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UNDER THE RADAR

Political chow bags

Local politicians of both major parties continue to partake of the hospitality offered by Native American casinos around the county. During the second quarter of the year, according to state lobbyist disclosure filings, Barona spent \$1578 transporting, entertaining, and feeding a variety of elected officials, including GOP assemblyman and San Diego mayoral candidate **Nathan Fletcher**, who got a meal worth \$23.75, and Democratic assemblyman **Ben Hueso**, who ate \$60 worth of food. Hueso also was treated to car transportation via Karlton's Limousine valued at \$72.58.

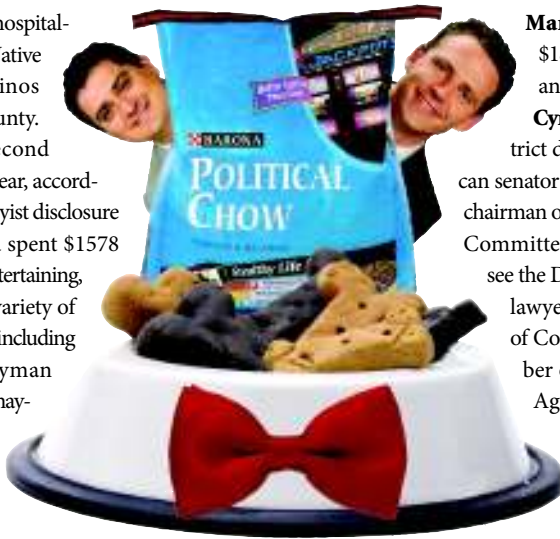
Also using the limo service the same day, May 12, were Hueso's fellow Democratic assemblymembers **Roger Hernández**, who is assistant majority whip; **Ricardo Lara**; **Henry T. Perea**, chairman of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation; and **Luis Alejo**, vice chairman of the Committee on Local Government.

Each of the assemblymen who took the limo ride, with the exception of Hernández, is also down for \$60 at the Barona Steakhouse. Democratic senator **Kevin de León** played an \$80 round of golf at the Barona Creek Golf Course, and Democratic assemblyman **Michael Allen**, who is assistant majority leader, enjoyed a \$96.12 room at the Barona hotel.

San Diego's own utility giant Semptra Energy was no slouch in the gift department either. On May 14, it paid \$125 a person for GOP assemblyman **Kevin Jeffries** and field representative **Kristin Fuller** to attend the S.A.F.E. Denim and Diamonds fundraiser. "The western-themed event takes place at K.D. Acres, a beautiful 15 acre ranch in the heart of Temecula Wine Country. It is fun, casual, and definitely comfortable while still being just a little fancy," according to an account on the Taste of Temecula website. "The live auction is always fun, and a delicious dinner will be provided by American Classic Catering. There will also be dancing, all night long!" Safe Alternatives for Everyone is a

domestic abuse charity.

Semptra also forked over \$71 for a Padres ticket it provided to **Christopher Marsh**, district director for GOP assemblyman **Martin Garrick**, and \$184 for "Angels tickets and refreshments" for **Cynthia Quimby**, district director for Republican senator **Tom Harman**, vice chairman of the powerful Rules Committee. A \$113 ticket to see the Dodgers play went to lawyer **Ken Minesinger** of Corona, a board member of the 46th District Agricultural Association and a major player in Riverside County Republican politics.



Barona keeps its bowl full for local politicians such as Ben Hueso and Nathan Fletcher.

Going postal

It's a dangerous place out there in the public sector. Witness the County of San Diego, currently seeking a contractor "experienced in risk assessment for public entities in potential workplace violence." According to a request for proposals issued last week, "The contractor shall employ a licensed psychologist with a minimum of 10 years' experience in threat assessment and violence in the work experience at all times," as well as a forensic psychologist with the same background. In addition, both psychologists "shall be available on a 24-hour basis for emergencies and crisis situations; 7 days a week." No word how much the arrangement will cost taxpayers...UCSD and the *Atlantic* magazine are running a razzle-dazzle three-day conference here in October "at the stunning Scripps Seaside Forum." The theme: "Innovation Culture: Notes from the Frontier of Energy, Technology, and Medicine." The event's main "presenting underwriter," though, is distinctly last century: Chevron Oil...Ex-Massachusetts governor and likely presidential contender **Mitt Romney** — who maintains a part-time residence in a beachside mansion in La Jolla's Barber Tract — has triumphed over President **Barack Obama**, at least when it comes to raising campaign money in the 92037 zip code. During the first six months of the year, Obama managed to come up with a total of just \$35,435,



Mitt beats Barack in the 92037, raising more in campaign contributions from the tony town.

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New Reality Means No Stadium

By Don Bauder

When the economy weakens, resolve stiffens. Glum consumers do fewer giddy things. It's becoming apparent that

lack of buying by debt-sated consumers could push us into another recession, or close to one, and the pain could last years.

In late July, Mark Fabiani, Chargers mouthpiece, lamented that the new state redevelopment law could crimp the team's plan for a massively subsidized stadium downtown. Quoth



San Diego Chargers mouthpiece Mark Fabiani laments new redevelopment law.

Fabiani, "We now need to find alternative sources of funding."

How about the Chargers themselves? If they want a stadium in this new economic reality, they can pay for it. Fabiani, of course, was not suggesting any such thing; he wants the stadium to be part of a subsidized sports and entertainment district. Voters should thumb that down as decisively as Long Island voters recently rejected \$400 million of bonds for a hockey stadium.

Economists, viewing recent statistics (such as flat consumer spending) are increasingly predicting that we will have either a recession or extremely slow growth — very possibly prolonged.

New Jersey's A. Gary Shilling, who has a great forecasting record, says the unemployment rate could hit 11.3 percent in 2013 and 12.4 percent in 2014. If housing prices drop another

17 percent (quite possible), the percentage of homes underwater (there is more debt on a home than it is

worth) would rise from 23 to a horripilating 40.

"State and local governments will contract," says Shilling, and that brings us to the proposed stadium. California has wised up. The new redevelopment

law will keep the Chargers, and other pro teams in the state, from sucking up money that should go to schools and other worthy ventures. The Chargers admit that unless the California Supreme Court invalidates the new redevelopment laws, the team won't be able to tap this source of funds until perhaps 2024 or 2025.

So now the team is angling for a taxpayer-financed sports and entertainment district. The proposed stadium would have a retractable roof and be used for conventions, basketball tournament games, rock concerts, and the like.

There are several roadblocks to this scheme: 1. Mayor Jerry Sanders and his allies, the convention center pushers, don't want it; 2. The cost of the pro-

posed facility would rise sharply. The Chargers (with their fingers crossed behind their backs) have long been saying that a new stadium would cost \$800 million; put a retractable roof on top and the cost escalates; 3. Convention goers normally don't like to walk between sites and there wouldn't be enough events that require such a facility; 4. A covered stadium in a Mediterranean climate is asinine for the major use, football games.

The big question is where the money will come from. For some time, the Chargers have said they would put in \$200 million and hope to get another \$100 million from the National Football League. That league well is dry right now, but the recent agreement between owners and players permits teams to borrow money again.



Bruce Henderson: "The devil is in the details, and if you don't have the details..."

But if the stadium is to be roofed and engineered for other events, what will it cost? Nine hundred million dollars? A billion? I asked Mark Fabiani, Chargers spokesman, about some of the details. For example, would

naming and advertising rights be subtracted from the Chargers' contribution? Would the Chargers plunk in \$200 million of capital or would their contribution come from cash flow from the stadium? Just how much would the Spanos family put in the pot? His answer: "The amount of the combined Chargers-[National Football League] contribution is now the subject of negotiations with the City, but we expect the amount to be in line with what other NFL teams that have reached similar agreements in recent years have contributed to their new stadiums."

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I'm Smarter, So I Deserve This

By Eva Knott

*How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is
To have a thankless child!*
— Shakespeare's *King Lear*

Tylor Adams is accused of using the identities of his mom and dad to run up more than \$3 million in debts in San Diego County. Instead of enjoying the properties in Rancho Santa Fe, La Jolla, and downtown San Diego that the couple had supposedly purchased, they were living in a double-wide mobile

home on a couple of acres in Fairview, Pennsylvania.

"I lived in a modest house with a modest job," said 62-year-old Donald Chaffee when he testified against his stepson at a felony fraud

hearing. The bespectacled man with graying temples said he'd worked at a metal shop for 20 years making \$12 an hour. His wife Bonnie had worked for two decades at a plastics assembly plant.

Donald and Bonnie

Chaffee lived a simple life until 2006 — then things got complicated.

The Prodigal Son

"He is my stepson," said Donald Chaffee, speaking of the 39-year-old man who was 4 or 5 when Donald married Bonnie in the 1970s. The child grew up using the name Kevin Michael Schoolcraft.

Kevin joined the Navy when he was 21. A couple of years later he moved back in with his parents while he attended Penn State University. But friction developed. Donald said his stepson was "trying to control everything." The young man told his parents what to eat, disapproving of hot dogs, for example. He tried to stop his stepfather's smoking. "He was so opinionated," said Donald. "We actually had to ask him to leave our home." When Donald and Bonnie kicked Kevin out, he moved to California.

After Kevin went out West, he asked his parents to call him Tyler Adams.

(In a handwritten letter to a judge, Tyler Adams claimed to take the name "Adams" from a great-grandmother. In a letter dated April 27, 2010, he stated, "I was raised by a great grandmother by the name of Thelma Adams as my natural mother was experimenting with the counter culture of her time, which I forgive and honor my mom. But when I graduated from Penn State I vowed to carry on Thelma Adams

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Donald Chaffee said his stepson's Temecula home was more home than he himself ever dreamed of possessing.

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Accused of fraud, Tyler Adams is pleading not guilty through a public defender.



Donald Chaffee testified against Adams, his stepson, at the felony fraud hearing.



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Prosecutor Anna Winn: "I do think this case will go to trial."

Neal Obermeyer



NEWS TICKER

Fallen

Services for Slain SDPD Officer Jeremy Henwood Point Loma — Memorial services for fallen San Diego police officer Jeremy Henwood took place at the Rock Church in Point Loma on Friday morning, August 12.

Thousands of people, plus an additional overflow crowd, paid their respects



Thousands paid their respects to popular midcity beat cop Jeremy Henwood.

crossing are placards showing "before" and "after" architectural illustrations of the ongoing project, but no hint is given as to the grand strategy for attaining the end result. Vehicle and pedestrian lanes must remain open while the old edifice and its concomitant pedestrian bridge spanning the I-5 entry into Mexico are removed.

A Vegas hotel-style explosive demolition just wouldn't do, and it appears the solution decided upon by the engineers is to pick apart the old structure, bit by bit, as an archaeologist would delicately unearth the fossil remains of some complex

to the former Marine reservist and popular midcity beat cop who was shot in the head while on duty last weekend. A slew of dignitaries sat in the front rows of the church, including Governor Jerry Brown, State Attorney General Kamala Harris, Mayor Jerry Sanders, and District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis.

By Gail Powell
Friday, Aug. 12

dinosaur skeleton, before transporting it in pieces to a museum for artful reassembly.

By T.B. Beaudeau
Thursday, Aug. 11

Corrupt Contractor

Parking Station Vendor hit by FBI Raid in Portland San Diego — The offices and residence of Portland, Oregon, city parking manager Ellis K. McCoy were

Bit by Bit

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An gantry crane methodically disassembles the "world's busiest" border crossing.

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Plus And Minus

Congratulations on a fine article regarding the new homeless storage program and its civil rights lawsuit (“Anatomy of a Good Idea,” “City Lights,” August 11). There are, however, things you did not cover. The program is based upon Los Angeles’s skid row, which seems to be the model being used for San Diego, despite that area being one of the nation’s worst at handling the homeless problem. There are very good ideas and programs in Seattle and Portland having greater success at a far lower cost. San Diego did approve one of those programs, the Portland Loos toilets.

Problems for this storage program are that it is demeaning to have to keep your belongings in a trash dumpster. And, since there is not 24-hour access, homeless must still have their possessions with them in case they’re needed and still use shopping carts. I suggested using trolley bike lockers. Space is limited, too. My belongings take up eight by eight feet. I rent a storage locker. The other minus is that the settlement gives each of the 100(?) victims \$1500, with \$400 going for legal fees, \$900 going for the new storage facilities, and \$200 for loss of all their possessions, including parents’ burial urns, family photos, and pain and suffering (having no blankets in winter). It should also be noted that present funding will run out soon and the present facilities serve only one in five

requesting service.

All the rest is plusses, getting a lot of unsightly stuff off the streets, which obviously benefits tourism, commerce, and city pride. It established a headquarters for things like distributing backpacks, posting bulletins, and getting haircuts. It allowed the City to handle this lawsuit inexpensively and use the money toward City benefit at the same time. And, it needs to be pointed out that without intervention by Water Man David Ross and his partner, marriage counselor Gerry Limpic, the homeless would have gotten nothing at all.

I propose that there be several different competing storage plans because there are different individual needs, and we can test them all for cost-effectiveness and user support, a managed-care concept.

John Kitchin
via email

White Up There, Brown Down Here

The quotes from Green Money, Green Spaces spokesperson Marvin Appleman are unfortunately discriminatory (“First Photos of Nuclear Waste Trucks,” “SD on the QT,” August 11). I hope this was not Mr. Appleman’s intent, but perhaps he should consider what he says prior to uttering hurtful and damaging nonsense. Consider the quote, “It’d be one thing if they were taking it along the 94. I mean, that part of town is already a disaster, environmentally and otherwise. All those chrome-plating shops. *Gag*. But this is pristine North County countryside we’re talking about. It just doesn’t seem right.” What I hear is someone saying that it’s acceptable to impact disadvantaged communities because there is blight but it is not acceptable to impact pristine communities. Keep in mind that low-income and blighted communities have higher concentrations of minorities, and the “pristine” communities of North County typically have higher percentages of persons who are white. If my suspicions of veiled racism are met with

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by Barbarella

First-World Problems

It's been one week and two days since David and I officially moved. I use the word "officially" because there are still some odds and ends that need transporting. I haven't been back to the old place; David has been collecting the leftovers — pots and pans, small items from a medicine cabinet, a drawer full of papers.

One of my biggest concerns before moving, something that had me suffocating beneath a barrage of dreadful "what ifs," was the idea of sharing a bathroom.

While sitting on the stools we placed at our dining table (because we've yet to get chairs), eating our Lean Cuisines and sharing a bottle of Carménère, I mentioned how fortunate it had been that we were traveling right before we moved. "Helped us get used to living out of a

suitcase," I said. "Ha! We had to go to Martha's Vineyard to practice how to share a bathroom. Talk about your First-World Problems."

David smiled. Not at my joke, but at seeing that I was adjusting so well to our new home. He'd been prepping me for weeks, talking me down in advance, saying things like, "There will be stacks of boxes that make the rooms look smaller, but don't worry, it just looks that way." I think he was expecting some kind of major freak-out on my part. I kept reminding

him that freak-outs were at an all-time low — better-living-through-chemicals and all that.



Peek inside the new cabinet

In our old place, David and I not only had two bathrooms, but we also had two sinks, side by side, with a long length of counter between them on which I could set all kinds of shit — hair ties, comb, perfume, mousse — so much that he'd get on me constantly about the clutter. No surfaces means no stuff piled on top of them. "It's

great to have to put things away," I said. "I need to be forced, otherwise, I'll just leave stuff around." David agreed, a little too emphatically.

"I don't know why I was so worried." I took a sip of wine from the clay tumblers we brought back from Trevi, Italy. We haven't unpacked the wine glasses yet. "You're always showered and dressed by the time I wake up. I sort of feel stupid for ever having been concerned about it."

Ever since I saw that rap video about first-world problems, every little thing I complain about seems ridiculous. The other morning, David overheard me cursing in the shower and rushed in to see what was wrong. "I mistook my conditioner for my shampoo," I said. "Now I have to shampoo out the conditioner and then condition again." David, sufficiently stupefied, half-nodded and retreated.

Too Late
I was never so popular in my building as when I was moving out. Outside of the homeowner meetings I chaired, my conversations with 80 percent of my neighbors was limited to answering their questions about board matters during an elevator ride,

or sharing some polite "We're acknowledging each other's presence because it would be awkward not to" chitchat while collecting mail or taking recyclables to the trash room.

In the weeks before David and I moved, we received several invitations. Most of them were from neighbors who had become our friends over the years, with whom we had outstanding balances for overdue hangout time. I assured this friendly crowd that we are still local, and we will have plenty of opportunities after the hubbub of moving to continue our friendships. These invitations made me

feel glad that I had managed to grow relationships with such good people in my tenure as their neighbor and self-proclaimed HOA Board Bitch.

It was the other invitations that made me raise a brow. As I mentioned, "most" were from neighbors who'd invited me to their homes before. People with whom I'd already clinked glasses, helped get in the building when they locked themselves out, shared plants, collected

mail, and all those neighborly, friendly things people do. But from the few whom I'd only seen at meetings or in the hallway, a sudden social offer when I had one foot out the door



Sipping wine with my partner in crime

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I kept reminding him that the freak-outs were at an all-time low — better-living-through-chemicals and all that.



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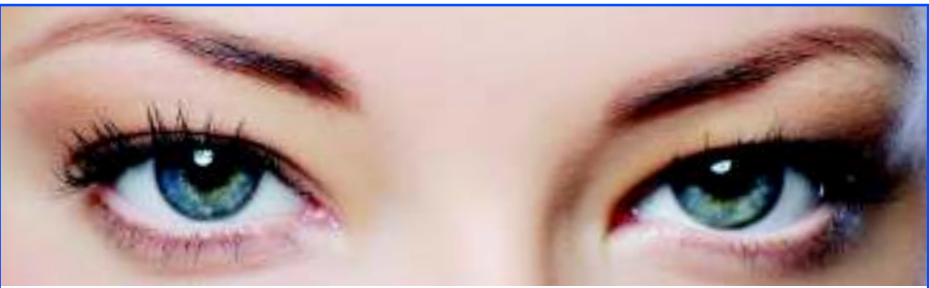
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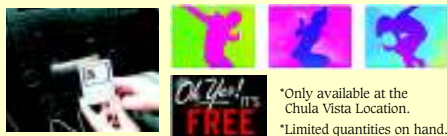
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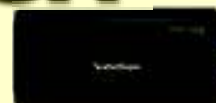
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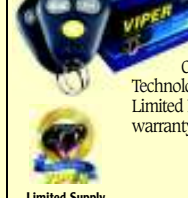
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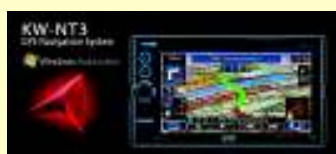


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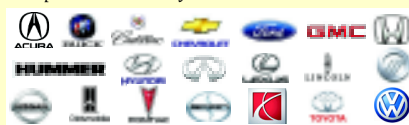
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— Anonymous, via email

Yeah, you kinda wonder what a slow day it must have been around the science lab for somebody to come up with this little study. But somebody did, and others have confirmed the findings. Sort of. So put away your ruler. Wipe your brain clean of finger-length rumors. Berkeley started all this, but we took just the facts we liked, simplified everything, and decided you can measure a gay man's fingers for confirmation.

First of all, adult finger length seems to be influenced by the amount of androgenic steroids (including testosterone) a fetus is bathed in. Divide index finger measurement by ring finger measurement, and the smaller the ratio, the more androgen the fetus was exposed to. Virtually everyone has a ring finger longer than index finger, but in women it's just less pronounced. In their anonymous survey, Berkeley science guys found that homosexual women have ring fingers shorter than index fingers, just as heterosexual men have. They've been exposed to higher levels of androgen prenatally. Homosexual men, though, gum up the works. The Berkeley guys say there is "no direct relationship between finger length and sexual orientation." But, they add, "some homosexual men, based on finger length, seem to have been exposed to higher levels of androgen." If so, this suggests homosexual men are not feminized but hyper-masculinized in the womb. A better predictor of sexual orientation is birth order; a man born after mom's delivered several boys is likely to be homosexual. Apparently, a woman's womb has a "memory" of some kind that changes the uterine environment for each child. Homosexuals' finger lengths are very much like those of first-born males.

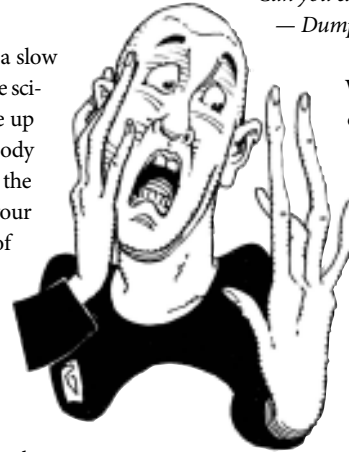
Hi Matthew:

Last week, I parked my car along the road at Torrey Pines State Beach. As I sat in my car, a cadre of at least 50 pelicans was skimming the ocean. Then they would lift up and fly north, turn around and fly south. Skim the water, fly north, turn around, fly south. They did this several times over the water. Except, as they came around south the third time, they flew over the parked cars. As they flew over my car, they simultaneously bombarded my silver-colored car. Within two seconds, my entire

car was covered with white polka dots. I counted 75 hits. The interior also immediately started smelling pretty nasty. The cars to either side of me were unblemished. I could understand maybe one or two of the pelicans feeling the urge to relieve themselves, but all of them at the same time?

Can you explain this phenomenon?

— Dumped On, via email



Woo-hoo, dissed by pelicans. Bad start for the day.

But any time we have a feathered query to bust wide open, we turn to San Diego's official birdbrain, Phil Unitt, curator of birds and mammals for the S.D. Natural History Museum. He's on a first-name basis with everything in the county that flies.

Anyway, sez Phil, this is kind of a "micro-scale" exhibition of behavior, which makes it very hard to untangle. If he'd been there, he probably would have known the leader of the pack, the pelican flying first in line, and figure what whimsical thoughts were going through its head. Every bird behind the leader is just taking advantage of aerodynamics that make flying behind another bird much easier when it comes to flapping and soaring. Head bird leads the way, the followers soar along on the turbulent air behind it. So when the lead bird gets a notion to break the back-and-forth-over-the-water pattern, the slacker pelicans follow to keep their exertion level low. Followers don't need to see the logic of the move. Their instinct is to keep on following. Of course, the back-and-forth-over-the-sea pattern they were flying is what they do when they're looking for a fish dinner.

So, for whatever crazy reason, lead bird heads inland. Maybe there's another body of water on the other side of the road. Anyway, the urge to take a dump hits, and a dump the pelican takes. (All birds poop a lot; they rely on weighing as little as possible to facilitate flight.) Pelican-see, pelican-do — everybody else takes a dump too. In the animal world, this is called social facilitation. Maybe like all the ladies at a restaurant table heading for the lav at the same time. Who knows. Social facilitation is a sort of subliminal signal for an animal to follow the group's lead and "fit in" with everybody else. The unsolvable part of the mystery is why your car? Maybe something about your shiny silver vehicle looked like a nice sparkly target, like a mica- and quartz-filled rock. Like a Vegas-style poop palace. We'll never know what went through the head pelican's head. But when it pooped, everybody pooped. And you left steamed and stinky. Ah. nature. What a trip.

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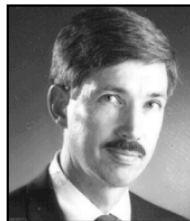
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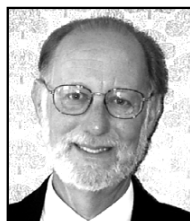
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BACK WHEN *in the Reader*

Thirty-Five Years Ago

Blazing Saddles and *Young Frankenstein* are the best of the bunch, because they devote a reasonable degree of attention to the cinematic style of the genre under inspection. Not many moviegoers would care to join me, perhaps, but I am personally more amused when [Mel] Brooks introduces Castle Frankenstein by way of a phony painted backdrop and then dissolves to a studio set of the great wooden portals of the place, than I am when, a moment later, he bends over backwards to get a routine, vaudeville double entendre out of the word “knockers.”

— “PELL-MELL BROOKS,”

Duncan Shepherd,

August 19, 1976

Thirty Years Ago

It’s indicative of a concert lull that the shows which will *not* be presented this week should seem more interesting subject for commentary than those which will, in fact, take place.... Just this week, we have yet

another cancellation by Kenny Rankin, who is forging a new and unique career as an absentee artist; a cancellation by Janis Ian, whose performance here would have been her first in a long, long time; and a cancellation of the Sam and Dave Show — one which I figured would be a huge success due to the Blues Brothers shtick and current soul music revival. Oh, well.

— READER’S GUIDE TO THE MUSIC SCENE,

John D’Agostino, August 20, 1981

Twenty-Five Years Ago

On the three walls and door that enclose the toilet stall, outside the stall, between and across mirrors, on paper and cloth towel and sanitary napkin dispensers, women write everywhere. Hieroglyphs, onomatopoetic attempts to reproduce bowel and lovemaking sounds, the ubiquitous happy faces, nosegay-wreathed swastikas: all bump and collide. Loop cursive poems descend the walls, while mildly nasty riddles trail lopsidedly in descending lines across smooth tiles.

— “POETRY OF THE STALLS,” *Judith Moore,*

August 21, 1986

Twenty Years Ago

Let’s get this straight: rain does not kill fish. Contrary to the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, the thousands of catfish, carp, and shad recently found belly-up in the San Diego River did not die from the “natural effects of an unusual summer rainstorm.”

Unless massive, man-made changes to the river’s ecosystem can be called natural.

It happened in a flood-control channel called Fizzdrip — the First San Diego River Improvement Project. Fizzdrip is a \$29 million, 1.3-mile stretch of river between Jack Murphy Stadium and Highway 163. Right where the fish died.

— CITY LIGHTS: “RAIN EXONERATED IN DEAD-FISH

STORY,” *Colin Flaherty, August 22, 1991*

Fifteen Years Ago

Stop any Average Joe on the street and ask for the name of Carter’s secretary of state,

you’ll get a blank stare.

Then ask what the inventor of Post-it Notes got from 3M, and he’ll immediately tell you, “The shaft.” Somehow this Post-it factoid has spread through the country faster than measles on a playground.... Of course, as “common knowledge” it’s only vaguely related to the truth. But as a paradigm for the heartless corporation biting the humble employee in the butt, I guess the story will live forever.

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice,*

August 22, 1996

Ten Years Ago

Jim Benson, founder of the world’s first private space-exploration company, has a knack for coming up with slogans. “We put the ‘Pow’ in Poway” is one.... Poway is where Benson’s enterprise, SpaceDev, is located, and for almost a year, SpaceDev employees have tested rocket motors in a large bay next to the company parking lot on Stowe Drive. In the future, Benson says, the local facility will direct prospecting missions to the near-Earth asteroid belt that will make him and his stockholders rich.

— “RICH MAN IN HEAVEN,” *Jeannette De Wyze,*

August 16, 2001

Five Years Ago

San Diego three-piece “bill” prefers to have their name spelled with a lowercase b. “Happens to be two of our dads’ names and can be spelled on your right hand,” says bass and sax player David Marciano.

“Besides the fact that our dads are named Bill, the name’s simple and memorable,” says drummer and pianist Jonathan Coyle. “There are so many bands who are named, like, ‘the Razor Light Symphonic Turtle Doves.’”

— “MUSICAL SPACE,” *Michael Hemmingson,*

August 17, 2006

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One Dead, Thirteen Injured in Convention Center Riot During OCD Convention

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SOUTH SUPPLY CLOSET, SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER — "I can't understand it," said convention center site maintenance chief Alphonso Gomez, shaking his head. "I mean, these guys [members of the International OCD Foundation] brought in, what, 5000 people for their event? Comic-Con had 125,000, and we didn't run out of soap then. It just doesn't make sense for something like this to happen."

Gomez was referring to the brief but intense outburst of violence that occurred last Sunday after conference attendees discovered that every single soap dispenser in every single men's restroom was completely out of soap. "Apparently,"

explained Gomez, "somebody was pretty upset about it, and somebody else asked what the big deal was. After that, things got crazy. Some people are just sensitive, I guess. What I can't understand is, how did we run out of soap in the first place?"

Police were called in to break up the flailing melee, and Gomez made an emergency run to Smart & Final to pick up 5000 individual bottles of Neutrogena hand cleanser. "The cool thing was, after everything got settled, the attendees took it upon themselves to clean up. It was a pretty nasty scene, but I swear, after 30 minutes, you wouldn't have even known anything happened. Those guys were amazing. You could have eaten off the carpet.

"Not that you would," added Gomez.



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Health System Chair Walter Ni: "We felt it was important to bring some of our more outdated terminology up-to-date with current standards and practices."

HIGHLIGHTS FROM GUEST COLUMNIST NØRV TÜRNER'S "NOTES ON CAMP":

1. First, I want to acknowledge that some of the readers of this feature may still think of me primarily as a football coach and not as an artist-provocateur whose chosen canvas is a 100-yard swath of turf and whose chosen medium is a carefully choreographed series of complicated collisions between muscular young men.

As a result, some readers may view the title of this column primarily as a reference to the San Diego Chargers' training camp currently in session and not as a sly, winking reference to Susan Sontag's essential essay, "Notes on Camp." I had hoped to make this clear by the use of quotation marks around the title — viz. Sontag's observation that "Camp sees everything in quotation marks. It's not a lamp, but a 'lamp'; not a woman, but a 'woman.' To perceive Camp in objects and persons is to understand Being-as-Playing-a-Role. It is the farthest extension, in sensibility, of the metaphor of life as theater." But, sometimes, it's best to just come out and say it.

2. Sontag concludes her essay thus: "The ultimate Camp statement: it's good because it's awful." In light of that, I propose to solve the problem of funding for a new stadium by taking corporate sponsorship to a more integral and powerful level: The San Diego Dodge Chargers. Hear me out. We want team mascots to be powerful. How does 465 horsepower grab you? We want team mascots to be evocative — what red-blooded football fan doesn't smile at the sight of an

American muscle car? And at a time when American manufacturing is seen as crucial to the restoration of our faltering economy, who wouldn't feel good about rooting for a team linked to a company that the American government couldn't bear to see disappear? And think of the mascot!

3. And because this is the end, I will permit myself a venture into the realm of the general. There are ways, of course, in which football itself is Camp, certainly since the "Super Bowl Shuffle," and perhaps even before that. Joe Namath's grotesque über-jock bravado before Super Bowl III is tinged with it — as Sontag notes, "The pure examples of Camp are unintentional; they are dead serious.... In naïve, or pure, Camp, the essential element is seriousness, a seriousness that fails. Of course, not all seriousness that fails can be redeemed as Camp. Only that which has the proper mixture of the exaggerated, the fantastic, the passionate, and the naïve." Yes, the Jets won that particular battle, but Namath never again scaled those heights. Still, it was a fine performance: a true apprehension of life — and certainly sports — as theater. Indeed, the subsequent horror of his on-camera come-on to Suzy Kolber in 2003 was compounded by the fact that, once upon a time, he knew how to perform. Not for nothing was he once known as "Broadway Joe."



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Stops and Starts

Computers say goodbye with a blue screen of death.

Last week, my iMac's hard drive died by way of self-immolation. I've had computers die before, saying goodbye with a blue screen of death. One laptop emitted puffs of smoke from underneath its keyboard. But, I've never had a computer die with such finality. My iMac left this world with a trumpet-like metal-on-metal screech so intense that I still wince when I think of it.

One picks up the pieces, or, in this case, reassembles the work product, namely, 20 years of writing. I've owned a dozen or more computers, and let us honor them now: Tandy 200, 1984 Macintosh, Compaq laptop, Sony laptop, two Toshiba laptops, and a long line of Dell Dimension/Inspiron desktops. Actually, most of them didn't die but were removed from service and, like good doorstops, hang out in the basement waiting for the time I'll need one to open an old WordStar file.

Time has come. I spent hours lugging old computers up to the Sportbox workspace, meticulously going through hard drives, retrieving my Body of Work. And ugly work it is, like going through your grandmother's papers the day after her funeral. Here's random selection:

Notes on a food story started, but never finished, in 1997: Girlfriend dinner. Make-up dinner. Break-up dinner, boss dinner, diet dinner, dinner with children, hangover dinner, victory dinner, dinner at Taco Bell, dinner in the hospital, dinner at sea...

From a 1990 article on spare changing: First ten minutes I begged 20, 30 civilians. Not one person acknowledged my words. I say, "Spare Change" or "Good morning" or "Alms for the poor," and the universal response is to look directly ahead, walk faster, tighten sphincter muscles, and lock in a blank expression. I'm left behind with an uncomfortable feeling of being invisible.

From a 1995 article on cooking: I don't think about cooking. Young men don't think about cooking; they eat peanut butter sandwiches or have girlfriends cook for them.

From a 1994 piece about winter work in an Alaska oil field: Frank and Patrick retrieve their gear, throw the jackhammer and ice picks into the bed of the crew cab, hitch up the compressor. As this is happening, the wind picks up and the lean-to the men built begins to flap wildly, disappearing into the enveloping whiteness. Frank turns, ready to follow the lean-to. Patrick bellows into the wind, "Fuck the plastic, let it blow."

The two men slide into a Chevy Crew Cab, turn the arctic heater on full, place their gloves on the dash, feel the ice melt from their beards, rub their eyes, and wait for the heat to come home.

From an unpublished desert story: I ask, "Whaddya think?" This is the fall of 1969 and I am young.

I'd make a left turn off the Blue Diamond Highway onto a dirt road. This is Southern Nevada, 20 miles SW of Las Vegas. It's early September and 106 degrees in the shade.

Colleen Dixon, tall, five-ten, thin face, beak nose, with red hair that flows down to her butt, my partner, is riding shotgun. She looks pensive, trying to make out a row of low buildings a mile further on.

This, we learned later, is Arden, all of it, downtown and suburbs. We drive past the abandoned assay office, past the abandoned warehouse, stop in front of three abandoned shacks, each one with a living room, two bedrooms, and kitchen. Outhouse in the back.

Colleen says, "Nice." We move into the middle shack.

Colleen and I spent the summers in a tent in Alaska and hurried south before the first snowfall. For a time we were students at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. We had Pell Grants, I had some GI Bill, and we both found make-work college jobs. If you could live cheap, you could live like that, winters in Nevada, summers in Alaska, fun on both sides and in-between. There was a big wide world in front of us and we had all the time we wanted. Colleen and I were college students because getting a job was too ugly to consider and we didn't know what else to do.

From a 1992 article on hitchhiking. I'd slept with three women on that trip. I was still in the miracle phase of sex, which many readers will recognize as, "It's a miracle that one can stroll this good earth, go anyplace on it, and find women already there." One merely culls out a sexual candidate, chit and chat, ask for sex, and miracle of all miracles, occasionally find a woman lying next to you doing wonderful things to your flesh."

What's interesting to me is not the writing, but the feeling the writing gave me, you know, like going through your grandmother's papers.

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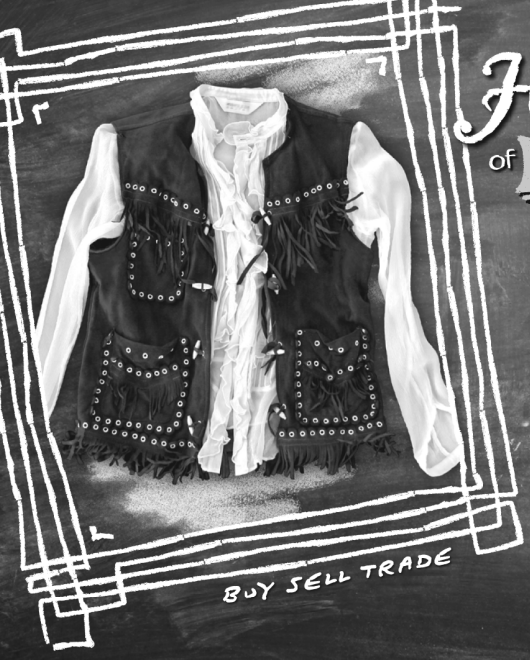
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'As your Irish nanna would say, 'A good-looking person looks good in anything,'" said hubby Patrick, as I tried on an evening gown for an upcoming wedding.

"Assuming her bra fits properly," I countered. "I've always bought the inexpensive ones, but they're not doing the job anymore."

"I authorize you to spend as much money as you like in that area," he grinned.

So, I got some professional help, starting with Jenni, saleslady at Enchantress in Mission Valley (619-294-4544; getbras.com).

"If your bra is resting on your shoulders, then it's not fitting well," she explained. "A lot of gapping or spilling over — what we call 'quad-boob,' where it looks like four boobs — that proves it's the wrong bra."

"You want the support to be coming from the band," she continued. "So if you are on the tightest hook and it's still rising up in the back, then you are not in a tight-enough band. It's tough for some girls to find bras because they have a much bigger cup. A lot of places only carry up to a triple D. So, girls will go up in the band to try to get the cup to fit, but the band is the important part of the bra. When you lose that support around the band, you don't get a good-fitting bra. We carry bras all the way to a size L. And with the band size, we carry from a 28 to a 54."

Jenni mentioned a few of the brands Enchantress carries: Fantasie, Freya, Elomi, Panache, Goddess, Felina, Anita... "It just depends on what you need, style-wise — the comfort level, if it has to be a smooth cup, if you want it to cut a certain way or work with a certain top or dress. Bras here average from about \$30 to \$70."

With proper care, your underclothing should last from six months to a year. "Depending on how often you switch them out and how well you're taking care of them," she explained. "If you're wearing a K cup, you're going to need a few more bras than other girls."

No machine washing or dryer for the bras, Jenni warned. "Hand wash and hang out to dry. And no Woolite — it's hard on the elastic. We sell a soap called Forever New Fabric Wash [\$15 for 32 ounces]. It's a powder, been around forever, very good

Bra fitting "is not huge here in America, so it's hard to find the right-sized bra. Most women have to compromise."

stuff. There's another one called Soak [\$16 for 14 ounces] — you just soak the bra for half an hour and pull it out. You don't have to rinse anything. It's concentrated, so it lasts a long time."

"According to studies, about 85 percent of women are wearing the wrong-sized bra," said Austin, fitter for Intimacy in Fashion Valley (619-894-8835; myintimacy.com). Bra fitting "is not huge here in America, so it's hard to find the right-sized bra. Most women have to compromise, going with this size band or that size cup, just to get it to go around the breast. Europeans specialize in it; they invented the bra. We carry all European bras, over 90 sizes."

What's a sign that the bra is ill-fitting? "The band rising up in the back. The shoulder straps should not be digging into the shoulders, nor should the shoulder straps be falling down. The band should be lower, at least level with the bottom of the underwire on the front."

"What kind of sets us apart from other stores," Austin continued, "is that we don't use measuring tapes. Measuring tapes don't tell the whole story. Just like with shoes and clothes, vendors run differently. So we use the bras as the measuring tools. We can look at a woman and tell what she's going to be."

"You should not be wearing the same bra two days in a row, or at least not make a habit of it," Austin warned. "The elastic is going to stretch out faster. The average bra on the market is going to last you maybe a year. A European bra, because it has a lot more material engineered into it, will last three to four years."

I pressed Austin for a few best-selling product lines. "Prima Donna is a company from Belgium. And Empreinte, one of our vendors from France. Our average bra starts at about \$110. They are definitely pricier, but they last longer and are more comfortable."

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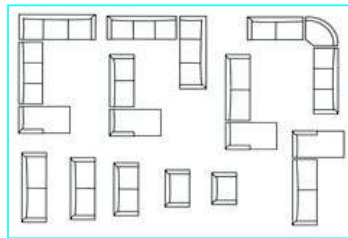
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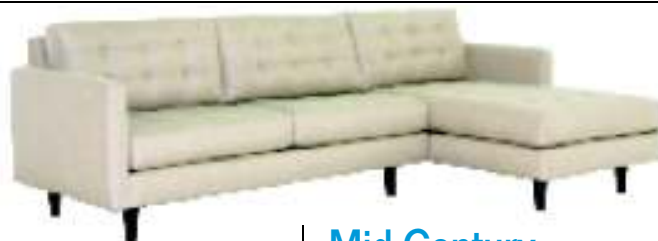
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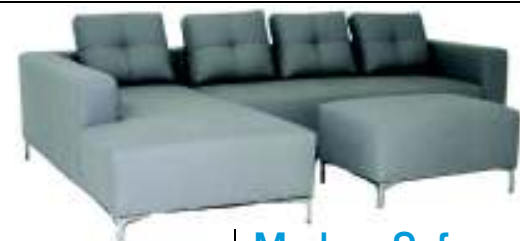
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BY KENDRA CLARK



SHORT AND SWEET San Diego gals with gams aren't afraid to show off those stems, from the base of their ankles all the way up to the crease of their butt-cheeks. Here are a few who've been caught soaking up all the sun they can from summer's last month.



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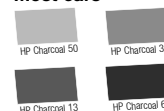
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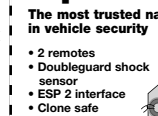
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IT'S A TOUGH CROWD



CONVICTED MURDERER MARK DIAZ, ON LEFT, NEXT TO ARI SOLTANI, OWNER OF THE VISTA BOXING GYM



PRO FIGHTER DANNY PEREZ, ON LEFT, WITH HIS NEW TRAINER, SOON-TO-BE MURDER VICTIM HECTOR GIL

It's such a tough crowd that no one believed the repeated messages that the killer left on the victim's cell phone threatening to "bust a cap" into him.

Until Hector Gil was shot in the back and died.

The 52-year-old boxing trainer was killed at a ring in Vista that a rival trainer had designed and helped to build. Mark Diaz, who was 49, was competing with Gil for control of promising young fighters. On February 4, 2010, Ricky Gutierrez fired Diaz and moved on to his new trainer, Hector Gil. The threatening messages began to arrive on Gil's cell phone immediately.

The next day, Gil went to Ricky's home. He told the 21-year-old fighter and his father Raul about the threat-

ening phone calls. Raul and Ricky listened to the messages on speakerphone. All three men recognized Diaz's voice.

"He said he was gonna 'bust a cap in your ass,'" Ricky later testified in court. Raul remembered the messages as, "You leave Ricky and my boxers alone. I'm gonna kill you." The father said aloud, "Jesus, it's crazy" and "I don't believe it." He told his son's new trainer, "Don't worry." After the men listened to at least two hostile, loud, angry messages, Ricky erased them.

But Gil was still con-

cerned. For a while he avoided the boxing gym in Vista. At another gym about five miles away, the Compound in Oceanside, Gil told Sean Loeffler about the nasty recordings on his cell phone. "Man, this guy is threatening me." He invited Loeffler to listen to the most recent message.

Loeffler sometimes sports a green Mohawk, and colorful tattoos cover his pale white skin, even his knuckles. He is 29 years old, stands 6 foot 3, and weighs 185 pounds. He likes to announce his profession this way: "Occupation?

Fighter. Or mixed martial artist." The sponsored professional cage fighter says he has been featured on television. His record is 22 wins, 10 of these knockouts, and 5 losses.

When Loeffler spoke with Gil in early 2010, he found him to be "uneasy." Loeffler said he listened to the "pissed" messages on Gil's phone. But at the time, he didn't think much of it. "In the sport I'm in, people just talk a lot of trash," he explained. Loeffler thought that Gil was worried about

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getting his “butt kicked, not murdered.”

Ari Soltani first met Mark Diaz in 2004 or 2005, possibly at the Boys Club in Vista, where Diaz worked. Soltani had been searching for suitable property in Vista to create a gym for local kids. He wanted to offer them an alternative to gangs. “I got in trouble when I was a kid,” explained Soltani. He said he had done time in prison, but he got out early for good behavior and changed his life. Soltani found a ramshackle building on a scruffy lot at 1304 North Santa Fe, and he pulled together the paperwork to create a nonprofit corporation called Pacific Boxing.

Diaz drew up the plans for the ring, and Soltani, who owned a body shop, had his



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Boxing trainer Peter Moreno was struck by a bullet after it passed through and killed Hector Gil.

workers cut the metal and build the ring. Diaz worked on the drywall and contacted sponsors who donated exercise equipment and heavy boxing bags. Soltani welcomed Diaz’s help. He acknowledged that Diaz “helped us put it together,” but



PHOTOGRAPH BY JAMES WYATT

Bill Dean replaced convicted murderer Mark Diaz as manager of the boxing gym.

he insisted that Diaz “didn’t contribute a dime.”

For the grand opening, Diaz and his girlfriend Susan threw a party. They barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers and handed out T-shirts that said “Club Diaz.” On the side of the gym, they hung big banners that read “Club



PHOTOGRAPH BY NICK MORRIS

Prosecutor Patrick Espinoza mocked the “taco defense.”

Diaz Training Center.” That was in May 2009.

Later, Soltani complained of Diaz, “He has been charging patrons to use the facility without my permission and keeping the money they pay in fees.” The monthly fee was usually \$30 or \$40, according to one patron, Salvador Gonzalez. He said he paid Diaz a monthly

fee for his 11-year-old son to train at the gym. “I would pay him directly,” said Gonzalez. “It was cash. He would make out a receipt to me.” Gonzalez believed that Diaz owned the gym. He remembered seeing a banner at the gym that read “Club Diaz,” although the name was later changed, he said, and a new banner went up that read “Pacific Coast Boxing.”

At some point, Soltani noticed that volunteers who helped set up the gym were no longer coming. “They were all leaving.” He eventually realized that “Basically, nobody wanted to work with Mark.” It was said that Diaz was becoming more aggressive and developing a my-way-or-the-highway style. Soltani said he knew he

had to talk with Diaz, but, he said, “I was so intimidated by Mark” that “I had to build the courage to confront him about this.”

Ricky Gutierrez, the 21-year-old fighter, said Diaz was his coach in 2005, when Ricky was 15 years old. They parted ways for a time, then renewed their relationship in the summer of 2009. Gutierrez said they got back together after Diaz phoned him. Gutierrez signed a contract with Diaz in January 2010. The contract described Diaz as manager, promoter, and trainer. It was supposed to be a six-year contract, but it lasted hardly a month — Gutierrez busted the deal on February 4.

Sometime after Gutierrez signed the contract, he went to

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Soltani, the owner of the gym. Diaz had told Gutierrez not to tell his parents or Soltani about the contract, the young fighter said. This spurred Soltani to have a talk with the trainer. Soltani said he tried to do this on February 8, and “He got in my face and in a threatening tone said, ‘Don’t make me deal with your ass.’”

On February 10, Soltani got a temporary restraining order against Diaz, requiring him to stay 100 yards away from Soltani and

to stay away from the gym. In the paperwork, Soltani stated, “A few months ago, without

with banners reading ‘Club Diaz.’”

But Soltani wasn’t able to get the order

“He said he was gonna ‘bust a cap in your ass,’”
Ricky later testified in court.

my permission, he changed the locks on the premises, which I own, and removed my signs, replacing them

legally served. Deputies who tried to serve the papers were told that Diaz was out of state and that he wouldn’t

be back for a week. At the time, Diaz was living with his longtime girlfriend at her gated home in Carlsbad.

Soltani said he believed somebody was lying on Diaz’s behalf.

Then Soltani came up with a plan. He changed the locks on the gates at the gym. The day he knew Diaz would show up, he sent two big guys to the gym to wait for him. They would hand Diaz the restraining order through the chain-link fence.

So on Monday morning, February 15, when Diaz drove his truck up to the gates of the gym as usual, he found that he was locked out. Raul Gutierrez and Peter Moreno were waiting with the restraining order. This did not cause Diaz to go away quietly. First, he tried to make a run at the fence, but he was not able to get over it. Then Diaz dialed 911 to report two burglars inside “his” gym. About the same time, Raul Gutierrez phoned

Soltani to report on how the plan was going. By the time Soltani arrived with supporting legal paperwork, he found his two tough guys on their bellies inside the gym with their hands cuffed behind them. Four or five sheriff’s squad cars and a helicopter surrounded the gym. Eventually, deputies released Raul Gutierrez and Peter Moreno and served the restraining order on Diaz.

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professional fight. The day before, Gil attended the weigh-in, and they met up with profes-

name, Gamez said he recognized Diaz's voice. Ricky Gutierrez's fight was held at the

cell phone, but Raul chose not to pick up the call. "Mark called me, I never answered," he said later.

After Ricky Gutierrez broke his contract with Diaz, Diaz took him to small-claims court, asking to be reimbursed for expenses such as the medical assessment that Gutierrez needed to get his "book," the state license that allowed him to compete as a boxer. In arbitration, Gutierrez agreed to pay Diaz \$3000 in monthly \$75 payments. The court document was signed March 15.

Another fighter who switched from Mark Diaz to Hector

Gil was Danny Perez. On April 2, Perez was featured in a Las Vegas fight. It was a Friday night, and the fight was televised. Gil was there, but he kept leaving the side of the boxing ring, reportedly because he was nervous and afraid.

On Wednesday, April 7, Bill Dean began his first day as the new

Loeffler thought that Gil was worried about getting his "butt kicked, not murdered."

sional cut man Albert Gamez, who attends to injuries during a fight. It was the first time they had met. "Hector kept asking me about Mark," said Gamez. "He had been receiving threats from Mark." Gil told Gamez, "That fool's been threatening me."

Albert Gamez had known Mark Diaz for six years. "He has helped me in the corner with my son." Gamez's 16-year-old son is an amateur boxer.

Diaz had called Gamez asking him "not to help Ricky" at his fight the next day. Diaz wanted the cut man to stay "on his side" and told Gamez to "do the right thing, don't help him." Diaz sounded angry and even threatened to sue Gamez. The cut man tried to explain that he did not take sides, that he worked for any fighter who needed his services.

Gamez said he listened to a couple of messages on Gil's cell phone. "There was a lot of profanity," Gamez recalled. "He was going to blast him or shoot him," is what Gamez remembered. It was an angry tone. "You're fucking with the wrong person. You watch, you watch, you're going to get yours," Gamez heard. Although the person did not leave his

Four Points by Sheraton San Diego. "My boy lost the fight," said Raul Gutierrez, but everyone was proud of Ricky, agreeing his fight was the best of the night. A few minutes after the fight ended, after 10:00 p.m., Diaz called Raul Gutierrez on his

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head trainer at the gym in Vista. Soltani had brought him in. "My duty was to take over the gym and manage it," Dean said later. Soltani told his new manager that the smoking and drinking going on around the gym made a bad impression on parents; he said it was part of a bad atmosphere left over from when Diaz was running things. It was agreed that Dean would put a stop to it.

Dean opened the gym a little after 11:00 a.m., worked all day, and was instructing an evening class when he smelled cigarette smoke. He poked his head out the doorway and saw

Gil and Peter Moreno lounging around the stairs that led up to the trailer door, smoking and drinking. Dean told them it didn't look good for the students to see that, and after the men acknowledged that they had heard him, Dean went back to his training. About 8:30 p.m., after Dean finished up his last chores, he called out to Gil to be sure to lock up, and then he left.

Ricky Gutierrez had arrived at the gym a little after 7:00 p.m. that night. The gym normally closed about that time, but they kept it open for him because everybody was so proud

of their local fighter. Gutierrez's next fight was scheduled for three weeks away. He worked out in front of a group of admirers and fin-

and I wanted to keep doing it," Lopez said. He'd left messages on Diaz's cell phone, trying to get his paperwork. "It was very important,

Soltani sent two big guys to the gym to wait for Diaz.

ished about 8:30.

Nico Lopez lived a block from the gym, and he loved to go there to train and hang out. He had recently gotten his book. But his trainer, Diaz, got kicked out of the gym. "I like boxing, I love boxing,

'cause that's what I needed to compete."

Finally, on April 7, Diaz returned his call. "He sounded down. Not happy. You could just hear it," Lopez remembered. "He asked how I was doing." When Lopez asked for

his book, "He said he would get it to me."

Phone records show that Diaz phoned Nico Lopez at 8:23 p.m., and this call was made from the Carlsbad area, where Diaz lived. Then, about ten minutes later, at 8:35 p.m., Diaz called Lopez again. He spoke for only about 20 seconds. This call was transmitted by cell phone towers in Vista. Lopez was at home when Diaz called. Diaz warned him to stay away from the gym. "He just told me not to go to the gym, stay away from the gym," Lopez said. Diaz told him, "There were bad people at the gym." Just minutes after

the second call ended, Lopez said, "Then, like, I heard gunshots."

After Ricky Gutierrez finished his workout about 8:30, he and Gil sat on the edge of the ring, on the apron, and Peter Moreno crouched down in front of them. Moreno jokingly complained about Dean telling him not to drink or smoke. "We were just hanging out, talking," said Moreno later. Then he heard a noise. "At first I thought it was a firecracker, but it was too loud to be a firecracker." He said Gutierrez shouted out, "Firecrackers!" and turned to look behind him in the direction



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of the noise. Moreno began to stand up. "As I was getting up, I felt a sharp stab pain in my shoulder," he said later. "That's when I knew I got shot."

"I seen the eye of the barrel pointing at me when I got up," said Moreno. "I noticed when I got up, I saw the gun pointing at me." He said he could see the shooter in the doorway. "First shot was the one that hit me. I seen a chrome gun and an arm sticking out. He had a hoodie on. But I couldn't make out the

face.

"Then he shot like four times.

"I got up and I ran

"As I was getting up, I felt a sharp stab pain in my shoulder. That's when I knew I got shot."

to the light switch and I turned it off, just in case he decided to come back and start shooting some more," said Moreno. "To make sure

if that person decided to come back, he couldn't see us."

Ricky Gutier-

rez said that when he looked behind him, he could see a silhouette in the doorway. He saw the smoke from a gunshot and a hand extending through the

door holding a chrome-colored gun. Gutierrez got up and ran toward a far corner of the gym. "I felt a bullet right through my tibia and fibula — broke both bones in half."

Moreno saw Gil stand up, but then Gil's eyes rolled back, and he went down. "Right there where he was standing he fell on the ground," said Moreno. "He fell facedown."

Investigators later determined that the slug that passed through Gil's back and out his chest then slammed into Peter Moreno's left

shoulder and lodged there.

Hector Gil Junior, who was in his 30s, had never met Diaz, but he knew about the threats left on his dad's cell phone. He had gone to the gym that night with his dad to be supportive. Gil Jr. was in a corner of the gym when he heard the gunshots. He looked up toward the doorway and, "I just saw the gun and the fire coming out of the gun."

Gil Jr. said he ran

toward the doorway. He saw somebody running down the stairs, away from the gym. But the lights went off, and he screamed for someone to turn them back on. When the lights came on, he saw his father lying facedown in a pool of blood. He ran to his father, who remained on the floor while everyone else got up. He turned his father over and lifted his shirt. He did not see the exit wound, which was

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But his father closed his eyes.

"I remember Hector Gil Jr. crying for his dad," said Gutierrez later. "He was on top of his dad, giving him a hug."

Six shots were fired. Three people were hit. Field evidence technicians photographed three bullet gouges in the hard surface of the boxing ring floor and bullet holes in the far wall of the gym. It was 28 feet from the doorway to Hector Gil's body. A year later in court, the prosecutor showed a photo of an ugly red, swollen bul-

let wound in the dead center of Hector Gil Sr.'s back.

The murder weapon was never recovered. Hector Gil was declared dead at

They turned their heads to see a customized Nissan Titan bump over a curb, speed past them, and park at the farthest corner of the lot. The truck's lights went out,

When the lights came on, he saw his father lying facedown in a pool of blood.

9:20 p.m.

In the shopping center across the street from the gym, some friends had met for dinner. Afterwards, as the women and children walked to a *frutería*, the men, idling in the parking lot, heard screeching tires and loud exhaust pipes.

and the men went back to their conversation. After some minutes, they heard loud noises like firecrackers and saw a heavysset man jog from the direction of the gym toward the Nissan. The man got into the truck, started it up, backed out without turning on the head-

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lights, and slowly drove off.

When authorities arrived at the gym, somebody immediately suggested that the new manager, Bill Dean, was the shooter. Later, no one would admit to mentioning Dean's name. But at the time, deputies quickly put out word that they were looking for Dean, and the manager was contacted by phone and asked to return to the gym.

Dean had just arrived home. He drove back to the gym, pulled up under the crime scene tape, and parked. Deputies pulled him out of the cab, their guns drawn.

Soltani arrived in time to witness this, and he suggested to investigators that they should be looking for Mark Diaz.

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At a hearing before the trial, a friend of Diaz named Peter Scanlon testified that he had seen a silver-colored gun in Diaz's home. It was just weeks before the shooting when Scanlon said he saw it "on the dining room table." Scanlon said, "I asked him to put it away so we could talk. We were having a beef."

He said that was the

only time he ever saw the gun.

The two-week trial began on April 12, 2011. More than 30 witnesses were called. Defense attorneys suggested that Diaz drove

from his home in Carlsbad to Vista that night to go to his favorite taco place. Prosecutor Patrick Espinoza sneered at what he called the "taco defense" and said Diaz shot Gil in frustration

over losing everything to the rival trainer.

It took less than two days' deliberation for the jury to declare Diaz guilty on all counts: the murder of Hector Gil, attempted murder of

Ricky Gutierrez, felony assault with a firearm on Peter Moreno, and making felony criminal threats.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 16 before the same

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Though the old-fashioned or slow-compost pile was a haphazard thing that took care of itself, the mysterious biological events that took place inside it were the essence of science. The heat that builds up within a compost pile and causes the materials in it to rot is the result of microbial action. By piling up organic materials and keeping them damp, one allows microscopic organisms to eat the organic matter, breaking it down and creating heat and nitrogen in the process. When this material is rotted enough so one doesn't know what went into it, then it's time to dig it into the ground, where it becomes what we call humus.

Today's manufacturers often label bags of compost as "humus," but this is a misuse of the word. Technically, *soil* is the thin layer of ground rock and organic matter that covers the surface of our planet Earth, and *humus* is the partially rotted organic matter that exists in soil. Compost does not become humus until it is added into the soil. Then, as humus, it rots further in the ground and in the process gives off nitrogen into the soil in a form that plant roots can absorb and use for growth. Humus also contains natural fungi

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In the 1930s and '40s, Sir Arthur Howard, J.I. Rodale, and other writers promoted a more complicated and scientific method of composting. Over a period of 30 years in India, Howard had seen large-scale hot composting done in that country. Based on what he saw, he developed a method of hot composting that could be managed by gardeners working on a smaller

scale. Howard's new method produced compost more rapidly than the old method used by Viney and his ilk. Hot composting consists of alternating more or less even layers of *nitrogenous materials* (wet or green organic materials, such as manure, green leaves, or grass clippings) with *carbonaceous materials* (dry organic materials, such as wood shavings, dry leaves, chipper materials, raw sawdust, or bagged rabbit litter). First, you create a pile about three feet square — this is the optimum size — by alternating these layers of nitrogenous and carbonaceous materials in roughly even quantities, then you keep the pile damp, and finally you toss and turn it to mix in air. Mixing in air keeps the heat going by providing necessary oxygen, but it also cools down the pile,

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thus preventing it from getting too hot and bursting into flame as Viney's pile used to do.

Unlike the slow method, fast composting is scientific, and if you don't do the process just right a few things can go wrong. If the pile is wet and smelly, that's a sign you put in too much nitrogenous and not enough carbonaceous material. Adding a handful or two of sawdust or some chopped dry leaves usually fixes this. If, on the other hand, your pile doesn't heat up even though you

put it together correctly, that is a sign it's too dry and you need to add a little water, or perhaps you put in too much dry carbonaceous matter and not enough nitrogenous waste. In that case, you need to add some nitrogenous materials like grass clippings, hot manure, or even human urine, or a few fish heads or fish entrails. (Fish parts will heat up a pile quickly, and it's safe to add them in an enclosed drum composter since animals won't be attracted.) If you're a man and your

compost pile is located in a private part of the garden, simply stand there and pee on the pile, and it will heat up the pile fast. You may laugh at me for this suggestion, but I might as well be truthful: people have been using this simple, built-in method of adding nitrogen to soil and soil amendments for thousands of years. Human urine is a clean and strong source of nitrogen. You need to dilute it in order not to damage plant roots. It is a bit too salty to use for feeding roses and vegetables

in dry Southwest climates as is done in many other countries, especially Finland, but it's fine for heating up a compost pile. It also includes phosphorus and potassium.

The best thing about hot composting is how quickly it works when done right. You can actually get a marvelous product ready to use in six weeks. It sounds impossible, but if the mix is right and you keep tossing the pile, hot composting works like a dream. While tossing and turning the pile,

one should put the cooler bits into the middle and the hotter parts on the outside. This is fun and satisfying work, and it's a great way to lose weight, but one needs to have strong knees. After I got knee replacements, I had to give it up. Composting didn't ruin my knees, however — being thrown from wild horses accomplished that.

Since the 1950s, I've lived and gardened in Del Mar, and during that time have enjoyed a long history of trying out various com-

posting methods. Recently, I decided I should write down this composting history and share it with others so they can reap the rewards of composting while avoiding the pitfalls. Having spent my early teen years on my family's organic farm in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, when I arrived in Southern California in 1944, I was steeped in the idea that we need to return all organic waste to the ground. I also expected that everyone would feel as I did on this subject and was shocked

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to discover that this was far from the truth. After I married, my husband and I settled in Del Mar next door to his parents, and I searched for a place to build a compost pile on my property. I made the mistake of discussing this subject with my in-laws, the late John Lloyd Wrights, a talented, fascinating, but strong-willed pair. John was the second son of Frank Lloyd Wright; my husband was the son of John's wife, Frances. The Wrights grew up in Chicago and environs, but even John, who used to play on his grandfather's Wisconsin farm in summer, could not accept nor believe in the correctness of composting here in California. They did not want me to have a compost pile, since they were convinced it would bring rats and other animals. Their

point of view had some merit.

Soon I learned another way to compost that required no rat-attracting heap. I learned that the San Diego Zoo's composting method was to chop up all garden trimmings and use them as mulch on the ground under the very plants from which they had come. The Zoo's method was combined with mature plants and heavy overhead irrigation, so nothing was unsightly and things rotted quickly. Imported water was plentiful in the 1950s, and though we were aware we lived in a dry climate, even the Metropolitan Water District encouraged plentiful use of irrigation in order to keep water rates low.

I adopted the Zoo's method of composting in my brand new and sparsely planted garden. I was try-

ing to improve the sandy soil that had almost no organic matter in it. But this too met with a hue and cry and considerable amusement once the Wrights discovered what I was doing. They didn't understand mulch but thought every leaf should be swept up, bagged, and sent to the dump. Like many people who move to California, they had no idea that even eucalyptus leaves will gradually rot and add their goodness to the ground; all it takes is time. Even the oils in eucalyptus leaves eventually break down in the compost process and do no harm. Pine needles can also be composted, but it is wise to compost them separately because of their acid content, and then use the compost for acid-loving plants such as camelias. Uncomposted pine

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needles are useful as mulch for azaleas and camellias, but even today are often swept up by gardeners and sent to the dump.

After my early composting attempts had failed due to heated opposition, I tried to improve my garden soil by burying kitchen waste straight in the ground, which on my property was little better than pure beach sand. In the early days of my garden, this practice attracted wild animals, including raccoons and the dreaded rats. My garden was still a wild place, without flowerbeds or vegetables. In a more conventional garden, burying wet materials from the kitchen, such as salad greens, cantaloupe and papaya peels, and vegetable peelings is a perfectly good and useful way to add nitrogenous materials to the ground, but unless one buries kitchen waste deeply in one's vegetable garden or flower beds, or under garden paths, animals both wild and domestic can be attracted to it and will dig it up. Another way is to blend vegetable and fruit wastes with water and pour it straight into garden soil, but this method takes time and electricity. It never seemed sensible to me.

Today, it would be impossible for me to compost all green waste from my garden, though I tried at one time to do this. One day when my children were young, I was reading the Beatrix Potter stories of *Peter Rabbit* and *Benjamin Bunny* aloud and thought again of Viney in Yorkshire and our compost piles on the farm, and how Mr. McGregor in *Peter Rabbit* simply piled everything up and it rotted after a couple of winters. I decided to try once more. This time I hit upon the French Trench

Composting method. I was a few years older and wiser and didn't discuss my current experiments with my in-laws. The site I chose for my compost pit was against a high north-facing natural earthen bank or

cliff. It was heavily shaded and near a hose, and though it was right next to the Wright's property, it was on a lower level. They would never know what I was doing. I dug a trench and threw everything

into it. Once in a while, I soaked the pile with water. If stuff was smelly, I threw a bit of earth on top. That's the French way, and not the way composting is done in England, where it is claimed adding soil

spoils the stew. Well, I found out it didn't. With infrequent watering, my French trench stayed damp and worked like a dream for several years. I added stuff on top, never tossed or turned the pile,

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— Matt Potter

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New reality

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Oh? Really? In Los Angeles, there is a plan to build a \$1.2 billion stadium with private funds. The project will be tied to the convention center (as the Chargers propose in San Diego). The city will sell bonds to pay for a new convention center wing, but, supposedly, the bonds will be paid off with revenue coming from the center and the new stadium. (Well, maybe.)

In any case, a bundle of private capital is going into the proposal by Anschutz Entertainment Group. (Admittedly, Philip Anschutz is worth \$7.5 billion and the Spanos family a paltry \$1.1 billion, according to this year's compilation by *Forbes* magazine. And the L.A. market is far bigger and richer than San

Diego's.) Still, L.A., unlike San Diego, demands private financing.

Similarly, the San Francisco 49ers aim to build a stadium in Santa Clara. The city is only kicking in \$79 million of the billion-dollar cost. Hotel taxes should add another \$35 million. (The change in redevelopment laws could alter current plans.) Since the 49ers' owners may not be able to come up with their share of the money, the Oakland Raiders may chip in and play at the stadium, too.

All over the United States, proposals to build stadiums are in flux. "They haven't put out the details," says former councilmember Bruce Henderson. "The devil is in the details, and if you don't have details, then you know you are dealing with the devil." Amen.

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economist John Vrooman estimates that in the early 1990s, before the league began its loan program, teams were only putting in 27 percent of stadium costs. Then after the league began providing loans, that percentage rose to 60.

What the Chargers propose to pay is closer to the percentage that teams put in *before* the league's loan program began, and quite possibly less.

This is hardly surprising because, all along, the team has been going down two tracks. It prefers to be the organization (perhaps one of two) occupying the stadium in L.A., if it ever gets built. But if the team can't get L.A., it wants a San Diego commitment in its back pocket.

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As now anticipated, this would be a smelly deal. Perhaps deliberately. The Chargers may want to be able to tell the league that San Diego just wouldn't cooperate and therefore they should get permission to go to L.A.

Henderson notes that in the deal in which former mayor Dick Murphy ended the 60,000-seat guarantee, costing the City \$100 million in rent, "The Chargers do not have to reveal that they are talking to anyone. They only have to give notice [of pending departure] in the period beginning in February, after the season, after the Super Bowl; notice doesn't have to be given during a period that gives any disruption to the team. We proved to be Super Suckers."

Maybe economic reality will prevent that happening again. ■

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name for she had no male children to do so." Deputy district attorney Anna Winn disputes this, stating, "I know for a fact that Bonnie is his birth mother, and no one else raised him. He lived with Bonnie and Don all his life until he left home as a young adult.")

Tyler wanted his parents to visit him in California. Donald said he was very persistent, but the middle-aged couple resisted. They acquiesced after Tyler sent them two plane tickets.

Donald found Tyler's home in Temecula "quite impressive." In fact, he said it was more home than he ever dreamed of possessing. Tyler told his stepdad that he worked in the real estate business. Donald observed

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that his stepson was “quite busy” and “always on the phone.”

Tyler showed his mom and dad ten acres in North County that he wanted to subdivide and develop. The land was in De Luz. The young man told them he had plenty of cash, but he needed to use Donald’s good credit rating to swing the deal. “He’s always trying to make deals,” remembered Donald. The older man was surprised and flattered to find out that he had a good credit rating. He said he had never checked it. Oh, and Tyler said he needed power of attorney, too, and some other information, like Donald’s Social Security number, to make the real estate deal happen. “And I provided all that,” said Donald. Back home in Pennsylvania, the agreeable stepdad mailed a notarized power of attorney to Tyler in January 2006.

The same month, mail started arriving at Donald’s home that confounded him. Donald sent this email to his son, dated January 27, 2006:

Tyler,
Just received a package from the

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title company, it is addressed to David Chaffee. There are several forms for Bonnie and I to sign in front of a notary. We already talked about your mom signing anything. Also I thought you were going to take care of everything that you needed. You know I won’t sign any false statements or do anything illegal. You were just going to use my credit rating to help get your land. These papers are time sensitive (says on the outside of the envelope). Let me know.
Love Don.

From the start, Bonnie did not want anything to do with the land deal or with providing her credit rating or power of attorney. “She’s smarter than I,” said Donald, looking chastened when he told his tale five years later in court.

Donald began getting rude phone calls and mail asking why he wasn’t making payments — all for accounts he had never opened. He was stunned that he was being called a deadbeat. He never carried a balance from month to month on the two credit cards that he had in his wallet.

Seeking help, Donald went to his local bank. His banker ran a credit check and handed Donald 13 pages of accounts and purchases. “So

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much put in my name I had nothing to do with!” Donald saw that he had multiple addresses listed in California. He contacted his stepson, who assured him “everything is going fine.”

Donald put a “fraud alert” on his credit, but an angry Tyler contacted him, telling him to remove the “fraud alert” since it was interfering with the important real estate deal. Tyler also caused his parents’ home phone to be disconnected to prevent creditors from talking to the real Donald Chaffee.

Donald’s alarm about this situation consumed him night and day. “It was non-stop, ongoing.” He was so distracted and nervous that he started missing days at work. Donald said he worked with molten metal, and a lack of concentration could mean “loss of a limb.” Eventually, he got fired from the job where he had worked for 20 years. Now the 62-year-old man is unemployed.

If You Are Smarter

In phone conversations with Tyler, Donald said he was eventually made to understand that Bonnie was a dumb country girl and that he was a stupid blue-collar worker. His stepson

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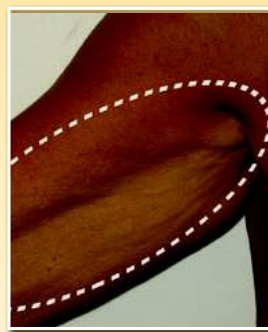
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explained that if you are smarter than someone else and you take advantage of that person, then that's just

the way it is. As if there's nothing wrong with it.

Donald said he tried phoning law enforcement in the Temecula area in June 2007.

Finally, in October 2007, Donald was steered to an

attorney, and together they revoked the power of attorney that Donald had granted his wheeling-dealing stepson.

Published reports indicate Tyler fled to Hawaii in 2007, and he lived there through 2008. He report-

edly lived in the expensive Honolulu neighborhood of Kahala, where he went by Kevin Kennedy — and four other names. After some time, a grand jury in Oahu indicted the multi-named man for stealing \$130,000 from Hawaiian banks; he reportedly registered four fake businesses and a charity in that state and then opened bank accounts for each. All this was reported in the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, which quoted a prosecutor who described Tyler Adams as "a con man, a sociopath who had no regard for the victims' property or those who might be affected by his criminal activity."

Fraud investigators in San Diego County got an

arrest warrant for Tyler in July 2009. After months of searching, they found him moving his belongings out of one of his properties in La Jolla. In November 2009, he was taken into custody.

Donald flew out from Pennsylvania to testify in the Vista courthouse in June 2011. In the three-day preliminary hearing, the prosecutor showed Donald many documents; he said, "No, that is not my signature" probably 30 times.

Deputy district attorney Anna Winn said the prodigal stepson purchased multiple properties using the identities of both parents and collected more than \$180,000 in commissions alone because he posed as both a loan offi-

cer and a real estate agent. Tyler never made any payments, and he defaulted on at least five mortgages, Winn alleged. Tyler collected rent from tenants at some of the properties and pocketed the money, the prosecutor said. He also opened up credit lines to buy clothing and computers and to charge common living expenses such as groceries and gasoline.

Tyler faces more than 39 years in prison if he is convicted of all 48 felonies in the current complaint. As the months have gone by since his arrest in 2009, the deputy district attorney has added more charges. The defendant's trial has been

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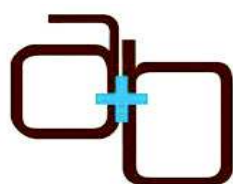
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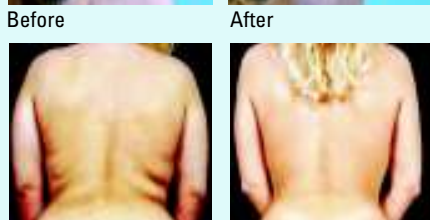


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delayed in part because he tried acting as his own attorney. "He's given me more time to work on it," prosecutor Winn said with a smile. While Tyler was acting as his own attorney, he filed motions that stated, "This was a monetary dispute civil matter amongst family members from the very beginning."

Tyler is pleading not guilty now through a public defender. He is currently scheduled to go on trial on September 19. "I do think the case will go to trial," said Winn. "If Tyler takes the stand, I know he will try his best to come up with some innocent explanations, but I think the evidence of his criminal intent is obvious. Actions speak louder than words, after all." ■

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ruption investigation."

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"The joint investigation...appears to be focused on McCoy's relationship with Tampa businessman George Levey, now president and chief executive officer of Cale Parking Systems USA Inc., the contractor supplying Portland's multi-space parking meters called SmartMeters."

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By Matt Potter
Friday, August 12

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Oceanside Councilmember to Run for Mayor

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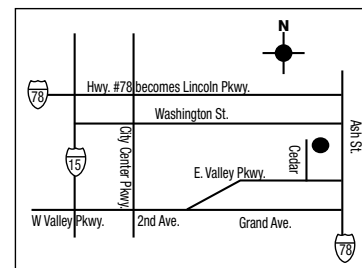
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According to the campaign, more than 300 women have joined the coalition so far.

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Around and Around

More Race Meets Coming?

Del Mar — There's no question that Hollywood Park Racetrack in Inglewood is closing. Currently, a land development company waits for the right time to turn the tract of land into a 238-acre mixed-use community. When that happens, race meets and the thousands of horses kept at the stalls will move to other racetracks, and that includes Del Mar.

In response, a group of Del Mar Racetrack advocates are urging racetrack officials to start preparing for additional meets and more visitors at Del Mar.

The number of additional meets that are on the way to Del Mar is unknown. Marten says that the commissioners on the California Horse Racing Board will meet next month to set next year's racing calendar.

*By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, August 10*

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By Dave Rice
Monday, August 8

O.B. Density

Residents Unhappy with Increase in Units per Acre Ocean Beach — A group of about 30 local residents gathered at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center for a public meeting concerning the Ocean Beach Community Planning Update Project.

Participants immediately lined up to complain about a perceived lack of notice regarding the meeting and difficulty in receiving a copy of the plan to review and offer comments on. Many speakers cited a *Reader* article by Dorian Hargrove or a more recent reference to that article by the community-oriented *OB Rag* as their only notification about the meeting.

Those who did comment on the plan mostly addressed their opposition to increased density in the community. The plan update calls for up to 1399 additional residential units to be built, largely by changing



O.B. Gateway project has stalled due to tiles that are not strong enough for memorial engravings.

allowable building density from 9 units per acre to 15.

By Dave Rice
Wednesday, August 10

L.A. Stadium Green Light

AEG Raises Farmers Field Lobbying Ante San Diego — Earlier today, AEG, short for Anschutz Entertainment Group, got the green light from the L.A. city council to proceed with the next step of its planned Farmers Field football stadium, one prospective tenant of which may be the San Diego Chargers.

The Spanos family relies on a single advisor, Mark Fabiani, to be its point man in efforts to keep the team

in San Diego county. He has wandered from city to city in search of a public financing deal, so far without success.

In the meantime, AEG has called on a phalanx of lobbyists to guide its project through California's and L.A.'s political thickets.

By Matt Potter
Tuesday, August 9

Caught You

High-Speed Chase Ends in Canyon

North Park — A loud police chase ended in a quiet residential pocket of North Park on August 9.

The target of the manhunt was apprehended just west of the 3100 block of

32nd Street. Area resident Brian Corrigan saw the catch.

"They chased him down and got him cornered in the canyon here," Corrigan said, pointing to the undeveloped area behind the houses on the west side of 32nd Street.

A police helicopter and multiple news choppers had circled the skies over the area for more than an hour while a team of four officers and a police dog searched several yards on Bancroft Street.

After a high-speed pursuit on the 8 and the 15 that started when a Highway Patrol officer attempted to pull over an

SUV for not having license plates, police lost track of the SUV until the helicopter spotted it on Bancroft.

By Shane Finneran
Tuesday, Aug. 9

Project Stalled

Tiles Delay Ocean Beach Gateway

Ocean Beach — The City of San Diego Engineering website describes the North Ocean Beach Gateway project as "a park incorporating a decorative plaza that provides pedestrian access into the adjacent Robb Field Community Park." The improvement will also act as a "gateway" for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians entering Ocean Beach from the north.

But after several months of ongoing construction and heavy equipment noise, the project still remains in an unfinished state.

Curious Ocean Beach residents and neighbors are wondering what the hold-up is.

According to Councilman Kevin Falconer's representative, Michael Patton, the project stalled due to problems with memorial tiles that were ordered but are not strong enough to allow for engraving. An estimated figure of \$219,000

was suggested by Falconer's rep as being necessary to complete the project.

By Gail Powell
Wednesday, Aug. 10

Slow Home Decline

We Are Less Bad Than Nation in Zillow Numbers San Diego — San Diego metro area home values continue to drop, but at a slower rate than the nation's, according to numbers released today (Aug. 9) by Zillow Inc. San Diego's home values declined 0.2% from the first to second quarter; the U.S. declined 0.4%.

San Diego's median home value is \$350,400, more than double the nation's \$171,600. San Diego's median tops New York's \$347,100, and is only beaten by Los Angeles's \$389,400 and San Francisco's \$479,300 among the top 25 U.S. metro areas.

By Don Bauder
Tuesday, August 9

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seemed odd.

Perhaps they'd always meant to invite us over but kept putting it off, the way we do with relatives when we take it for granted that they'll always be there. Or maybe they wanted one final chance to pick my brain on all things building-related and root out some of the gossip I'd accumulated over the years by being one of the few people brave and/or stupid enough to volunteer my time to handling homeowner issues for so long. I like to assume it's the former. In which case, my moving out was seen by some as a kind of death. (Moving, death in the family, divorce, and job change are supposedly the four most stressful things that can happen to a person.)

David said the invitations reminded him of

funerals. "Why is it that families only get together during a funeral?" he asked. I joked that it's because they don't like each other, but I knew that wasn't the truth. It's because we get busy, and we think we'll always have a chance to see each other later, so other obligations continue to take priority. My cousin Jeffrey had tried for years to organize a family reunion in upstate New York. But it was only after he died, as one of the firefighters who rushed into the first tower on 9/11, that the rest of the family finally organized the trip in his honor. It's an old, tired question, but its relevance is unending: why do we wait until it's too late?

I understand that people want to be nice. But, to me, taking the "last" opportunity to have a neighbor over for the "first" time seems kind of pointless. ■

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some skepticism, consider his closing comment in the article: "‘Damn,’ said Appleman. ‘That’s a lot of truck. What are home prices like in Coronado these days?’" My answer is, "I don’t know, Mr. Appleman. What are the prices of homes in the minority communities that you think it’s okay to drive trucks carrying radioactive steam generators through and why does it matter?"

Lawrence Graff
via email

"SD on the QT" is the Reader's "almost factual news" feature. — Editor

New To This Scandalous Town

Aloha, I moved here in June. Upon reading your articles I was appalled at the terrible language in them. I am also disturbed by the near-nude

female in your paper. Please encourage professional and proper language in your articles and the female modestly dressed. Thank you so much.
Monica Mangold
via email

More Free For Me

I really appreciate the *Reader*, and I'll tell you what I love about it. I love that in the events listings, the name of the city/town that it's taking place in is in parentheses after the different events. Lectures, sports... I am just thrilled with this sort of setup, 'cause the *Reader* has a lot in it, and I love that it's chock-full of everything. I just really, really appreciate that. And also, thank you, thank you, I'm a senior, and I appreciate the free events, so print as many of those as you can; don't leave any out if they pass your editorial board. Just thank you for what you do, and keep it up.

Name Withheld
via voice mail

Comments from Reader website

City Lights, by Joe Deegan
"Anatomy of a Good Idea: the Water Man Check-In Center"

Published August 10

So, let's break this down:

\$100,000 to administer a (rent-free) building full of large trash cans for less than a year;

\$40,000 for the lawyers;

\$20,000 minus expenses to be divided amongst some apparently unknown victims who now have to file claims...

Well, at least the lawyers did well.

By Bob_Hudson 6:20 p.m.,

Aug 10, 2011

Ours is a most profane culture. The "haves," at almost any level, are indifferent to the "have-nots," and what little is left of a social conscience is largely isolated to write-offs (pun intended) and rusty cans from the self-righteous. The stingiest among us depend upon the true charity of the downtrod-

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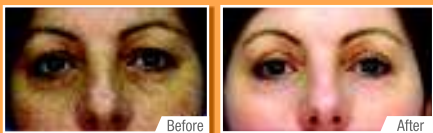
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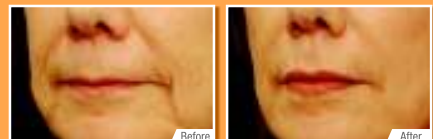
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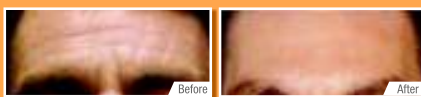
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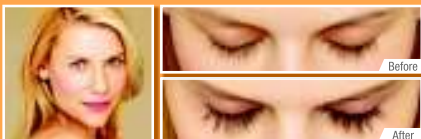
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den to help each other.

By Twister 7:49 p.m., Aug 10, 2011

This is one of the most effective, efficient projects I have seen. You have to go there to truly understand how well it works. It helps people keep their belongings safe and clean while cleaning up the downtown community all for a relatively small amount of funding. Their funding is leveraged by using volunteers to work with the small staff. The office they mention was already there and to my knowledge was furnished with second hand stuff. These folks waste NO money. As a resident of East Village I commend them for their efforts in helping our community. It would truly be a shame if this small amount of funding was not continued to allow this project to continue helping people help themselves.

By learnb4ugive 8:44 a.m., Aug 11, 2011

This project makes a lot of sense, and David Ross continues to be one of the most heroic men in San Diego.

David Ross gets beat up by cops, by thugs, by the very people he tries so hard to help, yet he keeps working on his mission to make a real difference in the world for those who suffer on the streets.

This simple idea, of giving the unfortunate a secure place to store some of their belongings, is long overdue. While it may seem expensive, compared to just about everything else the city is doing it's a bargain...plus, it actually works. When we see CCDC wasting hundreds of thousands on "reports" which contain falsified information to support preordained conclusions, written by former CCDC insiders now working as consultants, we know that most of the money this organization spends is squandered.

Remember also that former councilman Maienschein is being paid a handsome salary by the United Way to implement the "Plan to End Chronic Homelessness." Oh really? What's he doing?

And former CCDC board

member, and wife of Toni Atkins, Jennifer LeSar was just given a huge sum of public money to also "solve homelessness." How's that working out, Jen?

So while the costs of this simple and straightforward project, a hundred grand a year, seem high, it's a lot more value for taxpayers' money than the quiet corruption of paying off insiders to claim credit for "helping the homeless" while preparing their next career step.

Meanwhile, David Ross gets punched in the face, lawyers get their cut, the homeless have to wait and wait for their compensation, or any assistance from a contemptuous public.

San Diego, America's Finest City.

By Fred_Williams 10:33 p.m., Aug 11, 2011

Thanks to Fred and a handful of other real human beings, the rest of us are better advised about just how we are being rolled. Ordinary muggers get the slammer; we get what we are suckers enough to tolerate.

By Twister 9:19 a.m., Aug 12, 2011

City Lights, by Don Bauder "The Swiss Connection to BBG Communications" Published August 10

I am one of the plaintiffs on the Mattes/Mansfield lawsuit (now regarding only the issue of call recording). Shortly before this lawsuit began, I sent a letter of complaint to BBG Communications, Inc. Six weeks later I received a letter from Sheppard Mullin attorney Jerry Gumpel that stated "Please be advised that you addressed your letter to

the wrong party. BBG Communications, Inc. does not provide telecommunication services for calls originating in Europe. The correct party to whom you should address your letter to is BBG Global AG, a Swiss corporation." Yet the very website of BBG Communications, Inc. (<http://bbgcommunications.com/bbg/about...>) states "our interconnect and billing arrangements enable us to directly carry and deliver telecommunications traffic and bill customers in Canada, Germany, Japan, UK, the US and virtually all countries with credit card transactions."

Somebody is not telling the truth.

By plaintiff 12:16 p.m., Aug 10, 2011

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SEAN OF THE STORMS

See the 16,000-pound armored Tornado Intercept Vehicle that carried the IMAX camera and its storm-chasing crew while filming *Tornado Alley* and *Storm Chasers*. IMAX filmmaker and star Sean Casey will be on hand to answer questions and sign autographs. See [IN PERSON](#), page 60.

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SUMMERGRASS SAN DIEGO

The 9th annual San Diego Bluegrass Festival promises jamming, music workshops, kids’ activities, and of course live bluegrass bands such as the Grascals, Wayne Taylor & Appaloosa, Loafer’s Glory, Bluegrass Etc., and many more — all at the 40-acre outdoor Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista. See [SPECIAL](#), page 56.



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takes to sculpt your lovely lady figure. Materials and tools are provided. See [SPECIAL](#), page 56.

THE MAGICIAN KING

Critic and fantasy author Lev Grossman visits Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore to discuss his continuing story of the Narnia-like land of Fillory. His latest novel picks up two years after *The Magicians*, with Quentin and friends now serving as kings and queens. See [IN PERSON](#), page 59.

tor covers much of Bernstein’s early years. The *Reader’s* Jeff Smith writes, “It’s fascinating to follow a strand of music as it connects with others across the continuum.” See [THEATER](#), page 94.

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EXIT IN

City Heights arts group transcends DANCE celebrates five years with a performance and fundraising event at UCSD’s Wagner Theatre. Teens and young adults will present a “dynamic

intersection of hip-hop, modern dance, spoken word, and film.” See [DANCE](#), page 58.



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WORLD BODYSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Forget about the board and just throw your body into it! The 35th annual competition involves up to 400 body-surfers from around the world competing in their respective age division. Judges are looking for tricks such as underwater takeoffs, spins, and barrel rolls. See [SPORTS](#), page 61.

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CRACK UPS & MELT DOWNS

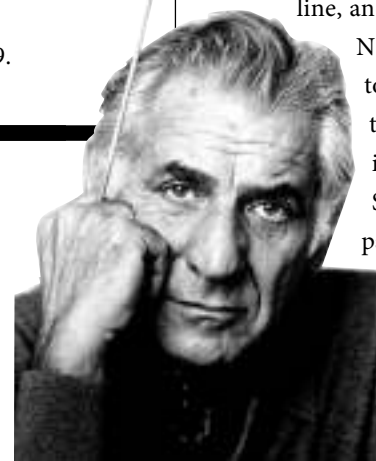
So Say We All’s Greenroom hosts a free-write session on “mental collapse, hitting the wall, going over the red line, and total loss of control.”

Nope, can’t relate. Go to Imperial House, join the crew, and get some ink on the page! See [SPECIAL](#), page 56.

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HERSHEY FELDER IN MAESTRO: THE ART OF LEONARD BERNSTEIN

Felder’s 95-minute tribute to the legendary composer and conduc-



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The fumes from the crater are sulphurous, and it might be difficult to breathe as you get near.

Nicaragua's Masaya Volcano at Night

By Mary Spierling

Outside the town of Masaya, Nicaragua, the Parque Nacional Volcán Masaya offers a glimpse into the smoking cone of an active volcano as well as stunning views of the area around Managua at night.

The park entrance is on the Managua–Granada highway, about four kilometers from Masaya. All buses between Managua, Masaya, or Granada stop at the entrance. You can hike the two-kilometer-long road to the crater and back again, hitch a lift, or hire a taxi in

Masaya. The Dina #2 restaurant is a great place to watch the sunset.

Volcán Masaya last erupted in 1772, but it was a powerful eruption, as the depth of the crater testifies. The fumes from the crater are sulphurous, and it might be difficult to breathe as you get near.

Look out for the famous *chocoyos del cráter*, small green parrots that have thrived in the poisonous sulphuric atmosphere and build nests in the walls of the crater. Masaya guides will take you to the lava tubes, where you'll see the local bats flying around after dusk.

We hired a taxi driver from Granada to take us to the park at night to see the lava flow and bats. The night tour requires a reservation, as it's conducted by a park guide.

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on Queen's Day

By Shannon Master

In town for work, I coincidentally arrived in bicycle-loving Amsterdam on Queen's

Day, or Koninginnedag. It's an annual national holiday on April 30 to celebrate the queen's birthday — even though her birthday is in January. The Dutch say April has better weather. I mean, how can you get wasted and trash your city in the cold?

The day is an occasion for the Dutch to flood the streets by foot and canals (by boat) wearing anything orange they can get their hands on — clown wigs, scarves, feather boas, blow-up hats, oversized sunglasses.

Even more than looking like a construction zone exploded, the streets looked like a landfill exploded. By the end of the day, there were bicycles leaning against trees, fully upright, buried in trash. You'd have better luck finding regurgitated dinner than you would your ride home.

By day, it's a festive, family atmo-



How can you get wasted and trash your city in the cold?

sphere. The country participates in a nationwide garage sale. They set up shop on blankets side-by-side along every street in the city, where neighborhood kids provide entertainment with their tortuous violin lessons or by singing in unison — loudly. Locals tout the “family-oriented” occasion but seem to deny to themselves that it is, more importantly, a

continued on page 58.

Other Adventures



sarahtitan: Walking to the white sand and clear water in Seaside, Florida



Sigourney Grondin: A man in St. Catherine, Jamaica, cuts up a sugar cane for his children using his machete.



scottmurphy: I made my way down to the southwestern edge of the Burren to see the Cliffs of Moher.

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Hot Springs Mountain beats Cuyamaca Peak by a whisker.

Originally published: July 6, 1995

Some of the loftiest — and least-visited — mountain country in San Diego County lies on the 25,000-acre Los Coyotes Indian Reservation. San

Diego County's highest point, Hot Springs Mountain, with an elevation of 6533 feet, beats the better-known, 6512-foot Cuyamaca Peak by a whisker.

With its network of graded and unmaintained roads (only a few of which are shown on our map), the reservation draws ever-increasing numbers of hikers, mountain bikers, and four-wheel-drive enthusiasts (trail motorcycles are not allowed, however).

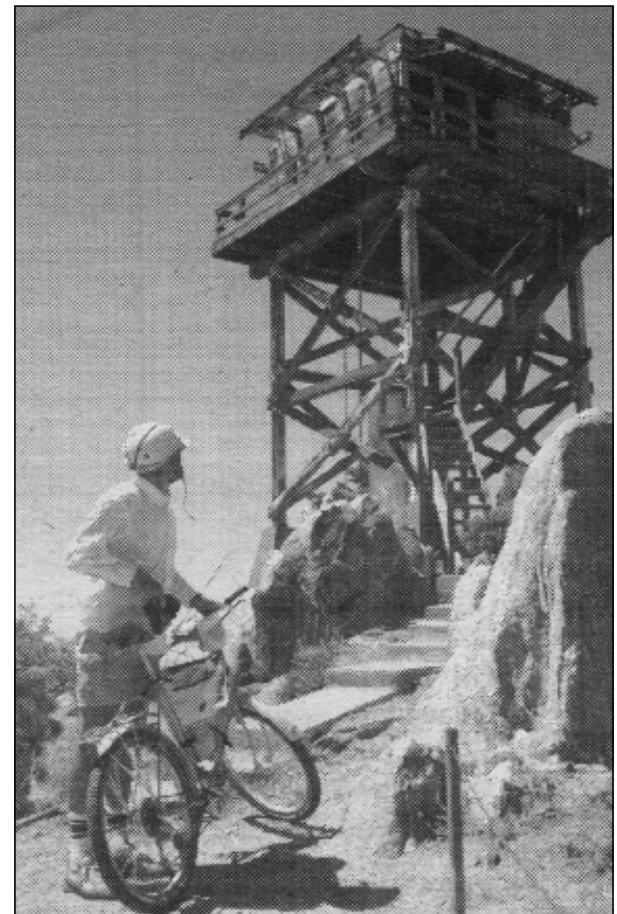
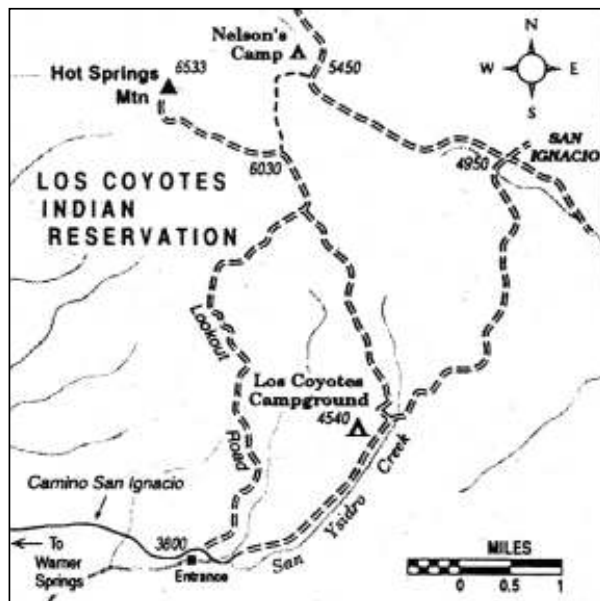
Hot Springs Mountain, whose densely forested slopes and granitic tors make it the crown jewel of the reservation, may be approached in several ways. Low-slung passenger cars and vans can survive the trip on the dusty, seven-mile-long Lookout Road leading to the old fire-lookout tower atop the mountain. Mountain bikers can tackle the nearly 3000-foot climb by way of either Lookout Road starting from the reservation entrance or by way of a shorter, steeper, more precarious ascent from the reservation's main campground.

Hikers can launch their climb from Nelson's Camp, a primitive campground accessible by car. From there, hike south up the verdant north slope of the

mountain's east shoulder on a washed-out jeep road. Once atop the ridge, you complete the walk via Lookout Road. This hike measures 2.8 miles one way, with an elevation gain of 1250 feet.

The lookout tower is dilapidated and dangerous — not recommended as a vantage point for viewing the surrounding scenery. East of the old lookout tower, you can climb a little higher through chaparral and oaks to reach the county's true high point — a flat concrete platform on top of a large boulder. A bit of hand-and-toe climbing is required to gain the last 20 feet of elevation. As seen from the platform, steep canyons yawn to the west and north, and the Salton Sea shimmers like a mirage on the eastern horizon.

To reach the Los Coyotes reservation, turn east on Camino San Ignacio from Highway 79 at Warner Springs and follow the signs. Entry fees are \$9 per car, \$16 for overnight camping. Los Coyotes is open year-round on the



weekends and holidays, weather and road conditions permitting.

Call first if you plan to visit on a weekday: 760-782-0711.

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OUTDOORS

Kid-friendly Owl Prowl Search for owls and other nighttime flyers with trail guide Jeanne Raimond, “whoooo” will discuss these clever and well-adapted night hunters. Meet at the parking lot on corner of Bushy Hill Drive and Father Junipero Serra Trail, across from Kumeyaay Lake Campground. 619-668-3281. Friday, August 19, 7:30pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Summer Morning Take guided interpretive walk to learn about native plants, animals that thrive in dry summer heat. Meet at park’s Visitor Center. 619-668-3281. Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, August 20, 21, and 24, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Twilight Critters Many animals are active at dusk, so enjoy this guided stroll through park grasslands, looking for animals as the sun sets. Bring your flashlight! 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 20, 6:45pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

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“Art in the Garden” Artists from local guilds gather at plant nursery to paint, show their photography, pottery, fused glass, garden art, more. 760-436-2194. Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 9:30am; **free**. Weidner’s Gardens, 695 Normandy Road. (ENCINITAS)

“Arte Fresca Takes a Detour” Detour DJs provide underground house music, Arte Fresca artists provide on-the-spot art creation, exhibits, including works by Scott Sampaio, Kristin Hardy, Kristen Agerake, Mackenzie Longwell, Callie Himsl. 619-850-7096. Saturday, August 20, 9pm; \$5. Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Crack Ups & Melt Downs” So Say We All’s Greenroom hosts free-write session on “mental collapse, hitting the wall, going over the red line, and total loss of control.” Get some ink on the page! 619-234-3525. Wednesday, August 24, 7pm; **free**. Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street. (BANKERS HILL)

“Design and Planning” “What does a city need?” Summer Salon Series continues with display of Mathew Hebert’s solar-powered sculptures, participatory ink-on-paper drawing with Sumi Ink Club (5-9pm,) art activities (6-7pm,) poetry reading by *Please* author Jericho Brown (7-7:30pm,) “pecha-kucha,” or brief, fast-moving slide show, by San Diego Architectural Foundation (8-8:30pm.) 619-232-7931. Thursday, August 18, 5pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Garden Expressions” Stroll through the gardens as sculptors, painters, glass artists, potters, gourd artists, fiber artists, more create and sell their work, much of it inspired by nature. Live music, organic food on hand. Participate in community sculpture using recycled materials with artist Rodney Rodrigo; learn to make botanical-print gift cards (Saturday), origami flowers (Sunday.) Take in talk by artist and architect James Hubbell on “Gardens — the Bridge Between the Wild and the Order,” Sunday (1:30pm), in the Ecke Building. Event free with garden admission. Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 9am; **free**-\$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

“How is Christianity Evolving?” Ponder the matter with Civilized Conversation group, “a respectful, open forum for discussing politics, religion, and philosophy.” 858-231-6209. Thursday, August 18, 7pm; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)


“Mermaids, Angels, Goddesses” “Hammer, emboss, punch, stamp ... bend, fold ... forge, fringe, ruffle ... twist, coil, spiral ... sew” to sculpt your own feminine archetype with copper, brass, wire “adornments.” Materials, tools provided. 619-223-0058. Monday, August 22, 10am; \$83-\$93. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

“Mindfulness Meditation” “Learn the basics of how to meditate” with “Dr. Funshine,” a.k.a. Caroline Meeks. 619-527-3430. Friday, August 19, 4pm; **free**. San Carlos Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

“Randomness” What is meant by the term? Meeting of the Minds discussion group considers. 619-

Rhyme & Verse

A Sonnet by William Shakespeare



William Shakespeare (1564–1616) wrote his sonnets over a period of eight years — between 1593 and 1601. The first published edition of them appeared in 1609 and consisted of 154 poems. The Shakespearean sonnet consists of three quatrains and a final rhymed couplet, all in iambic pentameter, with occasional metrical substitutions. This sonnet, number 130, is one of those addressed to the woman who has come to be known as “the dark lady of the sonnets.” Its clever refusal to follow the poetic convention of typical love poetry, which insists that the speaker’s beloved is more beautiful than anything in the natural world or any other creature who ever lived, gives this poem much of its charm and humor and accounts for it being among Shakespeare’s most admired sonnets.

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370-1027. Wednesday, August 24, 7pm; **free**. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

“Stitching Things Together” Opening reception for exhibit of quilts by the Chula Vista Quilters Guild. Quilters share stories of quilts in “bed turning” presentation. Reception includes “Bring-Your-Own-Quilt Corner.” Exhibit ends October 1. 619-267-5141. Saturday, August 20, 5pm; **free**. Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

Art Glass Fair Chula Vista Nature Center celebrates its summer exhibit, “Art Aquatic: Sea Life + Glassworks” by offering chance to meet, watch artisans at work, buy original glass art, and enjoy animal encounters, crafts for kids, hot dogs, snow cones, more. Free with admission, \$6 to \$11. 619-409-5900. Saturday, August 20, 10am; Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Artisans Market Saint James gift shop hosts annual market, offering folk art, jewelry, paintings from Africa, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Mexico. Classes offered on Day of the Dead skull-painting. Also promised: *baile folklórico* dancing (Sunday 11am). 858-456-1105. Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 10am; **free**. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

BBW Club Catalina Beach Party Join us for the Club Catalina Beach Party! Club Catalina is San Diego’s classy, BBW, Hip Hop Night Club. Located at Riley’s, 21 and over, \$10 Cover. FREE parking! Wear your SEXY Beach Clothes! 760-705-5327. Friday, August 19, 9pm–2am; Riley’s Music Lounge, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Classic Car Cruise Nights Classic cars of all decades and genres displayed at six dedicated lots. Music by Jerry “Hot Rod” DeMink and Band of Jimmys. 760-943-1950. Thursday, August 18, 5:30pm; **free**. Encinitas Smog, 682 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Collagraph Workshop “Create fine art prints by building your own plate using matt board with glued down textures and found objects” with instructor Loretta Kramer. No experience or art background necessary. Registration: 619-231-3900. Saturday, August 20, 10am; \$80.

Art Academy of San Diego, 3784 30th Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Conscious and Subconscious Two-hour class explores “how to hypnotize yourself, train your imagination, liberate your consciousness from constant worry,” more. 619-296-1560. Sunday, August 21, 1pm; \$20. Controversial Bookstore, 3063 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Dr. Sketchy’s Anti-Art School “Marina the Fire-Eating Mermaid” poses for your sketching pleasure during Dr. Sketchy’s session at Tiki Oasis. Bring drawing materials, “compete in silly contests for fantastic prizes.” Saturday, August 20, 3pm; \$10. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2740 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

History Mystery Challenge How well do you know downtown Escondido? Find out during scavenger hunt “riddled with food, drink, and fun.” Teams of four to six adults will explore downtown, decipher clues. Sign up as team or on your own and get assigned to a team. Registration: 760-743-8207. Thursday, August 18, 5:30pm; \$35. 21 and up. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Ikebana for Families Make a traditional Japanese floral arrangement to take home in family-friendly class by Valerie Brinkers of the Ikebana Sangetsu School of Floral Design. Individual \$8, family \$15; price includes materials. Meet in Studio 2 of center. Reservations: 800-988-4253. Saturday, August 20, 10:30am. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Jam with Pros! Bring an instrument, jam with professional jazz musicians on Lyric stage. Or bring family and friends, lawn chairs to enjoy jazz under the stars. 800-988-4253. Fridays, 7pm; through Friday, September 2, **free**. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Lighting a Scene Learn inexpensive ways to “light like a painter” when creating video using DSLR. Part of “Video Basics” series of workshops. 619-230-1938. Thursday, August 18, 6pm; \$25. Media Arts Center, 2921 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

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

Photography Skills Hone your “shooting” skills in this walking workshop with John Thurston. Meet at classroom, head out to roam Liberty Station photographing skyline, wildlife, architecture, then back to review work. 619-223-0058. Saturday, August 20, 9am; \$35-\$39. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

SD Arts Benefit Variety show featuring Roxane Carrasco, who starred in Broadway production of *Chicago*. Theater, dance, music performers to include Bare Dance Co., Somebodies Dance Theater, La Diega Dance, Arwen Daniels, Anthony Rodriguez, Russell Corpis. Supports arts in education, scholarships. 619-397-3855. Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 8pm; \$25. San Ysidro Performing Arts Center, 5353 Airway Road. (SAN YSIDRO)

Soothing Circle Reality and mystery merge during “relaxing and informative...renewing experience.” 760-721-2110. Saturday, August 20, 4pm; **free**. Kindred Journeys, 510 N. Coast Hwy. #101A. (OCEANSIDE)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, August 21, 10am; **free**. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Summer Snow Day Dogs are invited to play in fenced outdoor pet park filled with snow. Also on hand: “doggy ice cream.” 619-691-0289. Saturday, August 20, 10am; **free**. Unleashed by Petco, 304 East H Street #901. (CHULA VISTA)

Summergrass San Diego Bluegrass music festival promises jamming, music workshops, kids’ activities, dry camping, performances by Grascals, Wayne Taylor & Appaloosa, Bluegrass Etc., Loafer’s Glory, others. Three-day passes: \$55 in advance. Kids 10 and under: free. 858-679-4854. Friday,

August 19, 3pm; Saturday, August 20, 10am; Sunday, August 21, 9am; \$16-\$25. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

Surf Clinics for Fido Helen Woodward Animal Center hosts canine surf clinics in preparation for “Surf Dog Surf-a-thon” (on September 11). Be prepared to spend time in water with your dog. Reservations: 858-756-4117 x312. Saturday, August 20, 10am; Dog Beach Del Mar, 29th Street. (DEL MAR)

TwainFest Celebrate writings of Mark Twain, other writers of 1800s, including Edgar Allen Poe, Emily Dickinson. Costumed actors read aloud from works at various spots in park, present skits including “Twain for Kids,” “The Literary Garden Party,” “The Literary Séance.” Public is invited to compete in spelling bee, participate in a Never-Ending Story, play 19th-century literary games such as chortle this, telegraph crunch, and outdoor games such as sack races, tug of war.

Charles Harrington Elster, originator of public radio show *A Way with Words* and author of *Test of Time*, a story featuring Mark Twain, performs at various locations in park throughout day, gives talk at park’s Seeley Stable Theatre (4pm.) 619-220-5422. Saturday, August 20, 11am; Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Village Idiots Literary Society Group hosts open mike for “writers of all levels.” Share your poem or story! 760-414-1056. Friday, August 19, 7pm; **free**. Gallery 204, 204 Main Street. (VISTA)

“The Lamp” Movie Premier Based on the novel by Jim Stovall and sponsored by The Light of the Lamp Charity organization, along with Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc., this film’s proceeds will benefit The San Diego Children’s Coalition, www.SanDiegoChildren.org. This event will screen in La Jolla at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center — Doors open at 6:30pm. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. Saturday August 27, 7:30pm. (LA JOLLA)



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CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Baroque Masters" La Jolla Music Society's series continues with selections by Corelli, Telemann, Vivaldi, Couperin, Handel, Bach. Festival — continuing through Friday, August 26 — includes coaching workshops, open rehearsals, encounters. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Saturday, August 20, 7:30pm; \$45-\$65. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Bountiful SummerFest! La Jolla Music Society's annual series promises "Commissions and Premieres" on August 19. Tokyo String Quartet takes the stage August 21. Enjoy "Mozart III: Quintet Masterpieces" on August 23. Spend "An Evening with Midori" on August 24. Festival — continuing through Friday, August 26 — includes coaching workshops, open rehearsals, encounters. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Friday, August 19, 7:30pm; Sunday, August 21, 3pm; Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 23 and 24, 7:30pm; \$45-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Symphony Pops on the Green Fallbrook Music Society presents 26th annual concert with San Diego Symphony Orchestra playing "The Best of Broadway." Gates open at 5:30pm for picnicking (bring your own or pre-order boxed dinner for \$11); music at 7:30pm. Bring blanket or low-back chairs, or reserve table. Reservations: 760-451-8644. Thursday, August 18, 5:30pm; \$5-\$25. Grand Tradition Estate, 1602 South Mission Road. (FALLBROOK)

DANCE

"Exit In" Nonprofit City Heights arts group transcendANCE presents teens, young adult performers in "dynamic intersection of hip-hop, modern dance, spoken word, and film." In UCSD's Wagner Theatre. 619-255-3812. Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20, 8pm; \$10-\$25. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Summer Open House Performances by concert company, apprentice company, youth performing group, on-site classes and students, and "culminating work" from summer intensive. 619-238-1153. Saturday, August 20, 6pm; \$5. Eveoke Dance Theatre, 2811 University Ave., Suite A. (NORTH PARK)

FOOD & DRINK

"Chef's Loaded Burger Bar" Techniques, tips, common and unique ingredients divulged when grilling series by executive chef Steven Patrick (*The Fire Magic BBQ Cookbook*) continues. 760-827-2500. Wednesday, August 24, 6pm; \$20-\$25. Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar, Sheraton Hotel, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

"Lazy Days of Summer" Chef Arleen Lloyd explores "food and drink of summertime," such as Thai cucumber salad, gazpacho, sparkling sangria. 760-233-2433. Thursday, August 18, 6pm; \$65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Food for Food Exchange your homegrown veggies, fruits, eggs, or honey with other gardeners. Also take in demonstration of a "rain harvesting system." 619-537-9012. Thursday, August 18, 5pm; **free**. Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Gourmet Food Truck Festival More than 40 food trucks from

throughout region serve up "unique eats and specialty dishes" at festival, including veterans of Food Network's Great Food Truck Race — Delicious, Nom Nom, and the Lime Truck. Free with racetrack admission, \$6 to \$10. 858-755-1141. Saturday, August 20, 12pm; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Market-to-Table Learn to shop like a chef at La Jolla farmers' market, and "learn how to cook like one too" with chef Jesus Gonzalez, former creative chef for Rancho La Puerta and Golden Door spas. Wear comfortable shoes to walk to market with group. Lunch prepared, provided from market's bounty. Recipes provided during instructional class. 858-489-2877. Sunday, August 21, 9:45am; \$55. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Tapas & Paella Party! Cookbook author Phillis Carey shows how to create "the perfect party food" from Spain. Menu includes watermelon gazpacho shooters, three types of *tapas*, (snacks,) *paella*, *churros*, more. 858-270-1582. Tuesday, August 23, 6pm; \$54. Great News!, 1788 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FOR KIDS

"Almost Alice" Tour digital images by Maggie Taylor, then enjoy hands-on art-making for all ages, including paper hats by the Rad Hatter. Materials provided. 760-434-2904. Saturday, August 20, 11am; **free**. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"Boundless Energy" Hands-on activities, crafts, story time introduce aquarium's new exhibit. Participants explore different renewable energy sources, meet scientists studying renewable energy solutions. Free with admission: \$9.50 to \$14. 858-534-7336. Saturday, August 20, 11am. Birch Aquarium

Amsterdam *continued from page 54.*

day for drinking in excess.

It's similar to St. Patrick's Day, but the crowds of drunk and stoned orange people dancing on boats and sidewalks with beer bottles in hand makes it more like an enormous Bob Marley concert with Lady Gaga as the opening act. By nightfall, people were puking in the streets, passed out in chairs, pissing in public... I'm fairly confident the queen can't fit in a visit to Amsterdam that day. The entire city celebrates with fervor and solidly puts the Irish to shame.

Of course, Amsterdam is known for its "coffee shops" and legal prostitution

in the surprisingly organized Red Light District, which doesn't disappoint. Want a mellow, happy high? Try "Bubble Gum." Want to see the selection of blonde girls? Over here. Or the "pretty" girls? Down this street.

This is a liberal, democratic society at its best and appears to be a centuries-old throwback to the days of ports and pirates. But the Dutch government is beginning to ban foreign visitors from entering coffee shops. They want to stop drug tourism, which opponents have labeled "tourism suicide." Luckily, places to stay like the Oud-West or Oud-Zuid sections just south of the city center offer a cool vibe all on their own — no "coffee" needed.

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at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Raven Speak Local author Diane Lee Wilson discusses her teen novel about struggles of 14-year-old Assa to save her “desperate Viking clan.” 858-581-9935. Tuesday, August 23, 6:30pm; **free**. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Dreams for Mayan Children Walk/Run 5-kilometer walk/run raises money for school supplies for children in southeastern Mexico. Zumba warm-up: 7:30am. Clowns, astro-jump also on hand. \$15 donation for adults; kids free. 619-250-4432. Saturday, August 20, 7:30am; De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Family Sunday Explore museum’s exhibitions of folk art, craft, design; win a prize for completing a treasure hunt; enjoy storytelling, crafts. See *Landscape of Pyramids* from “The Soul of Mexico” film series (2pm). Admission: \$5 for families, \$3 for individuals. 619-239-0003. Sunday, August 21, 12pm; Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Junior OTL! The 42nd annual OMBAC junior over-the-line tournament is for those 5-18. Male and female players divided into age brackets for competition. Softball bats only; fielders’ gloves allowed for boys 15 and younger, and for girls of all ages. 858-652-8927. Sunday, August 21, 7am; **free**. 5 and up.

Fiesta Island, 1500 Fiesta Island Road. (BAY PARK)

Spiderman Cookies Decorate cookies with Marvel Comics shapes — Captain America, the Hulk, Iron Man, and, of course, Spiderman. For \$5, participants get to decorate two cookies and meet Spiderman. Benefits “No Kid Goes Hungry” campaign of Share Our Strength. Reservations: 619-295-0510. Saturday, August 20, 11am. Williams-Sonoma, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

IN PERSON

“Life in the Middle Ages” What’s so funny about a midlife crisis? Writer/performer Steve Ochs “takes aim at mortality, vitality” using “multimedia, comedy and audience interaction.” 858-232-6332. Saturday, August 20, 7pm; \$20. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

“Make Time to Laugh” “Comedy campaign to combat stress and depression,” featuring Brad Williams, Will C., Rob O’Reilly, Kenny Klein, hosted by Levi Miller. \$20, military \$15. 760-529-9140. Saturday, August 20, 7pm. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

“Tosh Tour on Ice” Stand-up comic Daniel Tosh, host of Comedy Central’s *Tosh.O*, performs. Saturday, August 20, 7pm and 10pm; \$58-\$69. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Filipinos in San Diego Authors Judy Patacsil, Felix Tuyay discuss their book (also co-authored by Rudy Guevarra Jr.) which “uses historical narratives, archival photos to portray the lives of Filipinos ... in San Diego over the past century.” 619-527-3405. Saturday, August 20, 1pm; **free**. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

Rush: Why You Need and Love the Rat Race “We don’t really want to relax — we want to compete,” according to Todd Buchholz, former White House director of economic policy. He’ll visit to discuss and sign his book (provided it’s purchased from Warwick’s). 858-454-0347. Tuesday, August 23, 7:30pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Tattoo Author Kirsten Imani Kasai reads, signs her new science fiction novel. Enjoy “treats transported from the world of *Tattoo* to our own dimension.” 619-284-7684. Sunday, August 21, 4pm; **free**. 13 and up. Grove, 3010 Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

The Magician King Critic and fantasy author Lev Grossman discusses, signs his “continuing story of *The Magicians*.” 858-268-4747. Monday, August 22, 7pm; **free**. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Black Comedy Stand-up comedian, author, playwright, social critic, actor Lewis Black entertains. 877-946-7252. Saturday, August

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Carlos Mencia The “equal opportunity offender” comedian entertains. 800-745-3000. Saturday, August 20, 7:30pm; \$55. Humphreys by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Celtic Harp Concert Amy Kaner plans recital. Reception follows. Donations appreciated. 619-668-3275. Sunday, August 21, 3pm; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Coastal Communities Concert Band Coastal Communities Concert Band presents pops concert including tunes from Glenn Miller, *Phantom of the Opera*, John Philip Sousa. Featuring vocalists Michael Ruhl and Lillian Palmer. 800-988-4253. Sunday, August 21, 2pm; \$12-\$15. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Poetry of Fernando D. Castro Colombian-born author of *Redeemable Air Mileage*, *Nightlife of Saints*, and *Fernando’s Cafe* reads his work, followed by an open mike reading. 760-643-5100. Sunday, August 21, 2:30pm; **free**. Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus Avenue. (VISTA)

Sean of the Storms IMAX filmmaker, *Tornado Alley* and *Storm Chasers* star Sean Casey on hand to answer questions about storm-chasing, sign autographs, pose for photos. See 16,000-pound armored Tornado Intercept Vehicle that

carried the IMAX camera and its storm-chasing crew. Included in admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, August 20, 10am; \$11-\$15. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Stand-Up at the Spacebar Comedy hosted by Gina Manning, Kathleen Finney. Donation. 619-453-4935. Friday, August 19, 8pm; Spacebar Internet Cafe, 7454 University Avenue, Suite A. (LA MESA)

Steampunk-style Jewelry Design Jean Campbell, author of *Steampunk Style Jewelry*, editor at *Beadwork* magazine, talks about how to make jewelry with “steampunk” look — Victorian, mechanical, yet futuristic. Free with museum admission, \$5-\$8; hosted by Bead Society. 858-336-3787. Saturday, August 20, 10am; Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Stress-Free Tuesdays Comedy by Rob O’Reilly, Amir Kamyab. Host: Byron Bowers. No cover before 7pm, \$5 after. 888-316-0722. Tuesday, August 23, 7:30pm; 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

LECTURES

“Marine Debris” Talk on plastic trash accumulating in the ocean — trash that comes from coasts. Find out what kinds of debris are most common, ways to address problems. 619-575-3613. Saturday, August 20, 10am; **free**. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Bicycle Safety in Traffic Class for new cyclists and those who want to feel more comfortable riding on city streets will cover basics — choosing the right bike, properly fitting a helmet, safest ways to ride in traffic, techniques to avoid or deal with road hazards, emergency maneuvers, more. 858-472-6025. Sunday, August 21, 9am; \$30. Kensington Cafe, 4141 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

Conversation with an Artist “Celebrated San Diego-based photographer” Philipp Scholz Rittermann and museum curator Kathryn Kanjo discuss “the accelerated changes of China’s Grand Canal captured in Rittermann’s images,” many on view in “Emperor’s River” exhibition. 858-454-3541. Thursday, August 18, 7pm; **free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Free Lecture Come and join us for a free lecture at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The following subjects will be covered: Alzheimer’s: In-home Support; Freedom of Fitness: Nutrition and Fitness; Mobile Physician: Doctors at Your Home; and Help: Clinical Psychologist at Your Home. Refreshments will be served in the lounge! Free parking. Call 619-563-0560 for questions. Friday, August 19, 2pm; Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2930 Howard Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Kriya Yoga Yoga teacher Richard Peterson explains “nonsectarian and ancient meditation technique,” which builds on principles of karma yoga. 818-585-6991. Friday, August 19, 7pm; **free**. Harding Community Center, 3096 Harding Street. (CARLSBAD)

End Time Mondays Is the world coming to an end? What is the Mark of the Beast? Will there be a Rapture? Discover what the Bible says about Last Day Events at our ongoing Bible Prophecy Seminar. 760-723-7733. August 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fallbrook Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1200 Rainbow Valley Road. (FALLBROOK)

SPORTS

(You’ll Deserve) Lunch in Fallbrook Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 55-mile outing to Fallbrook. Adventure starts east of railroad track (through the tunnel) in harbor’s free parking lot. Bring money for food. 858-453-

4587. Tuesday, August 23, 9:15am; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Copa Univision Soccer More than 120 teams of children, adults compete in nine divisions. Spanish-language Univision TV staff takes on Univision Radio staff Sunday (1 pm). Live music, “recreational activities for the whole family.” 858-576-1919. Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 9am; **free**. Hourglass Field Community Park, 10440 Black Mountain Road. (MIRA MESA)

Feeling Fit Festival Learn an “assortment of innovative ways to stay fit.” Drop-in activities for all ages including guided trail hikes, sports clinics and games, fitness class demonstrations, jump-houses for different age groups, 30-foot rock wall, “energetic music.” 760-943-2269. Saturday, August 20, 10am; **free**. Leo Mullen Sports Park, 951 Via Cantebría. (ENCINITAS)


Gutierrez Memorial Cup Finals San Diego Polo Club competition. Preliminary matches at 1pm, feature match at 3pm. Pack lawn chairs, cooler to view games from east side of field for tailgating (\$25 per car). 858-481-9217. Sunday, August 21, 1pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Midnight Madness, Fun Bike Ride! Hostelling International USA hosts the 38th annual Midnight Madness ride! Join for a fun night of costumes, prizes and a nighttime bike ride around the San Diego Bay. Registration opens at 8 pm. Cost is \$32 for adults, \$15 for children under 12. Register now <http://www.sandiegohostels.org/midnightmadness> or call 619-338-9981. Ride starts at south side of San Diego County Administration building. Saturday, August 20, 8pm; County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN)

Padres Meet Marlins San Diego Padres host Florida Marlins. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-

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Bayview Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Contact: 505 East Naples Street, Chula Vista; 619-421-1003; bayviewopc.org

Membership: 100

Pastor: Roger Wagner

Age: 62

Born: Burbank

Formation: Westmont College, Santa Barbara; Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; Westminster Seminary, Escondido

Years Ordained: 38

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

Pastor Roger Wagner: I tell people now that it takes me 38 years to prepare every sermon! But...if I'm familiar with the text, it takes three

to five hours; if it's new material or going back over a book of the Bible I haven't studied in detail for a time, then it could be ten hours or so. It's a small church, so I don't have a staff. That means I'm directly involved in the lives of the people. So, there's a direct connection between the pulpit and my pastoral ministries, visitations, and prayer. My direct contact with the people feeds into the sermons and vice versa. **SDR:** What is your favorite subject on which to preach? **PW:** More and more I love to preach about the life of Christ, his redemptive work, his personal contact with people, his miracles and parables and so forth....

I don't think we can get well enough acquainted with Christ. **SDR:** What is your main concern as a member of the clergy? **PW:** The spiritual formation of my people is my foremost concern. I really do see myself as a shepherd, and my job is to get them from where they are when I find them through to the end of their lives if we're in the same church at that time. I want to see them growing. **SDR:** What is the mission of your church? **PW:** We frame it, really, in God-centered terms. We are a community of people who worship and serve God. And then we break that idea

out in terms of fulfilling our mission to the community, both to evangelize and to show compassion through various kinds of ministries. **SDR:** Where do you go when you die? **PW:** First, you go to be with Christ, which is Heaven, although I think most of the conceptions of Heaven that are part of the popular Christian imagination don't have a lot of biblical basis. There's not a lot said in the New Testament about it; the point is that we're absent from the body and present with the Lord. So, Christ is with God and we will be with Him. But our ultimate hope is in the life *after* the life after death, in a resurrection body,



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in the new heavens and new earth. That will be the final consummate eternal state. I really think, although Paul says that to depart and be with the Lord is better than what we have now, our ultimate hope is the resur-

rection of the body and life everlasting. **SDR:** Is salvation pretty much universal then? **PW:** No, it's for those who put their trust in Christ. Our sins need to be forgiven in order to be reconciled to God. I do believe the Bible teaches that for those who reject God and live their lives in rebellion against him there will be eternal punishment. Now, all true believers go. It's not just Presbyterians, Baptists, or Roman Catholics, but anyone who genuinely trusts in Christ, has their sins forgiven, and has that hope in eternal life.

— Joseph O'Brien

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795-5000. Thursday and Friday, August 18 and 19, 7:05pm; Saturday, August 20, 5:35pm; Sunday, August 21, 1:05pm; \$10-\$71. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Pro Bull Riding Watch cowboys v. "ranked bulls in the world." Bull riding, poker-table ("know when to walk away, know when to run"), and teeter-totter events. 858-793-5555. Saturday, August 20, 8pm; \$26-\$66. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Revolt Summer Surf Series Pro Am surf competition with many divisions. Beach games, DJs. Free for spectators. 858-488-8730. Saturday, August 20, 8am; Crystal Pier, Garnet Avenue at Ocean Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Snorkel La Jolla Cove Get your flippers moving and "discover a wide variety of animals that make

their homes among the kelp, sandy bottom, and rocks," guided by aquarium naturalists. Participants must supply own gear. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, August 20, 8am; \$25-\$30. 10 and up. La Jolla Cove. (LA JOLLA)

South Bay 50K Ultra Fun Run Institute for Student Health leads participants on "beautiful 50km (31 mile) trail run across breathtaking beaches, bays, canyons and lakes" ending at Otay Lake, as part of trend toward "runner-designed ultras" that forgo competition. Bike escorts, aid stations, "post-run gathering" promised! Donation: \$5. 619-415-4752. Sunday, August 21, 6am; Glorietta Bay Park, 1715 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

Surf Meets the Turf Del Mar Thoroughbred Club horse racing meet is underway. Newcomers' seminars offered daily, one hour prior to first race. Gourmet food truck festival: August 20. Beer Fest:

September 4. Wiener Nationals: September 5. Jockey photo day: September 5. Season concludes with Party in the Paddock on September 7. 858-755-1141. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2pm; Fridays, 4pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 2pm; through Wednesday, September 7, \$6-\$10. Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

World Bodysurfing Championships 35th annual competition by 250-400 bodysurfers from around the world, competing in their respective age divisions. Judges look for tricks such as underwater takeoffs, spins, barrel rolls. Men's and women's grand champions crowned Sunday afternoon. 760-802-7452. Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 6am; **free**. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Centro Cultural Tijuana 011-52-664-687-9650. Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum "Paintings by Chia-Shang Cheng: Millet of Taiwan," opening Saturday, July 30 and continuing through August, features Chen's "realistic portrayal" of pastoral themes which have "inspired comparisons with the 19th-century French painter Jean-François Millet."

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. 404 Third Ave., 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum A collection of fine work in metal and wood-working at small end of the size scale including clocks, model aircraft, cars, trains, construction equipment, engraving, miniature guns, model machine tools, wood-working 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

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SHEEP and GOATS

Heraclitus

(1) It is wise to hearken, not to me but to my word, and to confess that all things are one.... (57) Good and ill are one.... (59) Couples are things whole and things not whole, what is drawn together and what is drawn

asunder, the harmonious and the discordant. The one is made up of all things, and all things issue from the one. (60) Men would not have known the name of justice if these things were not. (61) To God all things are fair and good and right, but men hold some

things wrong and some right.... (96) The way of man has no wisdom, but that of God has. (97) Man is called a baby by God, even as a child by a man. (98, 99) The wisest man is an ape compared to God, just as the most beautiful ape is ugly compared to man. — “Fragments”

Heraclitus (c. 535–475 B.C.) was a pre-Socratic Greek philosopher and a native of Ephesus. While little is known about his life outside what he reveals in the extant fragments of his writings, he held an unambiguous contempt for humanity and saw

himself as an autodidact. Most famous for his dictum “You can’t step into the same river twice,” Heraclitus saw change as the only unchanging principle in the universe.

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community garden and a meeting place for San Diego youth.” 200 West Island Ave., 619-233-8792. (EAST VILLAGE)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove Dr. Charles and Mrs. Effie Good came from Minnesota to San Diego in 1900 and then to Lemon Grove in 1905 to run a ten-acre lemon ranch and raise three children. Learn all about “The Remarkable Legacy of the Good Family: A Lemon Grove Story” through December. Exhibit displays extensive family photographs and memorabilia related to camping, ranching, road-building, politics, family life. 3185 Olive St., 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center “Geometry Playground,” with more than 20 exhibits offering “playful investigations of the

most visible branch of math,” continues through Sunday, June 10, 2012. “Identity: An Exhibition of You,” closes Sunday, September 25.

Ongoing exhibits include “Cellular Journey,” seeking to “expand visitor knowledge and appreciation of human cell biology, the importance of stem cells and the potential impact of stem cells on medical research in the fields of regenerative and personalized medicine.” See “Blockbusters,” “So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy,” “Aging for All Ages,” “Kid City” (for preschoolers). Museum features more than 100 hands-on science exhibitions. Films shown daily in IMAX Dome theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum “Space: A Journey to Our Future,” presented in collabo-

ration with NASA, looks at history of aeronautics. Visitors explore a future lunar base camp including bunk beds and kitchen, build an Ares rocket, create a “mission to Mars,” ride a bike-powered centrifuge and experience physiological challenges of space flight, touch actual Moon meteorites and Mars rocks, more. Through January 2012.

Museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Black-

bird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. The 3D/4D Zable Theater hosts screenings of *Jetpack Adventure* and *Fly Me to the Moon*. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collections with public for educational, scientific, cultural use. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Rd., 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Museum of Man “Modern Day Mummy: The Art and Science of Mummification” focuses on subject of mummification, and scientific inquiry and intrigue surrounding mummies.

Exhibit showcases various types of mummies, both intentionally and naturally preserved, illuminates how current research is performed on mummies, and what scientists hope to learn. Closes Sunday, March 4.

Learn about the ultimate support system — bones! “Strange Bones: Curiosities of the Human Skeleton” focuses on “many different strange, odd, and curious things that happen to our skeletons.” View specimens with evidence of dwarfism, fusion of fractured bones as the result of abnormal healing, effects of diseases such as scurvy and syphilis, more through Thursday, January 12.

“Counter Cultures: The Secret Lives of Games” features board, tile, and card games. See old classics, games from around world, become a game piece on the Counter Cul-

tures game board. Through Sunday, September 11.

Permanent anthropology exhibit “Footsteps Through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution” features “more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine).” 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Rd., 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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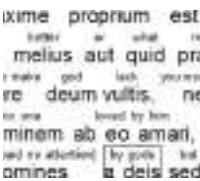


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ART MUSEUMS

“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)

“George Inness in Italy” Organized by Philadelphia Museum of Art, exhibition examines Inness’s two Italian sojourns (1851-52 and 1870-74), their formative impact on his experimentation with style, composition, and subject as he sought inspiration in art of the Old Masters and his personal experiences of the places they painted. Exhibit, showcasing ten oil paintings and one watercolor, continues through Sunday, September 18.

Museum features *Saint Bartholomew*, said to be “only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego.” Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 1:30pm; **free**. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Gustav Stickley and the American Arts and Crafts Movement” Examine Stickley’s contributions to history of American design and architecture during his most productive and creative period (1900-1913), and gain insights into artistic, commercial, social context of his 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 displayed. Closes Sunday, September 11.

Works by artist, curator, author Rubén Ortiz-Torres featured in “Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man” were developed from early 80s to early 90s, “when the artist was inspired by the punk scene in Mexico City.” See drawings, photographs, video by the longtime UCSD visual arts professor through Sunday, October 30.

“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.

“Emperor’s River: Philipp Scholz Rittermann,” boasts dramatic landscapes of China’s Grand Canal captured through the San Diego-based photographer’s lens. “Rittermann’s panoramic images portray the often jarring contrasts of history and modernity, rural terrain and burgeoning metropolises of this rapidly developing country.” Both exhibits close Monday, September 5. Daily, except Wednesdays, 11am; **free**-\$10. Museum of

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“Jennifer Steinkamp: Madame Curie” View this new digital video animation through Monday, January 2, inspired by Steinkamp’s recent research into atomic energy, atomic explosions, and the effects of these forces on nature. The “enveloping panoramic work will activate a field of moving flowers and flowering trees.” Daily, except Wednesdays, 11am; **free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

“Transitions: Works by Françoise Gilot” “Interested in mythology, symbolism, and the power of memory, French-American artist Françoise Gilot expresses complex philosophical ideas with lyrical accessibility.” View a collection of oil paintings and works on paper highlighting her interest in color relationships and fine line between figuration and abstraction. Gilot resided for many years in La Jolla with husband Dr. Jonas Salk, now divides her time between studios in New York and Paris. Closes Sunday, November 13.

Italo Scanga (1932-2001) was said to possess the “ability to transform mundane objects such as kitchen gadgets, potatoes, and scraps of wood into...celebrations of life.” “Looking for a Miracle?” — continuing through Sunday, August 21 — offers seminal exhibition of work by renowned artist who taught at UCSD, worked in San Diego from 1978 until his death

in 2001. Exhibit includes sculptural works spanning his career, including “The Potato Famine,” “Aminams in Danger,” “Troubled World,” and the “Meta” series.

“Looking beyond the physical surface, Vicki Walsh captures the depth of a person’s soul in her hyper-realistic portraits.” Large-scale portraits of important people who have touched her life are on view in “Touching the Surface: Vicki Walsh,” closes Sunday, October 23.

“The Virgin’s Dream: Beatrice Wood Drawings and Ceramics” features diverse collection from the 1930s to 1990s of drawings in watercolor, colored pencil and graphite, book illustrations, sketchbooks, figurative sculptures, vessels, plates, and a unique mobile that hung in the artist’s Ojai home. The exhibit highlights work from archives of Beatrice Wood donated to museum by archivist David VanGilder, who lived with Wood for ten years. Closes Saturday, September 10.

Set in fantastic theatrical scenes, Marianela de la Hoz’s portraits “create an intimate and sometimes terrifying mirror of reality.” In “Metamorphoses,” view a collection of drawings, egg tempera paintings, and assembled works exploring two constant characteristics in her work, metaphor and metamorphosis. Through Sunday, October 9. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 1pm; **free**-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

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Home Is Where the Art Is

The warm grain of solid wood softened Arts and Crafts' broad-shouldered virility.

When the American furniture manufacturer Gustav Stickley returned from a trip to England in 1897, he brought back an idea promulgated by John Ruskin (social reformer, connoisseur, premier art critic of his day) and William Morris (utopian, designer, craftsman), who believed that industrialization forced workers to produce endless exemplars of established upper-middle-class styles — of furniture, for instance, or windows or textiles — which had no relevance to their own hard lives. Alienated from their labor and its products, they were therefore alienated from their own nature. Ruskin and Morris wanted to retool manufacturing to allow workers to hand-make tables, chairs, lamps, tapestries, crockery, and other things of use. They called their program the Arts and Crafts movement.

Stickley brought their ideas home to America and essentially reinvented his company to produce and market a new species of home furnishings that would revise the way working people viewed their labor and the way homeowners viewed their lives. The American Arts and Crafts style (often called Mission style, a term Stickley hated) came to dominate American design arts for many years, from ink blotters and cigar holders to furniture and residential architecture. You recognize it in an instant. The settles, rockers, refectory tables, tabourets, sideboards, screens, and armoires, are rectangular, hefty, and stolid, with a bearish grace and voluminous Calvinist unbudgeability. The

warm grain of solid wood — Stickley's craftsmen loved deep oak, smoky ash, and undu-

lant maple — softened Arts and Crafts' broad-shouldered virility.

The scope of Stickley's enterprise, from desktop acces-

sories to an entire dining-room setting, is on generous view at the San Diego Museum of Art's *Gustav Stickley and the American Arts & Crafts Movement*. Stickley was a businessman, maybe a visionary entrepreneur, but he wasn't an artist, and he finessed English Arts and Crafts' socially progressive philosophy to suit his own capitalist ends. (Not that it mattered; in 1915 his company went bankrupt.) The pieces weren't really hand-crafted, they were hand-assembled. Workers cut, sanded, and prepped batches of identically sized components that were then assembled by craftsmen. Curvilinear graces, like a reclining chair's bowed arms, occasionally lighten the furniture's blocky solidity. There were other ways of varying the music of the materials: the unforgiving angularity of a board or two-by-two stick would be beveled; the assemblers choose grains that made one piece dance warmly with another; the octagonal "poppy" pieces that served for table tops were rounded off; and the sled feet of desks were planed to look as pliable as slippers. Like Shaker furniture, Stickley's products venerated simplicity. Unlike the Shakers, who built chairs of ethereal openness because they believed an angel might come by and want to sit a while, Arts and Crafts designers didn't shy from medieval hardware and chunky, exposed

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Eastwood reclining chair: "If I sit and let it devour me, surely I'll feel content."

Gustav Stickley and the American Arts & Crafts Movement is on view at the San Diego Museum of Art until September 11. 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-232-7931.

Bold Expressions: African American Quilts from the Collection of Corrine Riley is on view at the Minghe International Museum until November 6. 1439 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-239-0003.

joinery. The hinges on a sideboard look like salvage from a *Lord of the Rings* set. Much Arts and Crafts furniture features wedge-and-tenon joinery because Stickley wanted the handwork to show. He responded to the revved-up complexities of industrialization by marketing his own romance with simplicity. It was the design equivalent of beneficent fundamentalism.

His simplicity, though, did tend toward the monumental. His furniture looks as if it could

squash like a bug the embellished delicacy of late 19th-century design. Through the first decade of the 20th century it lightened up a little. Witness the floral filagree wood-burned into tabourets, the moss-green wall coverings that suggest an arboreal surround, the Greuby tiles gently topping a tea table, and the exquisite inlay Stickley introduced around 1905. (One popular inlay, a flower balanced atop a long stem, looks like an Art Nouveau Vegas



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showgirl.) But for the most part, Arts and Crafts lacks speed, irony, buoyancy. Its leather surfaces, metalworks, squared-off woods, and hyperbolic rivets make it seem — to this viewer — a little too clubby, self-important, and resolute. But then, I also wanted to try out a deep-chested, leather-cushioned, oversized Eastwood chair. I thought: if I sit and let it devour me, surely I'll feel content.

Imagine a spacious room pumped up with Stickley's sober, phlegmatic furnishings, then imagine its walls covered with the shout-out quilts hanging in *Bold Expressions*, currently on view at the Minghei. Several years ago, a traveling show of quilts from Gee's Bend, a small African-American river community in Alabama, roused even the most sedate of critics and spectators with its elegantly riotous abstractions. The quilts in *Bold Expressions* come from the collection of Corrine Riley, who says that while studying at the Art Institute of Chicago years ago, her exposure to modern and contemporary art "inspired me to look for things in the real world that displayed the type of intense personal expression that I was seeing daily at the Art Institute."

Hers is a "beyond Gee's Bend" collection, consisting of works from the 1930s to the present, some from Alabama but most from other southern states. When I visited, the galleries were sadly empty (for the bounciest show I've seen in a long time) except for three visitors going on about how the quilts are "really modern art, like Mondrian or Paul Klee." Well, no. These vernacular originals need no canonical precedent to sponsor their complexity and inquisitive beauty. Their boldness teases the eye, and their flyaway asymmetries are pulled into gently tense



PHOTOGRAPH BY ANTHONY SCOGGINS

This cotton "house top quilt," now on display at the Minghei, dates from 1940s–50s Alabama.

fields by tenuous balances. Consider the quilts that exploit the "egg-timer" (or hourglass) motif: each uses the same building-block form to create a playful patterning of call-and-response. Others deconstruct the egg-timer into connecting equilateral

triangles that look like suave dance-step diagrams.

From ten feet away you see the easy-going patterns that make a quilt cohere, even when the components — pillars tilting against horizontal bars, for instance — have a thrilling capriciousness. Get

close and you'll want to run your hand across the bumpy excitements created by vari-colored knotting, inventive piecing, and the undulant mapping that stitching creates. One small panel houses four broad overlapping triangles: white to red to blue to white. The modeling is self-aware and witty without any hint of modernist irony or ostentation. Because this particular quilting tradition, beginning with the freed slaves of Gee's Bend, runs through mostly poor rural black communities, the materials come from whatever lies at hand and has outlived its use — denim coveralls, tattered muslin window coverings, summery cotton shifts, canvas flour sacks. And the patterns rock: herringbone, plaid, paisley, hounds-tooth, corduroy, and, of course, polka dots. Sometimes a quilt-maker plays with monochromes, like the 1940s *Work-Clothes Quilt* from Georgia constructed en-

tirely of washed-out tints of blue denim that imitate the shifting blue-gray tones of the nocturnal cycle, and the deft passage from hue to hue takes you out of your head the way good art will.

Unlike anything in the Stickley exhibition, the quilts astonish. You leave your head, so to speak, because you become happy hostage to the form-finding impulses of the artist's hand, and you can see the hand at work, modeling then revising patterns, building as it goes along, allowing for surfaces pinched, pursed, or pulled to create an energy of abundance. It reminds us of one pursuit of modern artists of other kinds: to find the little that suffices. The quilts of more recent times carry a self-consciousness that older exemplars do not. The random, "crazy" part of *Controlled Crazy Quilt* from the 1970s is in fact carefully determined: the creator wants us to embrace the wit of how

tradition allows precisely cut swatches to look crazier than crazy.

The variety killed me. Though they share motifs, each quilt is a surprise package. One of my favorites contains hundreds of pieces ferociously packed into four triangles whose apexes converge at the center. It has the most congested, choked-up piecing of any quilt in the exhibition, but the congestion has such centripetal energy that it made me giddy. The juicy yellows, jammy reds, and other jumpy colors create a delectable speed and wildness. This is the kind of exhibition that makes me want to clap my hands and shout something happily incoherent. The most endearing and history-tweaking work (given the peculiar institution where the quilts originated) features an American flag, but the stripes are misaligned and the stars look like fatigued, misshapen flowers. ■

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Try a Little Tenderness

It's been too long since I've eaten at Restaurant Nine-Ten, but I'm always hoping for an excuse to revisit, as the restaurant's reputation has slowly rocketed (forgive the oxymoron). July marked their tenth anniversary, with a celebratory offering of three-course dinners for \$45 (\$60 with wine pairings). For many months I've been eating at affordable neighborhood places, most with pretty good food, but my palate and soul badly needed the refreshment of first-class cuisine to regain perspective. After so much "pretty good," you want a taste of "excellent-plus" to shore up your standards and remind you that food is an art form and how fabulous it can be when treated as such.

The pleasures of Nine-Ten begin with a comfortable chair to sit in, after all the butt-busting unpadded wood of the past few months. I've always focused more on food than comfort, but sometimes old gals do get weary, what with all these raggedy peasant taverns calling themselves wine bars or bistros or trattorias. The room at Nine-Ten is rustically pleasant, but the adjoining bar ups the sound level, sometimes to Breughelian tavern levels.

Much greater pleasures arrived with delivery of our orders. We all opted for the wine pairing. Our server was in charge of choosing matches for each dish. Eating family-style as usual, we passed the wines along with the plates, so I can't tell you the name of every wine on the swift-passing parade, but they were interesting, clever, and for the most part, more costly than we'd dare to order à la carte on my expense budget.

Tuna tartare has become a local restaurant cliché, but this revelatory rendition makes it new and startling. One small round heap of finely minced tuna was surrounded by a school of half-inch cubes (a generous portion, even with six to share it). In the center of the minced mound, and atop each cube, was a dark-brown oval that looked like a Greek olive. Bite into it, and — joy-



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Chef Jason Knibb's tuna tartare is a revelatory rendition — shocking even.

ous shock and laughter! — there came a spurt of salty-sweet liquid: ponzu sauce, bound into a mini-egg by a translucent coating of agar (seaweed gelatin). There were other goodies on the plate and exploring them felt like a stroll through an edible magic garden. I especially enjoyed the avocado-green daubs of...was that cilantro purée? Despite the menu descriptions, many dishes hold various mysteries, none easy to solve. All mouths will enjoy them for the flavors; culinary crossword-puzzlers may enjoy them additionally for the strenuous exercise in taste recognition.

Hamachi sashimi was so seductive, it even won over my friend Dave, a raw-fish-fearing microbiologist. The pristine slices came with marinated baby shiitake mushrooms and two

sausages on opposite sides of the plate: a sprightly minced-scallion vinaigrette, and a velvety soy-based mixture (or was it miso-based?). On top, a few bitter green Asian leaves (shisho?). I do love a good mystery, all the more when it tastes this good, too.

In Jamaica-born chef Jason Knibb's cuisine, Jamaican jerk pork belly is street food raised to luxury food. The modest-sized

chunks of pork belly were tender, probably braised before a quick finish on the grill. They were robed in a fiery glaze involving caramelized red onions for sweetness, along with "spicy jellies" for fruit and heat. On the side were the best black-eyed peas I've ever tasted (another mystery — how did he do that?), strips of baked plantain slices, and a slick of soothing sweet-potato purée.

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PICK HITS: Tuna tartare; hamachi sashimi; Jamaican jerk pork belly; wild King salmon; northern halibut with coconut green curry sauce; steak with king trumpet mushrooms; panna cotta; half-baked chocolate cake.

NEED TO KNOW: Vegan starters and some entrées (see website); confirm when reserving. Valet parking \$5 at hotel door. Small street-dining patio. Fairly noisy. Dressy-casual. Save room for dessert.

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A special of ripe tricolor Chino farms tomatoes was deeply fulfilling, but a peach and nectarine salad with raw greens seemed lightweight. Dungeness crab and bay scallop pasta with house-made miso-and-egg spaghetti was also a letdown, sounding original but tasting mushy and too similar to other local restaurant



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dishes without the exotic pasta pedigree.

Among our entrées, as with the appetizers, seafood shone especially. A tall coral block of wild King salmon was riveting with its melting tenderness and rich but delicate flavor. It was the utter repudiation to all the joyless, flaccid, farm-raised Atlantic salmon that most local restaurants serve. (This alone is good reason for the occasional splurge dinner. I'd quite forgotten that I used to like salmon.) "I haven't tasted salmon this good in more years than I can remember," said Dave. "I've never tasted it this good, ever," said Mark. The fish was surrounded by a host of vegetables, including slivers of Spain's toothsome, lightly smoked piquillo peppers (tapas-bar staples) and briny green Castelvertrano olives, which tasted like firm sour pickles.

I've sworn off halibut at ordinary restaurants, but here it justified the risk. A flaky white iceberg arrived in a shallow bowl, surrounded by corn kernels, sea beans, and slick-and-sly hon shimeji mushrooms (but none of the peanuts the menu mentioned). The server poured the sauce over the dish at table: a kaffir lime and coconut mild green curry. Yes! This is what to do with halibut.

Roasted "wabbit" was problematic. Tenderloin roulades were stuffed with a forcemeat of bacon, hazelnuts, shallots, and herbs, evoking a rich pâté

but for the pleasant grittiness of the nuts. Fine so far, but the leg was a confit, with a soft, mushy texture. (With wascally wabbits, the challenge lies in cooking the fatless legs tender, against their tendency to dry out.) I suppose the confit was a feat of cuisine, but it seemed so scarily unnatural that none of us could swallow more than a bite.

All the red meats were expertly cooked, including Grilled Certified Angus Prime New York steak (cooked to a perfect rare to our order), slow-roasted California natural lamb loin (rosy, but, oddly, a tad tough), and meltingly sweet Port wine-braised short ribs, much better than nearly everybody else's version of this overexposed dish. All had well-chosen garnishes, including huge, near-chewy slabs of King trumpet mushrooms with the steak, artichokes with the lamb, chanterelle mushroom foam with the short ribs, plus a full, varied cast of Chino vegetables for each.

With chef Jack Fisher in charge of pastries, desserts are not merely a second thought. Our table's favorite: Fisher's divine, ever-changing panna cotta, a trembly eggless custard based on dairy and gelatin. This one was yogurt-based and strewn with fresh berries and seasonal fruit slices — the perfect light dessert.

The popular half-baked chocolate cake gave Dave a Proustian moment: this isn't the standard ubiquitous mol-

ten chocolate cake but a bowl of thick chocolate batter that reminded him of the hot fudge sauce at Schrafft's, the legendary upscale luncheonette frequented by "ladies who lunched" on Manhattan's fashionable East Side — but also a favorite place for less-lofty moms to take kiddies for a soda fountain treat if they'd been very, very good. (Dave was a better child than I ever was. I never ate there.)

Peach sorbet tasted ultra-peachy. White-chocolate mousse tart was, to my tastes, heavy and sweet, but several of my friends liked it. Butter cake was light, fluffy, fruit-strewn. I secretly hoped its plainness would result in a bit left over for my breakfast, but no such luck. Espressos were top-drawer.

A meal here isn't cheap, even with the special pricing, what with tax, tip, and surcharges for certain menu choices — about \$80 apiece. Worth it? Well, would you rather buy a clown painting by Picasso or by Red Skelton? The food is mainly spectacular. It's not for every day, but like Schrafft's fountain for good children, visit for occasional splurges to lift your spirits and remind yourself of the difference between the cuisine of good neighborhood cooks and the art of master chefs. ■

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Stout people? My first encounter with these guys was a heady night in June, at Stout Public House at Sixth and C. It seemed like all of Canada had turned up to drink the Vancouver Canucks on to victory over the Boston Bruins. Or, as it turned out, horrible defeat. But not for lack of trying. You could hear the roar from the Fifth Avenue trolley stop, which is how I came over in the first place.

Stout's an Irish pub that somehow seems to have been adopted by the hockey community. 'Specially Canadians. And — if you believe Dave LaSorte and Nick Coombes and John Cadwell,



Meet Stout people Dave LaSorte, Nick Coombes, and John Cadwell

all sitting out on the sidewalk patio — by a pretty intellectual group of locals and expats.

"I was going to live in Little Italy," John Cadwell says. "Then I took one look at this pub, and I knew: I'm home. Now I live right nearby, at Fifth and Broadway."

"I come down from Tustin for this place," says Big Nick Coombes. He's an expat Englishman. "Ninety miles. I'm thinking of moving."

"Here you are cherished and nurtured," says Dave LaSorte. "They care about you. And people talk about interesting stuff. One minute it's Shakespeare, Friedman, Marx; the next, W.C. Fields. We used to have a big round table out here. Called it the Stoutgonquin Round Table...you know, like the Algonquin Round Table? Dorothy Parker?

New York City literati?" "Round table," I say. "Like, King Arthur?" "Sort of," says Dave.

John retreats to his Guinness. Shrieks come from inside. The Bruins have scored a fourth one against the can't-do Canucks.

Then I hear rumbles, only these are from inside — inside *me*. Gut's been running on empty all day.

"Any ideas for food?" I ask Dave. "Anything Canadian?"

"Well, you can't go wrong with poutine," he says. "French fries, bean curds, and brown gravy. It's a dish outta Quebec. Good price, too.

The lone server, Stephanie, has just fought her way out through the crush at the door. She staggers a moment, looks up as if to say, "Am I still alive?"

"Could you get us another of those excellent calamari?" Nick asks. He has a long plate with the remains of a first serving. He looks at me. "Happy-hour deal." He says it costs \$4.75.

But I order a poutine — \$4 —while I look at other possibilities. Stephanie has left a menu.

"Any ideas?" I ask again.

"The pork chops and the flatiron steak sandwich are particularly good," John says.

I check down the menu. "Stout pork chop, topped with house-made green apple apricot chutney." Comes with mashed potatoes and organic veggies. Sounds great, except for the price, \$16.

The flatiron steak sandwich might be better, a special at \$8.95. Cheapest is the happy-hour stuff. Standard wings or tenders go for \$3.75. But I'm not in the mood for that. Black mussels (from Carlsbad, in white wine and garlic sauce, or curry and lemongrass) are doable at the happy-hour price of \$4.75 (normally \$9.50). Most Irish-pub fare (fish and chips, corned beef and cabbage, Guinness stew) costs \$11; the shepherd's pie and chicken pot pie are \$10.50 each.

I head back to the sandwich column. Grilled chicken sandwich is \$8, a Reuben is \$9, and the "Stout burger," a half-pounder, costs \$8, with fries and a pickle spear.



Stout burger: big, sloppy, generous

That'll do me jes' fine. When Stephanie bursts through the phalanx again, holding her tray high and head low, I see she has my poutine aboard. Looks good, fries gunked up with gravy, curds, tomato, cheese, and some salad.

I nail that Stout burger order, ask Stephanie to add bacon to it (75 cents).

Then I grab some of the fries. Nothing mysterious here, gravy and fries, white chunks of bean curd on top. It's nice. "Canadian comfort food," says Dave "Dabbles" Riddle. "We need that about now." Pretty soon we're all sharing them, along with Nick's second batch of calamari.

The news gets worse and worse for the Canucks. And then it's over. Season's over too. Suddenly, this guy behind the bar reaches down and hoists a full-size Stanley Cup over his head. Everyone's going ape.

Out here on the sidewalk patio, hard-core regulars stand around talking, as if it's a wake. "We've become hockey central," Mark Prendergast, the Irish co-owner (with Dave Toth, a Canadian), tells me. "All the Canadian snowbirds come in, and Eastern Europeans, and lots of Russians. They're all united by a love of hockey."

Mark and Dave met on a dive boat over the Great Barrier Reef in Australia in 1989. They kept in touch and got this bar going four years ago,



"You can't go wrong" with a plate of poutine.

and, Mark says, it's grown from an Irish pub into a Canadian/Irish East Coast-style bar. With a gang of customers who take ownership of "their" pub seriously. But nothing exclusive: "You can come in and make lifelong friends," says Mark. "I've seen it again and again."

Oh, Lord. All these appetizers have filled me up. "Could you pack it?" I ask Stephanie, when she arrives, haggard-looking, through the loss-crazed crowds — well, I exaggerate, just a tad — with my burger.

As they say, if looks could kill.

And the burger? When I get home, Carla and I fight over it like hungry dogs. Even after surviving the trolley and the bus and a couple of blocks of walk-jog, the toasted, seeded bun is crunchy-crispy. Inside, the patty's big, loose, juicy, and garlicky, surrounded by greens, red onion, and more sloppy poutine fries. Maybe those Canucks shoulda had one of these before they went out and played.

One thing's for sure: I'm going back. For the company, and for a glass of, uh, stout at Stout. Big Nick says they're the best Guinness pourers in town. ■

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Prices: Poutine (fries and gravy), \$4; happy-hour wings or tenders, \$3.75; black Carlsbad mussels in white wine and garlic sauce, \$9.50 (\$4.75, happy hour); Irish-style fish and chips, \$11; corned beef and cabbage, \$11; shepherd's pie, \$10.50, Guinness stew, \$11; chicken pot pie, \$10.50; Stout burger (half-pounder), \$8

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A SAMPLING: THIS WEEK'S RESTAURANT BLOGS

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Your New Crush

A popular Chico restaurant has decided to branch out in Solana Beach. Crush Restaurant & Wine Lounge is nestled in the corner of a strip mall off the main drag (Hwy. 101). This is where Pacific Coast Grill used to be, but now they are in the process of moving to Cardiff.

Crush has made the space its own, removing the eclectic, colorful art and tiles of the old grill and creating more of an elegant monochromatic decor that sufficiently takes second billing to the food.

Of course, most evenings of gut-busting decadence begin with a cocktail. The "Ginger" cocktail contained Belvedere, cilantro (a strange, but surprisingly refreshing addition to the drink), lime, ginger beer, and sake. Another was the "Carefree" with 10 Cane Rum, lime, bitters, and Pelligrino Orange.

Those drinks were tasty, and if you're going for beverages, I highly recommend splurging on the alcohol (cocktails are \$11 each) because the price of virgin drinks is downright obscene.

For example, simple Earl Grey tea is \$4, and a soda is \$3.50. Because the wine is so reasonably priced (a mere 2 to 2-1/2 markup), they seem to be making up for the difference by seriously overpricing the simple stuff. I know the coffee probably comes in a French press, but \$5? That's more expensive than a Tall Latte at Starbucks. But I'll move on, because as turned off as I was to see the beverage prices, the fairly priced and exquisite food I got to taste quickly made me forget.

We began with pass-around morsels from the menu, such as these "cheese and crackers" combos. Other pass-arounds included Ahi tuna tartare, bruschetta, and scampi prawns — the latter of which deserves a spotlight. For such a big crowd (this was a media event), I was surprised and delighted at how perfectly each shrimp was cooked, and the flavor was plate-licking luscious. When I go back for dinner (and I will), the shrimp will be a must order.

After sips and tastes on the patio, we moved inside to a table. The water glasses were reused wine bottles, a fun touch.

We started with a burrata salad with roasted beet, avocado, citrus, and crushed almonds. After that

we moved on to a pasta: house-made "black & white" tagliatelle with crab, shrimp, lobster, and smoked tomato. What struck me most about this dish was how, again, the seafood was perfectly executed. It was fresh, lightly sweet, and not a bit overcooked. The pasta was also exemplary in its al dente-ness.

Next we were served Barolo braised short ribs with local corn (some of the food is sourced from Chino, which is right around the corner), and a chive potato cake. This dish was in line with the others in terms of taste, though one wouldn't expect the sweetness of a Barolo-braise. It was more reminiscent of a barbecue sauce than a wine reduction, but don't get me wrong, it worked, even if the pairing (a shiraz) did not.

Finally, and we ended the evening on a scrumptious note, we had the butterscotch "budino" with housemade beignets and chocolate bits. The beignets were fluffy and light, and the salt atop the chocolate in the glass prevented the dish from being overly sweet. My mouth just watered in memory of this one, and my only regret is that I was too full for more than a few bites of it.

So here's my take in a nutshell (I can't talk about service, as this was a media event): superb food, fair wine prices, relaxing atmosphere (with a subdued live band in the corner), and obnoxious virgin-beverage prices. But if you go for a bottle of wine and anything on the menu, you're bound to be satisfied and well fed, and your taste buds will remember the fare for days.

I hope the kitchen stays consistent, because after my experience, the bar on food was set high.

Posted Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m.
by Barbarella

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So Don Diego was Zorro? I never knew this till I came to Casa Don Diego (1199 3rd Avenue, at Oxford Street, Chula Vista, 619-426-6131) to watch Mexico play France in the last World Cup.

Pablo Peña, the owner, tried to explain it to me over the din as everybody went crazy (Mexico won). What a game! But also, what food deals.

This is an old-line Mexican eatery, with a lot of hand-flapping of tortillas, good social bar, occasional mariachis, brick arches, red and orange walls, carved red rafters, and a pretty good mural of a guy whacking away at agave, the plant tequila comes from.



Pablo Peña

The food? I didn't do it justice that time, because, well, the game. But what I had was a great deal,

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It was the picadillo, a kind of ground-beef-and-veggies combo with rice and beans...plus soup of the day or a small salad and a soda, all for \$6.65.

What I remember most: the soup of the day. Ex-cellent tortilla soup. Beef, chicken stock, ranchera flavor, corn, cheese balls, and crunchy fried tortilla strips criss-crossed over the top. I'd go back for just that.

And guess what? Called today. Prices are holding. Plus the Sunday champagne brunch (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) seems like a great deal.

I swear I'm taking the beautiful Carla this Sunday, if we have enough of the, you know, do re mi. Because, yes, it costs \$13.45 each. But for that you get a choice of 13 items, and — two or more adults — a bottle of champagne. If it's just you, you get three glasses.

And Sundays, you always get big families having a good time. Plus, want Carla to see I can be as good a fop as that sword-swishin' Don Diego.

P.S. Today, Friday, half price fish and chips, around \$5.50. And every day except Sunday, breakfasts, \$3.95.

Posted Aug. 12, 3:28 p.m.
by Ed Bedford

Cajon, Kabob, Carumba!

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Lunches are such a deal too. Like two shish kabobs, rice, salad, pita bread, and hot tea for \$6.99. Or chicken tikka with the same sides, same price.

“But you should come for a feast,” said Mr. Sagmani last time. “Bring four friends. I’ll give you a feast for five people for \$25. Five dollars each.”

He says that includes four beef kabob, two chicken kabob, two breaded-chicken steak, two breaded-beef fried steak...and rice and salad and pita bread.

They’re open in the evening, but really, by that time it’s a kind of club. For the rest of us, this is really about breakfast and lunch.

*Posted Aug. 12, 12:17 p.m.
by Ed Bedford*

Oenophiles May Have Themselves a New Crush in Solana Beach

When in Solana Beach, craft-beer lovers know to go to Pizza Port to scratch their hop-and-malt itch. But what if you’re more the Brunello d’Montalcino type?

The answer may lie at Crush (solanabeachcrush.com), an Italian restaurant and wine lounge that just opened in the quaint coastal community and offers over 160 vinos. It’s the latest of a wave of new restos to make their debut on what’s becoming the hottest foodie stretch of road in the county, Highway 101.

A spin-off of a four-year-old sister restaurant of the same name

based in Chico, Crush features easily the most modern, upscale motif of any of the new breed of settlers on the 101. The menu, which features wood-fired pizzas, house-made pastas, and hearty secondi like a lamb shank with polenta made with ancient grains, was developed by the executive chef from the Chico operation, who is running the Solana Beach kitchen in tandem with chef Mike Lina, who most recently worked at The Steakhouse at Azul in La Jolla.

The restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner with happy hour from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. daily and a late-night happy hour Wednesday through Sunday from 10 p.m. to close. Crush is located at 437 South Highway 101, #112.

*Posted Aug. 12, 9:56 a.m.
by Brandon Hernández*

Tiger Eyes Tonight?

File this under “worthy survivor.” Talking about Meijo, located right out in left field on the edge of IB (Meijo Sushi, 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 300, Imperial Beach, 619-429-4373).

As ShawnMichel blogged passionately (here in the *Reader*) three years ago, Meijo took over a graveyard-of-restaurants site eight years ago. They had come, they had gone. This one has stayed. Prospered.

I just happened in tother night, a Wednesday, ‘cause I had to wait for a 901 bus, and this was the nearest sign of life to the end-of-the-world bus stop.

And guess what? Place was hopping. Two groups waiting ahead of me. They told me this town has adopted Meiji because it’s clean, cheery, doesn’t overcharge, gives you lots, and they, well, make you feel they actually like their customers.

It certainly has interesting-sounding nosh. Like, tiger eyes — calamari stuffed with salmon

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

SPICY ENGLISH MUFFIN PIZZA BITES

RECIPE BY BEN DIAZ

Executive Chef, McCormick & Schmicks at the Omni Hotel

My father was a chef. When I was about 15, he used to bring me into his kitchen to peel potatoes. I was, like, why would anyone want to do this? Now I’m doing it. Now I realize, hey, I’m being paid to play with my food. Not everyone can make their artwork edible.

My biggest challenge now is pleasing everybody. Everybody has their own taste or flavors. Someone wants more salt and someone wants less. With steak, everyone has his or her own definition of medium rare. It can be hard.

But, I love challenges. Each year I do three or four food competitions. In terms of the food shows, I’m on the back burner for *Chopped* on the Food Network. I am waiting for the next season. My favorite category in competitions is the “Mystery Box.” No one knows what ingredients will be in the box they get. You have about ten

minutes to prepare a menu from the random food you get and about an hour to prepare it. It forces you to think outside the box, and it’s fun to see how people react to being on the spot. Once I got salmon and vanilla and I made a sorbet. It’s like peanut butter and jelly. You would never think those flavors would work but they do.

In my kitchen, I do exercises with the other chefs. We try to push ourselves. I’ll say, pick an ingredient. A chef will say spinach. I’ll ask another chef to pick an ingredient and she’ll say shrimp. If the experiment goes well, we’ll put it on the menu. Many times the ideas flop, but that’s how you succeed. You keep trying. You keep taking risks. Once we made ahi with poppy seeds and an orange glaze. It was amazing.

I eat, sleep, and breathe at the restaurant. But when I’m home, I find

myself creating things with leftovers. Like Top Ramen with marinara sauce and croutons. Maybe with a piece of cheese on top. When my friends come over, I tend to make semi-homemade stuff so it’s as easy as possible. I know they have things like Doritos and Fudgesicles so I start there. Like, I’ll dip chicken cutlets in a beaten egg and then coat it with crushed, Cool Ranch Doritos. You can bake it or deep fry it. I also love spicy English muffin pizzas with chorizo. It’s all about working with what you have. I love to learn new things. When that happens, it’s a good day.

INGREDIENTS SERVES 6 AS AN APPETIZER, 3 FOR LUNCH

3 oz. BBQ sauce
3 oz. Thai sweet chili sauce
1 Tbsp. birds eye or jalapeno chili, minced
6 Bays English Muffins, cut



Ben Diaz

*in half
½ cup chorizo, diced (can substitute linguica or another hard sausage)
1 cup pecorino cheese, grated*

HOW TO DO IT

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Next, combine the BBQ Sauce, Thai sweet chili sauce and birds eye chili together to make the sauce. Coat each muffin half with the sauce and top with the chorizo (or sausage). Generously spread the pecorino cheese on top of each muffin half. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 7 minutes or until cheese is slightly browned. Remove from oven and enjoy.

*Find What the Chef Eats
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— for \$8.95, and dream rolls (tempura shrimp, avocado, and cream cheese inside, tuna, shrimp, and spicy crab outside).

That one’s a touch pricey at \$11.95. But they always have specials like teriyaki chicken with

fried gyoza (dumpling), \$5.95; shrimp and beef curry with salad, \$5.95; spicy tuna hand rolls, three pieces \$8.95; and sushi mix, \$8.95.

I got sushi mix (five different kinds of fish on rice, plus nine sushi rolls, \$8.95). I also got a

piping hot bottle of sake, ‘cause it only cost \$3.50.

Nice touches like beautiful plates make the food feel classy.

Main thing: it’s just nice in there. Not luxurious. Comfortable, like we’re all on a raft and

we’d better get on. Definitely worth missing a bus for (which, natch, I did).

*Posted Aug. 11, 5:57 p.m.
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La Jolla Shores Stalwart's Chef Rotation Is All Aces

I often compare the chef scene in San Diego to professional sports. Like the scores of teams that make up the NFL, NBA, and Major League Baseball, the restaurant industry is constantly in flux.

There's always some spot letting go of or hiring on kitchen talent. It's like a never-ending free agency period, and this year has been one of the craziest since SD started moving higher in the national resto food chain.

Last week I reported that Augie Saucedo had left his post as chef de cuisine at The Shores Restaurant to take an executive chef position at Sycuan Resort & Casino. Well, it took less than a week for the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club (to which The Shores Restaurant belongs) to sign coveted veteran free agent, Amy DiBiase.

DiBiase made a name for herself and her cuisine in a big way

at Laurel, a Bankers Hill spot for haute cuisine that was converted to Cucina Urbana two years ago, long after DiBiase had moved to Roseville. The latter venue provided DiBiase the opportunity to showcase her Mediterranean-ingredients-meet-classic-French cuisine.

Locals and fans from Laurel responded favorably, and her involvement with local celebrichief group, Cooks Confab (cooksconfab.com), provided her increased visibility — to the point where she was regarded as being near or at the top of San Diego's female chefs.

Despite solid food, Roseville struggled to bring in a steady clientele. Shortly before that restaurant closed, DiBiase made an unexpected move to The Cosmopolitan in Old Town that registered as the tiniest of blips on her résumé after disagreements with management resulted in a parting of ways shortly thereafter. Since then, DiBiase has been consulting, and though she's been out of the spotlight,

she's not been forgotten.

Her resurfacing into a full-time role will be significant for SD dining enthusiasts who've enjoyed pelting me and other food writers with the question, "Where's Amy at?" and "When's she coming back?" With that question answered, now we can start wondering how she'll operate with one of San Diego's longest-tenured and most-respected chefs, Bernard Guillas (most popularly known as the head of the Marine Room) as her boss.

Going back to the sports analogy, the LJBTC's current line-up of chefs — Guillas, DiBiase, and Marine Room chef de cuisine Ron Oliver — is a lot like the Philadelphia Phillies' current starting pitching rotation...all aces. There is no weak link, and it'll be interesting to see how such strong chefs balance the selflessness required for long-term collaboration with the inherent desire to shine by their own merits.

DiBiase will officially take

over the second-to-last week of August. The Shores Restaurant is located at 8110 Camino Del Oro in La Jolla.

Posted Aug. 11, 1:39 p.m.
by Brandon Hernández

Burgundy on Park

At this end of Park (where it T's into Adams Avenue), you usually think Mexican (El Zarape), Ethiopian (Muzita), or Persian (Soltán Banoo).

But last night I took the Extra Step, and boldly walked almost to Adams. That's where I caught this little place (okay, the restaurants all look little, up here in University Heights) with a sign in its window: "Gazpacho."

It's one of those cold Spanish soups. Love it. Also says "Specializing in the regional foods of Spain, France, Italy." Also "Paella Saturday" on a big sign. Man, how could I have missed this before?

So I end up inside Savory Deli and Market (4661 Park Boulevard), a small space that's half

deli, half eatery. Festooned with actual flags. French, Italian, Sicilian, Corsican. Good vibe.

But, erk, no more gazpacho. They're out. Menu's mainly sandwiches and soups and salads. But then the guy serving, Mike, says they may have some Beef Bourignon left.

Twelve dollars. A lot for me. But I'd walk a mile for a good beef bourignon. Danger is, it often turns out to be just a watery stew. But when it's good, it's really good. And this is terrific. Beefy, winey, garlicky, with lots of pearl onions, shrooms, ham — pancetta, a kind of prosciutto (*Ed Bed adds: but maybe not. See comment #2, below*) — to sex it up, plus big chunks of fall-away beef.

"My partner Julius marinated it in burgundy wine and slow cooked it all day," says Mike.

Taste buds tell you it has to be true. Turns out these two spent years living in Paris, Marseilles, and places in Italy and Spain. Taught themselves the cooking. This is the result. Plate comes

with delicious green beans and sliced potato, bread.

Mike says for their sandwiches they use a 500-year-old recipe for Romagna flatbread called piadina, which they bake fresh with each sandwich they make — like for the \$7.50 piadina prosciutto — so it comes straight out of the oven, steaming hot.

"Course the bread for my plate's French, good for sopping up. "Oh man," I say. "If you only had some nice cheap red plonk to go with it."

"We will, real soon," Mike promises. "We've been working on that for two years."

Posted Aug. 11, 9:55 a.m.
by Ed Bedford

Thoughts on Coming Alone into a Strange New Place

It was the dog. Standing there tied to the railing while his mistress and a trendy crowd packed the outside deck.

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areas around town you just never see, even though you're buzzing all around on a daily basis? Guess this is one lost whirlpool like that, at Beech and Kettner.

It's a strange thing, coming round the corner, discovering Craft and Commerce (675 W. Beech Street). It feels like, well, walking up the beach from the border. Total isolation, that river, Border Patrol buzzing over every now and then, people you don't ask questions to, then suddenly, houses! Dogs catching Frisbees! Suburbia! Guys tearing down the beach with boards.

That's how it is here. Silent streets up from Pacific Highway, empty officeland, then, the golden dog! Patio! Buzz! The world of, I guess, gastropub cool.

So I go in, feeling like some kid who suddenly finds that he's the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama or like a bull trotting alone through a tunnel, and coming out in a bullring and he's it and a thousand people are roaring at him and the guy who's going to kill him is walking over...

Okay. Let's not go over the top here. But off the lonely streets you're suddenly in this buzz-filled space of Craft and Commerce, the gastropub with towering bookshelves and stuffed mountain lion heads and wall-sized blackboards chalk-written with Somebody Else's Deep Thoughts. Locovore, less-is-more thoughts: "Demand Less," "Beware lest you

Lose the Substance by Grasping at the Shadow?"

But still, cooking to this crowd who — judging by what they're eating — crave permission to eat comfort food from the days when it was Okay to Eat Burgers.

That's when I bump into Chris and Nic. Navy helo pilots from North Island. Fly MH60 Seahawks. Guess I look lost. "Come over and have a drink," says Nic. Click. I'm inside the bubble. Amazing how quickly this turns into a warm, friendly, and, yeah, thoughtful place.

Guess I'm the only person in the world who's never heard of Craft and Commerce. Now I see Naomi reviewed it back in November. Great review, even though she didn't give them a great review. She had a few salty issues with the food, but said they could be on the verge of gastro-greatness. That was November. Nine months ago.

Not sure if I'm up to knowing if they've found their groove. Plus, it's gastropub prices. But I'd still love to try their roasted bone marrow (\$14, \$21 with bone) on a good payday.

Guess from grandma's days, that's comfort food I'd forgotten I craved. So, gonna try anyway. Come back sometime. Bring Carla, so I don't feel like that bull again.

Posted Aug. 10, 4:28 p.m.
by Ed Bedford

Paradise Patio, Lost and Found

It could be the most beautiful cocktail deck you never see.

Still doing our summer waterfront thing here...Friday I made this discovery when I was hanging around the Maritime Museum's ferry Berkeley. I was checking out something the beautiful Carla definitely does wanna see — that Paul Gauguin exhibit. "Three Voyages to Paradise." Cap'n Cook, Herman Mel-

ville, and Gauguin.

They have a whole bunch of Paul's actual paintings and carvings. And artifacts, including the ear he cut off his buddy Vincent...

Kidding about that part. But they say, paintings, carvings, bits of just about everything else he did in Tahiti. Right here! Bobbing about aboard the Berkeley.

Bad news is, it costs \$14 to get in. Good news is, that qualifies you to see the exhibit and visit every ship the Museum has.

Best news (for me) is, this also gets you to cocktails at a little palapa they call the Paradise Patio on the barge behind.

You're way out on the bay on this thing, and Wild Jim Oldham's rockin' out here with a pretty good collection of cocktails, beers, wines, and snacks, and tables to enjoy them at.

He's open midday to 5 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Prices are pretty standard, and they have sodas for kids.

Jim has two or three umbrella tables up by the Civil War cannons they use (really!) to exchange gunfire with their schooner the Californian when she's sailing in from her coastal day trips. (They do warn you so you can block your ears.)

It's a water-lapping experience. Almost like having cocktails aboard a low, flat ocean liner. "I guarantee, it's the most beautiful view of the bay you'll have around here because you're actually out in it," Jim says.

The bad news is, Joe Public can't get to this sunset viewing/glugging treasure without paying the full Museum ticket of \$14 every time for that hand-stamp pass.

Come on fellers, could you have a special hand stamp that gets us through to the palapa but not the exhibits? This shouldn't be a one-time affair.

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Aztec Radio. “We spent almost eight years in the lady’s room in Aztec Center.” Skot Norton, KCR faculty/staff advisor, makes no joke when he describes the many humble locations on campus that the KCR studios have been allowed to occupy since

studio home in the communications building. Norton says new furniture and new equipment is on the way. “We’ve never had all-new everything.” He’d know. For 13 years, Norton spun records on KCR under the pseudonym of Lauston Ozonee. Funding

the inside track blurt

the student-run radio station came to be in 1969. The restroom in question was no longer in use, as such, but fits into a chronology that includes a cubicle with carpet

for the new studio has come from KCR alumni donations and sales of *Aztec Beach*, a KCR-produced CD of original surf music.

Josh Hoffman, 22, was



Skot Norton (standing) and Josh Hoffman dig KCR’s new digs.

samples glued to the walls and the beer studio, so named for the hundreds of empties that encircled the broadcast booth.

On September 6, KCR will relaunch from what station backers hope is a permanent

appointed KCR’s general manager by the associated students in June. In addition to the standard commercial and indie-rock free-form programming, Hoffman will include local bands. “*New Music Mon-*

days will feature local groups not heard on other local radio shows.” He invites submissions at kcrlive.org. Hoffman says KCR will also host showcases for local bands at a nearby El Cajon Boulevard pizzeria.

KCR began life as a senior project in 1966, around the same time that SDSU’s student-run KEBS radio was being retooled into NPR affiliate KPBS. At first, KCR programming was broadcast via carrier current transmitters placed in the surrounding dorms and also on 550 AM and 98.9 cable FM. But there was a power glitch, Norton says, that turned the concrete and steel dorm towers into transmitters. On a clear day, listeners were sometimes able to pick up KCR’s errant signal from as far away as North Park. “The FCC,” says Norton, “made us turn the power down.”

KCR is now available by Internet and via Cox Cable 956 and Southwest Cable 957. But it turns out the web option is not so new. “In 1995,” says Norton, “KCR was one of the first college stations to do live Internet radio.” Various misadventures, says Norton, bumped them off and on the air over the years, and the campus evictions didn’t help. Once, when they were between studios for a spell, KCR was essentially a six-tray CD player sending random cuts down line to the cable servers.

As GM, Hoffman has plans to increase coverage of campus

news and sports. His master plan for the fall semester includes expanding student-sales and social-networking positions. The larger challenge for now, he says, is that nobody on campus really knows about KCR, a situation that Hoffman hopes to change before he graduates next spring.

— Dave Good

Kids Swing Blue. Last month, several members of the 1990s hardcore/screamo band Swing Kids reunited for a European tour under the name Blue Note, with local All Leather guitarist Nathan Joyner in place of the late Eric Allen, who committed suicide in 1998, shortly after the band split.

Several previous Swing Kids reunions were staged by frontman Justin Pearson in 2009, with latterday Kid Jimmy LaValle filling in for Allen. “Eric’s presence was notably lacking,” recalls original Kid John Brady. “As much as we tried to capture what was there before, it could never be the same without him.”

So why this newest reunion? “Marco Walzel, at Avocado booking in Munich, who incidentally booked us for some German shows in 1996, asked if we would come over to do a tour in honor of the 15th anniversary of his booking agency. We were the first band he ever booked, and he wanted us to help celebrate by reforming...but, this time,

we didn’t quite think it was fair to play as Swing Kids.” Thus, Blue Note was named after a Swing Kids song.

The tour turned dramatic



Back when Blue Note was Swing Kids, ca. 1994

in Nuremberg, with opening act Wolves Like Us, from Oslo, Norway. “The Wolves guys were quite distracted when they got into town, because of the bombing and shooting that had happened in Oslo that day,” blogged Brady. “Apparently, their rehearsal space had all of its windows blown out, and the bombing happened in an area of town that they regularly hang out [and] work in.”

In Geneva, Switzerland, “The show there last night was kind of lackluster...it was poorly attended.”

In Belgium, “[The band] was a bit sloppy and plagued by technical difficulties, amp issues, broken strings, etc...”

After their London gig, “This was one of two times that I have seen JP [Justin Pearson] drunk...he very rarely drinks, so this was a rare occa-

sion, and a funny one at that.” The tour wrapped up the week of August.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Painting the World. “I never got to interview him because [doctors] had taken his voice away, and I didn’t want to do that.” When Leucadia-based filmmaker Clint Burkett began work on a documentary about Steve White last year, he didn’t know the North County bluesman was dying of esophageal cancer. “When I found out he was sick, I started shooting the benefits and interviewing friends and fellow musicians.” Burkett edited the rough footage in June.

The finished result is *Steve White: Painting the World with Music*, a 75-minute rockumentary that premieres August 14 at the La Paloma Theatre in Encinitas. “It starts like his music: rapid, with sound bites and clips of him playing. It draws your attention right

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away. That's how he played. He got your attention." He says the story of White's life is otherwise told through interviews with family, copies of radio interviews, and performance videos.

To make *Painting the World*, Burkett gained permission to use footage of concerts filmed in Italy, Czechoslovakia, Vermont, and here at the Adams



Bluesman Steve White was a presence in Europe.

Avenue Roots Festivals. "Steve was huge in Europe. I don't think people realize how huge he was there. He would pack concert halls. There were billboards [advertising his concerts] on the street."

White died on April 22. He was 61.

"I didn't think he was going to die, to tell you the truth. I took Steve to the Leucadian to see Ben Powell play, probably a month before

he passed. He said I can't wait until next year, until all this health stuff is over. His mind

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was constantly going, constantly reinventing himself."

Will the documentary reveal a side of White's personality that is not already known? "He was an amazing painter," says Burkett. "He kept that part private." Hence, the film title, he explains. "He made hundreds of paintings," many of which, Burkett says, are featured in the documentary.

Burkett, an Emmy-winning video producer and editor, tells me the White documentary is self-financed. "My number one goal is I want Steve's name, his art, and his music known around the world." To that end, Burkett says he will submit to Sundance and other international film festivals. "I've already got a request to show the film in Germany."

— Dave Good

Not a Quiet Room. In June, the Museum of Making

Music in Carlsbad closed its doors to remodel its galleries into an exploration of the history of American music and instrument-making from late 19th Century to present.

"We've been here about 12

— a mandolin, a drum pedal, a frying pan, a Telecaster — and all the little interactive experiences culminate in the final gallery with a whole room of musical instruments that people can play."



Carlsbad museum ready to reopen with a slew of new noisemakers.

years," says executive director Carolyn Grant, "so we took all of people's favorite things that we've noticed over the past decade and incorporated them into the museum. Those are mainly the interactive [elements], so each area showcases a breakthrough instrument

The main station is called the Innovation Studio, which is made up of six smaller stations.

"If you already play, you can just jam with a backing track. And if you don't play, there's a tutorial. It throws you right into the deep end. Here's

an A chord, C, F, and then everyone can jam together. There's a Moog, Kurzweil, Roland, and an Accent Pancat, an electronic steel pan that you can program with all sorts of different sounds. But it's not all technology. We have a Banjo, Martin guitar, percussion, and other instruments, so there's really something for everybody. It's...not a quiet room!"

The Museum of Making Music's August 20 reopening will include live music in the lobby and musicians on hand to help guests with instruments. There will be a special rate of \$5 per person through the end of the month. Kids 12 and under are free.

— Chad Deal

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"If you were yogurt, would you be fruit at the bottom or stirred?"

Hocus is fronted by Lando Martinez (aka Fat Lando), who retired from the U.S. Navy in 2008 after serving 20 years. "I'm a rarity," he says. "I've served my country honorably, and I write great songs. Plus, I'm retired and look 25."

After playing their first show at O'Connell's in January 2009, the band's debut album *Better Than You* was nominated Best Local Recording at the 2010 San Diego Music Awards.

Martinez describes his songwriting as "A blend of '90s, British, and today... I'd say Hocus music is like a smooth, relaxing drink with a twist of razor blades. Music that is melodic and raw at the same time. For being a three-piece, we make quite a ruckus."

Hocus also includes bassist/singer Lorina Montejano (aka Lolita) and drummer Ryan Schilawski (aka Rhino). The trio appears in the upcoming documentary *A San Diego Concert Film*, which also features such locals as the Soft Pack, the Silent Comedy, and Transfer.

Hocus is working on a new CD slated for release later this year.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Lando Martinez:

1. The Doors, *L.A. Woman*. "Jim's last hurrah — you can hear it in his voice. This album should be listened to late at night while driving."
2. Stone Temple Pilots, *No. 4*. "Scott Weiland's heroin album. He's battling addiction, and his bandmates provide the soundtrack."

3. Ozzy Osbourne, *Diary of a Madman*. "The title track alone still gives me the heebie jeebies."

Rhino:

1. Tom Waits, *Anthology*. "He's so amazing because of the unique rhythmic hooks, the unconventional percussion, and his grotesque voice."
2. Fu Manchu, *We Must Obey*. "They have heavy grooves in their sound."

3. Superjoint Ritual, *Use Once and Destroy*. "The band jumps right into hard, abrasive punk."

Lolita:

1. Joshua Bell, *Romance of the Violin*. "He picked great songs, and his intonation and style is to die for."
2. *Velfarre Cyber Trance 01*. "Compilation of my favorite electronic-trance music."

EVER BEEN INJURED ONSTAGE?

Martinez: "I sometimes slam my teeth into the mic, causing this horrible thud sound and either a chipped tooth or split lip."

BEST VOICE IN SAN DIEGO?

Martinez: "If you want venom, spit, and hellfire delivered in an unforgettable performance, Vikki SexXx from Squirrely Arts."

Rhino: "Tori Roze of the Hot Mess."

Lolita: "Emilio Conde from Montecristo."

IF YOU COULD TIME TRAVEL, WHEN/ WHERE WOULD YOU VISIT?

Rhino: "I would travel to the late '80s and early '90s and stop the DJ era from ever starting, so people would still care about making music instead of

butchering it."

Lolita: "1969, so I could see my idols like Janis, Jimi, and Johnny Cash."

BEST PLACE TO HANG OUT FOR FREE?

Martinez: "The public library has free Wi-Fi, books, and a great DVD and CD collection. Enjoy your tax dollars."

Rhino: "I grab some 40s and a Big Gulp cup and just get lost in Balboa Park."

Lolita: "I hang out at bookstores in Hillcrest."

FAVORITE CONCERT?

Martinez: "Velvet Revolver at Cricket Amphitheatre was great because you had three bands for the price of one. They played their music, Guns N' Roses, and Stone Temple Pilots."

Rhino: "The Vandals in 2003, when the Warped Tour was still kind of cool. They were so energetic."

Lolita: "Ozzy Osbourne and Rob Zombie. I've loved Ozzy forever, enough to get him tattooed on my ass, and Rob Zombie showed me what it was like to be horny at age ten."

FIRST TIME YOU GOT DRUNK?

Martinez: "I was 14 in Dallas, Texas, being a fool with my friends. We slammed a 12-pack of Budweiser and drank a fifth of Jack Daniels. We were in a small park and, for whatever reason, there was a small cemetery and we decided to knock over all the tombstones."

WHAT REMAINS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Martinez: "To go on tour with either Stone Temple Pilots or the Foo Fighters."

Lolita: "Go to xLAN in New Zealand. It's a computer-geek thing."



PHOTOGRAPH BY TOM LORD

Grab some 40s and a Big Gulp cup and just get lost in Balboa Park with Hocus.

YOUR BEST PICKUP LINE?

Martinez: "I'm in a band."

Rhino: "If you were yogurt, would you be fruit at the bottom or stirred?"

Lolita: "Hi."

SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Martinez: "I hate walking barefoot."

Rhino: "I have a tattoo on the inside of my lower lip."

Lolita: "I'm really a violinist." ■

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Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891. *Friday*, 7:30pm — Tribute to Sade. With the Taboo Band. *Saturday, Sunday* — Jerry Butler. Chicago soul/funk.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. *Friday*, 10pm — The Styletones. Funk/soul. *Saturday*, 11pm — Neon Beat. With DJ Junior the Discopunk.

Beachside Grill: 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-8850. *Friday*, 7pm — Creative Conspiracy, Best Regret, and 321 Stereo. CD release. Rock. \$5.

Baumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474. *Thursday*, 8pm — Mark Fisher. Acoustic/covers. **Free.**

Friday, 8pm — Mark Fisher & Friends. Rock covers. **Free.**

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. *Thursday* — Maren Parusel and Joanie Mendenhall. *Saturday* — Pine Mountain Logs. Rock/covers. *Sunday, Monday* — Groundation. Reggae. *Wednesday* — Company of Thieves. Indie rock.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. *Friday*, 8pm — Dive Bomber and Silence Betrayed. With Media Solution and Break the Chain. \$8. *Saturday*, 8pm — First Degree the D.E. \$15.

Calavera Hills Park: 2997 Glasgow Dr., Carlsbad. *Friday*, 6pm — Monette Marino-Keita. World. **Free.**

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. *Thursday*, 8:30pm — Pictureplane and Javelin. \$12. *Friday*, 8:30pm — Imagine Dragons. Art rock. \$10. *Saturday*, 8:30pm — Wooden Shjips and the Night Beats. Psychedelic rock. **Free.** *Sunday*, 8:30pm — Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects. \$8. *Wednesday*, 8:30pm — Alberta Cross. Folk rock/blues. \$8.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600. *Friday* — 311, Sublime, and Rome. Rock/reggae/ska. *Tuesday* — Sade and John Legend. Smooth jazz/soft rock.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Here's what you're supposed to do if you want to make it as a rock band: Record with big-name producers, build an online presence, tour constantly, work with the most buzzed-about record labels, partner with trendy corporate sponsors, look attractive in your photo shoots, and last but not least, play the kind of music the kids want to hear.

San Francisco's Wooden Shjips hasn't just ignored these guidelines, they've turned them on their head. In fact, guitarist and bandleader Ripley Johnson put the band together in 2003 as an experiment to see if nonmusicians could play the kind of music he liked — mysterious,

minimalist rock influenced by psychedelia and krautrock — better than people who could actually play. Eventually, through lineup changes and experience, the band became proficient with their instruments, but they continued to defy convention at nearly every turn. They avoided MySpace, and when they did release their first material, it was only available on ten-inch vinyl — and they gave away all their copies. This potentially disastrous move ended up earning them reviews in *Rolling Stone* and other outlets, and soon demand grew.

So did the band's output. Wooden Shjips has put out dozens of singles and EPs over the past few years, on a variety of labels — some of them for charity, all of them hard to find. Many of these singles are on two compilation albums. Today, Wooden Shjips' releases are getting easier to find, they're touring more



WOODEN SHJIPS

regularly, and they're online, but their music is as enigmatic as ever.

The Night Beats also perform.

WOODEN SHJIPS: The Casbah, Saturday, August 20, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. Free show.

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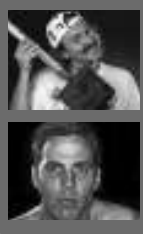
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September 15 — Slaid Cleaves.
September 16 — Blame Sally.
September 18 — Mary Gauthier.
September 30 — Eliza Gilkyson.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.
August 26, August 27 — Acoustic Alchemy.
September 3 — Joe Sample.
September 7 — Maraca.
September 9 — Tim Bowman.
September 16 — Sonny Landreth.
September 17 — Floyd FX.
September 22 — Sacha Boutros.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

“Alberta Cross hasn’t had an original idea since the day they started,” if you follow music blogs or the rock press. The Cross sound is favorably compared to Van Morrison, the Black Crowes, the Band, Depeche Mode, Neil Young, and the Kings of Leon — or all of them, which is impossible. Alberta Cross does seem like a lot of other bands, but in this decade of musical recycling, so do many others. Perhaps what throws a critic off is that Alberta Cross began life in the U.K., and as many U.K. bands before them, the Cross tends to romanticize American music. But in this case it is Southern rock — not the blues or the Woodstock/Laurel/Topanga vibe of

the ’60s — that Alberta Cross is spoon-feeding to pop fans from their new vantage point in Brooklyn.

Petter Ericson Stakee’s vocals live in the high registers, but they carry a polish unlike anything wheezed out by the Band. Alberta Cross swaggers with self-conscious teen braggadocio, and there’s familiarity in their classic-rock power-chord posture. Can one band be the sum total of all things pop? Perhaps. But the thing that Alberta Cross owns is this: they have the sound of loneliness down cold.

Singer/guitarist Stakee, a Swede, started the band in the West End with a bassist named Terry Wolfers. They hired organist Alec Higgins, guitarist Sam Kearney, and drummer Austin Beede and relocated to New York. 2009’s debut *Broken Side of Time* earned them headliner status in 2010. The name “Alberta Cross” is said to be neither person nor thing — Stakee,



in what may have been a little tour-bus humor, said to reporters that the band’s name is an anagram for “Scab Realtors.”

Children of Nova and Patrick Bates also perform.

ALBERTA CROSS: The Casbah, Wednesday, August 24, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

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September 11 — Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers.
September 16 — The Young Dubliners.
September 17 — Tainted Love.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
August 26 — Flight 93 Benefit’s Ten-Year Anniversary.
August 27 — Aizen.
September 2 — Aghori, Canobliss, Burden of Truth, and Synapse Defect.
September 3 — Metalachi.
September 6 — Agnostic Front.
September 9 — One Theory.
September 10 — Fuzz-Huzzi.
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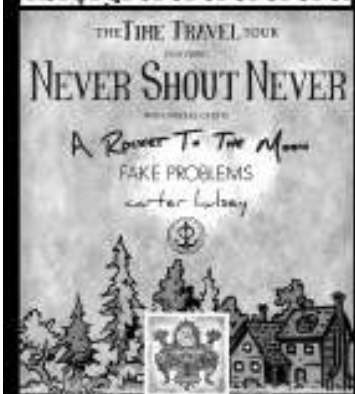
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Joe's Pizza: *Thursday*, 6-9pm: \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

Viva Vino: *Monday-Saturday*, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7:30pm: \$6.75 Stella, \$5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock Doc/Hefeweizen, \$4.75 Bud Light.

California Kebab: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$6 sangria carafes.

Casa Machado: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6 pm, \$2.50 margaritas, \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3.50 imports.

Cucina Fresca and Sons: *Daily*, 3-5pm: \$1.75 domestic beer.

Effin's Pub & Grill: *Daily*, all day: \$2 Bud bottles. Noon-7pm: \$1 off wells & drafts, 1/2-off appetizers.

Pal Joey's: *Daily*, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

Satin Lounge: *Thursday*, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Bistro d'Asia: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.75 draft beer, \$4.50 house wine. \$1 off hand rolls.

Candelas on the Bay: *Daily*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off drinks & bar menu.

Chance Bistro: *Monday-Friday*, all day: \$4 or \$5 wine by the glass. \$7.99 burger/fries/drink.

Coronado Boathouse 1887: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: \$2.50 domestic beers, \$5 wine by the glass, \$7 specialty martinis.

Danny's Palm Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 wells.

Grumpy Dan's Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$3 domestic bottles, wells, house wine.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$1 off appetizers. \$1.50 sliders. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Primavera Ristorante: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off all drinks; \$2 off daily food specials. *Wednesday*, 5-7pm: Wine night: 1/2-off all bottles, incl. champagne.

Village Pizzeria: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2-off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Yummy Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

DEL MAR

Brigantine: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$1 off Kenwood wines; \$5.50 Georgia Peach Mezzacorona, Chardonnay; \$4 Alaska white ale, Brig Brew golden ale; \$4 house margarita.

Bully's Del Mar: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3 bottle beer, \$3 domestic pints, \$4 microbrew pints, \$4.50 wells, \$3 house wine by the glass, \$6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers.

Del Mar Rendezvous: *Wednesday, Sunday*, 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

DOWNTOWN

400 West: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 domestic, \$5 wells, imported beer, appetizers.

923 Dive Lounge: *Wednesday-Saturday*, 8-10pm: \$2 wells/drafts. All night Thursday: \$2 Manhattans, martinis.

Altitude Sky Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$4 domestic drafts. \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat bread.

Analog: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks and li'l burgers. *Sunday*, all day: 1/2-off all drinks and li'l burgers.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

Asti Ristorante: *Daily*, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Athens Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$4 shots: Jameson, Jack Daniel's, Jäger, José Cuervo Gold.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: *Friday*, \$6 pomegranate martini. *Saturday*, \$6 cosmos.

Bella Luna: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 house wine, 1/2-off appetizers.

Blue Point: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks, select appetizers; discount on caviar; \$1 oysters.

Buster's Beach House & Long-board Bar: *Daily*, 2-6pm: \$3 Buster's pale ale, amber; \$3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island Iced Tea.

Candelas: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2-price. *Saturday*, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2-price..

Chianti: *Daily*, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: \$5 martinis, house wine.

Currant: *Daily*, 4-7pm:, 10pm-midnight: \$5 wells, sangria, house wines. 1/2-off entire bar menu.

De'Medici Cucina Italiana: *Monday-Thursday*, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic

Set 'Em Up, Joe!

BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN

Since the El Dorado Cocktail Lounge started offering what bartender Matthew Stanton calls “advanced cocktails” on its menu, he says they’ve been a hard sell to the status quo. In particular, Stanton says, he’d like customers to get a little cozier with the Compari-fueled Americano and the Artichoke Hold, which uses Compari’s not-quite-as-bitter cousin Cynar, an artichoke-based liqueur.

“I think that liking these drinks comes with time, after testing and experience,” Stanton says. “When I tell people it’s an advanced cocktail, though, I have to be careful sometimes because some people get offended thinking I’m calling them rookies with their liquor.”

But there are enough customers who are wild about them to keep it a popular item on the menu, Stanton adds.



“We knew when we put it on the menu that we weren’t going to sell a ton of them,” he says, “but people who love them come running for them.”

The Americano started off as a European cocktail and was made popular among American booze tourists during Prohibition, especially hitting its stride after showing up in Hemingway stories. Stanton says it’s a perfect daytime drink and a great aperitif as a prelude to dinner because of its low proof and Compari’s much-heralded benefits to body and soul.

“Bitter” doesn’t quite get at what the Americano offers the palate, Stanton says. Rather, he looks at it as a fine-tuned demonstration of why balance is the first principle of any successful cocktail.

“The balance of the bitter and sweetness from the vermouth gives it a unique complexity,” he says.

Kitchen proof: Another term for bittersweet pleasure? El Dorado’s Americano.

MATTHEW STANTON

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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.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-8pm: All drinks two-for-one.

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.

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.

EASTLAKE

D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, house wine, pizza slice, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

The Broken Piñata: *Wednesday-Sunday*, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

Calypto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

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.

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.

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

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.

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Tre Porcellini: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.50 drafts and house wine.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: *Daily*, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

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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Kensington Cafe: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

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LA JOLLA

Alfonso's of La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.25 drinks, bar appetizers.

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.

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Whaling Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

LA MESA

Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita.

Centifonti's Restaurant: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells; \$5 off beer boots. \$1 off 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).

Hearth House: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 premium beers, wine, & wells. \$2 bratwurst & fries, \$3 burger & fries.

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.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts; \$2 off 8-oz. sirloin.

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.

The New Morena Club 1 M1319: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

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.

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 house beer, domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, \$1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Excaltibur 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: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 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.

Cafe Bleu: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, beers, wines. 20% off appetizers.

Adam's Steak & Eggs: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-7pm: Double well drinks, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

All American Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 glasses of wine, \$7 house cocktails.

Ruby's Diner: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.99 shakes/malts.

NATIONAL CITY

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2.25 Bud drafts; \$3.50 mai tais, Long Beach tea, margaritas.

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

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Ah, Wilderness

Eugene O'Neill's only comedy plays like a parallel universe apart from his other works. In *Ah, Wilderness*, tragedy dare not tread. Even the loss of innocence gets thwarted. The play has good humor and charm. New Village Arts, however, treats it as a drab, dated period piece that needs constant comedic resuscitation. Director Amanda Sitton, who has done good work before, adds extraneous sight gags and business that upstages the text. She also forces such a chipper veneer onto every scene she creates a parallel universe on the *other* side of the play: Yummyland. Performances are uneven, at best. Kyle Lucy does some fine work as innocent young Richard. And Daren Scott does a fine turn as drunken Uncle Sid. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 28.

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.

Chalk It Up to Murder

Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater "spaghetti western" mystery that asks, "Was the schoolmarm'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.

Come Back, Little Sheba

Community Actors Theatre stages William Inge's story about how a young, "lustful" art student disrupted the lives of Lola and Doc



Cygnets staged a spirited production of B-movie classic Little Shop of Horrors.

Delaney.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 28.

Engaging Shaw

The Taming of the Shaw. When conventional methods can't nab George Bernard Shaw's heart, Charlotte Payne-Townshend tries an unconventional approach. John Morogiello's comedy may, or may not, be based on fact (Shaw's farcical breakdown plays like pure fiction). It helps to have Shaw's witticisms sprinkled throughout the otherwise pedestrian dialogue. And to have Angela Pierce playing Charlotte for the Old Globe. She grows more forthright with every scene. Rod Brogan gives young Shaw the right amount of cocksureness, though his accent comes and goes. Michael Warner and Natalie Gold show that Sidney Webb and wife Beatrice had a marriage of true minds. *Engaging Shaw* is entertaining. But it's a paltry imitation of the master, who should

appear on a local stage, and soon. *Worth a try.*

SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4.

Grace

Ion Theatre presents Craig Wright's "tale of passion, politics, and faith." Glenn Paris directed. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10.

Hairspray

Moonlight Stage Productions presents the musical, adapted from the John Waters movie, about Tracy Turnblad's revolution in 1962 Baltimore. Oppressed by the forces of evil, she still "can't stop the beat." Steve Gladini directed. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BREngle TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM WEDNES-

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Hershey Felder in Maestro: The Art of Leonard Bernstein

Leonard Bernstein contained multitudes. Hershey Felder tries to sum them up in a 95-minute tribute. The first two-thirds of the evening take Bernstein up to age 25. They move at a detailed, instructive, and highly entertaining pace. The last third, however, plays as if Felder had to cram Bernstein's final 47 years into 47 minutes. They reduce Bernstein's multitudes into a few "issues": Who am I? Guilt over his wife, Felicia. Worry that he had no defining piece of music. As he demonstrated in previous tributes to Gershwin and Beethoven, Felder's a maestro at the piano (though less so as a vocalist). It's fascinating to follow a strand of music as it connects with others across the "continuum." In many ways, the sounds flying from a black Steinway tell the story, and its complexities, far more eloquently than the words. *Worth a try.* OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 28.

Life in the Middle Ages: The Legendary Midlife Crisis Comedy

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Little Shop of Horrors

Crisply directed by Sean Murray,

this spirited production of the B-movie classic goes back to the musical's black and white roots. Everything on Sean Fanning's Skid Row set's in shades of gray, including the costumes. Only Audrey II, the carnivorous plant, is in Technicolor. Melissa Fernandes heads the cast as the emotionally bedraggled Audrey Fulquard (and does a wonderful rendition of "Somewhere That's Green"). Brandon Joel Maier and Phil Johnson hit the right notes as Seymour and Mr. Mushnick, and Geno Carr shows impressive versatility as a passel of baddies. David McBean gives Audrey II the requisite booming voice and the overwhelming urge to convert all of humanity into "plant food." **Critic's Pick.**

CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11.

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 touché of the victor. Jonno Roberts does a fine turn — literally, when he leaps from naysayer to ardent lover — as Benedick.

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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

"I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure." Steve Solomon's 90-minute show's a cornucopia of rehashed jokes (the punch lines often anticipated by people in the audience). His mother's Italian, which opens up an armada of stereotypes, and his father's Jewish, ditto the stereotypes. He says "I'm not making fun," but that doesn't exonerate the show from a near-rampant xenophobia. There are some funny bits, like a story about burying non-kosher silverware, but most of the evening's content to lower the lowest common denominator. You may never know what Ron Tobin, the performer, thinks about the material. He moves like a teacher on fast-forward, making eye contact, acknowledging audience responses (even when not forthcoming). He hits and runs and manages to endear himself even with material that belongs in a Dumpster.

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.

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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."

MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Once Upon a Wedding

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MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 28.

Sleeping Beauty Wakes

Its dreamlike sequences are the best part of this musical. The awake

moments edge toward being edgy but feel forced and generic. Her father says he's a king and she's been asleep for 900 years. Fact or fairy tale? Doug Varone's fluid choreography makes a case for the latter. Aspen Vincent and Bryce Ryness are nicely matched as the princess and a (balletic) bumbling Prince Charming. Kecia Lewis-Evans shines as a been there/done that doctor who may be the evil, scissor-handed fairy who caused the princess' woe. *Worth a try.*

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 28.

The Love Suicides at Amijima

DangerHouse Productions presents a modern adaptation of Chikamatsu Monzaemon's tragic love story (1720). Justine Hince directed. LIBERTY HALL THEATER AT PARADISE VILLAGE, 2700 EAST 4TH ST., NATIONAL CITY. 8PM THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 28.

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 Valley of Shadows

Point Loma Actors Theatre presents a reader's theater adaptation of Francis Grierson's autobiographical account of his life, in central Illinois, a few years before the Civil War. POINT LOMA ASSEMBLY, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. 4PM SUNDAY.

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OLD TOWN THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7PM MONDAY.

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Trying

Lamb's Players Theatre continues its 40th season with Joanna McClelland Glass's drama about Judge Francis Biddle and his young secretary, Sarah, called in to help him finish his memoirs. Kerry Meads directed.

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The summer harvest, mid-August — we reap what we can:

The Whistleblower

Rachel Weisz was excellent in *Agora*, one of the few movies to deal smartly with the cultural collapse of classical antiquity. Not many Americans paid attention. She was the best thing in *The Lovely Bones*, but the film was foolish. Now Weisz is the moral force and focus of *The Whistleblower* — what are the chances that many viewers will care to absorb its grim message?

Canadian director Larysa Kondracki's first feature provides a vividly rough, upsetting sense of what it means to be a betrayed girl in Bosnia, huddled with other exploited victims

in wretched rooms, enduring punitive torture and sex slavery. The capper is that most of the swaggering, criminal males are officers of a U.N. peace force, along with some corporate contractors (one sneers, "We work in the real world").

The lonely crusader exposing them is a new recruit, Kathryn Bolkovac (Weisz). Divorced and far from home, the trained Nebraska cop is shocked but brave. Though reality-rooted and less pulpy than *Trade*, the Kevin Kline film about sex-sold kids, this movie cuts a few corners. And it has so many odious men that almost the whole gender seems condemned (most of these villains had diplomatic immunity from prosecution).

Kathryn presses ahead, not strik-



The Whistleblower is a movie that feels necessary and overdue.

ing martyr poses, never pulling a gun. Weisz is always deeply genuine. The fierce care in her face is not a slapped-on logo of empathy (her main advisor, acted by Vanessa Redgrave, is like the noble ghost of a dead U.N.). The movie

feels necessary and overdue. Over two million victims are mired in sexual slavery. For the vast majority the U.N. is not responsible, but in a cruel world it also has meager resources to help them. ★★★

One Day

Anne Hathaway poses as an intellectual in *One Day*, tying her hair back and wearing glasses. The effect was no more convincing when Dorothy Malone did it as a prim bookshop clerk in *The Big Sleep* (1946), but for Malone it set up a sharp sex gag. Bookishness is meant to define Hathaway's Emma, who snootily keeps putting down the man she supposedly desires.

Soon the glasses are gone, the hair is free, and Hathaway glows. Though

Freedom Writer Erin Gruwell In Person at Sunday's Jewish Film Festival Kick-Off Event

By Scott Marks — Aug. 15, 1:56 p.m.

Interview: Former La Jolla Yoav Potash, Director of Crime After Crime

By Valerie Scher — Aug. 15, 9:08 a.m.

Lucas Parts with 40 Additional Hours for Star Wars Blu-ray

By Scott Marks — Aug. 14, 9:14 a.m.

La Paloma Debuts Local Steve White Documentary Tonight, Aug. 14

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she hath a way with us, she is often snide with Dexter (Jim Sturgess). She likes subtitled films, Dex likes (even appears in) trashy TV. She reads Milan Kundera, he leafs through magazines. They cool their initial fever by avoiding sex, and then reunite every July 15. After many meet-cutes, she is keen to be impregnated and he is game to oblige, although by now he's a married and doting dad. Their teased-along "friendship" seems like an experiment in dim-witted desire.

It echoes the dinner-theater charms of Bernard Slade's *Same Time, Next Year*, which also used the once-a-year gambit. The 1978 film lacked this one's lush views of Edinburgh, London, and Paris, but Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn zipped it along expertly. Here we suffer an episodic mishmash. Ever-boyish Dex keeps meeting the dream woman who makes him feel unworthy yet still dotes on him sentimentally.

Hathaway achieves a paradox: irritating adorableness. Having pre-tested her okay English accent in past films, she still tends to swallow or rush her lines. Emma not only strings along Dex but also dithers with a love-smitten comedian who isn't funny (yet is quite engaging — Rafe Spall is the son of the great Timothy Spall). Emma remains an opaque figure, and director Lone Scherfig never finds with Hathaway the gold of Carey Mulligan in *An Education*. The July 15 episodes start to seem like Bastille Day hangovers.

★

Salvation Boulevard

Pierce Brosnan hustles suavely as Rev. Dan Day, whose pictures of himself dwarf those of Christ in his mega-church office. He must be the



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Calendar MOVIES

first film pastor to pray in a luxury shower stall. In *Salvation Boulevard*, Day is worshipped by groupies such as Gwen (Jennifer Connelly), whose husband (Greg Kinnear) is puzzled by Day's swaggering holiness. And then a professor (Ed Harris), the local Christopher Hitchens of righteous atheism, debates Day into a rather dev-

ilish situation.

George Ratliff's satire from Larry Beinhart's novel is not an attack on religion but a *Mad*-like lampoon of the travesties of religion. Brosnan never challenges Burt Lancaster's Elmer Gantry, Robert Duvall's evangelist in *The Apostle*, or Brad Dourif's Bible-howler in *Wise Blood*, but he might be the funniest preacher since Dick Van Dyke in *Cold Turkey*. Expertly amusing help includes Marisa Tomei as a Grateful Dead freak turned security

guard and Ciarán Hinds as an ex-military plank of manly wood. Among the fine touches is Rev. Day's cell phone, lighting up in satanic red. I chuckled often but not loudly.

★★★

Crime After Crime

Justice rides rough in *Crime After Crime*. Yoav Potash's documentary is about Deborah Peagler, an L.A. woman who met her dreamboat in 1975. The smooth egotist married, impregnated, abused, and pimped Deborah, who was finally driven to using Crips gang thugs to scare him away. They overdid it, and Peagler went to prison on a 25-to-life ticket, thanks to a lazy lawyer, hard laws, and a mean district attorney.

Peagler's many legal appeals were often futile. Committed pro-bono attorneys Nadia Costa and Joshua Safran costar engagingly with Peagler, a devoutly religious model prisoner. With Potash serving as legal videographer, the talking closeups are endless. But the story grabs. Is there a villain more perfectly self-cast than repellent D.A. Steve Cooley? Or anyone more movingly mired in Kafka limbo than Peagler? Despite its plodding tactics, the movie is an alarming witness.

★★★

The Future

Miranda July wrote, directed, and stars as Sophie in *The Future*. She also does the scratchy voice of her sick cat, sharing its tiny thoughts with us. Sophie's normal, drained, deadpan voice matches her spaced husband (Hamish Linklater), a quirky guy who can "stop time." He also hears the moon talking to him. The script seems to be on meds

and often has the aura of Pee-wee Herman having a weird little party with David Lynch.

Despite some amusingly drab lust in Tarzana, July's fey and feline charms coagulate into a glum paste of abstract anxieties about aging, death, infidelity, and ecology. It might work better as performance art in a loft, though some night images are excellent. If July keeps going in this direction, she will become the next-most aggravating woman in movies, right after low-budget vanity star Tanna Frederick.

★

Point Blank

The first point against *Point Blank* is that it steals a great movie's title. Not the 1998 Mickey Rourke dodo, but John Boorman's 1967 *Point Blank*, a brilliant thriller starring Lee Marvin's definitive performance as a monolithic menace. By contrast, Fred Cavayé's new film is slick and slippery Euro-trash. As in 2008's *Everything for Her*, Cavayé uses a husband trying to save his wife from a French justice system prone to fascism (the Nazis got a lot of police cooperation in France).

Samuel (Gilles Lellouche) is a hospital nurse whose wife (Elena Anaya) is in late pregnancy. Talk about trimester blues: she is abducted and hauled to a grim refrigeration plant by thugs who are into deep *merde* with corrupt Parisian cops. As Samuel becomes a Real Man (no mere male nurse!) by looking for his wife, we pinball along with the many clichés: chases, ambushes, subway violence, shady Gypsies, Mafia hoods (sauced, as usual, by an opera aria). Roschdy Zem is a Marvin-like hard case, clipped and lethal. Marvin famously shot holes in a bed. Zem

plugs a mattress through the flesh of a fat, decadent gangster. So much for progress.

★

Reviewed in the movie listings: *Final Destination 5* and *Glee: The 3-D Concert Movie*.

— 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.

Another Earth — The lyrical intersection of two planets (Earth and its unexpected twin), two genres (the soaper and sci-film film), and two people. Both the soap and science are gently measured out, as Brit Marling (who also co-scripted) recovers from a tragic accident by helping her unintended victim (William Mapother). Her devoted housework becomes a vehicle for rehabilitation, as the two grow romantically under the spectral aura of the new planet. Mike Cahill made the film on a very small budget, stretched to achieve fine moods, good acting, and the delicate sense that life is abidingly strange. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST)

Bridesmaids — A raunchy comedy with integrity from star and cowriter Kristen Wiig. 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.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA PALOMA)

Captain America: The First Avenger — Marvel continues its lightweight but well-muscled march toward the superhero ensemble piece *The Avengers*, this time calling on director Joe Johnston and his gift for rendering unclouded heroism and golly-gee romance. You know, olde-timey stuff, appropriate for a decent guy (Chris Evans) who gets turned into a WWII super soldier via (what else) a super-soldier serum. Tommy Lee Jones is perfect as a crusty captain with a soft interior, but Hugo Weaving's rogue Nazi has trouble finding his inner baddie. 2011. — M.L.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Change-Up — It opens with a cute infant projectile-defecating into the mouth of his dad (Jason Bateman) and never gets better. Solid bourgeois lawyer Bateman and his crass bachelor chum (Ryan Reynolds) switch bodies, thanks to magic (a blackout!) while urinating into a public fountain. That allows the horndog to vulgarize Bateman's life, as Bateman turns into a bewildered party animal. Director David Dobkin (*Wedding Crashers*) and the writing duo behind the *Hangover* films have only at-

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Alice in Wonderland 2010. What happens when 19-year-old Alice returns to Underland 13 years after her famous first visit? Pre- and postfilm discussions led by Ann Zivotsky. **Wednesday, August 24, 5:30 p.m.**

The Ghost Writer 2010. A ghostwriter hired to complete the memoirs of a former British prime minister uncovers secrets that put his own life in jeopardy. **Wednesday, August 31, 5:30 p.m.**

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Wizard of Oz 72nd Anniversary. Follow the yellow brick road down to the poolside screening area for tale of Dorothy, Toto, and the Wicked Witch. 619-226-6100. **Thursday, August 18, 8 p.m.**

(500) Days of Summer 2009. Offbeat romantic comedy about a woman who doesn't believe true love exists, and the young man who falls for her. **Wednesday, August 24, 8 p.m.**

FLICKS ON THE BRICKS

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library

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Julie and Julia 2009. Nora Ephron's 2009 film intertwines the stories of culinary legend Julie Child (Meryl Streep) and writer Julie Powell (Amy Adams). **Thursday, August 18, 8 p.m.**

Gigi 1958. Weary of the conventions of Parisian society, a rich playboy and a youthful courtesan-in-training enjoy a platonic friendship, but it may not stay platonic for long. **Thursday, August 25, 8 p.m.**

STONE LATE NIGHT MOVIES

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Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy 2004. Enjoy this "ridiculous battle of the sexes" set in SD, with Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. Stay classy! For those 21 and older. **Wednesday, August 17, 8:30 p.m.**

The Boy in the Plastic Bubble 1976. Based on a true story, Tod Lubitch is born with a deficient immune system and must spend the rest of his life in a completely sterile environment. **Wednesday, August 24, 8:30 p.m.**

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

4040 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills· 619-295-4221

What's Eating Gilbert Grape? 1993. Johnny Depp is the long-suffering Gilbert Grape, a dreamer saddled with responsibility: no father, 500-pound mother, mentally disabled brother (Leonardo Di Caprio) and two quarrelsome sisters. A seductive outsider (Juliette Lewis) offers Gilbert the chance to leave his sleepy wasteland and grasp his dreams. **Thursday and Friday, August 18 and 19, 8:30 p.m.**

Bell, Book and Candle 1958. Richard Quine casts a light dusting of magic on this supernatural romance. **Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 8:30 p.m.**

Gilda 1946. The sinister boss of a South American casino finds that his right-hand man Johnny and his sensuous new wife Gilda already know each other. **Thursday and Friday, August 25 and 26, 8:30 p.m.**

Breakfast at Tiffany's 1961. Intoxicating confection from jet set America! Audrey Hepburn is the lovelorn lost soul living the New York high style. She tumbles for a gigolo (George Peppard)... and a cat. **Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, 8:30 p.m.**



FILM FORUM

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POV Shortcuts. Emerging filmmakers are showcased in program of documentary shorts. **Monday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.**

I Want Someone to Eat Cheese With 2006. About a man who has trouble with his job, trouble with women, and uses food to deal with it all. **Monday, August 29, 6:30 p.m.**

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Night of the Living Dead 1968. As graveyards, morgues, and hospitals suddenly and mysteriously begin coming alive with the recently deceased, a band of seven survivors take refuge in a farmhouse for the night. **Wednesday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.**



One Day — Hathaway achieves a paradox: irritating adorableness

titudes, no ideas, and all the subtlety of an ape opening a beer can with a crowbar. The use of women is dismal, including a cheesy soft-porn scene, though Olivia Wilde tries to swank it up with her nubile bod and super-babe smile. This is “adult” comedy for the terminally adolescent. 2011. — D.E. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION

VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15)

Conan the Barbarian — The fabled Robert E. Howard fantasy hero returns, with massive Jason Momoa trying to fill Schwarzenegger’s shoes as Conan. The grandiose macho adventure also features Stephen Lang and Ron Perlman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; ES-

CONDIDO 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; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/19)

Cowboys & Aliens — A dud. The big team of writers pile up cheap violence, icky aliens, corny rustics, a ha-ha Mexican, a mystery woman reborn in a fire, a hummingbird, a boy and his dog, silly special effects, and a sense that both the Western and the sci-fi invasion genre are being buried together. Daniel Craig is quite a tough desperado, but how did that enemy ray-gun get attached to his wrist? Don’t ask (or, as the woman says, “Stop thinking”). The smoking brand on this cow butt, a new downward definition of “summer escapism,” is Harrison Ford. His cattle baron speaks as if trying to swallow his dentures, and when he seeks to inspire the kid by telling how he found manhood by slashing a guy’s throat, we realize the Western heritage is truly over. 2011. — D.E.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Crazy, Stupid, Love — What fun: a romantic comedy based on genuine human folly instead of some high-concept absurdity. Julianne Moore is a middle-aged woman adrift, so much so that she slips out of her marriage (to Steve Carell) and into another man’s bed. Pathos ensues, with many of the laughs arising from moments of painful recognition. But don’t fret — there is enough good fun to keep things rolling, much of it provided by Ryan Gosling’s man-whore with a heart of gold. With Emma Stone, Marisa Tomei. 2011. — M.L.

★ ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOL-

LA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Crime After Crime — Reviewed this issue. ★ ★ ★ (GASLAMP 15; FROM 8/19)

The Devil’s Double — What a premise: goodhearted, patriotic Iraqi soldier gets forced to serve as body double for the drug-addled, trigger-happy, hornrod son of Saddam Hussein. A genuine existential crisis — how do I do my job without losing my very self? — with sex and violence to keep things rolling. Sadly, both Dominic Cooper in his double role and the film in general are content to dwell on the (admittedly diverting) surface of things and to let Saddam’s progeny play bad boy instead of tyrant. With Ludivine Sagnier. 2011. — M.L.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Final Destination 5 — Same carnage, different kids. This time the torture-porn embraces alternative forms of medicine such as acupuncture and laser surgery (if you have a thing about eyes, it’s best to close yours). There’s a terrific mounting sight gag (did you hear the one about the gymnast, a thumbtack, and a balance beam?), but the film is never able to top its spectacular opening CG destruction of a bridge during rush hour. And, not unlike a porno, you’re going to want to fast-forward through the dialogue scenes. If you must see it, see it in 3-D. Steven Quale directed; with Nicholas D’Agosto, Emma Bell, and the laughably bad Miles Fisher. 2011. — S.M.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA

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30 Minutes or Less (R) Fri.,Sun. (11:05, 1:05, 3:10) 5:20, 7:25, 9:35; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (11:20, 2:20) 5:05, 7:55, 10:45; **Conan the Barbarian** (R) Fri.,Sun. (12:10) 5:10; **Conan the Barbarian in 3D** (R) Fri.,Sun. (2:40) 7:45, 10:20; **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (10:50, 1:30) 4:15, 7:15, 10:10; **Crazy, Stupid, Love** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; **Final Destination 5** (R) Fri.,Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15; **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) Fri.,Sun. 8:10, 10:35; **Fright Night** (R) Fri.,Sun. (10:40, 1:00, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:30; **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) Fri.,Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:45) 6:00; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. 7:20, 10:05; **The Help** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (10:35, 12:05, 1:35, 3:35) 4:35, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; **One Day** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:00, 7:40, 10:25; **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (10:30, 12:55, 3:25) 5:50, 8:15, 10:50; **The Smurfs** (PG) Fri.,Sun. (11:35, 1:55) 4:20, 7:30, 9:45; **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World** (PG) Fri.,Sun. (10:55, 12:50, 2:55) 4:50, 7:05, 9:20

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Vintage La Costa
820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Aarakshan (Not Rated) Fri.,Sun. (11:45, 3:15) 6:45, 10:10; **The Change-Up** (R) Fri.,Sun. (11:25, 12:25, 2:05, 3:05) 4:40, 5:35, 7:20, 8:15, 9:55, 10:45; **Crazy, Stupid, Love** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (10:55, 12:00, 1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:40; **Crime After Crime** (Not Rated) Fri.,Sat. (11:10,

1:25, 3:30) 5:45, 7:50, 10:00 Sun. 5:45, 7:50, 10:00; **Friends With Benefits** (R) Fri.,Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) Fri.,Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; **The Hangover Part II** (R) Fri.,Sun. (3:00) 5:40, 8:10; **The Help** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (11:05, 12:35, 2:35, 3:45) 5:55, 7:00, 9:00, 10:05; **Lawrence of Arabia** (PG) Sun. (12:00p.m.); **One Day** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:45, 7:25, 9:50; **Super 8** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:25; **The Devil’s Double** (R) Fri. (1:00) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; **The Tree of Life** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **X-Men: First Class** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (11:55) 10:20

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
30 Minutes or Less (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:30, 4:10, 5:40) 7:50, 9:00, 10:05 Sat.,Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 4:10, 5:40, 7:50, 9:00, 10:05; **Amigo** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (1:20) 7:05; **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (4:20) 10:00 Sat.,Sun. 4:20, 10:00; **Conan the Barbarian** (R) Fri.,Sun. (3:45p.m.); **Conan the Barbarian in 3D** (R) Fri.,Sun. (1:00) 7:00, 9:45; **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 10:05 Sat.,Sun. (1:55) 4:35, 7:15, 10:05; **Final Destination 5** (R) Fri.,Sun. (1:25) 7:20; **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) Fri. (4:05) 9:40 Sat.,Sun. 4:05, 9:40; **Fright Night** (R) Fri. (4:00p.m.) Sat.,Sun. 4:00p.m.; **Fright Night 3D** (R) Fri.,Sun. (1:15) 7:15, 10:00; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 6:45, 9:35; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 6:50, 9:10 Sat.,Sun. (1:50) 4:25, 6:50, 9:10; **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 2:00, 4:30) 6:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,Sun. (1:10, 2:00) 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 10:15; **The Smurfs** (PG) Fri. (4:45) 9:50 Sat.,Sun. 4:45, 9:50; **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D** (PG) Fri. (12:55, 5:30) 10:10 Fri.,Sun. (3:15) 7:45

Sat.,Sun. (12:55) 5:30, 10:10; **The Smurfs 3D** (PG) Fri.,Sun. (1:45) 7:25; **Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D** (PG-13) Fri.,Sun. (2:15) 6:00, 9:20

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Salvation Boulevard (NR) Fri - Sun: (2:30), 7:00, Mon – Thu: 7:00; **Buck** (PG) Fri – Thu: (4:45), 9:20; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast; Sat: 12:00 Midnight; **Griff The Invisible** (PG-13) Opens Friday, August 26

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Captain America: The First Avenger; The Change-Up; Conan the Barbarian; Cowboys & Aliens; Crazy, Stupid, Love; Final Destination 5; Fright Night 3D (R) Fri.,Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **Glee: The 3-D Concert Movie; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2; The Help; Rise of the Planet of the Apes; Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4-D; 30 Minutes or Less**

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
One Day (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Sarah’s Key** (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:00), (4:40), 7:20, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **The Whistle-blower** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (10:50), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Midnight In Paris** (PG-13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:10), (4:50), 7:30, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **The Names Of Love** (R) Opens Friday, August 26

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
30 Minutes or Less (R) Fri. (10:05) 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:00, 9:15, 11:25; **Bridesmaids** (R) Fri. 10:35p.m.; **The Change-Up** (R) Fri. (11:00) 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; **Conan the Barbarian in 3D** (R) Fri. (11:25) 2:10, 5:05, 7:50, 10:45; **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30) 2:25, 5:15, 8:00, 10:50; **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) Fri. (10:25) 3:20, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; **Fright Night 3D** (R) Fri.,Sat. (10:00) 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:30, 11:15 Sun. (10:00) 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:30; **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) Fri. (10:45) 1:05, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:05; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40) 1:35, 4:35, 7:30; **Horrible Bosses** (R) Fri. (10:30) 12:55, 3:30, 5:55, 8:15, 10:40; **One Day** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25; **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri. 12:45p.m.; **The Smurfs** (PG) Fri. (10:50) 1:20, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World** (PG) Fri. 12:30, 5:10, 9:55; **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D** (PG) Fri. (10:10) 2:50, 7:35

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Atrocious (Atroz) (R) Fri. 12:00a.m.; **Captain America: The First Avenger; The Change-Up; Conan the Barbarian; Cowboys & Aliens; Crazy, Stupid, Love; The Devil’s Double; Final Destination 5; Friends with Benefits; Fright Night** (R) Fri.,Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Glee: The 3-D Concert Movie; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2; The Help; Horrible Bosses; One Day; Rise of the Planet of the Apes; The Smurfs; Spy Kids:**

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

All the Time in the World in 4-D; 30 Minutes or Less

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



30 Minutes or Less (R) Fri,-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; 48 Film Project: Best of 2011 (Not Rated) Sat. 7:00p.m.; Candyland: Great Lollipop Adventure (G) Sat. (10:30a.m.); Conan the Barbarian (R) Fri,-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Fright Night (R) Fri,-Sat. (10:15, 3:15) 8:15; Fright Night 3D (R) Fri,-Sat. (12:45) 5:45, 10:45; Glee the 3D Concert Movie (PG) Fri,-Sat. (11:00) 4:45, 9:45; The Help (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15; One Day (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:45, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 10:30

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Another Earth (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (2:25) 7:30; The Future (Not Rated) Fri. (4:50) 9:45 Sat,-Sun. (11:50) 4:50, 9:45; The Guard (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:40 Sat,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:35, 7:20, 9:40; Midnight in Paris (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:20) 7:05, 9:25 Sat,-Sun. (11:35) 1:55, 4:20, 7:05, 9:25; Point Blank (A Bout Portant) (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:45) 7:15, 9:35 Sat,-Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35; Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah) (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00,

4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.m.; Born To Be Wild IMAX (G) Fri. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 Sat. 1:00, 3:00 Sun. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Hubble (G) Fri. 5:00p.m. Sun. 5:00p.m.; Mystery of the Nile (Not Rated) Sun. 6:00p.m.; Tornado Alley (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 7:00 Sat. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00 Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
30 Minutes or Less (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:55, 2:05) 4:15, 6:20, 8:30, 10:40; The Change-Up (R) Fri,-Sun. 9:45p.m.; Conan the Barbarian (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:10; Final Destination 5 3D (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Fright Night 3D (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:35, 12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; The Help (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; One Day (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:45, 1:10, 3:30) 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:40, 1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:10, 10:35; The Smurfs (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; Special Event (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun.; Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
30 Minutes or Less (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 8:00, 10:45 Sat,-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:10, 8:00, 10:45; Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:00, 2:50) 6:50, 9:50; The Change-Up (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. (11:50, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:40; Conan the Barbarian (R) Fri. (11:55, 5:05) Sat,-Sun. (11:55) 5:05; Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) Fri,-Sun. (2:30) 7:50, 10:35; Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:15 Sat,-Sun. (1:55) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15; Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:45, 10:30 Sat,-Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:45, 10:30; Final Destination 5 3D (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:25, 5:00) 8:00, 10:45 Sat,-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Fright Night (R) Fri. (11:45, 4:55) Sat,-Sun. (11:45) 4:55; Fright Night 3D (R) Fri,-Sun. (2:25) 7:40, 10:20; Glee the 3D Concert Movie (PG) Fri. (11:30, 1:50, 4:20) 6:45, 9:35 Sat,-Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 4:20, 6:45, 9:35; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:15, 3:55) 7:05, 10:05; The Help (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 4:00) 7:10, 10:25 Sat,-Sun. (12:20) 4:00, 7:10, 10:25; One Day (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 10:00 Sat,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 10:00; Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10 Sat,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; The Smurfs (PG) Fri. (12:25, 4:10) 6:40, 9:30 Sat,-Sun. (12:25) 4:10, 6:40, 9:30; Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) Fri,-Sun. (1:45) 7:00 Fri. (11:30, 4:05) 9:40 Sat,-Sun. (11:30) 4:05, 9:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Final Destination 5 (R); Fright Night (R); Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13); Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4-D (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Denney Road (888-262-4386)
Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13); Conan the Barbarian (R); Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13); Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13); Final Destination 5 (R); Fright Night (R); Glee: The 3-D Concert Movie (PG); Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (PG-13); The Help (PG-13); One Day (PG-13); Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13); The Smurfs (PG); Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4-D (PG); 30 Minutes or Less (R)

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Chula Vista
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Conan the Barbarian (R) Fri - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Fright Night (R) Fri - Thu: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) Fri - Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; 30 Minutes or Less (R) Fri - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Final Destination 5 (R) Fri - Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; The Help (PG-

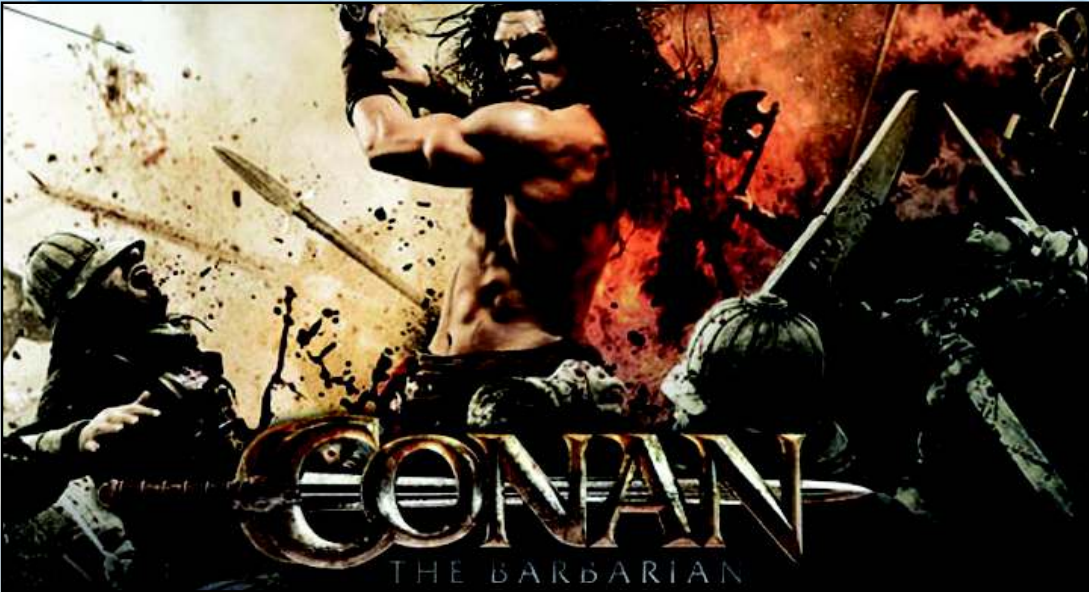
13) Fri - Thu: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00; Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 8:10, 10:45; Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 11:30 AM, 5:10; The Smurfs (PG) Fri - Thu: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 2:15, 7:45, 11:00; Candyland: Great Lollipop Adventure (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
30 Minutes or Less (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:55) 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 7:50, 10:10; Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:00) 12:50, 3:45, 6:40, 9:30 Sun. 12:50, 3:45, 6:40, 9:30; The Change-Up (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:00) 3:20, 6:00; Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 12:35, 8:40; Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; Final Destination 5 (R) Fri,-Sat. (10:15) 5:30, 8:00 Sun. 5:30, 8:00; Final Destination 5 3D (R) Fri,-Sun. 12:35, 3:00, 10:30; Fright Night (R) Fri,-Sun. 12:05, 2:30, 10:15; Fright Night 3D (R) Fri,-Sun. 5:05, 7:40; Glee the 3D Concert Movie (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:40) 12:55, 3:05, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 1:25p.m.; The Help (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:55) 3:15, 6:30, 9:40; Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:40) 12:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Sun. 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; The Smurfs (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:35; Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:50) 2:10, 9:20; Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) Fri,-Sun. 4:35, 7:00

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2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
30 Minutes or Less (R) Fri.-Sun. (9:55) 12:30, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15; **The Change-Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 7:10; **Conan the Barbarian** (R) Fri.-Sun. 3:00, 5:45; **Conan the Barbarian in 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (9:35) 12:20, 8:30, 11:15; **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 4:15; **Crazy, Stupid, Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:40, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40; **Final Destination 5** (R) Fri.-Sun. (9:50) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Final Destination 5 IMAX 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:05, 6:30, 9:00; **Fright Night 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (9:30) 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:50; **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:05) 2:55, 8:00; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 1:35, 4:40, 7:45, 10:45; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:40) 12:50; **The Help** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:30) 12:50, 4:10, 7:35, 10:50; **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:20, 1:15, 4:00, 5:20, 7:00, 9:40, 10:25; **The Smurfs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:45) 3:10, 8:25; **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 3:15, 8:05; **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:45, 5:40, 10:30; **The Smurfs 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:25, 5:50, 11:00

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

UltraStar River Village
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Conan the Barbarian (R) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; **Fright Night** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **30 Minutes or Less** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM , 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **Final Destination 5** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 8:15; **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Sun - Thu: 11:30 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; **Candyland: Great Lollipop Adventure** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

POWAY

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Friends with Benefits — Mila Kunis and Justin Timberlake star as physically perfect specimens, each unable to maintain a committed relationship, who decide to use each other for sex. It’s an attempt to parody romantic comedies that quickly disintegrates into precisely what it’s spoofing. This thing stank when they called it *No Strings Attached*. What hurts most is that it was directed by (currently fallen) rising-star Will Gluck, whose *Easy A* is one of the wittiest and funniest teen comedies of recent vintage. With Woody Harrelson, Patricia Clarkson, and Richard Jenkins. 2011. — S.M.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Fright Night — “A teenager suspects that his new neighbor is a vampire.” — IMDb. What more do you need to know? Craig (*Mr. Woodcock*) Gillespie directed; the cast includes Colin Farrell, Toni Collette, Anton Yelchin, Imogen Poots. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; 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; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/19)

The Future — Reviewed this issue.

★ (HILLCREST)

Glee: The 3-D Concert Movie — The ancestral muse for this is choreographic-editing wizard Busby Berkeley. There seem to be about two million shots, each designed to arrive in perfect sync as a snap, pop, and crackle of GleeK delirium. The big-cult TV show spawned a touring concert event, filmed in 3-D at New Jersey venues. Most of the top TV figures appear, though the absence of the funniest, Jane Lynch, is quite

a donut hole. Some sing very well (belter Amber Riley and the perky neo-Streisand Lea Michele), and all receive epic amplification. Cutaways to fans, such as San Diego’s cute Kellen Sarmiento, age four, underscore the *Glee* embrace of humanity: the gay teen who came out, the dwarf cheerleader, the Asperger’s girl with dyed magenta hair, etc. A fair rating of this richly canned event must land between the loyal-fan verdict (three stars?) and the non-fan shrug (one star). 2011. — D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Guard — Brendan Gleeson dominates as Irish country cop Gerry, a smart slob who loves whoring, drinking, shopping guns, and making funny quips. Like most of the Gaelic rustics, he is hip to American films and music, and in a mildly racist way, Gerry welcomes the stiffly formal FBI man — played so well by Don Cheadle — as the two track drug gangsters. It’s a loose, sporty noir with comical bones, directed and written by John Michael McDonagh with a frisky flair for the people and settings. It even takes time to ponder Bobbie Gentry’s “Ode to Billy Joe.” 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST)

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.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Help — The young white ladies of Jackson, Mississippi (circa 1960) install additional bathrooms to avoid sharing a seat with the colored waitstaff. As a result, crusading young writer Emma Stone pens a tell-all, blasting the lid off bigotry. Work-

ing from a best-selling novel, writer/director Tate Taylor reduces all blacks to angels, whites are the devil, and the civil rights movement becomes a vehicle for potty humor (and worse). This makes *Driving Miss Daisy* look like cinéma vérité. I predict Oscar nominations all around. With Viola Davis, Bryce Dallas Howard, Octavia Spencer, Cicely Tyson. 2011. — S.M.

● (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; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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, Dalí, 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.

★★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

One Day — Reviewed this issue.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION

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Point Blank — Reviewed this issue.

★ (HILLCREST; FROM 8/19)

Rise of the Planet of the Apes — Never mind James Franco, though he acquits himself reasonably well in the thankless role of a handsome super-scientist out to heal the human brain. The real star here is Caesar, the genetically tweaked chimpanzee who has to figure out who he is and where he belongs. The story of how he does that is, against all odds, compelling and even touching — thanks in part to the film’s canny emphasis on visual storytelling. It’s a bold summer film that asks you to root against humanity, but just see if you don’t. 2011. — M.L.

★★★ (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; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Salvation Boulevard — Reviewed this issue.

★★★ (KEN; FROM 8/19)

Sarah’s Key — Maudlin drama that takes the bold step of giving us a heroine (Kristen Scott Thomas) who seems like she might be heroic in her quest to uncover the past, but then again, she might just be obsessed. Not every story needs to be told to everyone, not even the story of a young Jewish girl in WWII France on a mission to save her trapped little brother. Still, that story is a strong one and is delivered with brilliant color and high emotion — in contrast to the more-muted present-day story also told. 2010. — M.L.

★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

The Smurfs — A mysterious vortex transports a race of little blue beings, no more than three road apples high, from their magical kingdom to the streets of Manhattan. Hey, kids, wanna hear some filthy smurfing words? “Plot.” “Pacing.” “Timing.” Four smurfing mothersmurfers are given screenwriting credit. It takes forever for nothing to happen, and when it does, there’s no smurfing sign of style, wit, or joy. Raja Gosnell is credited with the direction; with Hank Azaria, Neil Patrick Harris, Jayma Mayes, and the voices of Jonathan Winters and Katy Perry. 2011. — S.M.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12;

PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4-D — Robert Rodriguez cranks up his Latin-accented family-fun franchise again — this time Jessica Alba gets the kids into action against villainous Jeremy Piven. (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; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/19)

30 Minutes or Less — Based on an actual event, Ruben Fleischer’s debut comedy is about dorky crooks who “mastermind” a bank heist by strapping a bomb to a pizza-delivery man. It stars f-words, Jesse Eisenberg, Danny McBride, Aziz Ansari, Fred Ward, Michael Peña.

(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; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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.

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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

Across

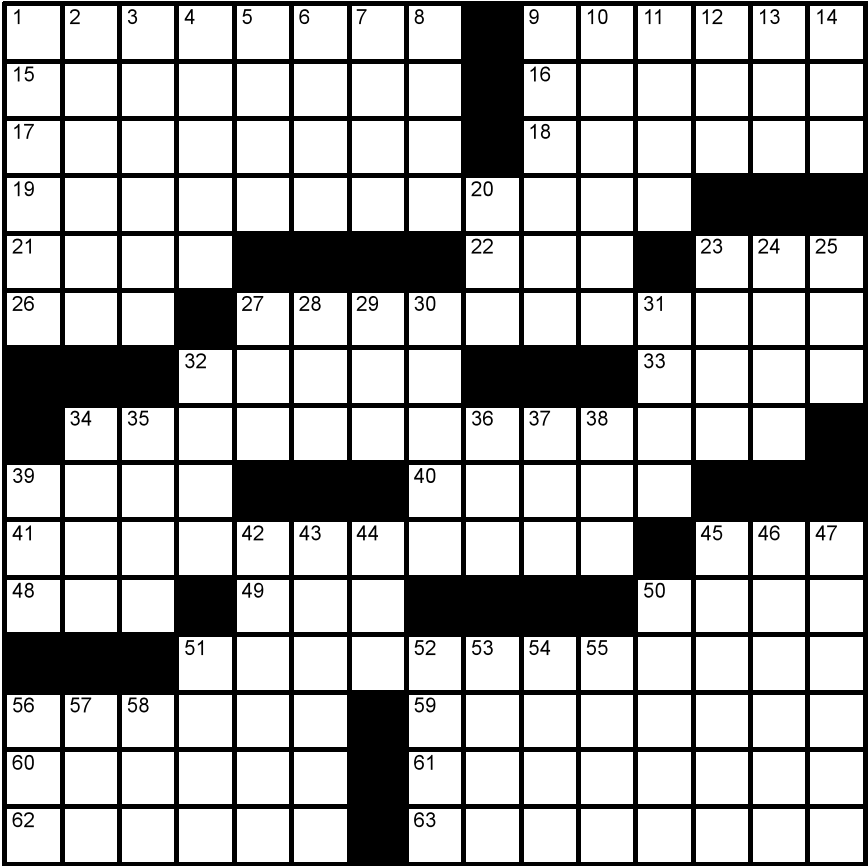
- They're designed for quick exits
- That's gotta be ____"
- How most wars are waged
- Baseball player known as Mr. White Sox

- Visit
- "If I Can't Have You" singer Elliman
- U.S. senator who was a Republican and a Democrat
- Layer
- Org. headquartered in Detroit
- USPS delivery
- Conclude
- Failed, but not by much
- GPA booster
- Peter Fonda character who says "The bees and I have an understanding"
- Choir, e.g.
- Suffix with symptom
- Conservative pundit Alan
- Movie actress who released the 2005 album "Crossword"
- Prefix with pressure
- Win at ____ cost
- Put away the groceries?
- Shock
- National eyewear chain ... or solvers of 19-, 27-, 34- and 41-Across
- Digitally recorded
- The Detroit River feeds it
- 1862 battlefield
- Expanse
- Cause of some storms
- Adjective in a Bill Cosby series

Down

- Flattened at the poles
- Old gold coin of Italy
- Hoodwinked
- Emmy-winning forecaster
- Score after deuce
- Hr. fractions
- Sit heavily
- Holiday song closer
- "The Bonesetter's Daughter" novelist

- Journalism 101 concept
- "Are you ____ out?"
- Director Howard
- Fig. sought by an identity thief
- Stubbed digit
- Prompt on stage
- Laze
- Hammock support
- Hwy.
- Sky safety org.
- Making a squeezing motion with one hand means "milk" in it: Abbr.
- Drano ingredient
- Sri ____
- Centers of activity
- "____ homo"
- Powerful auto engine
- Like some hair
- Collector's goal
- Word after public or private
- French sea
- "Eureka!"
- "Kinsey" star
- Don Quixote companion Panza
- Some linemen: Abbr.
- Pied- ____
- Radioactivity units
- Vote out
- Lieu
- Actress Taylor
- Doofus
- ____ Nui (Easter Island)
- Oslo's river
- Actress Sherilyn
- Suffix with verb
- Org. with Ducks and Penguins
- Clamor



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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.)

☛ **John Pilch, San Carlos, 7.** *If it's mind over matter, does matter matter?*

☛ **Carolyn Clark, Lakeside, 6.** *If you drop a hook & line off the side of a nuclear submarine, is that nuclear fishing?*

☛ **George Jackson, Oceanside, 6.** *I know the speed of light: now what's the speed of dark?*

☛ **Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 6.** *Fanning the flames of controversy: Firemen but Hire Women.*

☛ **Henry Romero, San Diego, 1.** *The Arizona Legislature is now in session at Saska's.*

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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.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 8.** *I'm learning to cook with wine – sometimes a little bit of it gets in the food.*

☛ **Kelly Sakoi, Rancho Penasquitos, 4.** *If you pin your hopes on someone, you may end up full of holes.*

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1600.

2BD+2BA apartment. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. No pets. Available September! 4451 Haines Street. Chris, 858-270-4492 x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1700.

2BD+2BA upper level apartment. Hardwood floors and carpet. Shared roof deck/ patio. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1455 Garnet St. 858-270-4492.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1745.

2BD+2BA, large downstairs apartment with huge private patio! Dual-paned windows. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Garage space. Coin laundry. In Crown Point area. No pets. Available 9/15/11. 3711 Ingraham. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1775.

2BD+2BA, 1000 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, \$1795.

2BD+1BA. Charming upstairs unit with ocean view, common shared courtyard, parking, only 2 blocks to the beach. 954 Agate Street #D, San Diego, CA. www.cal-prop.com 858-483-3534.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1875.

2BD+2.5BA, townhouse on 4- unit property in North Pacific Beach. One block to ocean! Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Garage plus parking. Laundry hookups. Fireplace. Private patio. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 9/10/11. 823 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1900.

2BD+2BA Mission Beach Condo. Parking, laundry. No Pets. One- year lease desired. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$2650.

3BD+2.5BA townhouse. Clean, airy. 2- car garage. Fireplace. Washer and dryer, patio, deck. No pets. 1543 Hornblend. Available September. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$950.

1BD+1BA, huge apartment. Parking, laundry. Water/ gardener paid. Patio. No dogs. 2130 Grand #3. Available 8/15. Open House Saturday, 8/20, 11am-noon! 619-224-7583.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$950.

1BD+1BA apartment. 1 parking, coin laundry. www.cal-prop.com. 2112 Balboa Avenue. 858-483-3534.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$995.

Studio+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.

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2BD+1BA home. **Open house Saturday, 8/20, 10-11.** Recently remodeled in quiet neighborhood. Wood floors, large kitchen, garage, washer/ dryer hook-ups. Huge private yard. Must see! 4445 Mentone Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torrepinespm.com.

Downtown

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1BD+1BA. Completely renovated cottage. Original hardwood floors. Ceramic tile throughout. Must see to appreciate. Open beam ceiling. \$700 deposit on approved credit. Call Jim at 619-549-9726.

BANKERS HILL, \$1295.

1BD+1BA, 700 sqft (estimated) townhouse. Bordering Downtown. Very private. Spacious. Hardwood floors. Laundry. Patio. Free parking. Pets OK. Available now. Steve, 619-696-7500.

BANKERS HILL, \$1700.

2BD+1BA cottage. Elegant. Stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors. Granite counters, crown molding, private laundry. Partial view. Pets welcome! Street parking only. 2119 2nd Avenue. 619-221-9191.

BANKERS HILL, \$1725.

2BD+1BA duplex. Carpeted floors, upstairs unit with view. Laundry hook-up, 1/2 a garage, and appliances. Close to Little Italy and Downtown. 2357 Curlew St. 858-272-9547.

BANKERS HILL, \$650.

Studio+1BA. Lovely, remodeled in quiet, classic, well- kept building designed by Gill. Appliances, gas included, laundry in building, near bus. No pets. 619-236-0452.

BANKERS HILL, \$975.

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www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$500-600.
Large, furnished rooms with high ceilings, tall windows. Includes utilities and cable. On-site laundry and kitchen. No pets. Excellent location across from Horton Plaza. Windsor Hotel, 843 4th Avenue. 619-231-2385.
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DOWNTOWN, \$550-800.
Price meets function. Spacious studios and rooms with private bathroom. Utilities included, on-site laundry. Some parking available. Near City College and trolley. Mitchell Apts., 901 10th Avenue at E Street. 619-235-6068.
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DOWNTOWN, \$650 & UP.
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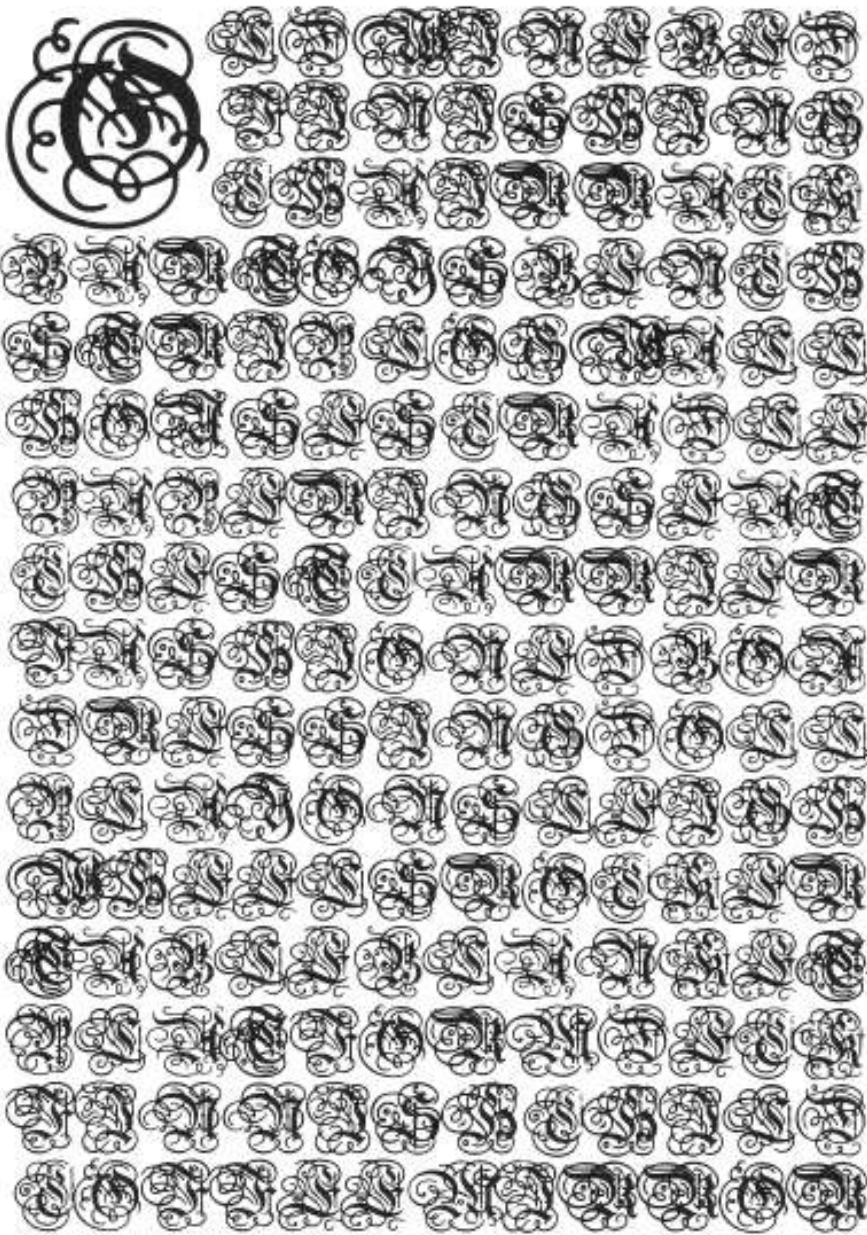
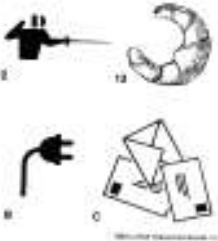
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:
Pictonyms

We'd place "curling" (the Scottish ice game and the biceps exercise) and "litter" (the stretcher and trash) somewhere near the top in terms of degree of difficulty. "Fire" (to dismiss from a job) and "graduate" (a container marked in intervals for measurement) were tricky, too. A graduate isn't necessarily a cylinder. The correct answers are:

1 D (plane)	6 O (fire)	11 K (graduate)
2 E (mill)	7 I (iron)	12 F (fence)
3 M (notes)	8 G (palm)	13 J (roll)
4 L (box)	9 C (letters)	14 H (curling)
5 N (loaf)	10 A (litter)	15 B (plug)



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@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

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 5. I planted some Cheerios; I'm trying to grow donuts.

L Barling, El Cajon, 3. A minute lasts 60 seconds. Yet each second, compared to all eternity, is a minute amount of time.

Terry Mathieu, San Diego, 3. I cannot wait for fall to fall.

A.T. Certik, Bonita, 1. Any man who would marry a second time does not deserve to have lost his first wife.

W. Songer, Tierrasanta, 1. If my credit score is higher than the Federal Government's, why am I still broke?

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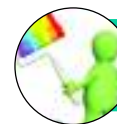
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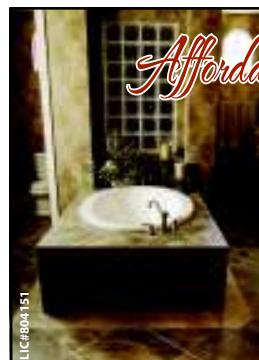
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HOTOT RABBIT. Rescued. Carl. Female, 1 year old, 4lbs. White and grey. Sweet, easy to handle, enjoys people. Comfortable around children, cats, gentle dogs. Good with litter box. Fee covers spay, vaccinations, exam. Rancho Coastal Humane Society, 389 Requeza St., Encinitas, 92024. 760-753-6413. Email: info@rhumanesociety.org. See www.rhumanesociety.org.

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