes bugged out of my head and my heart raced faster than Secretariat. "This stress is going to kill me," I said. A jolt went through me as the legs of one ladder lifted a centimeter off the floor. "This is stupid. You didn't want the painters to be in danger, but you'll do this yourself? You're trying to kill me."

David rolled his eyes. "Remember what we talked about," he said. "I don't expect you to help with any

of this stuff, but you can't be an obstructionist."

"Then I can't watch," I said. Fortunately, our friends Rosa and Josue had come over to check out the new digs. Josue volunteered to spot David. "Rosa, let's go for a walk," I said. "I can't handle this." From the look on my friend's face, neither could she. "Josue, you don't let him fall. Okay?" Josue nodded. "David, you keep



David scooted and crawled along his little stick so that he could paint the corner of the wall near the ceiling.

rolling your eyes like that and you'll lose your balance. Stop it."

On my way down the stairs, I shimmed around one of the ladders supporting my man. "There are better, faster ways to kill me, you know," I shouted up at him as I headed for the door. Then, to Rosa, I said, "If he falls off that thing, I'm going to kill him."

Waterworks

Yesterday, I couldn't seem to keep my eyes dry. It began with the right one. Because my right eye has been leaking on and off for months, I assumed that's what it was doing — some allergy or impacted tear-duct-related leakage I haven't had time to deal with. Because there has been no pain or irritation, just incessant water and the annoyance of having to constantly reapply makeup on one eye, I'm putting off the eye doctor until after the move.

No big. I'm used to it now, and my right cheek doesn't mind the additional moisturizer. But yesterday was different. My sister Jane was here, sitting in her corner of the room that is still my office for another few weeks. She had just finished a conference call and was catching up on emails. I was toggling between three projects and tore my eyes from my computer screen to look out the window and watch a small bird twirl in the air and finally perch on the railing of the next building.

"Are you okay?" Jane asked.

"Oh, yeah, fine," I said. I wiped a drop-let from my right eye. "I need to get this checked out. My eye just waters sometimes for no reason. David thinks it's stress-related, but I'm going to get it checked once we're back from his gallery exhibition in Martha's Vineyard and we're all moved. I sort of think my body is compensating for all of the freak-outs I'd be having if I wasn't taking daily anti-anxiety medication."

I held it together for another second and then dropped my face in my hands and



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began to sob. Liquid flowed from both eyes, onto my hands and down my arms to the creases of my elbows, which were resting on my desk.

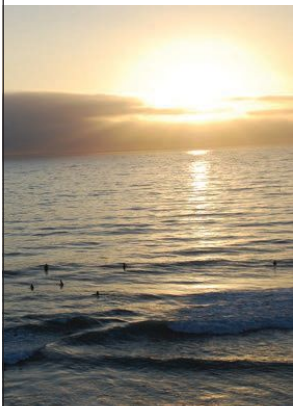
"Oh, honey." Jane jumped to her feet to stand behind my chair. She rubbed my back and shoulders. She tried to lighten the mood by making absurd comments, and though I smiled into my hands, I couldn't stop crying. The most frustrating thing about my sudden, uncontrollable waterworks was that I couldn't pinpoint a trigger. It was just... everything.

"Come on, stand up," Jane said. I wiped my eyes and stood to face her, and she talked until we were both smiling.

I figured that was the end of it, that I just needed a little release of some pent-up emotion. But for the rest of the day, into the evening, until I had my first glass of wine, moisture seeped steadily from both of my eyes, and wiping it away before people could notice — first at the grocery store, then at a friend's place — became as natural to me as blinking. ■

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:

My dog lifts his leg to pee. My cats don't. I don't know about other animals. Why does my dog do that, or why don't my cats do that? Do any other animals lift their legs to pee?

— Greg S., via email

Hello, Matthew:

Will I ever be able to train my cat? I'm really getting sick of trying to get my cat to recognize commands. Why are cats so untrainable when dogs are instantly trainable?

— Melissa Smith, via email

The tripod pee

is mostly a dog thang. At least, among the thangs we commonly see. And it's a fairly specific thang, the three-legged pee. Adult male dogs (and wolves and foxes). Not puppies, not females. Not cats, giraffes, hippos, anybody else. Male-dog pee is an aggressive sort of substance. It's full of pheromones that identify the dog and say, "This territory is mine, so buzz off." That

warning lasts only as long as it takes for another adult male dog to trot by, smell the offending pee, lift a leg, and over-pee it. By lifting a leg and twisting his body, a dog can aim his stream higher on the tree trunk, fire hydrant, wall, whatever — closer to the nose level of other dogs, the better to communicate. Male cats have the same scent-marking urges, but since they spray from an orifice on their rear ends, they don't need the additional boost. So, if you have a neighborhood full of male dogs, it could take you forever to walk yours, what with all the sniffing, lifting, and peeing.

Cats that follow orders? Meh. Boring felines, if you ask me. Dogs do it with enthusiasm. Cats, if they're trainable at all, never lose their cooler-than-thou, condescending attitude. So, where did cats get that attitude? From us, obliquely. Cats are still much closer to their wild ancestors than are dogs. We adopted them as domestics strictly to catch vermin. We encouraged their great hunting skills, not their friendly, purry, lap-sitting selves. Cats are still lone hunters. As such, they don't have much to gain from being obedient. Cats are trainable, of course, but it takes considerable patience on the part of the coach. And it seems that "tricks" done by cats would be unimpressive child's play for a dog. But simply the fact that you can get a cat to do anything on command is worthy of admiration. A seeing-eye cat? I don't think so.

Dogs have a long history of working side-by-side with humans. As pack animals, they

have a natural affinity for affinity. They are used to reading signals from other dogs and modifying their behavior in return. Dogs are just more chatty and eager to fit in. This made them highly trainable and much more fun to be with, even if just a companion animal. I guess your

preference for cats or dogs depends on whether you value cuddles or the cold shoulder.

Heymatt:

Astrologers seem to think that their art is a science and that the position of the sun, moon, and planets actually influence our personalities and what's going to happen to us each day. Is there any science at all behind astrology, or is that just a desperation

belief in hucksters?

— Anonymous, El Cajon

These days, you'd be hard-pressed to find an astrologer who actually believes those daily "Scorpio will meet a handsome mate today" newspaper fillers. They're not very sold on the idea of astrology being

so precisely predictive. On the other hand, they believe whole-heartedly in the idea that your birth astronomy affects your personality and general trends in your life. Which means astrologers must have universally pooh-poohed a 2003 study done of the subject at the University of Saskatchewan (Canada). It was conducted by a professor and a former astrologer, actually. They administered 2000 personality tests to sets of people who were "time twins" — born within minutes of one another, so they'd have identical astrological charts; ergo, identical or near-identical personality traits. You know where this is going, don't you? Of course. There was absolutely no personality correlation between the star-matched subjects.

Okay, Matt:

My boss told me today that kiwi fruit is a genetically engineered fruit, crossing a peach with a banana. PUH-lease tell me this is a farce.

— Gretchen, via email

Assuming your boss wasn't making a joke (personally, I think he was), would you rather be right or be employed? Of course, his story's a farce, but does your boss want to hear that? But if you dare, tell him that kiwi fruit is actually part grape, part hamster. Then tell him that nectarines are a cross between a plum and a peach. Most people believe that, but that's bunk, too. A nectarine is just a mutant peach that found a market.

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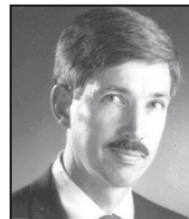
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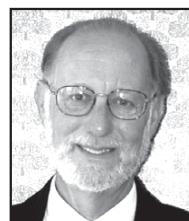
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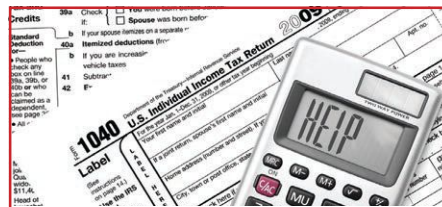
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Thirty-Five Years Ago

At a mock Hollywood party in one scene of *Rodgers and Hart*, the pleasant musical revue at the Carter Centre Stage, a drunken partygoer makes the bold confession: "I'm heterosexual!" This is a key to what *Rodgers and Hart*, and a large proportion of popular music in general, is about. Popular songs — and a good deal of the operatic and art song repertoire as well — are relentlessly heterosexual; sex — and its sentimental elaboration, romantic love — is the obsessive subject without which this art could scarcely exist.

— "SONGS FOR LOVERS,"

*Jonathan Saville,
July 22, 1976*

Thirty Years Ago

I enjoyed the cover story on San Diego during World War II, by Andrew Piotrowski. However, the closing paragraph, recounting my memory of the war's end, surprised my mother and I, since I wasn't born yet!

Actually, the quote belongs to Lee Grisom, president of the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce, who, incidentally, has a memory like an Apple Two-Plus computer.

— LETTERS: "I COULDN'T HAVE HAD A V-J," *Walter E. Schlotter, director San Diego Motion Picture and Television Bureau, July 23, 1981*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

This is a tale of two streets in one city. They share the same name — Seventeenth — and the same city — San Diego.

During the last 36 years, there has been one push in the Nestor neighborhood to rename Seventeenth Street; it died quicker than a block party without beer. But last month, the Osgoods, Barbara and Steven, presented the city with a petition signed by 71 percent of the house dwellers on Seventeenth Street Jr.; the 39 signatories agreed that they wanted to live on Thermal Avenue from now on.

— CITY LIGHTS: "AND WOKE UP ON AN AVENUE,"
Brae Canlen, July 24, 1986

Twenty Years Ago

Over 2,500,000 people moved into San Diego County between 1980 and 1990.

And this figure does not count the millions of illegal aliens, largely from Mexico, who move here for San Diego's temperate weather, bilingual ATMs, and easygoing immigration authorities.

For Americans moving to San Diego, a big attraction is the near-certainty that

a hometown boy will one day be in the White House.

"It's common knowledge throughout the land that Pete Wilson's gonna be our next president," said Maureen Down, veteran *New York Times* reporter and avid president watcher, who recently closed on a \$360,000 house in Mission Hills. "Everyone wants to live here now. It'll be like Kennebunkport, but with Sea World."

— SAN DIEGO CONFIDENTIAL: "DAGO PACES SUNBELT GROWTH," *Margot Sheehan, July 25, 1991*



San Diego Reader, July 19, 2001

Fifteen Years Ago

I feel hot all the time. Twenty-six weeks into my 40-week pregnancy, I've gained 30 pounds. My thighs rub together when I walk. My belly stretches like an inverted industrial-sized mixing bowl from just below my breasts to my hips. My butt has widened and fallen. I look like a refrigerator from the rear. I've begun to waddle.

My moods swing

from euphoria to suicidal.

— KID STUFF: "WHAT ARE YOU SCARED OF?" *Anne Albright, July 25, 1996*

Ten Years Ago

The first time we met, Eugene followed me into the Little Chef restaurant and asked me if he could buy me a malted. But I didn't want to be committed for a whole malted 'cause a malted cost two bucks, so I said, "No, but you can buy me a cup of coffee," cause I figured for a quarter even if I just let the guy sit by me and be nice to him, that's worth a quarter. And I had already planned to give the wrong phone number if he asked me for it.

— "ARGUMENTS," *Douglas DuBrul, July 19, 2001*

Five Years Ago

It's a little embarrassing that I've spent eight years in a 12-step program and not done a fourth step.

I season my two cups of salad with shame, sweeten my one cup of yogurt with self-loathing, and am liberal with the use of guilt and the convictions of my unlovableness in my half cup of oatmeal.

— "DOWN AND UP AND DOWN AGAIN," *Frances Kuffel, July 20, 2006*

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Sweet Lovin'?

Local Biomedical Company Creates Sexually Transmitted Diabetes

"Helloooo, funding!"

COWERING IN A HAZMAT SUIT, SOMEWHERE IN SORRENTO VALLEY — In a move that seems destined to upset fans of unprotected, non-monogamous sex, biomedical development company Pathogenesis today announced that it was introducing SXXY, a genetically modified instigator of diabetes that can be transmitted during various forms of sexual contact, into the general population.

"We know there's going to be a certain amount of push-back," said Pathogenesis CEO Rory Najisuansmee. "Because it's

true: short-term, some people are going to get diabetes who would not ordinarily have been at risk. But, long-term, we think people will understand that we here at Pathogenesis are in the business of saving lives...and that Operation Sweetlove, as we're calling it, is just part of that business."

Pressed for something resembling an explanation, Najisuansmee replied, "Take an easy example. Right now, KPBS is doing a three-part series on the AIDS epidemic in San Diego County. And by 'epidemic,' they mean 7300

deaths in 30 years. That averages out to something like 243 deaths a year. Diabetes kills double that, easy. But nobody's shining a spotlight on a disease whose risk factors include poor diet and obesity because, obviously — eww.

"That would be okay, except where the spotlight shines, the research dollars follow. We needed to find a way to link diabetes with something sexy — like sex! It's just good sense: people



like to get their groove on, and few things kill the mood like the thought of developing a life-threatening medical condition as a result of said grooving. The need for research, which up until now has been relatively easy to ignore, will suddenly become blazingly clear."

So, sometimes you have to spread a disease to stop a disease?

"In a nutshell," nodded Najisuansmee.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad: "There is absolutely nothing going on at Balboa Park's House of Iran."



"I mean, why would you even ask such a question," continued Ahmadinejad. "But in a completely unrelated matter, I am saddened to report that due to unforeseen circumstances, park authorities may not conduct their annual walkthrough this year."

Something in the (Sweet) Water?

Scandals Continue to Rock School District; Honors English Teacher Fencing Books Provides Latest Aftershock.

The New "Dirty South"?

HIGH ON A SOAPBOX, CHULA VISTA — Is there nothing the gang down in Sweetwater won't do? First the grade corrections. Then the meals at Hooters. Then the smoothie scandal. And now, "SD on the QT" can report that 12th-grade Otay Ranch High School honors English teacher Jim Grady has been selling district-provided books on eBay and instead teaching his course using what one student calls "photocopied short stories from old issues of *Esquire*, *Playboy*, and the *New Yorker*."

"I'm not going to waste anybody's time denying the facts of the matter," said Grady in an exclusive interview. "The *Reader's* team has got me dead to rights — hats off to them. But I will offer a word of explanation. When La Mesa Used Books closed a decade or so back, they held a fire sale on this massive collection of old magazines. A friend let me know about it, and I scooped up as many as I could cram in the back of my Geo Storm. It was amazing — I even found an original of Hemingway's *Snows of Kilimanjaro*. It got to be sort of a tradition for me to read one or two stories every night before going to sleep, just to get the taste of *The Catcher in the Rye* student essays out of my mouth, you know? And after a while, I found I was thinking a lot more about those stories than I was about the same dozen books I'd been teaching for 15 years. There was so much fire in them, so much tangible history, so much willingness to experiment. These were stories in their rawest form — uncollected and as yet unhalloved. These were stories I could teach, even to the most jaded



A long story, indeed. And getting longer.

of internet-addicted teenagers. The decision to quietly shift my curriculum was one of the easiest I ever made."

The only thing Grady regrets, he says, was his subsequent decision to begin selling all those copies of *The Catcher in the Rye* (along with the rest of his district-specified texts) on eBay. "Bonehead, I know," he admits. "But the stuff was just piling up, and it made for Friday beer money. I was doing fine — one copy of each book at a time, no bulk sales, everything in a nice, unnoticeable trickle. But then [best friend and Otay Ranch science teacher Bud McKinnon] took that job in San Francisco, and I wanted to throw him a proper going-away party. I got stupid and tried to unload 400 copies of Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* in one lot. That's when the *Reader* got the scent. So busted."

Now, Grady's only hope lies in the fact that "the administration here in Sweetwater is so gloriously, stinkingly corrupt. With all the collusion, embezzlement, and general mendacity going on up at the top, they just might not have the time to deal with a low-level crook like me."

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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Good People

It's going to take a little while to get there — “there” being the sports side of things. But, on the happy side of the street, we're already two sentences closer.

I'll begin with Joel Garcia. He's the principal of Monarch School, which can be found on Cedar Street in Little Italy. I got to Monarch School, and therefore Garcia, by way of researching a column about a swimmer (the sports guy) who was going to swim the San Pedro Channel from Catalina Island to the mainland — 21 miles. He wants to raise \$10,000 per mile, \$210,000 total, and give a chunk of it to Monarch School. Why?

Principal Joel Garcia is on the phone. Turns out Monarch School is unique in San Diego County, on several counts. It's a partnership between a nonprofit, Monarch School Project, and the San Diego County Office of Education. The school serves homeless children and children affected by homelessness. It's a kindergarten-through-12th-grade fully accredited school. Besides an academic program, Monarch provides counseling, health care, clothes, food, an afterschool program with art therapy, dance, music, photography, trips to the YMCA, and more, the whole deal running from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Office of Education picks up the basic education tab, about 45 percent of the budget, and the nonprofit covers the rest.

This makes so much sense, is so righteously the right thing to do, it's hard to believe that an Office of Education would ever sign on. So, I asked Garcia, “Who's in charge?”

Garcia says, “The [San Diego] County Office of Education has the final say for hiring teachers. They handle certification and payroll. All the curriculum, all that is from the County Office of Ed. through the school district.

“The nonprofit provides the other services. When kids show up, they're often in crisis, lost their home, living out of their vehicle, just moved into a shelter. It's common for there to be issues of domestic violence, among others. We have to address those issues before we can expect to see academic performance.

The nonprofit “funds an expressive arts therapist who sees students on an individual basis, sometimes two or three students at a

time. We have an after-school program funded by the nonprofit. The first hour it's academic focus. Then, there are different enrichment opportunities, depending on the needs of the student. We also have an alumni-support program through the nonprofit. Kids are eligible for college scholarships.”

I ask, “What about parents, drugs, and alcohol. How do you deal with a parent who shows up under the influence?”

Garcia says, “It happens...not regularly, but it happens. Our biggest priority is to ensure the safety of our kids. Depending on the situation and the gravity of it, it could be getting Child Protective Services involved. If it's something urgent, it's maybe getting the police department involved. We're a school first. We have all these wraparound services, but education

is essential. Everything that we do is geared toward stabilizing that child and that family so they can focus on academics.

“Upon enrollment, we do an initial student assessment. We get their history, what school they're coming from, what grade they were in, how they were doing academically...do they have special education needs? Are they GATE [Gifted and Talented Education] certified?

“Sometimes families come and don't have any paperwork. We still enroll them that same day. We do a computer-based assessment for English-language arts, reading comprehension, grammar, and math. That will tell us what level the child is at. What we've seen is, on average, kids are coming in two to three grade levels lower than they should be for their age. Then, we do this assessment every 100 days to see what progress they're making.

“What's also crucial is having the teacher and teaching assistant working with the student from day one. Is the student able to comprehend what's going on? Are there other issues? Are they where they should be for their age?

“You have 20 kids in the classroom, but they're all going to be working at different levels. Our teachers are masters at making sure they know those kids who are struggling — those who are on target and those who are higher up. They're taking a different approach with each child based on that child's academic needs.

“When a student graduates, they get their high school diploma. It's a real diploma. We're a real school. That's the bottom line.”

Okay, next week the Box will do swimmer guy, the man who's swimming San Pedro Channel to raise money for the above forementioned kids. Then circle back and finish up with Monarch School. Call it a Good People trifecta.



Monarch principal Joel Garcia's priority is ensuring “the safety our kids.”

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BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

“What are you making? Okay, okay, uh, tacos? Well, I don’t know. I give up. Enchiladas?”

We all have them — just like opinions and that other thing to which opinions are often compared. I’m speaking of pet peeves. You may deny it, like Debra Johns, 26, of Chula Vista, who said in these pages, “Not really. I don’t let things bother me that much. Unless somebody is really rude. I really don’t like rudeness but I really don’t encounter it that often, either.” Ms. Johns is, of course, lucky or maybe blissfully oblivious.

Theoretically, it is possible to sail through life simply editing out what may potentially bother you, either subliminally or consciously. I’m sure it’s more common than I might suspect.

Then there are cases where (speaking of rudeness) the offending party might not be aware of their own irritating behavior. Very common, I would say, that one.

Case in point: You are in, say, 7-Eleven buying, oh, I don’t know, a pack of gum. You’ve stood in line patiently while a woman ahead of you paid for a 40-ouncer malt liquor with pennies, followed by a guy leisurely selecting lottery tickets for a full six minutes. The 12-year-old cashier has been giving him her undivided attention the whole time. Next up, a mountainous woman with matching children, buying each of them treats. Minds are changed, treats are exchanged. She tries to pay for about \$7 worth of junk food with Samoan money. The cashier calls for the manager, who, in a thick Farsi accent, tries to explain the situation to the Samoan woman. Neither of them has settled on an exact form of English. Some agreement is reached

involving some pennies and putting back some candy.

Finally it is your turn to pay for your gum. The store’s phone rings. It is the 12-year-old’s friend, probably girlfriend. You are the one on hold while the extremely pleasant kid jokes with his honey.

“Excuse me. Can I just pay for this?” This is met without eye contact and an upraised, staying palm. “I don’t know,” he says into the phone. “What are you making? Okay, okay, uh, tacos? Well I don’t know. I give up. Enchiladas? Hey, did you see that girl again? You know, that one — yeah, from San Diego High...” The conversation rolls out along these lines for several minutes. You abandon gum-buying. Your bladder will not put up with another moment of this. Your irritation rate is significant, but it is really your bladder that trumps all in situations like this.

I dropped cell phones from my list of pet peeves years ago. I’ve owned several, and it is pointless. They are simply not going away, and I should have known that years earlier than I did.

Still high on my PP list is ridiculously loud voices, mostly on the bus. It is usually a single guy in love with the sound of his own voice and his sense of humor. He

doesn’t miss a single guffaw during his entire lengthy stream of observations, not one of which is remotely humorous.

Googling the words “psychology” and “annoyance,” I found the following. It is from a site called “Linda’s Blog.”

“T u e s d a y , February 16, 2010. General Psychology Annoyance. I am sooooo anyoed with this class i went in with an open mind and now i want



nothing more then to drop this class. The professor is fine, abit bland if anything but for some reason the class just doesn’t feel right for me, no matter what I do I just have no interest in the class. I am trying to figure out if I should drop it or not, well I was and now I’ve decided to just drop it, i’m not doing good enough in the class and its annoying me a lot actually. I personally think this is the case also because of the atmosphere in the class room, I don’t know for sure but i’m sure that its a contributing factor if not the whole thing. Psychology to be honest bores me greatly, ok you know what i just really don’t like the class at all and i regret taking it. In fact I never wanted to take it and then I get paired with the girl with no brain, her boyfriend and some other guy. I think i’m just really annoyed right now and that class for some reason is just making me more anyoed.”

While I am hardly a spelling champion (many consider this ironic because of my occupation), and I would be lost without spell-check, misspellings at this rate and at what seems to be a 15-year-old age level rank high on my PP Index, akin to the experience I once had as a child chewing on aluminum foil.

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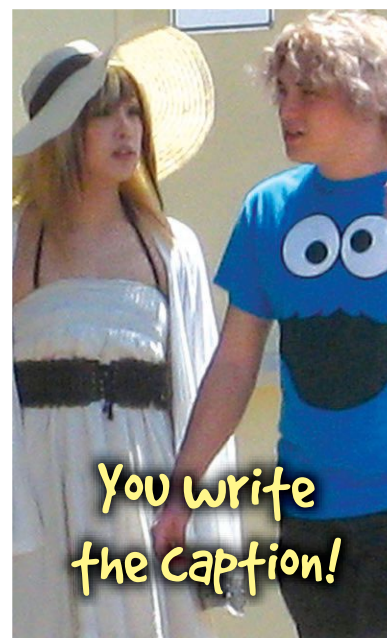
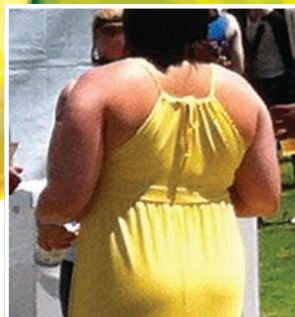


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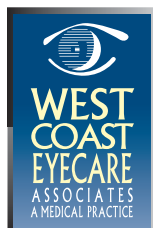
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KEY TO THE COMIC KINGDOM

"This is the first year that I'll be coming in under a professional badge,"

says writer/artist Carolyn Watson Dubisch, whose Comic-Con display table is designed to promote the comic line she and her husband self-publish out of their Mission Valley home. "My plans are to hand out preview copies of my books and, as dorky as this sounds, make friends."

Carolyn — in her late 30s, with three children — says, "My books are for all ages. There are always a lot of children at these things, and since I sell picture books as well as comics, I see a look of relief on parents' faces when they come to our table."

What are Carolyn's hopes for her first Comic-Con as a genuine badge-bearing comic pro?

"I have two series. The first is a children's comic called *The Horribles*, a very gothic series about things that go bump in the night. Most of the characters are monsters and animals, [like] the Creature from Under the Bed, Sylvia the horrible witch girl, and Fang, an outcast of a monster who likes to bathe and smell nice."

Carolyn's other comic, *The People That Melt in the Rain*, illustrated by her husband Mike, won a Drunk Duck award for Best All Ages Comic of 2010. "It's a fantasy story that mostly focuses on life in a cursed town in the Midwest," she says. She later emails a capsule synopsis:

The moment that 12-year-old Laura arrives in her new hometown of Deluge, a rain of large green frogs falls

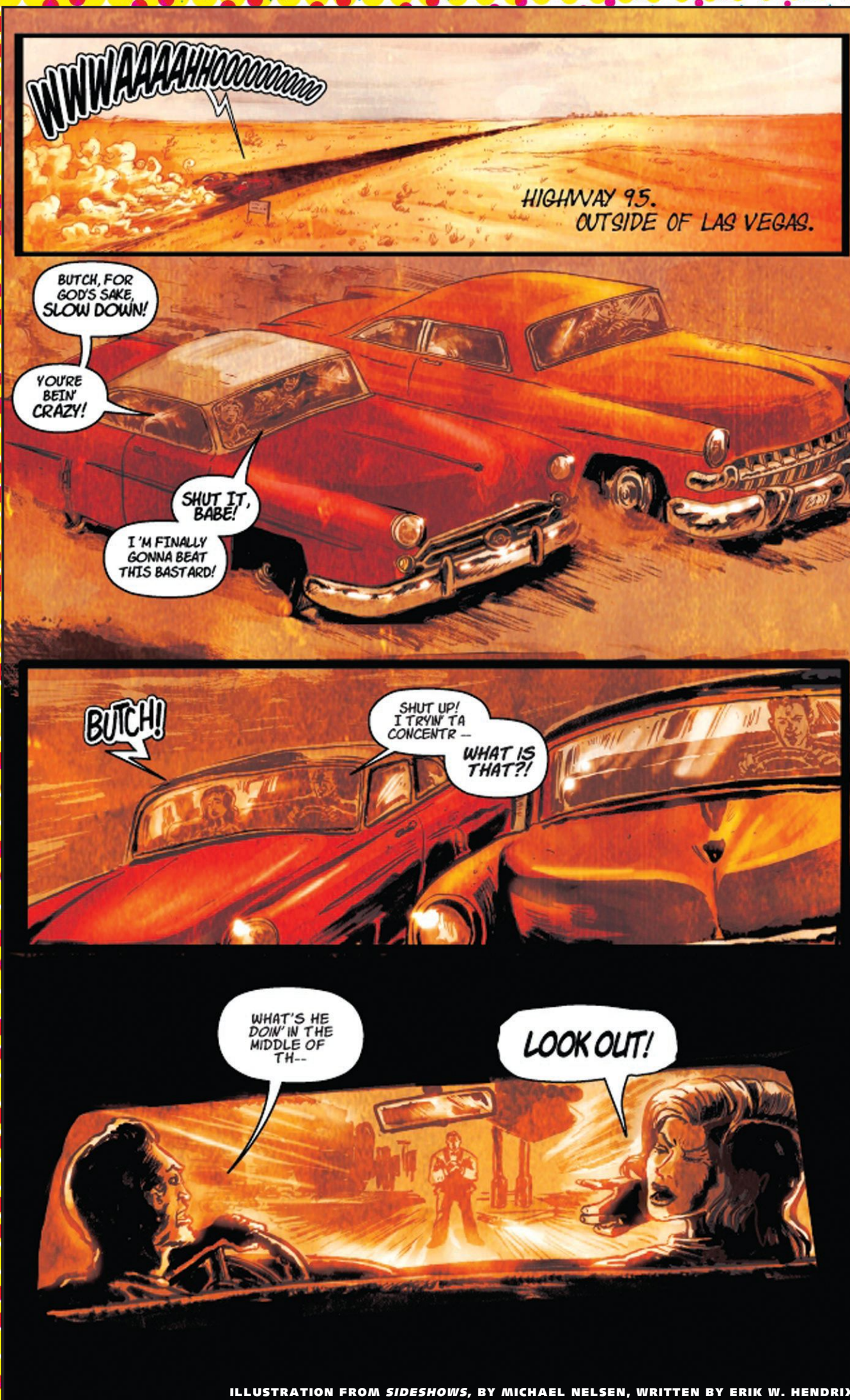
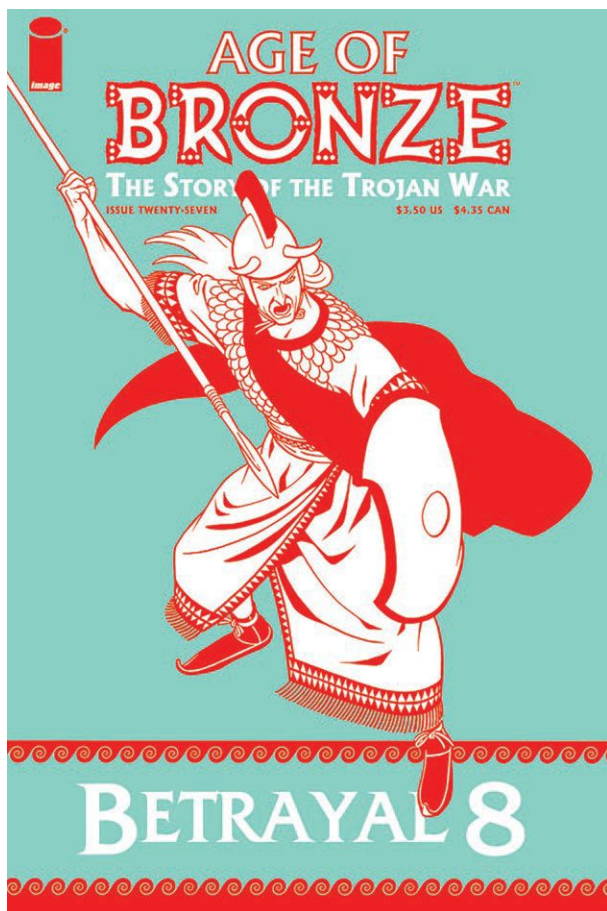


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from the sky. In the days that follow, she discovers a forest of tiny creatures in her neighbor's cupboard, and a terrible curse upon the whole town. An old witch and the town's weatherman struggle for power, and it's up to

Laura to save the people that melt in the rain.

Says Carolyn, "It appeals to teens and adults, but keeps in mind a younger audience."

In addition to being available as traditional printed comics, both

series have been running for years as weekly web-comics and are available as ebooks for the Nook, the Kindle, the iPad, and other digital platforms. The first issue of *The People That Melt in the Rain* is also available in Spanish. "Both Mike and I are semi-fluent, and that audience is important to us. We'd love to reach other foreign-language markets as well."

Besides illustrating *The People That Melt in the Rain*, Carolyn's husband Mike Dubisch writes and draws for indie publishers such as IDW and Monsterverse.

"This will be my sixth time at Comic-Con," says the longtime comic collector. After landing his first pro gig coloring comics at age 16, Mike attended the School of Visual Arts in

New York, studying with renowned comic creators such as Will Eisner (*The Spirit*) and Walt Simonson (*Thor*).

Dubisch placed work in the horror anthology *Gore Shriek* and elsewhere, then "I drew covers for *Aliens vs. Predator* comics, and I became involved in illustrating for RPG [role-playing game] books and miniature toys based on *Star Wars*, *Dungeons and Dragons*, the *DC Universe*, and *Rifts*." He also wrote, drew, and self-published a full-length graphic novel, *Weirdling*.

At this year's Con, Mike wants to spread awareness of *Classics Mutilated*, a book of short prose that he illustrated for local publisher IDW, as well as his own H.P. Lovecraft-inspired *The Black Velvet Necronomicon*, a limited-edition art book that will be for sale

at the always-massive Bud Plant booth on the main floor.

"Since I already work as a freelancer, I don't expect anything to happen that changes

two young daughters.

"I've been to the San Diego Con every year for the last five years and would be hard pressed to miss it," says the 29-year-old. "I got

"After I left the service, I found work as a graphic artist for defense contractors."

my daily life. But there's a lot of potential to land more exciting projects, with higher exposure."

James Ninness is a native San Diegan with a degree in creative writing from Cal State University Long Beach. He lives in La Mesa with his wife and

into creating and writing comics about two years ago. Thus far, I've been fortunate enough to have several comics published through Semantink, a local San Diego company.

"My first book is *Mythoi*, a 60-issue tale wherein various mythologies are thrust together and must learn how to

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help one another.” Formerly illustrated by Jed Soriano, currently drawn by Kevin Warwick, the first four issues have already been collected as a graphic novel (*Mythoi Book 1: Birth*).

Ninness also wrote a six-issue post-apocalyptic western called *Dust*, featuring art by John Narcomey (*Smart Bullets*, *Ghostface*). He’s served as creator and one of five writers for *The Undergrounds*, a weekly webcomic.

“My goal at Comic-Con is simple: networking. I’m very happy with

Semantink Publishing, so while I’m always looking for work, I won’t be pitching at every opportunity. I believe one of the smartest things creators can do is simply to meet other creators.”

He says Comic-Con changed his life forever. “The single greatest moment I ever had was when Semantink hired several volunteers to hand out *Mythoi* posters outside [the convention center], at the trolley stop. We ended up getting a lot of enthusiastic support that day, and I remember thinking ‘I

can do this.’”

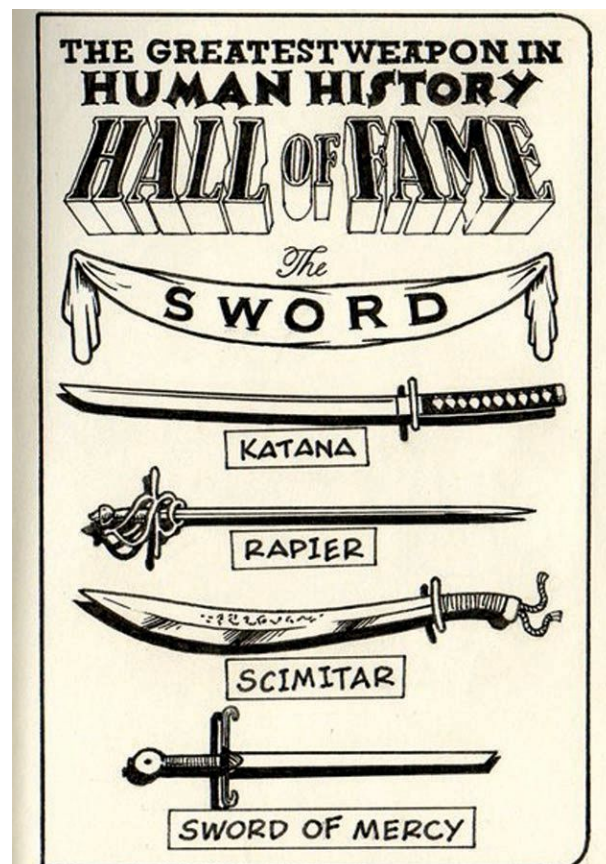
“I’m a bit of a newbie and just getting into comic art,” says commercial illustrator Rich Kuhaup, a longtime pre-press technician for the *Union-Tribune*. “I don’t expect I’ll be ‘discovered’ at Comic-Con, but that doesn’t mean my life wouldn’t change with the right contact or opportunity.”

The 54-year-old former Marine used comic-style artwork back when he was creating training manuals for the audio-

visual departments at Camp Pendleton, Coronado, and MCRD. “After I left the service, I found work as a graphic artist for defense contractors. I spent several years creating training materials for the instructors at the Navy Fighter Weapons School — Top Gun — where we used cartoons to illustrate the pilots’ lesson plans.”

Along the way, Kuhaup also worked on *PS Magazine*, a long-running U.S. Army maintenance periodical famed in comic circles for a cartoon-heavy 1950s run (over 350 issues) spearheaded by Will Eisner, whose comics are so revered that Comic-Con’s annual trophy ceremony is named the Eisner Awards.

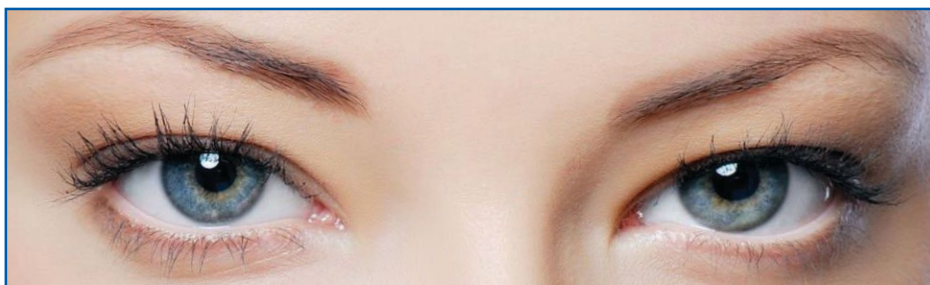
Currently living near University Heights and North Park, Kuhaup says, “I attended my



The Greatest Weapon in Human History, by Rich Kuhaup

first Comic-Con in 1980, and have been attending pretty regularly since

1994. About three years ago, I felt the urge to start drawing again, and my



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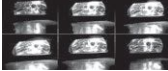
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interest in comics was rekindled."

He's walking into the 2011 Con with a fair amount of experience in commercial cartooning, but having only worked on one traditional panel-by-panel comic book, the somewhat obscure *Legend of Rudy McBacon*.

However, "I'm developing my own comic, which I plan to self-publish, a mini-comic project called "The Greatest Weapon in Human History." It's a humorous look at the history of weapons development. I've posted the story so far in a photo album on my Facebook page, and the feedback has been very positive."

"Greatest Weapon" is visually akin to the Rip Off Press series *Cartoon History of the Universe*, matching well-researched docutext with expressive, if somewhat rubbery, cartoon enactments.

"I don't have a portfolio to speak of, so I'll spend Comic-Con looking at how other artists are making a living at comics. I'd like to learn more about the business side and the trends in comic books. I'll also be spending much of my time in the small-press area. I just want a job in the comic industry, whether it's as an artist or as a lesser worker bee."

He says a friend once mentioned a possible job at DC Comics' La Jolla



Billy Martinez (right) self-publishes a gothic Tim Burton-esque comic series called *The Deepest Dark*.

office. "The work was changing Japanese word balloons to English, and little else. I'd be thrilled with something like that."

"I'm a corporate cube farmer by day, and a freelance writer by night and by train," says 35-year-old comic collector Erik

W. Hendrix. Currently living in Oceanside, Hendrix spent over a decade wearing his not-so-secret corporate identity at Unisys Logistics and Order Management in Rancho Bernardo. "I was the lead in the logistics department for a long time, but I also ran online marketing for the ClearPath

product line for a while."

Hendrix has long aspired to be a writer, but hadn't considered comics until around 2008. "I was working on my first novel, and I had a ton of ideas gnawing at my brain. Just jotting them down didn't clear them from my thoughts, so I started dabbling in comic



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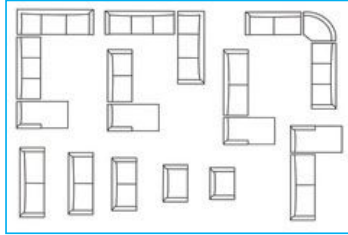
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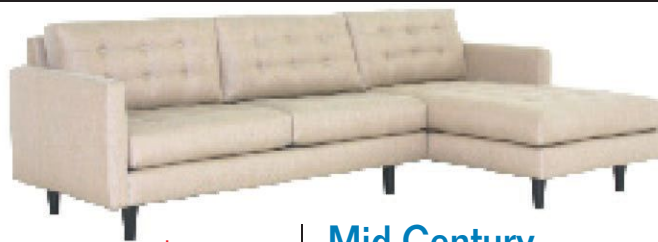
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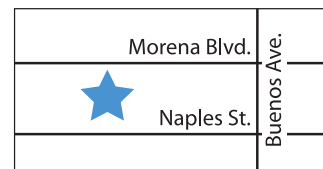
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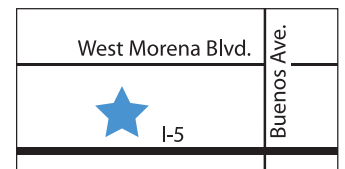
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scripts, tying together my love of writing with my love of comics.”

Last year, he took a job at Arcana Comics as VP of Promotions, putting him in a position to pitch his own 1950s Vegas mob thriller *Side-Shows*, drawn by Michael Nelsen. “It ties together my biggest loves: superheroes and old Vegas. It tells the story of some circus folk enlisted by a mob boss in Vegas, who is trying to control the burgeoning underbelly of the town’s gambling.”

Hendrix says he’ll

spend much of Comic-Con behind the Arcana table, promoting the series with preview copies of the first issue, due to ship shortly after the convention.

“Do I feel my life could be changed by what happens at the Con? I’d love to take 2000 copies of my book and sell out. I’d love for the media to fall in love with the book. It’s not about the money, because I don’t think anyone goes into comics looking at dollar signs. It’s about creating something and sharing it

with as many people as possible.”

Hendrix insists that “It *can* happen here. In 2008, I was a fan. In 2009, an aspiring creator walking around with flyers and pitches. In 2010, I was working at a booth and had contracts. For 2011, I’ll be running Arcana’s booth and debuting my first mass-distributed graphic novel.

“What will 2012 bring?”

“I’ve been attending Comic-Con in San

Diego every year since the seventh grade,” says 28-year-old Francis Jay Bautista, who heads up a five-person group of webcomic creators called Team Mixed Nuts.

“Right now, we have our hands full with our *Strawberry Scented Burnout* webcomic, a story about geek redemption and pride. Dumped by his girlfriend for his geeky nature, Francis, the hero, struggles to find his self-worth and the power to stand up for all that is sacred and holy in the geekiverse.”

The stories, like Bautista, are based in San Diego. “Since we’re all

vide an avenue for their webcomics to leap onto the printed page. “It’s a

“Right now, we have our hands full with our *Strawberry Scented Burnout* webcomic.”

fans of manga and anime, the comic has a very Japanese manga feel to it.”

He and his fellow Mixed Nuts are hoping that Comic-Con will pro-

really good opportunity to break into the comic industry, since most of the major comic companies have panel reviews, meet-and-greets, and

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other events. It's one of the few places where the comic-industry execs can get up close and personal with their fanbase. For better or worse."

Bautista's game plan for the convention? "Probably walking down Artists' Alley and talking to all the small-press people. They're just like me, putting their hopes and dreams on paper, or on the internet, and trying to get people to read it. I always get a sense of camaraderie when I walk down that section."

"Plus, since it's an awesome gathering of geeks from all over the world, a chance to be a geek without restraint."

Twenty-seven-year-old photographer Kimberly Prue lives near SDSU and works as a pizza chef at Famous Famiglia restaurant. She has attended two Comic-Cons in San Diego, 2005 and 2010, having spent

the intervening years serving in the U.S. Navy. However, she says, "I've been able to attend several other conventions, including Komiket and International Anime Fair in Tokyo, Anime Expo, NekoCon, Anime Banzai, and Sac-Anime."

"I'm kind of new at doing comics, so it was a big personal accomplishment to be acknowledged with verified professional status this year by the staff at Comic-Con." Of course, what constitutes a "professional level" is a subjective call. Prue says, "Anime and manga-style

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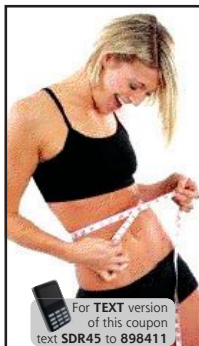
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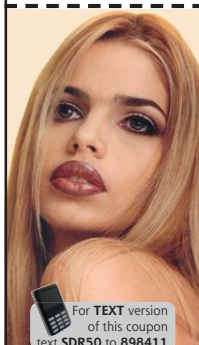


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art is what I base most of my drawing technique off of. I'm working on two projects right now. One is called "Dreams and Secrets," which is what I term a soap-opera comic. The main character, Monica Phillips, is based on me. She's a professional photographer getting to realize her dreams."

Prue's other comic is "Of Warriors and Kings." "It's a slash comic, set during the 1600s in a fictional West European country known as Espea. Prince Mathias D'Yrucem is a crowned prince of Yrucem, with no desire to marry or have children. He leaves the throne to his younger brother, Sven. He joins the army of Queen Belda and meets General Vincent Krystoff, and they fall in love. Despite the controversy, they decide

to return to Yrucem and are reinstated as princes."

She says the story is "completely written, but character designs and pages are still in development. With both of these titles, I plan to have them as webcomics, but I'm also looking for

be great to be able to get pointers from the people doing the reviews, as well as seeing if they think I might have a future in their company.

"Wendy Pini of ElfQuest fame has announced that she's going to be there, and

"It's a slash comic, set during the 1600s in a fictional West European country known as Espea."

a publisher or a way to self-publish the books."

Her main Con endeavor for 2011 will be to "seek out other artists, to learn from them, and improve. One of the things that I want to do this year is participate in the portfolio review. It'll

getting to finally meet her is important to me. Getting tips of the trade from master artists [like Pini] is a big part of why I'll be at the convention."

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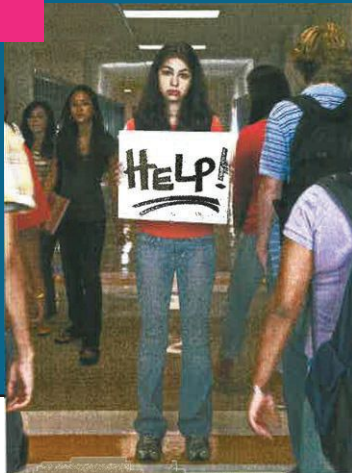


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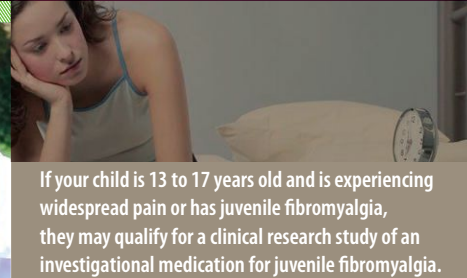
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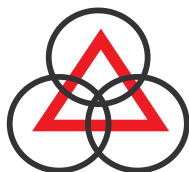
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in 1987, coming down from Washington on the Amtrak,” says 40-ish writer/artist Mikal Vollmer, who spent his teen years employed by the same comic-book store as future *Spawn* creator Todd McFarlane. “I worked at the Con as a registration volunteer for three years, then moved to Mission Bay in 1990 and joined the Comic-Con committee.”

Around the same time, Vollmer began creating his own underground-style comics (most geared for adults only) and printing them at Kinko’s. “I sold my photocopied comics in Artists’ Alley at Comic-Con from ’90 to ’96. I got really excited about how the art was coming along, so I enrolled in Mira Costa College’s

art program, eventually completing an associate’s degree in fine art.”

His Comic-Con efforts will center on

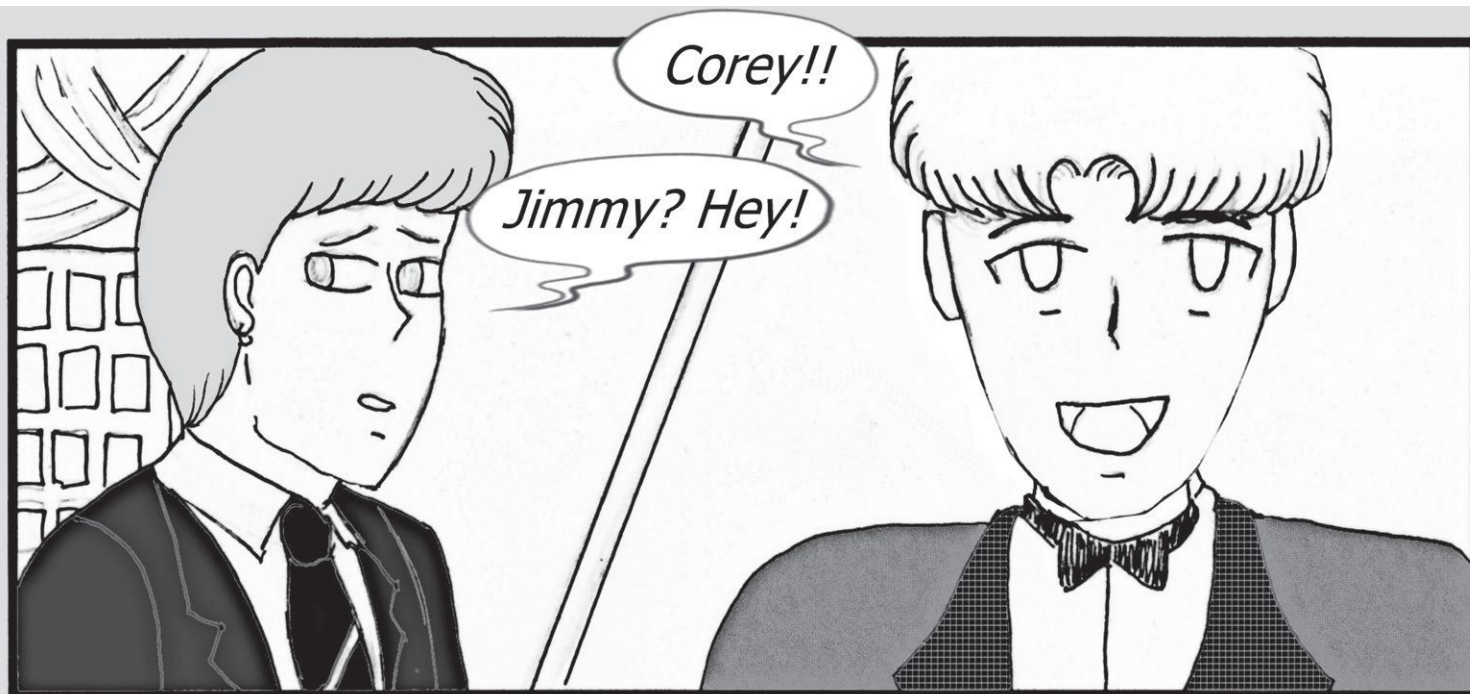
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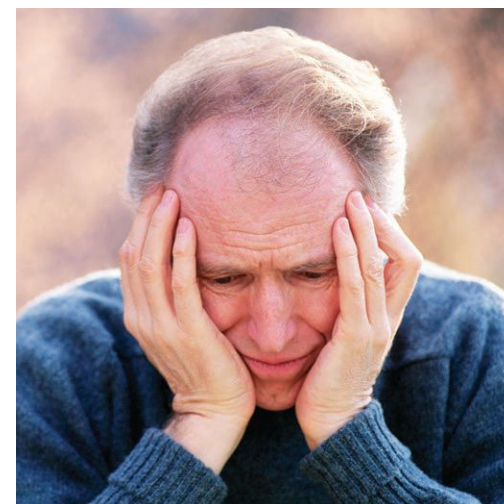
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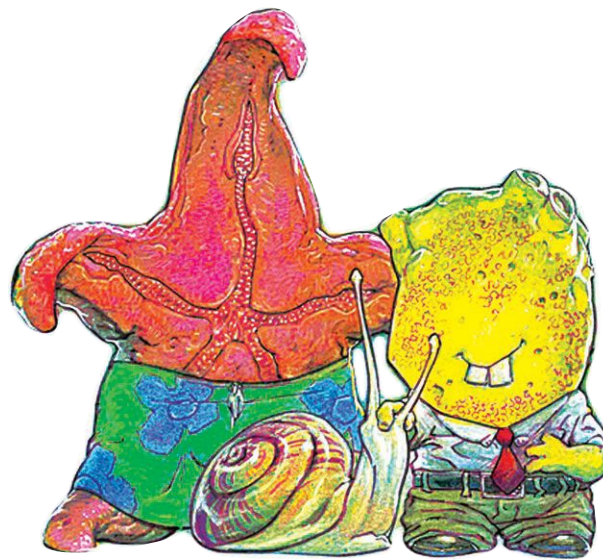
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me at the Con this year is that a publisher picks me up as one of their team that flies around the world displaying at comic conventions. I've got 30 years' experience in marketing, and I love comic books, comic cons, and traveling. I'd be perfect!"

As an alternative, "a book deal would be freakin' awesome [and] an international book deal from a foreign publisher is always welcome."

Finally, "There's always the chance that I could meet my soul mate this year. The most amazing women in the world write, draw, paint, and create in the pop-culture arts. It would be fabulous to meet the one woman who gets a kick out of me, who I inspire and who inspires me. Romance at the Comic-Con. We can



Spongebob Strangepants, by Mike Dubisch

go to conventions, wear costumes, attend panels, and be passionate about movies together. In fact, Comic-Con is the only place I can imagine any of that.

"If even one of those things happen, it changes the course of my life."

* * *

Writer/artist Tom Carroll is also taking advantage of 21st-century technology to further his aspirations as a comic-book creator.

"I'll be using social media and iPhone, iPad, and Android apps to get

things moving toward recognition at the Con. I'll also be sending out Android apps for publishers to install prior to the event, so that I can stir up some interest in having them visit me in Artists' Alley, and I'll have support materials and physical copies of my comic there as well."

The property he's pushing is a political satire called "The Gun Nose Chronicles." "I have a 22-page comic featuring the Gun Nose character, which I created. I wrote the issue and did art for one story, as well as collaborating with some of my friends and a few comic-industry legends to provide pencils, inks, and colors."

His list of collaborators includes Joe Statton (*Green Lantern*,

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E-Man), Marvel inker Josef "Joe" Rubinstein, *Jonah Hex* co-creator Tony DeZuniga, *Faust* inker Johnny B. Gerardy, *Elvis Shrugged* illustrator Dave Garcia, and *Wildstorm* colorist Wendy Fouts Broome.

Gun Nose originated as a character in a locally produced stage production called *I Survived the Bush Administration (and All I Got Was This \$%^@ T-Shirt!)*, a musical variety revue co-created with Four Eyes guitarist Mark DeCervo and others.

The production featured six comedy sketches, as well as 11 original songs, including "The Road to Utopia" ("We've got the money now / No Democrats around to slow us down"), "The Terrorism Cha-Cha" ("My name is Bin Laden / Am I alive or dead / I could be lying in a crater / Or doin' Cha-Cha in bed"), and "It Hurts When the Congress Thinks You're Nuts."

To promote his comic-book version of Gun Nose, Carroll says, "I'll have posters and such for people to purchase, and T-shirts that I'll hand-screen and sell from my table. In addition, I'll be getting together with toy makers and others. Using Facebook and Android apps, I think I can get the notice of publishers like Dark Horse, Image, Penny-Farthing Press, and others. I guess we'll go from there."

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Forty-three-year-old writer/artist Billy Martinez self-publishes a gothic Tim Burton-esque comic series called *The Deepest Dark* from his own Neko Press Art Studios on University

Avenue, across the street from Helix High School.

"I've been working in the comic and publishing industry for over 16 years," says Martinez. "I also teach art classes at my studio, and I do many gallery shows that showcase my line of 'Girls' paintings. I'm doing 1000 different paintings in the series, some of which

I perform live right on stage, sometimes working on four paintings at a time while music plays."

Martinez has been attending Comic-Con in San Diego for 15 years. "Before *The Deepest Dark*, I was best known for my titles *Kickass Girl* and *Wildflower*, which is celebrating its 15-year anniversary this year.

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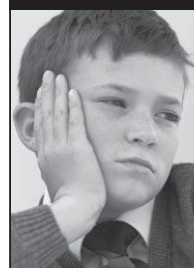
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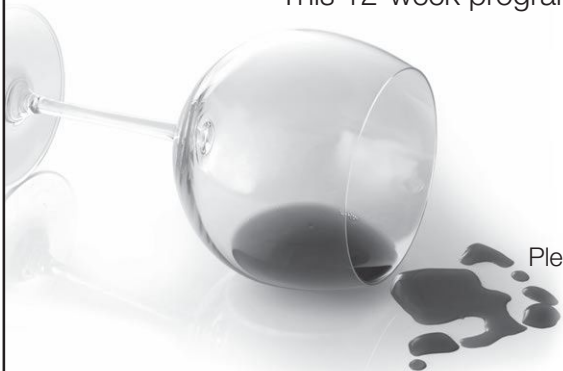
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I plan to re-release the sold-out trade paperback of the series this year, with extras and brand-new cover art.”

His newest title will be the focus of his 2011 efforts. “I hope to achieve some interest from Hollywood regarding *The Deepest Dark*.”

Which brings up an interesting and contentious subject. Each year at Comic-Con, Hollywood studios — and TV networks and producers — have commanded more attention and display space, eliciting no small amount of controversy and complaints from die-hard comic fans. A recent episode of the animated comedy *The Cleveland Show* depicted the comic geeks doing costumed

battle with the dreaded minions of Hollywood all over downtown San Diego, attempting to wrestle back control of the Con, once (arguably) the nearly exclusive domain of comic fans.

One local publisher chooses to embrace the growing cross-pollination between comics and mainstream showbiz media. Based in Kensington, IDW Publishing has risen to become one of the top-five best-selling U.S. comic companies, thanks in part to developing licensed properties based on *CSI*, *24*, *Angel*, *Transformers*, *Star Trek*, *Dick Tracy*, *G.I. Joe*, *Doctor Who*, and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (which actually started as a small-press comic book).

“I’m roughly the

same age as Comic-Con,” says IDW publisher and writer Chris Ryall. “I think my first show was in 1997. I’ve been a comic fan since I was a kid, and have vague recollections of getting [Superman co-creator] Joe Shuster’s autograph at a show in Los Angeles when I was about four or five.”

Regarding Hollywood vs. comics, Ryall counters that “Comic-Con is so large now that you can easily make it into whatever you want the show to be. If you want movie trailers and to see stars, sure, that’s an option. But there’s so much more, from talking to publishers and creators of current books, to seeing people from your childhood favorites, and everything in between.”

IDW books are nomi-

inated for several 2011 Eisner Awards, including their book *Dave Stevens The Rocketeer Artist’s Edition*, and an ongoing comic series called *Locke & Key*, by novelist Joe Hill and artist Gabriel Rodriguez. “That book and the creators are nominated for multiple Eisner Awards,” notes Ryall, “and both of them will be at the show signing comics and meeting fans.”

Having already reached the status and sales only dreamed of by the majority of Comic-Con hopefuls, Ryall says “IDW doesn’t really do [conventions] to make money as much as getting directly in front of fans, offering an outlet for fans to meet IDW creators, and hopefully expose some new peo-

ple to our books. It also serves as a place to meet and talk to creators face to face, which has led to some nice projects.”

series adapting Oz stories, Shanower has attended Comic-Con every year since 1998. His book *The Marvelous Land of Oz* is up for a 2011 Eisner

“I do have some resentment toward the Con attendees who are just there for the movie and TV stuff.”

Among the successful local comic pros who’ll have a convention booth will be Eric Shanower, a 40-ish writer and illustrator living in Redwood Village, near La Mesa. Best known for his long-running graphic novel

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“I’ve been a professional cartoonist since 1984. All the major U.S. comics publishers, and many of the small ones, have published my work, and so have Random House, Oxford University Press, and

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Offering hope to all aspiring creators, Shanower says, “I have gotten work through attending Comic-Con in San Diego, [like] drawing *The Secret Origin of the Justice League of America* for DC in 1987. I first met Ed Brubaker [*Captain America*, *Criminal*, and *Incognito*] at the 1987 Con...he and I collaborated on several projects over the years. I think the last thing we did together was some *Batman* stuff around 2001 and 2002.”

Unlike most folks interviewed for this article, Shanower modestly admits that “I have more work than I can comfortably handle right now, so I’m not going to the Con looking for more. The expense of exhibiting, and the insanity of getting through the Con, has increased so much in the past decade that I dread it all year ’round. Except for the week it’s actually happening, when I generally have a blast.

“I do have some resentment toward the Con attendees who are just there for the movie and TV stuff and have no idea what comics are about. From a publicity standpoint, I like the idea that the Con attracts a whole range of people, even if the crowding can get really unpleasant, [but] I don’t expect the Con to offer any opportunities that will change my daily life.”

Whether Comic-Con can empower and enable your most heartfelt dreams to become reality, well, that all depends upon what you dream, doesn’t it?

“I met my wife, Jackie Estrada, because of Comic-Con,” says writer/

artist Batton Lash, one of San Diego’s best-known creators, thanks to his own titles (*Supernatural Law*, previously known as *Wolff & Byrd: Counselors of the Macabre*)

and his freelance work on *Bart Simpson’s Radioactive Man* (Bongo Comics), *Archie Freshman Year: The Hidden Years* (Archie Comics), and the infamous Archie/Marvel

crossover *Archie Meets the Punisher*.

The 50-something creator lives near SDSU and has attended 23 consecutive Comic-Cons in San Diego. None were

more memorable than the 1990 edition.

“I had sent in a tribute drawing for *The Spirit’s* 50th anniversary for the San Diego souvenir book and was

thrilled when I received a postcard from the editor, Jackie Estrada, thanking me for the drawing and letting me know it would be included. I was pretty excited. *The Spirit’s* cre-

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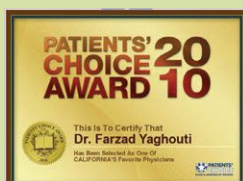
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ator Will Eisner was an instructor of mine at the School of Visual Arts."

Shortly before the Con in San Diego, at a smaller Chicago convention, Lash spotted Estrada at a party sponsored by DC Comics. "I went over and introduced myself and thanked her for sending that postcard. Later on, she saw me hanging out — or, as she called it, 'lurking' — and struck up a conversation. I found myself running into her multiple times, each time chatting a bit more.

"I was surprised when she called me each weekend in the weeks leading up to the San Diego show. I thought Comic-Con had some welcome wagon! We got to know each other bet-

ter during those phone calls, and she invited me to a pre-Con party she was having at her house [in San Diego]."

At that party, "she took the opportunity to show me her collection of original comic-book

ship. I permanently moved to San Diego in November 1993 and, in January 1994, Jackie and I were married.

"It all started because of Comic-Con." ■

— Jay Allen Sanford

"Later on, she saw me hanging out — or, as she called it, 'lurking' — and struck up a conversation."

art, including several pages by my favorite, Steve Ditko. It was obvious that we were on the same wavelength. Needless to say, by the middle of Comic-Con, we were an item. That started a three-and-a-half year cross-country relation-

Jay Allen Sanford co-created *Rock 'N' Roll Comics*, and his publishing company *Re-Visionary Press* is known for its line of *Carnal Comics*. He creates two comic strips for the Reader: *Overheard* in San Diego (debuted 1996) and *Famous Former Neighbors* (since 2004).

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behind eight others who will disembark at the next station.

I am surrounded by a group of elementary- and middle-school kids headed to Parker or St. Augustine's, ultimately destined for USD, shoving each other, laughing, talking about ski vacations in the Swiss Alps, speaking French or Italian into their cells, carrying overloaded backpacks and lacrosse rackets in expensive monogrammed cases. Overall, I've always been amazed at how polite these boys are, so I cut them a lot of slack during the 45-minute ride. It is usually amusing to listen to them.



Today there is a young girl with an expensive guitar and nimble fingers, playing for the riders, all the way to work. Sitting alone in a four-seat mezzanine section, with her feet propped up in front of her, she plays her guitar and sings, reminiscent of Suzanne Vega or maybe Tracy Chapman. I glance at her several times, peeking between the seats. She has a foreign look, her skin an odd sort of yellowish orangey color — not a fake tan, natural looking — and her hair is coarse and

above her shoulders, reddish and kinky. Her shoes look like they are from Spain.

She plays well, and her voice is melodious. Perhaps she's a songwriter. The lyrics are romantic, the voice okay, the playing excellent. As the train lurches to a stop, I say, "Thank you. That was nice!" I hear her say, "No worries!" as the doors slide open.

I reassure myself that my handbag and lunchbox are part of my baggage and quickly navigate a path through



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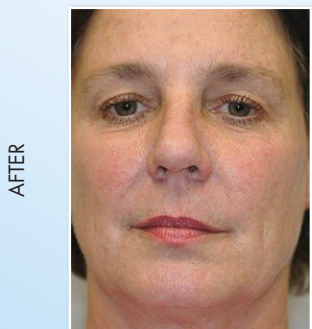
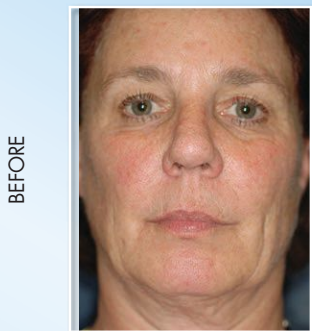
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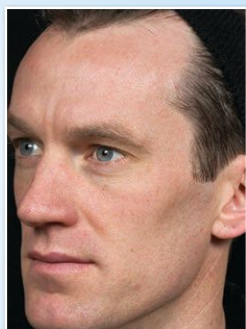
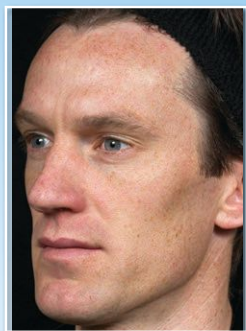
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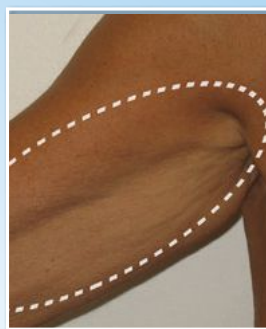


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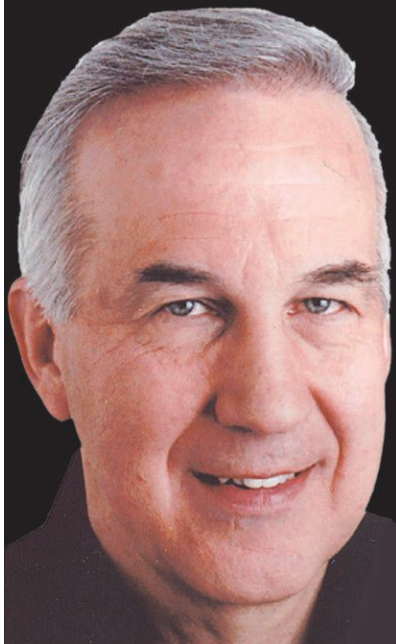
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the other commuters. I glance to the right and then step into the street, in yet another futile attempt to make it across the bus lane before the #15 cuts me off. This week alone: two new drivers, or angry drivers, have attempted to run me down. Not just me, but anyone in the crosswalk. Perhaps they don't know that pedestrians have the right of way? Or they just don't give a shit. This morning, one driver had the nerve to lay on his horn so he didn't have to stop at the crosswalk. Should I send a note to MTS? Risk management, you know.

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to take the long way around to get to the trolley, the bus, or the street. Since it was launched, everyone seems to be rushing, safety be damned. Of course, they've hired guards to patrol the construction zone — although I haven't seen anyone but the guards, so I guess the construction workers only work part-time. Nice. Bet they have a

just to miss their bus — or, if they actually work nearby, to wait through at least two additional stop lights in order to get to work. And that's if they're lucky and a train or trolley doesn't fly through the station, disrupting the sequence of those signals and causing a few more minutes to be lost.

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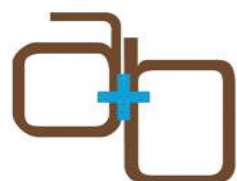


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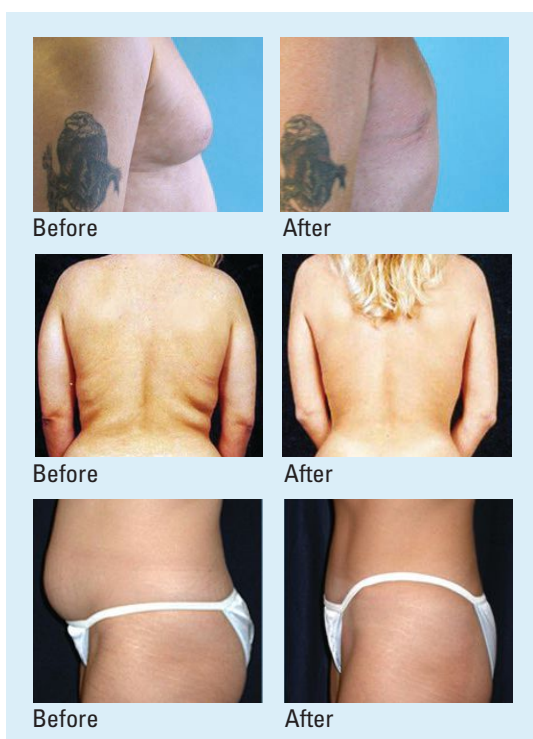
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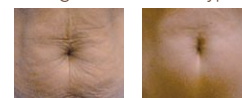
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stairs to the bus stop and parking lot. That stairway is a challenge because my timing puts me at the top when a trolley is getting ready to leave, and the crowd surges toward me like a tsunami. They don't give, they don't care, they just want to make their trolley or train.

An old man in worn Levis is totally absorbed, pulling handfuls of bread crusts out of his backpack, scattering crumbs on the filthy cement walkway between the bus lanes. He looks up with a vacant look in his eyes, and his eyes quickly return to the birds pecking at the ground.

As I pass, little groups scoot to another area of the walkway. A black raven swoops low and grabs an ice cream wrapper, liquid vanilla streaming from the sky as he heads for the building across the street. The pigeons make a ruckus, pissed that the raven got the wrapper...and then they are distracted by the next handful of bread.

A woman in her 70s, with chin-length hair, a fake Rasta ponytail clumsily pinned on the back of her head with a giant clip: she looks like somebody's mother gone wrong. She is smiling to herself but not making eye contact with anyone. She has a trash bag full of water bottles at her feet today as she waits for the bus. I've seen her on the train on my way home in the afternoon, with a cane and either a missing leg or wearing a heavy brace. I couldn't tell.

Just last week, she was sitting upstairs and everyone was watching her as she slowly, painfully, made her way through the mezzanine area to the bottom floor. A young guy, sitting in the handicapped seat, jumped up and offered it

to her, and she sat down, gratefully. As we approached the next stop, I saw her stand up and head back upstairs. She made it all the way to the top, where she was blocked by three guys who were trying to head downstairs to get off. I heard her say, "No, no, no," and saw one man, with kind eyes, try to put a \$20 dollar bill in her pocket, which she apparently had left on the seat. Her voice was getting louder — "No, no, no!" — so he grabbed the bill from her pocket and put it in her hand, feeling embarrassed, unsure of what to do next. The good Samaritan had set her off.

I stood up and saw another young guy watching her attempt to get back down the stairs. He held out his hand, and she said, "No, no, no." His girlfriend had already made it

to the main floor and was waiting by the door. Three of us now, watching her, eager to help, but she was having none of it.

I headed for the door as we slid to a stop. I raised my hand, waving my arm to get the conductor's attention. The young guy and his girlfriend took off, and I heard him say something to the engineer as they passed. I was still waiting by the open door to help her out when she hobbled right past me and took a seat. The good Samaritan leapt out the door as the train started moving again. "That was interesting," he said.

The conductor reached us, took one look, and said, "She doesn't get off here" and jumped back on the train, closing the door. ■

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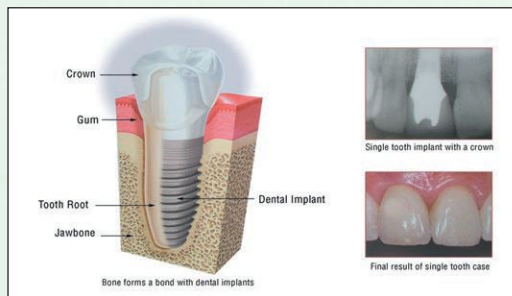
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Texas tea GOP congressman **Brian Bilbray**, fresh from his skeet-shooting fund-raiser in the hunt country of Virginia last month, will soon be back among Southern California's landed gen-

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try with a genteel fund-raiser set for July 23 at the Del Mar Country Club, hosted by Texas billionaire **T. Boone Pickens** and wife **Madeleine**, who have an estate nearby. According to the invitation, posted on the Sunlight Foundation's Party Time website, the guest of honor will be House Speaker **John Boehner**, who has of late been going toe-to-toe with President **Barack Obama** over the shape of the national budget. Members of the local host committee include Poway contractor **Doug Barnhart**; builder **Scott McMillin**; lobbyist **Ben Hadad**; weight-loss queen **Jenny Craig**; La Jolla maven **Leon Parma**; and **Sandy Kahn**, son of late Los Peñasquitos developer **Irwin Kahn**. The tab to get into a roundtable featuring a pep talk

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plunged, but by day's end, they had sliced their losses by well over half and were up for the week: the pros knew that Uncle Ben Bernanke

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There is general agreement that the Fed's \$600 billion program to buy Treasury paper boosted stocks but not the economy. In late June, the Fed ended that purchasing program, but it said it would continue buying Treasury paper — about \$300 billion worth over a year. That was a liquidity signal: Bottoms up! On July 13, the market celebrated when Bernanke said he was ready to roll out his water hose if the economy suffered. The next day, he seemed to back away from the commitment, and stocks wilted.

Generally, rich people make spending decisions based on how their stocks and bonds are doing. But the richest 10 percent has 70 percent of financial wealth (stocks and bonds); the lower half has a mere 5 percent. Most people plan their consumption around the value of their homes. Those values are down more than 30 percent nationwide, 38 percent in San Diego. Families are no longer borrowing off the equity in their homes.

Meanwhile, banks are lending only to the chosen few. "High-net-worth individuals are able to receive loans, but lower-net-worth individuals are still struggling," says Bank of America Merrill Lynch. And the middle/low-income folks are getting almost no return on their savings accounts.

Even with the economy seemingly getting stronger, people won't do much borrowing. North County investment advisor E. James Welsh notes that between 1985 and 2008, household debt as a percentage of disposable personal income (spendable money after taxes) soared from 62 percent to 135 percent. Last year it dropped to a still-scary 120 percent, mainly because of defaults on mortgages, credit cards, and auto loans.

The bottom line: these years of Wall Street feasting off Main Street's misery

have caused severe long-term afflictions. "We are past the point of a high tide lifting all boats and are increasingly in a zero-sum game of what's good for one group is bad

for another," says Del Mar's Arthur Lipper III, a member of one of Wall Street's most famous families and an international investment banker. "The chasm between

the haves and have-nots is widening."

That's bad: consumer spending is more than 70 percent of the economy. But Lipper sees another ominous

threat resulting from the wealth and income disparity: "There is a widening educational gap," he says, lamenting "the undereducation of our younger workforce

and high school students." Countries that compete with the United States have "a better educated and more highly motivated workforce." Long-term, that is a threat

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to America's hegemony. Domestically, "Nothing good can come from the shrinking of our middle class."

W. Erik Bruvold, president of the National University System Institute for Policy Research, points out that in America today, 74 percent of people with college degrees are employed, while only 54.6 percent of high school grads have jobs. In San Diego, workers in life sciences, clean technology, and wireless telecom — generally better educated — have suffered only "mild discomfort" in the post-2007 economy, while others have been reeling.

Between 2001 and 2010, San Diego gained 23,200 jobs in leisure and hospitality — hotel and restaurant jobs, for example. This was the biggest employment rise in the county, but the pay is 20 percent or more below

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average. By contrast, manufacturing jobs declined the most: 26,600. These are high-paying jobs — at least 20 percent above average.

The only high-paying sector that gained jobs between 2001 and 2010 was professional, scientific, and technical, the ones generally requiring the most education. This category gained 16,200 jobs. One of San Diego's main tasks is seeing that growth in tech industries benefits those without college degrees, says Bruvold.

Should you ignore the debilitating rich/poor gap and invest in stocks? You can buy solid ones — mainly utilities — that pay good dividends (yields of more than 4 percent, or much better than in bonds or savings accounts). But there are good arguments against stocks, too — such as the possibil-

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ity of a crash in Europe and/or the United States. Lipper points out that stocks go up most of the time, but when they come down, it's often hard and fast. Since Wall Street moguls get paid big bucks whether they perform or not, the moneybags have a bad case of complacency, just as they had in precrash 2007.

I would not have more than 30 percent of my portfolio in stocks — about the same percentage, incidentally, that the superrich devote to stocks, according to Merrill Lynch. Your broker or advisor will probably want you to have 60 percent in equities; that's too much. ■

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Bloyer said he couldn't believe it when he heard that the board had hired Chopra.

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"Chopra had no community college background, no shared governance experience," said Bloyer, "and he came to California from a right-to-work state," a state where employees can opt out of union membership while receiving union benefits. "He had no experience working in a collective bargaining environment."

A year earlier, at the Sweetwater Union High School District, the board was considering Jesus Gandara as their new superintendent. Gandara had recently been superintendent of schools in Mercedes, a town of 15,000 located in the southern tip of Texas. At Mercedes Independent School District, Gandara was responsible for 5000 students; Sweetwater Union had 42,000 students.

Sweetwater board members Arlie Ricasa and Jim Cartmill flew to Texas to

interview Gandara. Their flights, hotel expenses, and car rentals cost the district \$2305.87.

Ricasa said in a recent interview that in Texas they talked to Gandara and "a cross section of people who had worked with Gandara, including former board members, community members, and employees of the Mercedes district." She said that the board was "looking for an educational leader" and that the main focus was on academic qualifications.

However, another criterion, Ricasa confirmed, was a willingness to work for a new school bond. "We were just finishing up with Proposition BB," she said, "and our facilities still needed a lot of work." The \$187 million provided by Proposition BB in 2000 was gone, and the district wanted voters to approve more bonds.

Gandara had a track

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record of getting school bonds passed. The *Union-Tribune* reported in an August 8, 2006 story, "Gandara was superintendent at Mercedes Independent School District for eight years, during which time voters passed three bond measures to build and renovate schools."

Raj Chopra had similar qualifications. A few months prior to being hired at Southwestern, Chopra had overseen the passage of a \$25 million bond referendum for the Phoenix Union High School District.

After they were hired,

Gandara and Chopra hit the ground running. The same 2006 *Union-Tribune* article that announces Gandara's selection as superintendent states, "Gandara will lead the Sweetwater Union High School District as it pursues voter approval of a \$644 million school bond measure on the November ballot."

At Southwestern, when Chopra arrived in mid-2007, the district was still working with funds from Prop AA. But by November 2008, Proposition R was on the ballot, asking voters for \$389 million in new bonds for the district.

Less than three weeks after Prop R passed, Southwestern issued a press release crediting Chopra with the victory. "The broad-based community support Prop R enjoyed...was a direct result of Dr. Chopra's strategic networking efforts with business leaders and community civic groups..."

The biggest controversy surrounding Proposition R was the development of the vacant lot owned by Southwestern at the corner of East H Street and Otay Lakes Road, one of Chula Vista's busiest intersections. Previous attempts to develop

the lot had met with strong community opposition due to concerns about increased congestion. At one time, the college had been compelled to cancel a deal with developers who wanted to put in a Borders bookstore and a Trader Joe's.

After Proposition R passed, corner lot development went into high gear. At the height of the recession and during a building bust in Chula Vista, million-dollar contracts were signed with program directors, architects, and contractors. A gala was held at a swank restaurant in May 2010 to unveil the architectural design.

On the occasion of the event, Chopra wrote an email to William Attea, of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates. According to the public records request for that period, this is the only email Chopra sent out for the gala. "Dear Bill: You are invited. This project has been in the making for over ten years. With a lot of controversies surrounding it. We brought it to closure..."

Attea wrote back, "At present, I am planning to attend the *celebration*. Bill"

The original start date for corner lot development was April 2011. However,

due to continued contractor-related scandals and leadership changes at the college, the lot is still nothing but 2.6 acres of dirt.

Many people interviewed over the past year have suggested that the flood of bond money ushered in a new way of doing business in the South Bay and may account for the troubled tenures of both superintendents. Yehudi Gaffen, chief executive of Gafcon, likens the construction culture in the South Bay to Chicago in the 1920s and 1930s.

In both school districts, the program managers who successfully handled the earlier bond money were summarily dumped after passage of the new bonds — Proposition O at Sweetwater and R at Southwestern. Maas Companies had managed construction for Southwestern, and Gafcon and Harris & Associates had managed construction for Sweetwater.

Gafcon had been selected by a panel of staff and outside experts to handle Proposition O construction. However, Gandara complained of mismatched stucco and twisted rain gutters and chose Gilbane/SGI (Seville Group Inc.) to do future work, although the panel

had ranked Seville next to last. In a recent interview, Yehudi Gaffen said, "We were selected by a hand-picked, blue-ribbon panel to be the program manager for Proposition O, and then we were unselected by Gandara. This practice [of ignoring the ranking] is unusual, unorthodox, and usually means that someone higher up did not like the result. What's particularly vexing is we had nothing to do with the buildings singled out for shoddy work."

Both Gandara and Chopra hired the same man, Henry Amigable, to manage their districts' multimillion-dollar bond projects. Amigable worked for Gilbane Construction from February 2006 to March 2008, managing Proposition O construction at Sweetwater, and then in April 2008 he slid over to Seville Construction to manage Southwestern's Proposition R construction.

Last year, the *Union-Tribune* exposed a wine and golf junket taken by Henry Amigable with then-Southwestern vice president Nicholas Alioto and Chris Rowe of Echo Pacific. Rowe had bid \$15,000 for the trip at a silent auction held during a gala put on by the college's foundation.



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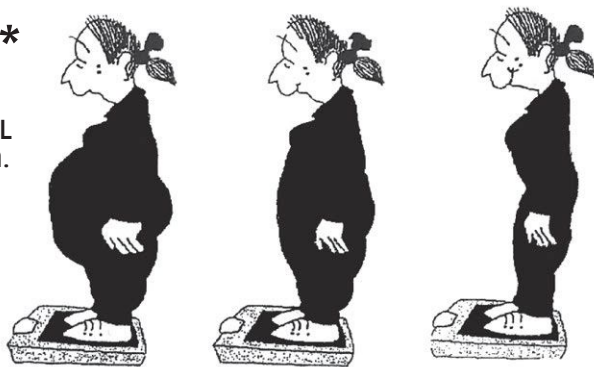


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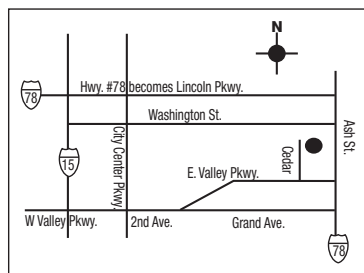
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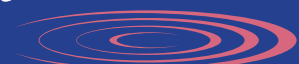
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Part of Amigable's job as program manager involved "assisting in evaluating bids" and making recommendations "concerning the acceptance or rejection of bids." After the trio returned from their week-end of golf and wine tasting, Rowe's contracting business, Echo Pacific, was awarded a \$4 million contract for work on the corner lot. In January 2011, Southwestern trustee Tim Nader confirmed that Amigable was no longer Seville's program manager. Amigable now works for Echo Pacific.

A tantalizing invoice, acquired through a public records request, casts doubt on the integrity of the college's bidding process. The invoice was submitted by Seville Construction to Southwestern College requesting reimbursement for binders and paper that Seville had ordered for the bond oversight committee. It was dated June 2009, *five months* before Seville was hired to manage Prop R funds. The call for bids did not go out until three months later, in September 2009. Seville was hired to manage the bond construction that November. A call to Jeff Flores, chief executive for Seville Construction, concerning this invoice was not returned.

While Chopra and Gandara walk away with their pockets full of taxpayer dollars, their regimes are reportedly under investigation by the district attorney's office. Southwestern has called for an extra audit of Proposition R spending, and Sweetwater is considering another audit of Proposition O spending.

Meanwhile, Southwestern College is conducting a new \$26,000 search for a superintendent using an executive search firm called Community College Search Services. Sweetwater Union's board has not discussed search firms yet, says board member Ricasa, but she is "open to looking, reviewing, and interviewing a variety of firms." ■

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Pachyderms' Protectors

Pre-Circus Protesters Speak Out for Welfare of Elephants Sports Arena — A crowd of about 80 protesters lined Sports Arena Boulevard on the afternoon of July 14. They were there

community relations officer Rene Murillo, Kensington has experienced an increase in crime from January through June. In this five-month span, 17 homes and 3 businesses were burglarized, and there were 16 reports of larceny/theft, 8 cars stolen, 44 property crimes, and 11 car prowls. The community has joined



On Sports Arena Boulevard, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and people with nothing better to do, protested circus elephant use.

in anticipation of the opening of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus' four-day run at the Valley View Casino Center (aka the Sports Arena).

Organized by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and supported by the San Diego Animal Defense Team, the protest was on behalf of elephants.

Activists displayed signs that read, "I'm an ele-friend, don't go to the circus!" and "Elephants Never Forget!" The group's mission was to call attention to what they view as abusive treatment by animal trainers and handlers.

"There's really no way to train these animals without keeping them under the constant threat of corporal punishment," explained Alicia Woempner of PETA.

Woempner and others handed out flyers and DVDs documenting abuses and covering the use of training devices such as the "bull-hook," a pole with a sharpened steel hook at the end, and "hot shots," electric prods used to train animals to assume positions during their acts.

By Dave Rice
Thursday, July 14

Crime Spike

Residents on Patrol Kensington-Talmadge — According to reports and SDDP

forces with the San Diego police to establish a patrol regimen. The patrol, modeled after a similar citizen patrol operating in the Talmadge community, should be in full operation by July 15. Residents will monitor streets within its council district boundaries, bordered by canyons to the north, El Cajon Boulevard to the south, and Fairmount Avenue and Interstate 15 to the west and east (respectively).

Thirteen residents volunteered for the patrol. The volunteers will drive a car identified with "Kensington Patrol" logos. Murillo has yet to release the hours when the patrol will operate, but night shifts are scheduled.

Following these incidents, neighbors formed "Kensington Connection" to post information online about suspicious activities (kensington-connection@googlegroups.com).

The increased awareness paid off in mid-June when neighbors, curious about the presence of a car parked on their street and the behavior of its owner, reported to the SDDP what they thought might be a burglary in progress at a nearby home.

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CITY LIGHTS

been in jail awaiting trial.

By Joan FitzSimons
Wednesday, July 13

Information Incubation

Backyard Chicken Movement

Ocean Beach — Would it be okay if an O.B. resident kept a couple chickens in their backyard? Rachel Hiner of the Urban Food Network posed that question last week at the monthly meeting of the Ocean Beach Planning Board.

Article 2, Section 42.0709 of San Diego's municipal code says that as long as you keep your coop at least 50 feet from any residential structure, the law in San Diego allows for the keeping of up to 25 fowl. But for most houses (especially in O.B.), a distance of 50 feet from your neighbor's house — and yours — may not be possible.

A movement is afoot in a few parts of the U.S. to reduce the legal distance to 20 feet from the nearest neighbor's house and no distance buffer to the owner's house — but that would be for a coop with five hens or less (no roosters).

Members of Urban Food Network and Urban Chickens have been making the rounds to community planning groups, touting the backyard hen as a green pet. Owners say chickens remove garden pests naturally, provide a family with wholesome protein (in the form of a near-daily egg), and promote self-reliance. And they're cute.

"I could watch them scratch around and wiggle their butts for hours," said Hiner, who owns three chickens at her Narragansett Avenue residence in Ocean Beach.

The planning board declined to take a position, preferring to let the information incubate until a later meeting.

By Tony de Garate
Tuesday, July 12

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Thursday | 21

THE BLACK BALL

Los Angeles toy store Munky King will be at Bar Basic in East Village to kick off Comic-Con with the first Designer Toy Awards. Witness the live painting of Luke Chueh's new giant *1000% Possessed*, as well as live painting by Aaron Woes Martin, Yoskay Yamamoto, and Jesse Hernandez. See [SPECIAL](#), page 58.



Saturday | 23

PEER GYNT

La Jolla Playhouse stages this story of a liar and a braggart who "lives for himself alone." David Schweizer adapted and directs this trimmed-down version of Henrik Ibsen's masterpiece. See [THEATER](#), page 101.

OBON FESTIVAL

The Vista Buddhist Temple and Japanese Cultural Center celebrates this annual Buddhist event to commemorate one's ancestors with taiko drumming, Japanese tea tasting, a Buddhist lecture, and bonsai. Join in *bon odori* Japanese folk dancing and sample Japanese cuisine! See [SPECIAL](#), page 58.

Friday | 22

AMERICA'S FINEST BEER FESTIVAL

This weekend, Qualcomm Stadium plays host to over 120 craft breweries. Enjoy beer tastings, food, and live music. Proceeds benefit the United Service Organizations (USO) of San Diego. See [SPECIAL](#), page 58.

AMADEUS

The movie was awarded an Oscar, the play took home a Tony, and the Old Globe Theatre's production is our critic's pick. Miles Anderson gives a "masterful performance" in his role as Antonio Salieri, the green-eyed loather of young Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. See [THEATER](#), page 101.



Sunday | 24

ZINTASTIC!

St. Francis Winery president Christopher Silva will present a tasting and discussion to kick off the University of San Diego Wine Classic, which features 30 USD-family wineries (owned or managed by USD alumni, family, and friends). See [FOOD & DRINK](#), page 60.

WRITE ON, OCEANSIDE!

Oceanside Cultural Arts Foundation hosts a book fair for Oceanside authors. More than 20 authors will be on hand to meet guests and autograph books. See [IN PERSON](#), page 60.

mimic the look of expensive gold-leafed paper" and an elegant "diamond" embellished floral spray. Students must provide their own materials. See [SPECIAL](#), page 58.

Monday | 25

VEGAN BARBECUE

Spork Foods owners Heather and Jenny Goldberg will cook up "serious barbecue delights" during this class at Great News! in Pacific Beach. Recipes include chipotle roasted corn with lemon-maple basil butter. See [FOOD & DRINK](#), page 60.

Wednesday | 27

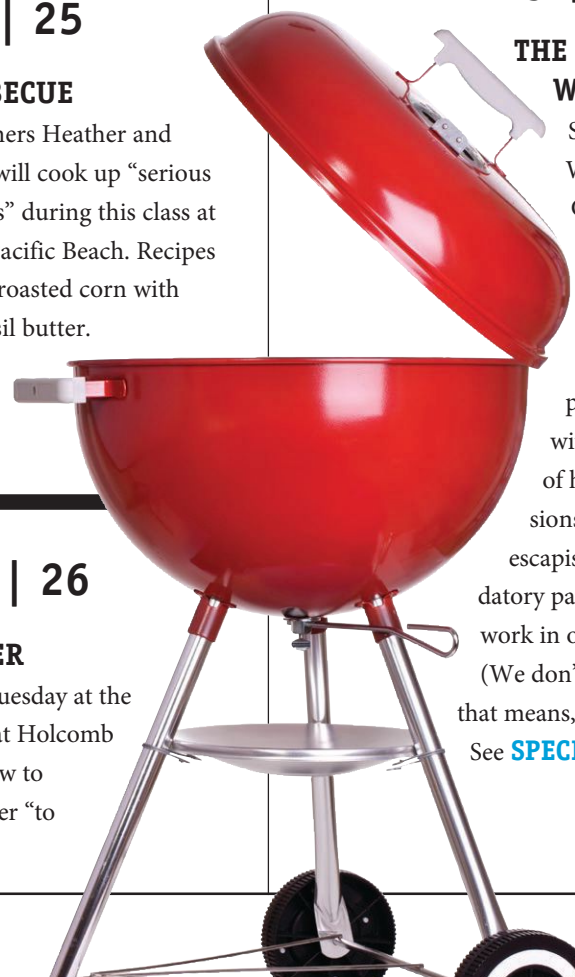
THE GAMES WE PLAY

So Say We All's Greenroom hosts this "free-write" session where people can play with the idea of how diversions, distraction, escapism, and mandatory participation work in our world. (We don't know what that means, either.) See [SPECIAL](#), page 58.

Tuesday | 26

GILDED PAPER

For Technique Tuesday at the Stamp Addict, Pat Holcomb will teach you how to create gilded paper "to



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Your guide heads to Eleven Mile, where you patiently trawl until the line pulls.

Southeast Alaska: Craig and Klawock

By Valerie Middleton

You arrive at the Ketchikan Airport and quickly transfer to the Island Air Express counter. You secure your seat-belt and headphones inside the tiny nine-passenger aircraft. Within five minutes you're soaring with the eagles over nameless snow-capped peaks, lush evergreen, and a blatant lack of signs of population.

You land at the Klawock/

Craig airport. Your lodging options include the famous Fireweed Lodge in Klawock, Ruth Ann's in Craig, or the secluded Northern Spell located on Wadleigh Island across the water. After choosing newbie Northern Spell, you are transported from floatplane to island in an open skiff. You march up the lodge's steep dock and begin to curse the hour's low tide but are interrupted when you catch a glimpse of the most grand display of stars you've ever seen.

Your wakeup call arrives at

4:30 a.m. The early bird catches the worm, they say — or, in your case, the salmon. After the lodge fits you into some durable Xtratuf boots and fisherman overalls, you begin the pilgrimage every salmon-seeking city slicker must take. Your guide heads to Eleven Mile, where you patiently trawl until the line pulls.

You begin to reel in what seems like a 70-pound beast. When he finally surfaces, you catch a glimpse of his silver scales. Maybe he's no 70-pounder, but you love him just the same because he's yours. He is netted and lands in the boat bottom with a loud thud.

Exhausted after a long day of fishing, you head home but make one last stop. The boat cruises past a lonely buoy out in the middle of the water.

The buoy's 100-foot rope is pulled until a metal cage surfaces. Seven Dungeness crabs and a single starfish are visible. The crab trap is emptied and rebaited, the starfish and female crabs are returned to the sea, and the males are reserved for tonight's dinner.

After a feast of Dungeness, king salmon, and bull kelp martinis, you retire to bed.

In the morning you're awoken, and you load the aluminum dinghy. Today is sightseeing day, beginning with Canoe Point Falls, a 130-foot drop in the middle of a mossy, wooded forest. The next few hours are filled with krill-happy whales, mollusk-chomping sea otters, salmon-guzzling seal colonies, and eagles with fish gripped in their talons. All tiers of the

Other Adventures



island602: A lighthouse in Maine...I can't remember the exact location. There are so many.



powellproCA: Turtles on a black sand beach, seen on a volcano day trip on the Big Island of Hawaii



kymkimkym: During spring and fall equinox, a shadowed serpent appears down the four corners of this pyramid in Chichen Itza.

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animal hierarchy feast constantly here.

At low tide, your guide makes a stop at a nearly submerged rock island. You're thrown a five-gallon bucket and shovel and instructed to dig. The first 15 minutes feel like unpaid labor. But you quickly abandon this idea when you strike gold. Mollusk gold, that is — clams. The burning sensation in your arm muscles lessens with each CD-sized clam you uncover. You, too, will feast like the sea otters tonight.

Before heading home, you dock at Craig Harbor and venture through the "Golden Triangle" (named "triangle" after the town's only three watering holes, all within 30 strides of one another; and "golden" perhaps after the color of the liquid in the bottles and glasses of loggers, fishermen, and tourists).

Luckily, no fisherman vs. logger duels are in the mix tonight, and you're free to roam between the Hill Bar, Ruth Ann's, and the Craig Inn without worrying that a barstool may go flying past at any moment. Post-cocktail, you retire to the lodge for a meal of steamed clams.

Stuffed, you sit relaxing under the star-studded sky by the fire on your last night in Alaska, wondering how you will return to the Lower 48 after this.

Kaohsiung, Taiwan

By Lauren Chew

If you have Taipei on your travel agenda, pencil in Kaohsiung as well. Hop on the high-speed rail in Taipei and exactly two hours and 15 minutes later, you're in southern Taiwan, in Taiwan's second largest city. The contrast between Kaohsiung and Taipei is significant, and Taiwan's south should not be overlooked for this reason.

The south of Taiwan has more of a homey feel to it, and locals will more often than not use Taiwanese, Taiwan's own language, which is unintelligible from Mandarin Chinese.

My favorite scenic spot in Kaohsiung is the magnificent Lotus Pond, which has over 20 temples surrounding its perimeter. Take the metro to the Tsoying metro station and rent a bicycle from the bike-share program just steps away from the

metro's exit. It's a quick ride around the perimeter of the Lotus Pond, depending on how often you stop. The Lotus Pond is possibility the most unique and colorful temple I've been to, and even if you've trav-



My favorite scenic spot in Kaohsiung is the magnificent Lotus Pond, which has over 20 temples surrounding its perimeter.

eled throughout Asia and been to hundreds of temples, you'll still be taken back.

It's also enjoyable walking

along Love River at dusk; the city has invested significantly in urban renewal. I recommend jumping onto the ferry and heading over to Qi Jin Island, where you can choose fresh seafood and have it served to you

within minutes. A feast for three people costs about \$25.

Meinong is a great day-trip outside of Kaohsiung. It takes about 30 minutes by public bus, and Meinong's scenery is some of the island's most beautiful. About 90 percent of the residents of Meinong are Hakka, or aboriginals. I recommend the Hakka Museum, as well as the savory Hakka rice noodles known as dan tiao.

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Night Walk Start at dusk, walk into night with Will Bowen to experience the canyon in the dark. Seek owls, bats, deer, night-blooming plants. Contemplate the moon, stars, constellations. Bring flashlight, water, insect repellent. 858-484-3219. Saturday, July 23, 7:30pm; **free**. Sorrento Valley trail-head, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Plants and Hiding Places How do plants defend themselves against aggressive insects while “nurturing their respective wildlife”? Discover relationships between native plants and local wildlife during trail guided walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, 9:30am; Wednesday, July 27, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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“Inspired: A Wedding Showcase” “Meet creative and talented wedding professionals in this whimsical wedding wonderland.” Sunday, July 24, 2pm; **free**. 21 and up. Syrah Wine Parlor, 901 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

“Justice for the Equality 9: Marriage Equality Now” Meet members of SD’s Equality 9, arrested last August for “demanding same-sex marriage licenses at the county clerk’s office,” now facing “prison time for their alleged crimes.” Panel discussion focuses on same-sex marriage and marriage equality. Help the group “fight for justice.” 323-999-1394. Thursday, July 21, 6pm; **free**. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

“My Best Friend: Pet Portraits” Opening reception for juried show with work in variety of media; party includes live entertainment, pet adoptions, activities featuring pets of all kinds. Exhibit closes Monday, August 29. 760-753-7376. Saturday, July 23, 5pm; **free**. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

“Supernatural” Suite Brigitte presents Comic-Con celebration with live art by Quentin Anderson, Anna Zappoli, Daniel Hardison; displays by Jami Goddess; “stylings and fashions” by a Robert Cromean Salon and the Hair Club. Performance by Mega-Nut Trio. 619-852-5773. Thursday, July 21,

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Mickey Mouse has AIDS!
The 64-year-old, four-fingered rodent with the big, black ears, was infected with HIV in the first experiment of its kind in the U.S.A. “I don’t know how it happened,” said the Chief Immunologist, himself a five-fingered mammal with big, black glasses. “In the cage there, without his gloves and loose red shorts, he looked like any old rodent. Just another mouse, we said.” Mickey has diarrhea and is finding it difficult to stand. His spleen and lymph nodes are shrinking. His immune cells are rapidly vanishing. “He’s the first experimental animal known to develop an AIDS-related disease. A real pioneer,” said a bacteriologist, stuffing the rest of her grant money into her narrow bra. But Mickey, his eyes

rimmed with red like a matinee candy, his coned-shaped nose filthy with mucus, his proud chest, wracked with painful shudders, is one sick, one helluva sick mouse. He’s trying desperately to reach the Disney folks on the phone. He’s looking for answers, wondering how such an All-Star mouse with great box-office legs could die looking like a twisted raisin stem in the last basin from the end in lab number 409.



Regina Morin is a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of Immaculate Heart College. She moved to La Jolla to work at the La Jolla Light and has since written and directed one-act plays for the Drury Lane Players and for the San Diego One-Act Play Festival, winning awards for both playwriting and directing. Her original musical, *Joshing*, was performed as a benefit at several La Jolla venues. She has also worked as one of the poet-teachers for the Border Voices Poetry Project, and her pieces on theater have appeared in the San Diego Union-Tribune and in San Diego Magazine.

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6:30pm; **free**. Bare Back Grill, 624 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Black Ball” Los Angeles toy store Munky King kicks off Comic-Con with “first annual Designer Toy Awards created by *Clutter Magazine*.” During party, witness “a live painting of Luke Chueh’s giant new *1000% Possessed*.” 619-531-8869. Thursday, July 21, 9pm; Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar, 410 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

“The Games We Play” So Say We All’s Greenroom hosts “free-write session...playing around with the idea of how diversions, distraction, escapism, and mandatory participation work in our world.” Get some ink on the page! 619-234-3525. Wednesday, July 27, 7pm; **free**. Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street. (BANKERS HILL)

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Board Swap Find “shortboards, fish, quads, Bonzer, eggs, guns, logs and more.” Used board collections offered by local surfers. Vintage surfboard collectors display “prized boards spanning the entire history of surfing.” 760-634-9886. Saturday, July 23, 9am; **free**. Patagonia, 2185 San Elijo Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Classic Car Cruise Nights Classic cars of all decades and genres displayed at six dedicated lots. Music by Rob Mehl and Tower 7.

760-943-1950. Thursday, July 21, 5:30pm; **free**. Encinitas Smog, 682 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Gam3rCon 2011 Convention geared towards gamers and gaming celebrates “tradition of interactive entertainment from dice, cards, and tabletop games to the latest innovations in digital interactive experiences.” Tickets: \$5 per day. 619-920-8503. Thursday, July 21, through Sunday, July 24, 12pm; Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Gilded Paper Pat demonstrates creating “gilded paper to mimic the look of the expensive gold-leafed paper” for Technique Tuesday. Later, make a card “with a soft vintage image and a jeweled floral spray.” 619-667-5060. Tuesday, July 26, 11am, 3pm and 6:30pm; \$5-\$54. 16 and up. Stamp Addict, 7151 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

How Will Historians Judge Us? Bring ideas to discuss with Civilized Conversation Club. 858-231-6209. Thursday, July 21, 7pm; **free**. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Mission Hills Marché French-inspired open air event with original handcrafted art by Mission Hills Artists (at Goldfinch and Fort Stockton Dr., 11am-5pm). Performances by accordionist Lou Fanucchi (11am-1pm) and Bviolin and the Gypsy Knights Ensemble (1-3pm) at 4048 Goldfinch Street. 619-546-5624. Saturday, July 23, 11am; **free**. Mission Hills, Falcon Street and West Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Obon Festival Performances, demonstrations, taiko drumming, Japanese tea tasting, Buddhist lecture, bonsai, more. Join in “Bon Odori” Japanese folk dancing (6:30pm). Japanese food for sale until 6pm (or when sold out), carnival games for children. 760-941-8800. Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, 12pm; **free**. Vista Buddhist Temple and Japanese Cultural Center, 150 Cedar Road. (VISTA)

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the wire as a component, how to manipulate ribbon to your advantage with instructor Christen Brown. Create five flowers, three separate leaves. 619-223-0058. Monday, July 25, 10am; \$94-\$104. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Sea Chantey Fest Sea Chantey Festival cohosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on board *Star of India* includes performances by the Jackstraws, Westlin Weavers, Raggle Taggle, Ken Graydon, others. Included in admission. 619-234-9153. Sunday, July 24, 11am; \$8-\$14. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Summer Orchid Show San Diego County Orchid Society show and sale. Many rare orchids in bloom; growing information available. 619-665-7996. Saturday, July 23, 12pm; Sunday, July 24, 10am; **free**. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition Festivities get under way on July 22 with Sandcastle Dance with live music for those 21 and over at Imperial Beach Boys and Girls Club (8pm-midnight; \$5). Kids-n-Kastles competition (for those 12 and younger), 2-3:30pm on July 23, as well as street festival with vendors, entertainment, food, arts and crafts along Seacoast Drive.

On July 24, U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition sandcastle building runs 9am-2pm; sculptures available for viewing until 4pm. Professional

and amateur sand-carving teams compete. 619-424-6663. Friday, July 22, 8pm; Saturday, July 23, 2pm; Sunday, July 24, 9am; **free**. Imperial Beach, Seacoast Drive. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Understanding Neo-Existentialism Meeting of the Minds discussion group considers the topic. 619-370-1027. Wednesday, July 27, 7pm; **free**. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Vintage to Digital Everything photographic offered during Bargain Camera Show, including antique, used, and new equipment. 310-578-7446. Sunday, July 24, 10am; **free**-\$2. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Italo Scanga and His Muses" Victoria Martino (violin), James Lent (piano) plan concert in conjunction with "Restorations: Art and Artifacts — Italo Scanga at the Athenaeum" exhibition. Enjoy "works by some of Italo's favorite composers," including sonatas by Pergolesi, Respighi, Busoni, Janacek, shorter pieces by Bruckner, Webern. 858-454-5872. Tuesday, July 26, 7:30pm; \$18-\$23. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Summer Festival 2011" Continues Pianist Gustavo Romero

returns for series commemorating bicentenary of birth of Franz Liszt, "one of the most influential composers of the 19th century." Program boasts "Cantique d'amour," "Funérailles," "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6," more. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Sunday, July 24, 4pm; \$30-\$45. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Summer Will You Come Out to Meet Me?" Spend an evening with sopranos Lynn Mendez-Khan and Anishka Lee-Skorepa presenting a summer concert of duets, solos, and arias. Presenting music from different countries, genres. 619-298-9978. Saturday, August 13, 7 p.m.; seniors \$10, students \$15. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

FOOD & DRINK

"All About Cheese: Cooking 102" Taste, smell, enjoy array of today's most popular and a few of the oldest cheeses. "Do not eat any strong substances prior to class to allow for the optimal tasting experience." 760-233-2433. Wednesday, July 27, 6pm; \$65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

"Organization of the Raw Food Kitchen" Joan T. Jackson "simplifies the raw food lifestyle." Learn systems of organization, advance preparation required for

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LOCAL EVENTS

“a few hours a month to maintain a raw food pantry and only minutes per meal.” Registration: 619-991-1118. Monday, July 25, 6:15pm; \$65. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

“Zintastic!” USD Wine Classic begins when St. Francis Winery president Christopher Silva presents tasting, discussion, evaluation of separate vineyard wines comprising winery’s Old Vines zinfandel. “A surprise single vineyard Zinfandel” will be tasted. Reservations: 619-260-4819. Sunday, July 24, 12:30pm; \$50. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Belgian Beer Party Enjoy the more than 60 Belgian ales available for sampling during two sessions. Tickets include commemorative glass and eight tasting tickets; additional tickets: \$1. 760-720-7007. Saturday, July 23, 10am and 4:30pm; \$45. Pizza Port, 571 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Fiery Food Festival Guests may sample various hot sauces, salsas, barbecue sauces during Hot Lick’s annual amateur hot sauce and salsa contest. Winners announced at 3pm. 619-293-3111. Saturday, July 23, 10am; Fiesta de Reyes, Juan Street at Calhoun Street. (OLD TOWN)

Sushi Rolling Sushi chef Warren Almeda plans sushi-rolling demon-

stration. Class begins with overview of the history and origins of sushi. Guests create, roll a sushi roll. Fee includes three-course sushi lunch. 858-551-5252. Tuesday, July 26, 12pm; \$35. Roppongi, 875 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Vegan Barbecue Spork Foods owners Heather and Jenny Goldberg “cook up serious barbecue delights” during class, including chipotle roasted corn with lemon maple basil butter. 858-270-1582. Monday, July 25, 6pm; \$59. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Vegan Cooking Vegan San Diego plans “cooking show” with food tasting, “mini-buffet,” recipes, more. RSVP: 619-660-5370. Saturday, July 23, 1pm; **free**. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

FOR KIDS

Create Mosaic Coasters Everyone (11-16) goes home with a mosaic coaster! Learn about art of mosaics in Italy and around the world, see demonstration on basic mosaic technique. Required registration: 760-753-7376. Thursday, July 21, 10am; **free**. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Rat Stew on the Menu! Hoist cargo, rig sails, sing sea chanteys, learn celestial navigation on the *Star of India*. “Rat stew” served at this family sleepover. Boat does not

leave dock. 619-234-9153 x124. Saturday, July 23, 3pm; \$55-\$70. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

GALLERIES

“Anicomically Correct” Comic-Con reception for group show of work by artists who have drawn inspiration from comics. Closes Saturday, August 6. 760-781-5779. Saturday, July 23, 7pm; **free**. Distinction Gallery, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

“Color Me Alchemy” Collaborative art exhibit, curated by Corner Liquor Store, opens with reception for the nine artists responding “to notions of alchemy, the ancient science of transmutation.” Participants “created a series of mixed media drawings on translucent plastic sheeting and a coloring activity kit.” Closes Wednesday, August 3. 619-564-1283. Saturday, July 23, 6pm; **free**. Voz Alta, 1754 National Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

“Endless Summer Volume 2” School’s out and surf’s up, in time for a summer-themed art show. 619-933-5480. Wednesday, July 27, 7pm; **free**. Habitat House, 1008 21st Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

“Last Night” Meet artist Wade Cline during reception for exhibition of his paintings. Through Sunday, August 28. 619-337-8342. Wednesday, July 27, 5pm; **free**. 18 and up. O’Dunn Fine Art, 8325 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

“Lucid Dreams” Comic-Con reception for exhibition curated by Mark Murphy, showcasing work by more than 25 artists. Show closes Tuesday, August 9. 619-876-4160. Friday, July 22, 6pm; **free**. Noel-Baza Fine Art, 2165 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Totems and Monsters” Opening reception for exhibit of new paintings by East Coast artist Jason Godeke. Continues through August. 858-459-3917. Saturday, July 23, 5pm; **free**. R.B. Stevenson Gallery, 7661 Girard Ave., Suite 201. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

“Angels for Haiti” LEC Productions hosts fundraiser “to raise money for children in Haiti,” with Dr. Carolle Jean-Murat, M.D., sharing slides from Haiti. Comedy by Chip Nicholson, Ferez Ozel, Anita Milner, Zoltan Kaszas, headliner Tymon Shipp. Donation: \$15. 714-388-8552. Friday, July 22, 6:30pm; 17 and up. Neighborhood Grill, 12125 Alta Carmel Court. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

“Nerdist Podcast Live” Stand-up comedian Chris Hardwick entertains. 619-231-4343. Saturday, July 23, 8pm and 11pm; 21 and up. 4th&B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

“Stand-Up Musical Comedy” Russ T. Nailz and friends perform in Sheraton’s New York Comedy Club. 858-775-4818. Saturday, July 23, 8:30pm; \$20. 18 and up. Four

Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

“Write On, Oceanside!” Oceanside Cultural Arts Foundation hosts book fair celebrating Oceanside authors. More than 20 authors on hand to meet guests, sign autographs, sell books. 760-433-3632. Sunday, July 24, 1pm; **free**. Oceanside Library, 330 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Bumps Along the Way Local author series continues with talk by Linda Loegel about her “light-hearted look at a road trip across the United States by two senior citizens.” 858-581-9935. Tuesday, July 26, 6:30pm; **free**. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Chasing a Dream in the Galapagos Author Bette Blaydes Pegas presents slide show, discussion of her book. 619-475-4642. Saturday, July 23, 1pm; **free**. Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 4375 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

Comedy and Magic Craig Stone performs. Expect audience participation. 619-533-3972. Thursday, July 21, 10am; **free**. North Park Library, 3795 31st Street. (NORTH PARK)

Comic Demetri Martin Enjoy an “extravaganza of monologues” when the comedian shares his “wry and penetrating humor, inspired art and music.” 619-570-1100. Saturday, July 23, 7pm; \$33. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Doug Benson The podcaster, host of Comedy Central’s *The Benson Interruption* entertains. Thursday, July 21, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. Tippy Crow, 770 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Padres Storytime! San Diego Padres second baseman Orlando Hudson reads during storytime, joined by “the Swingin’ Friar,” members Pad Squad. 619-527-3405. Wednesday, July 27, 12:30pm; **free**. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

Summer Magic Audience participation is promised when magician Craig Stone performs. 858-581-9935. Wednesday, July 27, 4pm; **free**. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Supernatural Fantasy Author, Artist, Illustrator Danielle D. Smith discusses her latest work, *In the Neon*, an illustrated spin-off novella from her fantasy series *The Psyche’s Gate Saga*. 619-236-5817. Monday, July 25, 6:30pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

LECTURES

“Adventures on the Pacific Crest Trail” The 2650-mile-long trail begins in California at the Mexican border and ends at the Canadian border in Washington. Dana Law — who hiked the first 1500 miles in eight years during 25 separate journeys — discusses the treks. 858-573-5007. Tuesday,



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Grace Lutheran Church

Contact: 643 West 13th Avenue, Escondido; 760-745-0831; gracelutheranescondido.org

Membership: 1450

Pastor: Jim Young

Age: 65

Born: Los Angeles

Formation: Concordia University, Seward, Neb.; University of Lincoln, Neb.; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Years Ordained: 35

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

Pastor Jim Young: I have a pretty ongoing devotional time, so I generally have messages occurring all the time. So, I spend more than 20 hours a week in devotional time to bring

together the sermon for that week. We do mostly series at Grace, so I spend time praying and figuring out where I'm at and what the Holy Spirit is trying to do.

For me, things are always percolating.

SDR: What is your favorite subject on which to preach?

PY: Discipleship and trying to equip our people. Back in seminary, someone once said to me that you should prepare like a Lutheran — with academic care — but preach like a Baptist so that the message prepared by the head reaches the head and the message prepared by the heart reaches the heart. So, we really try to make scriptures applicable to people

today.

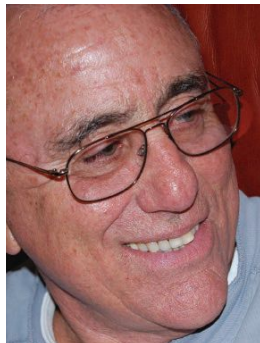
SDR: What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?

PY: We are a countercultural church, which means our message is going against the culture, and we are finding more people and pastors living in gray. They're afraid to speak the truth of what God says. So, in all these moral issues and social issues, the church is backing off finding a clear voice that shares the love of Jesus but also the authority of Scripture. We find church in our culture beginning to take a secondary place in their lives. They like the church, but soccer games and dance classes are replacing the church as a pri-

mary activity for a lot of our families. We have a lot of our people living together before marriage, for instance, and that's being accepted more and more. How can we bring a word that can help them learn that that's not how God designed us to be?

SDR: Why did you become a minister?

PY: I was a high school football and baseball coach, and I was enjoying that. But I got a sense that among high school kids, their time frame was now and ten minutes from now. I really wanted to have the passion to impact their lives on a longer term. So, I began to do Bible studies and small group discussions with the kids, and I was led to do



Jim Young: "We are finding more people and pastors living in gray. They're afraid to speak the truth of what God says."

youth ministry.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PY: Our Heaven is for us, a real mystical place where we're going to encounter Jesus. Heaven is a place that Jesus went to prepare a place

for us. We're going to be interacting with people there and growing as God intended before the fall. He's going to make a new Heaven and new Earth when he comes again. Because sin is taken out of the equation, we'll be able to explore and interact and grow in them. As for Hell, we try to find ways to teach about it with love, gentleness, and kindness, but we clearly state that those who do not know Jesus Christ are destined for an eternity in Hell, separation from God. That's why this time is so critical and to get the word out.

— Joseph O'Brien

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July 26, 6pm; **free.** Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

"History of Freedom/Tyranny" Gerold Firl illuminates "historical roots of freedom and tyranny, tracing the evolution of both systems of social organization from the origins of urban civilization 6000 years ago to the present day." 858-663-3006. Saturday, July 23, 10am; **free.** Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

"Molly the Owl's Story" Carlos Royal shares slide show on "Internet phenomenon" Molly, "the world-famous owl of North County" when Life at MiraCosta meets in room 1068 (1pm). Glass

artist Patrick Blythe discusses Marc Chagall and his influences (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, July 22, 1pm; **free.** MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Patios, Pathways, and Plants" Doug Kalal covers topics such as materials for patios and pathways, plants for hummingbirds, shade, slopes, and drought tolerant gardens. View "dozens of sample plants and materials" for inspiration. 619-200-7066. Thursday, July 21, 6:30pm; **free.** Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library, 2081 Newcastle Avenue. (CARDIFF)

"People and Portraiture" Series continues with workshop by Michael Regala on "Commer-

cial Portraiture: Fashion and Lifestyle." Learn to shape light, create "look you want without heavy or expensive gear," as well as "how to make the most of a session with a model or a family member." 619-238-7559. Sunday, July 24, 10am; \$49-\$59. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Popular Diets and Trendy Foods" SDSU foods and nutrition professor Kelly Lane addresses San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-342-7388. Sunday, July 24, 7pm; **free.** Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Show, Share, Sell, and Speak Your Stuff" San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meets for displays

of authors' works. Authors may read from their works for three-minutes, "with optional feedback from the audience." 760-471-5323. Monday, July 25, 6:30pm; **free**-\$5. San Diego County Health Building, 3851 Rosecrans Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

"Wright Here — Wright Now?" Architect J. Spencer Lake considers "Frank Lloyd Wright Influences in La Jolla, from Irving J. Gill to J. Spencer Lake" for La Jolla Historical Society's "Contemporary Architects Making History" series. 858-459-5335. Thursday, July 21, 7pm; \$10-\$15. Wisteria Cottage, 780 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Zooarchaeology and Historical Archaeology in SD County"

Aharon Sasson shares "A Case Study from Warner's Trading Post and the Carrillo Ranch House" with San Diego Archaeological Society. Learn "how zooarchaeology (analysis of faunal remains from archaeological sites) can be applied to evaluate archaeological and cultural aspects of a site." 858-538-0935. Saturday, July 23, 8pm; **free.** Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Partners-in-Rhyme Bob Lundy and Elizabeth Yahn Williams, a.k.a. Hither and Yahn, plan creative writing commentary entitled "Picture Books, Poetry, and Romance: Writing in Today's Market" when Village Idiots Literary Society con-

venes. Friday, July 22, 7pm; Gallery 204, 204 Main Street. (VISTA)

SPORTS

"Centre City Slam II" NWA Pro/Mach-1 Wrestling invades SD with "stars such as Famous B, 'Natural Selection' Shaun Ricker, and 'Scrap Iron' Adam Pearce" competing. NWA Heritage Tag Team Championships slated as well. 619-232-7451. Saturday, July 23, 9pm; \$10-\$15. YMCA Downtown, 500 West Broadway, suite B. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Uprising PRO-AM/MMA Fight" California Fight Syndicate presents lightweight bout between

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Hilaire Belloc

Europe is the Church, and the Church is Europe. It is immaterial to the historical value of this historical truth whether it be presented to a man who utterly rejects Catholic dogma or to a man who believes everything the Church may teach. A man remote in distance, in time, or in mental state

from the thing we are about to examine would perceive the reality of this truth just as clearly as would a man who was steeped in its spirit from within and who formed an intimate part of Christian Europe. The Oriental pagan, the contemporary atheist, some supposed student in some remote future, reading history in some place from which the Catholic Faith shall

have utterly departed, and to which the habits and traditions of our civilization will therefore be wholly alien, would each, in proportion to his science, grasp as clearly as it is grasped today by the Catholic student who is of European birth, the truth that Europe and the Catholic Church were and are one thing. — “What Was the Roman Empire?” from *Europe*

and the Faith.

Hilaire Belloc (1870–1953) was an English writer and historian who, with his good friend and fellow Catholic apologist G.K. Chesterton, helped define the literary voice of the Roman Catholic Church in England in the early part of the 20th Century. Perhaps best known today for his satirical “Cautionary Tales for Children,” a series of

verses recounting the fateful ends of various misbehaving boys and girls, Belloc wrote histories on a variety of subjects from an aggressively Catholic point of view, including *Europe, the Reformation, the Crusades, as well as biographies of Oliver Cromwell, James I, and Napoleon.*

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Shannon Gugerty and Cruz Gomez. Also on the card: Strikeforce fighters Gareth Joseph, Casey Ryan, former UFC fighter Wade Shipp. 619-231-4343. Sunday, July 24, 4pm; \$35-\$80. 21 and up. 4th&B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Bicycle Beach Day Urban Bike and Social Club hosts outing to bay side of South Mission Beach. Load up your bike, panier bags, bicycle trailers with lunch, beverages, beach games. 619-885-8188. Sunday, July 24, 10:30am; **free**. 12 and up. Adams Avenue Bicycles, 2606 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Open Slalom Skateboard Race Sanctioned slalom skateboard racing competition on Loretta St., sponsored by La Costa Boys Racing and International Slalom

Skateboarding Association. 760-547-6668. Sunday, July 24, 8:30am; Oceanside, Pier View Way at Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Padres Meet Diamondbacks San Diego Padres play baseball against Arizona’s team. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000. Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26 and 27, 7:05pm; \$10-\$71. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Rancho Santa Fe Ramble Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society for 40-mile group bicycle ride. 619-583-5652. Tuesday, July 26, 9:15am; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

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

3190 Lionshead Ave., 760-727-9492. (CARLSBAD)

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 11 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. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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If You Don't Dig

If I want to be bullied by haranguing visuals and sounds, I'll go see Inception or Lady Gaga.

A Medusa has moved into my neighborhood. I live in San Francisco, three blocks from Haight Street. I don't go down there much because it's sordid with shoe stores, out-of-towners, homeless folk, and all-purpose muckiness. I feel knocked about by the consumerism and other kinds of greasy neediness on display. That said, there's a thing of beauty on the Masonic Street wall that serves as gateway to the Haight, a mural by the tattoo artist Lango: his electrifying Medusa parts her lips in an ecstasy of power and allure, a mass of toothy serpents squirming fatly around her head, flirting with their mistress (and us). It seethes with svelte, baleful energy. Lango's Medusa, like other wall pictures of his around the city, is madly compelling in a street-language way. Some would say this isn't fine art, but he and other good draftsmen-tattooists follow, in their hyperbolic way, Paul Klee's advice to artists: "Take a line for a walk." The graffiti tradition, in its broadest sense, tracks back to prehistoric petroglyphs and cave paintings, though those practices were bonded to belief systems or sacred rituals. Contemporary graffiti culture — street artists call it writing, tagging, or bombing — started in late 1960s Philadelphia when a kid named Cornbread spray-canned his name and a crown on his reform school's wall, on an elephant in the zoo, and on the Jackson 5's private jet. His strikes were an index to the impulses behind street art that swarmed cities in the 1970s and 1980s: anti-institutionalism and an anti-authority, anti-advertising animus that aspired to advertise an authority of its own. Cornbread pioneered the urge to let no blank public space go unheeded.

The exhibition filling the Geffen Contemporary in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo, *Art in the Streets*, isn't only about graffiti or street art. It's a carpet-bomb exhibition that covers as explosively as possible not just the art itself (and make no

mistake: some of these writers are terrific artists) but all the culture streams that have flowed into or provided inspiration or infrastructure for street art. The confluence includes: outlaw

taggers who broke into New York rail yards and turned the sides of subway cars into mural surfaces awash with thrashing, zipper-y,

often comic imagery; the Lower East Side gallery scene that tried to commercialize street art without taming or domesticating it; L.A.'s *cholo* culture, its low-rider car art, gang life, and tattoos; skateboarding, with its hang-dog costuming and daring public-performance acrobatics, and its cultural precedent, break-dancing. Tumble these cultural dust storms with the music of the times — the Sex Pistols, the Clash, the Tom-Tom Club, Los Van Van — and you'll approach, but only approach, the experiential overload of *Art in the Streets*.

Subway writers' blocky, jagged, melting forms boast the daring of image-making-as-perilous-act. We can only sense and appreciate this remotely, however, because most of the items on display at the Geffen are, obviously, photographs of the cars and walls that showcased bombers' art. If you actually rode the New York subway back in the day, you'll find that the photographs scrub the imagery of its fuzzy city-grime surround, but, stacked like motley Lego blocks, they convey the rolling-carnival spirit of the enterprise. They pump up and primp the colors, too, so that the streaming "walls" have a more vibratory look than they actually did, but the photos are true to certain effects — the atomized color fields, the zoom-y elasticity, and the Necco Wafer palette.

The exhibition samples street art's stylistic variety: Kenny Scharf's mildly deranged, cutesypoo, darkly comic fantasies; FUTURA's fervid Kandinsky-esque pops and flashes; Lee Quiñones's ferocious street politics; and the delicate, sweet-natured drawings Keith Haring chalked

ART

W.S. DI PIERO



Chaz running down a backstreet in East Los Angeles, 1974 (photo by Gusmano Cesaretti)

Art in the Streets is on view at the Geffen Contemporary at MOCA in Los Angeles until August 8. 250 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, 213-626-6222, moca.org.

on blank black subway advertisement panels. The best of the work infused urban jitters with Magical Mystery Tour charm.

The graffiti that infested New York subway interiors, however, didn't charm. Jeffrey Deitch, director of L.A.'s Museum of Contemporary Art and organizer of the exhibition, writes in the catalog that in the mid-1970s, "the New York subways were like total works of art." That's a partisan view. Total works of art they may have been, but that's not to say the art was good. Besides, subway riders didn't get the opportunity to choose the art that was imposed on them and that, inside the cars, invaded their psychological privacies. The random scrawls and slashing incoherent imagery were like obnoxiously loud fellow riders ranting unintelligibly about subjects that had nothing to do with your life. See the 1982 photo of Lady Pink seated against the background of one of her early scrambled tags. Call me unhip, but that kind of anonymous hostile visual noise made a lot of people nervous (as if New Yorkers need worse nerves) and put a chokehold of fear and random

anger on a shared, relatively civil public space.

As for the hip and the unhip, *Art in the Streets* plays a shady gambit with those who have misgivings about street art and perform their own derring-do by criticizing it: the conscience behind the show seizes the higher ground of imperturbable, cool knowingness. If you don't dig, you ain't hip, get it? Or you're among the culture-elite that taggers tweaked and teased. This sort of curatorial sandbagging co-opts criticism. (The show's subtitle should be that tart bit of street talk: "It's all good.") I detest this kind of let's-get-down high-handedness that thinks it knows what really matters much better than we do. It's cynical elitism of a special, dressed-down kind that smacks of condescension to the very artists it claims to value. To this badly educated white boy raised on the streets of South Philadelphia, part of a museum's mission is to encourage the exercise and sharpen one's critical — that is, discriminative — intelligence. If I want to be bullied by haranguing visuals and sounds, as I do in fact sometimes want to be, I'll go see *Inception* or Lady Gaga.

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I don't mean to tar the artists with that brush. Some of the work is good, really good. My favorites are Richard Hambleton's streaked black human figures that drain starkly down walls or stride like raggedy shadows in a hurry to get nowhere. (He splashed many from his "Shadowman" series in places where passersby would suddenly come upon them.) They're as streetwise as it gets, they're formally exciting, and they mess with your psyche. Street art, though, like any other, is susceptible to mannerism. Once three-dimensional drop shadows were developed, they quickly became a limp default mode, and the cultivated visual velocity (subway painting looks broomed sideways by wind) and congestive, obsessively repetitive forms got stale, too.

To judge by the reactions of visitors the day I was there, *Art in the Streets* is a great show for

kids and their families, maybe because they don't even try to process the experience, or maybe they perceptually handle a lot more input than I can. I've never felt so pounded and depleted, and I'm someone who values energy for its own sake — in art, music, club-life, whatever — but all mere energy all the time makes for jangling boredom, and *Art in the Streets* is that kind of experience. This viewer, at any rate, kept yearning for the sort of contemplative pause that some of the work on display occasions. Banksy's sooty, vaguely melancholy wall figures — a brass band, a child clutching a TV, a baby pouting in her galvanized-pail bath tub — are visitors from other realities taking up residence in ours. Stelios Faitakis's mural, a complex narrative that engages Byzantine art, street uprisings, urban architecture, and sex, has an exquisite, brazen finish. And the writing Jean-Michel Basquiat did when he was still Samo (before his



Wild Style mural by Zephyr, 1983 (photo by Martha Cooper)

paintings started making millions for him and his handlers) scratched out urban telegrams

composed by a gently naughty but also truly vexed streetside seer. Most of the stuff on view, though, clamors for our attention like needy children.

I believe good art wakes us into a freshly reimagined experience of familiar realities. Too much street art wakes us by yelling at us. Then again, if the exhibition weren't so audacious, I never would have seen an enchanting and absolutely nutty object: in a room featuring a mural-ed low-rider stood an enameled tangerine-flake baby stroller, which for an instant made me wish I'd had a different sort of childhood. ■

ART MUSEUMS

"Bold Expressions" More than 50 quilts made in the American South between 1910 and the 1970s are showcased in exhibition of "African American Quilts from the Collection of Corrine Riley," on display through Sunday, November 6. Many of the quilts are made from materials that were readily available to the makers, including flour sacks, old blue jeans, work clothes, fabric remnants. Exhibition explores variety of construction techniques and quilting.

"In Their Own Words — Classic and Contemporary Native American Art" presents classic art from North America's indigenous artisans shown alongside paintings by native Californian contemporary artists L. Frank, Robert Freeman, Billy Soza Warsoldier, Catherine Nelson-Rodriguez. These artists "predominantly work on canvas with oils or acrylics and they all project a personal message in their work." Closes Monday, September 5.

"Maneki Neko — Japan's Beckoning Cats — from Talisman to Pop Icon" includes selections from a collection of 155 cats given to museum by collector Billie Moffitt. Made in the 19th and 20th centuries, each cat is unique; most are made of clay, but some are wood, metal, ceramic, papier mâché. A fabricated cat with a paw upraised in the Japanese gesture of beckoning has been considered a good luck charm, drawing good fortune to individuals and businesses, since the Edo period (1603-1868). Enjoy the cats through Sunday, January 15. Daily, except Mondays, 10am; free-\$7. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Face to Face: Works from the Bank of America Collection" Show illuminates "the rich historical diversity of photographic portraiture." Exhibit "includes some of the earliest techniques, including a salt paper print from the 1840s by David Octavius Hill and Robert Adamson and a half-plate daguerreotype by Albert Southworth and Josiah Johnson Hawes." Also on view: portraits by Yousuf Karsh, Lisette Model, Tina Barney, Rineke Dijkstra, Walker

Evans, Richard Avedon. Closes Sunday, September 25.

What is a portrait? "Inside Out: Portraits from the Permanent Collection" explores the question by looking at the many varieties of photographic portraiture, from daguerreotypes to interpretive portraiture. Through Sunday, September 25. Daily, except Mondays, 10am; free-\$6. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Gustav Stickley and the American Arts and Crafts Movement" Exhibition continuing through Sunday, September 11, examines Stickley's contributions to history of American design and architecture during his most productive and creative period (1900-1913), providing new insights into artistic, commercial, social context of Stickley's work. Ranging from furniture to metalware and embroidered textiles to architectural designs, the majority of the more than 100 objects in exhibit are from private collections, have never been publicly exhibited. Exhibit includes "re-creation of the dining room first displayed in the 1903 Arts and Crafts Exhibition organized by Stickley."

"From El Greco to Dalí: Great Spanish Masters from the Pérez Simón Collection," on display through Sunday, November 6, features "64 works drawn from one of the world's finest private collections." Exhibit showcases masters of the Spanish school including El Greco, Ribera, Murillo, Goya, Sorolla, Picasso, Dalí, Miró.

"Life and Truth: French Landscapes from Corot to Monet" brings together works from museum's permanent collection and loans from local collectors, including landscape paintings by Corot, Courbet, Théodore Rousseau, Narcisse Diaz, Charles-François Daubigny, others. Closes Sunday, October 16. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 12pm; free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"High Fidelity: Selections from the 1960s and 1970s" Exhibition showcasing more than 50 "greatest hits" from museum's collection features works representing "formative decades in the museum's own maturation and a period of artistic ferment in the United States." All works on view reflect experimental spirit of period. Exhibiting artists: John Altoon, Robert Irwin, John McLaughlin, Sol Lewitt, Alfred Jensen, Donald Judd, Vija Celmins, Bruce Connor, Edward Kienholz, John Baldessari.

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Hello, So Long

I'd spent most of a hot muggy afternoon at the dentist's office, getting inspected and x-rayed and filling out a long, nosy form that began with "Are you alive? Y/N." The obvious thing to do afterward was to go out with my friend and ride-giver, Dave, drink well-chilled white wine, and eat some good food. Since Dave has spent a lot of time in Paris, we headed straight for the newish Au Revoir Bistro.

Au Revoir occupies the former space of La Vache, a French bistro where I never ate; the unchanging menu and drab decor seemed too depressing. Now it's owned by popular nearby Italian restaurant Arrivederci—hence the name, Au Revoir, French for "arrivederci" ("so long"). The decor has been freshened up to look as rough-hewn Gallic as Gérard Depardieu, with a marble bar and corner seats for two in leather booths, the rest on unpadded wooden chairs. An eclectic music track (French, Spanish, Nashville) plays on the speakers. You're greeted and seated by a charming Frenchwoman who can answer all your food questions. Ah, nothing like some French staffers to make it feel real.

That, and a French chef who nearly became a local superstar: René Herbeck. Twelve years ago, Herbeck excelled at Marius, in the Coronado Marriott. When the hotel replaced that French restaurant with something more plebeian, Herbeck went to work in the Encinitas Lumberyard at a new venture called Twins, where I first tasted his cooking and was highly impressed. Too soon, the owner fired him—"Spending too much on ingredients" was the excuse I heard—and without the chef, Twins expired.

Herbeck hooked up with Amiko Gubbins at Parallel 33. When that came to an end, he went to work for Philippe Beltran at Bleu Bohème (the ever-wandering Beltran has since moved on from there, too). I was shocked by Herbeck's seeming decline, finding the food there stodgy, mediocre French-for-Yanks, with certainly *not* too much



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

"The French onion soup was indeed classique," but the fricasee was not as good as Aunt Frieda's.

spent on ingredients. So, here the chef is again, hopefully free to be more himself.

I began with a glass of cold Vouvray, Chenin Blanc from the Loire. Just what the doctor (dentist?) ordered, a bit sweet (must have been a sunny year) but light, insouciant, cooling in the wet heat of the day. Dave found a delicious red Côtes du Rhône, probably a Chapoutier (a top Rhône *négociant*) given its high quality and easy price.

The menu is rather short, 14 items in all (including the requisite cheese plate and a charcuterie plate that doesn't claim house-made credentials on the menu). Choices are divided between a page of Classiques and one of En Saison, the latter prone to change seasonally—probably, before you read this. I did wonder, though, why a "petite salad d'automne" was on there all spring and into July.

With our menus came diplomatic negotiations, weighing our various taboos. My veto was boeuf bourguignon, the budget prix-fixe of every single restaurant I ate at during a week in

Burgundy some years ago, until I never wanted to see it again. (Even in some great version, it's still just beef stew, not a personal favorite.) I didn't want halibut, either—too many disappointments with that fish. Dave's a microbiologist: he doesn't like escargots and distrusts all bivalves, including mussels. Fried calamari was too boring for both of us, ditto a variation on Caesar salad. Who needs these ubiquitous clichés at a bistro? Might as well eat at T.G.I. Friday's.

Hence, to start: onion soup from the classics menu and a special of mushroom soup. The onion soup was indeed "classique," a rich beef consommé sweetened

by caramelized onions and touched by a hint of fresh thyme. The topping was a just-proper ratio of melted Gruyère cheese and melting croutons. The wild mushroom soup was problematic. Decorated with a lattice of balsamic vinegar, its texture was thick and grainy (hinting of flour-based roux thickener, rather than mushroom purée and cream reduction). The liquid tasted not in the least of wild mushrooms, but probably

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PICK HITS: Onion soup, rack of lamb with ratatouille (special). Good bets: mussels and fries, mushroom ravioli, petit fillet mignon with béarnaise sauce, boeuf bourguignon.

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mere cremini, the brown version of common button mushrooms.

Now we paid attention to the bread plate, with slices of country wheat, some toasted, and a ramekin of a soft, bright yellow substance that definitely was not butter. Rich and tangy with mustard, it was aioli made from scratch, the mustard serving as a binder as well as a flavor. It was one of the most enjoyable tastes of the evening.

From the seasonal menu, we chose chicken fricasee with cremini mushrooms, pearl onions,



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rather large fingerling potatoes, and a flotilla of chopped string beans swimming on top like an algae bloom. (It certainly fit the new USDA "plate" version of the food pyramid, with three-quarters veggies and starch, one quarter protein.) The stew arrived in a blisteringly hot cast-iron casserole that, as time went by, never stopped sizzling and burned any finger that touched it, which made it difficult to cut a piece of chicken or potato without harm. The unstinting heat took a toll on the ingredients: while the broth was delicious, all the chicken was white meat, thoroughly desiccated (even the wing drumette), and the supernumerary green beans were mushy. In a fricassee-cooking contest between Chef Herbeck and my Aunt Frieda, the latter would be an easy winner. She made hers with wings, backs, hearts, and gizzards, and sometimes small thighs or drumsticks or tiny beef meatballs. Certainly no pricey breast meat, ever! Frieda's broth was at least as good as Chef Herbeck's, and all her chicken parts were moist and savory. Some dishes are

just made best with the cheapest ingredients.

A special of rack of lamb with ratatouille had our name on it. (I'd bet it shows up on the summer seasonal menu.) It offered three meaty rib-chops cooked deeply rosy, on a fully loaded plate. The meat was coated with à la Provençale toasted fresh bread crumbs and fresh herbes du Provençe. Alas, the coating went atop a thick layer of untrimmed fat. This is not quite optimum.

Dave and I agreed that the ratatouille was worthy of having a movie named after it, cooked the untrendy, old-time way until all the vegetables (zucchini, eggplant, onions, bell peppers, fresh-tasting tomatoes, garlic) are thoroughly tender. (Lately, some restaurants are making a nearly crisp, low-oil version. Who wants hard eggplant, ever?) Sharing the overloaded plate were two sprigs of broccolini, a layer of spinach leaves under the lamb, and a ramekin of potato gratin with Gruyère topping. The potatoes were cubed rather than traditionally thin-sliced, making the

texture weighty, and some of the cheese was oven-charred black. I love gratins, just not this way.

Desserts are simple, house-made, very French. We shared a tarte aux pommes, a galette of sliced apples baked atop a very thin crust. (It's not a tarte tatin because the crust isn't puff pastry.) This came with a rich butterscotch syrup, drips of chocolate, and a refreshing topknot of bracingly sour crème fraîche. The accompanying espresso was decent, with a bit of crema foaming on top.

"Would you come back here again?" asked Dave. Yes, but I'd certainly wait for a seasonal change in the unimaginative menu. Because Au Revoir is a bistro doesn't mean it has to cleave to so many touristic dishes or cook them as carelessly as that fricassee. At this reasonable price point, I can't expect Chef Herbeck to reproduce the expensive delights of Marius, but it would be wonderful if he could return to the form he showed at Twins, a form that still shows in his best dishes here. ■

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“Give me half. Love ribs.” I mean, \$4.99 for ribs, on this island? A steal.

‘O kay, Goldilocks. Have a nice hair day.”

That’s me to Carla. It’s my day off. We’re in the Crown City — Coronado — for her date with Diane, “the greatest stylist in the universe.”

“Hair today, gone tomorrow,” Carla says ominously. “What are you looking at?”

“That.” I point to the top of the turret above the Avenue Liquor store, where orange tiles meet the blue sky. “See?”

“Oh, wow. A sailing ship. How cute.”

It’s a little old rusty white Spanish galleon, a wind vane pointing east, like that’s where it would like to sail. Beautiful. Something about it...

“Okay,” Carla says. “Gotta go. See you back — here?” We’re standing beside some shiny metal tables outside the liquor store. “Couple of hours? I’ll be the one with the green mohawk.”

I give my ship one more glance. It swings

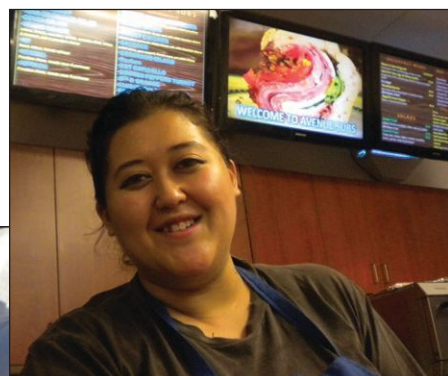
one-story white stucco block, housing the liquor store. Right in front of me there’s a big plastic banner.

“Grand Opening. Avenue Subs now open.”

The banner’s probably been there a while, ‘cause geraniums climb halfway up it. But I see there’s a little kitchen just inside the liquor store.

So, why not? I walk in

through the Orange Avenue entrance (they have another around the corner on Ninth Avenue). On the right sits the counter and work station built for the sub operation. It has a sneeze-guard glass barrier so we customers don’t breathe all over the subs while they’re



Richalyn Castel

being made.

The guy behind the counter sees me waiting. “Hey Larry!” he calls. “Customer.”

I study the menu board behind the prep station.

Larry appears. He puts on a blue apron and red visor and plastic gloves. “All the subs on the left side of the menu are \$5,

for the full foot-long,” he says. “That’s a special today.” He points to the “regular subs,” like the Orange Avenue Italian. It has quite a bit of



“My sausage sub is peppery, fennelly, oniony, a bit sweet, cheesy, and bursting with green peppers.”

on its mast. That turret room be someone’s retreat, copying the towers of the nearby Hotel Del. But the building it sits on is your standard



You can’t drink beer at Avenue Sub’s sidewalk tables on Coronado’s Orange Avenue.

stuff in it: ham, pepperoni, salami, provolone, and parmesan. Normally, it’s \$4.50 for a half or \$6.99 for a whole. Five bucks for the whole foot-long sounds good. It’s the same deal for tuna or chicken-salad subs, or the veggie deluxe, with the usual cavalcade of lettuce, tomato, cucumber, sprouts, avo, olives, onions, and your choice of cheese.

Specialty subs are a bit higher. The Super Orange Avenue Italian, with hot capicollo (kinda like prosciutto), plus smoked, peppered turkey, Genoa salami, and provolone cheese is \$4.99 for half and \$7.75 for the foot-long. Also in this column, the Philly steak, Philly chicken, Reuben, and pastrami. They have salads for \$3.99 (for the Garden Salad; you can add chicken or tuna for \$1.50), or \$6.50 (for the Island Chef Salad, with turkey, ham, bacon, avo, parmesan, and

various nuts and twigs).

I know Carla’s gonna be into this big time. But two hours? No man can last that long. Guess I’ll just go for a half-something to hold the fort. “How about those Island BBQ ribs,” I say to Larry. “Give me half. Love ribs.” I



Larry prepares a sub. Regular subs are \$6.99 for a 12-inch, \$5 when on special.

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mean, \$4.99 for ribs, even in a sub sandwich? On this island? A steal.

But first, Larry has a few questions.

"White roll, wheat roll, sliced sourdough or rye, or wrap?"

"Wheat roll."

"Provolone, American, jack, pepper jack, cheddar, Swiss?"

"Pepper jack."

"Toasted or cold?"

"Toasted."

"Lettuce, onions, tomato, pepperoncini, oil and vinegar? Hot chopped cherry peppers? Sweet peppers?"

"Yes, yes, yes, sure, absolutely, why not?"

It takes ten minutes for Larry to prepare and cook and wrap. Meantime, I pick up a lemonade (\$1.29) and head out to those sidewalk tables. Nice view of luminous, rose-filled gardens in the grassy median that runs down the center of Orange Avenue and an old stone Episcopal church beyond. Love this lemonade, and when I finally get to the

BBQ sub, it's juicy, full of flavor, with lettuce, onions, yellow peppers, tomatoes, and a crusty wheat bun that's toasted but not tough. The ribs are boneless, and even if they're frozen and factory-prepared — and I don't know for sure that they are — they taste real. They taste great.

So I sit, sip, and watch the world go by. Lotta kids with expensive tennis racquets, teens on bikes, old folks on scooters, hep parents in li'l electric runabouts. Lots of stopping and talking. It's a nice town when you look at it from this angle.

Then I have this idea. I go in and put in a pre-order — this time, with a gal named Richalyn — for an Orange Avenue Italian, the foot-long (on special, it's only \$5), plus a half sausage sub, from the specialty subs side of the menu (\$4.99).

When I see Carla making her way down the avenue, I run in to Richalyn and say, "Let her rip!"

Carla's hair is...wow, short. "Summer, sweetie," she says. Actually, I like it. Glows like a halo, backlit by the evening sun. I go get our subs. Richalyn's cutting them in half, right on time.

Bottom line, at first bite Carla loves the ham-pepperoni-salami combo of the Italian, 'specially on the hot, toasted wheat bread. And even though I'm getting stuffed, my sausage sub is peppery, fennelly, oniony, a bit sweet, cheesy, and bursting with green peppers. Really interesting. Complex, like a good beer. (Pity is, they have every beer in the world sitting nice and frosty inside, but you can't open them here on the sidewalk.) Carla says hers is fresh and meaty, with good brisk kicks from the jalapeños.

Then, halfway into her second bite, she wipes her mouth. "I have an idea," she says. "Why don't I call Diane, and we take her out to dinner."

She sees the panic in my eyes. ■



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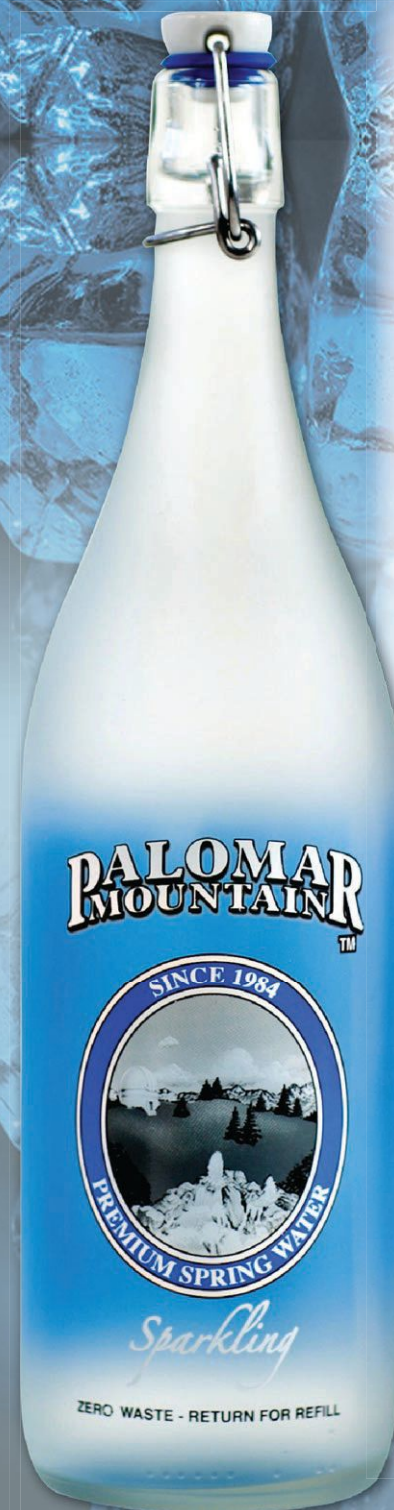
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Craft Beer's in the Pink at La Jolla's La Valencia Hotel

As a champion of local craft beer, there's something so delightful about turning people on to the quaffable medium or sharing a convo with a recent convert.

I had such an experience recently while dining at La Valencia's Mediterranean Room. Several minutes in, their new exec chef, Lance Repp, brought up the fact that they were having a beer-and-food pairing event in association with Ballast Point Brewing Company on July 20. Up to that point, our chat had been cordial, but the moment he started talking about the flavor profiles of the beer, he positively lit up.

He was aglow talking about the beers he'd tasted in preparation for the event and, given some of the brews he selected — cilantro-infused Sculpin IPA, their serrano-laced Yellowtail Pale Ale and Victory at Sea vanilla and coffee imperial porter — his excitement is understandable. These are the types of beers that are best capable of capturing the attention of foodies, whether they're simply eating enthusiasts or full-on chefs.

Count Repp among that group, since being introduced to San Diego's craft brewing scene, he and his staff have been touring the county, visiting spots like Port Brewing and AleSmith on what have to be some of the coolest company field trips I've ever heard of.

The result is an expanding list of beer offerings, the Mediterranean Room's Wednesday Beer and Burger nights and events like the Ballast Point Beer Dinner, which will feature different stations offering reimagined street and pub staples including Cuban sandwiches made with pork that's been roasted for eight hours (fear not, delicate reader...no spits were used in the cookery of this pig...as if that matters),

local seafood ceviche and fish tacos with heirloom tomato salsa and a citrus creme fraiche.

These are big steps for a venue that has been in desperate need for an overhaul for a long time. Years ago when I visited, the circa 1960s ceramic-tile and faux foliage heavy coastal stale decor was my main point of contention, followed closely by the food. With Repp's arrival, the latter is in good shape and the arrival of a craft beer focus is a solid step toward an overall modernization.

The Mediterranean Room is located on the first floor of the La Valencia Hotel at 1132 Prospect Street in La Jolla.

Posted July 16, 1:13 p.m.
by Brandon Hernández

Burrito Barato: Surfin' California at Lucha Libre

This Mexican-wrestling themed restaurant at Washington and India opened in January of 2008 and blew up last year after being featured on the Travel Channel's Man vs. Food.

I was present for some of the filming, and Lucha Libre co-owner Diego Rojano later told me that host Adam Richman, famous for his bottomless belly, ate at least one of nearly every item on the menu.

Now, a line well out the door is the norm at lunch and dinner hours.

The episode highlighted Lucha's Surfin' California burrito, a fusion of two of the greatest burritos known to man — The Surf & Turf and the San Diego specific California. The Surfin' California, imagined by Diego late one night in the depths of a great hunger, combines carne asada, shrimp, French fries, avocado slices, pico de gallo, cheese, and a creamy chipotle sauce.

The result transcends simple alchemy and confounds the Great Law of Thirds (you're full but there's still a third of your burrito left. Do you save it for later or inhale it anyways, knowing that certain stomach pain and food coma will follow?)

The Surf & Turf taco solves this problem. One serving is exactly right for a typical meal. I like to get it with grilled crispy cheese, which comes on the Queso Taco (steak, chicken, or fries, avocado, creamy chipotle, and, of course, crispy cheese).

Lucha's salsa bar is one of the best I've seen. The eight homemade salsas include a cool

and chunky green, a renowned creamy jalapeño cilantro sauce, a Hawaiian, and a garlic-heavy hot sauce. The spicy carrots even have whole cloves of garlic floating in the mix.

Call 24 hours ahead to book Lucha's "Champion's Booth," where the staff provides luxury table service beneath a shimmering champion's belt and chandelier. There's even a phone where you can call in more chips to the front desk, ten feet away.

Posted July 16, 11:21 a.m.
by Chad Deal

Ed's Best Patio: And the Winner Is...

So, here's my vote for best terrace/patio in San Diego (saucepan drum-roll please...): Lou & Mickey's at 224 Fifth Avenue.

Here's the irony: Lou & Mickey's is from Chicago. But, for me, they've nailed the art of patio.

Things I like: It's surrounded by planters, not railings and glass. It has wicker furniture, not the bendy plastic stuff you usually have to deal with outside. It's placed well for sunset (took these shots this Friday evening). It ain't blasted by traffic (cars cruise slow down here). It has a warm vibe. It's, well, romantic. You can make up for a lotta forgotten promises in a place like this.

The only problem? Too danged expensive for the likes of you and me. Sigh. But we can look, can't we?

And the booby prize for Greatest Lost Opportunity? Nobu, across Fifth from Lou & Mickey's. Nobu built new, on the other best corner in the Gaslamp, and they blew it. Why? Because they decided to seal themselves off from the people, the weather, and the views. Result: dead corner.

And two runners-up for best? Dick's Last Resort and Tin Fish. Dick's gets out of that cramped railed-in sidewalk thing, and, yes, can be a lotta fun. Also: affordable.

Tin Fish? They could put a bit more color in, but tonight you wouldn't see anyway: it's Giants night at Petco. The place was bursting at the seams. Also affordable.

Posted July 15, 8:51 p.m.
by Ed Bedford

Sunset Cliffs? Go at Sunrise!

Wow. Nothing so wake-you-up as a good stiff breeze coming

up over Sunset Cliffs at sunrise.

Or, shall we say, shockingly early, for me...like, eight o'clock.

Plus, armadas of pelicans slo-mo cruising along the cliff-top airlift and the waves crashing on the rocks below the sign "Danger: Sheer Unstable Cliffs. Stay Back." If I were a surfer, I'd be scared stiff to go where they ride around here.

Much better to retreat 50 yards to the curbside tables of the Point Loma Beach Café (1424 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard (near corner with Point Loma Avenue), 619-758-1776) for a breakfast (it opens at eight).

Say, a Sunrise Burrito, with eggs, carne asada, potato, black beans, cheese, and chipotle sauce (\$6.49), or the O.B.: "grilled chicken, sautéed onion, black beans, rice, avocado, Monterey jack cheese, and creamy jalapeño sauce," \$6.99.

Or the one I had, the scrumbo scramble they call "The Breakfast Skillet," which has home-style spuds, bell pepper, onion, mushroom, bacon, ham, two eggs, pepper jack cheese, and toast or tortilla, for \$6.99.

There's something about that salt air and the feeling of being on the edge of the wild world because, I swear, the brekkie disappears before you can say Jack Robinson.

'Course, no need to rush off, long as the coffee refills keep coming...

(How to get there? It's at the end of the #35 bus route.)

*Posted July 15, 2:54 p.m.
by Ed Bedford*

Late-Night Chef Spotting at Quality Social

I knew these guys could cook... that's their job! But who knew their interest in alcohol went beyond deglazing and consumption. Even I have to admit to being surprised to find that some of San Diego's most noted chefs are as handy with a jigger and shaker as they are with a spatula and sauté pan.

The proof comes from Quality Social's new Wednesday evening Shift Night events, where back-of-the-house talent from other restaurants cuts out early to moonlight as mixologists at the downtown from-scratch bar/resto starting at 10 p.m.

Several weeks in, Quality Social has hosted the likes of Ricardo Heredia (from Alchemy in South Park), Chad White (North Park's Sea Rocket Bistro), and Craig Jimenez

(Craft & Commerce in Little Italy). Each has brought a signature cocktail.

Not surprisingly, the cocktails tend to be pretty culinarily driven. White's Swine Fashioned combined añejo tequila with "molé bitters" and a garnish of chipotle molasses bacon jam brittle (White sells bacon jam via his side biz, EGO Culinary Trends), while Heredia's Mammajuana Cocktail (I'm not even going there) included a cherry purée and fresh hibiscus.

Future Shift Night participants will include North Parkers Matt Gordan from Urban Solace, Max Bonacci from The Linkery, and John Sloan from Roy's in the UTC Area.

Quality Social is located at 789 Sixth Avenue.

*Posted July 15, 12:48 p.m.
by Brandon Hernández*

Andiamo's Noche Peruana

The chef-owner of Andiamo Italian Restaurant (5950 Santo Road, 858-277-3501) is Javier Ugarte from Peru, and on July 30 he's featuring the foods of his homeland in a four-course dinner for \$32.

Peru probably has the best food in western South America (at least in my experience). There are good dishes everywhere, but Peru just has more of them, more consistently — as you might expect from the former heart of the rich Inca empire.

The menu starts with chupe (seafood chowder) and moves on to a choice of main courses, including a "seco" (cilantro-rich stew) of lamb. If you love cilantro, it'll likely rank with one of the best stews you've tasted. Another choice includes a "lasagna" creation based on traditional ahi de gallina, a rich chicken dish — and for piscaterians, "antojitos" (skewers) of grilled fish.

Reservations highly advised.

*Posted July 14, 7:11 p.m.
by Naomi Wise*

A Tale of Three Patios

Naomi: let the search for the best patio continue! Three cases in point.

Avenue Liquor (at Ninth and Orange in Coronado), I'll admit, is not like your Café de la Paix in Paris. But they do one thing right. They have built a sub kitchen (Avenue Subs) where their submakers Rich-lynn and Larry and others turn

out some damned fine subs for between \$5 and \$8.

(My three favorites are the Orange Avenue Italian with ham pepperoni and salami, the BLT, the Island BBQ ribs — such a deal — and, oh yes, the sausage.)

But the great thing is to go sit outside at one of the three or four aluminum tables they have plonked on the sidewalk.

No big deal, but such a pleasure! You see the island world go by, the luminous green gardens on the Orange Avenue median, and — with that sloping sun back of you — your subs light up like magic.

What I like the best: No placard saying "Please wait to be seated." No walls "protecting" you from the street. It's the street where we wanna eat! (More on Avenue Subs in next week's Tin Fork.)

Contrast this with, oh, Starbucks. See what they made of their opportunity to create a big, colorful, people-mixer patio on the wide sidewalk at America Plaza on Broadway, downtown. Even when it's full, it feels like what it is: cold-weather northern Seattle-ites trying what they do worst, to be Mediterranean. Clattery, cold, metal and glass...aye!

Contrast this with — be still, my heart — the patio courtyard of the Casa Guadalajara in Old Town (4105 Taylor Street, 619-295-5111). Now that's a patio.

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Posted July 14, 5:47 p.m.
by Ed Bedford

Manzanita One-Year Anniversary Offers Heat-Beating Option

With temperatures registering in the sweltering range, their may be no community better suited or more appreciative of a beer festival than Santee.

That's where Manzanita Brewing Company makes a lot out of their little piece of real estate, the "E" space in the businesspark at 9962 Prospect Avenue. It takes multiple daily brewing sessions to make their close quarters environs work, but somehow they pump out plenty of suds and have managed to create one of the most inviting and visually appealing tasting rooms in the entire county. If only it was air conditioned!

It's a safe bet that the miniscule yet pretty space will be packed to the gills on Saturday when Manzanita celebrates its first anniversary. Stocked with suds-sopping sups from supporters, including the Devilicious and Chop Soo-ey food trucks, the environment will be just right for downing liquid nods to Manzanita's hometown like Gillespie Brown and Riverwalk Blonde.

Other, non-geographically significant, yet wholly notable brews like the 100-plus IBU (International Bittering Unit... the gauge for how hoppy a beer is) Chaotic Double IPA (India Pale Ale...the beer world's hoppiest variety) and Controlled Burn Breakout, a pale ale brewed with serrano chiles.

The event starts at 1 p.m.

Admission is \$5, which includes five four-ounce samples poured into a take-home glass emblazoned with Manzanita's stylishly woody logo. All proceeds will go directly to Beer for Boobs to help support the fight against breast cancer.

Posted July 14, 1:38 p.m.
by Brandon Hernández

House with No Name

What's the old saying? "Good wine needs no bush?" I've just been eating an afternoon breakfast at this restaurant which has no name other than, uh, "Restaurant."

It's right across from City College trolley stop on Broadway at Park (ex 12th Avenue). People call it the 12th and Broadway Restaurant for convenience. (The official address is 999 Park Boulevard, tel 619-232-5998.)

And it has a tribe of faithful followers who have been showing up and chowing down — and chewing fat — for 55 years.

It's the closest thing to a traditional, U-shaped diner I've ever seen. (Google Edward Hopper's 1942 painting *Nighthawks*. It looks just like this.)

And guess what? This is unbelievable, but "Mama" Teresa Gonzalez has been running the place and serving behind its counter for every one of those 55 years. She's still here helping her kids today and every day of the week. (They're open from 6:30 a.m. till 2 p.m., seven days.)

"I'm 80," she says.

"Actually she's 87," says her daughter Connie.

I popped in yesterday because they have all-day breakfasts. At maybe a quarter of two I ordered the Greek omelet, one of the specials advertised on their window. It's \$6.99, just about the most

What the Chef Eats

by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

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My dad was in the Foreign Legion and when he was in Vietnam, he met my mother. I was born there and lived in Vietnam until we moved to France when I was 11. Vietnam still gives me a good memory and a taste for it, too. Even now, I marry and combine French and Vietnamese cooking, like the way I cook chicken with lemongrass.

Growing up, I was always in the kitchen with my cousin. One day she asked me, "Rene, why don't you try pastry?" The reason why is because I do not like my fingers so sticky with all of that sugar. A pastry chef is more of a chemist while a chef is

more spontaneous, like me. I tend to say, "Sure, why not?" I used to fly a helicopter, so you can see how I am.

After cooking school I worked in Monte Carlo and London. My dream was to work for a three-star Michelin restaurant and I did. But when I heard of a restaurant looking for chefs in San Diego, I interviewed and loved it. The weather here is similar to Nice. My cooking has evolved since I moved to San Diego because cooking is so applicable to the location where you are working. I am happy in San Diego. America is mine now.

What do I eat when I am not working? Last night I nibbled at work

a bit and then went to a Vietnamese restaurant for a bowl of *pho*. It's different than what I offer to my guests, which is classic French food, like boeuf bourguignon, which I also love very much.

INGREDIENTS

Serves 6

Bouquet garni

2 large green leek leaves
(about 6 inches long)

1 bay leaf

1 stalk celery

2 sprigs fresh parsley, with stems

3 sprigs fresh thyme

1 2-inch-long strip tangerine or orange peel

Stew

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided use

2 ounces pancetta or bacon,



Rene Herbeck

cut into ½-inch pieces
3 pounds beef stew meat,
such as chuck, trimmed
and cut into 1- to 1 ½-
inch pieces
2 teaspoons kosher salt,
divided
½ teaspoon freshly ground
pepper, divided
2 medium yellow or red
onions, chopped
3 cloves garlic, chopped
1 ½ pounds carrots, peeled
and sliced into 1-inch
rounds
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 pound button mushrooms,
halved if small, quar-
tered if large

expensive item on the menu.

Which is the other thing. Teresa and family (and she has a big one) have kept prices down. Five bucks can definitely fill your belly.

The omelet was great. That spinach-feta combo combined nicely with lots of slippery sautéed onions and tomatoes and green peppers. The crisp hash browns made a nice contrast.

But actually the 7-grain bread topped with the apri-

cot and pineapple jam Connie brought to the counter was out of the ballpark. Totally scrumby.

"People just have to ask for it," says Connie.

Here's what I fear: Seems the City owns the land, the historic Pearson-Ford building across the road is down already, so maybe it's just today's hard times that have saved "The Restaurant" from being bulldozed too, for another East

Village condo block.

Me, I think The Restaurant and Mama Teresa are National Living Treasures and should be put beyond the greedy fingers of any developer or money-desperate politician.

Being partly selfish here. Where else around here don't they cut breakfast at 11 a.m.?

Posted July 14, 11:59 a.m.
by Ed Bedford

Small Bar Bites

Sure, they carry esoteric brews such as Tactical Nuclear Penguin, have 42 quality beers on tap, and barrel-age their Manhattan cocktail, but what many people don't know about Small Bar, is that their kitchen is on par with the bar.

I try to go on off nights, like a Monday, when I don't have to wait too long for a seat in the aptly named watering hole. On



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What the Chef Eats

1 bottle (750 ml) full-bodied red wine, such as Burgundy or Pinot Noir
½ cup chopped fresh parsley
Freshly grated zest of 1 tangerine or orange

HOW TO DO IT

Preheat oven to 250°F.

To assemble bouquet garni: Place one leek leaf on the counter. Top with bay leaf, celery stalk, parsley sprigs, thyme sprigs, and tangerine (or orange) peel. Place the second leek leaf on top and tie the bundle together in four spots with kitchen string. Set aside.

To prepare stew: Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add pancetta (or bacon) and cook until barely brown,

1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate, leaving any drippings in the pot. Add beef in batches (do not crowd the pot) and cook until browned on all sides. Transfer to a large bowl and season with 1 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper.

Add 1 tablespoon oil to the pot and add onions and garlic. Stir until the onions are translucent, 3 to 4 minutes. Add carrots and stir until they begin to soften, 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in tomato paste. Season with the remaining 1 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Transfer the mixture to the bowl with the beef.

Reduce heat to medium and add the remaining 1 tablespoon

oil to the pot. Add mushrooms and stir occasionally, until they are tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl; set aside.

Pour wine into the pot and bring to a boil. Scrape up any browned bits. Return the browned beef, the carrot mixture, and the reserved pancetta (or bacon) to the pot along with the bouquet garni. Press down on the beef and vegetables, making sure to submerge them completely in the wine; if necessary, add just enough hot water to make sure they are covered. Cut a piece of parchment paper to fit the pot and press it directly on top of the stew, covering it completely.

Transfer the stew

to the oven and cook, with the lid off, until the beef is tender enough to cut with a fork (about 3 hours). Check every hour to be sure the ingredients stay submerged in liquid during the entire cooking time. If too much wine evaporates, add a little hot water to make up for the loss. During the last 15 minutes of cooking, stir in the reserved mushrooms.

Remove and discard the bouquet garni. Combine chopped parsley and tangerine (or orange) zest in a small bowl and scatter on top of the stew just before serving.

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going on in our lives, we couldn't help but relax as we noshed, drank, and chatted about the absurdities and wonders of the world.

Posted July 14, 8:53 a.m.
by Barbarella

Alchemy's New Street-Food Menu

Alchemy (1503 30th Street, 619-255-0616) has a brand new globally inspired menu from chef Ricardo Heredia, emphasizing (as always) organic and local ingredients.

This new menu highlights "street food" dishes from America, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean, and while it maintains several customer favorites — such as the seasonal squash blossoms, piquillo rellenos, and black garlic pad Thai — they have introduced new items such as beef lengua (tongue — yum!) tacos, jerk chicken, fried green tomatoes, and pirogies. Oh, and oysters! The "Standards" and "Garden Food" portion of the menu remain similar with a few additions, bulked up with neighborhood favorites.

In addition, chef Ricardo has introduced a new bar menu (featuring drink and food specials) as well as a delicious Cuban-style suckling pig dinner (serving 8 to 10 people). Call for details about that.

Posted July 13, 7:21 p.m.
by Naomi Wise

More Gluten-Free at Terra, Plus Mini-Tempest

The new branch of Terra in La Mesa offers several gluten-free choices — several salads, at

least one main course — along with vegetarian items.

Jeff Rossman's eco-conscious neighborhood restaurant has been thrilling good palates La Mesa, and others in the neighborhood, since its recent move from Hillcrest. The recent closure of the Fish Merchant has left them with few good choices.

About two weeks ago, Keli Dailey in the U-T panned it. Instant tempest on Yelp and other foodsites, centering on the point: If you live west of the 15, just stay there!

Myself, I haven't eaten at Terra for a long time before it moved. Even in Hillcrest, it struck me as a good neighborhood restaurant with some ambitions, some fine successes in fulfilling them. The La Mesa menu is more casual, less pricey. Seems like the perfect match for the more sophisticated people living around there. (The alternative: That La Mesa "family restaurant" that's about to get a makeover on one of those TV programs targeting totally hopeless eateries.)

Posted July 13, 6:50 p.m.
by Naomi Wise

FINALLY open again — Cafe Sevilla

They're up and running at last at 353 Fifth Avenue. The Spanish tapas bar, restaurant, and nightclub are open seven days a week, 4 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The huge opening night party announced here earlier will be 7/27 at 7 p.m.

Well, that's a relief!

Posted July 13, 6:17 p.m.
by Naomi Wise

my latest visit, I made sure my group (David and my father) ordered up some of my favorite menu items, so that I could snap some shots and share them with you.

David began with a Brew-dog Tokio (same peeps who make Tactical Nuclear Penguin), which was a viscous, and almost-too-sweet Imperial Stout. Too sweet for Dave, that is — I loved the chocolate-raspberry-espresso finish.

Dad really enjoyed his Belhaven Scottish Pub Ale; he asked more than once for its

name so he could remember to order it again.

I got my usual, the barrel-aged Manhattan.

I don't care for fried pickles at most places, they tend to be either too salty or too oily. But Small Bar does 'em Baby Bear style, by which I mean, "just right." Dad wouldn't taste it; he has something against pickles.

Of the small tacos (grilled chicken & veggies, pork chile verde, grilled chimichurri portobello mushroom, beer-battered fish), it is the firecracker carne asada we love most. The

dish comes with three, but though you get to mix your flavors, we abandoned variety long ago and opt for three of the firecrackers, which in our opinion are superior in taste, texture, flavor, and spice.

I ordered Dad's fish and chips using his exact words, "Just the fish and chips, with none of that shit on top," by which he meant the remoulade. He loved the Anchor Steam beer battered cod, and dipped it in the house-made golden barbecue sauce, which is similar to a honey-mustard.

I got the chicken sliders, and gave the one with "bacon jam and ranch" to David, but kept the Coca-Cola & Guinness BBQ sauce one, and the other one, which was topped with the same golden sauce my dad had gotten on the side for his fish and chips.

We scored with a corner booth. Despite some stress



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This year saw a giant harvest of Maine lobsters on the East Coast — the lobstermen have been good conservationists, while the overfished cod that used to prey on the “bugs” are scanty. Hence, low-priced lobsters. In New York City, about a dozen food-trucks, pop-ups, and casual eateries are featuring lobster roll sandwiches this summer (of varying quality, of course).

I’ve never loved the classic version (with commercial mayo on a hot-dog bun), but the “Connecticut” rendition with hot butter — oh, yes! The best of them still aren’t cheap — \$25 for a six-ounce roll at some classy joint — down to \$8 at a non-classy one.

If you know of good lobster rolls locally, chime in and let us hear from you!

*Posted July 13, 6:01 p.m.
by Naomi Wise*

Mamma mia! Arriverderci Solunto!

Solunto Bakery in Little Italy closes today. Owner Domenick Cefalu is ready for retirement. (The Buon Appetito restaurant mini-chain will be grabbing up the space.)

Oh, this is molto triste. Restaurants may come and go, but a bakery turning out genuine Sicilian breads is a rare wonder — was a rare wonder.

*Posted July 13, 5:49 p.m.
by Naomi Wise*

It’s Summer. Go Ahead, Be A Tourist

This is international city down here at the waterfront. The line for the counter at the Bay Cafe (1050 North Harbor Drive) is long and you’re hearing Russian, Spanish, Chinese, French, Portuguese.

But hey, if you can attitude-adjust out of the “This is my city” attitude, it’s a fun atmosphere.

From Broadway, it looks as though the Bay Cafe is a sailing ship. That’s because the Chilean training ship “Esmeralda” is parked behind.

I grab a coffee (\$2.25), and head outside, because the hidden secret here is the pontoon. You go down the ramp like you’re about to catch one of the pleasure boats, angle right, and suddenly you’re kinda swooping around a bit, because yes, you’re floating.

Half a dozen tables where only the Enlightened gather, to watch the fresh blue sparkling waters over to Point Loma and the entrance to the bay.

The ferry Cabrillo gives great atmosphere as it toots three times and hauls out stern first with a kinda nice residue of diesel fumes. The wavelets slop up against your pontoon. You are miles from town and all its frets and worries.

Erika, who gave me my cawfee, says their Cafe Breakfast is the best deal in the morning. Two eggs, hash browns, bacon or ham, and wheat toast for \$6.50.

And Rachele, at the table next to me on the pontoon, says she has the best item on the entire menu, swordfish tacos. They’re \$9 for two, but look totally luscious.

Makes me think how little we use these waters. We live like we were in the middle of the conti-

nent. I think they should build little bayside villages where you and I could, like, live. Low rent, lottery decides who gets to move in.

*A feller can dream, can’t he?
Posted July 13, 4:23 p.m.
by Ed Bedford*

Local Brewer Makes Playful Toast to the Other Budweiser

With the unveiling of bottle art for his newly renamed beer, Green Flash head brewer Chuck Silva proves there’s always room for fizzy yellow beer and some humor.

Over a a year ago, Silva invented Fizzy Yellow Beer, a low alcohol, straw-colored lager that’s as drinkable yet much more flavorful than beers like Bud, Coors, and Miller and named after a term made popular by Stone Brewing Co. CEO Greg Koch to describe macrobrews produced by “The Big Three.”

Recently, Silva decided to rename Fizzy Yellow Beer. The new moniker he went with was Chuckvar. Sounds odd and uninspired at first, but not if you’re familiar with Czechvar, the flagship Czech lager produced by

Budweiser Budvar (not to be confused with the Budweiser company we’re so familiar with in the US). Brewed in Europe since the 1800’s, the Czechvar label is instantly recognizable among imported beer fans, so it’s likely that Silva’s Chuckvar (which I probably don’t need to point out, is named after him) will cause a few double-takes among members of that subset.

The Chuckvar label design emulates Czechvar almost exactly. The exact location of “The Chuck Republic” is still unconfirmed, but it’s probably somewhere around the intersection of Mira Mesa Boulevard and Flanders Drive (the location of Green Flash’s production brewery).

*Posted July 13, 10:32 a.m.
by Brandon Hernández*

What IS San Diego Food?

We’re so caught up with food fashions from Europe, New York, Tokyo, whatever, but what about our food? San Diegan food?

For a start, consider the humble oak tree. It’s native to here, it produces thousands of tons of nutrition every year, and the only ones to benefit are squirrels and woodpeckers.

But talking with people out Warner Springs way and at the Campo reservation, I’ve been

hearing all about how the acorn has almost perfect protein and used to be the staple here. You can take a little pack of squished acorn meat and walk all day on the energy.

Kumeyaay people used to leach the tannic acid found in acorns in streams, then they’d pound them, cook them, and turn the acorn meal into a perfect base for the rest of their diet. Yes, it was pretty tasteless, but then again, so are rice, wheat, and barley on their own.

That’s when the light went on in my head. Here are millions of trees that are native to this environment, need no fertilizer, special care, and give us a food native to San Diego. How about San Diego acorn bread? Grow our own “wheat.”

Heck, if I had any head for business, I’d be jumping in. First I’d go to the Kumeyaay people, and ask them about it. It’s their thing. They spent 12,000 years cultivating these groves to produce, until we, let’s face it, stole it from them, 200 years ago.

But, all guilt aside, doesn’t it make sense to learn from the people who understand this incredible resource best?

Then we can start taking outta town guests to eateries and say, “Want you to try this. This is our food.”

*Posted July 12, 3:04 p.m.
by Ed Bedford*

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Punk Love. “It actually started as a joke,” says Kyle Pagel. He is a promoter of punk shows and part owner of an indie punk label in Riverside called Muy Autentico. “There’s a guy we call Mattie Awesome. We heard he was gonna be in town

North Park, in part because the majority of the festival’s promoters (there are about ten) are based here and in part, Pagel says, because “Riverside is just a dead environment.”
 “By moving to San Diego we were able to expand

we felt were important to the extended Southern California DIY punk music scene,” from an area, says Pagel, that extends from San Diego north to Los Angeles. “But this year we have bands coming from Canada, New York, the Midwest, Florida, and Seattle.” Besides Tiltwheel and Dan Padilla, local bands include the Bertos, the Last Years, and Sunnyside.

For a punk event, the Awesomefest has a decidedly hippie-ish vibe. Their web page says, “Awesomefest is a volunteer collaboration of nine core organizers, all longtime members of the Southern California DIY punk community, brought together for a love of three things: non-shit music, friendship, and fun.” Pagel says they have no corporate sponsors. “We’re not looking for handouts from anybody. There’s not even profit involved.” Every dollar they collect, he says, goes to band guarantees and expenses. The show promoters are not paid salaries or stipends. “We don’t keep anything. We even buy our own tickets to the festival.” Pagel, 26, expects attendance this year, including bands, to top 800. By his calculations, the event is growing each year. “But,” he says, “we are not trying to make this into something like the Warped Tour.”

— Dave Good

Till We’re Old and Gray. Blackout Party singer/songwriter Brian Holwerda chats with me between waiting tables at Café Japengo and finishing BP’s second album, *Closed Mouth Don’t Get Fed*.

“In my late teens I played in a band called Fine White China. All the eyeliner and stuff was a little silly — we were young. We got signed to a European metal label. The band fizzled right after the record was finished. I couldn’t see myself making that music when I was old. With Blackout Party we could play these tunes till we’re old and gray!”

This is the second year BP’s been nominated for a San Diego Music Award. Does the “Best Americana” category fit?

“It’s nice to be recognized. I don’t know that any of the nominees are true ‘Americana.’ Blackout Party lost the same category in 2010. I play guitar for John Meeks, and his record won last year. I made a drunken acceptance speech, since he didn’t show.”

La Mesa native and pedal steel guitarist Daniel Crawford weighs in.

“It’s funny that we always get put in ‘Americana’ — the category is so broad. I think we get very far from that bush, so to speak. A lot of our tunes melt faces, whether they’re about mummies smokin’ weed or pirate

rockers.”

“Brian started Blackout Party with Tim Lowman. I was doing a recording session for someone else. During

live last month.”

“The new record is way more upbeat than *Bottom of the Sea*. I’ve incorporated a bit more storyteller, narrative



The “Americana”-tagged Blackout Party also plays face-melters about mummies smokin’ weed.

lunch the producer played a song by Brian. I loved it, so for fun I laid down a lap steel part. Next day, Brian heard it. Tim, Brian, and I met for beers — that’s how I joined. It definitely was in a more traditional country vein then.”

Brian, how did Blackout Party get from that point to receiving the SDMA nominations?

“The biggest change has been solidifying our rhythm section. Some great players came and went. We really lucked out, getting Jeff Hawthorne on drums and Jesse Bowen on bass. And doing a weekly residency at the Riviera Supper Club for over a year helped us figure out what works live. We got tight enough to record 15 songs

vibe, with less confessional, heartbreak, tear-in-my-beer... That record was a cluster of songs I wrote after a breakup. I’m in a totally different place now.”

The Blackout Party performs at the Riviera Supper Club in La Mesa on July 30.

— Mary Leary

Sounds of the Sunset Strip. On July 30, Lestat’s Coffeehouse will rock and jangle in homage to the Los Angeles music scene centered around the Sunset Strip during the mid 1960s, featuring music by Love, Buffalo Springfield, the Byrds, and the Grass Roots.

This latest event from the Ché Underground online community will debut the

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for one of our shows, so we decided to call it the Mattie Awesomefest.” That was 2007. Pagel says the following year Mattie Awesomefest had morphed into an all-day

venues,” says Pagel, “and to make the event national. We’ve got friends flying in from all over just because it’s in San Diego.”

Now in its fifth year, Awe-



For a punk event, Awesomefest has a decidedly hippie vibe.

happening with ten bands. “We dropped the Mattie, and we just called it the Awesomefest.”

In 2009, Awesomefest moved to San Diego, to

somefest is spread out over three days and four venues, including Eleven, U-31, the Office, and the Soda Bar. “In 2009, we started off by picking 20 regional bands that

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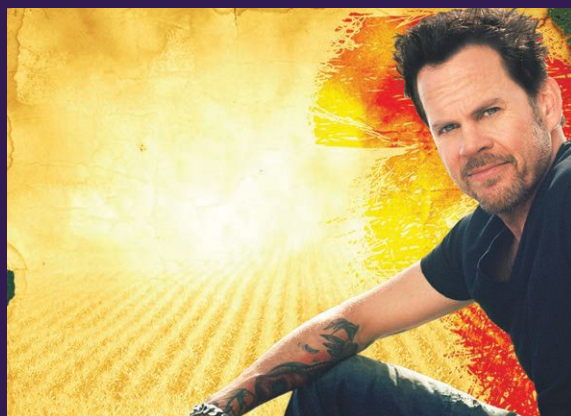
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Also on the bill will be
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bles), and Billy Fritz and
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“I’m an East
Coaster,” says Pennsylvania
native Michael McGraw
at the Alibi in Hillcrest. “I
have a little moodiness and
I’ve come to embrace it. The
music we’re making now is
true to that.”

McGraw moved to San
Diego in the summer of
1999 to pursue a music
career, but it wasn’t until
2008 that he started playing
out with his current line-up
of Chris Decatur (drums/
vox) and Mark Lane (bass).
Alternately reminiscent of

Cat Stevens, Ryan Adams,
the Wallflowers, Elliott
Smith, and the more driving
aspects of Belle
and Sebas-
tian, the trio
released their
Hillside EP in
2009 followed,
by the recent
*You Don’t
Know Nothin’
and That’s
What Makes It
Alright* EP.

“I feel like
this album
really is the
start of making
music that
really sounds
like who I am as a person,”
McGraw says. The five-song
EP, released digitally this
May, was mastered by Mike
Kamoo at Earthling Studios.
The cover depicts McGraw’s
dog, the inspiration for the
album’s title.

“I have a Brit-rock back-
ground, so everything has
a lot of fuzzy guitar,” says



Michael McGraw: “I have a Brit-rock background,
so everything has a lot of fuzzy guitar.”

McGraw, a Time Warner
illustrator who also makes
show posters for bands.
“I tend to find a universal
theme for each song. Noth-
ing too blatant. I take a very
Rolling Stones approach
to songwriting, which is

phonetic rather than go-
ing in with a preconceived
theme. People have always
told me my songs are very
authentic, like U2, which
isn’t intentional. I try to write
very straight songs. I don’t
try to reinvent the wheel. If
I take the songs we play now
and make them acoustic. It
sounds Americana.”

McGraw plans to tour this
fall after getting married and
hopes to have another EP out
in time for the road.

“My 20s were all about
questioning what it all
means,” McGraw says.
“Now in my 30s, I realize
I don’t have to have all the
answers.”

— Chad Deal

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This Week In Music

Thursday 21

It's geek week here in America's Finest, the one week each year that I actually feel pret-ty darn cool. For fellow nerf herders not into "Con," read on... SanFran's garage-rock one-man band **Ty Segall** broke pop ground ("Girlfriend") with last year's classic-sounding collection *Melted*. He's out to tout this year's *Goodbye Bread*, a kinder, gentler Segall who seems eager to please, hosing off



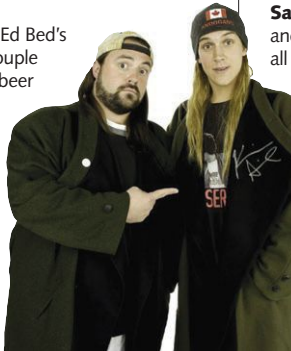
TY SEGALL AT CASBAH

some of the scuzz and sharing pretty, giddy pop poetics. Take a taste of "You Make the Sun Fry" at ty-segall.com/. This very recommendable set's out now via indie stalwart Drag City and Segall will slice it up at Casbah after **Audacity**, **Kabbs**, and **Spider Fever**.... And also: from a reinvigorated O.C. scene, lo-fi two-piece **Tapioca and the Flea** will land on Tin Can Ale House and serve up some goosebumpy psych-surf chillwave...Whistle Stop gets Makeout Weird with **Therapist** and a slew of DJs and artists and stuff...Ché Café exposes Portland punx **Raw Nerves**. **Age of Collapse** and **OTRO** open the show...and it'll be punk-pop from **Kut-U-Up** at Belly Up for the feel-good reunion of the summer:)

Friday 22

Jay and Silent Bob (Kevin Smith), **Ralph Garman**, and **Childish Gambino** (Donald Glover) will visit Hollywood Babble On on House of Blues. Yeah, I know it's a "Con" event, but these guys are sick funny, and they sent me passes with backstage access just to say how "street" they still are, despite Jay's hair don't, Kevin's dirigibillous girth, Glover's over-exposure, and Garman's — I don't even know who he is. This dill's going to have way more wizards than muggles, *knowimsayin?* It's going to be packed to the rafters with so many C- and D-list celebs we're gonna fuck the bell curve for-ever.... Anyway, for the rest of you la-hoozers, there's a beer fest brewin' down at Qualcomm, featuring local bands (**Greyboy**, **Pinback**) and crafty brews. Click this for the lists: sandiego.gov/

qualcomm. After reading Ed Bed's "Beer Heaven" cover a couple weeks back, I'm thinking beer just may save our city, citizens.... The 4 o'clock Friday freebies are back at the track. **G. Love**'ll kick off Del Mar's summer of fun this Friday post races. Anyone else think they should move the stage back out front by the fountain? I'm sorry, but the slope sucks it.... Best of the rest has punk-n-roll throwbacks **Iceage** at Casbah with **Cult of Youth**, **Ale Mania**, **Spirit Photography**, and **Tropical Popsicle** will drop on the Atari 'tween sets...O.C. hardcores **DMF** join **Coda Reactor** and **Death Punch** to knock down the Shakedown for Midway fave Old Man Andy's birthday (dude looks good for 70!)...while local folkies **River City** flows into Whistle Stop with **Western Set**.



JAY AND SILENT BOB AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Saturday 23

I love me some Diamond Dave-era Van Halen, y'all, and short of a miracle reunion, **Atomic Punks** stroke my jones (*giggity*). Just squirt a little bit and rock along at Belly Up. It's fun. As are Weezer teasers **Geezer** and **Mötley Inc.**, umlaut and all.... Actor **Tim Robbins** and his **Rogues Gallery Band** will play a Dylanesque



ATOMIC PUNKS AT BELLY UP

early set at Anthology. I guess Robbins's dad was a folk-and-blues musician. Blues cooks **Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers** follow it up.... Utter mentionables: the caped-crusaders of ska-punk, the **Aquabats**, fly into House of Blues...while up the Fifth Ave. hill, it'll be psych-pop sets by **Sugarrushrailroad** and the **Loons** at Tin Can Ale House...vocal folkies **Venice** visit AMSDconcerts

(amsdconcerts.com)... "Prisoners No More," electro 'Zonies **A Life of Science** plug in at Bar Pink with **Super Stereo**... Til-Two fills a pop-punk bill with the **Getdown**, **Fools Rush**, **Save Amos**, the **Regressions**, and **Russ Hughes**...and I know all you Yes and ELP fans are foaming for English prog-pop

Sunday 24

Some super-cool Sunday-nighters, Sunday-nighters, as Eleven stages Hardy Art artists **Unnatural Helpers**. The Seattle acts' *Cracked Love & Other Drugs* was a pleasant surprise among the dearth of garage I got last year, as head UH Dean Whitmore siffs a little more selectively through the *Nuggets* crates and then packs that PacNorthwest wallop of volume. Like, a retro Mudhoney. Go get some: myspace.com/unnaturalhelpers. With **Uzi Rash** and **Unruly Bangs**, this is a trick triple bill at the Normal Heights hotspot.... A push to the left and shove to the right, **Metal Mother** ("Dark, spooky melodies layered over pulsating, seductive beats" — *BUST Magazine*) plays Soda Bar with former Sleepy Sun singer **Rachel Fannan**.... Meanwhile, electroniscapists **Primitive Noyes** ideate at the Tin Can...**Earth** hits Casbah with **Angelo Spencer et les Hauts Sommets**, which I'm guessing is French for "his pretentiously named band"...and **Abbey Road** apes Beatles at Belly Up.

Monday 25

Brooklyn black-metal band **Liturgy** plays Anti-Monday at Casbah (our resident metallurgist Dave Good broke this one down somewhere in these pages)... while the club curates more sets across town at Soda Bar, featuring **Langhorne Slim** and **Henry Wolfe**. (You can see how the country bumps wouldn't have really fit with the metal heads in Middletown.)

Tuesday 26

Hardcore hits the Ché Café as **Take Offense**, **Ringworm**, **Retaliante**, and **Blighted** take a steel-toed boot to the campus collective....



UNNATURAL HELPERS AT ELEVEN

Beantown barroom rockers **Continental** continue their Tuesday residency at Shakedown, and this week's it, kids, so get out and get some.... Local retro psych-pop up-and-comers **Short Eyes** play Tin Can with **TRMRS**, **Fungi Girls** (TX), and **Chamuko**.... While down the big Laurel hilly, from Philly, synth-pop trio **Cold Cave** joins like-minded Toronto two-piece **Austra** at Casbah for some danceable darktronic heaviosity, he typed while rolling his eyes.

Wednesday 27

Shakedown stages punkabily badasses **Jason & the Punknecks**. The Nashville act is the self-proclaimed "most dangerous band in bluegrass," and they're here to lay out their latest, *Drinkin', Druggin', and Jesus*. Have mercy.... Canuck art punks **Fucked Up** hit Casbah with **Trash Talk**. Will Crain "Of Note" d that one for ya.... Portland synth kids Susan Subtract and Ivy Slime, aka **Branes** (sic), enlighten Soda Bar... Get Back Loretta keyboardist **Kevin Martin** sets up a CD-release at Bar Pink with **Gaile Skidmore** in support... that cello-shreddin' singer-songer **Ben Sollee**'s at Belly Up behind this year's "celebration of all things electrified," *Inclusions*...and **Indigo Girls** play Humphrey's by the Bay. I only mention this so I can tell you that I once won a million dollars from a drunk lady who insisted that Melissa Etheridge was an Indigo Girl. Easy money.

— Barnaby Monk

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"I want to play Madison Square Garden. I guess that's only the beginning."

Pink Army began as a trio of Tween girls in 2008 — Charisma Kain, Alicia Randolph, and Lia Johnson. The group is modeled after Disney Channel/Nickelodeon stars such as Miley Cyrus and Selena Gomez. "Our music is electro-pop, with a little R&B that's easy to dance to," says Kain.

In early 2011, Lia Johnson was replaced by Maddie Simpson, a veteran of the Old Globe Theatre's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Says the band's management, "Lia chose to go with her acting passion, since she could not do both with the pressures of the band."

To date, the group — the current members all 13 — has performed over 100 shows. They recently signed an endorsement deal with Daisy Rock Guitars, and they're recording an album with L.A.-based producer and cowriter Eddie Galan (*Hannah Montana*, *High School Musical*).

Pink Army appears on Sunday, August 7, at the Lemon Festival street fair in Chula Vista.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Charisma Kain: "Bruno Mars, *Doo-Wops & Hooligans*. I love the beats to all the songs, and some of my all-time favorites like 'Just the Way You Are' are from that CD."

Maddie Simpson: "Lady Gaga, *Born This Way*. All the songs have a message that people can relate to."

Alicia Randolph: "Justin Bieber, *My World 2.0*.

I like the style of music that is easy to dance to, with catchy songs."

WORST ONSTAGE SCREWUP?

Kain: "When I was seven, I was cast to do the *Wizard of Oz* at Starlight Theater, where I played a Munchkin. In one scene, I was

doing back handsprings across the stage, and I crashed into someone and fell. I didn't get hurt, but it did throw off my performance."

FAVORITE CONCERT?

Kain: "My parents have only let me go to one big concert, and it was to see Paramore. I went with Alicia, and it was so much fun!"

Simpson: "The Glee Live concert. It was amazing, plus I love the TV show."

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME SOMEONE YELLED AT YOU?

Kain: "About two weeks ago in P.E. at school, for sitting on the golf cart that the supervisor rides around in. I wasn't gonna drive it; I just wanted to sit on it, 'cause running fitness laps is tiring."

Simpson: "Last week, by my mom, for fighting with my brother."

Randolph: "Yeah, me too, but it was more like yesterday."

FAVORITE PLACE IN SAN DIEGO TO HANG OUT FOR FREE?

Kain: "We never miss the San Diego County



"We love to share tamale cakes at Cheesecake Factory. It's under ten bucks, and so good."

Fair on Kids Free Tuesday."

Simpson: "Nothing tops Fashion Valley Mall."

Randolph: "I love Coronado beach."

FAVORITE LOCAL EATERY?

Kain: "We love to share tamale cakes at Cheesecake Factory. It's under ten bucks, and so good."

Simpson: "We go to Rubio's nearly every time we practice."

Randolph: "Panera Bread is the best breakfast spot. The cinnamon crunch bagels are yummy."

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS?

Kain: "Mission Beach and Belmont Park. A day of hanging out on the beach, skateboarding on the boardwalk, and riding roller coasters is the perfect combination."

WHAT TOPS YOUR TO-DO LIST?

Kain: "I want to go hang-gliding someday. How

cool would it be to fly like a bird?"

Randolph: "I want to have a hit record and play Madison Square Garden. I guess that's only the beginning."

WHAT SONG BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE?

Randolph: "'Never Say Never,' by Justin Bieber. The lyrics describe how reaching a goal is possible if you never give up."

SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Kain: "I love all things anime [Japanese animation], and I went through a phase where I spent a lot of time drawing it."

Simpson: "I love pigs and have a collection of stuffed pigs."

Randolph: "I have a three-legged dog named Sasha." ■

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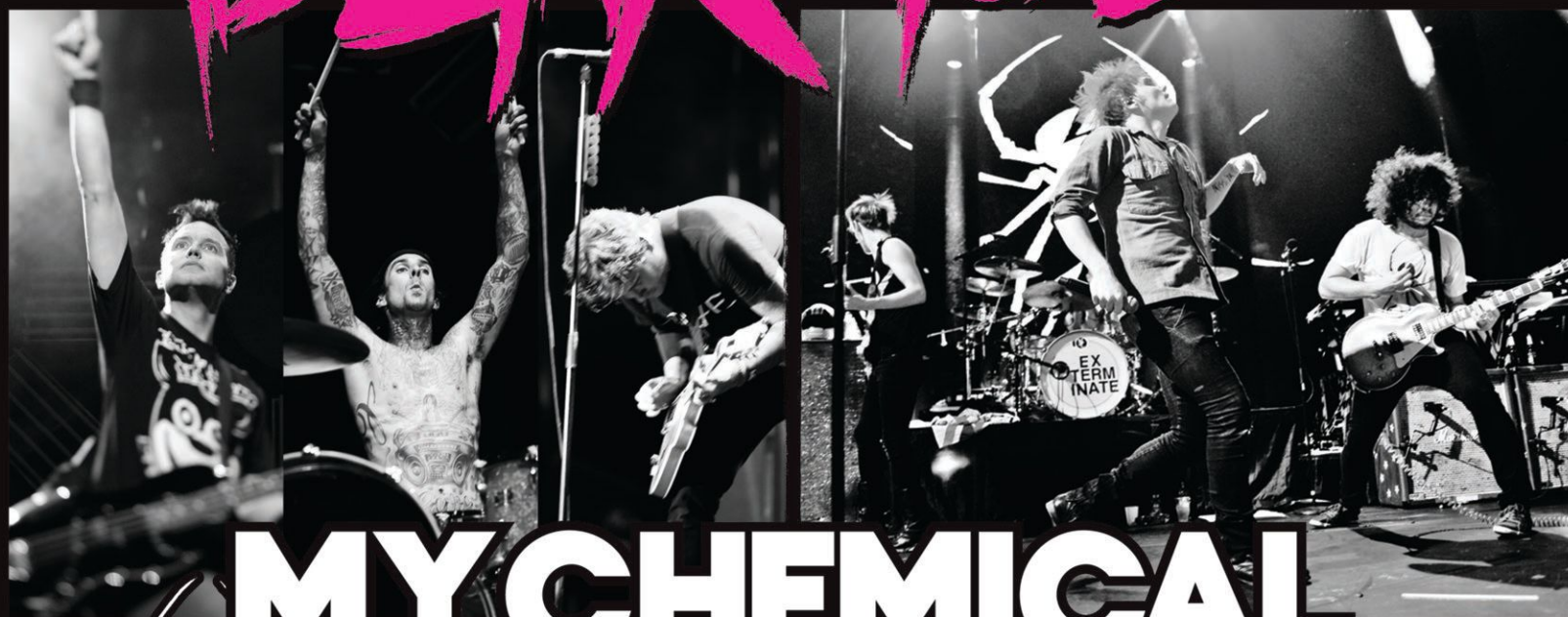
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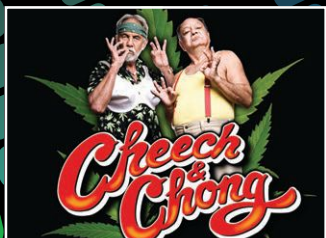
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Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008. Saturday — Asia. Prog rock.

Rimac Arena: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-8497. Saturday — Sugarland and Sara Bareilles. Pop country.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. Thursday — Nothington, Semi-Evolved Simians, the Getdown, and Bankers Hill. Punk rock. \$5.

Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Bl., La Jolla. 858-454-1600. Sunday, 2pm — Theo & the Zydeco Patrol. Cajun blues for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea. Free.

Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373. Friday, 9pm — DMF, Coda Reactor, Death Punch, and the Sparring. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Screamin

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Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. Friday, 6:30pm — Lucky and Wild and Small City Calling. \$8. Saturday, 5:30pm — Breathe Carolina, Chiodos, and I See Stars. Electronic pop/crunkcore. \$16.

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Tuesday, 6:15pm — The Bayou Brothers. Cajun zydeco. Free. Wednesday, 6:15pm — The Catillacs. Rock n' roll classics. Free.

Spreckels Park: 601 Orange Ave., Coronado. Sunday, 6pm — Charlie Chavez y su Afrotruko. Free.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Saturday — Tanya Tucker. Country.

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Town Center Community Park: Riverwalk and Park Center Dr., Santee. Thursday, 6:30pm — Bill Magee Blues Band. Free.

Trolley Barn Park: 1900 Adams Avenue at Florida St., University Heights. Friday, 6pm — Cool Fever Band. Free.

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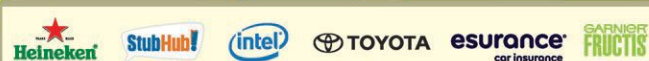
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August 12 — Nipsey Hussle.
August 19 — Slaughter House.
August 26 — Butthole Surfers.
September 10 — Zoé.
September 17 — Reverend Horton Heat and Nashville Pussy.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
July 30 — Chris Hassett.
August 27 — Shawn Phillips.
August 28 — Trippin' the Sixties.
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Alpine Community Center: 1830 Alpine Bl., Alpine.
August 7 — Misty & the Mobys.
August 14 — Elvis Elite.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.
July 28 — AJ Croce.
July 30, July 31 — Hiroshima.
August 3 — Carl Verheyen.
August 5 — Big Sam's Funky Nation.
August 6 — Blood, Sweat & Tears.
August 9, August 10 — John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey.

August 13 — The Four Freshmen.
August 19 — Tribute to Sade.
August 20, August 21 — Jerry Butler.
August 26, August 27 — Acoustic Alchemy.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
August 2 — Frampton Comes Alive 35 Tour.
September 17 — San Diego Chorus of Sweet Adelines.
September 23 — Herbie Hancock.
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October 30 — Orla Fallon.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
July 29 — A Tribute To Gil Scott Heron.
July 30 — Spiders from Bars.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
July 30 — Wild Child.
July 31 — The Gin Blossoms.
August 1 — Greensky Bluegrass.
August 3 — Marcia Ball.
August 4 — Transfer.
August 14 — Aimee Mann.
August 16 — Dave Alvin & the Guilty Ones.
August 17 — Orgone.
August 20 — Pine Mountain Logs.
August 21, August 22 — Groundation.
August 27 — Vokab Kompany.
August 31 — Bushwalla.

Berry Street Park: 7071 Mt. Vernon St., Lemon Grove.
July 28 — AM Forever.
August 11 — Bayou Brothers.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla,

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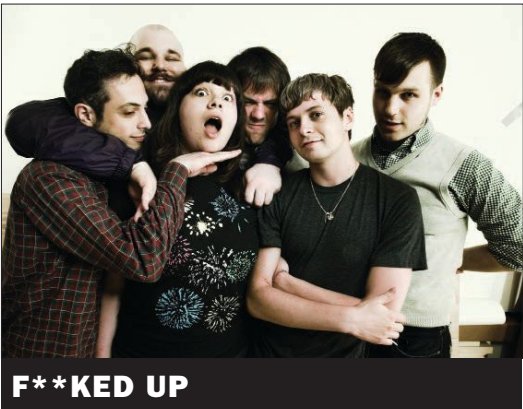
BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Toronto's prolific Fked Up is simultaneously the most punk rock and most un-punk rock band in the world.** On the punk side, of course, there's a name that's unutterable on the radio or TV. There's also vocalist Pink Eyes (a.k.a. Damian Abraham, a.k.a. Mr. Damian), a hulking, bearded, shaven-headed screamer whose face is frequently a bloody mess while onstage. He's also been known to stage-dive in the nude. That's pretty damn punk rock.

On the un-punk side, there's...well, practically everything else about F**ked Up. The songs are loud, but they're long, with complex arrangements featuring three guitars and the

occasional flute. This year's remarkable *David Comes to Life* is a full-on rock opera about a young guy in Margaret Thatcher-era Britain who struggles to cope after his girlfriend dies in a bombing of some kind. (You've got to hear Pink Eyes's angry-wrestler voice screaming, "Let's be together!/ Let's fall in love!") For Record Store Day, the band released *David's Town*, a limited-edition fake compilation in which the band plays the parts of all the fictional favorite bands of the titular David. This kind of trick is typical of F**ked Up, who claim that their artistic and musical director is a behind-the-scenes genius mastermind named David Eliade, who may or may not exist.

Traditionally, punk rockers are not supposed to be this artsy or ambitious. But punk rockers aren't big on tradition, and they hate it when someone tells them what they're not



F**KED UP

supposed to do. This contrarian attitude can lead down some blind alleys and contributes to a lot of infighting within the punk scene. That's f**ked up. But sometimes it leads to something brilliant. That's F**ked Up.

FKED UP: The Casbah, Wednesday, July 27, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$14.**

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858-534-3474.
August 17 — Steve Poltz.
September 21 — Brett Dennen.

Bird Park: 28th and Thorn St., North Park.
July 30 — Steph Johnson Band.
August 13 — Latin-A-Go-Go.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
August 4 — Dead as Dillinger and the Screamin YeeHaws.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.

July 28 — Red Skunk Jipzee Swing Band.
July 30 — Steve Knight & Roots Covenant.
August 6 — The Chop Tops, the Strikers, and the Rocketz.
August 13 — Afroman and As The Sun Sets: Fire!
August 20 — First Degree the D.E.
August 26 — Flight 93 Benefit's Ten-Year Anniversary.
August 27 — Media Lab.

Calavera Hills Park: 2997 Glasgow Dr., Carlsbad.
August 5 — Big Sam's Funky Nation.
August 12 — John Nemeth.
August 19 — Monette Marino-Keita.

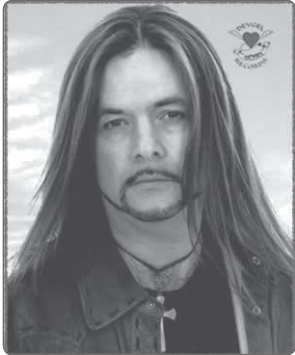
The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
July 29 — Yuck.
July 30 — Thurston Moore and Kurt Vile & the Violators.
July 31 — The Slackers.
August 3 — Alberta Cross.

August 9 — Avi Buffalo.
August 10 — Alberta Cross.
August 12 — Pelican.
August 17 — Alberta Cross.
August 19 — Imagine Dragons.
August 23 — The Obits.
August 26 — Hyena.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown, 619-235-0804.
September 13 — Ray Lamontagne.

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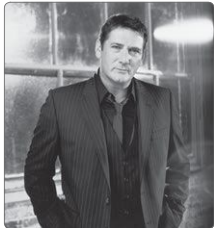
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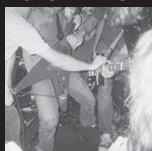
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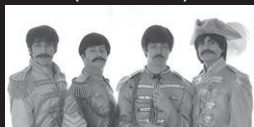
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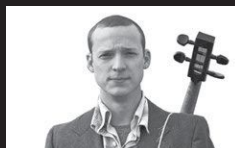
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8/7 KMFDM	8/24 Company of Thieves	9/22 Lukas Nelson and Promise of the Real
8/10 Three Waves a Day with Chad Scott and Hazmatt	8/25 Charles Bradley	9/23 The Mother Hips
8/11 Bob Schneider	8/26 90's Night with Red Not Chili Peppers and Vitology	9/24 Rolling the Stones
8/12 70's vs 80's with Wayward Sons	8/27 Vokab Kompany	9/25 Balkan Beat Box
8/13 Mike Pinto	8/31 Bushwalla	9/28 Steve Earle and the Dukes feat. Allison Moorer
8/14 Aimee Mann	9/1 Sergeant Garcia	9/30 Peter Bjorn and John
8/16 Dave Alvin and the Guilty Ones	9/2 Platinum Rockstars w/Wild Mountain Honey (Steve Miller Trib)	10/16 Naked and Famous
8/17 Orgone	9/4 Cash'd Out	10/19 Adrian Belew Power Trio and Stick Men
8/19 Beatles vs Stones feat. Rubber Souls and Rocks Off w/Elvis Tribute	9/10 Thunder Road w/ The Pettybreakers	10/20 Stephen Malkmus and the Jicks
8/20 Pine Mountain Logs	9/11 Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers w/Jackie Greene - full band	10/30 Gaelic Storm
8/21 Groundation	9/15 Pogo and That 1 Guy	11/4 Led Zeppelin 2
8/22 Groundation w/Chali2na	9/16 Young Dubliners	11/16 Jim Jefferies - Comedy Show
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 August 20 — Charles McPherson.
 August 26 — Gilbert Castellanos Quintet.

Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.
 July 29 — Crushed on You, Red Devil Squadron, and Northern Towns.

July 30 — The Mashtis, Satellite Skies, and the Goomies.
 August 5 — Dead Engines and Barrio Tiger.
 August 12 — Schizophonics and the New Kinetics.
 August 18 — Normandie Wilson, Sofa City Sweetheart, and Biggles Flys Again.
 August 19 — The Palominos and Old Devil.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
 August 2 — He Is We, Lucky and Wild, and Ocean Grove.

Grape Day Park: 321 North Broadway, Escondido.
 August 6 — Youth Music Night.
 August 20 — Caribbean Dance Night.

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 September 9 — Gary Allen.
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 July 30 — Summer Slaughter Tour.
 August 4 — Moenia.
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 August 12 — Sound Tribe Sector 9.
 August 14 — Steel Pulse.
 August 16 — Josh Ritter & the Royal City Band and the Old 97s.
 August 17 — Reyli.
 August 20 — Cut Chemist, Mr. Kif, and Edan.
 August 21 — Rock the Bells: Raekwon, Ghostface, and Mobb

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BY DAVE GOOD

If hell has a jukebox, it plays black metal. Taken as a whole, the genre's anti-Christian, pro-Satan polemic — with distorted guitars, bursts of drumming, and vocals that resemble the howling of a tormented beast — are custom-made for a picnic at the lake of fire. Not to be confused with death, thrash, speed, groove, stoner, industrial, traditional, power, doom, metal core, or goth metal, black metal is a disturbing underground subgenre.

A lot of it, oddly enough, comes from Norway, where in the 1990s fans of Norse black metal took to setting neighborhood churches on fire. The band Venom gets the credit for inventing black metal, but they only gave it a name. In truth, all roads lead back to Black Sab-

bath, first among heavy-metal bands to claim unholy alliance with the dark angel and take it to the bank (Led Zeppelin only dabbled in Satanism).

Metal has come a long way since the 1960s. In comparison to today's bands, Judas Priest and Iron Maiden sound downright wholesome. So where do four nice boys from Brooklyn calling themselves Liturgy fit in? At the head of the black-metal line, it turns out.

Liturgy began as the solo project of singer/guitarist Hunter Hunt-Hendrix. By 2008, it had become a four-piece with a 12-inch called *Immortal Life*, a sampler of what would be on their debut CD *Renihilation*. Their second disc, *Aesthetica*, was released in May. Liturgy took heat when they began calling themselves transcendental black metal, enough so that Hunt-Hendrix was moved to publish an essay in which he said the first stage of the genre is to establish rules, and the second is auto-destruction, whereby "the initial rules, having been fully digested and satisfied,



LITURGY

are thereby mutilated." This brings me to my main issue with the different species of modern-day heavy metal. Technical skills aside, I don't know whether to take any of them seriously.

Chelsea Wolfe and the Long and Short of It also perform.

LITURGY: The Casbah, Monday, July 25, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

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 September 3 — Molotov.
 September 6 — Los Amigos Invisibles.
 September 7, September 8 — Thievery Corporation.
 September 11 — Kills.
 September 12 — Hanson.
 September 13 — Blue October.
 September 16 — Boyce Avenue.
 September 18 — Los Huracanes

del Norte.
 September 22 — Dark Star Orchestra.
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 September 24 — Two Door Cinema Club, Grouplove, and the Lonely Forest.
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July 30 — Detroit Underground.
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 July 31 — Los Lonely Boys and Los Lobos.
 August 1 — Chicago.
 August 3 — Hippiefest.
 August 4 — Yes.
 August 7 — Matisyahu.

August 9 — Colbie Caillat.
 August 11 — Keb' Mo'.
 August 12 — Dave Koz.
 August 13 — America.
 August 15 — B.B. King.
 August 17 — Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers.
 August 19 — Tower of Power.
 August 26 — Jesse Cook.
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August 17 — The Corvettes Show Band.
August 24 — Mark Jackson.

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August 21 — Shoreline Rootz.

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August 18 — Danny Green.

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Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
August 18 — Adele.
September 18 — Ke\$ha, LMFAO, and Spank Rock.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Codes and Keys Death Cab for Cutie

By Brett Uddenberg

Death Cab for Cutie's latest release is defined by awakenings in sound and trajectory. It is almost unrecognizable when compared to the earlier work of a band that spoke to a decade of teenage angst and general malaise. The succumbing to the elements inherent in 2005's *Plans* has been replaced by a mature outlook, likely influenced by

frontman Ben Gibbard's sobriety and marriage. Calling it emo would be false categorization.

Lead single "You Are a Tourist" is the genuine article as pop singles go. It is a fluid arrangement, piercing the listener's subconscious and extracting beautiful, abstract truths. The track builds effortlessly from its predecessor, the catchy, colossal wall of drifting sound of "Doors Unlocked and Open."

Gibbard and company's penchant for soaring melody is on full display for the first half of the record, before the hanging coma of "Unobstructed Views," and from thereon spirals down to Earth with a gentle shift in tonality. DCFC has always been a band capable of crafting pristine, floating-in-space soundscapes, and while *Codes and Keys* is a departure on many fronts, it is no exception to their rule.



Can't call it emo.

Aqualung, Under Open Sky

By Daniel Knighton

Opening with 1972's "Living in the Past," Jethro Tull front man Ian Anderson set the tone for the evening by working the stage, giving equal attention to both sides of the theater. And the crowd responded enthusiastically. Then the English prog-rock band launched into a brief version of "Thick as a Brick." I say brief because even at around 15 minutes it was much shorter than the 44-minute

opus released in '72 as a follow-up to the band's biggest hit, "Aqualung."

Anderson and company didn't get around to the whole *Aqualung* album, but they made up for it in one bunch, with an acoustic performance of "Cheap Day Return," "Mother Goose," and "Wond'ring Aloud." Drummer Doane Perry lugged a slimmed-down kit — small kick, two cymbals, and a couple bongos — to the front of the stage. And there's no sweeter-sounding acoustic guitar than Ian Anderson's. Even live, when you expect the sound to be less than studio quality, it sounded album-perfect.



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July 29 — Mofo Party Band.

Powerhouse Park : 1600 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1524.
August 16 — Mrs. Robinson.
September 18 — Sensation Showband.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 E. Main St., El Cajon.
July 29 — North County Cowboys.
August 5 — Iliana Rose Band.
August 12 — Sara Petite & the

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August 19 — Sonos.
August 26 — Aunt Kizzy's Boyz.

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July 28 — Ryan Cabrera and Lenny Morris.
August 18 — Tony Hadley.
August 19 — Lynch Mob.
August 20 — New Wave of

British Heavy Metal.
August 26 — Pat Travers.

Rimac Arena: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-8497.
August 16 — Death Cab for Cutie and Frightened Rabbit.

Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Bl., La Jolla.
July 31 — Navy Band Southwest.
August 7 — Blue Breeze Band.
August 14 — Big Time Operator.
August 21 — Lao Tizer.
August 28 — Rockola.

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August 11 — Coronado Concert Band.
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August 4 — The Alley Cats.
August 11 — Clay Colton Band.
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July 29 — The Midli Brothers' Band.
August 5 — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra.

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August 9 — Katy Perry.
August 20 — Selena Gomez.
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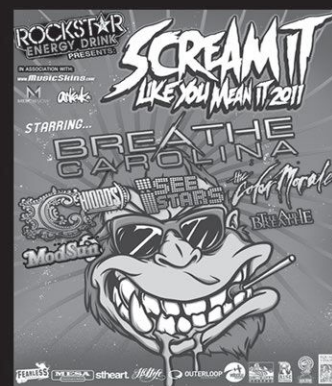
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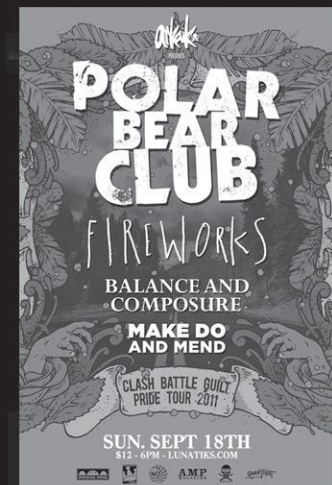
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House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$3 wines, \$4 martinis. 25% off lunch on the patio Monday-Friday 11:30am-4pm.

Jsix: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: 1/2-price wine by the glass, \$2 off bottles & drafts, including local brews.

Patrick's II: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, bloody marys.

Rock Bottom Brewery: Daily, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$1 off handcrafted beer (\$4.25 for 20 oz. glass); \$1 off premium wells; \$2 off wine by the glass.

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.

Suite & Tender: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Time Out Sports Bar: Monday-Wednesday, Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 16-ounce draft Time Out Lager, Bud, Bud Light. Sam Adams, \$3.50. 1/2-off appetizers. Thursday, all day: Thirsty Thursdays: Buy one pitcher, get second 1/2 off.

Tivoli Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

Urban Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 signature cocktails, \$5 house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

EAST VILLAGE

Hive Sushi Lounge: Daily, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$.99.

Hotel Indigo: Daily, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic & local bottles, wells, wines.

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Chili's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, house margaritas; \$4.99 premium margaritas. \$.50 wings.

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Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

The Broken Piñata: Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

Calypso: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

El Cajon Grand: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: Tuesday-Thursday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers, sushi rolls.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

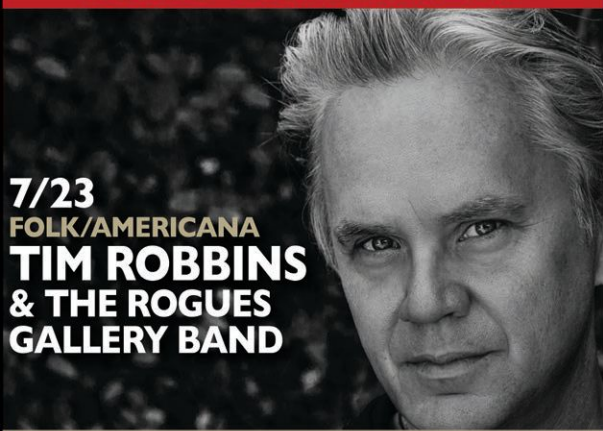
Cap'n Kenos: Monday-Friday, 6pm-midnight: \$2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

Savory: Daily, 5-6pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area.

Union Kitchen & Tap: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.



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Originally known as Imig Manor, the Lafayette Hotel opened in 1946 and hosted Bob Hope as their inaugural guest. The hotel closed its doors 14 years later and, in 2010, began a \$4 million overhaul with the help of an additional \$2.4 million loan from San Diego's Redevelopment Agency.

Now you can pass your summer daze at the recently remodeled swimming pool, which is open to the public from noon to 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 on Saturdays and Sundays, when local food trucks such as Food Junkies and the Mijo Gastrotruck are on hand to provide the grub.

It's 83 degrees on the pool deck. Man-thongers beer-baste in the sunshine, and suicide girls drift on inflatable rings, drinking Bud Light Lime through a straw. A dude planks on the arm of a wicker sofa in the smoking lounge, and a gentleman who looks like William S. Burroughs guesses all three of my astrological signs on the

first try for no good reason.

"It's a secret recipe," says Mckinna, a smiley redheaded bartender from Baton Rouge, as she pours the last of her homemade sweet tea into a cup of vodka and ice. "It comes from the dirty South, made hot and sweet and spicy, with some Southern hospitality."

The bar also serves margaritas, bloody marys, mojitos, mai tais, and tequila sunrises until 6 daily, except for Fridays, when you can drink 'til 8.

Go strong into the night at the Lafayette's Red Fox Room, which has woodwork that dates back to a 1560 Surrey, England, inn. The room was dismantled and shipped to the U.S. in 1926 to serve as a beach house for actress Marion Davies. The lounge opened in its current location in 1967 and now features piano enter-



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

Man-thongers beer-baste in the sun while suicide girls drift on inflatable rings sipping beer through a straw.

tainment and dinner seven nights a week.

With its wine-red leather upholstery and anachronistic soundtrack, the Red Fox Room is the kind of place that makes me look forward to growing old. Pot-bellied men growl "What

a Wonderful World" and "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown" with piano/clarinet duo David Shaw and Paul Gregg. The night is dedicated to the memory of Carrie Baker, a pianist and singer at the Red Fox for 33 years.

The seafood and steak

menu is expensive (though excellent), and the beer selection is nearly nonexistent...but the place was in *Top Gun*. So go embarrass yourself with Goose.

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ESCONDIDO

El Galeón: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Two-for-one draft beer, margaritas.

Holiday Wine Cellar: Monday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for five wine tastings.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; \$1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

Camel's Breath Inn: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 10:30am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: Monday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings. Tuesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-

4pm: \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-close: \$1 sliders. Thursday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. \$5.25 1/2-lb. burger with fries. Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 4-8pm: 1/2-off all food. Sunday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: Daily, all day: \$3 dipper, wells.

Baja Betty's: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, quesadillas.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: Daily, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

CJ's Club: Daily, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: All wells \$2.75.

The Caliph: Daily, noon-7pm: \$4 wells, \$3 domestic bottles.

Nami: Daily, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-off sake, beer, \$3 house wine. 1/2-off sushi rolls, appetizers.

Ruby Room: Monday, Wednesday, 7-8pm: \$1 wells. Tuesday, Thursday,

7-8pm: \$1 drafts. Friday-Sunday, 6-9pm: \$3 wells.

Tre Porcellini: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.50 drafts and house wine.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: Daily, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

Bud's Louisiana Café: Wednesday-Thursday, 3-9pm: 1/2-price beer and wine by the glass.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$1 off draft, glass of wine. Saturday, 3pm-close: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

Rayo Grill: Daily, 4:30-7pm: \$4 drafts, wines; \$3 domestic bottles.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/drafts.

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LA JOLLA

Alfonso's of La Jolla: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.25 drinks, bar appetizers.

Barfly La Jolla: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 pints, wells, house wines. \$4 appetizers (avocado rolls, fish tacos, sliders).

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 Bud/Bud Light; \$3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Extreme Pizza: Daily, 3-6pm: \$3 premium beer.

Jose's La Jolla: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 margaritas. \$2 off appetizers.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

La Jolla Brew House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, house drafts. \$4 house wine. \$5 premiums.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

The Melting Pot: Daily, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

Roppongi: Daily, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

La Sala: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

The Shack Bar & Grill: Daily, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Shores Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: 5 for \$5 Happy Hour menu: 5 appetizers & 5 drinks for \$5 each.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Charcoal House: Daily, 11-7pm: \$.75 off all drinks, \$1 off all appetizers.

Chico Club: Daily, all day: \$3 big-ass beer (23 oz).

Hoffer's Cigar Bar: Monday-Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$2 off all beer, \$1 off wine. Sunday, 1-7pm: \$2 off all beer, \$1 off wine.

Parkway Bar: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts and bottles, \$4 mixed drinks, wine specials.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off wine by the glass.

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: Monday-Friday, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. Sunday, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: Daily, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas.

Fat City Steakhouse: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Puerto la Boca: Daily, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Daily, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

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.

MIRA MESA

Bamboo Hut: Daily, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine.

MIRAMAR

Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 select pints, \$5 house wine.

The Filling Station: Monday, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. Tuesday, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$2 wells, domestic beers, \$6 domestic pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. Sunday, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

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.

City Wok: Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, beers, wines. 20% off appetizers.

Ruby's Diner: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.99 shakes/malts.

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Lai Thai Restaurant: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody

marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gas-tropub fare.

NORTH PARK

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.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

The Smoking Goat: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

The Office: *Daily*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Toronado: *Daily*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

Sunshine Co.: *Daily*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

The Vine: *Daily*, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

The Flying Bridge: *Daily*, 4pm-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Daily*, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

Bare Back Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 Miller Lite, amber ale, well drinks.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

Bub's Dive Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$10 pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

POINT LOMA

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off drinks; 1/2-off appetizers.

Extreme Pizza: *Daily*, 4pm-7pm: \$6 craft beer pitchers.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

The Pearl: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells, \$5 wines.

Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm,

9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

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Capri Blu: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

Carvers Steak & Chops: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. \$3-\$4 off appetizers.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4pm-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona, \$3 wine; \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

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Cowshed Bar and Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells.

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Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

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Stone Flats: *Daily*, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

Pacific Coast Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Daily*, 4-6pm: Two-for-one drinks.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Apertivo Italian Tapas & Wine Bar: *Daily*, noon to 6 pm: \$3 beer, wine, and sangria.

Gulf Coast Grill: *Daily*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

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A Roman Holiday

Coronado Playhouse stages the popular romantic comedy about Stacy's adventures in Italy — with klepto Nigel, the Pagliuzzi family, and an Italian don dressed as Santa. Matt Thompson directed.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 7.

Aida

MB Stage Productions, a new company, presents a contemporary pop-rock take on the famous love story in which three people fall in love, but not with the right person. 760-717-6232.

BAILEY BEES THEATER AT COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 3575 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 8PM FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY.

Amadeus

Miles Anderson gives a masterful performance in one of theater's most demanding roles. He plays Antonio Salieri, the green-eyed loather of young Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Anderson charms the audience, even when accusing us of mediocrity. *Ama deus* means "beloved of God" (who is and who isn't). Salieri assumes God's role to block Mozart. Then regrets every move. Peter Shaffer manipulates history, but the play also has strengths, and director Adrian Noble orchestrates them like a conductor (Shaffer called the play a "black opera"). Deirdre Clancy's costumes and mountain-shaped wigs are visual music. Jay Whittaker makes Mozart freaky but tempers the cartooning with an undercurrent of dignity. Winslow Corbett, as Mozart's wife Constanze, and Donald Carrier, as Joseph II, head a fine ensemble [Note: *Amadeus* runs in repertory with *The Tempest* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.] **Critic's Pick.**

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM NIGHTLY, EXCEPT MONDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22.

Annie

Moonlight Stage Productions continues its summer season with the popular musical — leapin' lizards! — about the comic strip heroine. Carlos Mendoza directed and choreographed.

MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BREngle TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 6.

Body Awareness

"Body Awareness Week" at Shireley State College in Vermont will

promote physical diversity. Also on campus: Frank Bonitatibus's photos of naked women. Annie Baker's uneven but interesting work becomes a seriocomedical diatribe when Joyce, partner of the woman who organized the event, wants Frank to photograph her in the nude. What Baker does well, and Ion Theatre enhances, is integrate vying points of view. As Joyce's mate Phyllis, Dana Hooley reveals hard edges beneath her guru-calm surface. Linda Libby's vulnerable and touching as multi-harried Joyce. Walter Ritter smartly makes Frank an open question: he may, or may not, be a porcine objectifier. Eric Parmer does a nice job as Joyce's son Jared. Like the others, he's open to interpretation: does he have Asperger's syndrome, or is he just a brilliant young man? *Worth a try.*

ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH JULY 30.

Chalk It Up to Murder

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater "spaghetti western" mystery that asks, "Was the school-marm's janitor killed in the fire of 1843?" 760-489-2496.

MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 5:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25.

Damn Yankees!

Vanguard presents the Broadway classic (words and music by Richard Alder and Jerry Ross) about the need for heart, miles and miles of it. WESTMINSTER THEATER, 3598 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-224-6263. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 31.

Five Course Love

Gregg Coffin's musical bauble takes place in five different restaurants. Ethnic numbers are so cliched they verge on stereotype — and would even more if Coffin wasn't spoofing musical styles. The performers make the difference at North Coast Rep. Three people play 15 characters in 90 minutes. Kevin B. McGlynn does the male leads (including an egomaniacal don Juan); Omri Schein, various waiters; and Kristen Mengelkoch gets a workout, physically and vocally, as five women, one of whom, like Don Quixote, has read too many romances. *Worth a try.*

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Moon Over Buffalo

OnStage Playhouse presents Ken Ludwig's backstage farce, which includes two plays — *Cyrano De Bergerac* and Noel Coward's *Private Lives* — within the play. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 13.

Much Ado About Nothing

Dogberry says "comparisons are odorous." *Much Ado* suffers in comparison to the Old Globe's other festival offerings. Instead of the "merry war" promised in Act One, the production's mostly a humorless skirmish. Some of the acting's too stiff, some's over-the-top, and Georgia Hatzis's ice-cold Beatrice is a puzzle. Beatrice has a melancholic strain, true, but Hatzis plays her as if wit's gone out of fashion. Although Benedick says she speaks "poniards" (small daggers), Hatzis never conveys the joyful touche of the victor. Jonno Roberts does a fine turn — literally, when he leaps from naysayer to ardent lover — as Benedick. Donald Carrier (Don Pedro) and Charles Janasz (Antonio/Verges) provide able supporting work. And Deirdre Clancy's 19th-century costumes, as expected, make a valuable contribution [Note: *Much Ado* runs in repertory with *Amadeus* and *The Tempest*.]

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM NIGHTLY, EXCEPT MONDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24.

My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, & I'm in Therapy

Ron Tobin performs a one-person comic piece, written by Steve Solomon and "based on his wacky family" whose "sole purpose was to drive him into therapy."

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 5:30PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences." NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Night Stage to Big Shaft

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect."

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Once Upon a Wedding

The interactive musical comedy takes place at the Dudley/Do-Wright wedding, where things don't go according to plan. The show, a "musical dinner cruise," takes place aboard the *William D. Evans* sternwheeler.

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Peer Gynt

At the La Jolla Playhouse, adapter/director David Schweizer trimmed Henrik Ibsen's evasive masterpiece to two hours and only five actors. The results, though often funny, feel like a performance of the Reduced Ibsen Company. A liar, a braggart, a corner-cutter, Peer "lives for himself alone" (Ibsen said he's based on Norwegian male selfishness). The coproduction with Kansas City Rep is always inventive. The props are humble. But the

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play has a wild, soaring, epic sweep, and the “found” items diminish the text. All five performers are quite good. They work in different styles and use modern slang. These choices illustrate Ibsen’s astonishing range. But much of the humor comes outside the text, and too often the players swap cute for deeper resonances. What the actors will do next upstages what the play is doing.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 24.

Poster Boys

Michele Riml’s comedy-drama is about kinds of “branding,” in and out of advertising. Caroline’s a hotshot ad exec. She wants a fresh approach for a credit union account. So she makes a gay couple poster boys. The pair she chooses: Carson’s a devout Catholic (and the church objects to the ad), and Jack left her at the altar 13 years ago. For Moxie Theatre/Diversionary Theatre’s co-production, Mat Scott’s impressive, abstract set and Michelle Caron’s lighting enable flash cuts that director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg orchestrates with precision. John Anderson, as kindhearted Jack, and Justin Lang as scheming Brad, add dimensions to sketchy characters. Some of the funniest scenes: Caroline (an arch Julie Anderson Sachs) has a “fear of flying” (one of the play’s many “brandings”); her conscience (Charles Maze in drag and a red, Prince Valiant wig), visits her in flight with advice both sage and witty. *Worth a try.*

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 31.

The Dixie Swim Club

Different Stages presents a comedy-drama about five friends who meet for one weekend each August, for 30 years, to discuss their lives.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA.



In *The Woolgatherer* at Ion Theatre, Brian Mackey’s *Cliff* is an extroverted truck driver, while Rose, played by Rachel Van Wormer, is in hiding from reality.

760-724-2110. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 31.

The Music Man

It’s too bad Lamb’s Players couldn’t put its near future on hold. It looks to have a monster hit on its hands. This *Music Man* could run until the cows trundle home. The original played at the Majestic Theatre, one of Broadway’s largest. In Lamb’s relatively smaller space, the trombones still blare, but the more intimate staging — expert direction by Deborah Gilmour Smyth and choreography, Kolleen Kollar Smith — coaxes out nuances and details that make the familiar feel brand-new. Ablaze with rap-like riffs and Souza-marching steps, Rick Meads has a lark as Hill (and suggests throughout that he’s really a preacher, his sermon is belief in the imagination, and he’s conducting a secular revival). As Marian

the Librarian, Sandy Campbell is special. Her beautifully clear voice illumines everything she sings. The fine ensemble cast takes up six pages in the program (but never seems cluttered on stage). Designer Jeanne Reith decks them all for a summer in Iowa. Mike Buckley’s white picket set is efficient to the point of eloquence. **Critic’s Pick.** LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 6PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 24.

The Tempest

Run to this one! Director Adrian Noble has staged a musical mystery tour with magical results. Shaun Davey’s enchanting, original music grows from the story as if it’s been there all along. Until his act of forgiveness, Miles Anderson’s brilliant Prospero could make *The Tempest* a revenge tragedy. No weak links in

a terrific ensemble, but the production has another star: a huge, aqua-colored sheet, at various times, is a mainsail in a storm, large waves, a shore-break trickle, and various walls. Like the music, the giant sheet’s a dazzler. [Note *The Tempest* runs in repertory with *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Amadeus*.] **Critic’s Pick.**

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM NIGHTLY, EXCEPT MONDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25.

The Woolgatherer

Rose is such an emotional shut-in, Cliff asks, “Do you believe in life before death?” He’s an extroverted truck driver; she’s in hiding from reality. William Mastrosimone’s two-hander’s a study in free-form dialogue (some sharp, some studied), and the conclusion’s as wistful as Rose’s dream of a perfect man. In effect, it’s an actor’s play,

and Ion Theatre has the actors to make it go. Brian Mackey and Rachel Van Wormer do a dance of attraction and repulsion. He’s got the Joysey accent down pat, and the patter. She plays Rose as if neutron-bombed. Starkly internal, hypersensitive to the merest of stimuli, Rose has withdrawn into fleecy shells. It’s hard to imagine the fragile, trembling character done better. *Worth a try.* ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILL-CREST. 619-600-5020. 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, THROUGH JULY 31.

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PowPAC stages David Lindsay-Abaire’s comedy that includes “a helicopter chase, recreation of *The Newlywed Game*, gunplay, and a barrel ride over Niagara Falls.” Raylene J. Wall directed. POWPAC, POWAY’S COMMUNITY THEATER, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 21.

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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-bytes. 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 AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS,

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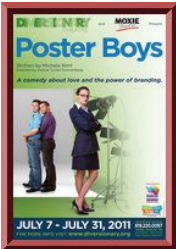
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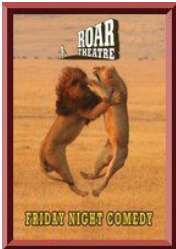
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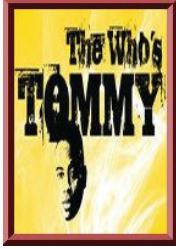
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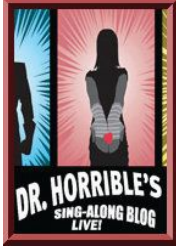
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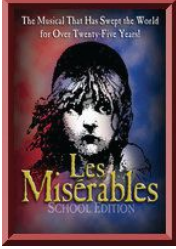
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A Keeper

Laura, adrift, starts to paddle for the shore of maturity.

A Little Help

I regret missing *A Little Help*, which last fall won Best Narrative Feature at downtown's San Diego Film Festival. Still, a pleasure deferred is not always lost, and the revelation of the picture is Jenna Fischer. You might have seen her on *The Office* or dealing with the brazen guy comedy in *Hall Pass*.

As Laura, a Long Island wife, mom, and dental hygienist, Fischer can seem a little floaty and liquid. And not simply because Laura often turns to beer and then to vodka. She has the driftwood manner of someone whose life is coming apart, and she isn't sure whether to welcome that or flee in panic.

Laura was always the free, dreamy, pretty girl of her family, to the envious

resentment of her brisk, hard-charging sister Kathy (Brooke Smith). Laura got the handsome stud (Chris O'Donnell) whom Kathy wanted, but he has become a workaholic bore and a cheater. When

fate deals a hard hand, Laura has to play it through with son, Dennis, 12. He is acted by pudgy Daniel Yelsky, with a gift for the stone-cold zinger that could have spelled "sitcom kid" if director and writer Michael J. Weithorn, a TV producer and writer making his first theatrical feature, had opted for that facility.

The saving surprise is that Weithorn courts that option, slides up against it amusingly, then contours it into areas more serious and unexpected (he does get a bit too formulaic with Lesley Ann Warren and Ron Leibman, as Laura's



A Little Help — *The revelation of the picture is Jenna Fischer*

parents). Laura's family is goofed-up in a real, uneasy way. The core of reality even rescues some risky humor (the movie is set in 2002) about the 9/11 tragedy. Weithorn inserts that element in a way that doesn't cripple the story and takes it to a touchingly vulnerable payoff.

Most savingly, he lets Fischer fulfill a role that keeps its edges exposed. Laura,

adrift, starts to paddle for the shore of maturity. Fischer makes each stroke count without splashing up pat inspiration. She gets key help from Rob Benedict as Paul, her sister's husband, another cool dreamer who made a bad love choice for fishy reasons. Their shared scene in a garden gazebo is as good a segment of credible acting as you may see this year.

Handsomely shot, sharply written, *A Little Help* is a keeper. The people are often immature, but the movie is engagingly adult.

★★★

Tabloid

A major brain behind the camera, Errol Morris has made documentaries on a dismal miscarriage of Texas justice (*The Thin Blue Line*), war-haunted Robert S. McNamara (*The Fog of War*), science-genius Stephen Hawking (*A Brief History of Time*), and a morbidly geeky Holocaust denier (*Mr. Death*). But sometimes, Morris likes to let his busy mind have a

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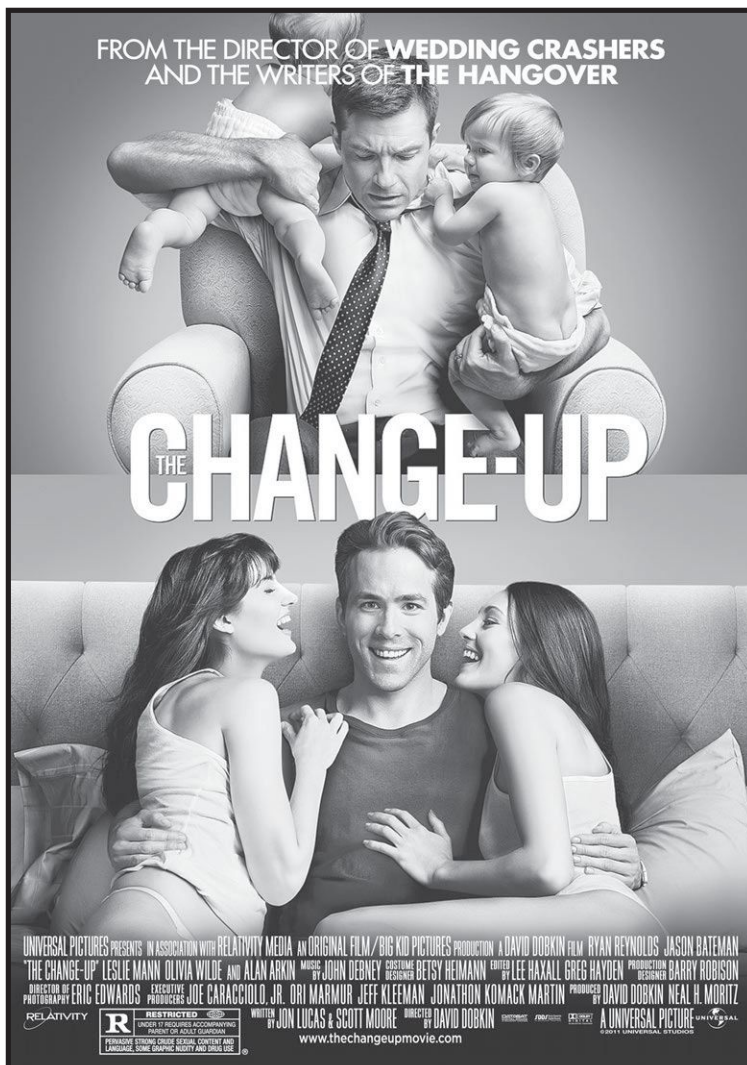
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wandering stroll, as in his long, speculative articles for the *New York Times*. And now *Tabloid*, slumming on the ratty-tatty side of life.

The subject and star is Joyce McKinney, a peachy-blond Miss Wyoming (from North Carolina) who conceived a lifelong erotic obsession with clunky, chunky Kirk Anderson, whom she thought was “abducted” from her love to become a Mormon missionary in England. She followed him, nabbed him (with her paid escorts), chained him to a hotel bed, and had lurid, probably consensual sex with him for five days in 1977.

Awash in Mormon guilt, he later said he’d been raped. This made the British tabloids do what they naturally do. After milking this for months, as if having a lark, Joyce fled to the States disguised as a deaf mute and retreated into a rustic celibacy not burdened by guilt about her former life as a sex pro and “model.”

Though much older and heavier now, Joyce remains a complete vanity kit, with a smile that no camera can resist. Morris’s can’t, and he tricks up her coy, breathless story with cute graphics and file footage. Is the movie an attack on Mormon puritanism, a celebration of tacky fame, or a lament for how nut-ball our media mania has become? Take your pick. By the time Joyce decided that her dog Booger had “made a Christ-like sacrifice for me,” I was wishing for a good, soothing snooze. ★★

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan Director Wayne Wang started so well with *Chan Is Missing* (1982). He then turned gooey with *Dim Sum: A Little Bit of Heart*, *The Joy Luck Club*, and *Maid in Manhattan*. He has gone to Shanghai for this contraption, a lacquered and lathered chick flick about the old Chinese custom of *laotong* sisters, joined not by blood but by a pledge of soul sisterhood in a patriarchal society.

The script extracted from Lisa See’s novel indulges in the sort of balanced, symmetrical sentimentality that goes back beyond the Ross Hunter soapers to silent films. Two modern girls, Nina and Sophia, bond in a Shanghai rapidly becoming a forest of banal high-rises. One of them feels pulled to the 19th-century past and is writing a story about *laotong* soulmates Lily and Snow Flower. Lily’s feet are bound (broken, then shrunken) to attract a rich husband. But he is a stern bore, and she pines for gentle Snow Flower, whose unbound feet fated her to marry a rural butcher. In the old ways (which still persist), only sons are really wanted.

The full, jammed menu includes fortune cookies of fate, opium addiction, armed rebellion, a cholera epidemic, but (alas) no locusts from *The Good Earth*. The words “lesbian” and “foot fetish”

are never mentioned, yet the story finds time for a terrible Aussie singer mangling Chinese. The past-era scenes are often filmed as immaculate kitsch, and to say the acting is inexpressive is like saying that pancakes are vertically challenged. ★

Newsreel:

The Maltese Falcon is a very nocturnal film, so its Ken Cinema midnight showing on Saturday (July 23) makes fine sense. This movie and *Citizen Kane* crowned 1941, the miracle year that also had *The Lady Eve*, *The Little Foxes*, *Man Hunt*, *Meet John Doe*, *How Green Was My Valley*, *High Sierra*, *Suspicion*, *Strawberry Blonde*, *The Thief of Baghdad*, and even (please, no snickering) George Sanders in *The Gay Falcon*.

The gay touch of *Maltese* is fey, funny Joel Cairo (Peter Lorre). When Joel tries to shake-down superbly hardboiled Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart), it may be the wittiest of many confrontations in small rooms that make John Huston’s first directorial assignment a jewel of cinematic stagecraft. A direct transfer of Dashiell Hammett’s San Francisco novel, the movie exhaled the noir spirit like cigarette smoke into ’40s American film. It is as great in tight exposition as *Kane* is a form-breaker. The terrific cast, talking wonderfully, includes Mary Astor, Elisha Cook Jr., Jerome Cowan, Barton MacLane, Gladys George, Ward Bond, Lee Patrick, and the astonishing film debut of huge Sydney Greenstreet, perfectly named Gutman.

Marilyn Ann Moss will appear at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, at D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue in La Jolla. She will discuss her acclaimed new book *Raoul Walsh: The True Adventures of Hollywood’s Legendary Director*. Moss had access to Walsh papers and family sto-

ries not previously brought to print and deeply researched this vivid biography of the action-minded but often subtle master who guided such stars as James Cagney (in *White Heat*), Errol Flynn (*Gentleman Jim*), John Wayne (*The Big Trail*), and Humphrey Bogart (*High Sierra*), plus some remarkable women.

Reviewed in the movie capsules: *Beats Rhymes & Life* and *If a Tree Falls*.

— David Elliott

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, 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.

Bad Teacher — Poor Elizabeth Halsey. She needs \$10,000 for new boobs, the kind big enough to attract a sugar daddy by sheer gravitational pull. But, alas, she’s just a poor teacher, in every sense of the word. Whatever will she do? Doesn’t matter, really: the point here is hearing Cameron Diaz talk dirty and act bitchy and dress slutty and smoke weed and still come out smelling like a rose. Jason Segel adds heart and some laughs as a chunky, slacker gym teacher. 2011. — M.L.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)

Beats Rhymes & Life — A documentary for fans of A Tribe Called Quest. For the rest of us, subtitles of the lyrics would help. The multi-source, Queens-rooted band rose to hip-hop eminence, then fell apart (it has revived for some nostalgia gigs). The music is muscled by ego stress between haughty, preening Q-Tip and angry, diabetic Phife Dawg. Director Michael Rapaport capably continues the fascination with black life and music he showed as an actor in *Zebrahead*. With Mos Def, Ludacris, Mary J. Blige. 2011. — D.E.

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Beginners — When writer-director Mike Mills isn’t flashing oodles of perky technique and “stylish” doodads (drawings, meet-cutes, old news clips, vintage music), his talented cast inserts human value and charm into this tale of a nice, lonely guy (Ewan McGregor) who lost his suddenly gay, then dead dad (Christopher Plummer) and finds love with a free-minded beauty (Mélanie Laurent). Facile but enjoyable, glib but not grating, the movie includes Plummer’s Jack Russell terrier Arthur, perhaps the friskiest movie pooch since Bogart’s Pard in *High Sierra*, or at least Richard Dreyfuss’s Matisse in *Down and Out in Beverly Hills*. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (HILLCREST)

A Better Life — The better life desired by Carlos (Demián Bichir) is to own a truck and improve his chances of success as (an illegal) Mexican gardener in L.A. His son (José Julián) has difficult teen moods and is of little help. Director Chris Weitz keeps it straight and simple, yet always credible, well acted, rooted in the teeming underbelly of a city that would often prefer to look away (or call the cops). Bichir anchors this pride platform without using rhetoric, and the story’s appeal is rooted in a timely, and timeless, humanism. 2011. — D.E.

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Bridesmaids — A raunchy comedy with integrity from star and cowriter Kristen Wiig.

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The movie is unquestionably from a female perspective, a quality that is pervasive but never exclusive. Wiig plays Annie, a heart-ravaged, recession-broken middle-ager struggling to maintain an emotional parallel with her best friend whose life is on the up-and-up. The chief area of contention is the latter's upcoming nuptial, for which Annie is the maid of honor. Wiig achieves a splendid vulnerability. Some moments miss the mark, but overall the movie maintains a genuine spirit. 2011. — J.R.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Buck — A great documentary portrait. Buck Brannaman, inspiration and advisor for Robert Redford's *The Horse Whisperer*, seems able to get inside horses on an intuitive, spiritual level, gentling the animals (except one that is dangerously crazy) as he teaches them and their awed owners. A survivor of paternal brutality, Buck is a real hero, without airs, and has a plain-spun directness laced with charming humor. Even if you never ride horses, Cindy Meehl's beautifully crafted movie is worth saddling up for, an equine and humane essay in life as cogently honest as Budd Boetticher's classic Westerns. 2011. — D.E.

★★★★ (HILLCREST)

Captain America: The First Avenger — Another expensive character extraction from the pages of Marvel comics. Chris Evans stars as an unfit Army recruit who is transformed into the superhuman hero Captain America. With Tommy Lee Jones, Hayley Atwell, Hugo Weaving, Samuel L. Jackson, Stanley Tucci. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/22)

Cars 2 — For all the kinetic vroom, the imagination is static. 3-D can do little for a story this flat, as the cute Pixar cars get involved in a Grand Prix race and Bond-like thrills. When the animators rely so much on sparky verbiage, we know their 'toon tank is basically empty. This loud, gaudy rush of clichés includes some famous voices (Owen Wilson, Michael Caine), and the hot-racing hero car, Lightning McQueen, reminds some of us how bored we were by Steve McQueen's 1969 racing movie *Le Mans*. 2011. — D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION

VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Friends with Benefits — Reputed to have a passing, generic resemblance to *No Strings Attached*, Will Gluck's comedy is about a couple (Mila Kunis, Justin Timberlake) endeavoring to introduce sex into friendship without spoiling it (the friendship). On hand are Jenna Elfman, Richard Jenkins, Woody Harrelson, Patricia Clarkson. (Reviewed next issue.) (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/22)

The Hangover Part II — Director Todd Phillips remakes his hit comedy *The Hangover* — a story about bachelor-party boys who wake up with an absent friend and no memory of the night before — only this time it's bigger, louder, dumber, and completely joyless. (Original touch: a cute little monkey who smokes, deals drugs, and performs fellatio.) As part of the generally upped ante, the search for the missing buddy starts off with a severed finger. But the real problem is a missing heart. 2011. — M.L.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 — The epic chronicle ends, after eight films that filled a decade. The over \$7 billion in movie lucre it will finally receive is far less important than the many millions of fans who have loved the storytelling abundance, the beautiful splurges of craft, the three growing heroes (Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint). A pause and a prayer, please, for haunting Prof. Snape (Alan Rickman), with his crepe-of-death voice and brave but twisted destiny. The grand finish, if not always inspired, feels necessary. In a sustained, imaginative way, this is the best of any movie series. 2011. — D.E.

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Horrible Bosses — Three regular guys decide to kill their three horrible bosses; hijinks ensue. There are hints of the kind of gleeful malice (on both sides of the employee-employer divide) that could make this kind of story into a wicked black comedy — Jennifer Aniston has the most fun of anyone as a randy, raunchy dentist looking to bag her assistant before he weds. But the other bosses (Kevin Spacey, Colin Farrell) pale in comparison, and the regular guys (Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day) are hobbled by their own amiability. 2011. — M.L.

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If a Tree Falls — A docu-tract about the tiny Earth Liberation Front (ELF), never much of a threat. The militants went from tree-spiking to causing sizeable property damage as arsonists.

Politically, they seem as naïve as elves, despite the brains of leader Daniel McGowan, who wises up. Away from the legal maneuvers and personal squabbles, the film is an indictment of brutish authority, especially when Eugene, Oregon, cops terrorize unarmed protesters trying to save a small stand of trees. Is there hope for human sense? 2011. — D.E.

★★ (KEN; FROM 7/22)

Le Quattro Volte — A quiet, beautiful, persistently visionary film about life in the large sense of Life (but not *The Tree of Life*). Using hills and a village in Southern Italy — also a herdsman, goats, bells, a dog, a giant tree, a kiln, a potion, a Catholic (but almost pagan) ritual, and even ideas of the ancient philosopher Pythagoras — Michelangelo Frammartino takes us gently and deeply into the land, the lives, the village, the seasons. It comes full circle and fits together superbly, a poem about a world more rooted in nature than in history, at least our hectic modern history. Take a chance, and show patience. 2011. — D.E.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

A Little Help — Reviewed this issue.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FROM 7/22)

Love Etc. — Jill Andresevic's documentanry on five couples (one gay, one very old, one Asian, etc.) finding their way in New York City. (GASLAMP 15; FROM 7/22)

Midnight in Paris — One of Woody Allen's mostly smoothly enjoyable entertainments. Like Stanley Donen's *Funny Face* and Richard Linklater's *Before Sunset*, it is a devotional candle of the American love of La Belle Paris. The blond wick who lights up for joy is Owen Wilson as Gil, a "Hollywood hack," aspiring novelist, and mostly a thrilled tourist. Stuck with a pretty but philistine wife (Rachel McAdams), he magically escapes into his preferred Paris, that of the 1920s. There are fond, funny riffs on Hemingway, Picasso, Matisse, Gertrude Stein, Dali, Buñuel, Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald. The charming, sneak-up romance of Gil with a French beauty (Marion Cotillard) adds luster to Darius Khondji's delicious imagery. Not stuffy, the movie name-drops with a blithe bounce. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Page One: Inside the New York Times — Made with *Times* support but more than a rah-rah, Andrew Rossi's documentary shows the travails and enduring, workaholic pride of a great newspaper during tough times. Tall, caustic, croaky-voiced reporter David Carr is charismatic, but the hero of the film is print journalism, practiced with fierce application, although mistakes and scandals are noted. It makes most web-based and hits-driven coverage seem like flirty piffle. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan — Reviewed this issue.

★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 7/22)

Super 8 — Director J.J. Abrams's spot-on remake of Steven Spielberg's 1980s ode to the feeling of childhood, *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*. It's all there: the broken home, the mysterious Visitor (more frightening this time, but as in Abrams's *Cloverfield*, still somewhat beside the point), the looming shadow of grown-up authority. What is new is the emphasis on moviemaking as a way of engaging with that youthful feeling, and with the world in general. As our junior filmmaker attests, "It's on TV, so it's real." 2011. — M.L.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Tabloid — Reviewed this issue.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 7/22)

Terri — Terri, played by newcomer Jacob Wysocki, is an overweight teenager who must endure the typical peer belligerence of adolescence. The high school scenes stir up some authenticity: the horniness, the misfits, the tenure-chasing teachers. John C. Reilly plays a well-meaning, if a bit clueless, principal. Director Azazel Jacobs's style is repetitive but suits the theme of the lost and lonely. The plot never rises above the customary coming-of-age tale, but there are enough quirks to make the familiar story seem fresh. 2011. — J.R.

★★★ (HILLCREST)

13 Assassins — Think *The Seven Samurai* with a revisionist twist. Yes, there's a villain with murderous henchmen terrorizing the countryside. Yes, a master samurai must gather a team to confront the bad guys. But this time, the villain is royalty, the kind of guy the samurai usually live to serve. And this time, the commoner who comes to the samurais' aid has no aspirations to their supposedly noble calling. (The confrontation, when it comes, is bloody and muddy and very, very long.) 2011. — M.L.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Transformers: Dark of the Moon — The film opens with a bit of historical hogwash, suggesting that America's Cold War Space Race was actually motivated by a crashed alien transport. The ship carries the technology to open a "space bridge," by which instantaneous travel across the universe is possible. Everyone involved wants the tech, and the battle begins. A lot of disposable human carnage litters the screen, along with a sickening perversion of Americanism. Shia LaBeouf reprises his role as one of the many human goofballs. Shoddily directed by Michael Bay. 2011. — J.R.

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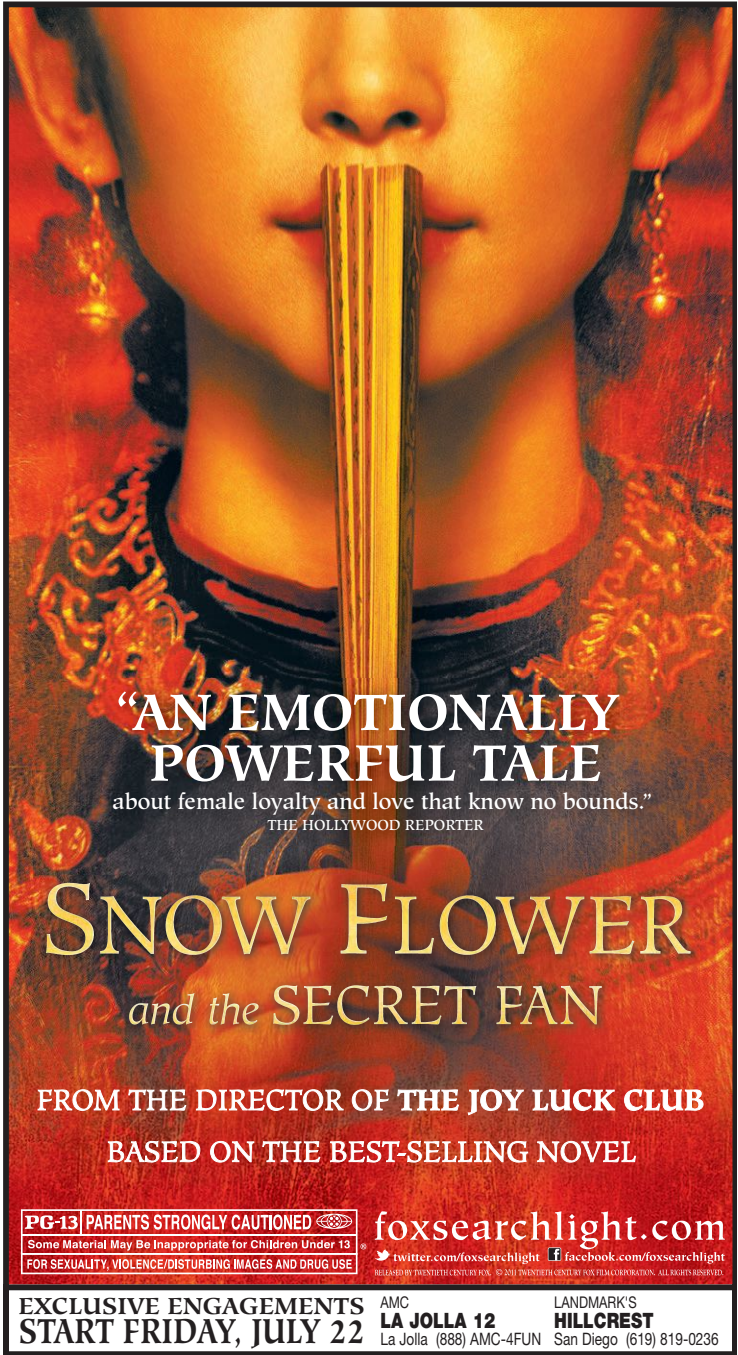
The Tree of Life — In only his fifth film in 38 years, eye-of-God director Terrence Malick wraps the pains of a family in '50s Texas (partly based on his youth) in a bloated burrito of suffocating pomposity. The "wow" nature visuals, cosmic perspective, and solemn, whispery spirituality destroy any chance for real, poetic profundity. Brad Pitt is an opaque, tough-love dad pious about his rules, Jessica Chastain is a shimmering vessel of the inexpressively maternal, and Sean Penn is barely used. The fine kid-actor Hunter McCracken simmers in sullen agony as the traumatized son. Some vivid, haunting images of childhood may seem to rise from your own private depths, but mainly this gasbag fishes up clichés planted into our soft heads by too many life-enshrining commercials. 2011. — D.E.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Winnie the Pooh — A new, sweetly effective Disney take on the A.A. Milne stories, though delightfully retro in its loyalty to the charming tales and their original drawings. Kids (ten and under) can have a fine time without having wow effects and action shoveled at them. John Cleese narrates like a kind British uncle. 2011. — D.E.

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Bridesmaids (R) Fri-Sun (3:55) 9:55; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Cars 2** (G) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:10) 4:35, 7:20; **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 12:00, 1:15, 3:00) 4:05, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 9:50; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 2:05) 4:55, 7:50, 10:35; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; **Midnight in Paris** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:55, 10:05; **Monte Carlo** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:05, 1:25) 7:10, 9:40; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:30, 3:45) 7:05, 10:15; **Winnie the Pooh** (G) Fri-Sun (12:05, 2:00) 4:00, 6:05; **Zookeeper** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 10:10

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
A Better Life (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:15) 5:10, 8:00, 10:45; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:15) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **Cars 2** (G) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:00, 3:30); **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 12:10, 1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50, 10:50; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15, 11:25, 12:15, 1:10, 2:20, 3:20) 4:05, 5:15, 6:10, 7:00, 8:10, 9:15, 9:55, 11:00; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:45) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri-Sun (12:20, 2:35) 4:50, 7:05, 8:05, 9:20, 10:20; **Larry Crowne** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00) 10:35; **Midnight in Paris** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 5:55, 8:15; **Special Event** (NR) Fri-Sun; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:05, 3:40) 7:15, 10:25; **Winnie the Pooh** (G) Fri-Sun (12:00, 2:00) 4:05, 6:05; **Zookeeper** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:25

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Vintage Village Theater

820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
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DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
A Better Life (PG-13) Fri (12:20, 2:40) Sat (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20 Sun (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; **Cave of Forgotten Dreams** (NR) Fri-Sat (11:40, 1:45, 3:50) Sun (11:40, 1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri (11:30, 1:00, 2:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sat, Sun (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Gantz, Part II: Perfect Answer** (NR) Sat 6:00, 9:00; **Gantz: The Movie, Part 1** (NR) Fri 6:00,

9:00; **Green Lantern** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:50, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:20; **The Hangover Part II** (R) Fri-Sun (12:40, 3:10) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; **Larry Crowne** (PG-13) Fri (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50 Sat, Sun (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35; **Love, Etc.** (NR) Fri-Sun (12:45, 3:05) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Page One: Inside the New York Times** (R) Fri-Sat (11:50, 1:55, 3:55) Sun (11:50, 1:55, 3:55) 5:50, 7:50, 10:00; **Super 8** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:05) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **The Four Times (Le quattro volte)** (NR) Sat (12:00p.m.) Sun (12:00, 2:15) 4:25, 7:05, 9:20; **13 Assassins** (R) Fri (11:25, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:15 Sat (11:25, 2:10) 4:50 Sun (11:25, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:15; **The Tree of Life** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:25) 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; **X-Men: First Class** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 10:10; **Zookeeper** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:25, 2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55

Regal Horton Plaza

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Bad Teacher (R) Fri (12:20, 2:40, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40 Sat, Sun (12:20, 2:40) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; **Bridesmaids** (R) Fri (10:50, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20 Sat, Sun (10:50, 1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri (10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00) 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30 Sat, Sun (10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15) 4:00, 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri (11:00, 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 4:30) 6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00 Sat, Sun (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 11:00; **Cars 2** (G) Sat, Sun (12:15, 3:10); **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri (11:15, 2:30) 6:00, 9:15, 10:50; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2 3D** (PG-13) Fri (10:45, 11:45, 2:00, 3:00, 5:15) 6:30, 8:15, 9:45 Sat, Sun (10:45, 11:45, 2:00, 3:00) 5:15, 6:30, 8:30, 9:45; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:30, 8:05, 9:50, 10:25 Sat, Sun (12:05, 2:35) 5:10, 7:30, 8:05, 9:50, 10:25; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG-13) Fri (12:00p.m.) Sat, Sun (11:40a.m.); **Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D**

(PG-13) Fri-Sun (3:30) 7:00, 10:20; **Winnie the Pooh** (G) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:30, 3:45) 6:10; **Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara** (NR) Fri-Sun (11:55, 3:20) 6:55, 10:15

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
If A Tree Falls: A Story Of The Earth Liberation Front (NR) Fri: (1:30), (3:30), (5:30), 7:30, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (1:30), 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon – Thu: (5:30), 7:30, 9:30; The **Maltese Falcon** (NR) Sat: 12:00 Midnight; **The Man Who Fell To Earth** (NR) Opens Friday, July 29; **The Big Lebowski** (R) Plays Saturday, July 30

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Bridesmaids; Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15) 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00) 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40; **Friends with Benefits; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2; Horrible Bosses; Larry Crowne; Snow Flower and the Secret Fan; Transformers: Dark of the Moon; Zookeeper**

Landmark La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Tabloid (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:10), (4:50), 7:20, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Midnight in Paris** (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:50), (4:40), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30; **A Better Life** (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:30), 7:10, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **The Tree Of Life** (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **Sarah's Key** (PG-13) Opens Friday, July 29

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Regal Mira Mesa

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
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7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Bad Teacher; Bridesmaids; Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:00) 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:45) 2:40, 5:35, 8:30, 11:25 Sun (11:45) 2:40, 5:35, 8:30; **Cars 2; Friends with Benefits; The Hangover Part II; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2; Horrible Bosses; A Little Help; Super 8; Transformers: Dark of the Moon; Winnie the Pooh; Zookeeper**

AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Bad Teacher; Bridesmaids; Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45) 1:50, 4:55, 8:00, 11:05; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00) 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; **Cars 2; Friends with Benefits; Green Lantern; The Hangover Part II; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2; Horrible Bosses; Phase 7 (Fase 7)** (R) Fri 12:00a.m.; **Super 8; Transformers: Dark of the Moon; Winnie the Pooh; Zookeeper**

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3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Beats, Rhymes & Life: The Travels Of A Tribe Called Quest (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:20), (4:50), 7:30, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (11:50), 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Midnight In Paris** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:15), (4:45), 7:25, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:45), 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45; **Buck** (PG) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:05), (4:30), 7:10, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:35), 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; **Snow Flower And The Secret Fan** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:50), (4:20), 7:00, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **Terri** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (4:35), 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 4:35, 9:50; **Beginners** (R) Fri - Thu: (2:00), 7:15

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1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Born To Be Wild IMAX 3D (G) Fri-Sun 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Dolphins (Giant Screen Format)** (NR) Fri 7:00p.m.; **Hubble 3D** (G) Fri-Sun 5:00p.m.; **Tornado Alley 3D** (NR) Fri 1:00, 3:00, 8:00 Sat,-Sun 1:00, 3:00, 7:00

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Reading Grossmont
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Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:35) 4:20, 7:05, 9:55; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:35) 5:20, 8:05, 10:50; **Cars 2** (G) Fri-Sun (11:20a.m.); **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri-Sun (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (12:15, 2:10, 3:10) 5:05, 6:05, 7:55, 8:55, 10:45, 11:45 Sun (12:15, 2:10, 3:10) 5:05, 6:05, 7:55, 8:55, 10:45; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri-Sat (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:40, 10:30, 12:00 Sun (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:40, 10:30; **Special Event** (NR) Fri-Sun; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:30, 3:55) 7:20, 10:35; **Winnie the Pooh** (G) Fri-Sun (11:55, 2:00) 4:05, 6:10; **Zookeeper** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:50, 3:05) 5:25, 7:40, 10:00

RANCHO SAN DIEGO
Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Bad Teacher (R) Fri (2:15, 4:50) 10:50 Sat,-Sun (2:15) 4:50, 10:50; **Bridesmaids** (R) Fri-Sun (11:00) 7:45; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri (10:25, 1:25, 1:55, 4:25, 4:55) 7:25, 7:55, 10:25, 10:55 Sat,-Sun (10:25, 1:25, 1:55) 4:25, 4:55, 7:25, 7:55, 10:25, 10:55; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (9:45, 12:55, 3:55) 6:55, 9:55; **Cars 2** (G) Fri (10:45, 1:30, 4:10) 7:30 Sat,-Sun (10:45, 1:30) 4:10, 7:30; **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri (11:10,

2:10, 5:10) 8:10, 11:05 Sat,-Sun (11:10, 2:10) 5:10, 8:10, 11:05; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri (9:55, 10:40, 11:30, 1:40, 2:30, 3:50, 4:40) 5:30, 6:50, 7:40, 8:30, 10:05, 10:40 Sat,-Sun (9:55, 10:40, 11:30, 1:40, 2:30, 3:50) 4:40, 5:30, 6:50, 7:40, 8:30, 10:05, 10:40; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2 3D** (PG-13) Fri (10:15, 11:05, 1:15, 2:05, 4:15, 5:05) 7:15, 8:05, 10:20, 11:10 Sat,-Sun (10:15, 11:05, 1:15, 2:05) 4:15, 5:05, 7:15, 8:05, 10:20, 11:10; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri (11:20, 2:20, 5:20) 8:20, 10:55 Sat,-Sun (11:20, 2:20) 5:20, 8:20, 10:55; **Larry Crowne** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 10:15p.m.; **Super 8** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:00) 10:00; **Transformers:**

Dark of the Moon (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:05) 7:05; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:50) 10:35; **Winnie the Pooh** (G) Fri (10:55, 1:10, 4:00) 7:10 Sat,-Sun (10:55, 1:10) 4:00, 7:10; **Zookeeper** (PG) Fri (9:50, 10:10, 1:05, 4:05) 6:45, 9:50 Sat,-Sun (9:50, 10:10, 1:05) 4:05, 6:45, 9:50

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Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13); **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG-13); **Horrible Bosses**

(R); **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA
AMC Palm Promenade
770 Denmery Road (888-262-4386)
Bad Teacher (R) Fri-Sat 9:05, 11:30 Sun 9:30p.m.; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:00) 2:05, 5:10, 8:15, 11:20 Fri-Sat (10:05) 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 10:30 Sun (10:05) 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 10:25 Sun (1:00) 2:10, 5:10, 8:10, 11:00; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:45, 10:25) 12:25, 3:30, 6:35, 9:40 Sun (10:20, 10:30) 12:25, 3:30, 6:35, 9:40; **Cars 2** (G) Fri-Sat (9:50) 1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55 Sun (9:50) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri-Sat (11:10) 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45 Sun (11:10) 2:20, 5:00, 8:00, 10:35; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:20) 2:25, 5:30, 8:40, 11:35 Fri (9:55) 12:50, 3:55, 7:00, 10:05 Sat 12:50, 3:55, 7:00, 10:05 Sun (11:20) 2:30, 5:30, 8:45 Sun (9:55) 12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 10:05; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:55) 3:00, 6:15, 9:15; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (10:35) 1:45, 4:45, 7:50, 11:00 Sun (10:40) 1:45, 4:45, 7:50, 10:45; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri-Sat (10:45) 1:35, 4:00, 6:25, 8:50, 11:15 Sun (10:50) 1:35, 4:00, 6:20, 8:35, 10:55; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (11:45) 3:10, 6:45, 10:20 Sun (11:45) 3:10, 6:45, 10:15; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sat 12:40, 4:10, 7:40, 11:05 Sun 1:55, 5:20, 8:55; **Winnie the Pooh** (G) Fri-Sat (9:40, 11:35) 1:25, 3:20, 5:20, 7:10 Sun (9:45, 11:35) 1:25, 3:20, 5:40, 7:35; **Zookeeper** (PG) Fri-Sat (10:15) 1:05, 3:40, 6:05, 8:30, 10:55 Sun (10:15) 1:00, 3:40, 6:00, 8:25, 10:50

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Bad Teacher (R) Fri-Sun 9:00p.m.; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:15, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15) 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sun (9:15, 10:15, 11:15) 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; **Cars 2** (G) Fri-Sun (9:20) 12:05, 2:35, 5:00, 7:40; **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri-Sun (11:40) 2:25, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:35, 10:35) 12:35, 1:35, 3:35, 4:35, 6:35, 7:35, 9:35, 10:35 Sun (10:35) 12:35, 1:35, 3:35, 4:35, 6:35, 7:35, 9:35, 10:35; **Harry**

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Bad Teacher (R) Fri-Sun (10:25) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:15, 10:15) 12:15, 1:15, 4:15, 6:05, 7:15, 9:05, 10:15, 12:00 Sun (9:15, 10:15) 12:15, 1:15, 4:15, 6:05, 7:15, 9:05, 10:15; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:15; **Cars 2** (G) Fri-Sun (9:25) 12:10, 2:45, 5:25, 8:10, 10:45; **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri-Sun (11:10) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:25; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:30, 11:00) 12:35, 2:05, 3:40, 5:10, 6:45, 8:20, 9:50, 11:30 Sun (9:30, 11:00) 12:35, 2:05, 3:40, 5:10, 6:45, 8:20, 9:50; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:45) 2:50, 9:10; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:15) 1:20, 4:35, 7:40, 10:45; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri-Sun (9:40) 12:15, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:35) 1:05, 4:30, 8:00, 11:25 Sun (9:35) 1:05, 4:30, 7:55, 11:15; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:50, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30; **Winnie the Pooh** (G) Fri-Sun (9:15, 11:10) 1:05, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Zookeeper** (PG) Fri-Sun (9:45) 12:20, 2:55, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40

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5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

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Bad Teacher (R) Fri-Sun 8:00, 10:10; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (9:45, 11:10, 12:25, 2:00, 4:55) 6:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:45, 11:20 Sun (9:45, 11:10, 12:25, 2:00, 4:55) 6:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:45; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:30, 1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10 Fri-Sun (3:15) 9:00; **Cars 2** (G) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00; **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 11:50, 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10) 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:00, 11:20, 1:00, 2:20, 3:00, 4:00, 5:15) 7:00, 9:30, 10:05; **Harry Potter and**

the Deathly Hallows-Part 2 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 12:00, 1:40, 4:35) 6:30, 7:30, 10:40; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri-Sun (10:10, 12:35, 3:00, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15; **Super 8** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:00p.m.; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:20, 3:50) 7:20, 10:35; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:50, 3:15) 6:40, 10:00; **Winnie the Pooh** (G) Fri-Sun (10:05, 10:50, 12:50, 2:50, 4:50) 7:05; **Zookeeper** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 9:50

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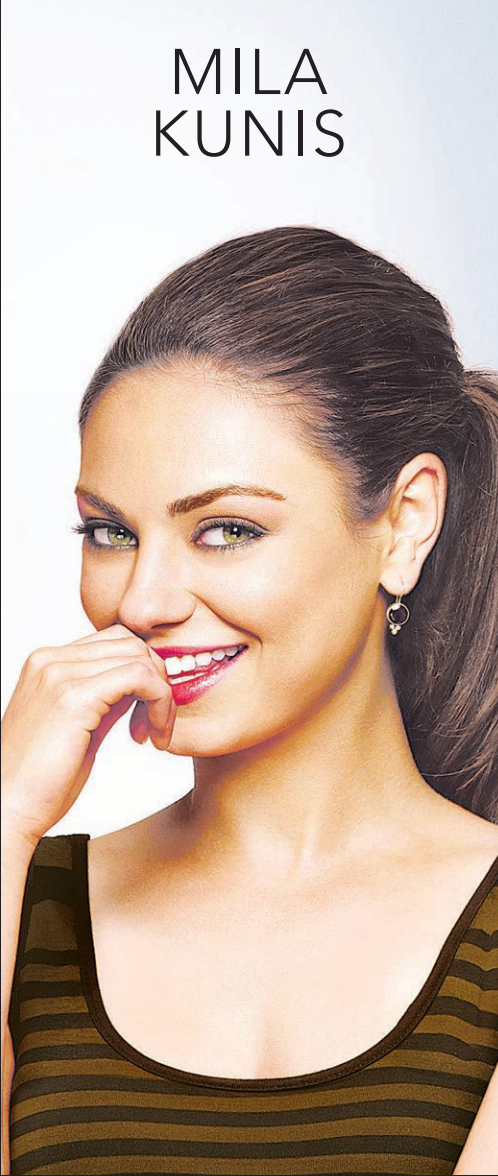
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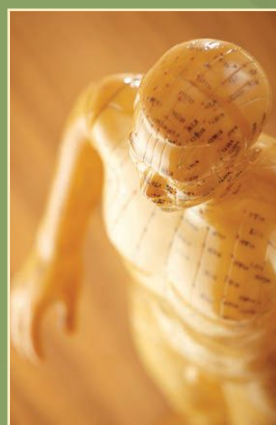


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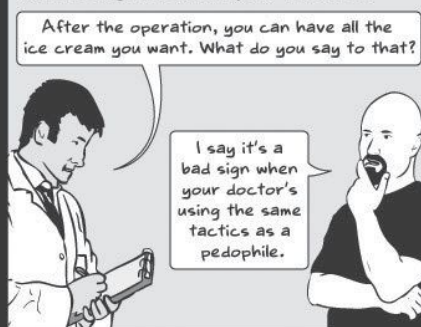
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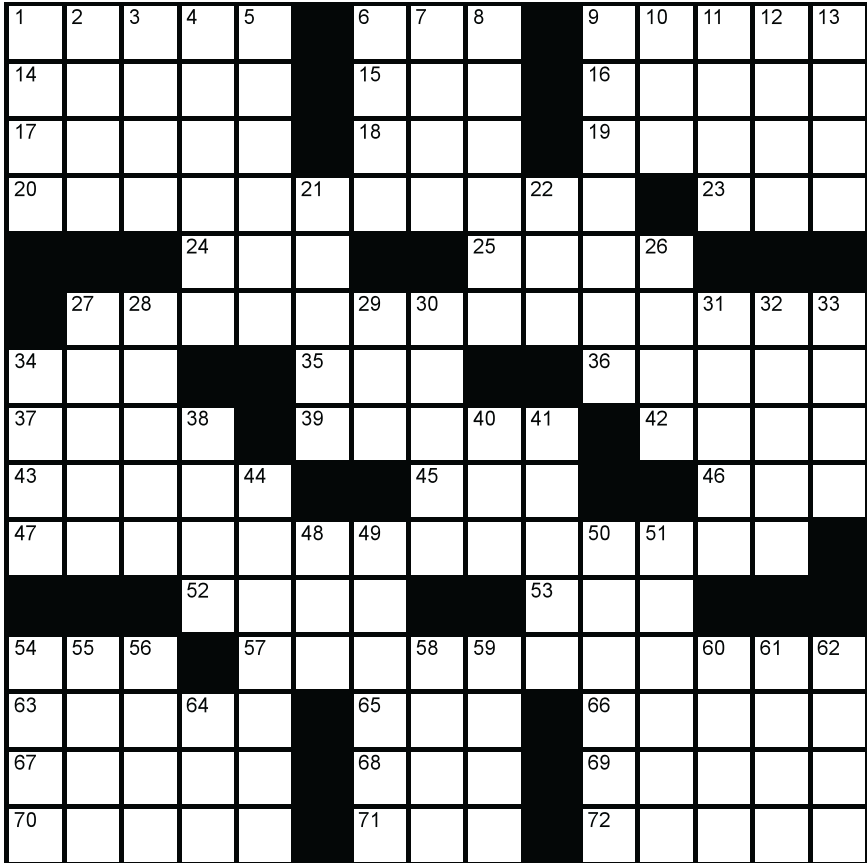
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16. 2004 Jude Law title role
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72. Splinter groups
- Down**
1. Lamebrain
2. ____-retentive
3. "The Godfather" character ____ Brasi
4. Evil side of literature?

5. Bless
6. Verne hero Phileas
7. Some
8. Actress Hemingway
9. "The Help" author Stockett
10. Peyton's QB brother
11. Be ____ on the wall
12. River used by the company Equator Rafts
13. 180-degree turns
21. DEA employee
22. "Open ____ midnight"
26. Cheese in red wax
27. Elite unit
28. Its lawyers represented Brown in Brown v. Board of Education
29. Mr. Potato Head piece that's pink
30. Nautical "Stop!"
31. Early aft. hour
32. Professeur's place
33. ____-Japanese War
34. "That's ____ ask"
38. Not his
40. Utmost degree
41. Garson of "Mrs. Miniver"
44. Team mascot of the WNBA's Seattle Storm
48. U.S. broadcaster overseas
49. Some piano pieces
50. Leg lift beneficiaries
51. First U.S. congressman to speak on the House floor when C-SPAN debuted on 5/19/1979
54. Fashion inits.
55. Top draft status
56. Cuts down
58. Jeans pioneer Strauss
59. Not spoil
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61. ATM receipt abbr.
62. D.C. diamond squad
64. Owner of Capitol Records



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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **L. Barling, El Cajon, 3.** *Spring & Fall are season opposites. So why don't we have Summer & Subtractor or Loseter & Winter?*

☛ **Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 3.** *You can never be too, too, too redundant.*

☛ **Sherrie Stockdale, Vista, 2.** *He acted like Bill & was forced off the hill, now Congress is one wiener leaner.*

☛ **Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 2.** *I wanted to travel on the yellow brick road, but it was closed while a new lane was added.*

☛ **Marc Richard , Banker's Hill, 1.** *I don't want to pay someone to practice on me. I want them to get it right.*

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ROOMMATES

Beaches

PACIFIC BEACH, \$675. Female roommate wanted! Share 2BD+2BA apartment. Blocks to beach! 1/2 utilities. No pets. 858-488-0636.

Downtown

DOWNTOWN, \$750. Female roommate wanted. Private room, balcony access and walk-in closet, furnished optional. Private bath with shared washer/ dryer. Includes cable, utilities, parking space. 619-795-0244.

Central San Diego

CLAIREMONT, \$325. Includes utilities. Room unfurnished. Share bath. No cable or Internet. Single female. No pets. 858-272-4449.

CLAIREMONT, \$550. Includes utilities, TV, Internet, cleaning, lawn. \$550 deposit. Sunny room, large house with yard. No smoking/ drugs/ pets/ perfumes. Available 7/29. Celeste, 858-467-0776.

CLAIREMONT. Nonsmoker. \$600. Rent reduced to \$300 in exchange for light respite- care duties. Ideal for retired mentally active female on social security or pension with no outside job. Help female homeowner, shower, etc. Includes privileges, in luxury condo complex. Large pool, game/ weight room. Great location. Utilities included. Shared bathroom. Bob, 858-337-8694.

COLLEGE AREA, \$440 & UP. Sober house, AA oriented. Nicest in town. Separate men's and women's houses. Children accepted. Single and shared rooms. Starting \$440/ month, no deposit, no drama. 619-414-9694.

COLLEGE AREA, \$550. Furnished room. Nonsmoker. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Includes utilities, Internet and cable TV in room. Quiet, safe neighborhood. Deposit negotiable. 619-463-1270, lei@cox.net.

COLLEGE AREA, \$550. Oak Park, on 56th Street. Beautiful view. Includes utilities. Large downstairs room with white tile floors. Nonsmoker. \$550 security deposit. 858-272-1594.

COLLEGE AREA, \$650. 2BD+2BA. Utilities included. \$300 deposit. Furnished room in condo. 7 minutes to SDSU. Parking, laundry, Jacuzzi and Internet. Available 8/1. 858-395-8500.

MIRA MESA, \$460. Quiet, clean, private room. All amenities. Female only. Good neighborhood. Large kitchen, dining, living. High- speed Internet and cable TV. Community pool, park. Pets OK. Manager: 858-752-1804.

MIRA MESA, \$800. Master bedroom for rent, available now with 2 closets and 2 sinks. Female preferred. Utilities included, etc. Good neighborhood. For more information, 858-382-1663.

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East County

LA MESA, \$820.

Female only, move in starting 9/1. Stainless steel appliances, washer/ dryer, assigned parking. Own bathroom connected to your room. Small pet optional. View pictures, www.apartmentbrochures.com/stoneridge/ 619-917-8881.

SAN CARLOS, \$600.

Off Highway 125, near Grossmont College. All amenities included, Direct TV, cleaning lady, pool. I am fun-loving, honest, responsible, looking for same. No animals or drugs. Safe and quiet. Available 8/1-9/1, prefer long-term roommate. 619-698-7350.

North County Inland

SCRIPPS RANCH, \$600.

3BD+2.5BA house. Pool, Jacuzzi. Also: Mira Mesa 4BD+1.5BA house. Share utilities/ bath. Washer/ dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher. A/C. Big yard, double garage. Cable/ gardener included. Both: \$300 deposit. 858-336-5257.

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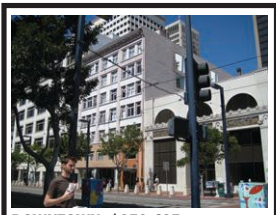
RENTALS

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DOWNTOWN, \$150-650.

Gaslamp art space! 100-600 square feet. Artists, painters, sculptors, writers, photographers, clothing, designers. High ceilings, tall windows. Gallery venue for shows. Uniquely affordable. 402 Market Street. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.



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KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$1350.
Contemporary office space. New paint throughout, beautiful color pallet, 710 sqft with built-in desks, cabinets and skylight and restroom included. Off-street parking space. \$1000 security deposit. 4202-1/2 Adams Avenue. Contact Leslie, 619-213-2706.

LEMON GROVE, \$6000.
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MISSION BEACH/
Clairemont. Office Suite. 429 square feet at \$1.00. Upstairs. Clean. Near I-5. Easy access. Free parking. Near shopping center. 2445 Morena Blvd. 619-275-3455.

MISSION HILLS, \$1000.
Upstairs office space, roomy entryway and 3 separate offices. Available August. 930 West Washington St. 619-296-6699. www.centrecity.net.

SHERMAN HEIGHTS, \$39.
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Beaches

LA JOLLA, \$1095.
Large studio! Close to all. On-site laundry, parking, pool and fitness center. Beautiful unit with lots of upgrades. 8620 Villa Mallorca. Call Rachael at 619-804-1044 or Jeff at 619-713-1044.

LA JOLLA, \$1175.
Studio+1BA. A must see in the heart of La Jolla Shores. View of Beach & Tennis Club, parking included. **Open house Saturday, 7/23, 1:00-2:00.** 8051 Calle de la Plata. TPPM, 858-699-3851. www.torreypinespm.com.

LA JOLLA, \$1450.
2BD+1BA. UTC area. Very clean. Garage. Pool. Small pet OK. Parking. Available now. Call for details, 858-722-6851.

LA JOLLA, \$1800.
1BD+1BA apartment. Ocean views, extra clean, steps to village and beach. Prefer 1 person. 6 month minimum. Small pet possible. 858-456-0407.

LA JOLLA, \$1895.
2BD+1BA apartment. A must see in beautiful tropical garden complex just one block to WindanSea Beach! Fireplace and private 1-car garage! 334 Palomar Avenue. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

MISSION BEACH, \$1075.
1BD+1BA upstairs, bright and breezy unit in South MB. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry, shared courtyard, perfect for sunning. Cat OK with extra deposit. Garage space available for \$100/ month extra. Available 8/15/11. 727-1/2 Ensenada. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

MISSION BEACH, \$1295.
1BD+1BA apartment. Parking, appliances, laundry on site. Steps to beach. Fenced patio. Across from Catamaran Hotel. 748 Santarita Place. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH, \$1550.
2BD+2BA downstairs apartment in South MB. Stove, refrigerator, shared courtyard, perfect for sunning. Cat OK with extra deposit. Garage space available for \$100 extra. Available 8/25/11. 725 Ensenada Court. Del Sol Property Management, www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

MISSION BEACH, \$995.
1BD+1BA large house. Bay side. No pets. No parking. Appliances. Carpet/ paint. Clean, nice. 817.5 Ormond Court. 619-275-3455.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1045.
1BD+1BA, large downstairs apartment. Stove, refrigerator, new carpet, coin laundry, parking. Close to cliffs. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available now. 4853 Orchard. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1450.
2BD+1BA upstairs apartment, blocks to the beach, garage! Laundry facility on site, no pets! 4921 Muir Ave. Call 619-222-4836, www.liveatthebeachnow.com.

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1BD+1BA. Cable TV expanded/ Internet included. Parking, private garden yard. Steps to beach. 1-year lease. Dog OK. 5142 Cape May Avenue. 619-665-9353.

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OCEAN BEACH, \$1750.
2BD+1BA house with hardwood floors, washer/ dryer in unit! Garage! Blocks to the beach! No pets. 4879 Del Mar Ave. Call 619-222-4836, www.liveatthebeachnow.com.

OCEAN BEACH, \$995.
1BD+1BA downstairs apartment! Blocks to the beach in South Ocean Beach! Laundry facility on site. No pets. 4812 Del Mar Ave. Call 619-222-4836, www.liveatthebeachnow.com.

RED MEAT

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taut tether of trauma

from the secret files of
Max Cannon

You're crying, Karen. What's the matter?

My mama forgot my birthday yesterday!

Don't take it so hard, little lady. Why, it's probably just her gentle way of telling you that you aren't her actual biological child. My mother broke it to me that same way.

What...?

I'm adopted?! BOO-HOO-HOO!!!

No man is so tall as when he stoops to help a child find an even bigger reason to worry.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1050.
1BD+1BA furnished apartment. Cable included. Block beach. Assigned underground parking, on-site laundry, secure building. Available 7/22. No pets. 727 Sapphire St. 910-520-7927.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1095-1550.
1BD+1BA and 2BD+1BA apartment in small complex with great courtyard and central location. Walk to beach. Parking. No pets. 1461 Missouri Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851 www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1145.
1BD+1BA, large upstairs remodeled apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Elevator, coin laundry, pool and parking. No pets. Available 8/28/11. 1433 Oliver. Del Sol Property Management, broker. 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.
1BD+1BA, 700 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1375.
2BD+1.5BA apartment, split level, large patio, 2 parking. 1747 Hornblend St. #C. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1500.
2BD+2BA apartment, includes garage. Laundry room, close to shopping. 1920 Felspar. 858-457-4509.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1595.
2BD+1BA, lovely, remodeled upstairs apartment. Small, friendly, cozy complex, private patio. 3 blocks to beach. Laundry. No pets. Must see! 1025 Diamond. 858-945-1909.

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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) Submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles along with your name and a brief message (**20** 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 mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

- 5) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 6) Late entries will not be considered.
- 7) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 8) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

NEW RULES

Starting with the issue of May 12, we will award writers of the best messages among those who correctly solve the puzzle one of the famous Reader baseball caps. And we will print the winning messages in the paper. Puzzle winners with rankings will still be posted online at SDReader.com

EASY:

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Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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MEDIUM:

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HARD:

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EVIL:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Don Bowman, Santee, 4.** *They say "Rome wasn't built in a day," but have you been a the DMV lately...waiting!*

☛ **Martha Klages, Encanto, 4.** *The only ones who listen to both sides of our arguments are our neighbors.*

☛ **Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 4.** *Some marriages are successful - others last a lifetime.*

☛ **Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4.** *Tourist on sun-drenched beach unidentified frying object.*

☛ **Ed Rull, San Diego, 3.** *Why call it a hamburger when it's made of beef patty?*

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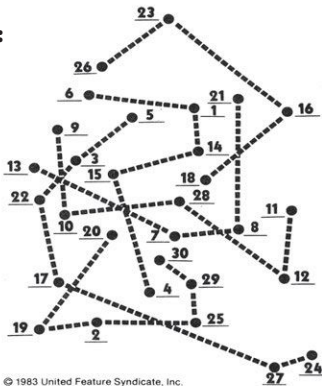
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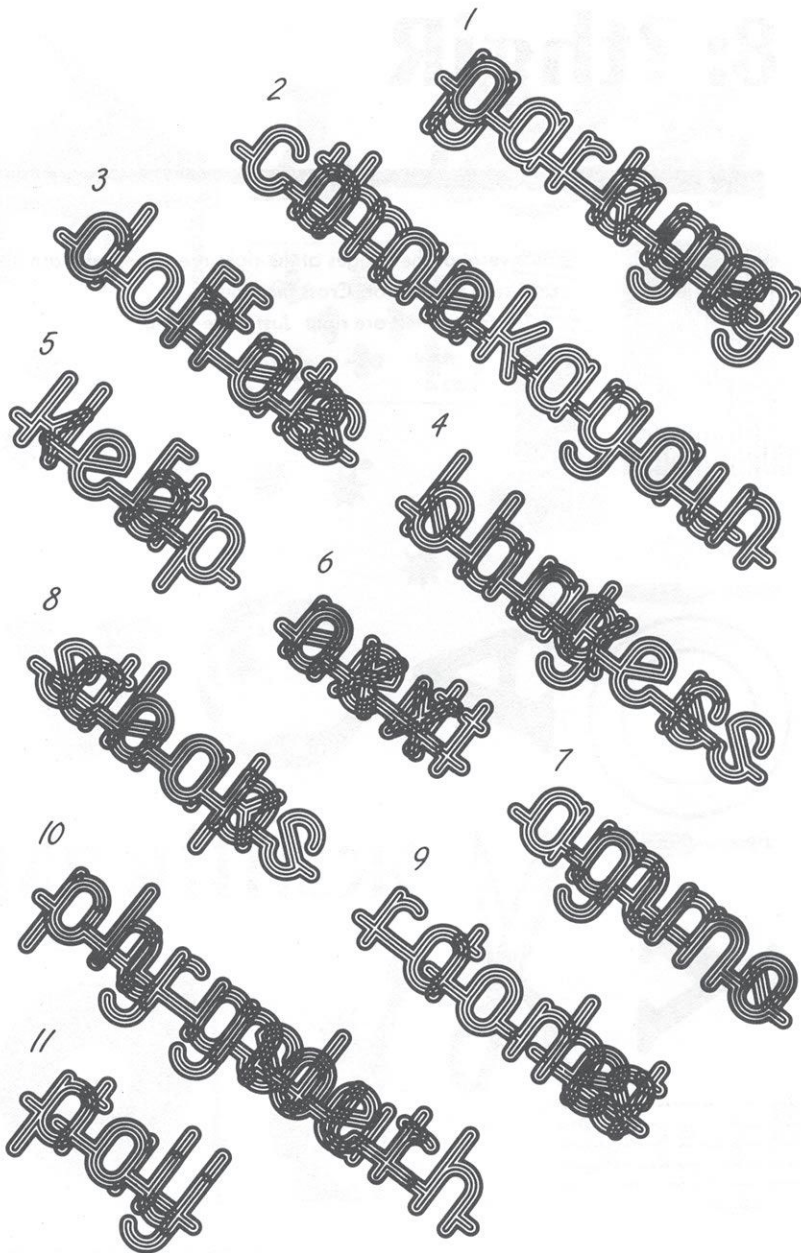
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

Tour de Force



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BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the Reader each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles along with your name and a brief message (**20** words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must

- include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
 - 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803 or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: Puzzles@sreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
 - 5) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

- 6) Late entries will not be considered.
- 7) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 8) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

NEW RULES

Starting with the issue of May 12, we will award writers of the best messages among those who correctly solve the puzzle one of the famous Reader baseball caps. And we will print the winning messages in the paper. Puzzle winners with rankings will still be posted online at SDRReader.com

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

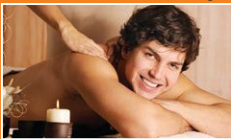
☛ **Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 2.** 8 (not 4) nickels= 2 paradigms; or was a paradigm lost?

☛ **L Barling, El Cajon, 1.** Always willing to lend a hand- so to give your next arm for something, you'd want the hand back right?

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I used to be a marshmallow and a candy bar. Now I've become more healthy because of health issues. Now I'm a yogurt and an apple. I do more fruit, more yogurt... and no sugar. I'm off sugar.

I'm a Southern girl, and I am what I eat. Greens and cornbread... Southern food.

I'm probably a pig. I eat ham, bacon — I love ham. I gotta have something like that a couple times a week. There's a lot of parts I wouldn't eat from the pig, though! I only eat some parts.

Mexican food. If I were a place, I would be Tijuana. I love tacos, burritos, and *mulitas*.

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WHO: Lisa Sanders

CAR: 2007 Nissan Versa, 33,019 miles

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WHERE? To work, I commute from Clairemont (Genesee and Balboa) to Pacific Beach (Garnet and Jewell). To school, from the same Clairemont area to UCSD, usually during rush hour (4-6 p.m.).

CHEAPEST GAS? I use the Arco on the corner of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and Genesee. I find their prices are usually the lowest around.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR CAR? Nothing that I know of.

LISTEN TO WHEN DRIVING? Any variety of music from classical, rock, swing, blues, etc.

CELL PHONE? I try not to.

HITCHHIKERS? No.

SPEEDING TICKET? I've never had one.

ACCIDENT? No, never have.

WORST TRAFFIC? For me, Genesee and I-5 get very jammed up during my commute.

MOST CHANGED STREET? Garnet Avenue in P.B. has been having a lot of work done on it lately, so I suppose I'd say Garnet.

FAVORITE DRIVE? My favorite drive is up the coast on the 101. It's simply gorgeous, and I love a good road trip.

LEAST FAVORITE? My least favorite drive is out the 52 into Santee. It's so straight and dull, and I always seem to hit traffic on the occasion that I head out that way.

SHORTCUT? My commute is, in general, pretty short



Quick route to UCSD: Gilman Drive from the 52

most days; however, I am a student at UCSD and have attempted to find some quick routes to school. I've discovered that using backstreets between Genesee Ave. and Gilman Drive seems to cut out traffic during rush hour.

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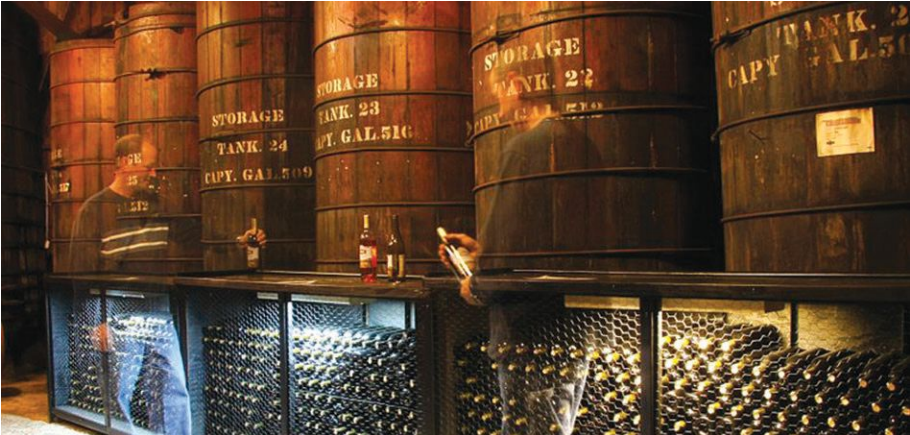
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misshottie45: Ghosts in the barrel room at the Bernardo Winery.



chendri887: Chaparral plants and ancient geology in Rancho Bernardo.



Mindy1114: Christmas after Witch Creek Fire



Rick Larkin: Bicyclist steers duck family to safety

Lake Hodges

Where I-15 crosses Lake Hodges, or it crosses I-15, the lake is never very deep. Those whose daily path takes them over that so-human span of concrete and metal look to the east and watch as the water turns strange, and muddy, and gone. Going south they see, west, the lake, deeper, disappearing into the hills. When the rain stops, or does not come as often as the lake would like, they watch the waters pull back, and back, and back.

The lake bed lies uncovered. Grass and weeds appear first, scavengers of moisture, and then trees, real trees, begin to grow, with branches and twigs and leaves. But the rain does not come. The soil dries out and the rain does not come and the trees, which stretch their branches skyward for relief, for rain or drizzle or a fog to gather as droplets on twigs or dampen the soil, find only.... Silence.

By Karat

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Neighborhood Rentals

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Upcoming Events

Angels for Haiti
LEC Productions hosts fundraiser "to raise money for children in Haiti," with Dr. Carolle Jean-Murat, M.D., sharing slides from Haiti. Comedy by Chip Nicholson, Ferez Ozel, Anita Milner, Zoltan Kaszas, headliner Tymon Shipp. Donation: \$15. 714-388-8552. Friday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.

Baptism at the Beach
La Jolla Shores tower 33, Sunday, Aug. 14, 6:00 p.m.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$775-900.
1BD+1BA apartment \$775 and up. 2BD+1BA, \$900. Credit check \$25 fee. Move- in incentives. Gated community. Secured assigned parking. On-site laundry. Pool. New carpet/ appliances. Clean and excellent. Convenient location, close to shops/ dining, buses/ transits. Nearby Fay Elementary School. No pets. Contact Art: 619-283-9993.

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8/15/11. 3502 First. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071. Manager, Michael, 619-296-1918, mtcerda@pacbell.net.

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LEAD STORY

— Rights of women are severely restricted in Pakistan’s tribal areas and among Muslim fundamentalists, but the rights of the country’s estimated 50,000 “transgenders” blossomed in April when the country’s supreme court ordered the government to accept a “third sex” designation on official documents (instead of forcing a choice of “male” or “female”). The court further recommended that transgenders be awarded government-job quotas and suggested “tax collector” as one task for which they are particularly suited, since their presence at homes and businesses still tends to embarrass debtors into paying up quickly.

Government in Action!

— Imprisoned rapist Troy Fears, 55, had another four years tacked onto his sentence in April by a federal judge in Phoenix after he was convicted of swindling the IRS out of \$119,000 by filing 117 fake tax returns from 2005 to 2009. According to prosecutors, the IRS routinely dispatched direct-deposit refunds while indifferent to matching the payment recipient with the person whose Social Security number was on the return. Fears was caught not by the IRS but by a prison guard who happened upon his paperwork.

— Apparently, the federal government failed to

foresee that fighting two wars simultaneously, with historically high wound-survival rates, might produce surges of disability claims. Just in the last year, according to an April *USA Today* report, claims are up over 50 percent, and those taking longer than two months to resolve have more than doubled. (Marine Clay Hunt, who was a national spokesman for disability rights and who suffered from post-traumatic stress, killed himself on March 31, ultimately frustrated that the Department of Veterans Affairs had lost his paperwork. “I can track my pizza from Pizza Hut on my BlackBerry,” he once said, “but the VA can’t find my claim for four months.”)

— A contract security guard at Detroit’s McNamara Building (which houses the FBI and other vital federal offices) was found in March to have laid aside, for three weeks, a suspicious package that turned out to be a real bomb. (It was, eventually, safely detonated.)

Great Art!

— Occasionally, patrons of art galleries mistake ordinary objects as the actual art (for example, solemnly “contemplating” a broom inadvertently left behind by a janitor), and sometimes the opposite mistake occurs. At the Boijmans van Beuningen museum in Rotterdam in May, a wandering

patron absentmindedly traipsed through a recreation of Wim T. Schippers’s floor-level Peanut Butter Platform (a 40-square-foot installation of creamy spread). (The museum manager had declined to fence in the exhibit, which he said would spoil its beauty.)

Cavalcade of Rednecks

— Sharon Newling, 58, was arrested in Salisbury, N.C., in April and charged with shooting at her stepson with a .22-caliber rifle. She denied shooting “at” him, but said she was just shooting toward him “to make him stop working on his truck.”

— A 25-year-old man in Okaloosa County, Fla., was arrested and charged with misdemeanor trespassing after he entered the Club 51 Gentlemen’s Club, from which he had been banned after a February incident. The man told police that he knew he had been banned from a strip club but couldn’t remember which one.

Chutzpah!

— A college senior in Colorado complained long-distance in March to the Better Business Bureau in Minnesota’s Twin Cities because *EssayWritingCompany.com*, headquartered in Farmington, Minn., failed to deliver the class paper she ordered (at \$23 per page).

— Filipino Henson Chua, working in the U.S., was indicted in March for illegally bringing back into the country an American-made military spy plane and openly offering it for sale for \$13,000 on *eBay*. Sophisticated equipment such as the RQ-11B “Raven” Unmanned Aerial Vehicle requires high-level government approval to prevent acquisition by U.S. enemies.

People with Issues

— Anorexia nervosa is widely recognized as a debilitating eating disorder that can be fatal in as many as 10 percent of cases. However, men with masturbation fantasies about super-skinny women have fueled an almost-five-fold increase in “ana-porn” websites, to more than 1,500 since 2006, according to an April report by London’s *The Guardian*. One site’s recruiting page limited models to those with a body-mass index of 15 or under, and warned that “(b)ones and ribs must be very visible.” However, these recruiters are sometimes anorexics’ only flatterers, terming them “superstar(s) of starvation,” “much prettier than all those meat mountains.”

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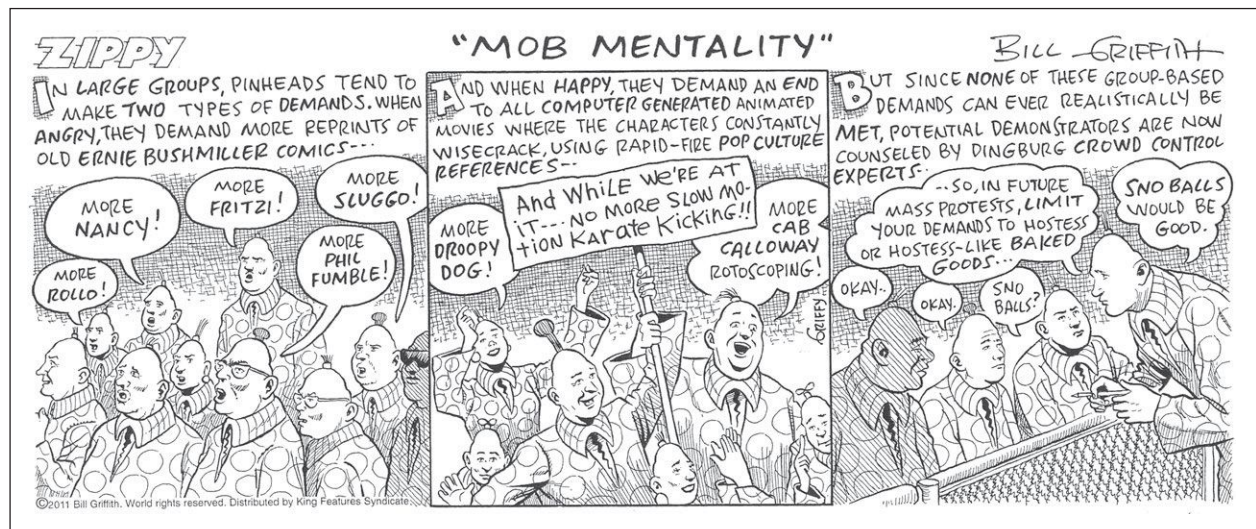
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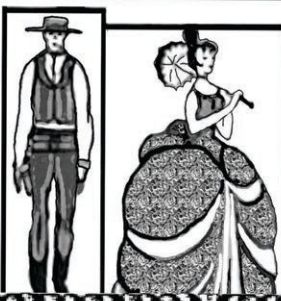
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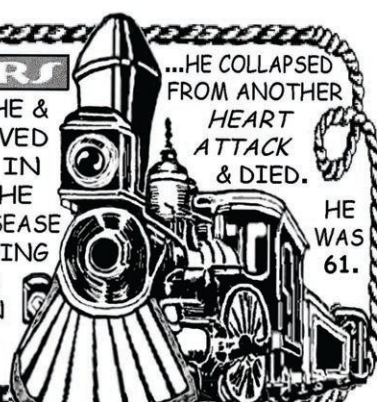
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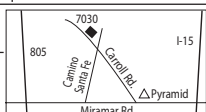
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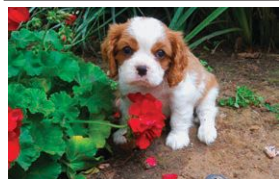
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Mulan 1998. Disney's animated film tells the tale of Fa Mulan, who impersonates a man and takes her father's place during a general conscription to counter a fictitious Hun invasion. Ann Zivotsky leads discussions. **Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 p.m.**

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The Dark Crystal 1982. Family screening of the fantasy set on the planet of Thra, directed by puppeteers Jim Henson and Frank Oz. Bring lawn chairs. **Wednesday, July 27, 8:30 p.m.**

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The Talk of the Town 1942. An outspoken political activist (Cary Grant), a law school dean (Ronald Colman), and his landlady (Jean Arthur) offer comic dissertations on the human side of law in the “screwball satire of civic corruption.” **Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29, 8:30 p.m.**

Easy Rider 1969. Captain America (Peter Fonda) and Billy (Dennis Hopper) head out on

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The Man Who Was Never Born 1963. Comic-Con screenings continue with this episode of the moody television series starring Martin Landau and Shirley Knight, **Thursday, July 21, 1:30 p.m.** Series ends with Robert Culp in **Demon with a Glass Hand** (1964), **Friday, July 22, 1:30 p.m.**

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Blazing Saddles 1974. The Western comedy was directed by Mel Brooks, and stars Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder, and Brooks himself in various roles. **Wednesday, July 27, 8 p.m.**



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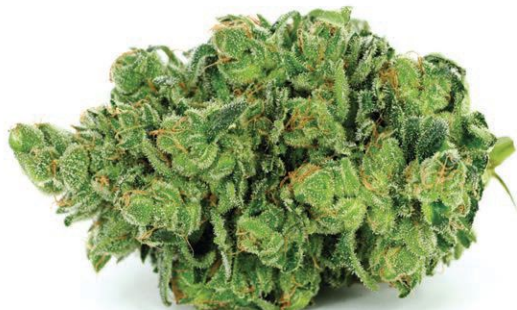
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