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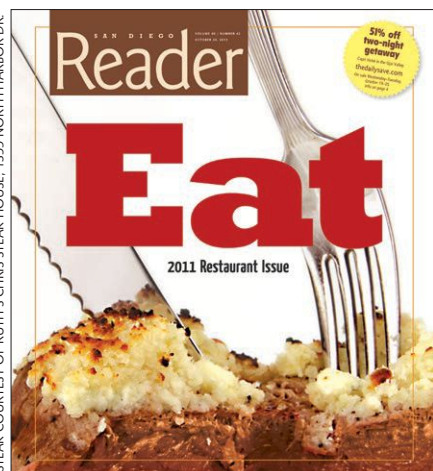
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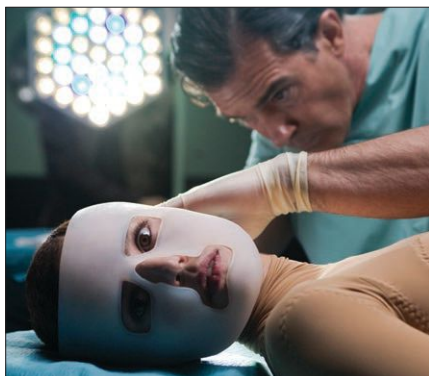
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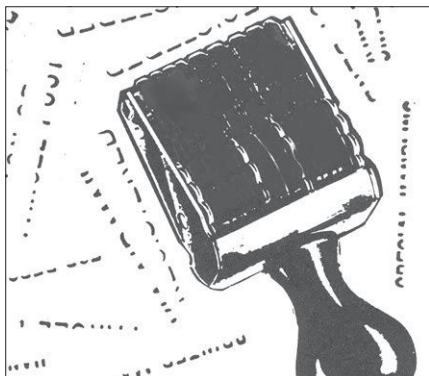
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UNDER THE RADAR

Gifts of praise

As a longtime San Diego County supervisor, Republican **Ron Roberts** is used to being generous with other people's money. Now he's perfected his giving style by making so-called cash and in-kind behests, paid for by special interests, to local charities.

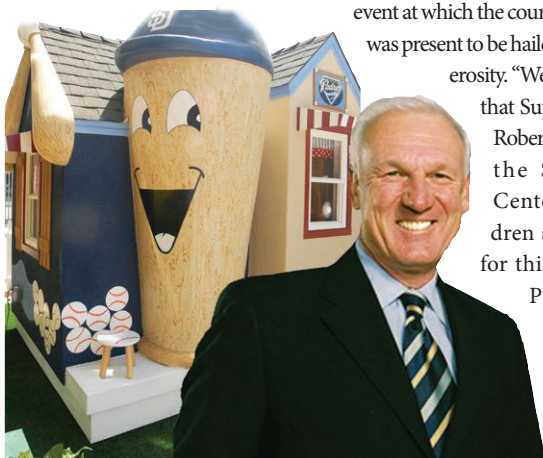
In the words of the state's Fair Political Practices Commission, "behested payments are contributions to charity by individuals and corporations" on behalf of elected officials. "These payments are not considered campaign contributions or gifts, but are payments made at the 'behest' of elected officials to be used for legislative, governmental or charitable purposes." The law places no limits on the amount of the behests, but if they total more than \$5000 in a single calendar year, they must be reported.

Thanks to Roberts, this year's Golden Achievement Awards Program of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego was the beneficiary of \$7500 each from the Sycuan Casino and Resort and Solar Turbines, according to a July 11 filing.

Another Roberts behest, one valued at \$24,000, was made by HomeAid San Diego, a nonprofit organization that bills itself as being "dedicated to building multi-unit housing for San Diego's temporarily homeless men, women and children." HomeAid, which, according to its website, "is supported by an alliance of local

building and real estate industry organizations," partnered up three years ago with developer Pardee Homes to build what they called the Padres Playhouse at Petco Park. Inside the small, promotional playhouse on exhibit at the ballpark was "a flat screen television, baseball-themed and gym locker furniture, a radio/CD player and a small study/seating nook with baseball accessories."

A 2008 news release said the playhouse would be auctioned for charity at the end of the season, but earlier this year, HomeAid donated the structure to the San Diego Center for Children in honor



Ron Roberts and the Padres Playhouse find some real estate interests to smile about.

of Roberts, complete with a televised June media event at which the county supervisor was present to be hailed for his generosity. "We are humbled that Supervisor Ron Roberts has selected the San Diego Center for Children as the home for this wonderful Padres Playhouse," **Dave McCaslin**, the center's chief executive officer, was quoted as saying. "It's

often a dream of a child to have a playhouse, and Supervisor Roberts' gift will surely make our children feel special." Besides McCaslin, among others paying tribute to Roberts was **Rana Sampson**, an ex-cop who now is the children center's vice president for development and marketing and wife of San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**.

Cashing in and out The former **Ron Roberts** and **Brian Bilbray** aide running next year for the seat being given up by retiring county supervisor **Pam Slater-Price** is off to a big start in campaign contributions. According to a report filed in July and covering the first half of this year, Republican **Steve Danon** raised \$63,980 in cash and \$290 in nonmonetary contributions for a total of \$64,270. He began the year with \$27,723 and spent just \$5448, leaving him with a cash war chest of \$86,255.



Steve Danon, running for soon-to-be-vacant seat of county supervisor, has raised a war chest of over \$86K.

Contributors, many from out of town, included Luce Forward lawyer **William Earley** (\$400); dealer-maker **Richard Felago** (\$500); development consultant **Robert Herdes** (\$750); Pathway Genomics chief executive **James Plante** (\$500); Connect honcho **Duane Roth** (\$500); psychiatrist **Steve Rahimi** of Pacific Clinics, La Habra (\$1000); **Nena Zosa** of Rio

Hondo Pediatrics Associates and **Noli Zosa** of Rio Hondo Medical Group, Long Beach (\$1000); wastewater engineer **Tim Volz** of URS Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado (\$500); AstraZeneca vice president **Brad Rossin** of Mendham, New Jersey (\$250); project manager **John Robert Peterson** of JR Peterson & Associates, Walnut Creek (\$1000); and **Darren Pudgil**, PR man for San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** (\$250)... Meanwhile, Danon himself was a donor to the campaign fund of Sheriff **Bill Gore**, the ex-FBI

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Graybeards, Beware

By Don Bauder

Beware nontraded real estate investment trusts. That advice was issued early this month by the Financial Industry

Regulatory Authority, the nongovernmental regulator of securities firms.

Real estate investment trusts (REITs) pool money from many investors, put the money in real estate, and distribute 90 percent of taxable income to shareholders. Some trusts trade on the stock exchanges, so their prices can be volatile. Non-traded trusts have a constant price and generally pay fat distributions (essentially, dividends).

They're comforting to own in years like 2008, when stocks crashed.

But the regulatory authority warns that front-end fees are high (a whopping 10 to 15 percent). The distributions can come from borrowed funds and include some of the investor's own money. Because they are not traded, they are illiquid for a long period (say, 10 to 15 years); ultimately, most of them either become publicly traded or liquidate. "Early redemption is often restrictive and may be expensive," says the regulatory authority.

Jim Ketchum, retired news editor of the *Union-Tribune*, was sold shares of Wells II, a nontraded trust that invests mainly in office buildings. But Ketchum's wife has advanced Alzheimer's; he wants his money. Alas, under new, tighter Wells rules, he doesn't qualify for emergency status; if he wants to get out now, he can receive only \$18,000 of his \$30,000 investment.

He bought Wells from Michael Lucia, who was

then working for a firm run by his brother, radio-TV personality Ray Lucia. Ray has sold his business to his son Ray Jr. and now concentrates on a nationwide radio show, TV appearances, writing books, and consulting. Michael has his own smaller firm, Michael Lucia & Associates. The firm owned by Ray Jr. is RJL Wealth Management.

For the last four years, Michael has not sold the non-traded trusts. "It's a terrible time to have to sell real estate. The REITs are cutting back on the redemption process," he says, expressing sympathy for Ketchum. However, all customers received material warning of the risks, says Michael.

On the air and in his books, brother Ray Lucia strongly defends high-quality, nontraded real estate investment trusts, although he admits some are stinkers. He doesn't think the extremely fat fees are a problem; they can be offset by income that is higher than one will get from other stocks or bonds. He doesn't recommend those nontraded trusts that carry too much debt.

He says that he always trained his salespeople to tell customers that the nontraded trusts are long-term investments. "There must be a 10- to 15-year time horizon, preferably 15. If you're trying to redeem shares prior to the 10- to 15-year period, you are

going to take a haircut. You have to go through several real estate cycles. Crap happens. And crap has now hit the real estate market."

Attorney Rob Butterfield, who is often on the air with Ray Lucia, says, "You buy them as a bond substitute. They have potential upside, little downside, and even if [the price] goes down, you get that 5 to 6 percent a year, and you're still ahead." Some think of them as part stock, part bond, and part annuity, yielding 2.5 to 3 percentage points more than competing investments.

Theresa Ochs, head of compliance for RJL Wealth Management, says that Wells II "doesn't take on a lot of debt. It is conservative. We as a firm pay close attention to the nontraded REITs we sell. We meet regularly with the principals."

When Michael Lucia worked for Ray's company, the firm paid \$8175.21 to a customer who complained about not being informed of the risks in a Wells non-traded trust, according to

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority records. "I had five different meetings with the investor, the kids were involved, the investor was fully aware that the REIT would be nonliquid for 10 or 15 years," says Michael. But his

then-boss, his brother Ray, decided to settle.

Regulatory authority records show that Michael Lucia personally understands how bad the real estate industry is. In July he filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy because of a failed real estate investment. "The deal was not related to my financial planning practice. It was an investment in Las Vegas. When you buy it for \$400,000, it's worth \$150,000, and your renter moves out,

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Michael Lucia: REITs are not for short-termers.



On-air personality Ray Lucia is Michael's brother.

The Board Hits the Canvas Again

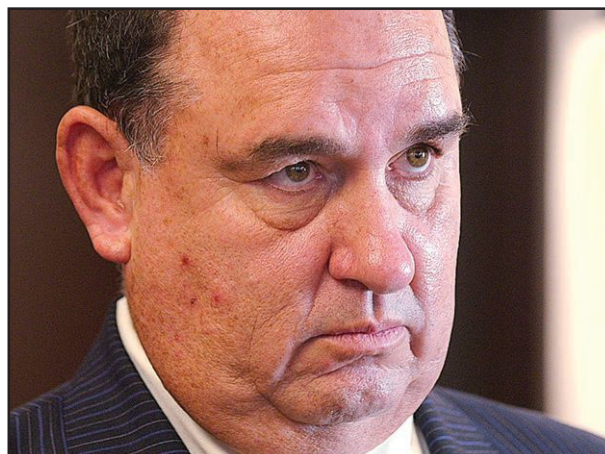
By Susan Luzzaro

The honeymoon might be over," acknowledged Dr. Edward Brand, interim superintendent for Sweetwater Union High School District. Knee-deep in scandal, the Sweetwater school board on June 21 fired superintendent Jesus Gandara. On June 22, Brand stepped into Gandara's shoes, but people are already asking if the shoes fit too well.

"Sweetwater is in my

DNA," Brand said in an early September interview. Brand served as Sweetwater's superintendent from 1995 to 2005. His return was welcomed by many.

Community activists were so pleased to be rid of Gandara and so eager to see Sweetwater get back on



Ed Brand stepped in after scandal-plagued Sweetwater High School District fired its superintendent. Now he faces the ire of community activists.

its feet, they agreed to stop sharing scandals with the press. The truce ended on August 29.

The trigger was an incident at the school board's workshop on teamwork. According to community activist Fran Brinkman, the combative board had been shouting over one another, and board president John McCann had been known to shut off the microphone of boardmember Bertha López. The workshop meeting began in the boardroom, but after 15 minutes, Brand announced a break. Later, it

was discovered that Brand had reconvened the meeting in a back room — without the public.

Community activist Kathleen Cheers said she was "livid." According to Cheers, she and Brinkman sat in the boardroom for over an hour waiting for the workshop to resume.

Brinkman said that no one advised them that it had reconvened elsewhere. She said that a Brown Act violation has been filed against the district.

In the September interview, Brand said he had no intention of excluding the audience. His perspective was, "We wanted to do a workshop about teamwork. It wasn't about making policy. We did a 15-minute overview in open session, and then we went from the boardroom to this back room because we were going to lay out charts. I had instructed our staff that if anybody [from the audience] wanted to observe, then they could be invited back. Somehow, that didn't get communicated to the three or four people who showed up for the meeting."

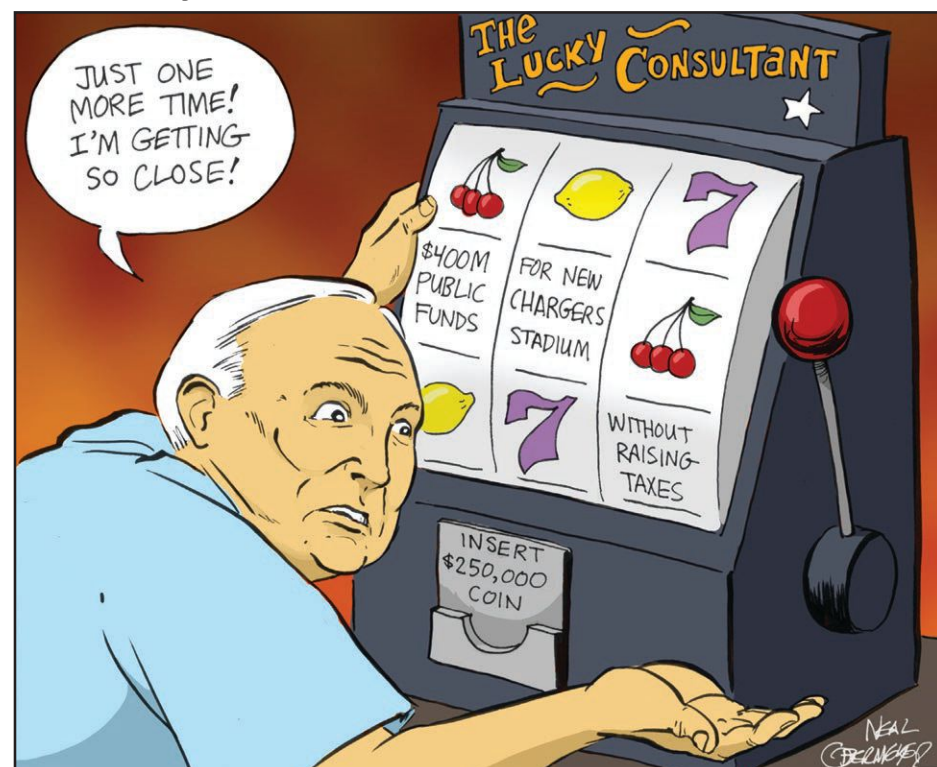
Brand admitted, however, that he really didn't want the public to attend the teamwork powwow "because then the workshop discussion would not be as frank."

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Activist Fran Brinkman believes a back-room meeting called by Brand was illegal.

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NEWS TICKER

Pepper Sprayed

Occupy San Diego Movement Seeks to Reunify Balboa Park/Downtown — Some in the Occupy San Diego movement have declared a meeting at 4 p.m. this afternoon near the USS Midway to discuss how to reunite after groups broke off and headed for Balboa Park and the Midway last night in the face of police action threatened against those remaining onsite at the occupation's Civic Center base. Others at this time still appear to be onsite and meeting at the Civic Center.

This morning, police moved to remove remaining tents and other structures in the Civic Center concourse. Early actions were relatively calm, with only one arrest reported.

Later in the day, however, reports disseminated that police were using pepper spray on protestors, and one individual I spoke with said he was beaten by police and suspected he had

ruling that the Mt. Soledad Cross is unconstitutional.

According to *Courthouse News Service*, Judge Carlos Bea issued a 20-page dissent, arguing that the 43-foot cross was similar to the Ten Commandments display at the Texas state capitol, which the Supreme Court held to be constitutional in 2005.

"For the same reason that the Ten Commandments stand today in that park in Austin, Texas, the cross should continue to stand on Mt. Soledad: a religious symbol is not always used to promote religion," Bea wrote.

By Matt Potter
Friday, October 14

Millions Forfeited

Councilmember Wants a Different Approach to Managed Competition San Diego — Councilmember David Alvarez believes something is missing from the mayor's approach to allowing private companies to bid on public services. In an October 12 memo, Alvarez

says the statements of work outlined by the mayor's office do not look at alternatives to improve service levels or reduce the cost of those services.

Alvarez says

by doing so the city is potentially forfeiting millions of dollars in savings.

As an example, the District 8 representative pointed to the statement of work for street sweeping, which he said failed to look at alternatives such as increasing sweeping in critical watershed areas while reducing the service in areas with a high number of parked cars and no parking enforcement.

By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, October 13

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Protesters at Occupy San Diego say police used pepper spray to disperse the crowd.

broken bones. As of 3 p.m. a volunteer was transporting the young man, who appeared to be in his early 20s, to seek medical care.

By Dave Rice
Friday, October 14

Not Unconstitutional

Court Won't Reconsider Soledad Cross Ruling San Diego — The U.S. Ninth District federal appeals court today rejected a request by the city of San Diego and the federal government to reconsider its



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Truck It

I want to commend Dorian Hargrove for the excellent article he wrote on page 3, "Hidden Pipeline, Secret Menace" ("City Lights," October 13).

Yes, that is an accident waiting to happen. Would you drive a car that is 57 years old? I don't think so. I have called two of my politicians — the mayor and my city council representative — and I recommend that everyone who reads this paper call their representative. We need to shut down that pipeline and simply truck the fuel from Point

Loma to Miramar. We have trucks that can transport fuel. This is not 1910.

Paul Lang
San Carlos

Anchor Babies

Re "Easy as 1,2,3" (Letters, October 13). Enrique Morones states that "undocumented people do not qualify for most social services" when they arrive in our country. This is false. When such people give birth to children, these children become automatic citizens who are eligible for welfare. So when one such baby is born, the family gets welfare. A second baby gets another check, a third the same, and so on. These "anchor" babies are also entitled to sponsor their illegal alien parents for legal resident status. These are realities, not myths.

John Primavera
via email

Too Much Commentary

Mr. Name Withheld spoke on voice mail (Letters) that the October 6 issue's Thomas Larson cover story was loaded with *who* and *whom* errors. I wonder about some-

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by Barbarella

Troll Revolution

It seemed like an innocuous deed, posting a link to my friend's video on my Facebook wall. Nice, even. I'd go so far as to say it was the opposite of reprehensible. The link was accompanied by a comment: "My friends in Boston take inner city kids scuba diving!"

I'd watched the video before posting it. Paul has been refining his film skills, so I was just as curious to see his shots and edits as I was to learn about his cause. He and his newlywed, Sarah, are diving enthusiasts; they are also dive instructors. As I learned from Paul's narration in the video, and later from checking out the organization's website, a program called Dive Kulture "offers scuba certification together with jobs in the environmental industry," particularly to "at risk" kids. Organizers describe it as "therapeutic outreach to youth and their families by trained clinicians."

"If you work hard enough you'll be able to afford to party like us, more American dream nonsense. Take the Rwandans to Chuck E. Cheese."

Okay, cool. My friends had a chosen philanthropy. Watch the video, learn a bit about their cause, comment, post it on my wall so as to share it passively, done. Granted, I have more "friends" online than those I know in person, but I thought it was safe to assume that everyone who requests or accepts my Facebook friendship falls into what those in the military call "friendlies" —

sympathetic, on my side, all that good stuff. Facebook isn't like other sites, where trolls can pick fights anonymously. Transparency tends to mellow people out; it makes them more civil, especially when they're on your list of "friends."

So, I was staggered when two guys on Facebook took offense to this video I posted. These dudes I'd never met interpreted my sharing my friends' charitableness to be, as one guy put it, "Retarded rich girl talk." Apparently I'd missed the tweet about trolls coming out from under the bridge.

"Teach them to read, write, and speak the opportunities in scuba diving are minimal, to help 'at risk kids,'" he went on to say. The other guy wrote, "Teach, mentor and encourage instead of playing at the beach!" The first one shot back, "It's a very pricey hobby. Why not hiking or something?"

Okay, I thought, I get it. *The economy sucks, people are disgruntled, and they're looking to take shots at anyone they perceive to be among the modern aris-*

tocracy. The new retro rage is the French Revolution, and maybe it looked like I was waving a piece of cake before a starving horde. I didn't think so, but people, including my "friends" (in person or not), are entitled to their opinions.

I decided to bring them back around to the intended spirit of my post. "Did you guys watch the video?" I wrote. "Part of helping these kids obtain their certificates is to give them a sense of accomplishment and self-esteem. That goes a long way for them and helps them become active members in their communities." I didn't feel the need to mention the part about jobs offered in the field or the five years of continued support the kids receive from their mentors. I figured this would clear things up and mollify the class-war indignation being directed my way.

I was wrong. "This smacks of more trickle down B.S.," wrote one. "If you work hard enough you'll be able to afford to party like us, more American dream nonsense. Take the Rwandans to Chuck E. Cheese." Incited by my comment, he continued a rant that spanned several comments posts. "Teach the inner city kids to grow sustainable crops and install solar power in their homes and this wouldn't be a liberal's wet dream puff piece... Hopeless, the world is not in their reach, take a sociology class... Inculcating the desire to do wealthy hobbies is not help-

ing anyone," and so on.

I began to wonder, *Who the hell is this guy and why is he in my network of "friends"?* Others began chiming in, asking him to calm down, but this seemed to further fuel his fire and brimstone. Again, I tried to manage the situation. In a comment, I wrote that my Facebook wall was



My current Facebook profile pic

not a place for other people's rants. "Please respect that and desist, I think you've made your point, and I respect your opinion." After which he accused me of not being "democratic."

"No, my Facebook page is my own little totalitarian regime," I responded. "No democracy here. People don't get to vote on what I post, or who I block."

In the end, I didn't get a chance to block him. After his last post, the tenor of which veered sharply from commenting on the societal zeitgeist to attacking me personally, his profile disappeared. The only thing that remains are his comments, along with his name, and the ghostly silhouette where a Facebook profile picture would go.

People like an audience, and a media whore like me can totally appreciate that. But it's called "social networking." You don't make friends by showing up at their house and smearing your shit all over their wall. ■

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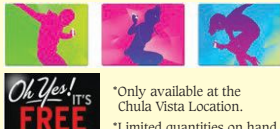
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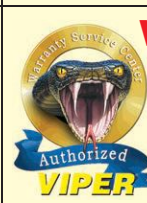


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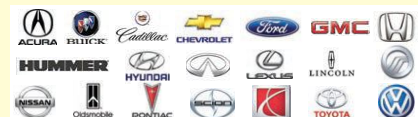
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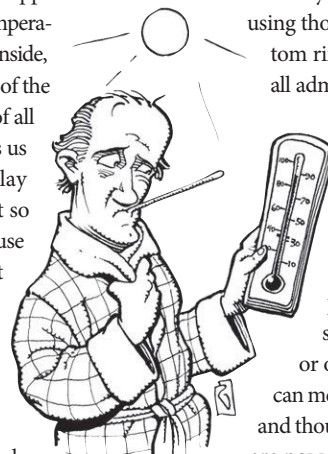
STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Matt:

If our temperature is 98.6, why do we feel hot when it's 85 or 90 outside?

— WS, San Diego

That 98.6 business isn't what it appears to be. That's an average core body temperature — how hot you are on the inside, not the outside. It's a measure of the heat created as a by-product of all the body chemistry that keeps us functioning. Our outsides play a part in dissipating this heat so we don't have a body-core house fire and destroy cells. Skin heat wafts off into the air and keeps our outer temperature much cooler than our innards. This means the gradient between air temp and skin temp is much shallower; they're much closer together. The closer your skin temp and air temp are to each other, the harder it is for radiated heat to be carried away by the air (convection). So our bodies kick into second gear and start producing sweat to carry off even more heat through evaporation. Or you fan yourself to up the convection rate with moving air. A cold drink will also lower your core temp. The whole system is controlled by your brain's hypothalamus, designed to make you feel "hot" and avoid a grisly meltdown, in which your core body cells die like shrimp on the barbie.



body wants to talk to me! I must respond! I'm not forgotten! I have friends!") And this is something that tricky adsters and show producers know, too. Those miserable tricksters.

According to a *New York Times* story, you won't find anybody who will outright admit to using those elusive, high-pitched "phantom rings," as they're called. But they all admit that high-pitched sounds are becoming more prevalent in today's carefully composed soundtracks — ads, TV shows, and movies. It's well known throughout the industry that the human ear gives priority to high-pitched sounds such as babies crying or screams or other sounds of danger. Sounds can mess amazingly with our emotions and thoughts. And since our cell phones are now as significant as body parts for each of us, a high-pitched "phone-like" tone inserted into background music or a mix of sound effects will catch our attention every time. Even if, in the long run, we're not tricked into thinking it's our own phone, just the generic phone-ringing snaps us out of whatever multitasking coma we're in. With luck, we might pay attention to the TV to see where the sound came from. Mission accomplished.

A physics professor from McGill University further elucidates. These phantom rings and other similar sounds (such as real-life ambulance sirens) are in the 1000 hertz range. This tonal range is the most elusive when the human ear tries to locate the source. Recall the last time you were in traffic, heard a siren, but couldn't tell where the sound was coming from. Anyway, the sound hijacks our attention. We are a great herd of manipulated sheep, and don't let anybody tell you different.

Hey Matt:

Why do some people call them "pancakes" while others refer to them as "flapjacks"? And which is the proper terminology in San Diego? I ask because I've never heard of an International House of Flapjacks (or an IHOF).

— Shawn Higgins, San Diego

Pancakes are ancient and international. They have dozens and dozens of names, depending on where you are stuck to the globe. Even the U.S. calls them johnnycakes, hoecakes, griddle cakes, and on and on. But if you're in a strict foodie home, you'll be told that pancakes are light, fried flour and baking powder thingies, while flapjacks are thick and oaty and substantial enough for riders on the range and lumberjacks. Hoecakes are cornmeal. Johnnycakes might be, too, depending on where you live. Here in Sandy Aigo, though, we eat breakfast burritos.

Hey Matthew:

Is it my imagination, or do TV ads and some TV background music have telephone rings in them? I swear I hear the sound of a phone ringing sometimes when I'm watching TV. It doesn't fool me into thinking my phone's ringing, but it gets my attention. Sort of sends a little jolt through me. Or am I just hallucinating and taking the first step on a long trail that leads to schizophrenia?

— Anonymous and worried, via email

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There are certain sounds in the world that attract attention — a siren, a fart, stuff like that. But perhaps nothing compares to the sound of a phone ringing. ("Oh, goodie! It's for me! Some-

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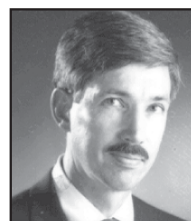
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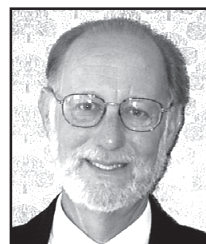


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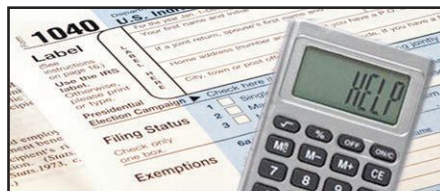
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Occupy San Diego Occupies San Diego Starbucks

Protest Movement Finds Plenty to Protest Over Chai Lattes

"When the revolution comes, there will be no Wi-Fi. Until then..."

WAITING IN LINE FOR AN OVERPRICED COFFEE-RELATED BEVERAGE — Occupy San Diego, the San Diego-based offshoot of the Occupy Wall Street movement to protest corporate malfeasance and general douchebaggery, today decided to move its base of operations into a College Area Starbucks.

"The move makes sense on several levels," said OSD organizer Levi "Lefty" Ledbetter. "First, Starbucks represents the insidious creep of corporate hegemony better than just about anybody else. I mean, when Walmart comes to town and starts destroying local businesses by undercutting prices, people notice. They complain. Sometimes, they even manage to stop the madness, or at least hold it at bay. But Starbucks? Starbucks opens up across the street



from a local, established coffee shop, and nobody makes a peep. Four months later, the local joint is shuttered, everybody's buying Starbucks' more expensive, crappier product, and all the profits are headed out of the community and up to Seattle."

Second, said Ledbetter, "It's a great place to get the word out. Lots of people coming in and out, many of them with a few minutes to stop and

listen to our irrefutable reasoning about why they should join us in rising up against the one percent."

And, third, "It's a pretty comfortable place to be. There's good seating and nice

lighting and, of course, Wi-Fi. If you're going to organize a movement these days, you've got to be online."

Store manager Gerald Fitzler admitted that the presence of the

protesters had caused some logistical difficulties. "Sometimes, they try to stay in one spot for more than three hours without making an additional purchase — even if it's just a refill on their soy frippery shake. But I called corporate about procedure, and you know, those guys are all about the counterculture. So we're letting them camp out, basically. Plus, they really like to drink coffee — sales are through the roof. I've had to hire extra staff. In a small way, we're helping to rebuild the economy right here, together."

Local Hipsters Begin to Abandon Occupy San Diego

As Occupy San Diego Stretches on, Downtown Protests Dismissed as "Too Mainstream"

"We're gonna check out Occupy Fresno."



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Turf War!

Disgruntled Tea Party Gang Riled Up Over Populist Newcomers Occupy San Diego

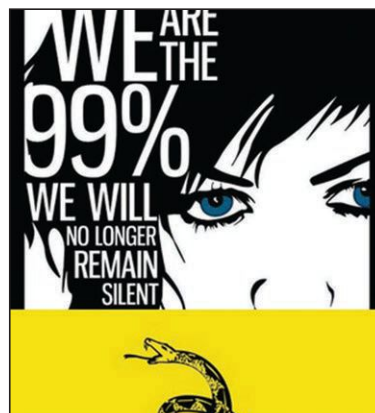
"We were fed up with the bigwigs and the plutocrats while you were still updating your playlists!"

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SOME COFFEE SHOP YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF — "At first, it was pretty cool," says Aviv Avela of his participation in the Occupy San Diego protests aimed at the Bastards. "There was a really anti-establishment vibe, but still mellow. I mean, I know the whole thing was derivative of Occupy Wall Street, but we managed to give it a local feel, you know?"

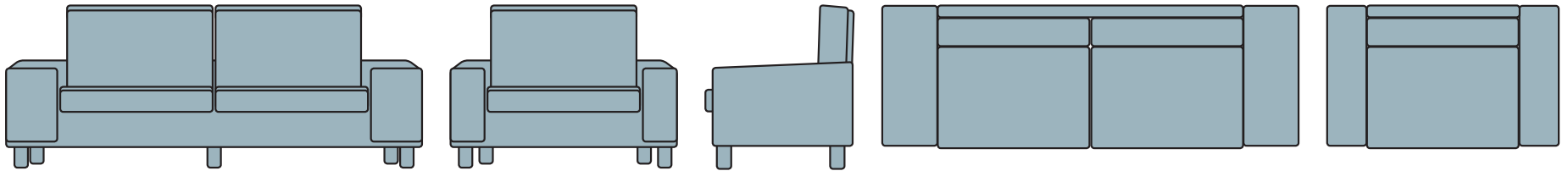
But after a couple of weeks, says Avela, "We started to get the posers and the hangers-on show-

ing up. People who weren't really anti-establishment, just not-yet-establishment. People who would happily spend their lives propping up the system, if only they could find a job. That's not protest, that's class envy. Lame."

"Now," he concludes, "the scene is just played out. Too much media attention, too little creative spark. The sell-out is coming, just like it always does. Give it another week and it'll be called Twitter Presents: Occupy San Diego."

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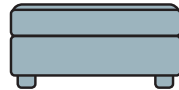
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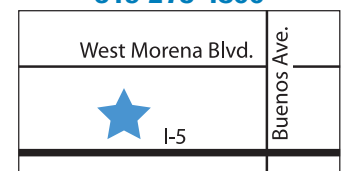
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"Well, this is just hearsay, you understand, but I talk to a lot of Mexican families and they tell me there's going to be a revolution in Mexico soon and they want to get out before it happens. A lot of them feel the United States is going to crack down on illegals soon, and they better get in now while they still can."

— "STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT,"

Bob Hartley,

October 21, 1976

Thirty Years Ago

What does the name "Helix Heights" have to do with the cost of a funeral service in San Diego? You're probably stumped, but don't be embarrassed. Until two months ago, eleven local morticians, some of whom have been in the funeral business 50 years, didn't know the answer either. But when they found out that "Helix Heights" could triple the cost of a grave and perhaps send San Diego families chasing out to Miramar or El Cajon in search of an available plot, the morticians began a fight to defeat Proposition G on the November 3 ballot. That proposition would commit 16 acres of Mt. Hope Cemetery to industrial development.

— CITY LIGHTS: "IT'S YOUR FUNERAL," Paul Krueger,

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— CITY LIGHTS: "WHEN COUNTRY WASN'T COOL,"

Brae Canlen, October 23, 1986

Twenty Years Ago

There exists a post-Hemingway, post-Nelson Algren, post-Irwin Shaw cadre of men's men male writers: the late Raymond Carver, and Jim Harrison, Thomas McGuane, Rich-

ard Ford, Russell Banks. These men's men's short stories and novels have in common a wiped-clean, plain truth-telling way of putting things, a bluntness, and incline toward character and setting and mood more frequently identified with country music than with literature.

— "NOVELS, THE KIND MEN LIKE," Judith Moore,

October 24, 1991

Fifteen Years Ago

I hesitate before starting with this particular

detail. I want to begin with what for me was a simple fact but what to others may seem a tiresome metaphor. The psychiatrists didn't invent this metaphor, but I suppose they helped popularize and thereby trivialize it. Psychiatrists have never done me any good, so I'll hold my present hesitation against them as well. As I said, for me it was simply a fact: At about the same time I discovered my penis, I started writing with a fountain pen.

— "MY FOUNTAIN PEN," J.D. McClatchy,

October 24, 1996

Ten Years Ago

Just in time for war, the cafeteria at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot has been named "Best Mess Hall" by the "Major General W.P. Hill Memorial Awards Program for Food Service Excellence." In reporting the honor, *Food Service Director* magazine quotes the mess manager, Master Gunnery Sergeant Edward Trevino, as saying, "As our customers come through the door, they're expecting every day that everything will be perfect."

— CITY LIGHTS: "BATTLE READY," Matt Potter,

October 18, 2001

Five Years Ago

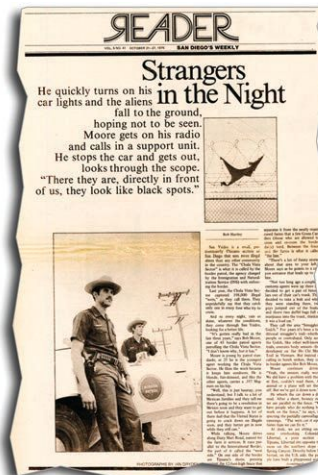
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Good times.

Greed beyond measure — no restraint, no end to it until everything falls down. Which brings us to college football. On Friday the Mountain West Conference declared they will join football forces with Conference USA to become one tradition-steeped, academic enriching conference of 122 colleges stretching from San Diego to Uzbekistan. Football will start the moment television contracts are signed and go year-round. All games are scheduled for prime time and will be televised six days a week. Tuesday night will remain football free as an experiment and in recognition of the fact that no one wanted to sponsor Tuesday nights.

Okay, that might not be precisely what happened, but it's close. The announced setup is, "We'll start play next year or the year after, depending on money and if we can patch this pig together in time." The football-only conference will have between 16 and 22 teams unless more teams or, for that matter, less teams seem like a better idea when money is put on the table. Maybe they'll have a divisional format. Better, maybe they'll have divisional playoffs and then a conference title game. Best, wildcard playoffs, divisional playoffs, and an East versus West championship game for the Galactic Grand National Super Bingo Championship of All Football. The CUSAMWC will have football teams in five time zones and 16 states. When you think about it, isn't that what we all want?

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gouging, biting, and spitting on our despised arch enemy, the East Carolina Pirates. Or, how about SDSU sucker-punching the University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles' marching band? That blood feud goes back generations. Or, simply, San Diego kicking some University of Central Florida butt. Just the sound, "University of Central Florida," is like putting your fingers in a door jamb and then slamming the door shut as hard as you possibly can. That's what the University of Central Florida sounds like to a true San Diegan. How's that for a grudge match?

I'm talking quality matchups, talking big-league college football. I can't wait.

Follows is a scorecard of the backstabbing, money-grubbing, conference-jumping schools. This is offered in time freeze, good for this moment only. Colleges will keep circling the campfire, waiting for the right moment to lunge at your throat. Their positions on the big board will be different tomorrow, but for now:

Eastern Carolina (C-USA) has applied for membership in the Big East.

The Big East would like to invite SMU, Houston, Air Force, Boise State, and Central Florida to join them on the death ship. Oops, I should add Navy and Temple to the list.

The WCC added BYU for all sports, save football, and say they're done, but — *cough* — could expand further if Air Force is available.

Pittsburgh will leave the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) sometime in the next two years. Unless a better deal comes along. Ditto Syracuse.

TCU remains number 1. Since 1995 they have been members of the Southwest Conference, Western Athletic Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West Conference, the Big East, and, lately, the Big 12. TCU is a role model for the 21st Century, the first *free agent* University. Well done, lads.

The Big Ten says they're not looking to expand, but, hey, just as an exercise they might consider adding Boston College, Missouri, Syracuse, Pittsburgh, UConn, and Rutgers.

If anybody leaves the Mountain West, Utah State would like their seat. In the meantime, the Aggies would accept an invitation to the WAC. Just saying...

Or, we could give all this up and understand that Division I football is a pro sport. There are 120 Division I football-playing schools, give or take. Since a lot of schools are joining conferences for football only, it's a small step from there to a true national collegiate football league.

Look, college football is only about money. Let's admit it and maximize income while providing a better product for the sporting public. See, everybody wins. Yes, some win more than others, but that's the Goldman Sachs way.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying we should stop screwing college athletes. I mean, come on, we're getting them for a few bucks under the table and tennis shoes. But, we should put some money into NCAA enforcement in case those arrogant bastards get ideas.

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Serra running back Jahlil Johnson carries the ball outside with Mission Bay defensive back Airric Parker closing in.



Serra kicker Kyler McLaughlin boots an extra point against Mission Bay with Conquistadors receiver Marty Gregory providing the hold.

Game of the Week: #5 St. Augustine at Mira Mesa

Mira Mesa — St. Augustine isn't just running with bigger schools this season — they are running past them. The fifth-ranked Saints, sparked by 272 rushing yards from running back Aaron Anderson, beat Mira Mesa 28-14 on Friday night, October 14.

St. Augustine (6-0, 1-0 Eastern) had a 21-7 lead early in the fourth quarter when Mira Mesa (3-3, 0-1) made it a one-possession game on a Dominic Richardson 25-yard touchdown pass to Addison Morrow. St. Augustine responded with an Anderson-heavy touchdown drive that drained nearly seven minutes.

Anderson rushed for 79 yards on the scoring drive, capped by a Joe Kennedy 15-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Dixon that put St. Augustine ahead 28-14 with less than three minutes to play. The bruising senior Anderson finished with 38 carries and punished Mira Mesa defenders late into the game.

Mission Bay Storms Back in Second Half to Upend Serra

Pacific Beach — Mission Bay started slowly against Serra on Friday afternoon, October 14, but finished just fast enough. The Buccaneers erased a 14-point halftime deficit with a big third quarter and hung on to beat the Conquistadors 17-14 in a Western League contest.

"It was the halftime speech a lot of the seniors gave," said Mission Bay senior Chris Byrd. "We weren't going to let the Western League think we were a bunch of slack-offs, and we knew if we got a spark we could win."

Byrd provided the initial jolt for Mission Bay in the third quarter, taking the opening kickoff to the Serra 38-yard line. That return led to the Buccaneers' first score of the game, a 10-yard touchdown pass from Nate Long to JaQuan Madyun with 8:07 left in the third quarter.

Later in the third quarter, Byrd tied the game at 14 with a twisting, weaving 48-yard touchdown run that lasted 17 seconds and featured

multiple direction changes.

On the ensuing drive, Mission Bay linebacker Donshay Bandy intercepted a deflected Correll pass and returned it to the Serra 20-yard line. The Buccaneers took a 17-14 lead on a Bryan Granda 31-yard field goal with 48.5 seconds left in the quarter.

Fast Start Propels Christian to Rare Win over Francis Parker

El Cajon — After going winless in Coastal League play last season, Christian started league play on the right note on Saturday night, October 15, at Granite Hills High School. The Patriots simply had too much offensive firepower for Francis Parker to keep up. Christian started fast and rolled to a 42-23 victory — its first win over Francis Parker in four seasons.

"It was definitely one of the biggest games of the year," said Christian quarterback Shane Dillon. "Our seniors have never beaten Parker, and this week we wanted to focus on making this the start of our run and the end of theirs."

Red Zone Top 10

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| 1. Helix (5-1) | 6. Eastlake (5-2) |
| 2. Cathedral Catholic (5-1) | 7. Madison (6-0) |
| 3. Poway (5-0-1) | 8. Mount Miguel (5-1) |
| 4. Oceanside (4-1-1) | 9. San Pasqual (5-1-1) |
| 5. St. Augustine (6-0) | 10. Westview (5-1) |



St. Augustine quarterback Joe Kennedy under center

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My friend Erica wants to make her daughter Elsie's tenth birthday a special one, and Elsie is on an arty kick. "But do I dare let a whole party's worth of kids just cut loose with the art supplies?" she asked. I saw her point and suggested a more controlled option.

Teena Cafiero of Teena's Custom Crafts (619-258-5914; teenascustomcrafts.com) was ready to help. "I offer mobile parties where children paint a custom wood craft — I cut them all myself. I have a workshop in my home, but I bring the party to you: wood, tables, chairs, acrylic paint, and smocks. I can set up at your home or in a park. Most hosts choose to do it outside, just because it's paint, but I can do it inside, too. I'm there the whole time.

I bring a finished sample; some kids will copy what I've done, and some will want to do their own thing."

For preschoolers, Cafiero suggests something such as yard decorations. "I have butterflyflies for girls, frogs for boys, things like that." Older girls, meanwhile, "really like the dress-shaped jewelry holder or the necklace holder. For a boy, I have a baseball bat that you can hang on your wall with a hook on it for a coat or hat." She'll do custom work. "I just got a call from a mom who is doing a cupcake party for her daughter. I said, 'Why don't I cut out some wooden cupcakes and put hooks on them for hanging jewelry?'" Cafiero charges \$175 for up to 12 children.

Tami Reidman of Paint It On Parties To Go in North County (760-943-1800) also offers a mobile service, but she deals in ceramics. "I'll go to homes or to a park. I can set up inside or outside. The unique thing about ceramic paint is that it's water-based, and it wipes right off. I'll set things up kind of like a restaurant, with placemats and brushes set out and little sponges. And because I have a low overhead, I can offer a little bit nicer or larger piece for the kids to paint [\$20 per child; \$200 minimum]. I also offer 'kit parties,' where I put everything together for the host. The host picks it all up at my home studio and brings it back to me when everything's painted. I glaze and fire the pieces and deliver them to the host [\$15 per child]."

She described a recent party at a park. "I

"We'll glaze and fire the pieces, and the birthday mom can pick them up in about a week and deliver them to the kids."

set up a variety of pieces on the picnic benches — dolphins, cats, dogs, snakes, footballs, trinket boxes. The kids all chose a piece, brought it over to me in the painting area, and chose their colors. I poured the paint, and they did the painting. The sessions usually last around an hour."

Reidman caters to kids ranging from one year to middle school. "Middle-school girls really like the trinket boxes. For one-year-olds, I suggest doing eight-inch plates. The kids go crazy with the paint, and then I put their handprints over all of it in a darker color. I'll put each child's name and age on the plate, and they'll have a keepsake."

Ashley at Color Me Mine in Carlsbad (760-494-0763; carlsbad.colormemine.com) offered a party room. "It holds up to 25 people, and it's decorated with a giant mural of a mystical land. It's great for photographs. The birthday child gets to sit in a throne, and there's an extra table for presents and pizza or cake. Our party package is \$20 per person for 90 minutes or \$24 per person

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Ceramicafé Art Lounge (Grossmont, 619-466-4800; Del Mar, 858-259-9958; ceramicafe.com) also offers a party space. "There's a \$35 fee to reserve it, and the cost is \$15 per child. That gives you 90 minutes, which is usually plenty of time; you can get an extra half-hour for \$15. We also provide cupcakes and punch for the kids, and you have an employee working with you the entire time."

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and you're opening your own practice, you don't have cash flow. I have eaten quite a bit of humble pie in the last four years."

Florida-based White Law Group is investigating possible securities claims against brother Ray Lucia. The subject: the appropriateness of a nontraded real estate investment trust recommendation. The sale occurred back while Ray was still in the business. White says that the problem is that such investments "are often illiquid, and investors cannot readily access their money for unforeseen expenses (like medical expenses)."

That's Jim Ketchum's problem. He wonders if these long-horizon investments are really good for retirees. He will be 81 next month. "I bought these when I was in my mid-70s," he says. He would like to think he will be alive when the 15-year period ends, but he is not putting any bets on it.

Of course, Ray Lucia doesn't recommend that retired people put all their money in these trusts that will be illiquid for 10 to 15 years. People should put their funds in three "buckets," he says. One can provide immediate income and liquidity. A second would concentrate in intermediate vehicles such as liquid bonds, and the third would be in the nontraded

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trusts, among other things.

However, Ketchum took a beating in the stock bear markets of the past 11 years, and he needs the funds in that last bucket but can't tap them without taking a big loss. ■

Under the radar

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agent and Ruby Ridge veteran who won office last year against **Jim Duffy**, the son of the late sheriff **John Duffy**, and a raft of other opponents. Gore began the year with a balance of \$19,744 and, during the first six months, collected \$14,523 in cash and \$1756 worth of in-kind contributions.

In addition to Danon, who gave \$100, donors included developer **Scott McMillin** (\$300); public defender **Henry Coker** (\$250); **Dale Wineteer** of Road One West Towing (\$250); Harbor Pest Control president **Greg Augustine** (\$100); **Marco Sessa**, vice president at Sudberry Properties (\$250); and Donovan's restaurant owner and Chargers stadium backer **Daniel Shea** (\$500). Gore used \$5000 of the funds to pay down a \$23,000 personal loan he made to the campaign last December.

— Matt Potter

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Board hits canvas

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Both Cheers and Brinkman had informed Brand of their desire to attend the workshop. Before it commenced, Cheers stated during public comment that she was looking forward to seeing the board "interact."

Brinkman said she'd told Brand in a phone conversation the previous day, "I definitely want to be in attendance at the workshop."

Brand remembered the phone conversation differently. "I don't recall that she said, 'I definitely want to be in there.' What I heard her say was, 'I'm definitely coming to the board workshop.'" Brand said no Brown Act violation occurred because policy was not discussed at the workshop.

At the school-board meeting the next evening, August 30, Brinkman told the board, "I thought Brand was the real deal. I am deeply disappointed."

It's no accident that the board was having a workshop on teamwork. In order to solve the district's problems, Brand needs a cohesive board. Rumors have circulated that Brand will walk if he doesn't get cooperation.

During the September interview, Brand responded to a question about the rumor. "Well, it's like this, so the board asked me to help resolve some of these issues. Like any adminis-

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trator, you try to bring forward ideas and recommendations, and the belief is that the majority of the time the board is going to adopt them.... If it ever gets to the point that they stop accepting my recommendations, then the good news from my perspective is, I have the wherewithal to say, 'Thanks, it's been fun.' Now, do I want to do that? Heck, no, I love this place."

Events at the August 30 board meeting suggest that the lessons on teamwork didn't take. Issues from Gandara's regime still fester, particularly his handsome severance package. Had Gandara been fired for cause — anything from fraud to moral turpitude — the district would not have been obliged to pay his salary from June to September, nor his retirement.

In the months before his departure, newspaper articles recounted the scandals, such as Gandara's alleged abuse of his credit card or the invitations sent to employees of construction companies with district contracts to hang money on his daughter's money tree at her bridal shower. The district attorney's office is investigating numerous allegations.

Until the day Gandara was ousted, boardmember López alone had called for him to be put on leave. On August 30, López went renegade again. She expressed concern that, during the board's deliberations on Gandara, board president McCann withheld a pertinent legal opinion.

She told the packed boardroom, "I would like to request, in view of the fact that written information was withheld from me regarding the separation agreement with Dr. Gandara, and therefore not allowing me to make an informed decision...that all of the documents regarding Dr. Gandara's separation agreement be sent to the attorney general for closer scrutiny..."

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same concerns. Last week, she filed a complaint against McCann with the state's Fair Political Practices Commission, alleging, "Mr. McCann protected Dr. Gandara from accountability...and withheld information to manipulate Board approval for a lucrative severance package he negotiated at tremendous taxpayer cost."

Asked if he had seen the alleged attorney letter advising the board that Gandara could be fired for cause, Brand said, "Whether or not there were legal opinions out there, it's a closed-session item, can't be discussed. It's

a violation of the Brown Act to take something that's discussed in closed session and have it made public.... I can neither confirm nor deny that there is [a letter]."

When asked if morale is low because of the district's ongoing problems, Brand answered, "I know that the controversial items in the district don't help people to feel good about themselves, but the way I look at it...Muhammad Ali got hit in the face a couple of times, but they still call him the champ. In my mind, we're gonna get our swagger back." ■

NEWS TICKER

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Shoo-in Passed Over

Southwestern College Names New Superintendent
Chula Vista — The trustees of Southwestern College named a new superintendent on October 12 — Melinda Nish, which came as a surprise to some who felt that interim superintendent Denise Whittaker was a shoo-in for the position.

In her brief stint at the college, Whittaker was instrumental in rectifying a number of problems, including assisting in getting the college

removed from probationary accreditation status.

However, others at Southwestern had expressed concern that Whittaker would be another short-timer, as she indicated during candidate forums that she would only be available for two years.

Nish comes from Orange Coast College, where she has served as vice president of instruction since 2005.

By Susan Luzzaro
Thursday, October 13

Duffy Worried About Children

U.S. Attorney to Target Media Outlets for Printing

Medicinal Marijuana Ads

San Diego — U.S. attorney Laura Duffy and other federal attorneys are set to inflict another blow to the medical marijuana industry. This time on media outlets that run medicinal marijuana ads in their papers.

"I'm not just seeing print advertising," Duffy told *California Watch*. "I'm actually hearing radio and seeing TV advertising. It's gone mainstream. Not only is it inappropriate, one has to wonder what kind of message we're sending to our children. It's against the law."

In recent years, more and

more publications throughout the state have grown accustomed to printing ads for local dispensaries — the *Reader* being one of those.

By Chad Deal
Wednesday, October 12

Party Time

John Boehner Makes Good for Brian Bilbray
Coronado — The spat with President Obama over the national deficit kept house speaker John Boehner tied down in Washington the last time he tried to come to San Diego to raise campaign cash for fellow GOP congressman Brian Bilbray.

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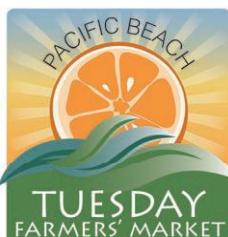


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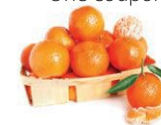
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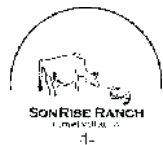
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The host committee includes General Atomics owner and Predator builder Linden Blue, weight-loss maven Jenny Craig, lobbyist Ben Haddad, developer Tom Sudberry, and various other local GOP donors.

By Matt Potter
Wednesday, October 12

Failure Is Impossible

Tragedy and Consensus at Occupy San Diego
Downtown — The celebratory mood of Occupy San Diego turned somber when a man fell to his death around 3:15 p.m. yesterday from a parking structure directly adjacent to the hundreds of demonstrators gathered on the Civic Center concourse.

The 42-year-old man's death was deemed a suicide with no known connection to Occupy San Diego. San Diego occupiers held a candlelight vigil in the man's honor, cutting short the daily general assembly.

A consensus process has resulted in an impromptu village of about 100 tents, complete with a free kitchen run on donated food, a medical tent, an independent media outlet, a library, a comfort tent with clothing and blankets, a safety patrol, a legal team, police liaisons (so far, the San Diego Police Department have been cordial and permissive of the occupation), and an arts and entertainment group, which schedules live bands and is working on an Occupy San Diego compilation album.

The operation is powered by a small solar array, and generators run in six-hour intervals.

Like many, I'm still not

sure what will become of this movement, but one thing is clear: failure is impossible. Already the feverish conversation and connections made have empowered and educated the pan-demographic group occupying the Civic Center, and have been more valuable to me personally than my five long years at a state university.

By Chad Deal
Tuesday, October 11

Cox Wants Retired Judges

County to Push for Independent Redistricting Commission
San Diego County — The San Diego County Board of Supervisors agreed to establish an independent redistricting commission during a hearing on Tuesday.

Currently, the county's charter allows boardmembers to hear recommendations from a citizens panel but gives them the final say in drawing any political lines. Under the new proposal, introduced by supervisor Greg Cox, a panel of retired judges appointed by a court official will conduct public hearings before etching out the political landscape.

"There's no doubt if you ask people on the street, 'Should elected officials be designing their own districts?' the substantial majority is going to give a resounding no," Cox said during the meeting.

Despite concerns from boardmembers, the board voted 4-to-1 in favor of the commission.

By Dorian Hargrove
Tuesday, October 11

Home Values Down San Diego Slipping Faster Than Nation

San Diego — Zillow's August report shows San Diego home values dropping faster than the nation's — although local home values remain among the highest. Only New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco are higher among the top 25 markets.

San Diego prices dropped 0.3 percent in August, versus a 0.1 percent rise for the nation. San Diego prices are down 5.8 percent over the year, versus minus 4.5 percent for the nation. Foreclosure rate: 12.6 per 10,000 homes in San Diego; 9.2 nationally.

By Don Bauder
Tuesday, October 11

Unaccomplished Mission

Navy Makes Losing Bet on Solar

San Diego County — The Navy has admitted it failed to consider whether various solar projects it awarded contracts for at several California bases were cost-effective. At least, not when spending money received under President Obama's 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act.

"Officials incorrectly concluded that cost effectiveness was not required for planning Recovery Act energy projects," says a report by the Pentagon's inspector general.

So the Navy proceeded to green-light numerous projects that will cost far more than the power they'll generate is worth. Locally, Naval Base Coronado had the most efficient projects — it will generate enough energy over the next 20 years to pay 28 percent of the installation costs. Naval Base Point Loma expects to get back only 21 percent of what it invested into solar, and Naval Base San Diego will recoup only 16 cents on every dollar invested.

Overall, the Navy expects to lose about \$25.1 million of its \$50.8 million investment.

By Dave Rice
Monday, October 10

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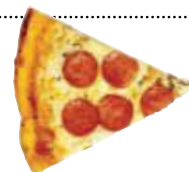


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— AMBROSE MARTIN

Nicky Rottens

560 5th Avenue, San Diego, 619-702-8068, nickyrottens.com
GASLAMP

Nicky Rottens is a pleasant, nay, luscious surprise in the midst of touristville. Very much a Gaslamp bar (hey, look, gangster photos on the walls!) with food. But such a burger. Bun a bit sweet but still wheaty, topped with genuinely crunchy sesame seeds — toasted? Who knew that sesame seeds could matter? A generous pile of shredded lettuce provides another fine textural counterpoint, cool and crunchy throughout. Tomato is nothing special, onion sliced thin enough to blend in, bacon smoky and plentiful. Beef is properly pink, but still slightly mushy in the center: that raw, steak tartare sort

of mush. Meat flavor floods the sinus cavity, tickling the olfactory bulb — not salt, not fat, but meat. Maybe skip the sauce on the side. This one doesn't need lube.

— AMBROSE MARTIN

Jayne's Gastropub

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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

The onion: pickled and complicatedly sweet. The setting: white octagonal tiles on the floor, dainty-quaint tables and chairs, interesting olde-timey cocktails. The bun: a hugely but-

tery, toasted roll. The cheese: sharp enough to cut through everything and make itself known. The greens: wilted, in that British-style wilting way. And so to the patty: micro-ground, not as rich as Nicky Rotten's, not as wet as Tractor Room, but maybe more beefy (and more seasoned)

than either. The elements achieve a happy harmony without sacrificing individual character.

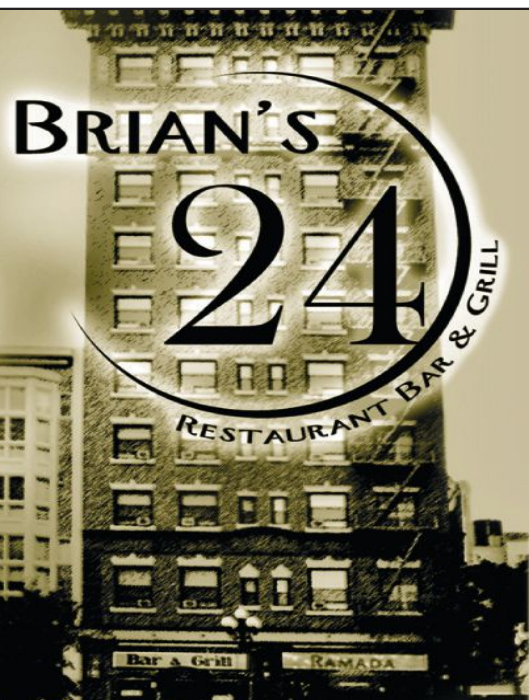
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onion, all shrouded in the white thickness of a toasted bun. At the edges, things are drier and more disparate.

— AMBROSE MARTIN

Anny's Fine Burger

9862 Mission Gorge Road, 619-258-8288, annysfineburger.com
SANTEE

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Cheerful, colorful, and clean, Anny's looks like the flagship store of a future chain. They will put almost anything and everything on a burger (pastrami!), but we kept things simple. A crusty, kaiser-style roll surrounds a patty that drips grease but still comes across a bit like lean sirloin — maybe it's the chew, or maybe it's the steak-y taste. There's a solidity to the beef, as opposed to a grind. It's not bad, just different. The bacon hits a sweet high note, but the cheese doesn't even play second fiddle. Lettuce and tomato reminded me of In-N-Out, but Anny's

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Look, grill genius “Nacho” Madera is gone — gone to North Park and El Sol and Mexican food. But Danny's remains, a Coronado institution under a narrow barrel roof, displaying its photos of fallen soldiers on the wall above the bar, serving up burgers and booze with an air of gruff geniality (or maybe genial gruffness). Yes, something's been lost along the way: we detected too much steel and not enough seasoning in the tang of the grill. But the grind is good and pebbly, the lettuce is thick enough, and the American cheese gums

things up the way it oughta. From top to (soggy) bottom, this is a burger that resists gentrification as stubbornly as the rest of the joint.

— AMBROSE MARTIN

The Tractor Room

3687 5th Avenue,
619-543-1007,
thetractorroom.com
SAN DIEGO

Apropos of the gay district, a camp version of an Old West meatery. Cowhide barstools, a jackalope on the wall above the red-leather banquette, etc. Smart wine list, if you're into that sort of thing. Bun is actually more of a roll, eggy and toasted. Lettuce, tomato, and cheese are not the point here, and bacon gets noticed only for its salty parry to the overwhelming thrust of wet, melty meat.

The grind here yields long, thick strands — not stringy, but soft, almost like busted-up breakfast sausage. Forget seasoning, forget the grill: this is meat that does not play well with others, but instead turns in a powerful, complicated star turn.

— AMBROSE MARTIN

Daddy-O's

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MIDWAY

The slogan at '50s-style diner Daddy-O's — “Where cool people and big, juicy burgers meet” — is only partly true. While the cool-people parameter is totally up to you, the burgers (\$5.99–\$11.99), which are big, tend toward the dry side. Eclectic toppings (jalapeño cream cheese and jelly, gorgonzola, brie, Thai pea-

nut sauce, raspberry chipotle) make up for the unremarkable beef and languorous service. The real saving grace here is happy hour, 3:00–6:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday, when pints are \$2.50 and 32-ounce mason jars of local, craft, and import beers go for \$5. Add a \$5 sampler of seasoned fries, onion rings, jalapeño poppers, and mozzarella sticks, plus \$2 chili dogs (steamed frank, bland beans, nothing special), and you've got a painless night on the town.

— CHAD DEAL

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No doubt the place gets rowdy when the Broncos are playing and every blessed one of the TVs is showing the game, but at other times, the place has a proper low-key

North County beach town vibe, tweaked by the kid-friendly picnic tables to the right of

of the lettuce against the warm chew of the burger against the bold strength of the white

It starts with the beef: fine grind, loose pack, superjuicy, good grill seasoning that keeps you taking bite after bite.

the bar. The burger is broad like a kiddie pool and almost as wet in the center. Actually, the center is where everything works best — the cool shred

onion, all shrouded in the white thickness of a toasted bun. At the edges, things are drier and more disparate.

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What first drew me in here was Starlite's informal, relaxed atmosphere, illuminated by a sparkly, starry sky-like chandelier hovering over the sunken bar. Though atmosphere played a significant role, it was the consistent deliciousness of both the cocktails and the food that have made me a regular.

Lately, I'm all about the Holly Golightly, which is a Manhattan with a splash of maple liqueur. The Mule (Rain Organic vodka, ginger beer, lime, Angostura bitters) is a crowd-pleaser, both for its taste and the way it's served — in a large copper mug. But I prefer the Kentucky Colonel, which replaces the vodka with Buffalo Trace bourbon, and the Angostura with house-made cherry vanilla bitters. I find it deeper, richer, boozier, and a bit sweeter. Dmitri, the man who makes the bitters and falernum (a sweet, mixed-flavor syrup), devises most of the liquorific mixtures.

I can't go to Starlite and *not* get a burger — Brandt beef, melted Gruyère, those caramelized onions... However, I do occasionally sample chef Kathleen Wise's regular dishes and weekly specials (new every Thursday). Her mission is to obtain 90 percent of produce from in and around San Diego and to use mostly "sensibly raised and/or harvested proteins" from "sustainable sources." Plus, I recently



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The Mule at **Starlite Lounge** in Mission Hills

heard they're now opening earlier (5:00 p.m.) on Saturdays.

— BARBARELLA

Quality Social

789 6th Avenue, 619-501-7675, qualitysocial.com

GASLAMP

When I happen upon a place like Quality Social,

where the cocktails are carefully crafted and the food is sourced locally, I am as surprised as I am delighted. The space is capacious, but once you slip into a booth or pull up a stool at the bar, the dim lighting and dark wooden walls create a cozy atmosphere.

My favorite cocktail

is the Dirty Old Man, with Buffalo Trace bourbon, Benedictine, lemon, and peach bitters. If you get the right bartender (two out of three, in my experience), your drink will be garnished with a singed orange peel. It's not always on the ever-changing menu, but if you request it, they'll

know what you mean. All cocktails are \$10.

Chef Jared Van Camp is always happy to show off his curing cooler, a small room where he creates salted, smoked, and cured meats, such as potted rillette (duck and cognac) and mortadella. All the condiments (ketchup,

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With the daily specials, I know I'm sure to find some of Van Camp's latest creations made from local, seasonal ingredients. A fave that's always on the menu is the flavorful Cubano sandwich, with smoked pork shoulder, house-cured ham, pickles, and mustard.

— BARBARELLA

Small Bar

4628 Park Boulevard, 619-795-7998, smallbarsd.com
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Aptly named, this pocket-sized place has an ironic mascot — an elephant — on its logo. One of its great charms is the sense that the bar has been here *forever*, though it opened only two years ago.

You know a bar takes its liquor seriously when gems like Junipero gin and Pappy Van Winkle 20-year bourbon are hanging out on the menu like it ain't no thang. I'd enjoy any combination from the impressive high-end spirits list, but tend to go for the barrel-aged Manhattan. That's right, they make cocktails containing gin, bourbon, rye, and more, and age the concoctions (four different mixes at any given time) in small charred oak barrels.

Don't make the mistake of passing up the excellent and oh-so-satisfying bites coming from the minuscule kitchen, just because it looks like the backroom of an East Coast dive bar. My favorites are the fried pickles (they do their own!), the small tacos (particularly the firecracker carne asada, its spicy meat contrasting with soft,

cool avocado slices), and chicken sliders — three sliders, all with different flavors: tangy gold barbecue sauce, bacon jam and ranch, and Coca-Cola Guinness barbecue sauce with red onions. All are yum and served with an abundant mound of skinny fries beneath them.

— BARBARELLA

BO-beau Kitchen + Bar

4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, 619-224-2884, cohnrestaurants.com
OCEAN BEACH

To create the rustic, warm decor of BO-beau Kitchen + Bar, designers took a textured, yellowed page right out of Provence. The only downside to this intimate, village-style restaurant is that, as in France, tables and chairs are pushed together, so you

can forget about private conversations. Fortunately, the craft cocktails and French-inspired fare make up for in-your-face and on-your-lap fellow patrons.

All the cocktails boast French names, such as Le Provençal (vodka, rosemary, and lavender flavors) and Toulouse-Lautrec's Earthquake (absinthe and cognac). I enjoy Le Bohemien, which is made with St. Germain Elderflower, rum, mint, and lime juice.

The must-try appetizer (fit for a meal) is crispy Brussels sprouts served on a long wooden board. The charred sprouts are mixed with lean bits of pancetta, shaved Parmesan, and a deliciously sweet balsamic drizzle that harmoniously blends with the savory.



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— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Lately, I'm all about the Holly Golightly, a Manhattan with a splash of maple liqueur.

fries — is spot-on. If you're looking for something fun and far from the classics, I suggest the Woodstone Oven flatbreads. These are huge, so you definitely want to share. My favorite is blanketed in roasted beets, goat cheese, curry-onion jam, crushed red peppers, and sliced fresh jalapeños scattered on top.

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vodka, garnished with Gorgonzola-stuffed olives. Patrons can opt for indoor imbibing in the lively bar area or adjourn to the outdoor patio for some Bird Rock watching. Brunches are spirited affairs. With applewood smoked swine belly and an overflow of olives, the Bacon LOVE and Tomato Mary cocktail is hearty enough to serve as a brunch on its own. Of course, it's probably best to order two...just to be sure. — BRANDON

HERNÁNDEZ

Riviera Supper Club and Turquoise Room

7777 University Avenue,
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LA MESA

So here's Matt, Ernesto, and me lined up at the bar, waiting on Ashley to deliver the goods. Strictly cocktails.

This being round one, we've decided we should each have something different. Me, it's the Riviera Sangria; Matt, a Turquoise Sour; Ernesto, an Art Snob.

Blame Ernesto for this. "We've gotta go. It's so Sinatra, it's hip," he said. He's not kidding. Tuesday night, the place is packed like it was the weekend. And I totally get it. The Riviera hits all the notes. Cocktails, bar appetizers, live retro music, guys wearing

porkpie hats, cook-your-own grill, rock walls, turquoise walls studded with big star shapes... what a package.

This is Sam Cham-mas's baby. He helped restart the Turf Club in Golden Hill, with the same retro grill-your-own-steak heartbeat. When the lease ran out, he moved east to La Mesa, and, boy, looks like the world moved with him.

We have two cocktails each. Or was it three? Thank goodness for the bar food. Ernesto goes and grills a little rack of ribs and orders some onion rings and potato wedges.

We end up all having Infidels (rum, lime, syrup), Hemingway's drink, in the hope it'll make us better writers.

— ED BEDFORD

Cafe La Maze

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I bet this is like doing lunch at Musso and Frank's in Hollywood. You're eating the leg-end as much as the steak. Marcel Lamaze, friend to the stars, built this in 1940 as a halfway house for Hollywood en route to TJ's Caliente Race-track. It still has a hidden gambling room upstairs.

Seventy years later, the classic steakhouse with its full cocktail bar and half-round red booths doing a waltz around the big room is intact and fashionable again.

Marcel's friends — Marlene Dietrich, Carole Lombard, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, Jane Rus-sell — watch you from

the walls. Your cock-tails are their cocktails: martinis, daiquiris, old-

the petite cut prime rib (about \$18) with baked potato, veggies, horse-

The flavors in Fair, a quinoa-based vodka made in France's Cognac region, make a compelling case for going clear.

fashioneds, Manhattans. Judean the barista mixes me a sweet-and-dry ver-mouth martini with gin.

Steaks are staple, but there are also bar-top appetizers like jumbo shrimp cocktail, beef bones in barbecue sauce, prime rib bites.

I take the sautéed mushrooms (\$6), then

radish, *albóndigas* soup.

They have live jazz Thursdays onward, with a big following. Tonight, Monday, I sit back to soak up Ron Bell on the guitar. Only thing missing is Marcel, table-hop-ping, schmoozing with his French accent.

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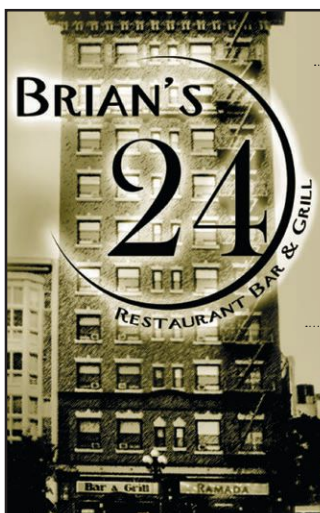
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Ed's Eats

Letty's Bean Shack

4229 Front Street (at West Arbor Drive),
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HILLCREST

You might call this place Hillcrest's secret. It's an old house beside an open field in Hospital Land. All the UCSD nurses and doctors come here to avoid their own cafeterias. Plus, prices are low, subsidized-cafeteria range, so the joint is always run off its feet.

That doesn't mean it's not fun and the food ain't good. It is. Letty's has been serving coffee and more since the 1940s. It has only a small room inside but plenty of space out on the wooden decks built around the house, with tables and green umbrellas and lots of flowerpots. Interesting food specials change daily to keep those white-coats coming back.

The Bacon Breakfast Burrito is a steal. The Hawaiian Salad with mangoes, pecans, blue cheese, is really good for around \$6. So's the BBQ pork sandwich.

But mainly I come to sit, to eavesdrop on all the ER talk, look across the open field, and have a Hillcrest meal without paying Hillcrest prices.

— ED BEDFORD

Grant's Marketplace

2953 Beech Street, 619-231-0524
SOUTH PARK

It's not just the patio (great at sunset!) and the excellent sandwiches — Grant's Marketplace is special because these are the guys who got this part of town off its backside, made it okay to settle around here with your kids and to start bringing all these great turn-of-the-century houses back to life.

When Joe and Kim Grant took what was a crummy



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Letty's Bean Shack in Hillcrest

corner liquor joint and turned it into a classy grocery-winery-café with seriously good sandwiches, people looked again at this end of South Park.

Sandwiches to try: the hot pastrami, Joe's Favorite (turkey, Gruyère, avo), the Californian (turkey, avo, bacon), and, yes, the BLT. All standard fare, but the bread's great,

and the stuffings are generous. Plus, you feel a part of the community; everyone hangs out here.

The one pity? This liquor store isn't allowed to let us sip a beer or a glass of wine on their deck. That would mean dropping into the bureaucratic labyrinth for months on end.

— ED BEDFORD

Stout Public House

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— ED BEDFORD

Jake's Tiki Bar at Mission Bay Deli

1548 Quivira Way, 619-223-5056, missionbaydeli.com
MISSION BAY

This is the place with signposts such as "Pago Pago, 4942 miles"; "Mustang Ranch, \$100 from Vegas"; "Dog Beach, 50 Butt Sniffs" — though it's really just an ordinary

sandwich/snack joint, set up to keep Mission Bay boatyard workers from

during the summer, have jammin' live music from bands like Swamp Crit-

The beans I have with my roast chicken, the squash, the parsnips, chopped and sautéed beautifully with potatoes, all have come down the mountain.

starving.

What makes it a must-visit is what happens on weekends, when they shift the operation outside. They sell brews, really sloppy dogs (try the spicy sausage hotdog), excellent burgers from the palapa, and

ters playing on the grass.

The Tiki Bar is every Friday-Sunday in the afternoon, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Live music's usually Sunday afternoons only (and not during winter). But it's a scene. Everybody gathers, catches a brew from the four-sided Tiki Bar, and orders eats from the deli, such as the grilled chicken burger or Ville de Paris salad or the occasional spaghetti dinner (a great value at around a Lincoln).

Sundays, it's a picnic. You can dance on the grass to the band, and nobody looks stupid. This is where you'll find that time-warp, knockabout waterfront town we came for in the first place.

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MIRA MESA

He used to drive his own gastro truck around town, cooking up not just Indian but South Indian (some say the *real* Indian) food that everyone could afford.

Problem was, most people couldn't find him. So Allen Sem found a place (Spice Court) in Little India where he could set up in the back.

"I am Tamil," he says, "from Hyderabad, so I know southern Indian cooking. Just like your Southern cooking, it is more flavorful, more exciting than northern Indian food. Nothing is canned. Every sauce I make here."

For starters, try the *dosa*. Along with Hyderabad *biryani*, it's one of the go-to southern dishes, a way-big fermented rice crêpe — a crispy golden flute with spicy potato inside — and a rich *sambar* (lentil soup) to dip it in, plus dollops of sauces: green mango, sautéed onions, coconut, green coriander, and if you really want to be daring, a lethal little bowl of red chiles, featuring the ghost chili. Allen says it's "the world's hottest chili."

Allen's place is modest — four tables in a grocery shop, no giant golden elephants — but he is the real thing.

— ED BEDFORD

Girard Gourmet

7837 Girard Avenue,
858-454-3325,
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LA JOLLA

This is *the* time of year for Girard Gourmet. "We

have a one-acre garden up in Julian that my husband François tends each week," Diana Goedhuys told me. She looks and sounds just like Julia Child. "We have been composting it for eight years, and now it's really starting to pay off, everything from eggplant to eggs to pears to peaches. We have 40 fruit and nut trees. And it will all come down to enter our little food chain here."

The beans I have with my roast chicken, the squash, the parsnips, chopped and sautéed beautifully with potatoes, all have come down the mountain and all have vibrant flavors. And we're paying eight, ten bucks

for these full, mostly homegrown meals.

Stephanie, the gal in the Hobbit-like seating on the sidewalk, is spooning up a soup of tomatillos and zucchini that were also plucked from François's garden, you can bet.

"It's a meal," she says. With a chunk of eight-grain bread, it cost her \$3.77. In La Jolla? Go figure.

— ED BEDFORD

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his buddies for paintball war games at the military range nearby, then pop into the Campo Diner. Always had a cheeseburger, medium rare, with fries.

Debbie Benjamin and Carmen DeLaGuerra-Sylva, two gals who grew up around Campo, bought the place a couple of years ago and now run it for what it is: a for-real down-home country diner. It's like the glue that holds the scattered people in this rural area together. Heck, there's pretty much nothing else for 20 miles either way.

It's hard to miss, too.

Bright paint outside, right at Cameron Corners on Highway 94. Inside has that traditional counter with squishy red stools. Most breakfasts, like omelets, are around the \$8 to \$10 mark, but you can get two eggs with home fries and a biscuit and gravy for \$5.95. Burgers — and they guarantee they're certified Black Angus beef — go from \$7 (for a quarter-pounder) to \$8 (for a half-pounder with fries or coleslaw).

Warning: watch out for the triple-decker Clubhouse Sandwich. It is truly ginormous. For snake-jaws only.

— ED BEDFORD

Meijo Sushi

600 Palm Avenue,
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In this location, they have no right to suc-

ceed. It's the graveyard of a bunch of previous brave wannabe eateries. But Meijo Sushi, the Vietnamese-owned Japanese place on the edge of I.B., is a wild success. Something about the owners' fun-loving personalities has endeared them to locals.

Like, they have *masu*, wooden sake boxes, dangling, each with the name of a customer. Guy comes back from a WestPac, first thing he does is fill his personal *masu* with sake and down it. Then he's really home.

Yes, main dishes can get up there, but the place has daily specials, such as sushi mix, fried *gyoza* (dumpling), tiger eyes (calamari stuffed with salmon), or dream rolls (with tempura shrimp, avocado, and cream cheese inside,

and tuna, shrimp, and spicy crab outside) — all falling between \$5 and \$9.

And they don't skimp. The sushi mix has five different kinds of fish on rice, plus nine sushi rolls. And it comes on china with a beautiful Japanese motif. And yet, somehow they keep it light-hearted and down to earth.

They even have tacos — except they spell it with a *k*. *Tako* in Japanese means *octopus*. *Tako* salad is chopped and seasoned octopus with vegetables. — ED

BEDFORD

The Yellow Deli

315 East Broadway,
760-631-1888,
yellowdeli.com/vista.html
VISTA

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deli for its fabulous arty bathrooms alone. And for its quirky,

Yes, it's a little bit nuts-and-twigs, but they have beef and

I come to Letty's to eavesdrop on all the ER talk, look across the open field, and have a Hillcrest meal without paying Hillcrest prices.

beautifully carved, purpose-built house. And for its musicians who play in the patio at night. And because the place is open 24 hours every day except the Sabbath, which is celebrated from Friday lunchtime till Sunday lunchtime.

The people who run Yellow Deli are a community of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. They try to live like the early Christians.

Their house-restaurant is a collection of rooms, caves, alcoves, barn doors, raw wood, and poles, like a ship (an ark, maybe?).

And, man, they deliver on the food.

lamb sandwiches. And salads come direct from their garden in Valley Center, picked today. And wonderful wholesome soups. The potato-cheese soup's to die for. You can get a cupful for four bucks and change. And the veggieburger would fool even my dedicated carnivore Carla.

But don't expect TV screens. "TV has replaced the hearth," says one of the crew.

"Hearth,' 'heart,' same word."

Instead, they have live bands of guys playing mandolins, zithers, and drums, and they hold discussions on subjects like "Should spanking be allowed?" — ED BEDFORD

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Passing by this constantly packed spot in the East Village, one would never guess the perseverance it took for owner Arsalun Tafazoli to force it down downtowners' gullets. His goal was to provide the perfect environment for a good time. To him, that translated to casual-yet-heightened cuisine (gourmet burgers, comfort classics, upscale snacks) and lots and lots of beer. But not just any beer... the good stuff, IPAs, Belgian Trappist ales, sours, and everything in between. Sounds ordinary by today's local standards, but he was way ahead of the curve in 2007, and locals were less than receptive. The place almost closed down, but Tafazoli refused to change course. Thankfully, beer by beer, visitors were swayed to his way of thinking, and now Neighborhood is thriving and has earned a reputation as a must-hit destination for beer travelers headed to San Diego.

— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Hamilton's Tavern

1521 30th Street, South Park, 619-238-5460, hamiltonstavern.com



PHOTO BY HOWIE ROSEN

For entrepreneur Scot Blair, it was all about creating a craft-beer bastion with an outrageous selection, where people from all walks of life could come for the best ales and lagers the planet has to offer. Today, he has an empire that's four bars (Hamilton's, Small Bar, Eleven, Monkey Paw) and one food-truck strong. Still, the South Park flagship is his and San Diego beer-lovers' baby, a prototype craft-beer bar. Close relationships with local brewers (and big names from beyond) have been huge for Hamilton's. Case in point: their Second Saturday events, to which Blair and company invite guest brewers, roast whole pigs and pack the house to capacity. It's hardcore craft-beer pandemonium.

— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Pizza Port Solana Beach

135 North Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332, pizzaport.com



PHOTO BY CHRIS WOO

Nowadays, San Diegans know all about Pizza Port's Carlsbad outpost, America's 2011 Large Brewpub of the Year. But the smallest of the local chain's four locations is legendary: the original Pizza Port, in Solana Beach, won Small Brewpub of the Year not once, but twice, in 2003 and 2004. It's also the birthplace of many of the most popular award-winning beers at Pizza Port and Port Brewing — the production brewing arm of the company, including the Lost Abbey line. Ditto for legendary brewers. Tomme Arthur, director of brewing operations for the Lost Abbey; Jeff Bagby, head brewer and director of brewpub operations for Pizza Port Carlsbad; and Tom Nickel, owner of O'Brien's Pub and head brewer at the soon-to-open Julian Brewing Company, all got their start here. And you thought it was just some beach-bum-chic pizza place. Well, it is...and so much more.

— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

SD Tap Room

1269 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-1010, sdtaproom.com



PHOTO BY CHRIS WOO

Most craft-beer spots have a built-in culture. Newbies walk in, order up, and acclimate to the flow of the bar. But SD Tap Room is wonderfully inviting, devoid of unwritten rules and the judgmental glares of self-important regulars. That shit don't fly in P.B...but alcohol sure as hell does. There's a full bar here, but local craft beer is this establishment's hooch of choice. What's more refreshing than watching the Padres or Chargers on the plasmas in what is one of SD's sportiest craft-beer spots? Fans of variety can choose their own beer flight at \$2.50 per six-ounce sample, and fans of beers that aren't on the tap or the bottle list can go online, request a beer, and set up an alert to find out whether and when it gets added to the inventory. Cask nights and LAB (local art and beer) events up the craft-beer ante, while Taco Tuesdays complete the Garnet experience.

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O'Brien's Pub

4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa,
619-715-1745, obrienspub.net



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No bar in San Diego has as long a history of doing right by hop-heads as this inauspicious sanctum. Nestled in the heart of Kearny Mesa's miracle mile of Asian delights, the Irish pub sticks out like a sore thumb. The self-proclaimed "hoppiest place on Earth," O'Brien's has been known as one of the finest craft-beer venues in America for the past decade. When big-name brewers come to town, they stop in for special events and drop off plenty of rare one-off brews. But, thanks to owner Tom Nickel and his constant pursuit of quality beer, there's always an exceptional selection of draft, bottled, and cask brews to be had — particularly single and double IPAs. Add house-made beer cheese from Tom's wife, Lindsey, and a genuine appreciation of regulars ("muggers"), and you've got a solid archetype for what a top-notch beer bar in America's number-one beer town can and should be.

— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Churchill's Pub & Grille

887 West San Marcos Boulevard,
San Marcos, 760-471-8773, churchillspub.us



PHOTO BY CHRIS WOO

If you're doing Yard House math, all it takes is a boatload of taps to make for an exceptional beer venue. But what's the use of having a bank vault's worth of beer if most or all of it's run-of-the-mill? Craft-beer fans have learned to opt for quality over quantity, but at this San Marcos standout, suds enthusiasts get both. Even seasoned beer scavengers feel gobsmacked making draft picks from the 30-plus beers on tap and sifting through a lengthy bottle list peppered with hard-to-find craft brews from San Diego and around the world. A menu stocked with ambitious dishes that go beyond basic pub fare (some featuring herbs, veggies, and exotic chili peppers from the backyard garden), frequent in-house festivals, and meet-the-brewer dinners help this tenured gem continue to sparkle despite the emergence of solid newcomers throughout North County.

— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Main Tap Tavern

518 East Main Street, El Cajon,
619-749-6333, maintaptavern.com



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Densely populated with beer-swilling denizens, El Cajon might be equally stocked with craft-beer spots. Alas, it's a virtual wasteland of macrobrew dives — with this single sterling exception. Equipped with 24 taps — most devoted to local liquid refreshment, but all siphoning out fine craft beer — Main Tap has swung for the fences since opening three years ago. Casks, an expensive rarity for most bars, are a Wednesday-evening amenity here. They're always local, and recent cask-conditioned offerings have included Coronado Brewing Company Stoopid Stout, with cocoa nibs, vanilla bean, and mint leaves; and Airdale Altitude American pale ale with Citra hops. Live music on weekends offers another reason to take a ride out I-8. A place like this shouldn't stay secret.

— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Local Habit

3827 5th Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-795-4770,
mylocalhabit.com



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Affordable, organic, locally sourced meals (fresh basil pasta from Seeds @ City Urban Farm at City College, anyone?) and a rotating selection of 12 San Diego craft beers, including one cask (\$5.50–\$6.50), make Local Habit a strong presence within America's Finest City's world-famous gastropub scene. A joint venture of Barry Braden (Pizza Fusion) and Eco Caters in Ocean Beach, Local Habit specializes in gourmet pizza, house-cured meats, and inventive small dishes. The grilled oysters are a risk-free introduction to the medium — no sea snot, and a firm, palatable texture. Gouda Mac is heaven. The pork belly is bacon's Buddha nature. Add charming waitresses, Edison bulbs, Stone Double Bastard, growler lampshades, and dark hardwood everything, and you've got a classy but pomp-free drink-and-dine experience.

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DOWNTOWN

2738 Adams Avenue, 619-640-2121, cafe21.com
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Café 21 began as a lunch joint in University Heights, moved to a larger location there, and has now accepted the dare of downtown. It's the zesty creation of a young couple from Azerbaijan, a former Soviet Republic in the southernmost Caucasus (between Russia and Persia). But this is no amateur mom 'n' pop shop: the service lives up to the cooking.

Host Alex (who came to San Diego to study hospitality) and chef Leyla both have turned thoroughly pro, offering an always-interesting culinary mixture of Azeri specialties, along with Ukrainian, Russian, Mediterranean, and California-inspired cooking. Leyla produces the fresh-baked breads and desserts.

The menu changes weekly; specials that have proved patron favorites often go into the rotation. Highlights include stuffed vegetables and huge and vivacious salads (the strawberry salad is unforgettable, the roast grape salad a Renaissance painting). Azeri ground-lamb kebabs and stews, and the national dish, an elaborately garnished saffron pilaf, are revelatory. Easy to do a grazing dinner, as appetizer and salad portions are ginormous and easy to share, but then you'd miss enjoying a unique entrée.

Breakfasts are even more popular than dinners



Café 21 in downtown San Diego

downtown, and no less creative. Consider Tiramisu Pancakes. Judging by the apricot crêpes sometimes served as an appetizer, they're probably less sweet than they sound.

Five different sangrias are offered. The bottled and by-the-glass wine list is cursory, but corkage is minimal.

Lacto-vegetarian friendly, vegan-okay.

— NAOMI WISE

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro

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kouskousrestaurant.com
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here, happily free of that sit-on-the-floor-pillows nonsense of most Moroccan restaurants in California. The simple room is handsomely decorated with Moroccan fabrics, but it's the food that takes center stage, along with the warm hospitality of witty host/chef/owner Moumen Nouri and his cordial crew. Moumen

has expanded the menu over the years, adding the requisite *b'stilla* (minced chicken with all manner of goodies in a phyllo mini-pie) to the preexisting irresistible *harissa* lentil soup, plus a host of intriguing new salads and vegetable appetizers. Cocktails are available; the ones to try are those featuring rose water



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(a champagne-based Moroccan Kiss) or hot pepper (Lalla Sharmoula, a bloody mary variant.)

Moumen was also smart enough to restrict kebabs (mere street snacks in Morocco), perhaps to encourage diners to explore the more elaborate and authentic entrées, especially the *tagines*, richly flavored Moroccan stews of vegetables or meats. The honeyed lamb shanks with nuts are sweet, meaty heaven on a plate. Equally heavenly is the sassier chicken with olives and preserved lemons.

Vegetarians and vegans will rejoice in not only a vegetarian tapas plate but a veggie Berber *tagine* (perfect over couscous) and a *tagine* of veggie-stuffed peppers (also available with meat). Omnivores looking for a prix fixe can dive into the moderately priced (\$20 or \$30 per person) multi-course Moroccan Feasts.

— NAOMI WISE

Farm House Café

2121 Adams Avenue
(at Mississippi Street),
619-269-9662,
farmhousecafesd.com

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

This is the sun-dappled, utterly non-snooty side of French cuisine. No scary prices, no snobby service, no heavy sauces, and the wines are priced moderately enough to dive into. This unpretentious bistro is more genuinely French (in all the best senses) than a lot of the faque-French higher-priced spreads around town. This isn't Paris; it's the southern-countryside, age-old source of much of the best Gallic food. Look at all those cute little wooden ducks marching around the restaurant walls. No intimidation

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Favorite: **Casa de Pico**
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Favorite: **Del Mar Rendezvous Restaurant**
(most votes, too — 88)
2nd pick: **Kitchen 1540**

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Favorite: **Stone Bistro and Gardens**
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here.

The food is blithe and sunny, too, and often surprisingly light. (This is not a heavy *sauce brun* place.) The ingredients are fresh, seasonal, and mainly local, in true country style. Chef-owner Olivier Bioteau obviously loves cooking: he constantly learns new techniques and skills. A few years ago, he became a chocolatier. Now he's taken up charcuterie and is making his own creative sausages, served as entrées on select weeknights (see

website) and at weekend brunch. But don't miss his earlier creation, a supernatural chicken-liver mousse.

The weekend brunch is noteworthy, especially for ethereal ricotta-citrus pancakes and true French "french toast." Larger appetites might consider the braised oxtail with three-egg omelet and the soft polenta with corn and house-made sausage.

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The menu opens with a huge, heartbreaking array of tapas.

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PACIFIC BEACH

Costa Brava, along with Pata Negra, its adjacent Spanish deli, is San Diego's center of authentic full-flavored Spanish cuisine and culture. Some nights, there are musicians; on other nights, loud soccer plays on the TVs in the bar. (The website shows the soccer schedule.) All nights,

Owned and hosted by the personable Javier Gonzales, the restaurant is set in a former residence, with riotous flora all over the front and tall palms shading the balcony, where you can lunch outdoors.

The menu opens with a vast selection of tapas, both hot and cold. Anchovy lovers will swoon over a dish that Javier claims comes from his hometown: Spanish anchovies and sweet, lightly smoked piquillo peppers. Among the

hot tapas are irresistibly creamy *croquetas*, both of chicken and salt cod, dates wrapped in bacon, and moist *morcilla* (black sausage) sautéed with onions. Lots of easier choices there, too — cheeses, seafood, and ham plates, including, sometimes, prized Iberico ham from free-range pigs raised on acorns.

The several paella variations have real integrity, the best in San Diego. But don't overlook other pleasures, such as braised rabbit, oxtail braised in Rioja wine, and fresh sea bass cooked in sparkling Cava with dates and figs.

The wine list is mainly Spanish and affordable, with an excellent sangria if you're not inclined to gamble. Desserts, or a dessert wine, are worth enjoying. Even the flan here is good.

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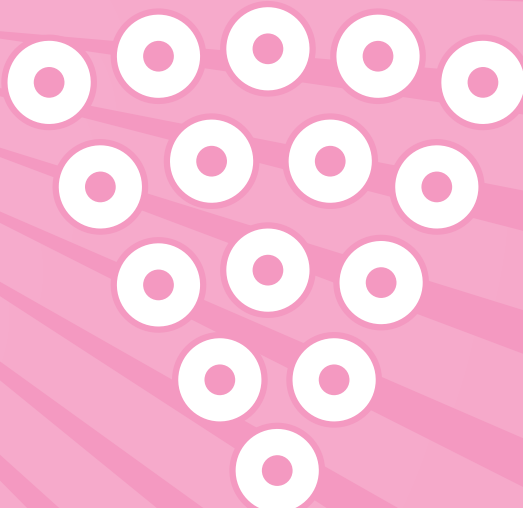
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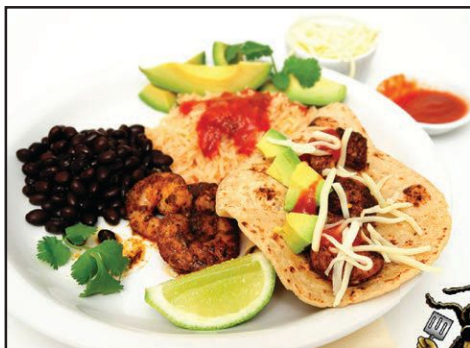
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KEARNY MESA

Tucked in the corner of the strip-mall that houses Nijiya Market is a tiny, warm little restaurant called Okan. I realize that the word "tapas" is used to describe almost every type of appetizer or small plate these days, and indeed Okan uses it to describe simmered, homey, Japanese comfort dishes served from the large plates that line a U-shaped counter.

There is quite a bit to choose from, as the menu covers a lot of ground, with everything from grilled dishes to sashimi. I'd recommend going with a couple of the small plates from the counter, perhaps a salad; my favorite is the *gobo* salad, shaved, fried burdock root piled high on a bed of *mizuna* (mildly peppery greens). It not only tastes good, but makes a statement. While noshing, you can satiate that *soju* craving by picking one of 30 choices on the list. The sake list is smaller but has everything from good everyday sakes such as Kikusui and Otokoyama, to the wonderfully floral Kubota Manju. You can top off your meal with *onigiri* (rice balls), a soba or udon dish, or one of a number of rice dishes.

The vibe is fairly relaxed; there's usually a bit of jazz playing in the background. The whole shop holds about 30 people max and gets crowded, so reservations are recommended.

— KIRK K.

Nozomi Japanese Fusion

3050 Pio Pico Drive,
760-729-7877,
nozomicarlsbad.com
CARLSBAD

Outside, beneath a bamboo bridge, koi meander in a rivulet that flows alongside the restaurant. Inside, on the lowest floor, a turtle pond occupies a darkly atmospheric lounge. The main dining room, a floor up, resembles a cheerful village inn.

Chef-owner Ken Lee is a graduate of Sushi Ota, and his sushi is beautiful. But he also offers a full and sometimes fusiony menu, including soups and salads (Cajun Tuna Tataki Salad), specialty tapas (e.g., Mushroom and Leek Dumplings), and Japanese-tilted entrées. Don't miss the wonderful Ankimo (monkfish pâté — a piscine version of foie gras), the tuna poke, sashimi sampler, or huge, tender Hamachi Kama (baked yellowtail collar). Or, if you love oysters, the Kumamoto plate (five oysters for \$15).

Entrée choices consist mainly of sushi and sashimi platters, including the tempting Caviar Sizzler topped with *tobiko*, *ikura*, and *uni* with a butter sauce resembling a maritime version of Korea's *bibimbap*. Meats include sirloin sukiyaki and several teriyakis. The Taste of Nozomi platter (\$28) is an excellent choice for a group, with regular sushi, "party sushi" (hula rolls), sashimi, and salad.

The wine list is smart and serviceable, the sake list divine (but potentially expensive). And even strict vegans will find enough rabbit food and tofu to fill them.

— NAOMI WISE

Del Mar Rendezvous

1555 Camino Del Mar,
Street level of Del Mar Plaza, 858-755-2669,
delmarrendezvous.com
DEL MAR

Chef-owner Mark Sun (from a long line of chefs in China) was a founder of Dumpling Inn and several other popular Chinese restaurants. Just when he was on the verge of retiring, he realized how frustrated he felt with local second-rate Chinese food and misconceived fusion restaurants and opened Del Mar Rendezvous as an antidote.

It's one of the prettiest, most comfortable, most hospitable Chinese restaurants in the area, with glimpses of the ocean from many tables and a chance to watch the family-run kitchen from others. The ambitious food hints lightly at fusion but from an Asian perspective, with forays into Singapore and Thailand as well as numerous culinary regions of China. It's spicy or not spicy, depending on the cuisine. Ingredients are rigorously high quality, i.e., even the beef will be tender.

The menu is huge. Best visit the website and draft your dinner plan before you arrive. A "tapas" section goes on and on, filled with delicacies usually found only on brunchtime dim sum menus, if even there. Some choices seem like chef originals. The possibilities include the semi-legendary Shanghai soup dumplings (*xiao long bao*) filled with rich pork broth that bursts from the noodle coatings when you bite in. Entrées, sides, noodles, and rice dishes are equally cornucopian, including a special noodle

(konnyaku) made from a relative of taro that is low-carb, low-cal, fiber-

place in Hillcrest. Still, there's so much to enjoy here, such as a greaseless

This is the sun-dappled, utterly non-snooty side of French cuisine.

rich, and gluten-free. Of course, vegetarians and even most vegans will find plenty here. The serious wine list is mostly moderate, with half-price specials certain days (check website for particulars) and low corkage for BYO. And for dessert, the outrageous Xango banana fantasy is a must!

— NAOMI WISE

Antica Trattoria

5654 Lake Murray Boulevard, 619-463-9919, anticatrattoria.com
LA MESA

This is the neighborhood Italian restaurant every neighborhood longs for. You don't have to dress up (and get tomato stains on your white shirt) or pay a mint. You can relax in a sprawling series of informal, comfortable rooms where the cooking epitomizes the indulgent joie de vivre of southern Italy's sunny cuisine. Chef-owner "Frankie" Basile is from Sicily, but he cooks dishes (from scratch and with the best ingredients he can get) that he loves from all over the boot — perhaps not so much the austere entrées of Tuscany as the exuberant flavors of the southern coastal regions.

The menu is a little shorter now that chef Basile has gone in with the Osetra people and others to open a smaller (and, alas, less stellar)

Frittura Mista (mixed seafood fry, still good the next day as leftovers), fresh bocconcini mozzarella with prosciutto (which is off the menu, but they'll make it if you request it), and a frequent special of crab-stuffed portobello, Penne Mazzini (with artichokes and green olives), and veal with porcini in a cream sauce. Nobody's worried about fat calories, much less carbs: this is a realm where if you want cream sauce, you can savor exuberantly flavored cream sauces with pastas or entrées to your heart's content, or peril. Italian happiness.

The solid Italian-Californian wine list offers about 50 bottles at reasonable mark-ups; 22 choices by the glass. Plenty of lacto-vegetarian pastas and risottos, including a few vegan choices. Gluten-free pastas available at a small surcharge. Reserve or you'll have a long wait. Patio seating in good weather.

— NAOMI WISE

Romesco Baja Med Bistro

4346 Bonita Road, 619-475-8627, romescobajamed.com
BONITA

Owner Javier Plascencia is the scion of a family that owns several successful Tijuana

restaurants — some Mexican, some Italian. His Romesco combines those two culinary tendencies. It's primarily a serious Mexican restaurant, devoted to a haute cuisine version of favorite Mexican dishes, but with pronounced Mediterranean influences and even special "pasta nights" devoted to Italian food.

The menu opens with a huge, heart-breaking array of tapas — far too many to try in a normal small dinner group. (You want to come back with your friends the next day to try more.) You can choose lush tostadas filled with ahi tuna, guacamole, cream, and greenery or rare king top shell (an abalone cousin) *escabeche*. Beef tongue in red pipian sauce is not an everyday dish, nor is Salt Crusted Baked Pear salad, where the "everyday" salad of pears and blue cheese is transformed by a light crust of sea salt. One house original is Grandma's spaghetti taco plate, with cream, cheese, chorizo, and salsa verde. And quails, available several ways, are a must — they're Baja-raised and delightful, especially the version with the tamarind glaze (Codornices Asadas Tamarind).

Among the entrées, the paella is celebrated (it's won an award), but the unusual Spanish pasta version, *fideua*, is worth notice. And then there are numerous lesser-known choices, such as duck breast with roasted fig risotto. To drink: plenty of affordable wines, especially those from Baja wineries such as Cetto.

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The younger sibling of the larger Arrivederci Ristorante a few doors down specializes in Neapolitan-style pizza. Sidewalk seating gives diners a front-row view of Hillcrest happenings. Servers are likely to speak Italian, and the low wine-by-the-glass prices are reminiscent of Italy. A generous basket of fresh, warm, soft bread is placed on every table, as if to encourage the inevitable carb coma. The pizzas are small enough for one, but I recommend getting two and sharing flavors. Some choice combinations are the Golosa (fresh crushed tomato sauce, mozzarella, zucchini, spinach, ricotta, roasted bell peppers) and the Capricciosa (same sauce and mozzarella, ham, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, olives). — BARBARELLA



The Golosa at **La Pizzeria Arrivederci** in Hillcrest

La Bella Pizza Garden La Bella Café and Games

373 Third Avenue, 619-426-8820, labellapizza.com
CHULA VISTA

Why La Bella Pizza Garden? Not because of the great beer selection. Not because it's old (although it is Chula Vista's oldest pizza joint, started in 1955). And not because they cook in fancy wood-fired pizza ovens with stone hearths. They don't. They turn out pizzas in conveyor-belt ovens just like Domino's.

But we keep coming back. Why? I think it's because they're cooking with the same recipe Papa Raso, the founder, brought with him from Italy.

My favorite is, well, "Papa's Favorite," mushroom, pepperoni, and sausage. So much flavor. Tons of 'shrooms. And can you beat \$6.75 for an 8-inch?

Gordy Davis first put me onto this place. He has helped supply tomatoes to restaurants for maybe 30 years. "Best pizza? Follow the tomatoes. Papa Raso knew his tomatoes," he says. "He knew how to bring out their flavor. He was good people."

Papa Raso died recently, but his sons and

grandkids are carrying on. And, man, Friday night, Papa's place is hopping. The old section's mostly adults chowing away. The new café behind is filled with electronic games and pool tables and has all the families. This must be the most crowded pizza joint in town. You just kinda want to be here.

— ED BEDFORD

Knockout Pizza

2937 Carlsbad Boulevard,
760-434-4468
CARLSBAD

It's a New York-pizza experience in North County reminiscent of Bronx in Hillcrest — pizza by the thin, crispy slice; whole pies; spicy garlic knots; basic green salads; and decent beer

(Stone IPA on tap!). Knockout has a casual, beachy vibe right in the heart of Carlsbad Village. Boxing photos on the walls account for the name.

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and, yes, anchovies. So-o rich. And at \$11.85 for the 12-inch, not a bad deal.

crunchiness.”

I got one once, for Carla. The all-meat one. She loved it. Except that thick crust wasn’t crunchy. It was doughy. The thin crust’s the way to go.

“The only difference with pizzas here and pizzas in the old country is there’s more of everything here,” says Marco. “But more doesn’t always mean better.”

“I hear you,” I say.

— ED BEDFORD

Each style has its own personality: the Chicago shines when it’s loaded with meat, especially the Master, which features sausage, pepperoni, green peppers, and onions.

Crust: Well crisped on the edges with a pleasantly salty flavor.

Sauces: peppery red sauce made fresh on the premises.

Toppings: standard veggies and meats could be more extensive, but the ingredients are fresh and tasty. — EMMA GOLDMAN

Lido's Italian Foods

7252 Broadway,
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“My dad bought it 33 years ago — 1978,” says Marco Simi, the chef-owner. “He came from Tuscany. He liked the New York style. Thin crust. More like the home country. We still do it that way.”

Lido’s is definitely old-school. The walls have fluted white columns with Italian scenes between.


My favorite pizza is the Works, with onions, pepperoni, mushrooms, sausage, bell peppers,

This is thin crust. Nice and crunchy on the bottom. But Yvette the waitress says they also do the thick crust. “My mom likes the extra-thick crust. That’s \$1.75 more. But it’s worth it for the

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choice of red- or white-sauced pies (the white is Parmesan, garlic, and olive oil). You can add all the toppings you want (at a cost), from classic meats and peppers to more exotic mashed potato and fresh little neck clams. Hip and casual, the restaurant allows pizza to be served wherever you sit, on low chairs in the lounge area or at the bar. During happy hour, you can sample signature pies for free! — BARBARELLA

Pizzeria Luigi

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GOLDEN HILL

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NORTH PARK

It was a dough-throwing, pizza-peeling segment with Food Network's Guy Fieri in 2008 that opened many a pie lover's eyes, hearts, and stomachs to Luigi Agostini's Golden Hill pizzeria. But folks who knew this Italian-born doughboy back when he was putting out pies off the grid in Poway

know he's been doing right by his homeland's pride and joy for some time now. His trick — keep things simple. He's been around the block and knows the key to any pizza, whether it's a classic Margherita (fresh tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella) or a more contemporary Frenchie (honey ham, pears, bleu cheese, and caramelized onions) is the crust. His is thin, but by no means communion-wafer-like. There's crispness from solid oven-firing, but also the slightest bit of inner chew around the edge, which adds substantiality and makes Luigi's all-Italian recipe extra appealing to American palates. Enough so that both locations continue to thrive without the assistance of TV shout-outs.

— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Newport Pizza & Ale House

5050 Newport Avenue,
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OCEAN BEACH

Great pizza, "no crap on tap," and unparalleled

people-watching, all in one spacious spot on the sandier end of Newport Avenue in O.B. On a recent trip, while waiting for my slices to be heated up and made extra crispy in the oven, a guy named Mitchell took minutes to make sure my Old Rasputin Imperial Stout was perfectly poured. The pizzas have humorous, cheeky names, such as the Ron Jeremy (aka meat-lover's) and Patchouli Pie (vegan). From Chuck Norris and M.C. Hammer (cheese, pepperoni), to the David Hasselhoff (garlic, basil, ricotta, tomato) and the Happy Hippie (all veggies), each slice is delectably chewy, all of the toppings thoroughly cooked and delicious.

— BARBARELLA

Long Island Mike's Pizza

5250 Murphy Canyon Road, 858-569-7499,
longislandmikespizza.com
CLAIREMONT MESA

It doesn't get any better than a big slice of real New York-style

pie, and Long Island Mike serves up just that. The crust is soft

ered with oregano-flavored tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese,

Agostini's been around the block and knows the key to any pizza, whether it's a classic Margherita or a more contemporary Frenchie.

and chewy but holds up beneath creative toppings such as eggplant parmigiana and buffalo chicken (white strips of chicken, generous drizzles of ranch dressing, and buffalo sauce). I usually get a slice of the Sicilian pepperoni (a square deep-dish pizza slath-

and pepperoni) and a slice of BBQ chicken (thin crust, mozzarella, chicken, drizzles of sweet and savory barbecue sauce, and bits of bacon hidden in the cheese). The combo of two slices of any kind, with any toppings, and a drink costs a palatable six bucks. — BARBARELLA

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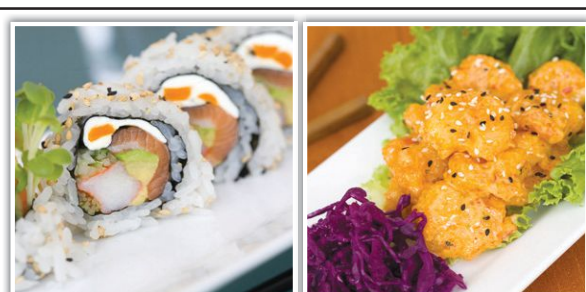
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— BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Bahia Mexican Restaurant

1985 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-542-0540,
bahiamexicanrestaurant.com

NORTH PARK

Sure, Bahia is wedged between a 7-Eleven and a beauty-supply store, but don't write off this family-



PHOTOGRAPH BY TIM GUERRERO

The Surfin' California Burrito from **Lucha Libre Taco Shop** in Mission Hills

owned-since-1984 hole-in-the-wall as your average strip-mall Mexi-slop. The Ibarra family prides itself on their lard-free menu, which touts highlights such as the world's greatest *chile relleno* burrito (seriously), chicken *flautas*, menudo (pure magic on hangovers), and a nopales breakfast burrito. Their extensive

low-fat vegetarian menu includes a delightful veggie 'rito on a whole-wheat tortilla and the Bahia burrito, which finds a mild green chili pepper surrounded by melted white cheese, enchilada sauce, sour cream, rice, and beans. Tender meats and flavorsome seafood round out the menu. Avoid the nachos. Bahia's mild

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Hefty helpings of flavorful carne asada and shrimp are packed into flour tortillas like a past-his-prime wrestler into fluorescent pink Spandex.

oil. The salsa bar holds exceptional mild and hot reds, an invigorating tomatillo-garlic blend, and a cilantro sauce that looks and tastes like wheatgrass. Delivery is free on orders over \$25. Sidewalk patio seating comes with a cool ocean breeze.

— CHAD DEAL

Cocteleria La Playita

5185 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-565-2300, laplayitaseafood.com
CLAIREMONT

Advertising itself as “*mi adicción*,” the 16-year-old La Playita is habit-forming. Peeling paint, wall-mounted shark jaws, and a sign indicating that oysters from the Gulf Coast “may cause severe illness or even

soup saved my marriage,” a regular informs me, the only gringo around. Taking a tip from the locals, I tried the mixed ceviche tostada (\$5), which rivals the best of Ensenada street carts. The breaded shrimp tacos (\$2.50) are first-rate, though the fish proved lackluster. Spice things up with a house *chile de arbol* and garlic sauce (very hot), and a slew of Tapatio’s lesser-known cousins. Tecate *Micheladas* provide bliss on sweltering Indian summer days.

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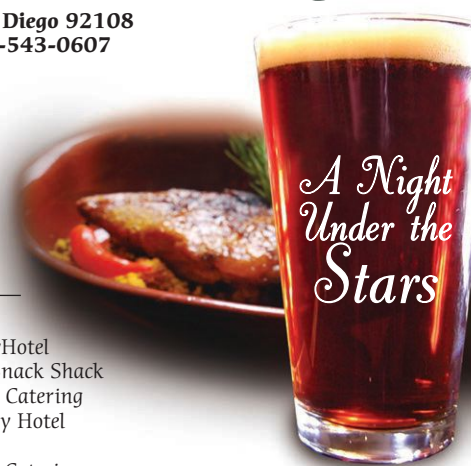
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Mariscos German is known for its San Felipe-like fish tacos, but try the fish and shrimp burritos. If you've been looking for seafood crisply fried in a tempura-like batter, loaded with cabbage and a tangy Mexican white sauce (not tartar), and stuffed to over-

flowing in a fresh, chewy, yet supple flour tortilla, these big boys are your ticket. The salsa lends a smoky, piquant note, but watch out for the pink stuff in the squirt bottle — it'll make your mouth catch fire. Some trucks have stools or plastic chairs for customers. If you stay to eat, the dripping sauce lands in a parking lot rather than in your lap, and you can strike up conversations with folks from the neighborhood.

— EMMA GOLDMAN

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But you're here for a man's meal: the burrito. More than that, two special burritos: the *chile relleno* burrito and, yes, the California.

"These guys are why we make them," says Alex, one of the two sons of Juanita, who started this in 1984. He's looking at the surfer kids filling the place.

"Call it MexCal culture. Surfers are crazy for them."

And, boy, guilty pleasure. Burst open your California burrito, chew down. You may say it's not the real thing, but what else can beat that combo of marinated carne asada and juices-soaked fat french fries and sour cream?

The *chile relleno* burrito? Beautiful battered poblano chiles stuffed with jack cheese, wrapped in a tortilla. Make a nice hot mess all over your face. Wash it down with a milky chufa nut and

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Sigh. Almost as perfect as the perfect wave.

— ED BEDFORD

Ranas Mexico City Cuisine

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CASA DE ORO

Ranas offers Mexico City specialties taken from the recipe books of server Alan Acosta's mother, uncle, and grandpa. In its seventh year, Ranas honors the role of cactus in traditional Mexican meals, preparing fresh nopales in-house and incorporating them into 14 of the dishes. Anticipate oddities such as peanut butter chicken, the super-spicy Entomatado Pork, slow-cooked in roasted tomatillo chili sauce with nopales, and a green-pumpkin-seed mole that Alan says "contains about 25 ingredients." Local white and blue corn tortillas define a whole new echelon

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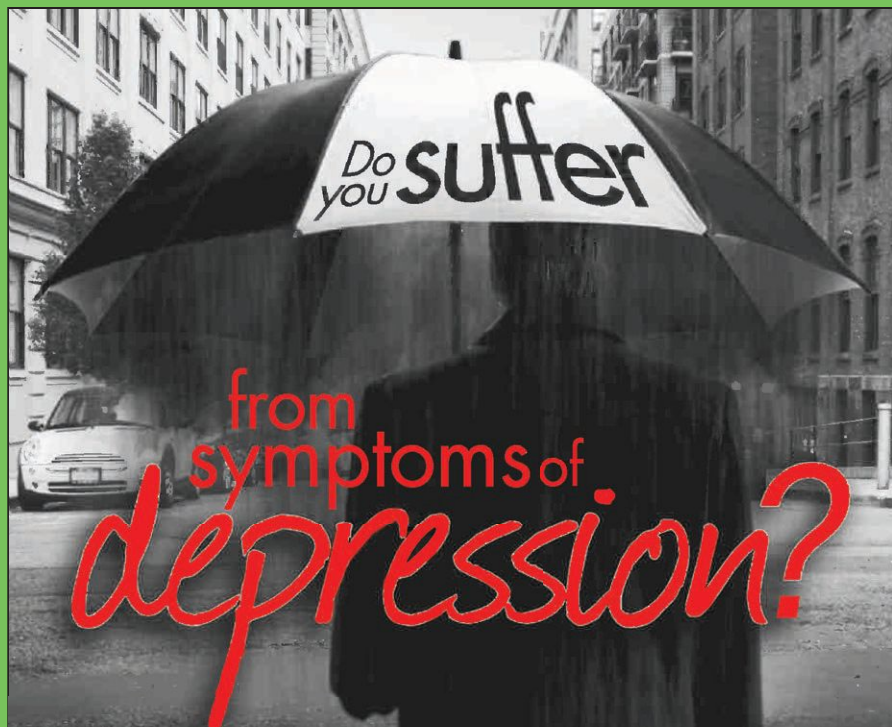
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The total number of current parolees is unknown, as this year's statistics on prisoners and parolees have not been calculated. But figures for 2007 are available. According to data from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 121,286 parolees were male.

In San Diego County alone, there were 8145 total males on parole; that's 6.7 percent of the total number of males on parole in California in 2007.

These men, known as "parolees," generally fall into one of two categories once they are released from prison: those who return

home to a supportive network of family and friends, a good meal, and a spot to lay their heads...and those that return to little or nothing at all.

S.N., 60, is a tall and stately army veteran originally from New York City. He was a decorated staff sergeant when he discharged, having served three tours in the Vietnam War. Seated at his favorite bar in San Diego,

the name of which has been withheld at his request for privacy reasons, he speaks about the seemingly insurmountable loss he faced after

returning from his last stint in prison.

"I had a beautiful place," he says, eyes wistful behind his glasses. "I lost my brand new car, everything. They repo'd [it]. After three months of nonpayment, they came and picked it up."

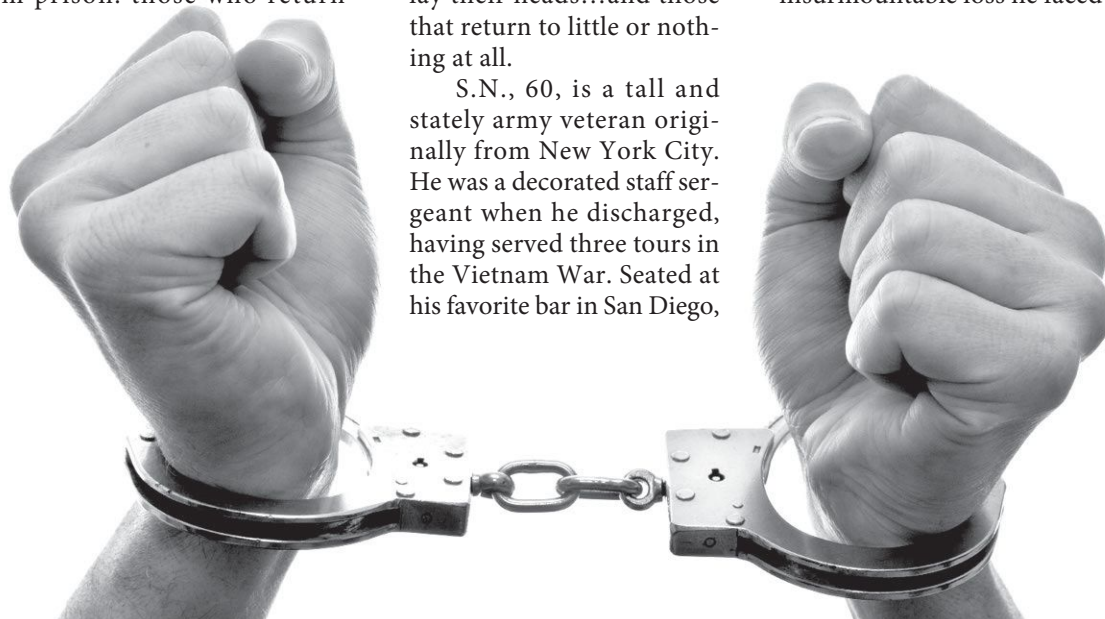
He pauses.

"I lost a great deal. My big thing was clothes. I love clothes. I had thousands of dollars' worth of wardrobe. And I lost all of that. TV set, furniture...And then, most importantly, mail and pictures that I can never get back again. They threw it all away. But they didn't throw away my clothes, trust me. [They kept them.] And they didn't throw my TV and DVD player away..."

S.N. says he contemplated suicide.

"[I've] never been without money like that

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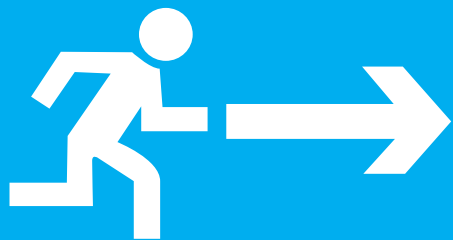
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and without a ride, and I always used to dress nice," he says. Then he smiles. "I'm old, I'm ugly, so I like to look nice. And I don't have any of that."

S.N.'s most recent sentence, for parole violation,

was five months long. He served it at the R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego. His original offense was for "getting into a little scrape," as he describes it, with someone in El Cajon, an incident that ended, ultimately,

in a shooting. S.N. held the gun. The result was a 24-year sentence.

The catalyst for the parole violation was, according to S.N., murky, until he spoke with his parole officer.

"When I did get out,

I [told him], 'You didn't have to violate me. I had 29 days to go.' Then he told me, 'I violated you because you didn't open the door when I'd been knocking.' He said, 'You pissed me off, so that's why I violated you.' With that violation, I was not only out of work, but I lost everything I owned. Everything. My daughter, I reunited with [her] in 2006, hadn't seen her since she was five, she finally gave me pictures of my son and her growing up and we connected again, and now I have none of those pictures."

In contrast to S.N.'s experience, T.C., 46, who did his most recent time at the Chuckawalla Valley State Prison — also on a parole violation — has had an easier time post-release.

"For me," T.C. says, "it's always just a relief to get out of there. I just can't stand being in there. My friends came to pick me up. It was a good thing. Saved me a lot of money, and we went to the tramway [in] Idyllwild and had a good time. It was nice. So, for me, I had a good release this time."

T.C. is a lanky guy in a white shirt; he is quick to smile and just as fast with a quip or joke. Glasses on his nose, he furrows his brow in concentration as he dips the tip of his needle in a small puddle of ink and, delicately, applies it to the back of the woman he is tattooing.

For T.C., prison was a familiar landscape; he's been in three times prior to his parole violation,

booked for his first offense in 1994, which landed him two years in the Level Two (Level Five is the most dangerous) section of the California Correctional Institute (known simply as "Tehachapi") in Tehachapi, California, for the transportation of methamphetamine. His second time in was in 1998; he served one year in the Avenal State Prison in Avenal, California, for possession of stolen property. His third incarceration, in 2002, was, T.C. says, technically for trespassing — according to him, a case of being "in the wrong place at the wrong time."

"They ended up getting me on that one for three years," he says ruefully. "Because that's what they do. Once you have a prison record, it really doesn't matter. What they did is they gave me 16 (extra) months for prison priors. Every time you've been to prison, they can give you an extra year on top of it."

While each of his offenses have been different, and each time he has been at a different facility, the process of being released, T.C. says, is fairly uniform everywhere he's been.

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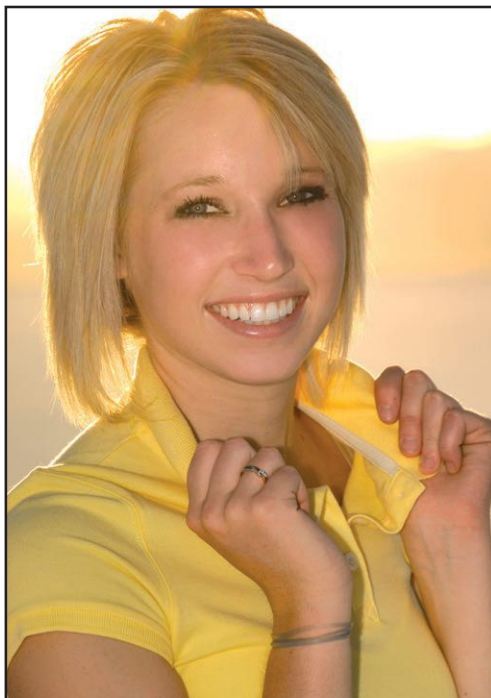
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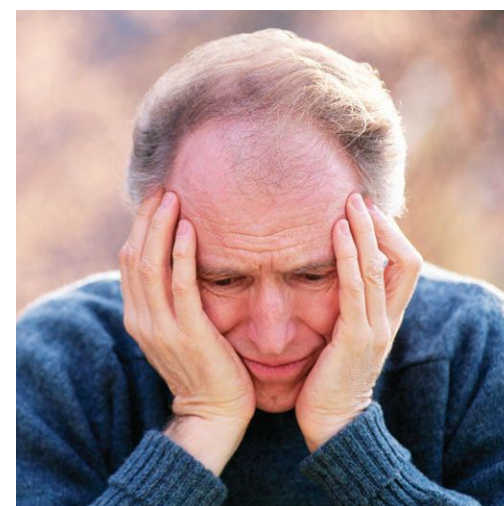
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It takes about four hours in total to be released, according to S.N.

"They will come to you the night before and let you know that you are to get up at 4:00 in the morning and you're going to what is called 'R and R' [Receiving and Releasing]. And then you're in a cell until they process your release. They also [give you your clothes], if you have any change of clothing, if anybody sent you a package with a change of clothing — they're called 'parole clothes.'"

At R.J. Donovan, released prisoners are

driven to the Iris Avenue trolley stop, says S.N., in an unmarked van — "as if everybody don't know." S.N. chuckles.

This last time, though, S.N. caught a ride with a friend who happened to be released on the same day. Without a set of "dress outs," he was provided with the prison's standard-issue duds for those being released: beige pants and a white shirt, a telltale sign, to those in the know, of where one has been.

S.N.'s first order of business post-release was to ditch the state clothes. The second was to get a good, filling meal with his buddy.

"We went to eat and everything like that," S.N. recalls. "And the first thing I did was go have me a beer. When you get out, you want to do what you're not supposed to. So I went to get me a beer, and then I went to the porno shop

on 30th Street and stayed in the booth for a couple of hours."

Not always does a release run so smoothly, S.N. cautions. Generally speaking, it takes four hours from wake-up time to hitting the streets, but... "That's only if you don't piss them off. If you make them angry, they'll take you to the trolley whenever they feel like it. They can take you down at one minute to 12:00 at night, knowing that no trolleys are running anymore."

The drive to whatever transportation stop is nearest — gratis — is normal at most prisons, but Chuckawalla, where T.C. was detained, is the exception. Instead of driving the newly released to a bus depot and paying for tickets home, they must either be picked up or catch a bus along the dusty desert roadside. The bus company,

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then you're pretty much screwed," says T.C. For S.N., this was almost the case (though he was not detained at Chuckawalla). While he knew where his friends lived, he says, he didn't know the exact addresses and could not write to them after he'd been arrested, telling them he was "inside." To make matters more difficult, part of the conditions of his parole (which he is no longer on) for a prior crime required him to wear a GPS ankle bracelet so that his whereabouts were known 24/7. The

prior offense classified S.N. as a sexual offender — he wasn't comfortable divulging additional information about the nature of what happened — under Jessica's Law, which states that registered sex offenders in California must wear ankle bracelets that track their every movement. They are also not allowed to live within 2000 feet of any place that children congregate — schools, parks, etc. — which makes it practically impossible to find "compliant" housing. For S.N., there were few viable options.

"I was actually sleeping behind the parole office," he says. "Me and a lot of parolees [were there] because of the nature of our crimes and the restrictions that they put on us, or else [we'd] be violated. So they allowed the parolees [to be there]. They even called it 'Tent City' because a lot of parolees had their tents. [There were] about 30 of us. I had a sleeping bag and a blanket." Luckily, S.N.'s parole was nearly up and, after three days behind the parole office, the GPS was cut off and S.N. was free to

stay with friends or family. He's found someone to bunk with temporarily. "I'm staying with somebody that I love staying with," he says, putting down his pint glass. But, for him, a place of his own would be ideal. The hardest part, he says, has been trying to find a job. As a former felon — something S.N. admits he doesn't always disclose — it's almost impossible. Since his release, he's interviewed at a casino, where he was initially well received, until his prospective employers did a background check. Ultimately, he did not get the job.

"Most of the parole offers say that you must tell [potential employers] that you have been convicted of a felony," he says, "whereas I have never told any of them that I've been convicted of a felony. With the nature of my crime... As soon as they run a background check, they don't want to hire [me]." F.B., 23, on the other hand, managed to find work while still in prison. A St. Louis native, he came to San Diego with his family four years ago. He's fresh-faced and still dressed in a button-down shirt and tie from church as he sits at a secluded table at a coffee shop downtown,

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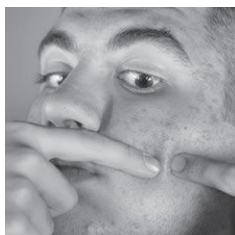
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not far from where he lives. In a low, even town, he tells the story of how he met his then-future boss, the head of a property-management company.

"He's part of the prison ministry," he says. "I [met him] through the chapel inside the prison, about a year into my sentence, but I never really talked to him. I met him, shook hands, and introduced myself. He was just coming in as a volunteer. He's still a volunteer, I think."

F.B. was picked up in 2006 for robbery; he served his time at R.J. Donovan and did two years in their level-three facility.

His boss, F.B. says, sometimes recruits R.J. Donovan prisoners to

come work for him. He helps out with finding them housing within the properties the company manages.

"[His business] is not government-funded, it's out of his own pocket," says F.B. "So he can [only have] a select, chosen few, [which is based on] people recommending them, or going off of his own judgment."

F.B. speculates that a friend of his, an inmate with a life sentence who works as a clerk under the guidance of the prison pastor, spoke to his boss on his behalf. As a result, F.B. was guaranteed temporary work with the property-management company until he found another job, but lucked out when a permanent

position became available. The boss offered him the job, and now he works in the maintenance and janitorial department. He reports that it has been going well.

Before securing the position, F.B. was under the impression that he would have to seek other work. Still, he wasn't particularly worried.

"I wasn't really stressing over it," he says. "Something inside was telling me, 'I'm going to be all right.' Regardless of what's going on. But [the anxiety] was there. I had my moments where it would get to me, and then I would just talk to myself and say, 'All right, you're going to be all right, just push through.' All you have to do is push through it, and

I use that AA saying, 'Take it a day at a time.'"

T.C. also experienced no problems finding employment; he was able to return to the construction job he had before he was arrested.

"My boss actually sent me a lot of money while I was in prison," he says. "I told him I'd pay him back. I tried to tell him not to send money, but he wouldn't

hear of it. He kept sending me money, sending me money, and I finally told him, 'You know, I'll pay you back.' And he said, 'It wasn't a loan, it was a gift.' It was cool."

S.N. speculates he will find work soon as well. At the time of this writing, he is about to attend a job fair that taps San Diego's population of veterans. He also has an apartment

lined up through Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (or VASH), a government-supported program that provides veterans with affordable places to live.

"If I receive a job tomorrow [at the job fair]," he says, "I already have a senior-living place that will house me. Five hundred dollars a month, three meals a day, cable TV, and your own phone."

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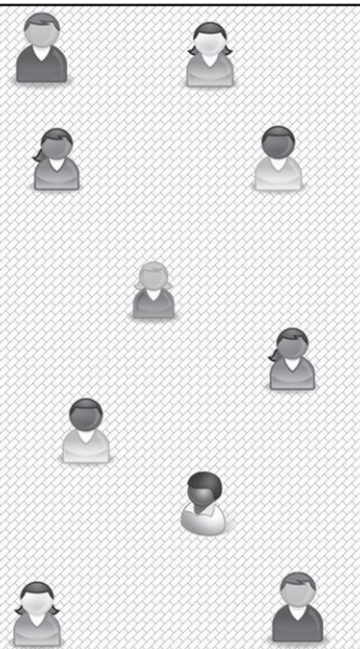


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Though S.N. found his apartment quickly, locating a place to live can be difficult for ex-prisoners, depending on their circumstances, as T.C. explains.

"Somebody that doesn't have any support system or any type of family or anything, they've only got 100 bucks left out of their gate money, and they have to resort to using that 100 bucks. Instead of getting food, or getting a place to stay, what a lot of people do is they'll buy a bag of drugs and they'll sell drugs, try to make their money."

T.C., who is a lifelong resident of San Diego, had family to pay his rent and keep his apartment and things safe...which has not always been the case for him. F.B., as previously mentioned, received housing from his boss. Until he gets a job, S.N. will be staying with his friend; then he will move into his VASH-provided home.

Usually, though, it's not so easy. Because of this, S.N. says, once he's in his own apartment, he will lend a hand to friends that have recently been released.

"Someone that wants to do well when they get out, I want to help them out if I can," he says. "If I have a place, they have a place to come to. Because the biggest thing about getting out of prison is where the hell you're going to lay your head that night. Sleeping in Balboa Park is certainly not an option. I've done it."

All three men say that making and maintaining friendships with people they knew in prison is beneficial to them, even when their pals are still inside. Phone calls and letters from friends and family help as well.

"To have contact with the outside world is very important," says F.B. "It feels good to have it in there, because in there, you feel like you're all by yourself, alone, nobody cares about you. Those are the types of thoughts that go through your head."

F.B. also valued his

prison friendships, ones based on mutual goals of self-betterment.

"I guess you got to surround yourself with people who are on the same type of deal you're on," he says. "It's kind of like high school, who influences you. So if everybody has

the same mind to do right, everybody has an influence on each other to do right."

On the outside, choosing with whom you associate, according to S.N., is equally important. Those he deems "negative," in personality and in influence, he does not want

within his circle, which mostly consists of former prisoners and parolees.

"I only deal with parolees that work and who are responsible and want to stay off parole," he says. "You go with a positive attitude and stick around positive people, you don't

go back to prison. I am never going to commit my crime again; that I know. And these guys never want to go back. I don't parole to get rid of an old prison number [only] to pick up a new one. I hear guys brag, 'Oh, damn, this is my third number.' I don't want to

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His dark eyes are round.

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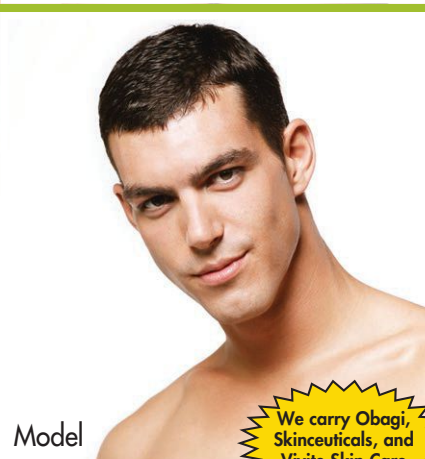
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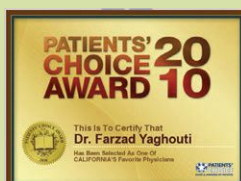
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I'm in the grant biz. You know, the go-between for donors and hard-working charities. It's no job for the unimaginative or the easily irritated. The phone



The Maltese Falcon

calls can drive you up the wall. Like the guy who suddenly realizes his mission in life and wants me to find a grant to finance it.

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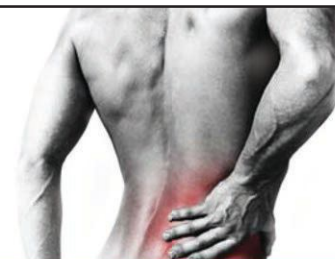
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hat. Spade rolls cigarettes and tosses back shots of whiskey; I chew gum and drink coffee by the bucket. Spade gets around on foot; I'm a public transit geek. Spade works the streets of San Francisco; I do San Diego.

I'm at my home office reading with my feet on the desk when the phone rings. I put down the *Maltese Falcon*, annoyed by the interruption. What's this guy gonna want? A grant for a yacht to study fishing?

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I sit up in my chair and tell him to give me the facts. He needs a trombone. Other kids at his school need musical instruments, too. They attend a non-profit music academy after school in Southeast San Diego. These days, the kid says, the academy hardly has

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Sam Spade would roll a cigarette at this juncture, toss back a whiskey. I drain my coffee cup, pop a stick of gum in my mouth, and head out.

My neighbor Hank has his door open and hears me in the hallway.

"Hey. Can you give me a hand. My printer's

stuck."

"Not right now, Hank. On a case."

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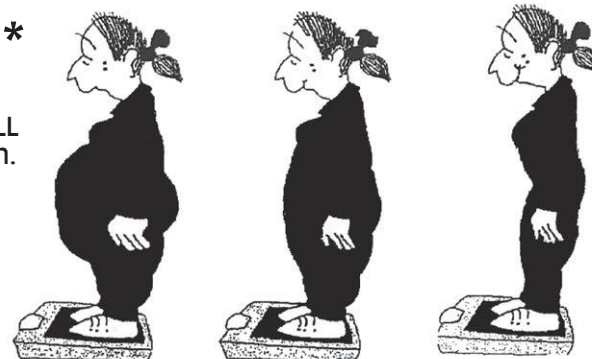
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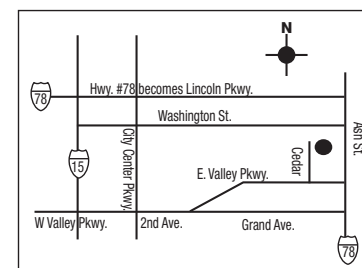
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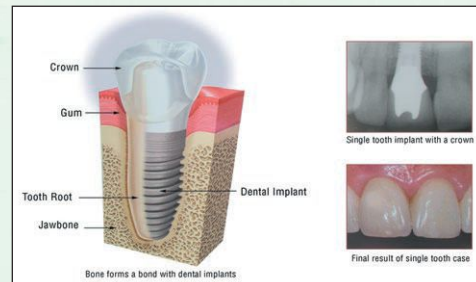
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dance. I can see he loves it.

"Sr. Jorge started the academy 14 years ago," the kid goes on. "He says money is always tight, but he's never seen times so tough. Even for kids that need musical instru-

ments. I found your name in the phone book. Think you can help us?"

I got a soft spot for sincerity. Besides, how do you say no to an erstwhile kid?

"I'll see what I can do. I'll call you tomor-

row."

Back home I fire up the coffee pot and buckle down to internet research: demographics of Southeast San Diego; success of after-school programs; benefits of music instruction for kids; costs of band instruments. I peruse the academy's website. It's a non-profit in a tough part of town. And judging from the kids' smiles, doing a damn good job. I begin to draft a narrative with needs statement, program description, brief history, success stories. I'm building a case for the kid's school.

Shortly before sunrise I'm ready to hit the street. I pull out the flash drive and catch the trolley to the 35 bus

from Old Town. There's an all-night diner on the corner of Rosecrans and Midway, where I got an eye on the waitress, who always ignores me.

"Coffee?" she asks when I sit down.

"Yeah."

"Cream and sugar?"

"Nah. I like my coffee the way I like my women."

"Oh. I get it. Black. Right?"

"No. Bitter."

Corny, I know. But Sam Spade would have liked that.

After breakfast I walk to Liberty Station and the San Diego Foundation Library. Their computers have search engines for philanthropic foundations, corporations, and

individuals, and using them is free. My contact there is Mitzy, sharp as a tack. She could write the definitive book on grant writing if she weren't so busy giving free advice and helping grant seekers navigate the search engines. She's heard all the stories, including the absurd and the sincere. Her heart of gold is guarded by a jaded attitude.

She both groans and smiles when she sees me walk in.

"First thing in the morning? Must be something hot, Mr. C." She notices the fedora. "Or is it Mr. Spade?"

"I got a bunch of school kids in Southeast San Diego who need musical instruments."

"And you're the

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music man."

"If I can be."

"Let's see what we
can find."

An hour later Mitzy
and I narrow the search
down to a handful of lo-
cal philanthropic organi-
zations. They give grants
to programs for kids in
performing arts from
economically disadvan-
taged neighborhoods in
San Diego.

"Trouble is," Mitzy
adds, "these grants won't
be available until next
year. Can the kids wait
that long?"

"Doesn't look like
they have much choice,"
I grumble.

Then Mitzy's eyes
widen. "Hey, I just
thought of something."
Her golden heart is
gleaming. "Did you hear
that Mr. Biggs is coming
to San Diego today to
give a speech? He's sup-
posed to arrive later this
afternoon."

I'm outta there like

a bloodhound on a fresh
scent.

Girls Galore on Mid-
way opens at noon, and I
go in to see an old friend
and ask a favor.

"Whaddup, Mr.
C?" His eyebrows raise.
"What's with the hat?"

"Howyadoin', Jack.
On business today. Can I
borrow your laptop?"
I take a seat at the
bar and immediately look
up flight arrivals. Then I
make a call.

"Kid. Can you meet
me at the airport by 4:30?
Take the 932 bus from
downtown. And bring
a copy of the academy's
IRS determination letter,
2011 budget, and list of
board of directors."

"What's all that
stuff?"

"Ask Mr. Jorge. He'll
know."

Jack sets a pot of
coffee at my elbow. Then
I plug in my flash drive
and begin to write. I
write feverishly for two

hours. Folks have no idea
what goes into a grant
proposal. A detailed ex-
planation of the problem,
a compelling argument
how a grant will fix the
problem, a lot of compas-
sion, a little flattery, and,
if the grant is going to get
funded, a modicum of
luck, too. And I'm always
heartened by the number
of people who want to
get involved, want to be
part of the solution. It's
not like they're jump-
ing on the bandwagon;
rather, they're getting
behind and pushing.

After a pack of chew-
ing gum and a stack of
empty coffee cups, my
draft has evolved into a
respectable grant pro-
posal. Then I call my
neighbor Hank.

"Your printer work-
ing yet?"

"Better than ever.
Fixed it myself."

"Great. I'll see you
soon."

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the kid and I are waiting in the Lindbergh terminal as the disembarking passengers come down the corridor. Sam Spade private detective would be wearing an overcoat, but I'm standing there in a flowered shirt, cut-offs, and fedora. I look like a lost Hawaiian. Under my arm I got a manila envelope bulging with documents. The kid's holding a sign the size of Mission Bay that reads "Here we are, Mr. Biggs."

A man in a suit walks toward us with an apprehensive grin. "I'm Mr. Biggs. What's all this about?"

I let the kid do the talking, and when he's finished he hands Biggs a flyer.

"There's a concert tonight, sir, if you have time."

Biggs smiles. "I would if I could, young man. But I've got to make a speech downtown."

I hand the manila envelope to Biggs, who accepts it with genuine interest.

"I'll look this over in the limo."

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"I thought you had a speech to make," I say.

"Got cancelled. Power outage."

The kid shakes Mr. Biggs's hand vigorously, then introduces him to Mr. Jorge. Mr. Biggs and Mr. Jorge have a chit-chat at the edge of the stage for about 15 minutes. Then Mr. Biggs takes out his checkbook.

Yesterday we're all sitting at that academy. Mr. Jorge, the kid, his mom, Mitzy, Jack, Hank, me. Mr. Jorge slides an envelope over to me. "Here's for your work, Mr. C."

"Keep it. Buy

another trombone or a snare drum."

"But you got us a grant."

"Actually, the kid got the grant. I just wrote the proposal. Always works when you have a good program

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Sam Spade would have liked that.

Next week I think I'll read *Robin Hood*.

— *Louis Carufel*

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Twelve hours now, the power's been out. And I'm writing by candlelight in the kitchen. The only thing technologically enhanced about this is my .7mm mechanical

pencil (do I have enough lead?). I'd be writing on my iPhone, except it's gone. Kaput. The battery is, anyway. And that's the issue. Reliance on technology. Or the addiction to it. I also need glasses. Hadn't realized it

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till I was forced write by the flickering light of a beeswax candle. Why was I forced? The addiction. How often do we update a status on Facebook? How many tweets about our hour-to-hour, minute-to-minute mundanity? Some would argue, especially in a predicament such as this, that it's not about mundanity — it's about information. The dissemination and assimilation of information. What caused the blackout? What can we do? How can we cope? And ultimately, how lucky are we? That's where I stand, why this...is this. Here in the kitchen by the light of the beeswax puddle. I posted on every social media site when the outage began. Flippant, clever (attempt-

ed, anyway) remarks. And then the need for validation. Who "liked" my status? Who felt compelled to comment? *It's better when someone comments*, I thought. What is a mere "like"? A quick, noncommittal hip way to connect. Not a real connection, like the time it takes to comment "ha." The screen gave no warning. The setting of the battery indicator was on "percentage", yet I paid no heed. Then it was done. A pulsating icon, then darkness. The iPhone was toast. My flippancy turned to dread (well-warranted, I suppose) yet calm (I tell myself). My wife, wise in her ways though even more prone to panic than I, told me to conserve. "Pre-

pare for the worst," she intoned. Collect water. Use perishable food first. Then the lead on pencil breaks. I swear, a mild one to be sure, but my daughter lies sleeping in the living room with my wife in a makeshift bed. I muster a "sorry," and tell my wife she was right. But I can't get over the need to tell someone about this via an online textual avatar. I hear the neighbors outside talking. I could tell them face to face. I will after I finish writing. Resigned to my fate after the death of iPhone 4, I scavenged in a drawer for a pencil and paper. There it was- the Moleskine notebook given to me five years ago (and last written in four and a half years ago). *This isn't going*

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to work, I thought. I can't read my own writing in broad daylight, let alone by flickering candlelight. But somehow, the words came and their impact is enhanced by the simple act of recounting the day's events. How I've become accustomed to writing quick notes on my phone! People move about outside, more pleasant with one another than I've heard, well, ever. Not that they were ever unpleasant — just lacking the warmth I can hear on the other side of the window. We just finished reading to our daughter, drawing upon the Bard from Stratford's Robin Goodfellow (we daren't address him as Puck for fear our little girl might misspeak it in pre-school): "if we shadows have offended, think but this and all is mended; that you have but slum-

bered here, while these visions did appear." She thinks Shakespeare is silly for naming a character Bottom, something with which the playwright would be quite pleased, I believe. "Silly Shakespeare," she coos as she slips into her late-summer's dream. With beer getting warm, my wife and I relax with a brew and the sound of crickets, and...nothing else. No electric whirling. No air conditioners cycling. Simply a singular focus on what matters. Us. Our family and our community. Our neighbors are grilling. We poke our heads out and chat for a bit. Our daughter slumbers.

It'll be light soon.

Parting shot: As the power comes back on, mere moments after I concluded writing, my wife and I look at each other — can we pretend

the power is still off?

— Lance Arthur Smith

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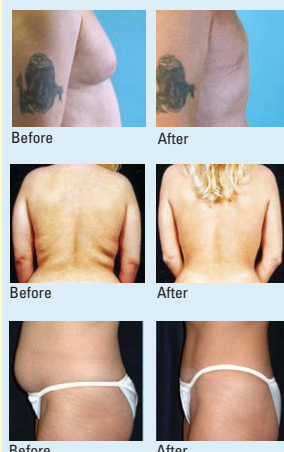
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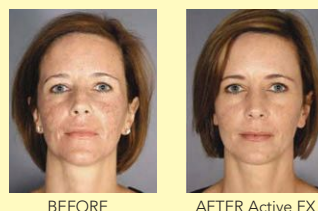
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one who tells us he wants to make a comment, then makes the comment, uninvited, which tells us what he wanted to do, which was to make a comment. Well, if he makes a comment, he did not have to tell us that he wanted to make a comment — all he had to do was make the comment. He needs a speaker policeman (or -women)!

Saul Harmon Gritz
Hillcrest

The Dead Don't Pay Rent

Thank you for a fair treatment of the issue of suicide ("SD on the QT," September 15). Everyone has a right to take this courageous option, permanently ending suffering, but it is selfish as it hurts friends and family members. It is also selfish for friends and family to oppose the choice, however. Society condemns suicide because the wealthy make their money selling rent and food, one less person reducing the demand for both. Plus, the ruling class loses a "slave" that works hard at their job, making wealthy people richer, only to receive a tiny portion of that as wages.

Because suicide is an irreversible option, consider all options carefully. To that aim, I point out some of those things which should be considered but are usually not at NZ9F.com/Suicide. Things like the help groups that help you do it. And, the religious leaders who will give your life a fair evaluation. In the end, most people who kill themselves do so because when they ask for help, they are instead arrested and subjected to torture in the mental-health system. Yes, "torture" is the correct word to use.

The movie *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* was written about mental-hospital abuses but failed to inspire any changes. One of the Greek Cynic philosophers, before taking his own life (they all did),

wrote, "There is no God nor heaven, but there is a hell, and we are there." Not automatically true, but the point can be argued. You own you, having a choice between what you are and can be, versus the choice of nothing at all. Suicide needs no rush, as the option will still be available next month or year.

John Kitchin
via email

The Will

I would like to comment on your "Tattoo Boo!" story in the September 1 *Reader* ("City Lights"). I don't have anything against Mrs. Fasulo and her tattoo school, but I would take exception to a remark she makes that you go to a swimming pool and everybody has a tattoo. She says, "You're going to see every mom, dad, teacher, banker, doctor." I would disagree with that. Nobody in my family, living or dead, that I know of has ever had a tattoo. None of my inlaws that I've ever met has ever had a tattoo. If any of my children or grandchildren ever got tattoos I would disown them; I would disinherit them from my will, believe me.

Most of the people I've ever seen with tattoos — I'll leave out South Sea Islanders, Samoans, whatever; if they want to tattoo themselves, that's their business, I don't care — but the other people, the Americans I see — oh, yeah, I think the king of Norway or Denmark or someplace had himself covered with tattoos — but the Americans I see with tattoos I would classify as freaks or jailbirds or Mexican gangsters. And I can't think of any exceptions.

When I was a kid about 14 years old, which would have been 65 years ago, I had a summer job as a locker boy at a swimming pool, and I didn't see too many boys or men with tattoos, maybe one or two, and they fit into the category of jailbirds or freaks. I think maybe one was in the military.

Name Withheld
via voice mail

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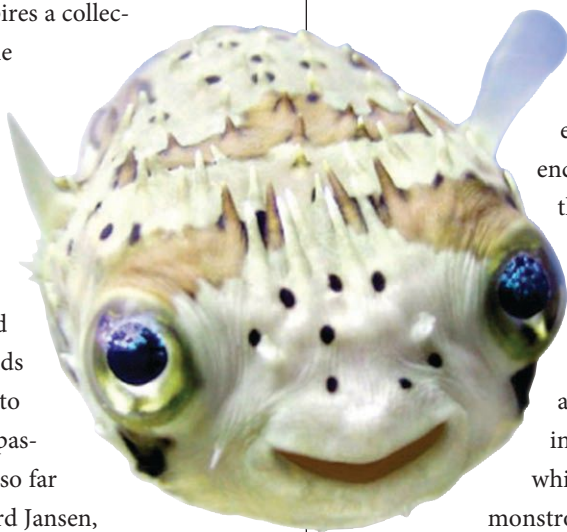
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PECHAKUCHA NIGHT

See what inspires a collection of notable locals in the arts and architecture field. Presenters have 20 images — and only 20 seconds per image — to convey their passion. The list so far includes Allard Jansen, Dana Springs, Gary Walker, David McCullough, James Brown, and Peter Soutowood.

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WHEN: 8:20 p.m.



Saturday | 22

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WHERE: Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla. Reservations required: 858-534-7336; aquarium.ucsd.edu

WHEN: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (also on Friday)

Friday | 21

BORREGO DAYS DESERT FESTIVAL

The 46th annual festival gets under way with a parade of marching bands, floats, decorated golf carts, and equestrian groups through town at 10 a.m. After that, the weekend is replete with artist and vendor booths, live entertainment, and children’s activities.

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Sunday



Sunday | 23

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It’s just not October without fun, food, and plenty of pumpkins. The 39th annual festival returns with more than 300 exhibitors offering arts and crafts. Plus, entertainment, food, edible arts, demonstrations, and a kids’ zone.

WHERE: Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. 800-346-1212; harvestfestival.com

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (also on Saturday)



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25: TENTACLE SESSIONS: ETHEL

Monday | 24

SEIZURE

Author Kathy Reichs (the inspiration for the *Bones* TV series) visits with her son, coauthor Brendan Reichs, to discuss their young-adult novel, the second in the *Virals* trilogy. Reserved seating available with pre-purchase of book from Warwick’s.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-0347; warwicks.com

Tuesday | 25

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WHEN: 8 p.m.

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Wednesday | 26

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Cannes, France

By Bryant Le

Cannes is a scenic resort town on France's southeastern coast — a stretch of Mediterranean beach cities known collectively as the French Riviera. This busy destination features endless sunshine and gorgeous stretches of sand, so it's no wonder it's a popular draw for tourists.

Our first impression of the city was its sparkling harbor, dotted with luxurious yachts and towering transatlantic liners. We were here particularly for the azure, sparkling Mediterranean and the Cannes Film Festival.

There are several casinos, museums, and castles within walking distance of downtown. Cannes is also known for certain similarities to Hollywood. We were surprised to see the Cannes Walk of Fame, where the handprints of dozens of movie legends have been set in stone outside the Palais des Festivals. Look, there's Clint Eastwood! Here's Sharon Stone! And over yonder is Anthony Quinn!

As you might imagine, this is the best time to visit if you're a movie buff, but the worst time for everyone else — streets are congested and restaurants are packed.

Water sports are plentiful here. The Mediterranean is ideal for sailing, swimming, kayaking, and windsurfing. But if you prefer to crash on the sand and soak in the sun, that works, too.

We fell in love with the beauty and innocence of nearby St. Marguerite Island. From the Cannes harbor, it's a 15-minute boat ride. Most of the island is covered in forest. It's unusually quiet and pleasant, since there are no cars on the island. Grassy paths lead off in all directions, beneath giant pine trees where birds flutter high in the branches. It's a great romantic escape!

Balsamo Coast, El Salvador

By Joe Tuborg

The Balsamo Coast of El Salvador isn't heaven — but if you surf, it may be the nearest thing to it here on Earth. Plus, it's a whole lot easier to get in.

A four-hour flight from L.A. lands you at the nation's international airport. From there the Pacific lies less than an hour away. The best-known surf spot is the world-class right break Punta Roca, off the town of La Libertad. Unfortunately, the close proximity of the capital, San Salvador, attracts members of the notorious Mara Salvatrucha 13 (MS-13) gang to the seaside community. It makes the nightlife in this port the most



The ocean at Playa Tunco is a heaving siren, offering warm, uncrowded waters.

dangerous part of El Salvador.

The highway turns west here and meanders for approximately 16 miles through several beach hamlets with friendly citizens and excellent surf. We chose Playa Tunco — a right-angle two-street village — as our base. Small

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Other Adventures



tubetop: Vietnam was beautiful. The people very poor but very happy. This was a picture of a village in the hills of Sapa, Vietnam.



misshottie45: A view of the valley from Duck Pass in Mammoth Lakes, California



russlevi1: This is a photo of Hong Kong Island's famous skyline from the Avenue of the Stars.



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FROM THE TRAILMASTER'S FAVORITES FOLDER

Discover unauthorized public art on San Diego's trails. The artist, Nina Karavasiles, has participated in various public art projects around San Diego in the past decade.

Originally published: October 7, 1999

Coming soon to a vandalized scenic overlook or trailside destination: public art of ambiguous intent and questionable legality. Art scaled to the exact dimensions of missing historical plaques and interpretive markers. Art with a cynical, wry, or whimsical message... depending on who's viewing it.

Last autumn, a shiny gray plaque suddenly appeared on the site of the forlorn and long-vandalized Imperial Highway (County Highway S-2) historic marker at the San Diego/Imperial County line. Where once there resided a heavy bronze plaque commemorating the opening of a paved link to the Imperial Valley in the '60s, there now rests a graphite-rubbed plaster replacement, with words solemnly proclaiming, "This is the desert. There's nothing out here. Nothing"

Ironically, this unauthorized expression of a local artist's creative impulse may prove more resistant to opportunistic vandals than the

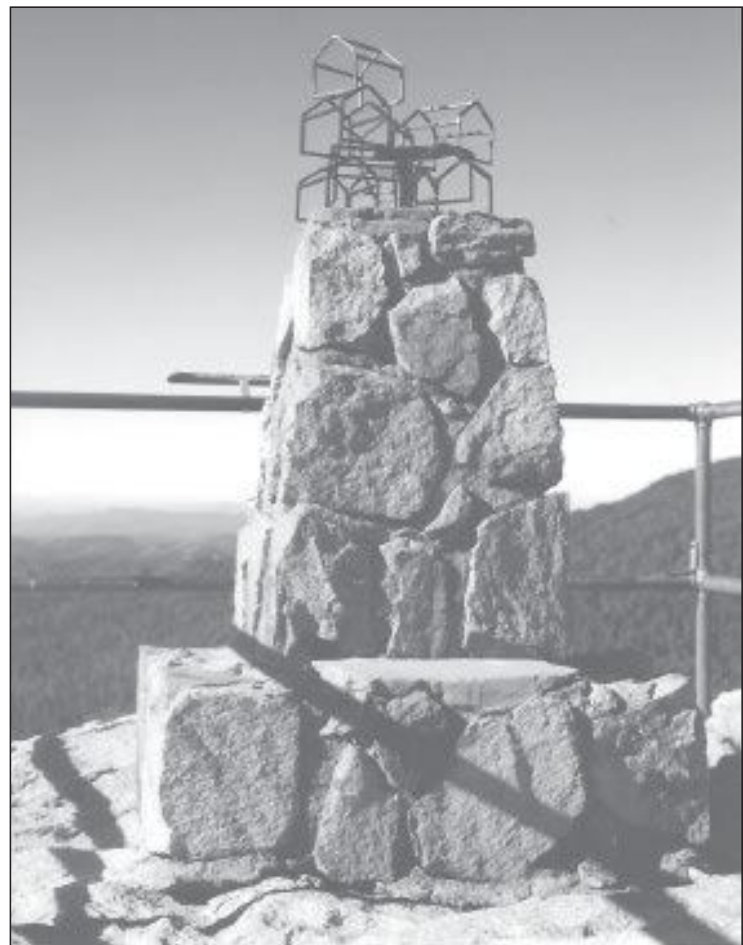
original bolted metal plaque. A rift now runs through the middle of the replacement plaque — probably the result of a vandal who tried to pry a seemingly valuable piece of metal out of its frame, only to hear the disappointing crack of plaster beneath the plaque's shiny gray patina.

Another unauthorized piece of art is (was?) found on Stonewall Peak in the Cuyamacas, perched squarely atop a stone-and-mortar pillar that once held a direction-finder. "Crying Wolf," as the artist calls it, a welded-rod sculpture of piled-up houses reminiscent of the voracious new construction on San Diego's fringe, uneasily looks out over thousands of acres of pristine woods and meadows. "Development could never happen here," the artist states (or asks?) on a Plexiglas-coated sign next to the sculpture. Echoing further com-

ments about overpopulation is a single word scratched into the plastic: "rabbits."

The artist's "canvas" also includes a number of trailside or mountaintop locations where small, vaguely female figures ("female action figures," according to the artist), derived from a twisted piece of tree root and duplicated in the form of gray concrete casts, have been placed conspicuously or inconspicuously amid their surroundings. The artist hopes that passersby might notice the odd material, neither stone nor wood, and that they will appreciate in each figure the qualities of strength and femininity. Some casts have been picked up right away, while others have remained in situ for weeks or even months.

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"Crying Wolf," atop Stonewall Peak

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Beach Cleanup Coastkeeper hosts cleanup starting at lifeguard tower by entrance to north parking lot. Bring work gloves, reusable bag or bucket, reusable water bottle. 619-758-7743. Saturday, October 22, 9am; **free.** Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, North Torrey Pines Road. (DEL MAR)

Kumeyaay Lifestyles Learn about seasonal harvests, venerated animals, religious and social structures of native San Diegans on guided nature walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 22, 8:30am; **free.** Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

La Mesa Park Appreciation Day Volunteers welcome at all La Mesa parks. Bring gloves and a rake (trash bags available). To sign up ahead of time: 619-667-1300. Saturday, October 22, 8am; **free.** La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive. (LA MESA)

Learn Ten Native Plants California Native Plant Society hosts native plant walk. Bring sturdy

shoes, water. 619-297-2957. Saturday, October 22, 10am; **free.** Cedar Ridge Park, Pentuckett Avenue at Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Natural Halloween Appreciate lifestyles of bats, rats, tarantulas, other iconic creatures of natural SD during trail guide-led walk through sage, chaparral. 619-668-3281. Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, 9:30am; **free.** Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

River and Nature Preserve Cleanup San Diego River Park Foundation hosts trash and debris cleanup from riverbed in Mission Valley Preserve. Tools, supplies provided. Park in police department parking lot; meet across street at west end of YMCA parking lot. No experience necessary. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, October 22, 9am; **free.** San Diego Police Department Western Division, 5215 Gaines Street. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL EVENTS

“A Day with Shiva Rea” “Yogini firekeeper, sacred activist, global adventurer,” yoga innovator Shiva Rea leads mixed level classes. Topics: “Rhythmic Vinyasa-Synchronizing with the Flow of Yoga” (noon-2pm); “Take Me to the River — Fluid Energetic Vinyasa with Blues Kirtan by Steve Gold” (2:45-4:45pm); yoga trance dance and “Sahaja Pulse 108” with DJ Nagaraja (5:30-7:30pm). Fee: \$50 per individual session, \$120 for entire day. 858-456-2412. Saturday, October 22, 12pm; La Jolla Yoga Center, 7741 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

“Celebrating the Art in Youth Voice” View “inspiring...pieces of art created” by youths in San Diego County Children’s Mental Health Services foster and residential care during event hosted by Fam-

ily and Youth Roundtable. Local artists donated time, materials to lead classes. 619-546-5852 x211. Saturday, October 22, 6pm; \$40-\$200. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

“Chairs for Chair’ity” Designers have created “beautiful chairs to be auctioned off,” benefiting Make-a-Wish Foundation of San Diego. Bid on one-of-a-kind seating. View chairs beginning October 13. 619-295-6660. Thursday, October 20, 6pm; \$10-\$15. Hold It Contemporary Home, 1570 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Exhibit Ambush” “Multi-sensory fashion and art show” featuring Haus of Estrada Collection by Jesus and Antonio Estrada and Yara Sofia from RuPaul’s “Drag Race” as fashion show host. Event brings “together emerging fashion designers and artists (visual and performance)...who are pushing artistic boundaries.” 818-400-6308. Saturday, October 22, 7pm; \$29-\$100. 21 and up. Horton 97 Event Center, 97 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

“Make a Difference” Day Rebuilding Together San Diego hosts day of painting, landscaping, carpentry, electrical, and other repairs at four homes in 2000 block of Julian Avenue. Mini-resource fair, painting demonstrations by urban artists, more. 619-231-7873. Saturday, October 22, 8:30am; **free.** Make a Difference site, 2000 Julian Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

“PechaKucha Night” Presenters: David McCullough, Gary Walker, Allard Jansen, Dana Springs, James Brown, Peter Soutowood “show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. The images forward automatically and you talk along to the images.” 619-232-1385. Thursday, October 20, 8:20pm; Til-Two, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

“Seeds @ City Urban Farm Fundraiser” Help save this urban farm during “young farmers fundraiser” beginning with

farm tours (4, 5pm). Pizza from outdoor pizza oven and food from Roots Kind Food and Peace Pies for sale (5:30pm). Music by Red Giant. Raffles. Bring dessert for potluck. Buy and print an art-block T-shirt to take home. Requested donation: \$20 general, \$10 for students. 619-388-3712. Saturday, October 22, 4pm; Wild Willow Farm and Education Center, 2550 Sunset Avenue. (NESTOR)

“Street Beat” Using household items, found objects, “and just plain junk for drums and percussion,” the six-member company of drummers, musicians, dancers presents “A Theatrical Drum and Dance Show.” 858-748-0505. Saturday, October 22, 8pm; \$10-\$40. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

“The Jaws Are Talking” What secrets can jaws and teeth reveal? Celebrate National Fossil Day and discover “secret desert treasures” during Paleontology Society open house. Many of these fossils have never been displayed and include carnivores, herbivores, omnivores that inhabited this region over past 5 million years. Meet at Anza-Borrego visitor center for short walk to Stout Research Center Paleontology Laboratory and Collection Hall. Saturday, October 22, 1pm; Sunday, October 23, 9am; Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Drive. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

“This Is Halloween!” Encore Vocal Ensemble performs songs from stage and screen, with *Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Phantom of the Opera*, others represented. 619-226-3153. Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, 7:30pm; \$10. San Diego Woman’s Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

“Understanding Cold War” Donald Ross addresses Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom in community room. Current issues of peace, justice will be discussed. Help complete a “Postcards for Peace” project. All welcome. 858-350-9112. Saturday,

October 22, 11am; **free.** La Jolla Village Square, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“Yoga for Healthy Bones” Marguerite Tyrell leads series blending “ancient wisdom of yoga and the knowledge of modern science to provide a holistic approach to bone health.” Topics: yoga postures and sequences for healthy bones, nutrition recommendations, role of stress in health, lifestyle factors. 858-622-9642. Sunday, October 23, 6:30pm; \$45-\$180. 18 and up. Akasha Yoga, 3211 Holiday Court #203. (LA JOLLA)

(Serious) Sugar Skull Decorating Learn professional tricks to create “beautiful works of art” with pastry chef Veronica von Borstel. During workshop, discover royal icing piping techniques, safety, sanitation, color and composition, more. No previous piping or pastry experience required. Students receive two medium-sized pre-assembled sugar skulls. Registration: 619-280-8408. Saturday, October 22, 1pm; \$25. 12 and up. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

50 Acres of Fun! Autumn tractor show promising working antique equipment demonstrations, N scale model trains, weaving demonstrations, tractor games, potato race, wagon rides, blacksmithing and wheelwright, vendors, food, more. Camping by reservation. 760-941-1791. Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, 9am; **free**-\$10. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

Argentine Tango with Colette Will introduce you to the passion and magic of Tango and will give you a first free class any Monday or Wednesday at 7pm. No need for a partner. More information at www.TangoWithColette.com or call 514-726-5567. Monday, October 24, 7pm. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

Chela: Her Third Husband, Her First Orgasm One-woman show

by Dulce Maria Solis chronicles “events of her mother’s life, from childhood in Mexico, through a journey of immigration into the U.S., and her consequent marriage, literal bondage, and emancipation.” Solis presents her “comic twist on a true story” in Arts 111. 760-750-8889. Friday, October 21, 7pm; **free.** CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Come Hell or High Water Premiere Party Enjoy barbecue (6pm), music (7pm), screening of body surfer Keith Malloy’s new surf film exploring “simplicity and beauty of riding waves from a completely different perspective” (7:30pm). 760-634-9886. Friday, October 21, 5:30pm; **free.** Patagonia, 2185 San Elijo Avenue. (CARDIFF)

The Renaissance of Mata Ortiz Scott Petersen’s documentary chronicles “how an intrepid American adventurer and a brilliant Mexican artist transformed a dying desert village into a home of world-class art.” Following screening, Petersen and Spencer MacCallum (featured in film) talk about their experiences, answer questions. Mata Ortiz pottery offered for sale. Requested donation: \$15. Reservations: 619-239-2001 x10 or rsvp@museumofman.org. Saturday, October 22, 5pm; San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Borrego Days Desert Festival The 46th annual festival gets underway with parade of marching bands, floats, decorated golf carts, equestrian groups through town (10am). Take in artist and vendor booths, live entertainment, children’s activities. 619-233-5008. Friday, October 21, 12pm; Saturday, October 22, 11am; Sunday, October 23, 9am; **free.** Christmas Circle, Palm Canyon Drive at Borrego Springs Road. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Bridal Bazaar Over 200 exhibitors offer their wares, share “thousands of fresh ideas,” representing over 40 categories of products and services. Fashion shows: 11:30am, 1pm, 2:45pm. 760-334-5500. Sunday, October 23, 10am; \$12. Del Mar

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boutique hotels and hostels abound, with prices and amenities ranging from a hammock for \$10 to a two-bed, ocean-view, air-conditioned room for \$65. The coast is a surprisingly “wired” area, with Wi-Fi in abundance.

Pilsner beer is the local *cerveza mas fina*, and seems to be the only product in the entire country with an advertising budget. When cold, the only thing better than the flavor is the cost — if you paid more than a \$1.50 for a bottle, you paid too much. The food is somewhat uninspired, with all sides consisting of beans and rice. But the seafood is excellent and fresh; it’s truly the catch of the day.

As for the waves: the ocean here is a heaving siren, offering warm,

uncrowded waters — but with an undertow so strong, it is hard to escape its grasp when it’s time to exit Adjacent to the breaks at Playa Tunco, a strong rip current provides a natural channel that, if ridden correctly, makes the quarter- to half-mile paddle out seem much quicker than normal. Here there are three distinct breaks with well-shaped, continuous sets all day.

The waves attract surfers from around the globe. Although the majority had traveled from Australia or Brazil, we met some from the U.K. and even two women from the landlocked Czech Republic.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Candlelight Walk for Human Rights The 23rd annual event hosted by Amnesty International is themed "50 Years: Shining a Light on Human Rights." Goal is to encourage people to write letters, send emails, or sign petitions on behalf of people wrongly detained. Speakers: Tibetan monk Palden Gyatso, South African anti-apartheid activist Ann Burroughs, Chinese dissident Tong Yi. Live music. 760-731-0735. Sunday, October 23, 5:30pm; Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Check-In Time at Haunted Hotel Experience all kinds of terror in this hostelry "full of new spine-tingling, skin-crawling effects." 619-696-7227. Fridays and Saturdays, 6pm to 1am; Sundays through Thursdays, 7pm to 11pm; Monday, October 31, 6pm to midnight, \$14-\$16. 10 and up. Haunted Hotel, 424 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

City, Set, Go! Teams of two make their way around San Diego landmarks, solve cryptic clues, complete challenges. To finish, teams meet at secret finish line for awards. Saturday, October 22, 10am; \$39. 18 and up. Babycakes, 3766 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Composting Workshop Master composters teach composting workshop including instruction in building, maintenance of a backyard compost pile, vermicomposting. 760-839-6216. Saturday, October 22, 8:30am; **free**. Escondido Community Garden, Centre City Parkway at Decatur Way. (ESCONDIDO)

Diwali Festival of Lights Enjoy arts, music, dancing, food, family activities, sunset lighting of lamps. Tickets: \$5 per person, or \$15 per for family of four. Tickets include admission to Mingei International Museum, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego Museum of Man (until 7pm). 619-239-0003. Sunday, October 23, 4pm; Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Do We Need a Value Added Tax? How would you reform the tax system? Present your plan when Civilized Conversation forum meets. 858-231-6209. Thursday, October 20, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Día de los Muertos Celebration Party promises community altar, music, tequila tastings, MIHO Gastrotruck, pan de muertos, sugar skull decorating, Day of the Dead models, *mucho más*. 619-544-1011. Saturday, October 22, 6pm; **free**. Casa Artelexia, 2419 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

Fall Book Sale New stock put out for sale each day. 858-573-1399. Saturday, October 22, 9:30am;

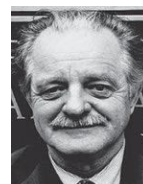
Rhyme & Verse

In Broad Daylight I Dream of My Dead Wife

A poem by Mei Yao Ch'en

Who says that the dead do not think of us?
Whenever I travel, she goes with me.
She was uneasy when I was on a journey.
She always wanted to accompany me.
While I dream, everything is as it used to be.
When I wake up, I am stabbed with sorrow.
The living are often parted and never meet again.
The dead are together as pure souls.

Translated by Kenneth Rexroth



Kenneth Rexroth

Mei Yao Ch'en (1002-1060) was a Sung Dynasty poet whose work often focused on social reform. But he was also a distinctly personal poet who wrote about the death of his wife and the death of two of his children. A major figure in Chinese poetry, Mei Yao Ch'en felt that the late T'ang poetry had focused too heavily on descriptive landscape imagery and too little on the reality of people's lives. His poems, largely free of rhetorical excess, tended to be written in a language that was deceptively simple and colloquial.

It is not at all surprising that the great American poet Kenneth Rexroth (1905-1982) would find Mei Yao Ch'en's poetry to his taste, for Rexroth, a superb craftsman and notable scholar, also wrote a poetry that, against the grain of American modernism, was simple, clear, and highly autobiographical. This translation of "In Broad Daylight I Dream of My Dead Wife" appears in Rexroth's One Hundred Poems from the Chinese, published by New Directions Press, and is reprinted by permission.

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Linda Vista Library, 2160 Ulric Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Fall Festival Family fun includes carriage rides, climbing wall, petting zoo, face painting, pumpkin patch, Taste of Point Loma (11am-1pm). 619-849-2298. Saturday, October 22, 10am; **free**. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Fallbrook Pumpkin Patch Fabulous and unique old-fashioned organic pumpkin patch welcomes you and your family. Cradled in a grove of pecan trees, Lavender Hill Pumpkins range from 1 to 300 pounds! Come for the sights and surroundings, leave with a pumpkin of your choosing. Open

the month of October. Monday to Friday: 2pm-5pm / Saturday and Sunday: 10am-5pm. www.LavenderHillPumpkins.com. 760-715-8495. Fallbrook Pumpkin Patch, 1509 East Mission Road. (FALLBROOK)

Halloween Ghosts in Old Town Meet "real ghosts and learn their stories" during 60-minute walking tour with performers starting at Robinson-Rose Visitor Center. Hear scary, funny, tragic stories of people who lived in San Diego during the 1800s. Help answer the question "Who's the Wickedest Ghost?" 619-220-5422. Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 6pm; \$5-\$15. Old Town State Historic

Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Harvest Festival The 39th annual festival returns with more than 300 exhibitors offering art and craft items. Entertainment, food, edible arts, demonstrations, kids zone. Tickets good for entire weekend. 800-346-1212. Friday through Sunday, October 21-23, 10am; **free**-\$9. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Haunted Hotel Boy Scout Troop 2000 presents its 11th annual Haunted Hotel in two-story, 126-year-old Hotel Germania, built by Olivenhain's original German settlers in 1885. Select from two different scare levels: tame and scary.

760-754-8266. Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 6:30pm; \$5. Olivenhain Meeting House, 423 Rancho Santa Fe Road. (ENCINITAS)

High School Choral Showcase Oceanside Music Festival continues with annual recital of "the best of the best from local high school choral music" in Concert Hall Building 2400. 760-433-3632. Saturday, October 22, 7:30pm; \$10-\$15. Mira-Costa College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

La Jolla Gallery Wine Walk and Taste Explore 15 galleries, 20 restaurants, wines during event. Start evening at ticket will-call site next to La Jolla Visitor Information Center. 619-233-5008. Thursday, October 20, 5pm; \$40-\$45. 21 and up. La Jolla Visitor Information Center, 7966 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Lowrider Gospelfest See "the very best in lowrider vehicles," enjoy music by Priesthood, Voice of Fulfillment, Lordside G. 619-384-6579. Saturday, October 22, 10am; **free**. Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

North County Photography Reception for the North County Photographic Society's 16th annual members' exhibition, boasting "94 entries in eight categories." Closes Saturday, November 26. Sunday, October 23, 1pm; **free**. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Nourish Day in San Diego Head to Liberty Station for outdoor screening of *Nourish*, featuring food activists Michael Pollan, Jamie Oliver, Alice Waters (6pm). Event includes farmers' market with local farmers "speaking on how they bring farm-fresh produce to San Diego County stores, schools, and restaurants" (3:30pm). Physical activities for kids. Panel discussion on local food and nutrition with Seth Nickinson, U.S. field director for Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution (6:45). Bring blanket for seating. 619-243-5201. Friday, October 21, 3:30pm; **free**. High Tech High, 2861 Womble Road. (POINT LOMA)

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time together. 619-663-9769. Saturday, October 22, 10am; **free.** San Diego Community Concourse, 202 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, October 23, 10am; **free.** Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Take the Haunted Trail "All-outdoor haunted attraction" follows mile-long trail through twisted grove of pines and gnarled oaks. This year, check out "the X-periment" maze. 619-696-7227. Fridays and Saturdays, 6:30pm to 11:45pm; Sundays through Thursdays, 7pm to 11pm; Monday, October 31, 7pm to 11:45pm, \$14-\$16. 10 and up. Marston Point, Laurel Street at Sixth Avenue. (BALBOA PARK)

Tempered Glass Mosaic Using paint, sparkles, text, photos, and colorful grout, create one-of-a-kind collage applied to shattered glass on a picture frame with instructor Beatrice Barabas. Complete two projects during workshop ending October 30 (second meeting: 9am-noon). Registration: 619-223-0058. Sunday, October 23, 9am; \$119-\$133. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Time to Scream! Del Mar "Scaregrounds" hosts Scream Zone, boasting House of Horror with rooms filled with "terrifying scenes and scares," haunted hayride through haunted barns on race-track, and "the Chamber," promis-

ing "the largest spinning tunnel in San Diego." 858-755-1161. Fridays and Saturdays, 7pm to midnight; Sundays through Thursdays, 7pm to 11pm; through Monday, October 31, \$14-\$27. 10 and up. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Singles Mixer: Fall in love this fall! Join us for this cross-cultural and intimate experience! Fun games, speed dating, salsa dancing, nice food and drink. For more information, call 858-366-5968 or 858-569-0988. Saturday, October 29, 6:30pm to midnight. Friends Of We Chinese, 11525 Sorrento Valley Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Halloween Psychic Festival Featuring an afternoon of Spirit with James Van Praagh, internationally renowned Medium, creator of hit TV show *The Ghost Whisperer*, author of *Ghosts Among Us*. Seance, 60+ exhibitors, psychic readers, healers, 25 free presentations, music. Call 831-239-6835 this week for free tickets to festival and 15% discount on James Van Praagh. www.holisticlivingexpo.com. Sunday, October 30, 10am to 6pm. La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

ART MUSEUMS

"Art of Fashion" Exhibition created in partnership with Fashion Careers College, features five creations inspired by artwork at the Timken. Through October.

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)

"Infinite Balance: Artists and the Environment" View "first U.S. presentation of artists shortlisted for the Prix Pictet, the world's top prize for photography and sustainability" through Sunday, February 5. Exhibit showcases contemporary photographers including Sammy Baloji, Edward Burtynsky, Thomas Joshua Cooper, Susan Derges, Naoya Hatakeyama, Chris Jordan, Michael Wolf.

"See/Saw: Annual Youth Exhibition" is a juried exhibit of photography and film by young artists. Closes Sunday, January 29. Daily, except Mondays, 10am; **free**-\$6. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Phenomenal: California Light, Space, Surface" Enjoy in-depth look at 13 artists whose work with light as a medium in the 1960s and '70s defined an era of art making in California. Featured artists: Peter Alexander, Larry Bell, Ron Cooper, Mary Corse, Robert Irwin, Craig Kauffman, John McCracken, Bruce Nauman, Eric Orr, Helen Pashgian, James Turrell, De Wain Valentine, Doug Wheeler. "Combining key works from the museum's col-

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lection” with major loans from public and private collections, exhibit “includes immersive light installations together with rare, ephemeral, and site-conditioned works, some seen in California for the first time in decades.” Through Sunday, January 22.

View “Jennifer Steinkamp: Madame Curie,” a 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)

“San Diego’s Craft Revolution” This exhibition reveals important contributions of San Diego craftsmen to the post-war Southern California art scene. Show explores progression from sleek modernism to unconventional handmade objects of use such as furniture, doors, jewelry, ceramics by over 60 artists. Exhibit is part of “Pacific Standard Time: Art in L.A. 1945-1980.” Closes Sunday, April 15.

More than 50 quilts made in the American South between 1910 and the 1970s are showcased in “Bold Expressions: 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.

“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)

Translating California Sunshine! Spencer Finch’s “light-based installations bridge an actual locale with a recalled memory.” *Rome (Pantheon, noon, June 14, 2011)*, on view through Sunday, January 22, “evokes the moment and mood of a place by controlling the quality of light, color, or other sensory information.”

“Phenomenal: California Light, Space, Surface” offers in-depth look at 13 artists whose work with light as a medium in the 1960s and ’70s defined an era of art making in California. Featured artists: Peter Alexander, Larry Bell, Ron Cooper, Mary Corse, Robert Irwin, Craig Kauffman, John McCracken, Bruce Nauman, Eric Orr, Helen Pashgian,

James Turrell, De Wain Valentine, Doug Wheeler. “Combining key works from the museum’s collection” with major loans from public and private collections, “the exhibition includes immersive light installations together with rare, ephemeral, and site-conditioned works, some seen in California for the first time in decades.” Closes Sunday, January 22. Daily, except Wednesdays, 11am; **free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Captain Charles Moore & Plastic Ocean The scientist who discovered the Great Pacific Garbage Patch will speak about his research and sign copies of his new book *Plastic Ocean*. Wine & cheese reception with great door prizes! This event will benefit Algalita’s research and science-based education programs. RSVP by 10/20: call 760-633-2827. Signed copies for \$50, no obligation. Saturday, October 22, 2pm to 4pm; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Coffee with a Former Mayor Dick Murphy discusses, signs his new book *San Diego’s Judge Mayor: How Murphy’s Law Blindsided Leadership with 2020 Vision*. 619-232-4855. Thursday, October 20, 7pm; **free**. Upstart Crow Bookshop

and Coffee House, 835 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

COMEDY

“An Evening With Howie Mandel” The comic performs his stand-up show. Mature content. 619 570-1100. Sunday, October 23, 7pm; \$30-\$90. 18 and up. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Boo Ha-Ha! Courtney Ca entertains. Adult material with some adult language. No cover, no drink minimum. Donation. 619-922-9057. Saturday, October 22, 7pm; Twigg’s Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Comedians Stand Up Against Wall Street! Brew Ha-Ha comics Chris Clobber, Tony Calabrese, Helen “Not So Ready” entertain with “some political messages,” adult material with some adult language. No cover, no drink minimum. Donation. 619-922-9057. Sunday, October 23, 7pm; 18 and up. Moxie at Rolando Theatre, 6663 El Cajon BL, Suite N. (COLLEGE AREA)

Comedy Night at Doc’s Saloon Comedian Mark Fernandez, guests entertain. Host: Christian Spicer. Reservations: 562-786-3111. Friday, October 21, 8:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Joey’s Smokin’ B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

West Coast Funnies Comedy variety show with headliner Alonzo Bodden (*Last Comic Standing* win-

ner), Pearl Street Players, host Kurt Swann. 951-929-3586 or 760-720-2460. Saturday, October 22, 8pm; \$20-\$25. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

FOOD & DRINK

“Preservation Fall” Little Italy’s Mercato farmers’ market celebrates autumn by providing “tools people need to preserve fruits and vegetables to enjoy during the winter season and beyond.” Demonstrations by Mark Stogsdill (Happy Pantry owner), Jen Barthell from Neighborhood Foodie, and the Fernmenters Club. Participants may learn canning basics, purchase canning products for home use. Saturday, October 22, 9:30am; **free**. Amici Park, State Street and West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

OktSoldierFest Enjoy unlimited tastings of 40+ local breweries and eateries, three stages of entertainment, to benefit wounded soldiers of the Warrior Foundation. Saturday, October 22, 11:30am; \$35-\$45. 21 and up. Mission Brewery, 1441 L Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

True Oktoberfest Feasting Students work side-by-side with chefs Bernard Guillas and Ron Oliver (*Flying Pans: Two Chefs, One World*) to prepare “a true Oktoberfest feast.” 858-459-2877. Thursday, October 20, 6pm; \$65. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

“Reaching for the Top” San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation hosts conference for 6th-12th graders to “motivate, inspire, and equip students with skills to improve their learning and achievement.” Improve math, writing skills. Reservations: 619-463-1702. Saturday, October 22, 8am; **free**. Christ United Presbyterian Church, 3025 Fir Street. (SOUTH PARK)

“The Big Read: Shades of Poe” Write Out Loud hosts workshop to help students (12-18) “re-imagine” works of Edgar Allan Poe into an art form of their choice, with “classes in music, dance, visual arts, writing, and film.” Participants receive copy of *Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe*. Lunch provided. All creations considered for inclusion in “Shades of Poe” celebration in April. Registration: 619-297-8957 or writeoutloudsd@gmail.com Saturday, October 22, 9:30am; **free**. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

“Wonderland of Treats, Eats, and Drinks” Third annual fundraiser for Poway School District families boasts Willie Wonka theme, with food, drink, dessert vendors, kids’ activities and entertainment such as petting zoo, laser tag, face painting, balloon art, more. 858-668-2273. Saturday, October 22, 11am; **free**-\$30.

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King of Kings Lutheran Church

Contact: 2993 Mac Donald Street, Oceanside; 760-757-2525
Membership: 325
Pastor: James Jerpseth
Age: 51
Born: Graceville, Minnesota
Formation: University of California-San Diego (Engineering); Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley
Years Ordained: 14 years

San Diego Reader: *What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?*
Pastor James Jerpseth: I think the main concern I have is really for my children and their generation. I have kids that are 13, 11, and 2. I think about what kind of world we're

leaving them. What does it mean when there are fewer people who believe or act in a compassionate manner to those around them? What does that imply for our world, especially as we become a divisive country on so many different levels? The gospels seek to unify and build relations and talks about forgiveness. We live in a country that is bent on dividing itself into different colored states and different political parties; yet we're called to a completely different message. It's harder to get that message across and transmit it to the next generation.
SDR: *Why is "sin" still a valid concept in your congregation?*

PJ: We just went through a whole Lutheran basics course in Sunday school and some of the sermons we had as a reminder that for Lutherans sin is not that list of things your mother told you not to do. Sin is a state of being, a separation from God.... We are on our own, basically, in sin and not in complete relationship with God. But Jesus, who is in complete relationship with God, which is why he's sinless, is not separated from God. He comes to redeem humanity and bridge that gap back to God, because there's no way we can go from where we are to where God is on our own.
SDR: *Where do you go when you die?*

PJ: God is a whole lot more gracious than I would ever be, and he is more inviting and open than you or I could imagine. Just like a parent would never want his child to be exiled, God is our heavenly parent and he would not want us to be exiled from him. So, God wishes to draw us back home, just as a parent wants to draw a child back home for Thanksgiving or Christmas. I think that desire rules God's heart more than what congregation or denomination you went to, or whether you said this or that prayer correctly or incorrectly. I think God's love is more like a parent's love, and for that reason God is more gracious and forgiv-



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ing than we can be. He opens the doors we think are shut.
SDR: *How does that graciousness and forgiveness relate to the afterlife from the standpoint of heaven and hell?*
PJ: If heaven is being with

God, then hell is not being with God. That's a concept I picked up from C.S. Lewis in *The Great Divorce*. He says hell is a crack in the sidewalk of heaven, and it's a place where God isn't. Only those who wish to be absent from God send themselves there, but God wishes to draw us to heaven, to himself, to eternal life. But, like a parent, God can't force us to do that. We have some choice in the matter and God wishes us to choose heaven, and he will be more gracious to open the door to heaven than we might think.
— Joseph O'Brien

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Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Día De Los Muertos Adventures Dulce Sweet Kids leads class for kids (three to seven years old) to learn about Mexican culture, Day of the Dead traditions through songs,

creating traditional art, games in bilingual setting. 619-900-4690. Sunday, October 23, 2pm; \$25-\$20. Growing Place Montessori, 13242 Pomerado Road. (POWAY)

Halloween Cookies for Kids Join Chef Joy for Halloween-

themed "cookie baking extravaganza." Participants (8-13) learn to make dough, shape cookies into ghouls, goblins, witches, bats. 760-233-2433. Saturday, October 22, 10am; \$50. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Haunted Birch Aquarium "Shipwrecked" is theme for event with "close encounters of the fishy kind." Wander aquarium for tricky treats, discover a sea of glowing creatures while having a monstrous good time. Entertainment by Billy Lee and the Swamp Critters. Reserva-

tions: 858-534-7336. Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 6pm; \$12-\$17. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Haunted Tales of the Ship Wear a costume and enjoy creepy

treats, ghost stories, tours around the *Star of India*, and eerie legends from ship's past. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 6pm; \$8-\$14. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

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Symposium on Moral Courage
Sunday, October 30, 1:00-5:00 pm, San Diego State University, GMCS 333. Edwin Black on the Holocaust; Richard Hovannissian on the Armenian Genocide; and Rose Mapendo on Genocide and Survival in Congo. Co-sponsored by SDSU Initiative for Moral Courage and SDSU Common Experience. For details: <http://moral-courage.sdsu.edu>. SDSU 5500 Campanile Drive (619) 594-5200

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What Is Prayer?
The poetry of George Herbert. Presented by Dr. Holly Ordway. Sunday, Oct. 23, 9:15 am. CARLSBAD 2775 Carlsbad Boulevard (760) 729-8901

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Spinoza and Maimonides
Revelations and Origins of the Torah. Discussion, morning prayer, and breakfast. Sunday, Oct. 23, 8:30 am. (858) 344-5632. CHULA VISTA 208 Madrona Street (619) 420-6040

Pumpkin Express Enjoy eighth annual old-time train ride to pumpkin patch, promising tour of “the Haunted Train,” pumpkin decorating. 619-478-9937. RSVP: reservations@psrm.org. Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, 11am and 2:30pm; \$5-\$15. Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, State Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. (CAMPO)

Sugar Skull Decorating Children decorate a medium-sized Oaxacan sugar skull with colorful royal icing, feathers, foil, sequins, more. Participants learn about Día de los Muertos customs and leave with a completed, decorated skull during class led by Ana Ibarra and Maryann Luera. Required reservations: 619-280-8408. Sunday, October 23, 1pm; \$12. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

GALLERIES

“Paint + Sculpt” Opening reception for exhibit of paintings by Pat Kelly and sculpture by Yigal Ben-Aderet. See exhibition, which includes Ben-Aderet’s mixed-media constructions created from branches burned in Witch Creek Fire, through Sunday, November 27. 760-765-1676. Saturday, October 22, 4pm; **free**. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

“Revealed” Celebrate gallery’s grand opening with exhibit. 619-542-0821. Saturday, October 22,

6pm; Striving Artist, 3022 North Park Way. (NORTH PARK)

“Stillness Interrupted” Opening reception for exhibition of work in a variety of media by six local artists curated by Mesa College Museum Studies Program. Closes Saturday, October 22. 619-299-7230. Thursday, October 20, 5pm; **free**. Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

“The Ireland Paintings” Unveiling reception for exhibit of paintings by Paul Strahm. 619-337-8342. Saturday, October 22, 5pm; **free**. O’Dunn Fine Art, 8325 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Nature Photographs Reception for Thomas Mangelsen, who will share “stories from his recent travels,” sign his works. 858-551-9553. Saturday, October 22, 6pm; **free**. Images of Nature Gallery, 7916 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

“A Taste of the Mediterranean” Wine historian Barbara Baxter focuses on the “diverse art, culture, history, and wine” of Mediterranean Sea area. No food or wine served. Thursday, October 20, 6pm; **free**. 21 and up. La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

“Art and Architecture, Sustainability and the Social Realm” Catherine Herbst (Woodbury University), Chris Genik (NewSchool of Architecture), Rob Quigley

(architect), David Antin (author, poet, scholar) speak for “Dialogues in Art and Architecture” series. This year’s theme: “Then, Now, and Beyond: The Evolution of Dialogues in Art and Architecture over 20 years toward Interdisciplinary and Social Practices the Environment and Sustainability.” 858-454-5872. Thursday, October 20, 7:30pm; **free**. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

“Building Cabrillo’s Galleon” Ray Ashley of Maritime Museum of San Diego focuses on “The San Salvador, Early Modern Navigation, and the Emergence of Rationalism” for San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. 760-445-8112. Sunday, October 23, 7pm; **free**. Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

“Masterpieces in Miniature: Illuminated Books of the Middle Ages” Elizabeth Morrison, curator and acting head of manuscripts at the Getty Center, speaks for “Lunch and Learn” class presented by San Diego School of Christian Studies. Registration: 619-297-4366. Sunday, October 23, 12:30pm; **free**-\$10. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Multiplying that Does Not Require Math” Master Gardener Dale Rekus leads propagation class in room 104 for San Diego Floral Association. Learn methods and systems of propagation such as

cuttings, layering, dividing, sowing. Propagated plant for each participant. RSVP: 619-232-5762. Thursday, October 20, 9:30am; \$15-\$20. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Tattoo Me” Artist Diana DeAugustine demonstrates traditional tattooing techniques, discusses “her focus on the hybrid art form of tattooing and painting with the intent to move fluidly between both mediums to create...dialogue about the body, skin, and metaphorical images.” 619-280-8408. Saturday, October 22, 4pm; **free**. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

“The Wandering View: Jewish Immigrants in World Cinema” SDSU professor Lawrence Baron speaks for Mandelbaum Family Lecture Series. 858-362-1327. Thursday, October 20, 10:30am; **free**. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

“Topics in Astrology” Kaylee leads discussion on topics within the field of astrology and “applying its techniques to your life.” 760-721-2110. Saturday, October 22, 2pm; \$5. Kindred Journeys, 510 N. Coast Hwy. #101A. (OCEANSIDE)

Amazonian Shamans Share Wisdom! Anusara yoga founder John Friend hosts “Elder Amazonian Shamans,” sharing “wisdom, understanding of natural plant medicines, indigenous living,” threats to “their lives due to destruction of rainforest and technological advancement.” Donation: \$10. 858-456-2412. Thursday, October 20, 7pm; \$10. La Jolla Yoga Center, 7741 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Beginning Surveys for Wildlife Trackers Prepare to participate in surveys with San Diego Tracking Team monitoring wildlife in preserves and other critical areas. Classroom time supplemented with

time in field. Bring sack lunch. Fee includes reference materials. 760-715-4102. Registration: sdtinfo@gmail.com. Saturday, October 22, 8am; \$25. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Consider “A Matter of Space” Local artist Cathy Breslaw created a site-specific installation at the museum using “industrial materials to investigate her interest in how people relate to changing physical and intangible environments.” During art talk, Breslaw discusses process involved in, meaning behind her work. Included in museum admission. 760-435-3720. Saturday, October 22, 2pm; **free**-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

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Patios, Pathways, Plants Want to improve your landscape but unsure where to begin? Doug Kalal covers “variety of topics such as different types of materials for patios and pathways,” plant solutions for problem areas. 619-200-7066. Thursday, October 20, 6pm; **free**. La Mesa Library, 8074 Allison Avenue. (LA MESA)

The Latest in Organic Growing Dan Kinnard, commercial seller of specialty organic products, shares his knowledge of organic growing. In the Student Center, room 3450. 760-534-CRFG. Friday, October 21, 7pm; **free**. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

SPOKEN WORD

“Melange” Workshop students plan first “Page to Stage” poetry performance of their original work. 619-233-7963. Friday, October 21, 6:30pm; **free**-\$5. Women’s Museum of California, 2323 Broadway, Suite 107. (GOLDEN HILL)

Poetry in Song Songwriter, musician, story writer, jeweler Elaine Noel is featured author when Village Idiots Literary Society gathers. Open mike follows. 760-414-1056. Friday, October 21, 7pm; **free**. Gallery 204, 204 Main Street. (VISTA)

SPORTS

“Kicking for Wishes” Cbeyond hosts soccer tournament benefiting Make-a-Wish Foundation of San Diego. Four teams comprising Cbeyond employees, friends, family will compete. Spectators welcome; registration required. Friday, October 21, 3pm; **free**. Sportsplex USA, 12349 McIvers Court. (POWAY)

Good on You 5K Costumes encouraged but not mandatory for this Jared F. Purton Foundation fundraiser run/walk that includes costume contest. Race-day registration: 6:30-7:45am. 619-507-7915. Saturday, October 22, 8am; \$25-\$35. 12 and up. Crown Point, 3700 Crown Point Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Light the Night Against Crime 5k Don a costume and running shoes and head to 25th annual night 5k run/walk. Race-day registration and expo: 5pm; race at 7pm. Proceeds benefit San Diego County Crime Stoppers Felony Crime Reward Fund. Saturday, October 22, 5pm; \$15-\$35. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Paddler’s Poker Run and Regatta Wear a costume for Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation’s kayak and stand-up paddleboard regatta and poker run (and costume contest). Registration includes lunch. 760-804-1969. Saturday, October 22, 9am; \$30-\$40. Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. (CARLSBAD)

Step Out San Diego Walk to Stop Diabetes fundraiser benefiting American Diabetes Association begins with registration (7:30am). The 5k starts at 8:30am. 858-224-2460. Sunday, October 23, 7:30am; **free**. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Three Islands Ride Join Knickerbikers bicyclists for 31-mile adventure with “no hills” around three San Diego islands, starting in north parking lot. Bring money for lunch at the Tin Fish. 858-450-0373 or 619-787-7427. Sunday, October 23, 9am; **free**. Mission Bay Visitors’ Center, 2688 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Walk to End Alzheimer’s San Diego Alzheimer’s Association fundraiser. Registration: 7am. 858-492-4400. Saturday, October 22, 8am; **free**. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

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Verdi and Puccini, caution. Wagner? You'd better blow the doors off the building.

The following are classical music entries from the *Reader's* "Jam Session" music blog. Click to sandiegoreader.com/weblogs/jam-session for more.

A BEAUTIFUL REQUIEM STAINED

The Bach Collegium recently performed Mozart's *Requiem* at St. James by the Sea in La Jolla and at Crill Auditorium on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University. I caught the Point Loma rendition.

Both the orchestra and chorus were tight the entire evening. There were a few minuscule missteps but nothing worth mentioning.

Bach Collegium founder and music director Ruben Valenzuela conducted. His tempos were quick and exciting. I found the rhythmic energy of the orchestra and chorus to be thrilling.

In San Diego, we rarely get the chance to hear a chorus that is composed exclusively of competent singers. The chorus was confident and clear. There were no sections that were musically murky.

The music-making was first rate, and this was almost an extraordinary concert. Except...

The quartet of soloists were all from out of town. The soprano and tenor were from Los Angeles, the mezzo-soprano was from Chicago, and the baritone was from the East Coast.

The Bach Collegium is a local ensemble and has no business flying soloists in from across the country. This type of activity drives me nuts.

The biographies of the soloists were impressive, but the sounds coming out of their mouths were average to mediocre to terrible.

Mezzo-soprano Angela Young Smucker was average. Baritone Mischa Bouvier was mediocre. Soprano Claire Fedoruk and tenor Pablo Cora were terrible. Neither had any concept of legato singing,

and both struggled with pitch. Their voices were tiny and boring.

If you're going to bring in out-of-area soloists, they'd better be fantastic. These soloists were not, and it stained an otherwise flawless night of music.

THE MOZART RULES — METROPOLITAN OPERA AUDITIONS

During the lunch break of the San Diego District Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, one of the accompanists asked me my opinion about the singers we'd heard so far.

I was at a loss. Ten singers had performed during the morning session, and I hadn't heard anything exciting.

I want to make sure everyone understands that this not an audition. This is a competition that is called an audition. I don't know why.

Soprano Laura Mitchell performed her two pieces very well, but she's reaching the upper range of the age limit, which meant she was never likely to move through. The age limit is 30, but youth rules in this competition. At least, that appears to be the case.

For those who aren't familiar with "The Met Auditions," the format is simple. Singers aged 20 to 30 must prepare five opera arias in at least two languages. The singer chooses the first aria and the judges choose the second from the four remaining. Three singers move through to the Los Angeles region and from there one will go to New York for the nationals.

That's easy to understand, but there is strategy involved. Selecting five arias that are appropriate to the singer's voice type and age is crucial.

Of the 21 singers, 17 had at least one Mozart aria in their five. Puccini and Verdi, combined, were included by nine singers. Of those nine, three

were "Quando me'n vo" ("Musetta's Waltz") from *La Boheme*. For some reason, this Puccini aria is allowed without question. No one included Wagner.

Mozart, Handel, and anyone else who was pre-Verdi are in. Verdi and Puccini, caution. Wagner? You'd better blow the doors off the building.

Them's the unwritten rules.

I'm not sure why this standard exists. There is no evidence that Mozart wrote music for young, unaccomplished singers. I'd say it's the other way around. I think to sing Mozart, a singer must have the ultimate musical and vocal technique.

After lunch, the level of singing was different. We were no longer hearing singers with potential, we were hearing accomplished singers with a few layers of polish, to boot.

The three singers who passed on to Los Angeles were, in alphabetical order, Sasha Hashemipour, Christen Blair Horne, and Karin Michelle Wilcox.

Ms. Hashemipour went to Rancho Bernardo High School and is currently at the Academy of Vocal Arts.

Ms. Horne is an undergraduate at Point Loma Nazarene.

Ms. Wilcox graduated from Point Loma Nazarene, spent two years as a "core" chorister with San Diego Opera, and has been accepted into the graduate program at USC.

Remember I mentioned that youth rules? Their respective ages were 23, 21, and 25.

For myself, the best overall performance was by Sarah Eve Brand. Her singing of "Steal Me Sweet Thief" from Menotti's *The Old Maid and the Thief* contained a level of emotional content that moved me.



Bach Collegium founder and music director Ruben Valenzuela conducted Mozart's *Requiem*. His tempos were quick and exciting.

SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY PHYRIFIC

The San Diego Symphony is on fire. Their opening weekend was an orchestral tour de force.

The first half of the program was Berlioz's *Roman Carnival Overture* and Ravel's *Piano Concerto in G Major*.

After intermission we heard Ravel's *Piano Concerto in D major* for the Left Hand and Respighi's *Roman Festivals*.

The Ravel *Piano Concerto in G*, particularly the second movement, is a piece of music that holds a special place in my life's soundtrack. After the Berlioz and the first movement, I knew my precious second movement was in good hands but I didn't expect it to bring me to tears. There was nothing more I could have asked of pianist Jean Yves Thibaudet.

According to the program, the San Diego Symphony is now a Tier One orchestra. No doubt. In the Ravel *G Major*, several of the principal players had exposed solos, and they delivered perfectly. Benjamin Jaber (principal horn) and Sarah Skuster (principal oboe) particularly caught my notice.

I remember the days when the symphony's strings were penurious and the brass shamed themselves at least once during the course of the concert. Those days are long gone. ■

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Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Mozart ♥ Prague" Mozart wrote more than 30 piano concertos, performed many of them himself. Pianist Ines Irawati joins Orchestra Nova to perform his "Piano Concerto No. 20." Program includes *La Clemenza di Tito* overture and "Symphony No. 38 (Prague Symphony)." 858-350-0290. Saturday, October 22, 7:30pm; \$26-\$66. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Song of Fate" Palomar Symphony, Chorale, and Chamber Singers joined by

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Music on the Mesa Recital by classical and jazz guitarist Bill Jones. 858-573-1396. Sunday, October 23, 2pm; **free**. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

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U.S. Premiere Orchestra Event Thai composer S.P. Somtow will conduct the Montage Civic Orchestra in the U.S. Premiere of selections from his opera *Mae Naak*, with Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 3" and Haydn's "Symphony No. 104." Additional performance October 30 at Fullerton College Campus Theater. Ticket prices: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. Contact for tickets www.montagearts.org, or 760-681-6616; 619-623-1875. Saturday, October 29, 7pm. College Avenue Baptist Church, 4747 College Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

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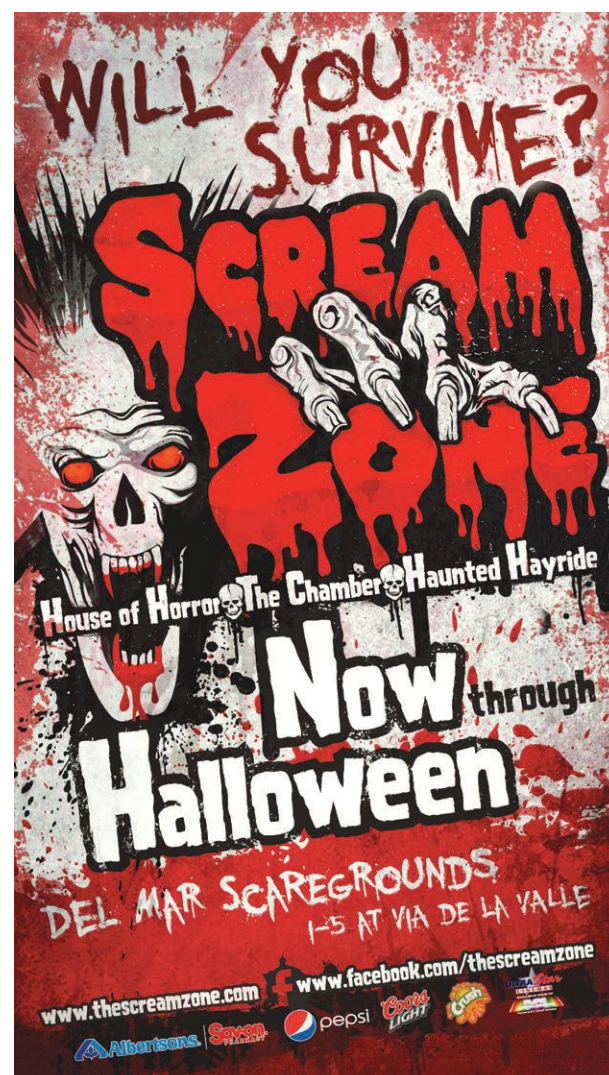
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That's Not Rockabilly. Newly appointed Del Mar Fair trustee David Lizerbram says he wants the fairgrounds to host more major music events. That's just not going to happen, according to promoter Garry Thayer, who organized the Hellbilly Fest Car & Bike Show

and bikes. There was not a single fight. Not one incident." But Thayer says the fairgrounds is not promoter friendly. He had to pay \$17,000 to the fairgrounds, which included rent and security. Although Thayer paid for the guards, he says some didn't

help him pack his fest next year, but, he says, the way the fairgrounds does business makes it impossible for outside promoters to make money.

"They have a 100 percent control over everything. They control all the food and beer concessions. No one else can come in. I just wanted a couple food booths, but they told me that all these other people had to come in who took up a bunch of my prime real estate. I didn't have any say, even though I rented the space." Thayer says the unwanted food stands took valuable space away from his sponsors and other booths.

But Thayer says the biggest racket was the beer garden, which was slammed all day long. "They killed it. Those people were drinking hard. Pabst Blue Ribbon was my sponsor, but the fair is sponsored by Coors. I had to fight with them just to get them to carry 16-ounce PBR cans, which cost them, like, 75 cents and which they sold for \$8.50. I tried to get them to sell tall boys, but they wouldn't do it. They stocked so little PBR that they sold out by 1 o'clock. So, all these people had to drink Corona or Heineken, which is not rockabilly.

"On top of the \$17,000 I gave them in rent, they must have made another \$30,000 in alcohol sales. This chick in San Diego put on an anti-Hellbilly Fest party the same night at her house because they didn't want

to pay \$8.50 for a beer." Thayer got none of the alcohol sales from his show. "A lot of people told me that if I would have gotten a cut, I

even went over my Facebook from my show last year and told me I couldn't have a T-shirt vendor sell 'Lucky Fuck' T-shirts. It's, like, 'What the



...and how was he supposed to keep a lid on Hellbilly MC Mojo Nixon?

wouldn't be owing anybody. As it is, I didn't make my bottom line. All these people selling beverages wouldn't even have a job if it wasn't for promoters like me, and here I go away empty-handed."

Thayer also had to cough up \$1700 to the fairgrounds for backstage catering. "I got chips, salsa, dip, a veggie plate, two cases of Coors and two bottles of wine for Wanda Jackson. I had one guy who was a big Junior Brown fan who wanted to come down from San Francisco and cook 21 lobsters for Brown and his friends backstage, but the fair said no."

And then there was the Mojo Nixon dictum. "Mojo was the MC. They told me I had to tell him he could not curse on stage. That really put a damper on him. He was not as crazy as he usually is. They

fuck am I paying you all this money for?"

The event was supposed to raise money for charity. "St Jude's [Children's Hospital] got screwed because there were no proceeds. All I got for them was a hollow-body guitar donated by Gretsch and signed by Wanda Jackson and Junior Brown."

Thayer says he would like to have a local casino host the 2012 Hellbilly Fest. "I had over 2500 people who had the most amazing time."

— Ken Leighton

TV Skews. Singer-songwriter Kevin Martin, frontman for Get Back Loretta, is best known for his Beatle-esque melodies. Indeed, the Vista resident's new solo album is titled *Throwback Pop*. However, the Occupy San Diego movement

has inspired Martin to make the video for his song "TV News" a political statement.

Ongoing since October 7, Occupy is centered on activities at Civic Center Plaza downtown. According to Kayla Ward, an event organizer with Occupy, performers who have taken part in the rally were chosen from a list of volunteers, in order of their availability. "The policy — ours and the city's — is that the musicians must play acoustic music," she said.

Artists who have performed include Todo Mundo, Liquid Blue, and Martin, whose appearance October 8 was more impromptu. "[Cowriter Lauren] Scheff borrowed some kid's guitar, and we just played it through the PA they were using to protest through," Martin said.

The live footage was captured by photographer Steven Brannen using a hand-held camera. The finished video, which was posted to YouTube the same day, incorporates the studio version of the song with footage of the NYC Occupy Wall Street protests. At press time, the clip had garnered more than 1600 views in three days.

The reason for Martin's visit to Occupy San Diego was his belief that news media had not done a fair job of covering the events. "The Occupy movement has gotten a lot of negative press, and I wanted to

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the inside track blur

II, September 24, at the arena on the fairgrounds. Over 1900 people paid \$30 to see Wanda Jackson, Junior Brown, Big Sandy, and 14 other bands.

"Every band got paid," said

care about doing their job. "I know a lot of people snuck in the back gate. They just said they were vendors and they'd let them drive right through. And even though we had



Hellbilly Fest promoter Garry Thayer can't figure out what the hell he was paying the fairgrounds for.

Thayer, who says his band budget was over \$25,000. "We had people from Australia, the U.K., Oklahoma, Nebraska... We had, like, eight or nine car clubs and over 500 classic rods

wristbands, they would just let anybody backstage [without wristbands]." Thayer estimates hundreds got in for free.

Thayer says the good will from those who attended will

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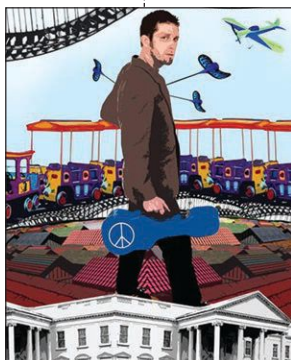


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go see for myself what it was all about,” Martin said. He was pleased with the event’s organization and the reaction to his music. “I think the message of the song ‘TV News’ is really in sync with the message of the Occupy Wall Street movement,” he remarked.



Fearless Kevin Martin occupies Occupy in ditty video “TV News.”

“People are finally becoming aware of the corporate greed and misuse of government. Watching families lose their homes, small businesses fail, and people lose their jobs while

huge corporations rake in billions of dollars and get bailout money is what motivates me to get involved.”

Martin says performers have a duty to speak out. “I think music has a great capacity to inspire people. That’s the main reason I wanted to have my music video linked to the movement. I really want to empower people to stand up for what they believe in and be fearless while doing so.”

Though Martin considers the Occupy movement to have merit, he’s also realistic about change. “Protesting is great, but at the end of the day we need

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to get involved with our local government and vote. Our real power is going to come from exercising our democratic right to vote. So the protests should really just be to get the word out that things need to change.”

— Bart Mendoza

The Nice Godfather. “I’d been living in pain and without health insurance for about six years,” says Cathryn Beeks, who nonetheless managed to promote over 500 local concerts during that time period. “I finally got insurance and had an MRI, which showed a fairly large, presumably benign tumor called a schwannoma growing on my spinal nerve, in and out of my L4 and L5.” Beeks underwent surgery in late July to have the tumor removed.

“It took almost eight weeks for me to be able to walk normally again, but I’m getting better every day and am out of

the horrible pain. I’m finally sleeping...back to work hosting my shows...and I’m looking forward to performing again in the near future.”

A Cathryn Beeks Appreciation concert happens Novem-

ber 11 at downtown’s Hard

Rock Café, with proceeds going toward her recent medical bills. Around 20 acoustic performers are expected, including Josh Damigo, Rob Dee, Jeff Berkley, Veronica May, Lindsay White, Astra Kelly, Lenny Morris, Kenny Eng, Tori Roze, and



Gettin’ better, it’s Cathryn Beeks Appreciation time.

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Damigo has been a regular at the Game, Beeks’s frequent songwriter showcases where she provides a song title, around which anyone is invited to write and perform their own tune. “My set at the Hard Rock will consist of the songs I’ve written because of her prompt-

ing for the Game.”

Astra Kelly first met Beeks while camping in Colorado, eventually accepting Beeks’s offer to play a San Diego show. “A year later, I packed up a moving van and thankfully made my way to California, where Cathryn opened her arms and her heart and helped me get to know the local scene.”

“She’s the one person every beginning singer-songwriter has to know when they start playing music in San Diego,” says Kenny Eng, who began performing for Beeks’s events at downtown’s Dublin Square in 2007. “She’s like the nice version of the Godfather. If she gives you her blessing, you’re good to go.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 20

A couple NorCal indie hits bring it south to Belly Up, as garage-punk's rising stock **Ty Segal** takes the stage with slack-rock icon **Stephen Malkmus**. I saw Segal at this year's FYF and dude's *Melted* fuzz-pop show outshone the sun and swallowed dance dust as his unknown-hit parade caught the crowd of kids by surprise, inspiring soda-pop smiles and silly dances. (Yeah, me too.) One-time Pavement great Stephen Malkmus is now a jester for Portland troupe the **Jicks**. Word on the wire is that after this tour, Malkmus and his missus and kids are moving to Berlin to do something new. Maybe open a sandwich shop. He makes a helluva bologna and cheese on white — see this year's *Mirror Traffic*. That said, this is the gig to get to tonight. (Yeah, me too).... Best of the rest: from the city of Compton, the **Game** rolls his new joint, *The R.E.D. Album*, at 4th&B. To the rapper's delight, *R.E.D.* debuted *numero uno* on *Billboard*'s top 200... 'round the bend, heavy metal hits House of Blues when Stockholm's Euro-thrash acts **Opeth** and **Katatonia** demo the downtown stage... Wolf Parade's singer/songwriter/many-instrumentalist Spencer Krug as **Moonface** shines on Casbah behind *Organ Music Not Vibraphone Like I'd Hoped*. The Jagjaguwar press says it "sounds as the title suggests." 'kay. Like-minded locals **D/Wolves** open the show... Canada band **Himalayan Bear** (feat. members of Frog Eyes and Godspeed) lumbers into Tin Can Ale House with *Attacks the Brilliant Air*. Sounds like orchestral Devendra, according to the worldwideblob...there's one of them exercises in erudition, **PechuKucha**, at Til-Two for you heady cases...and up at Ché Café, SanFran post-core band **Loma Prieta** takes the campus collective's stage with **Griever** and **Good Grief**, Charlie Brown.

TY SEGAL AT BELLY UP

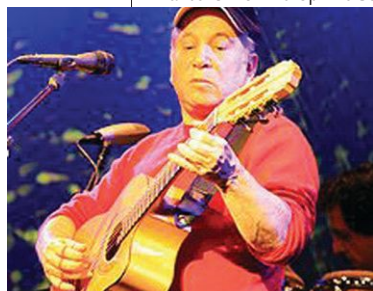
lent Secretly Canadian set *Slave Ambient*. When I saw the hype on this disc, I was very ready to hate it. It's unhatable. Unless you hate on Dylan, man, and trickle-down musicnomics. *Slave* follows *Smoke Ring* in my truck's carousel, which gets me to Garnet Peak and back nicely, thanks. It's driving music, on several levels. The War on Drugs wages at Soda Bar with Philly friend and neighbor Mike Polizze, aka **Purling Hiss**, who's out to tout his new psych-rock offering *Lounge Lizards*.... If you miss the door at Soda Bar when this show sells out, and it will, your night's not totally lost: you got San

Diego's garage-pop throwbacks **Nashville Ramblers** rolling into Til-Two, which according to Mapquest is *exactly* 1.4 miles east on El Cajon Blvd...and SanFran she-punk band **Wax Idols** touring with **Terry Malts** through Tower Bar, which according to Dora the Goth Explorer is just through Cannibal Land, about three and a half miles southeast...old-school oi band the **Business** shakes down the Shakedown...4th&B stages Latin hip-hop-n-dance bands **Calle 13** and **B Side Players**...Mexican death-metal act **Brujeria** brings witchcraft music to Brick by Brick...while country-fried singer-songwriter **Leon Russell**, inducted this year into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, wheels his baby grand into Belly Up.

Saturday 22

Paul Simon, winner of 12 Grammy Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award, will revisit his extensive songbook out at Viejas Arena at SDSU. He's my mom's absolute fave, and my memories of watching her dance around to "Me and Julio" and "Kodachrome" are some of my faves. Simon'll drop *The Songwriter* next Tuesday, a 32-song, 2-CD set of the little man's ginormous career. Guess what Mom's getting for Christmas.... Else: Big Head Todd's doing his **Big Head Blues** thing at Belly Up, featuring his **Monsters** as well as hard harp player **Charlie Musselwhite** and contempo blues babydoll **Ruthie Foster**. Looks as if

it's sold out, so get with your ticket broker on that one...or go check out Bay Area bluesman **Tommy Castro**, who will sling his Strat to roadhouse tested *Hard Believer* at Anthology...or soft-rock singer-



PAUL SIMON AT VIEJAS ARENA

Friday 21

Dateline: Philadelphia — Kurt Vile leaving the **War on Drugs** was like splitting the atom. Vile, the free radical, finds his voice and composes Matador masterpiece *Smoke Ring for My Halo* (Look for it in your local independent music shoppe and on many or most indie crits' year-end lists. It's one of four absolute keepers released this year. I'll give you the other three for Christmas.) Meanwhilst, War on Drugs cofounder Adam Granduciel was readying his excel-



MUMLERS AT CASBAH

singer **Mason Jennings**. He's down at House of Blues behind this year's bag of cracked marbles *Minnesota*. Yes, bag of cracked marbles.

Sunday 23

Get some laundry done, your room stinks.

Monday 24

From NYC, one of "the big four," thrash-metal scourge **Anthrax** hits House of Blues behind this year's *Worship Music*. The makeshift band's tenth proper and first in nearly a decade has been a critical hit across the metal-media universe. And just because I know you want to know, it's Joey Belladonna manning the mic Monday night. The replacement's replacement John Bush has left the building. Again. **Testament** and **Death Angel** up first.... Bunch of fun sleeper sets around town, too, which is weird for a Monday night, but check it out: Hotlanta band **Gringo Star** will drop their new collection, *Count Yer Lucky Stars*, on Tuesday — like, tomorrow, so you know they'll be *on it*. The garage-rock quartet plays Casbah with **Subsurfer** and **New Kinetics**... Silverlake's up-and-coming alt-pop act **Voxhaul Broadcast** is out at Bar Pink behind debut *Timing*



ANTHRAX AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Is Everything, and singer/actor **Robert Schwartzman** (Rooney/lotsa movies) is opening the show... from the Portland punk-pop scene of yore, the **Bloodtypes** (ex-Epoxies) will be at Soda Bar...while from my beloved Beantown, straight-edge hardcores **Bane** and **Defeater** tout tolerance at Ché Café. Hardcore fans take note, Defeater's new one, *Empty Days and Sleepless Nights*, fucking cooks.

Tuesday 25

Tuesday, it's got to be San Joe rootsicana band the **Mumlers** at Casbah with **He's My Sister**. I know that's not their name, but it's a way better name, like **Kera & the Lesbians**, who are also on the bill. Mumlers are still touring behind good and ghostly *Don't Throw Me Away....* San Dago's own **Joshua White** finished a finalist in this year's international Thelonus Monk-a-thon thing. You can check out some of Josh's original comps at Dizzy's downtown.... Ahoy, polloi! from NYC, "post-classical" string quartet **Ethel's** at the Loft at UCSD.

Wednesday 26

I got a coupla humpnight hits, as Ramones tribute **Hey! Ho! Let's Go!** plays an early show at the Stage downtown. And if you're not into the hairband thing they got planned afterward...House of Blues hosts a load, as the Pac Sun PacTour takes the downtown stage featuring alt-pop acts **Manchester Orchestra**, **White Denim**, **Dear Hunter** (not Deerhunter), and **Little Hurricane**. You remember them...

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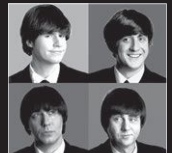
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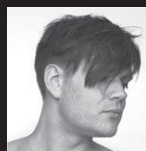


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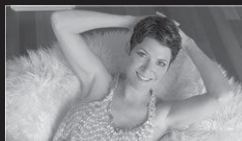
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12/5 The Mickey Hart Band
12/6 Peter Murphy and She Wants Revenge
12/10 The Chris Robinson Brotherhood
12/11 Blind Boys of Alabama
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12/13 Dinosaur Jr. performing
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12/15 Venice Christmas Show
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"I was 28 years old and got in a shoving match with a pushy transvestite at a bar in Copenhagen."

Tropi-Cali act Red Pony Clock has a fluid lineup ranging from 10 to 13 members, and they describe their music as "clarinet and xylophone-driven vaudeville-a-delicious joy pop, influenced by mariachi and seething with the eternal teenage spirit."

"Most of the members are first-generation Mexican-Americans," says bandleader Gabe Saucedo, "and we listen to a lot of stuff, including music native to our homelands. Eventually, though, everything we like makes its way into our music — it all runs through the same filter of barely adequate musicianship." The band is working on a music-based animated children's story, *The Legend of the Red Pony*, featuring multimedia images and filmed sequences, planned for release on DVD.

Featured respondents include Gabe Saucedo (guitar, vocals), Gerry Saucedo (bass, vocals), Melina Saucedo (violin), Dave Menchaca (drums), Samantha Abraham (vibraphone), and Normandie Wilson (marimba, piano, vocals).

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Gabe: "Lake, *Giving & Receiving*. They're the new Fleetwood Mac."
Samantha: "Electric Light Orchestra, *A New World Record*. Seriously awesome and full of sweet jams."
Normandie: "Koop, *Koop Islands*. It's a duo from Sweden that makes sample-built jazz, with original vocals on top."

MOST EMBARRASSING SONG IN YOUR COLLECTION?

Gerry: "Rihanna, 'Umbrella.'"

Dave: "My stash of Coldplay B-sides."

Samantha: "I got nostalgic for the '90s a few years ago and downloaded a bunch of Gin Blossoms songs."

Normandie: "My huge collection of 1970s musical theater."

BIGGEST LIE YOU EVER TOLD?

Gerry: "I once performed 'You Won't See Me' from *Rubber Soul* to an ex-girlfriend and told her that I wrote it."

Dave: "I'm at work."

Samantha: "I like to lie to myself and say it wasn't a mistake to pursue a doctorate."

FIRST TIME DRUNK?

Gabe: "I was 28 years old and got in a shoving match with a pushy transvestite at a bar in Copenhagen's red light district."

Melina: "I got drunk with my best friend in her bedroom when I was 18. We couldn't control our gas and thought it was the funniest thing in the world."

Dave: "I was 16, in Newport Beach with three of my best friends, and we each drank a bottle of Boone's Farm Strawberry Hill and rented a Quad Cyclone bike."

Samantha: "A crazy-hat party at UCSD when I was 18. I can't remember what type of hat I was wearing, but it might have been an empty case of Squirt."



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Most of Red Pony Clock's 10 to 13 members are first-generation Mexican-Americans.

BEST FREE HANGOUT?

Gabe: "Homeless shelter."

Melina: "Eating free samples at Costco."

Dave: "A Dumpster."

Samantha: "Welfare line."

Normandie: "Goodwill."

FAVORITE CONCERT?

Gabe: "Neutral Milk Hotel and Olivia Tremor Control at a warehouse in San Francisco in 1998. That I went to that show is the reason Red Pony Clock exists."

Gerry: "The Elephant 6 Holiday Surprise tour."

Dave: "In late 2002, I saw Beck supporting the *Sea Change* album at Copley Symphony Hall."

Samantha: "The Stooges in Lucerne, Switzerland, 2005. They played the hits and then called the audience onstage for 'No Fun.' Oh, and I jacked a set list."

Normandie: "The Flaming Lips. I laughed, I

cried, and I left feeling more hopeful about life."

WHAT SONG BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE?

Gabe: "'Brown Eyed Handsome Man,' by Chuck Berry."

Gerry: "'He's a Rebel,' by the Crystals."

Dave: "'Party All the Time,' by Eddie Murphy."

Normandie: "'Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger,' by Daft Punk."

SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Dave: "I'm the most Mexican-looking guy in my circles of friends, but I don't speak Spanish."

Samantha: "I love Garfield the cat."

Normandie: "I used to be a professional dancer. G-rated." ■

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Saturday, 9pm — DJ Shadow.

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Friday, 9pm — Old Tiger. Vintage soul/old-school R&B. **Free.**
Saturday, 8pm — Los Gatos Blancos. Latin. **Free.**

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
Friday, 7:30pm — Tom Russell. Folk.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.
Thursday, 7:30pm — Jorma Kaukonen. Rock guitarist from Jefferson Airplane and Hot Tuna.
Friday — Keiko Matsui. Smooth jazz/fusion.

Saturday — Tommy Castro. Blues guitar.
Sunday, 7pm — Anna Nalick. Pop.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
Monday, 7:30pm — k.d. lang. Country/pop.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
Friday, 10pm — The Styletones. Funk/soul.
Saturday, 10pm — MakeUp Sex and Duchess.
Monday — Voxhaul Broadcast and Robert Schwartzman.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday — Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks. Indie rock.
Friday — Leon Russell. Rock/blues/jazz.
Saturday — Big Head Todd & the Monsters, Charlie Musselwhite, and Ruthi Foster. Rock.
Sunday — An Evening with Abbey Road. Beatles tribute.
Tuesday, 7pm — Matt Curreri, Michael Tiernan, Megan Combs, Ryan Honeycutt.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Thursday — Melissa Ferrick.
Friday — Brujeria, Cattle Decapitation, Sangre. With Under the Stone and Downspell.
Saturday — The Strikefits. Misfits tribute with Hell on Heels
Burlesque Revue featuring Miss Joy Ryder and Mama Bodessa with DJ Gonzo.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

You often hear the word “Americana” thrown around when music shows the influence of blues, folk, country, and old-time rock ‘n’ roll. Those are all great ingredients, but why stop there? Why is jazz not “Americana”? Why isn’t hip-hop or hardcore punk? In the song “American Music,” the Violent Femmes sang, “Every time I look at that ugly lake, it reminds me of me.” That’s what Americana should be — something that reminds us of ourselves, even if it is sometimes ugly.
The War on Drugs combines country-ish guitars and freight-train rhythms with atmo-

spheric indie-rock weirdness. The band came together in Philadelphia about six years ago after Oakland resident Adam Granduciel moved to the East Coast and met another songwriter named Kurt Vile. The two reportedly bonded over a shared love of Bob Dylan, whose influence shows up primarily in their often-cynical lyrics and their shared habit of sneering through their vocals. After Vile left for a rewarding solo career in 2008, Granduciel began playing up the electronics and hazy effects in his music.
Today, critics twist themselves in knots trying to decide whether the War on Drugs sounds more like Bruce Springsteen or the Velvet Underground. It doesn’t much resemble either one. Nor does it sound a lot like Wilco, a band that works with similar influences. The War on Drugs just sounds like the work of



someone re-creating American music in his own image, and doing it in a way that’s graceful. Purling Hiss and Carter Tanton also perform.

THE WAR ON DRUGS: Soda Bar, Friday, October 21, 8:30 p.m. 619-255-7224. \$8-\$10.
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839-4138.
Sunday, 2pm — Crooners: A Swingin’ Salute to Frank Sinatra. \$36-\$42.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30pm — Moonface and Extra Classic. Garage/dub. \$12-\$14.
Friday, 8:30pm — Blackout Party and Grand Tarantula. With Jesse LaMonaca & the Dime Novels and Trilduster. CD release. \$10.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Tamaryn and Tropic of Cancer. \$10.
Monday, 8:30pm — Gringo Star,

Subsurfer, New Kinetics. \$8.
Tuesday, 8:30pm — Mumlers. \$8-\$10.

Cherokee Point Elementary School: 3735 38th St., City Heights, 619-641-3400.
Saturday, 10am — Priesthood, Lordside G, Voice of Fullfillment. Variety program. **Free.**

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
Thursday — Loma Prieta.

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Cuyamaca College: 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, Cuyamaca College, 619-660-4000 or 619-660-4288.
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Monday, 7:30pm — Grossmont College Concert Band. Russ Sperling directs ensemble. \$5-\$8.

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Friday, Saturday — Zone 4. Covers/rock.

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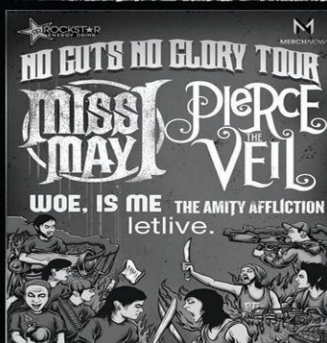
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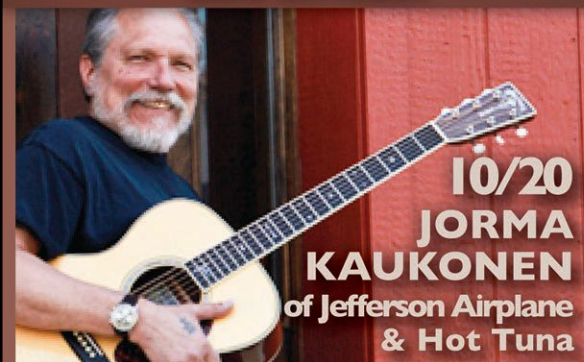
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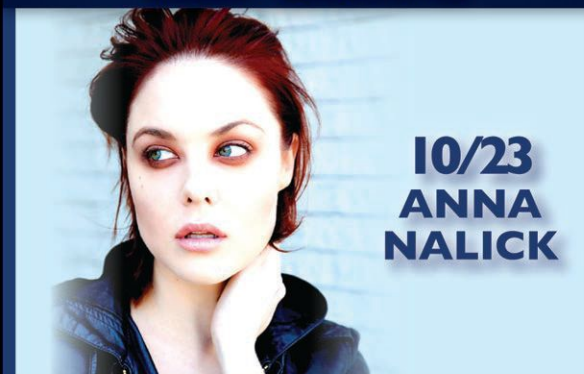
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San Diego Museum of Man: 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-239-2001. *Friday*, 6pm — Gary Jules. Singer-songwriter. \$35-\$40.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The Drowning Men, I was told, were a band to catch next time they played in town. So I did, at Bar Pink, I believe, and here's what I witnessed: cheery music, bleak lyrics. "I hear your mother's a whore," sang Nato Bardeen. "I hear your father's a bore/ This is how I see it," or words to that effect. At times the music rang like the rough-hewn folk of Pete Seeger with My Morning Jacket as backup. Other times, the Drowning Men lined up on the side of '80s New Wave more than indie rock, but they did pound the crap out of their instruments. This may be what Flogging Molly saw in them — a strong dose of their own devil's dance floor energy. FM took them out on their Green 17 tour earlier

this year and then signed the Oceanside-based band to their Borstal Beat record label with plans to reissue previously self-released *The Beheading of the Songbird* this month.

Some reviewers see long-shoremen in the roughness of the Drowning Men's image. I see skater types working hard to remain unencumbered by the Modest Mouse gloom present in even their liveliest of songs (consider that it was Pall Jenkins of San Diego's Black Heart Procession who produced *Songbird*).

The founding core of the Drowning Men — Nathan Bardeen, Rory Dolan, and James Smith — met in grade school in Oceanside. They had a long history of garage jamming. Before DM came together, Bardeen played in the Plug Uglies. When that band imploded, he went looking for his childhood bandmates to start something new. It was the right time for the melding of their Tom Waits-Nick Cave influences, but according to their



DROWNING MEN

publicity they see themselves as something more. "We like to position ourselves as your last bit of hope," says Bardeen. That's a bit much to ask.

A Scribe Amidst the Lions and the Tall Ships also perform.

DROWNING MEN: Soda Bar, Saturday, October 22, 8:30 p.m. 619-255-7224. \$8, \$10.

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8350. *Saturday*, 8pm — Gorgonized Dorks. Metal. \$5.

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Sunday — Robin Henkel. Blues jam session. **Free.**

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. *Thursday*, 9pm — Montë Mar, Hotel St. George, Shapes of Future Frames. \$5. *Friday*, 8:30pm — The War on Drugs, Purling Hiss, Carter Tanton. \$8-\$10. *Saturday*, 8:30pm — The Drowning Men, A Scribe Amidst the Lions, the Tall Ships. \$8-\$10. *Monday*, 8:30pm — The

Bloodtypes, White Murder, Stalins of Sound. Bloodtypes features members of Portland punk/new wavers the Epoxies. \$7.

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October 29 — Ilya.
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November 15 — Company of Thieves.

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Rare Genius Ray Charles
By Andrew Hamlin

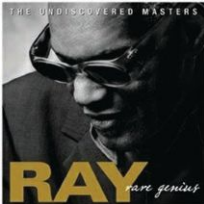
“Alrightfellas, holditrightthere, waitaminute!”

That’s “Wheel of Fortune,” roughly 2:40 in, where the Genius needs to rein in the horns, somewhere in 1972. But that’s only an especially fine specimen of the bold yet effortless idiom fashioned as it is from “lookheah”s, “bayyybeh”s, a “yea-hitdo” or two, and the Homeric exhortation of “Holler, my son, holler, I know

she can hear you!”

And he knows his son (whoever he may be) can hear her because he knows where every accent shall land. Every stutter, every stretch, every tension relaxing into every deep release. He’s the Genius, but he’s also the original Rubberband Man. Pull it back, slow, slow, draw, then a quick snap, not a slow slither like Stretch Armstrong’s. You can play it all day — longer than you play with Stretch, even.

The crucial approach from John Burk, who put this together from unfinished Ray tapes: reverence without fingerprints. He hired a famous person or two for filling out these arrangements, but each cut passes that hair-cell test free from glurge. Yes, you get one posthumous duet: Ray and Johnny Cash on “Why Me Lord?” but we’re pretty sure they were in the same room at the same time.



Original Rubberband Man

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Bon Iver Overflows

By Brett Uddenberg

Blanketed by an explosion of fluorescent strobes, Bon Iver showcased a range of Mars Voltian peaks and naked acoustic valleys for the sold-out Spreckels Theatre.

Though the set list leaned heavily toward the self-titled second album, *For Emma, Forever Ago* got its shine through the richly textured “Creature Fear” and the encore sing-along of “Skinny Love.”

Bon Iver’s sonic oeuvre is simultaneously sad and uplifting, filling the mezzanine with its melodic vigor and slowly spilling out into the lobby. Even “Beth/Rest,” a track often decried as a cheesy ’80s trope, sounded rapturous.

In a short time, Justin Vernon has emerged as one of the most powerful voices of this generation. His haunting wail climbed the walls of the ornate theater through songs such as “Flume” and “Holocene,” despite its beauty being sporadically punctured by martini-laden vixens looking to fill their “WOO-HOO!” quotas for the evening.



His haunting wail climbed the walls.

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October 27 — Endoxi, Maren Parusel, and Miss Erika Davies.

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November 4 — “reply all: jazz.”
November 17 — Miguel Zenón Quartet.

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October 29 — Rolling the Stones.

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October 28 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.

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November 19 — A Flock of Seagulls.

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October 29 — To Each His Own.

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November 28 — Jason Mraz.

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October 29 — Salvatore Manalo and LoveMason.

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November 5 — Aaron Lewis.
November 12 — American English.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.
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San Diego Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE
Donato's Italian Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 imports & house wine, \$6 Long Islands, \$3 wells.

BALBOA PARK
The Prado: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

BANKERS HILL
Azuki Sushi Lounge: Daily, 5-7pm: \$5 large sake, \$5 large Sapporo. \$4 sushi rolls, discounted specialty rolls and appetizers.

BAY PARK
Bay Park Fish Company: Daily, 3-5pm: \$2 fish tacos, 20% off sushi rolls, 25% off draft beers, wines by the glass, and appetizers.

Offshore: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$3 sangria, well and micro imports, \$5 Tommy Bahama mojitos.

BONITA
Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Tuesday-Saturday, all night: Cheap drinks. Cheap eats. 1/2-off hookahs Tuesday-Thursday 7-10pm.

CARDIFF
Besta-Wan Pizza House: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$1 off pint, glass of house wine. \$3 off pitcher.

Chart House: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 premium drafts, wells, glass of wine, \$5 cocktails, \$6 martinis.

CARLSBAD
Bistro West: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: Discounted wine, draft, well, specialty martinis, bar appetizers.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN
Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$2.75 wells (short). \$3.25 wells (tall).

CARMEL VALLEY
Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

CHULA VISTA
905 Sushi: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.25 Bud Light, Corona, \$4.50 large Kirin, Sapporo, sake. 1/2-off appetizers.

CITY HEIGHTS
The Tower Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

CLAIREMONT
Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, Bud draft, Michelob bottles, Drifter Pale Ale. Discounted appetizers.

COLLEGE AREA
Pal Joey's: Daily, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

CORONADO
Bistro d'Asia: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.75 draft

beer, \$4.50 house wine. \$1 off hand rolls.

Coronado Boathouse 1887: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: \$2.50 domestic beers, \$5 wine by the glass, \$7 specialty martinis.

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2-off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

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.

DOWNTOWN
Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: Daily, 2-6pm: \$3 Buster's pale ale, amber; \$3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island Iced Tea.

Elephant & Castle Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4.50 20-oz. drafts, house wine, well liquor; \$1 off appetizers.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports. Saturday-Sunday, open-5pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm; 10pm-midnight: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria. 1/2-off seafood bar and appetizers.

House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Patrick's II: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, bloody marys.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: Daily, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

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.

Urban Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 signature cocktails, \$5 house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

EAST VILLAGE
Hive Sushi Lounge: Daily, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$99.

Lotus Thai: Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 all drafts; \$5 select wines, large Singha beer, all Han Soju cocktails. \$5 traditional Thai appetizers.

EASTLAKE
D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, house wine, pizza slice, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

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the HERE'S DEAL

Monkey Paw Pub & Brewery

Unless you outright loathe good beer, you probably know the name Scot Blair. In fact, you've probably been to his University Heights, South Park, and City Heights bars, which specialize in select local and craft brews.

Monkey Paw is Blair's most recent endeavor, a hybrid of Small Bar's and Hamilton's vibe with the added perk of cheesesteaks and, within the next few months, its own nanobrewery — a five-barrel system feeding a steady three or four taps that will be run under the guidance of CHUG club homebrewer Derek Freese.

Stained-glass windows, dark wood everything, and an open-air front yield a view of the downtown skyline. Its deliberately casual (if not somewhat old Irish) ambiance fits for lunching downtown businessmen, students, post-game Padres fans, and music/art kids from Golden Hill alike.

Monkey Paw's 30 taps and two cask pumps of craft beer include local favorites such as Stone,

Ballast Point, Green Flash, Mission, and Coronado, but the daring can opt for beer cocktails (\$7.50) such as the Please, Chimay I Have Another (gin, Cointreau, lemon, Chimay white) and the San Diego Vodka Soda (hop vodka, lime, Anchor Steam), while mixsters can choose from 16 signature cocktails.

At \$9-\$11, the cheese-steaks run a little spendy but come with a choice of beef, chicken, or veggies piled on an Amaroso roll with a side of waffle fries and are large enough to share. The Naughty Monkey Cheesesteak is very spicy and goes great with a pint of Stone Green Tea IPA, which packs flavor and punch without a hoppy bite.

Hot wings come in one- (\$9) or two-pound (\$16) portions glazed in Guinness



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Hot wings come glazed in BBQ, hot buffalo, or "beer candy naked sauce."

BBQ, hot buffalo, or "beer candy naked sauce." Couple the menu with regular cask and food specials, and you've got one kick-ass gastropub.

Though the bar won't be incorporating live music (unlike Blair's Eleven club), the juke holds an assort-

ment of classic, folk, glam, punk, and psych-rock alongside choice '80s jams and rads such as Nick Drake and Willie Nelson.

The Monkey Paw's cartoonish fez-capped simian logo lends the impression of a Chuck E. Cheese for big kids, and in a way, it is.

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EL CAJON

Main Tap Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

El Callejon Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, \$2.75 imported, \$3 house margarita. \$2-\$7

appetizers: pork tacos, fried calamari, grilled shrimp skewer.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: Tuesday-Saturday, 3:30-7pm: \$1 off draft beer, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 red wine, \$7 Krista vodka cosmo, \$7.50 margarita.

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

Ruby Room: Monday, Wednesday, 7-8pm: \$1 wells. Tuesday, Thursday, 7-8pm: \$1 drafts. Friday-Sunday, 6-9pm: \$3 wells.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: Daily, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 house wine, \$2.75 Bud Light 16 oz. on tap, \$9 pitchers, \$3 wells, \$3.25 margaritas.

Free buffet. Saturday-Sunday, all night: 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm: \$3 wells, \$3.50 drafts, \$4 wine specials. Discounted empanadas and appetizers.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Til-Two: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

Barfly La Jolla: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 pints, wells, house wines. \$4 appetizers (avocado rolls, fish tacos, sliders).

The Steakhouse at Azul: Daily, 4-7pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine by the glass, \$6 appletinis, lemon drops, cosmos, margaritas. 1/2-off lounge, patio appetizers.

Sushi on the Rock: Daily, 5-6:30pm: \$2 hot sake, Coors Light,

\$3 cold sake, \$4 Soju spritz, \$5 house wine. \$1.75 vegetarian roll, spicy krab roll, \$2.75 spicy tuna roll.

Whaling Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

LA MESA

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.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: Monday-Friday, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12-oz. drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

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.

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

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

LITTLE ITALY

Fat City Steakhouse: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Glass Door Restaurant & Lounge: Daily, 3-7pm: \$5 specialty

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MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

Devine Pastabilities: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$2.50 drafts. Discounted wines by the glass. Three free bread holes with drink purchase.

MIRA MESA

A Taste of Boston: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$2.25 Bud draft, \$2.75 bottled beer (except Guinness), \$3 drafts, \$3.75 all wine. Discounted appetizers.

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 house beer, domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, \$1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.49 pint Bud, \$2.99 premium pint, \$10.99 pitchers. \$2.49 small BBQ sandwich, \$1.49 hot link.

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

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/

drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/ wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. *Friday*, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: *Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$4.95 imported 20-oz. beer, \$3.75 well drinks. *Saturday*, 10pm-1am: \$4.95 imported 20-oz. beer, \$3.75 well drinks.

MISSION VALLEY

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.

NATIONAL CITY

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar: *Daily*, 2-7pm: \$2.25 Bud drafts; \$3.50 mai tais, Long Beach tea, margaritas.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Triple Crown Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, \$2.50 domestic bottle, \$3.50 draft.

Cricket's Pub and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 8am-2pm: \$2 domestic pint, \$6 domestic pitcher. 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$.50 off domestic bottles, wells, pints.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls,

25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

Splash: *Tuesday*, all day: 1/2-price wine. *Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: \$3 select wine and beer. *Thursday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$3 select wine and beer.

OCEAN BEACH

Cheswick's West: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$4.50 microbrew pints, \$6.25 domestic pitchers.

OCEANSIDE

Hosie's Pacific Pub: *Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drafts. *Thursday*, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drafts

OLD TOWN

Barra Barra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, house wine, \$3 house margaritas, \$2 off absinthe specials. \$2 flat-bread tacos.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

The Australian Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. *Saturday*, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. *Sunday*, \$3 bloody marys.

Cass Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$2.75 micro-brew pints, \$7.50 pitcher, \$3 house wine.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

Moray's Lounge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Il Padrino Pizza: *Thursday*, \$2 off all pies and pitchers. *Saturday*, Pitchers: \$10 Bud Light, \$11 Shock Top,

\$12 Stella. *Sunday*, \$15 bottomless mimosas till 2pm.

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

POINT LOMA

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Jimmy's Famous American Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off all appetizers, drafts, wells, and select house wine.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RAMONA

Cheers: *Monday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. *Tuesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. *Wednesday*,

2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. *Thursday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Café on the Park: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

SAN MARCOS

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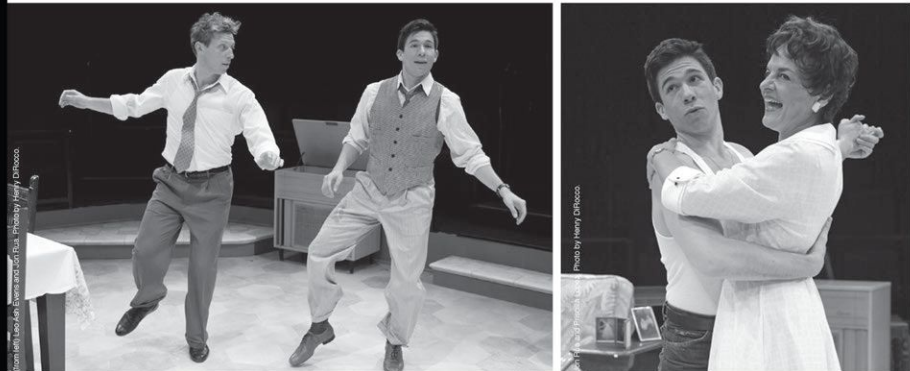
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26 Miles

For the last eight years, teenage Olivia's mother, Beatriz, has been denied visitation rights. So Beatriz semi-kidnaps her daughter, and they hit the road to see new sights and discover each other. Playwright Quiara Alegria Hudes combines sobering themes with playful comedy. Mo'olelo's opening night had yet to mix the two effectively, often overplaying the comedy. Marila Maschion's videos and young Hannah Rose Kornfeld, as Olivia, were ready and able. This Seema Sueko-directed production should be as well, once it settles in. *Worth a try.*

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Dead From New York: It's Pepper & Sam

In San Diego to launch Diversionary Theatre's new Cabaret Series, Pepper & Sam, "the ghouls with the goods," are back from the grave in a rock 'n' roll-vaudeville revue.

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Dead Man's Cell Phone

When Jean answers a ringing cell phone, she plummets through a technological looking glass into a world of negatives. Except for the conclusion, which has trouble tying loose ends, Sarah Ruhl's comedy-

drama fascinates. Director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg and Moxie Theatre have an affinity for Ruhl's leaps and lurches. And Jo Anne Glover charms throughout as Jean — a silver lining in a perfect storm. The ensemble cast, dressed in Jennifer Brawn Gittings's eloquent costumes, does fluid work. And when the "dead man," Gordon, finally gets to speak, Matt Thompson does one of his best efforts ever. He's suave, charismatic, and nowhere near Jean's image of a decent man. *Worth a try.*

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Richard O'Brien's Rocky Horror Show

At the Old Globe, the band blasts, the Gothic set and costumes drip with decadence, but the evening evolves, unlike the cult movie, into slick, un-edgy production numbers. In the movie, Tim Curry cavorts like an androgynous Greek god. While Matt McGrath's Frank N. Furter lacks Curry's bravado and vulnerability. The cast has powerful voices, but too often the performance comes first, not the character. That said, I've never seen the Old Globe more energized. The opening night audience, many members dressed as one of the characters and shouting dialogue back at the stage, made the show. *Worth a try.*

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Somewhere

Take away the dancing, nicely choreographed by Greg Graham, take

away the ebullient performances (Priscilla Lopez and Jon Rua, in particular), and Matthew Lopez's comedy-drama wouldn't pass Playwrighting 1A. The plot, about a family filled with dreams of Broadway, the demolition of their apartment complex, and the filming of *West Side Story* is sitcom thin, the characters likewise. The opening-night audience gave the curtain call a standing ovation. And the performers earned it. But the overall effect is a lively — albeit two hour and forty-five minute — surface, and airy nothing underneath.

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Susurrus

Life imitates art, in David Leddy's site-specific piece, a lot. You walk beautiful San Diego Botanic Gardens and hear a story on headphones about a "high-strung" family of musicians who have names from, and behave like, characters in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (both Shakespeare's comedy and the Benjamin Britten opera). "Puckish" Robin Goodfellow, a singer, may have been sexually abusive. His children wander through a maze of partial clarity. The title refers to wind whistling through the trees, as it does at the Botanic Gardens, as if on cue. Patrons go in groups at 15-minute intervals, from 9am to 4pm [Note: due to popular demand, La Jolla Playhouse extended the run].

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A violent brother returns dressed as a carnival tiger with a ridiculous tail, like a horror-film joke.

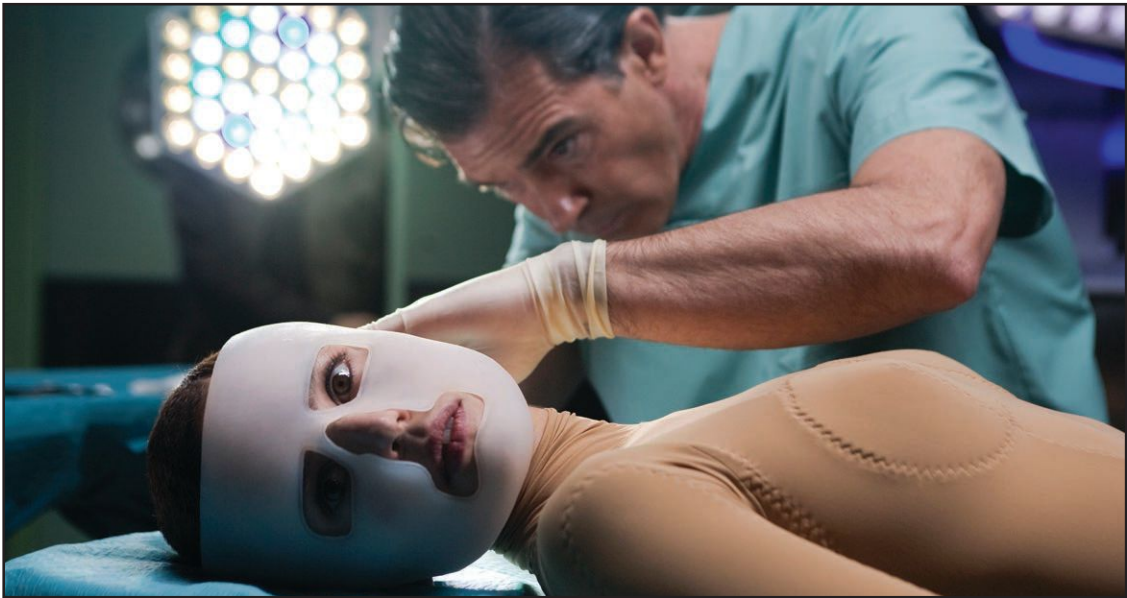
The Skin I Live In

As Dr. Robert Ledgard in Pedro Almodóvar's *The Skin I Live In*, Antonio Banderas has a John Boehner tan and a rather Republican attitude (cut, cut, cut). Experimenting in his luxurious home surgery near Toledo, Spain, the vanguard plastic surgeon does things to the human body that even El Greco, Toledo's most plastically gifted painter, never imagined. Is Robert carving a boyish stud who attacked his daughter into a trans-sex replacement because of incestual fixation on the suicidal girl? Why is his mother (Marisa Paredes), formerly the servant of his rich father, still a

servant for Robert? Is his sexy new medical miracle, kept under lock and key, named Vera Cruz because of the classic Western? No, because she (the often pet-like Elena Anaya) has become the one true cross of Robert's sado-erotic mania. This being Almodóvar, we expect obscurities, shocks, kinks, tangents of loopy melodrama. Rape is staged beneath a grandiose Titian nude (a copy). There is an elegant display of high-tech dildos. A violent brother returns dressed as a carnival tiger with a ridiculous tail, like a horror-film joke. Almodóvar, film's great gay celebrator of women, treats Anaya as a topic of perverse

MOVIE
REVIEW

DAVID ELLIOTT



Almodóvar's *The Skin I Live In* only skims the creepy depths of homemade plastic surgery.

voyeurism. Banderas, back in the Almodóvarian harness after two decades, is charismatic but dull, a hunk faking genius. The story sags with contrivance. We never get under the doctor's skin. Those inspired movie ancestors, Georges Franju's *Eyes Without a Face* and Marina de Van's *In My Skin*, invade their subjects' sick minds and stir our pity. Too cosmetic for genuine risk, *The Skin I Live In* is good on the surface, but it only skims the creepy depths. This is an art object posing. ★★

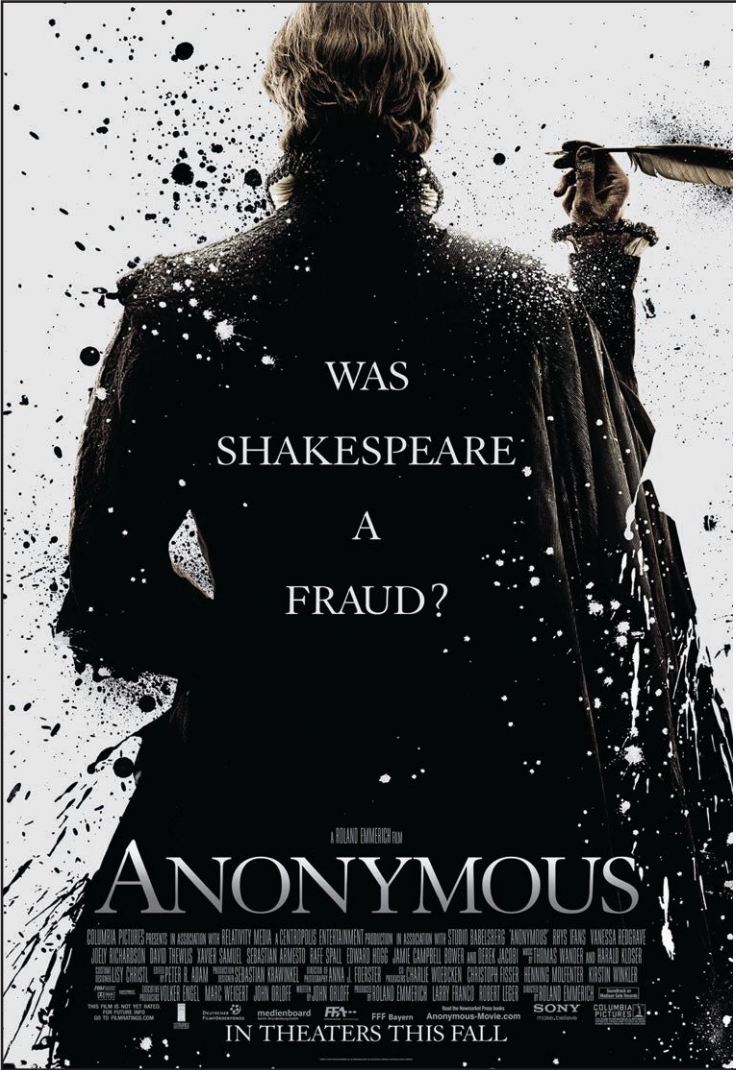
We Were Here

They came for fun and jobs and sex and freedom and because San Francisco is San Francisco. The Castro district became a nonstop gay carnival, but in 1979 their great spokesman Harvey Milk was murdered. And then AIDS arrived, as gruesomely mysterious as smallpox was to the Aztecs. Quickly

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branded “gay cancer,” it ravaged young men, took lovers and lives. Gayness became a vast funeral but then a family, a celebration of care more than a scorned and brazen lifestyle.

David Weissman and Bill Weber’s documentary *We Were Here* is a flood of sorrow and compassion, of stunning interviews and memorial footage, of disfiguration and transfiguration. The surviving witnesses are astonishingly genuine, including the tirelessly giving nurse Eileen (“I couldn’t turn my back”). The grim history, embraced so honestly, becomes more about life than death.

★★★★

Margin Call

New York investment hustler Stanley Tucci is canned in a 2008 corporate die-off, having warned that the big, crucial numbers no longer make sense. That night the firm starts committing financial suicide, but its greed king (Jeremy Irons, mercilessly entertaining) decides there could be one last fat kill even as they trigger the epic collapse.

Margin Call, debut film of writer and director J.C. Chandor, is like a ’50s TV drama spun through the frigid grid of David Mamet. Kevin Spacey is tops among the sweating suits (including Paul Bettany, Zachary Quinto, Simon Baker, and skirted-suit Demi Moore). New York glows like a fabulous hell, but this slick story feels like necronostalgia for the masters whose feet of clay led up to computerized hearts. Millions (people, not dollars) still suffer, so must we feel for Spacey because his dog is dying?

★★

The Way

The Way travels well. Emilio Estevez directed, on the fabled pilgrim road from France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, using a small crew and Super 16 film. His dad, famous actor Martin Sheen, plays the California doctor Tom, who gets word that his footloose son (Estevez) has died in a storm soon after starting the trek. Tom goes to France, then follows his memorial impulse to complete the trip in his son’s honor, carrying his ashes on foot for 500 miles.

The Way engages. No preaching, though “holiday Catholic” Tom recovers some faith. Vivid sites, yet not post-



The documentary We Were Here is a flood of sorrow and compassion, a celebration of care.

card tourism. New road friends, finely played by James Nesbitt, Deborah Kara Unger, and Yorick van Wageningen. Flexible, perceptive direction by Estevez. And (the heart of it) a major Sheen performance — often terse, sullen, and grieving, including one of the most credible drunk scenes ever filmed.

★★★

Footloose

Footloose, 1984: Kevin Bacon is the hip new boy in town (James Dean echo No. 627). Lori Singer and Chris Penn are cute teens. John Lithgow is the preacher who imposes a dance ban on “the kids.” A dance tune is the rousing climax.

Onward to the remake from director Craig Brewer, of *Hustle & Flow*

and *The Poor and Hungry*. Kenny Wormald (Dean variant No. 963) plays Ren, a cool new dude from distant Boston. Julianne Hough is the preacher’s daughter, with blue eyes from planet Wow. Teenagers again feel repressed in Dixie, where preacher Dennis Quaid hates the devil’s music — funny, if you recall Quaid’s Jerry Lee Lewis in *Great Balls of Fire!*

Brewer does freshen the formula. Talk runs from corn (“hot dang”) to crude (“talk about a boner killer”) to crafty (“sexier than socks on a rooster”). Clever Ren quotes the Bible to oppose the ban. Wormald and Hough are a tasty tango. The title tune rouses again. There is the same hook that sold the first version and *Flashdance* and *Saturday Night Fever*

and *Dirty Dancing*: taut bods in tight threads can sure shake sexy.

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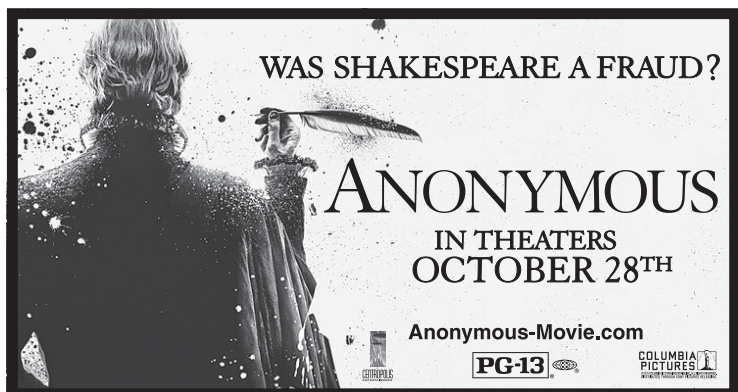
Take Shelter

Actor Michael Shannon has a Gothic stare beneath a craggy brow. He often looks like someone who might obsess on *The Da Vinci Code* or hammer medieval armor from soup cans. As Curtis in *Take Shelter*, he digs up his yard near a small Ohio town, feverishly expanding an old storm shelter and putting at risk his job, solvency, health insurance, and a crucial operation for his deaf daughter (Tova Stewart, an icon of sweet vulnerability).

His wife Samantha (Jessica Chastain, an icon of maternal care) cannot fathom his disturbing dreams, his visions of apocalyptic storms. Director and writer Jeff Nichols creates a humid aura of dread, a mental climate in which lucid realism relies on few (but good) special effects. Curtis might be crackers, and there is the rattling of an old family skeleton (mom Kathy Bates is schizoid). Alone, and spooked, Curtis makes irrational choices, such as building the big shelter when the old one could be cheaply refitted.

The talented Shannon is far into the role. But with so much fear and so few words (or ideas), Curtis seems muffled, vivid but also abstract. His panic is a stark metaphor of social anxieties, of good, plain, hard-working people who feel trapped in a punishing economy. No Tea Party rallies, yet we hear the inner howl. The ending is fishy, its mix of oil, water, and wind seeming to evoke hurricane Katrina and the 2010 Gulf spill.

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Margin Call — Rife with the tensions of imminent financial collapse

Trespass
The two Nics — Nicole Kidman, Nicolas Cage — have made some bad movies but remain major actors, real stars. *Trespass* is embarrassing. Joel Schumacher’s home-invasion thriller, using an awful script, spins so many dumb twists and cheap surprises that the story disintegrates.

Cage is a diamond dealer, Kidman his wife who designed their sterile showplace mansion. Their wall safe and dishy daughter (Liana Liberato) are bait for low-life scum. Frequent, sadistic shocks arrive in closeups as creeps preen, snarl, and expose their pathetic back-stories of parental abuse, drug addiction, predatory lust, and spoiled brotherhood.

Trespass, \$35 million worth of worthless, is a warning that Cage and Kidman may be entering the fall-away phase of their careers. They try hard and pull off a few valid moments, but the effort is hopeless, hapless, helpless. As drama, this thing falls somewhere beneath apes cracking bones in a cave, and the message is simple: the audience is an idiot.

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Reviewed in the movie capsules: *The Black Power Mixtape 1967–1975*, *Finding Joe*, *Johnny English Reborn*, and *Where Soldiers Come From*.

— David Elliott

MOVIE LISTINGS

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sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Abduction — A young man finds his baby photo plastered across a missing persons website. A solid foundation for a thriller wasted on still another attempt to renew interest in director John Singleton’s faded reputation, this time via a Taylor Lautner vehicle. From *Boyz n the Hood* to a boy made of wood, it appears as though Mr. Singleton has reached the twilight of his career. With: Lily Collins, Alfred Molina, and Jason Isaacs. 2011. — S.M.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14)

America the Beautiful 2 — Darryl Roberts’s sequel to his 2007 documentary about slenderness obsession brings the male-fitness element forward — along with, as before, girls and women subjected to extreme beauty regimens. (GASLAMP 15; FROM 10/21)

The Big Year — Nature tourism lamely disguised as comedy. Steve Martin, Owen Wilson, and Jack Black play fanatical

birders competing to see as many feathery critters as possible in one year. They run around the country, making cute faces between bird views, and classy old actors (Anjelica Huston, Brian Dennehy, Dianne Wiest) are pitifully marginal. So many miles covered, so few laughs found — it should have been called *It’s a Bird Bird Bird Bird World*. 2011. — D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Black Power Mixtape 1967–75 — There is something surreal about Swedish journalists, “fueled by curiosity and naïveté,” gaining unlimited access to America’s black-power movement. The raw footage sat neglected for 30 years, as though waiting for documentarian Göran Olsson to liberate it. Add contemporary commentary by scholars and surviving activists, and the result is an intimate chronicle of a movement concerned with much more than racial discord. With Stokely Carmichael, Angela Davis, and Bobby Seale. 2011. — S.M.
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Blackthorn — A new Western classic, enough to make *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* seem like a sappy prequel. Old Butch (Sam Shepard), now called Blackthorn, hides out in deep Bolivia raising horses and loving a village woman (but still able to ride hard and shoot fast) when a Spanish mining engineer (Eduardo Noriega) leads him into harm’s way. The stuff about a pursuing consul (Stephen Rea) is hazy. But the flashbacks are restrained, the Andean landscapes are brilliantly shot by Juan Ruiz Anchía, and Mateo Gil’s genre-hip direction of a strong script by Miguel Barros lets Shepard achieve hard, smart, career-topping form. This rugged satisfaction is close to Budd Boetticher’s Westerns about tested male rivalry and friendship. 2011. — D.E.
★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Buck — A great documentary portrait. Buck Brannaman, inspiration and advisor for Robert Redford’s *The Horse Whisperer*, seems able to get inside horses on an intuitive, spiritual level, gentling the animals (except one that is dangerously crazy) as he teaches them and their awed owners. A survivor of paternal brutality, Buck is a real hero, without airs, and has a plain-spun directness laced with charming humor. Even if you never ride horses, Cindy Meehl’s beautifully crafted movie is worth saddling up for, an equine and humane essay in life as cogently honest as Budd Boetticher’s classic Westerns. 2011. — D.E.
★★★★ (LA PALOMA)

Contagion — A global plague quickly dispatches Gwyneth Paltrow, but Marion Cotillard and Kate Winslet carry on the fight as noble doctors. Lawrence Fishburne is the solemn voice of humane science, like Dennis Haysbert intoning for Allstate Insurance. Steven Soderbergh directed with brisk, methodical care for the big vista and small details, but this disaster movie could use some of the genre’s kitsch kicks. It with-

ers, and the bright, clinical imagery makes everyone (including Matt Damon, Elliott Gould, Jude Law, John Hawkes) seem like disposable dots in a petri dish. 2011. — D.E.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Dolphin Tale — A tale of a tail. The dolphin is Winter, a sea critter that lost its tail in a crab trap, was rescued by humans, then fitted with a prosthetic for use in its new Florida home. Charles Martin Smith (the actor from *American Graffiti* and *Never Cry Wolf*) directed with splashing confidence. Veteran stars do nicely (Ashley Judd, Harry Connick Jr., Kris Kristofferson, and prosthetics wizard Morgan Freeman), but it is the frisky beast and its kid pals (Nathan Gamble, Cozi Zuehlsoord) who keep this aquatic family entertainment so engaging. 2011. — D.E.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Dream House — We never glimpse the residence retiring publisher Daniel Craig and his family used to live in. That’s the first clue to cracking this thriller, which owes more than a little to *Shutter Island*. After decades of administering dull, well-intentioned message movies, it’s nice to see director Jim Sheridan (*My Left Foot*, *In America*) finally deliver the goods with an old-fashioned haunted-house genre picture. With Rachel Weisz, Naomi Watts, and Elias Koteas. 2011. — S.M.
★★ (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Drive — A tricky, unsettling, often riveting film, shot in a coldly glowing L.A. by Danish director Nicolas Winding Refn. Ryan Gosling, an update on Travis Bickle in *Taxi Driver*, has magnetic mystery as the lean, terse “hero” who drives hard, can fox-out

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criminals, and may be a sociopath. His shy interest in the lonely beauty (big-eyed Carey Mulligan) down the hall leads to violent situations, shot with a crisp relish that plays with the rituals of movie sadism. Albert Brooks’s nail-gun sarcasms and sly, smug watchfulness make him a terrific villain. If you don’t expect air-tight plot or a warm payoff, this is one hell of a ride. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

50/50 — A slice-of-life indie-looking movie about a peevisish, aimless young man (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) facing cancer. Except it’s mostly not really about the young man’s struggle with cancer; it’s about his difficulties with girls (Mom included). Once you have that down, it’s easier to see why most of the film seems to involve the hero’s best friend (Seth Rogen) talking about getting laid. Oh, and there’s a girl (Anna Kendrick) — a beginning therapist with a poor sense of personal boundaries. 2011. — M.L.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Finding Joe — The ancient, noble quest of the archetypal hero was resonated by famous mythologist Joseph Campbell. This film says little about Campbell but quotes his ideas (“find your bliss,” etc.) in a buzzy spray of testimonials, celebrities (Tony Hawk, Mick Fleetwood, Laird Hamilton, Deepak Chopra), film clips (*Star Wars*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Superman*), and amateurish dramatizations. The plea for self-discovery is gummy with posed smiles, but its wise thoughts might break the crust of complacency for some viewers. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; FROM 10/21)

Footloose — Reviewed this issue.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA

MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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)

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. Working 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA PALOMA)

The Ides of March — Facile but enjoyable. George Clooney directed and stars as a presidential candidate, a glib liberal dream — apart from his Clintonian attraction to a naïve intern (Evan Rachel Wood), who seems to be running on the Live Bait ticket. As a silky machine of ambition, he excites other tough guys: Paul Giamatti, Ryan Gosling, Jeffrey Wright, and, making a big speech about loyalty, Philip Seymour Hoffman (also a tough gal, Marisa Tomei as a barracuda reporter). Nothing new here or as entertaining as 1964’s *The Best Man*,



The Way — Flexible, perceptive direction by Estevez and a major Sheen performance

and the wink at abortion is iffy, yet this ensemble effort maintains a curiously chill heat of interest. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; 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; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Johnny English Reborn — Rowan Atkinson, the pipsqueak packet of comical nonsense, returns as Johnny, Britain’s Clouseau (Clueless?) in a James Bond mode. It’s silly beyond silly, but the deft star knows how to do sight gags, blithely uses spy devices such as the “voice-change

travel lozenge,” and enunciates such funny lines as “Ambrose, you five-star turd” and “Please God, let me not die at the hands of the Swiss.” Young fans won’t get the *Third Man* gags. — D.E.

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Killer Elite — What a waste. Director Gary McKendry pulls together action god Jason Statham, genuine star Clive Owen, and a surprisingly subdued Robert De Niro

in an international espionage thriller based on a true story, and then turns around and makes this shoddy, shaky, seemingly endless parade of clichés, incoherent action, and generally bad storytelling. At least the sunglasses look good. 2011. — M.L.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Love Crime — At 50, Kristin Scott Thomas’s impeccable bone structure and diction (French, English) ratify her cool, rapacious “charm” as a business power schemer, in a Parisian complex of offices that recall the glassy city of Jacques Tati’s *Playtime*. Too soon, she’s gone (imagine Meryl Streep exiting *The Devil Wears Prada* early). We are left with Ludvine Sagnier as her devious, monotonous assistant, spinning plot cogs including a murder. Alain Corneau directed with crisp, Cartesian relish, but this story of female friendship and betrayal in the French big-biz world loses force and begins to seem very programmed. 2010. — D.E.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Margin Call — Reviewed this issue.

★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 10/21)

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. — D.E.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Mill and the Cross — A great film based on a masterpiece. Polish director Lech Majewski uses Pieter Bruegel’s grand *The Procession to Calvary* in Vienna to open up its world. At the same time, the actors and vignettes seem to fold into the painting, achieving a hybrid beauty and

FILM FESTIVALS

SAN DIEGO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

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The Human Resources Manager 2010. The human resources manager of Israel’s largest industrial bakery sets out to save the reputation of his business and “possibly his own humanity.” In Hebrew, English, and Romanian with English subtitles. **Sunday, October 23, 7 p.m.**

DIVE-IN THEATRE

Pearl Hotel
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Edward Scissorhands 1990. Perky Avon saleswoman Peg Boggs visits a Gothic mansion on a hill, meets an “unfinished” young man who lives there, and takes him to suburbia in Tim Burton’s romantic fantasy. **Wednesday, October 26, 8 p.m.**

Raising Arizona 1987. The Coen Brothers comedy “replete with symbolism, visual gags, yodeling folk music, unconventional characters, flamboyant camera work, pathos, and idiosyncratic dialogue” stars Nicolas Cage, Holly Hunter, John Goodman, and Frances McDormand. **Wednesday, November 2, 8 p.m.**

SAPS AT SEA

Trinity Presbyterian Church
3902 Kenwood Drive, Spring Valley • 619-417-9032

A-Haunting We Will Go 1942. Laurel and Hardy fans gather for a “Halloscream Sapstravaganza” including *Habeas Corpus* (1928), with Russ “Franken” Peck on “haunted piano.”

Saturday, October 29, 7 p.m.

SCHLOCKFEST

San Diego Central Library
820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5800

13 Ghosts 1960. What happens when Cyrus Zorba and his family inherit a dingy old house replete with a “bizarre collection of 12 ghosts” and hidden treasure? **Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.**

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

4040 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills • 619-295-4221

Goldfinger 1964. James Bond (Sean Connery) confronts evil genius Goldfinger, who plans to steal all the gold in Fort Knox. The most entertaining of all the Bond films?

Thursday-Saturday, October 20-22, 8 p.m.

Young Frankenstein 1974. Mel Brooks’s ode to silliness stars Teri Garr, Cloris Leachman, Marty Feldman, Madeline Kahn, Gene Hackman, and Peter Boyle. Taffeta, darling! **Thursday-Saturday, October 27-29, 8 p.m.**

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Psycho 1960. Alfred Hitchcock’s classic stars Janet Leigh, Anthony Perkins, and a famous shower. **Wednesday, October 26, 8 p.m.**

SUNDAY MATINEE

San Diego Central Library
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Forks Over Knives 2011. Lee Fulkerson’s documentary focuses on the “claim that most... degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting our

present menu of animal-based and processed foods.” **Sunday, October 23, 2 p.m.**

MUSICALS!

Carlsbad Library
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Tangled 2010. Animated flick reveals what happens “when the kingdom’s most wanted — and most charming — bandit hides out in a mysterious tower” and is taken hostage by Rapunzel. **Wednesday, October 26, 6 p.m.**

TALKING PICTURES

San Diego Central Library

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The Third Man 1949. Joseph Cotten, Alida Valli, Orson Welles, and Trevor Howard star in the British film noir set in post-World War II Vienna. **Friday, October 21, 2:30 p.m.**

A Touch of Evil 1958. “A Mexican drug enforcement official takes interest in a cross border case that reaches into corruption and betrayal” in the crime thriller written, directed by, and co-starring Orson Welles. Cast includes Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh, Marlene Dietrich. **Friday, October 28, 2:30 p.m.**

SAN DIEGO ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Museum of Photographic Arts
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La ragazza del lago 2007. In Andrea Molaioli’s crime thriller, the body of a young woman is found in a quiet town and a detective from a nearby city is called to solve the mystery. In Italian with English subtitles. **Saturday, October 29, 7 p.m.**

L’ultimo Pulcinella 2009. Italian pop singer Massimo Ranieri plays an unemployed stage actor

in Naples in Maurizio Scaparro’s film. In Italian with English subtitles. **Wednesday, November 2, 7 p.m.**

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES

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North Face (Nordwand) 2008. Philipp Stölzl’s adventure film is based on a famous 1936 attempt to climb the Eiger north face in the Alps. In German with English subtitles. **Friday, October 21, 7 p.m.**

FILM FORUM

San Diego Central Library

820 E Street, East Village • 619-236-5800

The Colors of the Mountain 2010. Set in a remote region, this Colombian drama considers how far two boys will go to recover their prized soccer ball when it’s kicked into a minefield. In Spanish with English subtitles. **Monday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.**

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La Grain et le Mulet 2007. An unemployed Tunisian immigrant uses the little money he has to open a couscous restaurant in Marseilles in this drama exploring the “power of food to heal, unite, and exasperate.” **Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m.**

WINTER POPS SILENT FILM NIGHT

Copley Symphony Hall

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Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde 1920. John Barrymore stars in the dual role of this silent horror classic. Russ Peck accompanies the film on the Fox Theater pipe organ. **Sunday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.**

late-medieval power. Not much talk, as Michael York, Charlotte Rampling, and Rutger Hauer become living daubs of paint, elements in a vision that has been reimagined without losing its roots in genius. Be patient, and be captivated. 2011. — D.E.
★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Moneyball — A rare sports movie with a brain. Brad Pitt does perhaps his best star acting as Billy Beane, the Oakland Athletics general manager who, sick of being looted of talent by big-money teams like the Yankees, opted for a “sabermetrics” approach using computers and the advice of a smart, chubby nerd (Jonah Hill, very good as this composite figure). The script went through much overhaul (Robin Wright’s tiny role may be a symptom of that), and Steven Soderbergh left as director, but Bennett Miller came in as more than a relief hitter. Full of nuances, always sharp about the frictions of change, finely acted, fascinated by the game but not pious, the movie has the rich adulthood of Miller’s previous work (*The Cruise, Capote*). 2011. — D.E.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OTAY RANCH 12; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

My Afternoons with Margueritte — Gérard Depardieu puts his unwieldy bulk and asymmetrical face to excellent use as a village simpleton who befriends an elderly intellectual woman after the two discover a mutual interest in pigeons. Their subsequent shared adventure into the world of words is a pleasure to look at and an even greater pleasure to listen to, but there’s a falsity at the heart of things. *Margeuritte* is ultimately about mother-love (or rather, the lack thereof), a tough subject that demands unsentimentality. But who wants to be

unsentimental about Mom? 2010. — M.L.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

1911 — It’s being touted as his 100th starring role, but Jackie Chan’s heroics take a backseat to Winston Chao’s endless speech-making in this commemorative retelling of the birth of the Republic of China. Unless you have more than a working knowledge of the subject, this could conceivably be the longest two hours you’ll spend in a movie theater all year. Chan staged the battles, leaving co-director Zhang Li in charge of the babble. 2011. — S.M.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Paranormal Activity 3 — Easily spooked Katie and Kristi are back in haunted rooms videotaped to make viewers think “boo” on flimsy but seemingly documentary evidence, in a prequel mop-up for the series. (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; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/21)

Real Steel — A promoter and his estranged son bond through robot boxing matches. Motion capture reaches new levels of sophistication, but when it comes to narrative refinement, *Real Steel* remains a product of cinema’s dark ages. The initial effects are enough to hold your attention, but all bets are off when the tin can man is taught a few dance steps and the inevitable third-act pathos kicks in. Shawn Levy directed; starring Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo, and Evangeline Lilly. 2011. — S.M.

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The Skin I Live In — Reviewed this issue.
★★ (HILLCREST; FROM 10/21)

Take Shelter — Reviewed this issue.
★★ (HILLCREST)

The Thing — A prequel to the 1982 remake of the 1951 original. Pretty lady scientist (is there any other kind these days?) heads down to Antarctica to examine an unusual specimen discovered in the ice. Things go awry. The frozen wasteland is put to good, foreboding use, but director Matthijs van Heijningen Jr. is too quick to strip away the mystery and dread of The Hidden Menace in Our Midst in the name of special effects. And even those are disappointing and a little incoherent, with the borrowed visuals of *From Beyond* thrown in for good measure. 2011. — M.L.

★ (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; 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)

The Three Musketeers — Director Paul W.S. Anderson dips into the old Dumas bag and unleashes the classic swords again. With Matthew Macfadyen, Luke Evans, Milla Jovovich, Logan Lerman, Orlando Bloom, Ray Stevenson. Reviewed next issue. (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; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/21)

Trespass — Reviewed this issue.
● (MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 10/21)

Warrior — A generic story about two brothers on opposite sides of an elimination-style mixed martial arts competition. What makes *Warrior* interesting is that all the machismo is used to generate a theme: forgiveness. The arena for this is the tableau of family ruin between the two brothers and their ex-alcoholic, ex-abusive father. Nick Nolte emotes some genuine agony as the broken-down old man; Tom Hardy and Joel Edgerton serve credibly as the brawling siblings. The fighters look good in the ring, and the climactic bout, while predictable, is nonetheless rousing. — J.R.
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Way — Reviewed this issue.
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We Were Here — Reviewed this issue.
★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; FROM 10/21)

Weekend — One of writer-director Andrew Haigh’s characters bemoans the fact that his upcoming art exhibition will be a “gays only” affair. (“Straights won’t come, because it has nothing to do with their world.”) Instead of following his own advice and offering up a shared experience, Haigh delivers yet another standard-issue gay drama. 2011. — S.M.
★ (HILLCREST)

What’s Your Number? — As Ally Darling, who calls herself “a jobless whore who slept with 20 men,” Anna Faris is a doll of chipmunky charm, with the cutest vocal scratch since June Allyson. She’s the fun zip in this bubble-headed comedy in which she trawls those 20 to find Mr. Right, slowly realizing that he is her buff neighbor, no. 21 (Chris Evans). Ed Begley Jr. and Blythe Danner hover as parents, making faces. Boston glows like Malibu. Too much of the humor is like this comment about a wedding dress: “I’m concerned that with all those layers, he’s not going to find your vagina.” 2011. — D.E.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Where Soldiers Come From — Soldiers come from places such as Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and parents such as the Smiths and Fredianellis. One day they’re kids doing cannonballs off a pier, the next they’re commanding tank cannons in Afghanistan. For four years, and at great personal risk, director Heather Courtney and her crew followed a tight-knit group of friends turned combatants. It’s not often that I call a film important. Every parent who has a child of fighting age should take them to see this movie. 2011. — S.M.
★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; FROM 10/21)

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CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
The Big Year (PG) Fri-Sat. (10:50, 1:05) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55 Sun (10:50, 1:05) 5:35, 7:45; **Contagion** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. 9:35p.m. Sun 7:00p.m.; **Dolphin Tale** (PG) Fri-Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00 Sun (11:30, 2:00) 4:30; **50/50** (R) Fri-Sat. (10:55, 3:15) 7:20, 9:45 Sun (10:55, 3:15) 7:20; **Footloose** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (11:45, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:50 Sun (11:45, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15; **The Help** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:20) 4:20; **The Ides of March** (R) Fri-Sat. (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:10, 9:40 Sun (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:10; **Johnny English Reborn** (PG) Fri-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20 Sun (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (11:05, 1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 10:15 Sun (11:05, 1:50) 4:35, 7:25; **Paranormal Activity 3** (R) Fri-Sat. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10 Sun (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:55; **Real Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (11:20, 2:05) 4:45, 7:35, 10:05 Sun (11:20, 2:05) 4:45, 7:35; **The Mighty Macs** (G) Fri-Sat. (10:45, 1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05 Sun (10:45, 1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 7:50; **The Thing** (R) Fri-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 8:00, 10:25 Sun (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 8:00; **The Three Musketeers** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (11:50, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun (11:50, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
The Big Year (PG) Fri-Sun (10:35, 12:50, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **Dolphin Tale** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:20, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45; **50/50** (R) Fri-Sun (11:45) 5:15, 8:15, 10:30; **Footloose** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:45, 1:15, 2:15) 4:05, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50, 10:50; **The Ides of March** (R) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:05) 4:25, 7:05, 9:25; **Johnny English Reborn** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:40, 1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **Paranormal Activity 3** (R) Fri-Sun (10:55, 11:55, 12:55, 1:55, 3:10) 4:10, 5:10, 6:10, 7:15, 8:15, 9:35, 10:35; **Real Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **The Mighty Macs** (G) Fri-Sun (10:55, 1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25; **The Thing** (R) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; **The Three Musketeers** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15) 4:30; **The Three Musketeers 3D** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:00) 7:15, 9:45; **The Way** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15

CORONADO

Vintage La Costa
820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
1911 (Xinhai geming) (R) Fri-Sun (2:35) 7:40, 10:20; **America the Beautiful 2: The Thin Commandments** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (12:25) 5:15; **Contagion** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; **Crazy, Stupid, Love** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55 Sat. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 9:55 Sun (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; **Dream House** (PG-13) Fri-Sun 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; **50/50** (R) Fri-Sun (12:35, 2:55) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; **Finding Joe** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:00, 3:40) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55 Sat., Sun (11:35, 1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; **Footloose** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:25,

5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35; **The Ides of March** (R) Fri-Sun (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; **Rear Window** (PG) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **The Lion King 3D** (G) Fri-Sun (11:30, 1:45, 3:50); **The Thing** (R) Fri-Sun (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **Warrior** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 10:10; **The Way** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:25, 10:00; **We Were Here** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (11:20, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; **What’s Your Number?** (R) Fri-Sun (12:20, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; **Where Soldiers Come From** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun (11:25, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:15

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Call theater for program information.

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Blackpower Mixtape 1967-1975 (NR) Fri. (2:30), (4:45), 7:00, 9:15, Sat & Sun: (2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, Mon-Thu: (4:45), 7:00, 9:15; **Zombie** (NR) Fri & Sat: 12:00 Midnight; **Toast** (NR) Opens Friday, October 28; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast Plays Saturday, October 29; **Glitch In The Grid** (NR) Plays Monday, October 31

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
The Big Year; 50/50; Footloose; The Ides of March; Johnny English Reborn; Margin Call; Moneyball; Paranormal Activity 3 (R) Fri-Sun (10:15) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; **Real Steel; The Thing; The Three Musketeers; The Way**

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Blackthorn (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:10, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **My Afternoons With Margueritte** (NR) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:30), (5:00), 7:30*, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (12:00), 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55, *No 7:30 PM Show Tuesday, 10/25/11; **Love Crime** (NR) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Midnight In Paris** (PG-13) Fri-Thu: 7:20, 9:50; **The Mill And The Cross** (NR) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:20), (4:50), Sat & Sun: (11:50), 2:20, 4:50

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)
Abduction; The Big Year; Contagion; Dolphin Tale; Drive; 50/50; Footloose; The Help; The Ides of March; Johnny English Reborn; Killer Elite; Moneyball; Paranormal Activity 3 (R) Fri-Sun (11:00) 1:25, 4:00, 6:25, 8:50, 11:15; **Real Steel; The Thing; The Three Musketeers; What’s Your Number?**

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
The Big Year; Contagion; Courageous; Dolphin Tale; Drive; 50/50; Footloose; The Ides of March; Johnny English Reborn; Moneyball; Paranormal Activity 3 (R) Fri-Sun (10:00) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Real Steel; The Mighty Macs** (G) Fri-Sun (10:50) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; **The Thing; The Three Musketeers; Trespass; The Way**

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Footloose (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sun-Tue: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, Wed: (10:00 AM), (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **The Ides of March** (R) Special Engagement; No Passes Allowed, Fri: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sat: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Mon & Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Wed: (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15, Sun-Tue: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, Wed: (10:15 AM), (1:15), 4:15, 7:15, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM, PARENT MOVIE MORNING: **“MONEYBALL” THURSDAY, 10/27 @ 10M. BRING THE BABY!**

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Skin I Live In (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:15), (5:10), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:15, 5:10, 8:00; **Take Shelter** (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:05, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; **Margin Call** (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (1:45), (4:40), 7:25, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:05), 1:45, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50; **The Skin I Live In** (R) Fri-Thu: 7:00, 9:40; **The Guard** (R) Fri Mon-Thu: (1:55), (4:25), Sat & Sun: (11:25), 1:55, 4:25; **Weekend** (NR) Fri Mon-Thu: (2:05), (4:35), 7:15*, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:15), 2:05, 4:35, 7:15,

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

9:35; *No 7:15 PM Show Monday, 10/24/11;
Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) Opens
Friday, October 28

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
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EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264
#2710)
The Big Year (PG) Fri-Sun (3:25) 5:35,
7:50, 10:10; **Dolphin Tale** (PG) Fri-Sun
(10:45a.m.); **50/50** (R) Fri-Sun (1:10p.m.);
Footloose (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:35, 2:10) 4:45,
7:20, 9:55; **Ghostbusters** (PG) Fri-Sun; **The**
Ides of March (R) Fri-Sun (11:00, 1:15, 3:30)
5:45, 8:00, 10:20; **Johnny English Reborn**
(PG) Fri-Sun (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10,
10:25; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:55,
1:40) 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; **Paranormal Activity**
3 (R) Fri-Sat. (11:20, 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20)
4:20, 5:25, 6:25, 7:30, 8:30, 9:35, 10:35, 11:35 Sun
(11:20, 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20) 4:20, 5:25, 6:25,
7:30, 8:30, 9:35, 10:35; **Real Steel** (PG-13) Fri-
Sun (10:50, 1:35) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **The Thing**
(R) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40;
The Three Musketeers (PG-13) Fri-Sun
(11:55) 5:05, 7:40; **The Three Musketeers**
3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun (2:30) 10:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
The Big Year (PG) Fri. (2:05, 4:30) 7:00,
9:55 Sat.-Sun (2:05) 4:30, 7:00, 9:55; **Conta-**
gion (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:10, 2:50) 6:45, 9:35;

Dolphin Tale (PG) Fri-Sun (11:50, 2:40) 6:50;
Dream House (PG-13) Fri-Sun 9:40p.m.;
50/50 (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:25, 4:55) 7:40,
10:30 Sat.-Sun (12:00, 2:25) 4:55, 7:40, 10:30;
Footloose (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:30, 5:05)
7:45, 10:35 Sat.-Sun (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:45,
10:35; **The Ides of March** (R) Fri. (12:25,
4:15) 6:55, 9:45 Sat.-Sun (12:25) 4:15, 6:55, 9:45;
Johnny English Reborn (PG) Fri. (12:30,
4:00) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.-Sun (12:30) 4:00, 7:15, 9:50;
Killer Elite (R) Fri-Sun 9:30p.m.; **Mon-**
eyball (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 4:05) 7:10, 10:15
Sat.-Sun (12:35) 4:05, 7:10, 10:15; **Paranormal**
Activity 3 (R) Fri. (12:05, 12:40, 2:20, 2:55,
4:35, 5:10) 7:25, 7:55, 10:10, 10:45 Sat.-Sun
(12:05, 12:40, 2:20, 2:55) 4:35, 5:10, 7:25, 7:55,
10:10, 10:45; **Real Steel** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50,
4:10) 7:05, 10:00 Sat.-Sun (12:50) 4:10, 7:05,
10:00; **The Lion King 3D** (G) Fri. (11:55,
2:10, 4:25) 6:40 Sat.-Sun (11:55, 2:10) 4:25, 6:40;
The Thing (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 8:00,
10:40 Sat.-Sun (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 8:00, 10:40;
The Three Musketeers (PG-13) Fri-Sun
(12:20) 10:25; **The Three Musketeers 3D**
(PG-13) Fri. (4:20) 7:35 Sat.-Sun 4:20, 7:35; **The**
Way (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:55, 3:55) 7:20, 10:20

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Dolphin Tale (PG); **Footloose** (PG-13);
Paranormal Activity 3 (R); **Real Steel**
(PG-13).

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Denney Road (888-262-4386)
The Big Year (PG) Fri-Sun 3:25, 5:50;
Dream House (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:55) 2:40,
5:25, 8:10, 10:45; **50/50** (R) Fri-Sun (10:20)
12:50, 3:35, 6:00, 8:30, 11:05; **Footloose**
(PG-13) Fri. (10:25, 11:25) 1:05, 2:05, 4:00,
4:50, 6:45, 7:45, 9:40, 10:40 Sat. (11:25) 1:05,

2:05, 4:00, 4:50, 6:45, 7:45, 9:40, 10:40 Sun
(10:25, 11:25) 1:05, 2:05, 4:00, 4:50, 6:45, 7:45,
9:40, 10:40; **Johnny English Reborn** (PG)
Fri-Sun (11:20) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50; **Killer**
Elite (R) Fri-Sun (11:00) 1:45, 4:25, 7:35,
10:25; **Paranormal Activity 3** (R) Fri-Sun
(10:50) 1:20, 3:45, 6:15, 7:50, 8:45, 10:30, 11:15
Fri-Sun (11:45) 2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30; **Real**
Steel (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:20) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10,
10:15; **Real Steel: The IMAX Experience**
(PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:05) 2:00, 5:05, 8:00, 10:55;
The Lion King 3D (G) Fri-Sun (10:45) 1:00;
The Thing (R) Fri-Sun (11:10) 1:35, 4:05, 6:30,
8:55, 11:20; **The Three Musketeers** (PG-13)
Fri-Sun (10:35) 1:30, 4:20, 7:25, 10:05; **The**
Three Musketeers 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun
(11:35) 2:20, 4:55, 8:20, 11:00

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street)
(619-216-4707)

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Abduction (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM,
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Sun-Thur: 11:45 AM, 2:15,
4:45, 7:15; **Drive** (R) Fri-Thur: 12:00, 2:30,
5:30, 8:15, 10:45; **Warrior** (PG-13) Fri & Sat:
7:00, 10:00, Sun-Thur: 7:00 PM; **Colombiana**
(PG-13) Fri & Sat: 7:45, 10:15, Sun-Thur: 7:45
PM; **The Help** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 1:00, 4:00,
7:00, 10:00, Sun-Thur: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Rise of**
the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) Fri & Sat:
11:15 AM, 1:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:30, 11:00, Sun-Thur:
11:15 AM, 1:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:30; **Cowboys**
& Aliens (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:30,

5:15, 8:00, 10:45, Sun-Thur: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15,
8:00; **The Smurfs** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM,
2:00, 4:30, Sun: 2:00, 4:30, Mon-Thur: 11:30 AM,
2:00, 4:30; **Captain America: The First**
Avenger (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 5:00,
10:30, Sun-Thur: 11:15 AM, 5:00; **Harry Potter**
and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2 (PG-13)
Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00, Sun-
Thu: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **Zookeeper**
(PG) Fri-Thur: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:00; **Kung Fu**
Panda 2 (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30,
9:45, Sun-Thur: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Thor**
(PG-13) Fri-Thur: 2:15, 7:45; **Spookley the**
Square Pumpkin (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

EASTLAKE

AMC Otay Ranch
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
The Big Year (PG) Fri-Sun (11:50) 2:25, 4:55,
7:25, 9:55; **Dolphin Tale** (PG) Fri-Sun 1:00,
3:50; **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 6:40,
9:25; **50/50** (R) Fri-Sat. 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35,
10:00 Sun 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; **Footloose**
(PG-13) Fri-Sat. (11:10) 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10
Sun 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10; **The Ides of**
March (R) Fri-Sun 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40,
10:15; **Johnny English Reborn** (PG) Fri-
Sun (11:30) 2:05, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Moneyball**
(PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:15, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30; **Para-**
normal Activity 3 (R) Fri-Sun (11:00) 12:05,
1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50, 7:00, 8:10, 9:20, 10:30;
Real Steel (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (10:30) 1:20, 4:15,
7:10, 10:05 Sun 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; **The**
Thing (R) Fri-Sun 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20;
The Three Musketeers (PG-13) Fri-Sun
(11:00) 1:30; **The Three Musketeers 3D**
(PG-13) Fri-Sun 4:10, 6:50, 9:35

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

AMC Plaza Bonita
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Paranormal Activity 3 (R) Fri-Sun (11:00)
1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

UltraStar River Village
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Paranormal Activity 3 (R) Fri & Sat: 12:00,
3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: 12:00, 3:00, 5:30,
7:45, Mon-Thur: 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; **The Three**
Musketeers (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM,
2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:45, 5:15,
8:00, Mon-Thur: 5:15, 8:00; **Footloose** (PG-13)
Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun:
11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, Mon-Thur: 4:45, 7:30;
The Thing (R) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:30, 5:00,
8:15, 11:00, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:30, 5:00, 8:15,
Mon-Thur: 5:00, 8:15; **Real Steel** (PG-13) Fri
& Sat: 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: 12:15, 3:30,
7:00, Mon-Thur: 3:30, 7:00; **Dolphin Tale** (PG)
Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun:
11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, Mon-Thur: 4:30, 7:15;
Spookley the Square Pumpkin (G) Sat &
Sun: 10:30 AM



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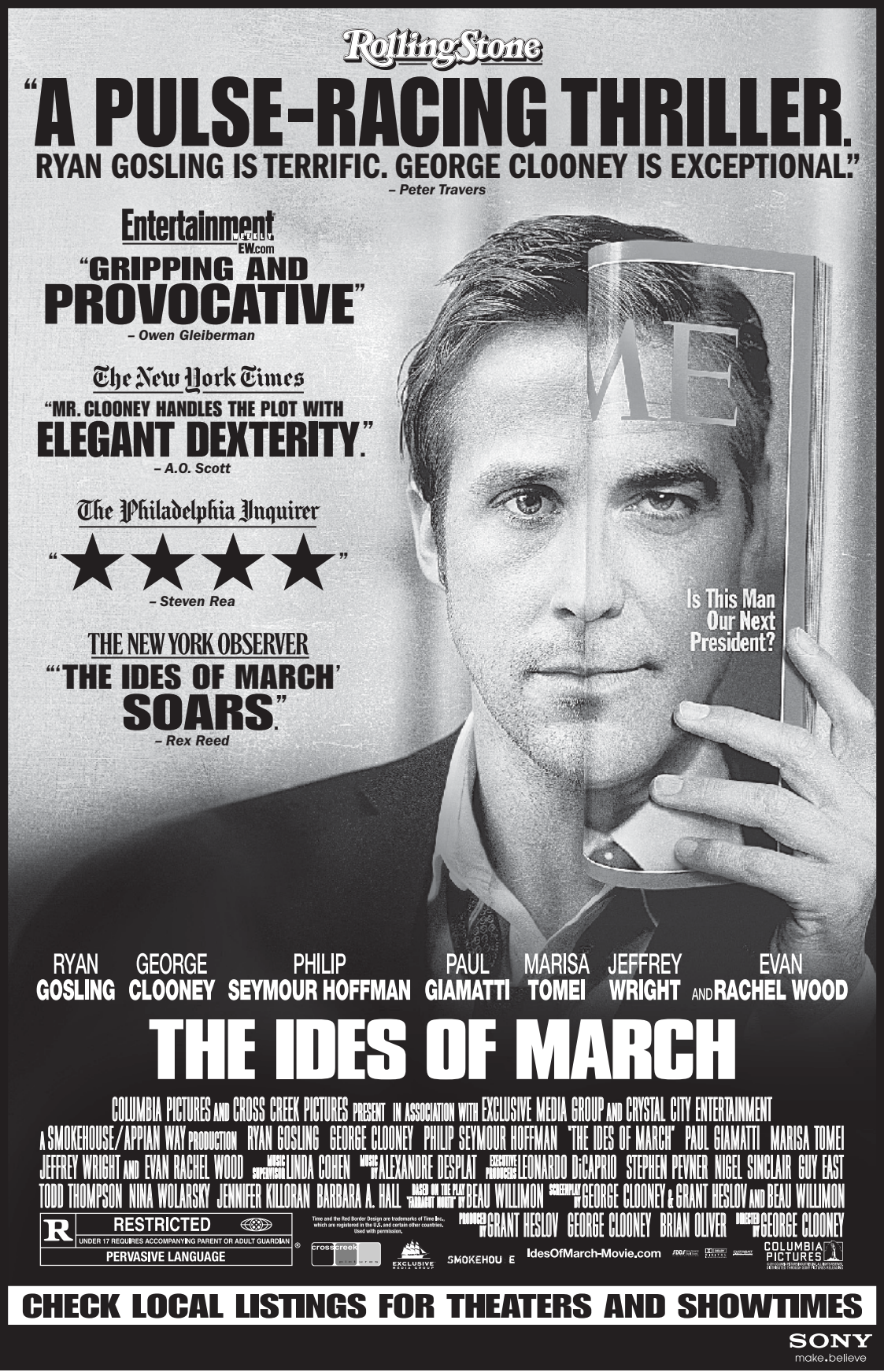
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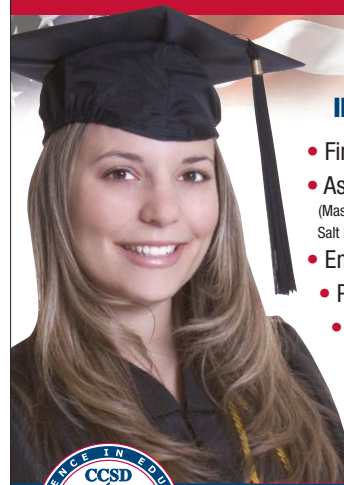
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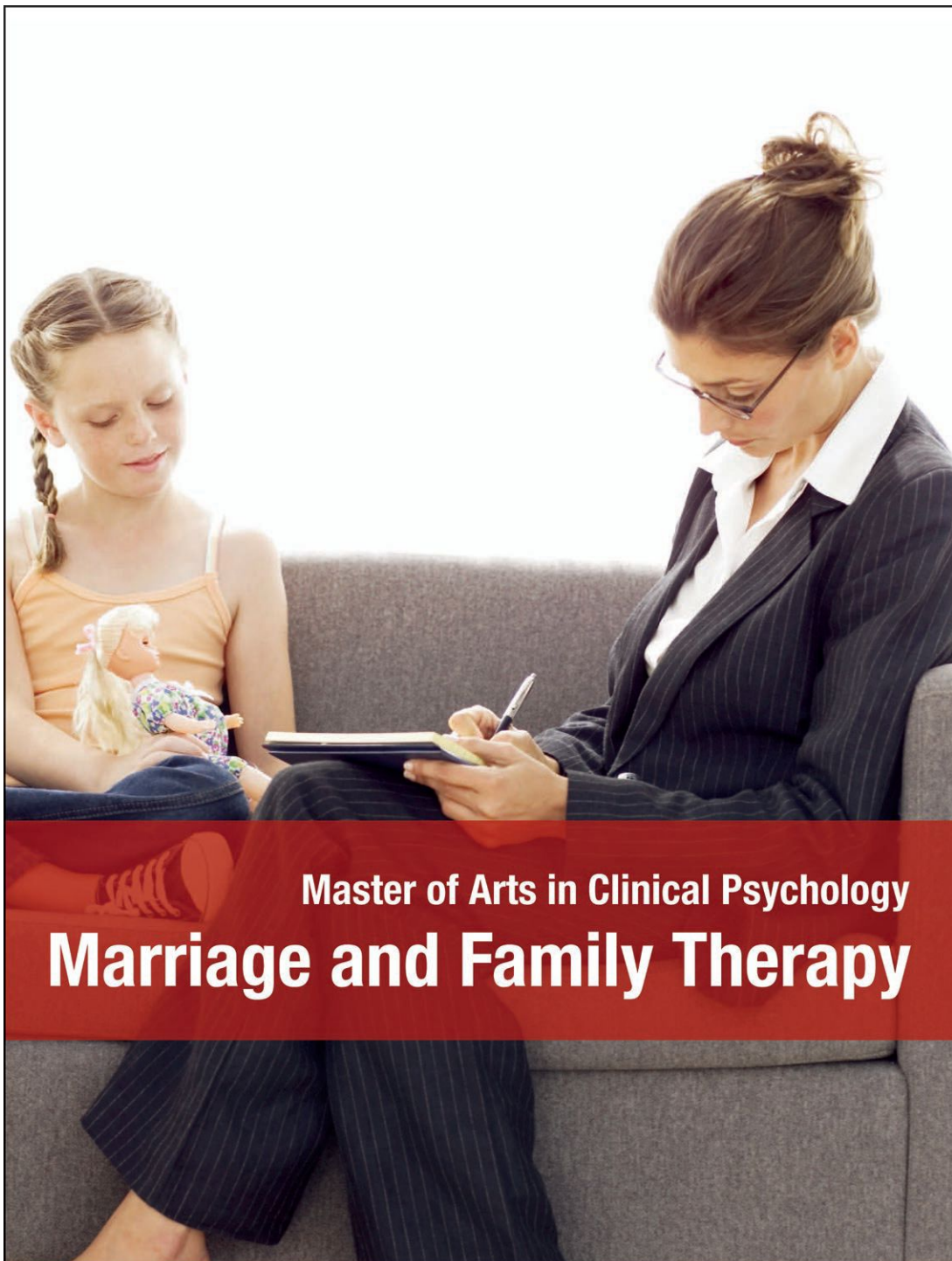
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Across

1. "Cabaret" director Bob
6. In-box fill: Abbr.
10. "____-Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit)
14. Brown shade

15. Short and not sweet
16. "Misery" actor James
17. "Jackie ____ First Strike" (1996 movie)
18. White House appointment
19. Prefix with meter
20. Rover's favorite R&B group?
23. Stooge with a bowl cut
24. Mideast grp.
25. Dedicated verse
26. Spot's favorite sitcom?
32. Record exec Gotti
33. Grandson of Abraham
34. Opposite of NNW
35. Texter's "Butt out!"
37. "What ____, chopped liver?"
39. Hank of hair
43. Comfy shoe, for short
46. Not left out: Abbr.
49. Petting ____
50. Rover's favorite movie?
55. Bible study: Abbr.
56. Grave letters?
57. Bygone French coin
58. Comment from a woman who's been ogled a few too many times ... or this puzzle's theme

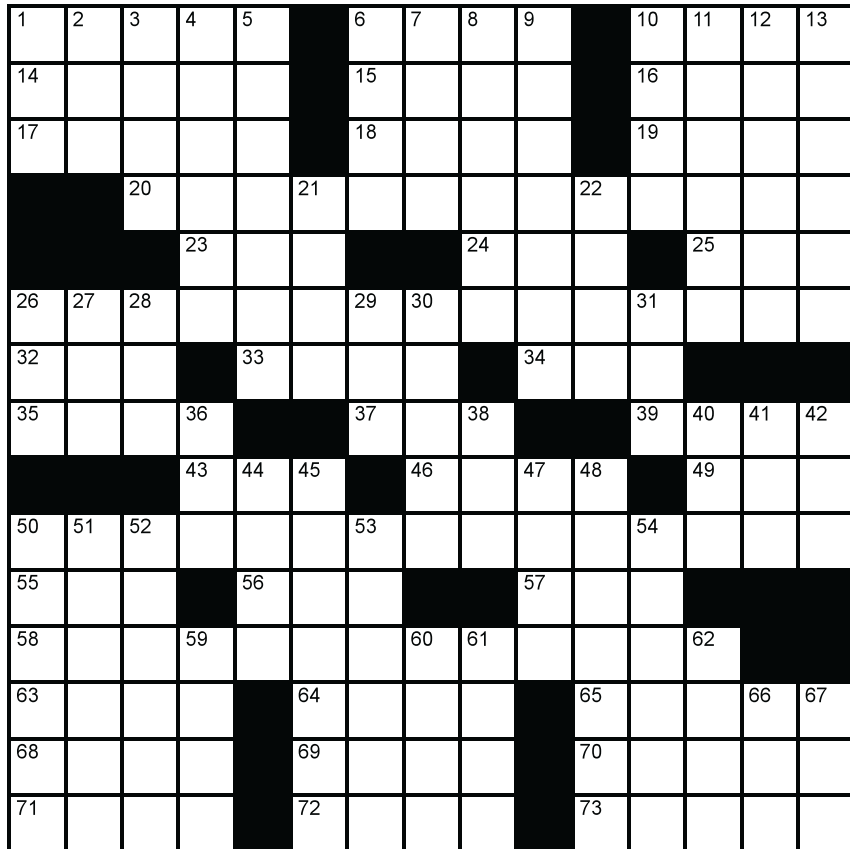
63. Feudal estate
64. Prefix with distant
65. Chilling
68. Tolstoy's Karenina
69. Kennedy's secretary of state
70. "Network" director
71. Thomas Hardy heroine
72. Becomes fixed
73. It's worth eight points in Scrabble

Down

1. TV monitor?
2. "Look at THAT!"
3. Sign of healing
4. California's ____ Valley

5. No-brainer
6. 1201, to Tiberius
7. 1970s rocker Quatro
8. Italian brandy
9. Walks in the park
10. Sch. for police recruits
11. "Cat ____" (1965 Jane Fonda film)
12. Like "Shrek"
13. Licorice-flavored seeds
21. Jazz duo in London?
22. Punch lines?
26. Actor Robbins
27. Sardonic
28. Cirque du Soleil production about an egg
29. Org. offering jumps
30. Muggy
31. Caress
36. "The Ultimate Driving Machine"
38. Abbr. at the end of a co. name
40. Israeli-designed weapon
41. Adversary
42. NFL pauses
44. Brute
45. Word inventors
47. Like some dorms
48. Grammy winner for "Hey Lover"
50. Noted 2000 guest at Camp David

51. Catlike
52. Barkin and Burstyn
53. Muddy
54. Item involved in a tire change
59. Degs. for curators
60. Sign of age
61. Apt. features
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☛ **Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4.** *If you can be insidious, why can't you be sidious?*

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Pacific Beach • Point Loma

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East Village • Golden Hill • Little Italy
Logan Heights • Sherman Heights
South Park • Stockton

EAST COUNTY

Alpine • Borrego Springs • Boulevard
Campo • El Cajon • Imperial Valley • Jamul
Julian • La Mesa • Lakeside • Lemon Grove
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CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Allied Gardens • Bay Park • Clairemont
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Rancho Peñasquitos • Rancho Santa Fe
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THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) 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@sreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

- 5) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 6) Late entries will not be considered.
- 7) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 8) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

NEW RULES

Starting with the issue of May 12, we will award writers of the best messages, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning messages in the paper. Puzzle winners with rankings will still be posted online at SDReader.com.

EASY:

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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

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Address: _____

City: _____

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Personal Message: _____

Please check one:

Hat: _____

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Momma Oakley, Oceanside, 1.** *I've washed my husband's underwear for 47 years. Today he asked me if I love him.*

☛ **Gary Gish, Rancho Bernardo, 4.** *If I only eat natural food, will I die from natural causes?*

☛ **Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 4.** *I don't need willpower for my diet; I need won't power!*

☛ **Cole Macy, San Diego, 2.** *We can't choose our friends, we are all victims of proximity.*

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MISSION VALLEY, \$850.

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East County

LA MESA, \$495.

15 minutes to SDSU. Plus utilities. Deposit. Share house. Hardwood floors, skylights, piano. Remodeled bath/ kitchen. Laundry. Cable, Internet. Big yard. Nice area. For 1 person only. 619-466-7500.

LA MESA, \$685.

Private room/ bath in peaceful home near Lake. All utilities, Internet included. Covered parking, kitchen, washer/ dryer, pool, barbecue access. No smoking/ dogs. Credit check \$35. 619-857-3886.

SANTEE, \$500.

New paint/ carpet. Small deposit. Share utilities. Near shopping/ bus. Available immediately. Male preferred. No drugs/ alcohol/ pets. 619-995-9659 or leave message, 619-562-3812.

North County Coastal

CARDIFF, \$890.

1/2 utilities. Spectacular 180-degree whitewater view. 2 bedroom, 2 bath furnished townhome. Huge balcony, laundry, fireplace, cable, garage. Nonsmoking/ pets. Jeff, 760-436-6426.

CARMEL VALLEY, \$620-680.

2 rooms available in 3BD house. 1 furnished. Utilities included. Driveway parking. Near I-5, 56, Del Mar Beach. No pets/ smoking/ drugs. 858-259-9192.

North County Inland

RANCHO PENASQUITOS, \$425.

Includes utilities. Female only. Furnished room, laundry. Share large double- sink bath. Large, clean house. No pets/ drugs. 858-538-7820.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS, \$550.

Room for rent in 3 bedroom house. Includes laundry facilities. Good neighborhood and location. I smoke and have 2 cats. New carpet. 858-538-2501.

South Bay

IMPERIAL BEACH, \$445.

Utilities not included. Share furnished/ unfurnished. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Near beach. I have small dog. Nonsmoking. \$200 deposit. Leave message, 619-600-2055.

IMPERIAL BEACH, \$550.

Room for rent near beach. \$300 security deposit. No pets/ no smoking. Call Robert at 619-274-9960 or 619-435-3830.

ROOMMATE MISCELLANEOUS

ALL AREAS. ROOMMATES.COM. Browse hundreds of online listings with photos and maps. Find your roommate with a click of the mouse! Visit: www.Roommates.com. (AAN CAN)

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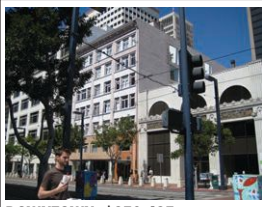
RENTALS

Commercial Rentals



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LA MESA, \$709 & UP.
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Beaches

LA JOLLA, \$1025-1045.
1BD+1BA upstairs units. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry, shared courtyard. Cat OK with extra deposit. Charming unit in the Bird Rock area close to quaint shops, restaurants and public transportation. Must see to appreciate. Available 11/15/11. 415 Colima. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA, \$1650.
1BD+1BA apartment. Reduced. Ocean views, extra clean, steps to village and beach. Prefer 1 person. 6- month minimum. Small pet possible. 858-454-6597.

LA JOLLA, \$2395.
3BD+2BA duplex. A must- see unit near world- famous WindanSea Beach! **Open house Saturday, 10/22, 2:30-3:30.** Private balcony, garage, and parking included. 7005 La Jolla Boulevard #2. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

MISSION BEACH, \$1595.
2BD+1BA large house. Parking. No Pets. Hardwood floor. Courtyard. Remodeled. Appliances. New paint. Clean. 803 Vanitie Court. 619-275-3455

MISSION BEACH, \$1650.
1BD+1BA "doll house" with new carpet. Stove, refrigerator, microwave. Large deck. Parking for 3 compact or 2 large vehicles. Storage cabinets. Ask about pet. Available now! 733 Verona Court. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

MISSION BEACH, \$1750.
2BD+2BA, apartment. Steps to beach. 1- year lease. New carpet. New paint. Includes gas, water, trash, parking. No dogs. 858-488-1759.

MISSION BEACH, \$775.
Studio. Large. Mission Bay. No Pets. Paid SDG&E. Parking. Appliances. Walk-in closet. Clean. Nice. Laundry facilities. 3431 Del Rey Street. 619-275-3455

shortcuts

by **ANDY BOYD**

WHO: Dirk Stenger, 23, El Cajon

CAR: 2011 Ford Fiesta SE with a DSG [Direct-Shift Gearbox (dual clutch) Auto

PREVIOUS CARS: 1995 E34 BMW 525i Auto.

WHAT'S YOUR COMMUTE?: Fletcher Hills to Carlsbad.

CHEAPEST GAS?: Some Food 4 Less I saw gave you 10% off for gas when you spend \$100+ on groceries, but who really remembers.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR CAR?: The service light is on but other than that, it's perfect!

WHAT YOU DO YOU LISTEN TO WHEN YOU DRIVE?: Podcasts! I love *Radio-lab*, *Skeptics Guide to the Universe*, *Planet Money* might be my favorite, though, *Planet Money* talks about complicated but interesting economic topics and presents them in an entertaining fashion.

CELL PHONE?: Nope! I have Sync in my car, totally hands free; even starts my latest podcast automatically.

HITCHHIKERS?: When would I have ever seen a hitchhiker?

TICKETS?: I got one ticket for 88MPH on the 52W.

ACCIDENTS?: I fell asleep during traffic one time and nudged the guy in front.

WORST TRAFFIC?: The 5! Both up and down totally blow.

FAVORITE DRIVE?: Up to Julian.

LEAST FAVORITE DRIVE?: Basically anytime schools are getting in or letting out.

DREAM CAR?: Previously I thought a BMW E60 M5 would be perfect, but since I've owned a small car I think it would be the M3. The BMW M3 is the standard of excellence in cars. It would

have to be a BMW Individual Daytona Violet E90 M3 with ZCP Competition Package and a 6-speed.

CRAZIEST DRIVING RELATED THING YOU'VE EXPERIENCED?: One time, my friend was driving his M-Roadster down Fletcher Parkway when he money-shifted down to 2nd. The rear wheels can't keep up so the car turns completely sideways at about 90 mph. He saved it, of course, but it was scary as all get out.

FAVORITE RACING SERIES?: F1 [Formula 1], obviously. Though I am a big fan of WRC [World Rally Championship].

SHORTCUT?: The new section on the 52 has saved a whole lot of time for us out east. It isn't used by that many people so there's never any traffic. You can skip the surface streets of Santee completely, which really improves my quality of life.



Dirk Stenger just got paid.

REAL LIFE SHORTCUT?: Poop while at work! Seriously, (a) getting paid to poop is an appealing concept, and (b) Let's do some quick math: 20 minutes per poop x 5 days per week = 100 minutes per week, 52 weeks x 100 minutes = 5200 minutes per year, 5200/60 = 86.66 hours per year x \$20 per hour = \$1733.33 per year I've been paid to take dumps.

Got a shortcut to share? E-mail aboyd@sandiegoreader.com

MISSION BEACH, \$825.
Studio+1BA. Steps to ocean and bay. Includes parking and utilities. Full kitchen, bath. Very clean. 3667 Mission Blvd. Shore Management, 858-274-3500

MISSION BEACH.
\$249 & up motel weekly rates. Full kitchens, cable TV, furnished. Santa Clara Motel, 839 Santa Clara Place, San Diego, 92109. 858-488-1193.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1025.
1BD+1BA downstairs large apartment. Appliances, parking, laundry. Near beach! Cat welcome! 619-224-4215.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1025.
1BD+1BA. Close to beach/ shopping and freeway access. Call today to view your new home! Jami at 858-268-5004.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1070.
Studio+1BA apartment with large balcony. Full kitchen and bathroom with upgrades! Laundry and parking on site. Roof-top view. 5050 Niagara Ave. Call Donna, 619-225-1260.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1180.
1BD+1BA apartment. At the Ocean Beach Pier. All appliances, laundry, wood paneled walls, small yard. Dog OK. 5067 Niagara. 619-224-4215.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1345.
2BD+2BA apartment in West Point Loma. Great building with views. Corner unit. Gated entrance and parking. Convenient location near Robb Field, beach and YMCA. No pets. 4457 Temecula at West Point Loma Boulevard. TPPM, 619-770-1959, www.torreypinespm.com.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1450
Studio+1BA, large studio, partially furnished. At the Ocean Beach Pier. Ocean views, completely renovated. No pets. 5067 Niagara. 619-224-4215.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1450.
2BD+2BA downstairs large apartment. Appliances, parking, laundry. Near beach! Cat welcome! 619-224-4215.

OCEAN BEACH, \$795.
Upstairs studio+1BA. Block to beach! Clean, bright, cozy. Shared 35' deck. Stove, refrigerator, laundry, parking. No pets, no smoking. Abbott Street. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

OCEAN BEACH, \$800.
STUDIO+1BA. Utilities included. 2 blocks to beach! All appliances, on-site laundry. Cat OK. Garage available. 4826 Santa Cruz. Call 619-224-4215; Manager: 619-962-9549.

OCEAN BEACH, \$850.
Studio+1BA. Studio in Ocean Beach. Right on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. Great location. Call to view. Jami 858-268-5004.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1025.
1BD+1BA, large downstairs apartment. Small patio. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Parking. Three blocks to ocean! Available 11/20/11. 1051 Diamond. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1100.
1BD+1BA. Large apartment. New carpeting and new bath floor. Parking, laundry. Near bay. Near beach. No pets. Call Von, 619-846-2117.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1100.
1BD+1BA. 3 blocks to beach. New paint/ carpet/ tile. Laundry, parking, ceiling fan. No pets. 1043 Law Street. 858-736-1790.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1145.
1BD+1BA newly remodeled apartment in Crown Point. New cabinets, appliances, carpet, and tile entry. Pristine, perfectly located property. Two blocks to bay, the bay- front boardwalk, Rocky's, and Crest Deli. On-site laundry, parking. Rent today! 3803 Jewell Street. TPPM, 619-933-7400, www.villalaplaza.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.
1BD+1BA, 700 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.
1BD+1BA downstairs apartment in North PB. Stove, refrigerator, private patio, shared courtyard, garage space. 2 blocks to Tourmaline Surf Park. No pets. Available 11/10/11. 830 Sapphire. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1195.
1BD+1BA. Beautiful, newly remodeled apartment. Dishwasher, laundry, parking. Gated. Lovely courtyard, heated pool. Quiet. Cat friendly. One-year lease. 858-272-4398.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1200.
2BD+1BA, cottage with small private yard. Close to all. Walk to bay. Laundry, parking, patio. No pets. 4109 Ingraham Street. 858-270-4674.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1350.
2BD+1.5BA. New carpet and paint. Parking. Available now! No pets/ smoking. 1727 Missouri Street. 858-273-8283.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1395.
2BD+2BA large apartment in Crown Point area. Upstairs end unit with vaulted ceilings. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, fireplace. Coin laundry. One- car garage. No pets. Available now. 4122 Jewell. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1395.
2BD+1BA apartment in quaint complex in Crown Point. Stroll to Sail Bay and Ski Beach. Laundry and parking. 3710 Yosemite. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

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— In McGehee, a town of 4200 in southeastern Arkansas, a black girl (Kym Wimberly) who had finished first in her senior class was named only "co-" valedictorian after officials at McGehee High changed the rules to avoid what one called a potential "big mess." As a result, in an ironic twist on "affirmative action," the highest-scoring white student was elevated to share top honors. Said Kym's mother, "We [all] know if the tables were turned, there wouldn't be a co-valedictorian." In July, the girl filed a lawsuit against the school and the protocol-changing principal.

Redneck Chronicles

— Roy Griffith, 60, John Sanborn, 53, and Douglas Ward, 55, were arrested in Deerfield Township, Mich., in July and charged with stealing a 14-foot-long stuffed alligator from a barn, dragging it away with their truck, and using it to surf in the mud ("mud-bogging"). When the gator's owner tracked down the three nearby, they denied the theft and insisted that theirs is an altogether-different 14-foot-long stuffed alligator. (Ward's blood-alcohol reading was 0.40.) (2) When deputies in Monroe County, Tenn., arrested a woman for theft in August, they learned that one of the items stolen was a 150-year-old Vatican-certified holy relic based on the Veil of Veronica (supposedly used to wipe Jesus' face before the crucifixion). The

painting had been stolen from the closet of a trailer home on a back road in the Tennessee mountains, where a local named "Frosty," age 73, had kept it for 20 years with no idea of its significance.

Government in Action

— Once hired, almost no federal employee ever leaves. Turnover is so slight that, among the typical causes for workers leaving, "death by natural causes" is more likely the reason than "fired for poor job performance." According to a July *USA Today* report, the federal rate of termination for poor performance is less than one-fifth the private sector's, and the annual retention rate for all federal employees was 99.4 percent (and for white collar and upper-income workers, more than 99.8 percent). Government defenders said the numbers reflect excellence in initial recruitment.

— In January, Alison Murray purchased her first-ever home, in Aberdeen, Scotland, but was informed in August that she has to relocate, temporarily, because the house has become infested with bats, which cannot be disturbed, under Scottish and European law, once they settle in. Conservation officials advised her that she could probably move back in November, when the bats leave to hibernate.

Update

— Some life-sized, anatomically correct dolls are manufactured in fine detail (e.g.,

the "Real Doll," as one brand is called); they are as different from the plastic inflatable dolls sold in adult stores as fine whiskey is to \$2-a-bottle rotgut. An early progenitor of the exquisite dolls, according to new research by Briton Graeme Donald, was Adolf Hitler, who was worried that he was losing more soldiers to venereal disease than to battlefield injuries, and ordered his police chief, Heinrich Himmler, to oversee development of a meticulously made doll with blonde hair and blue eyes. (However, according to Donald, the project was stopped in 1942 and all the research lost in the Allies' bombing of Dresden, Germany.) Among those who had heard of Hitler's earlier interest, according to Donald, were the creators of what later became the Barbie doll.

Great Art!

— In his signature performance-art piece, John Jairo Villamil depicted both the excitement and danger of the city of Bogotá, Colombia, by appearing onstage with a tightened garbage bag over his head and his feet in a bucket of water, holding a chain in one hand and a plant's leaf in the other. At a May show at Bogotá's Universidad del Bosque, Villamil, 25, fussed with the tightened bag and soon collapsed to the floor, stirred a little, and then was motionless. The audience, likely having assumed that the collapse was part of the performance, did not imme-

diately render assistance, and Villamil lost consciousness and died in a hospital five days later.

Plan B

— Jonathan Schwartz called 911 in New York City in July to report that he had stabbed his mother to death. A few minutes later but before police arrived, Schwartz called back 911 to report a correction: "No, she committed suicide." (The mother's body was found with multiple stab wounds, and police charged him with murder.)

Government in Action

— The Omaha (Neb.) Public School system spent \$130,000 of its stimulus grant recently to buy 8000 copies of the book *The Cultural Proficiency Journey: Moving Beyond Ethical Barriers Toward Profound School Change* — that is, one copy for every single employee, from principals to building custodians. Alarming, wrote an *Omaha World-Herald* columnist, the book is "riddled with gobble-dygook," "endless graphs," and such tedium as the "cultural proficiency continuum" and discussion of the "disequilibrium" arising "due to the struggle to disengage with past actions associated with unhealthy perspectives."

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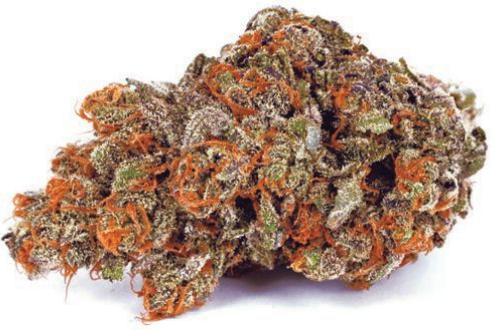
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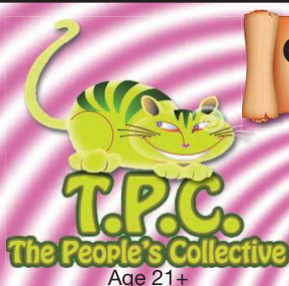
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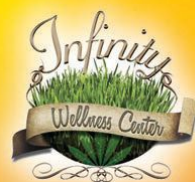
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