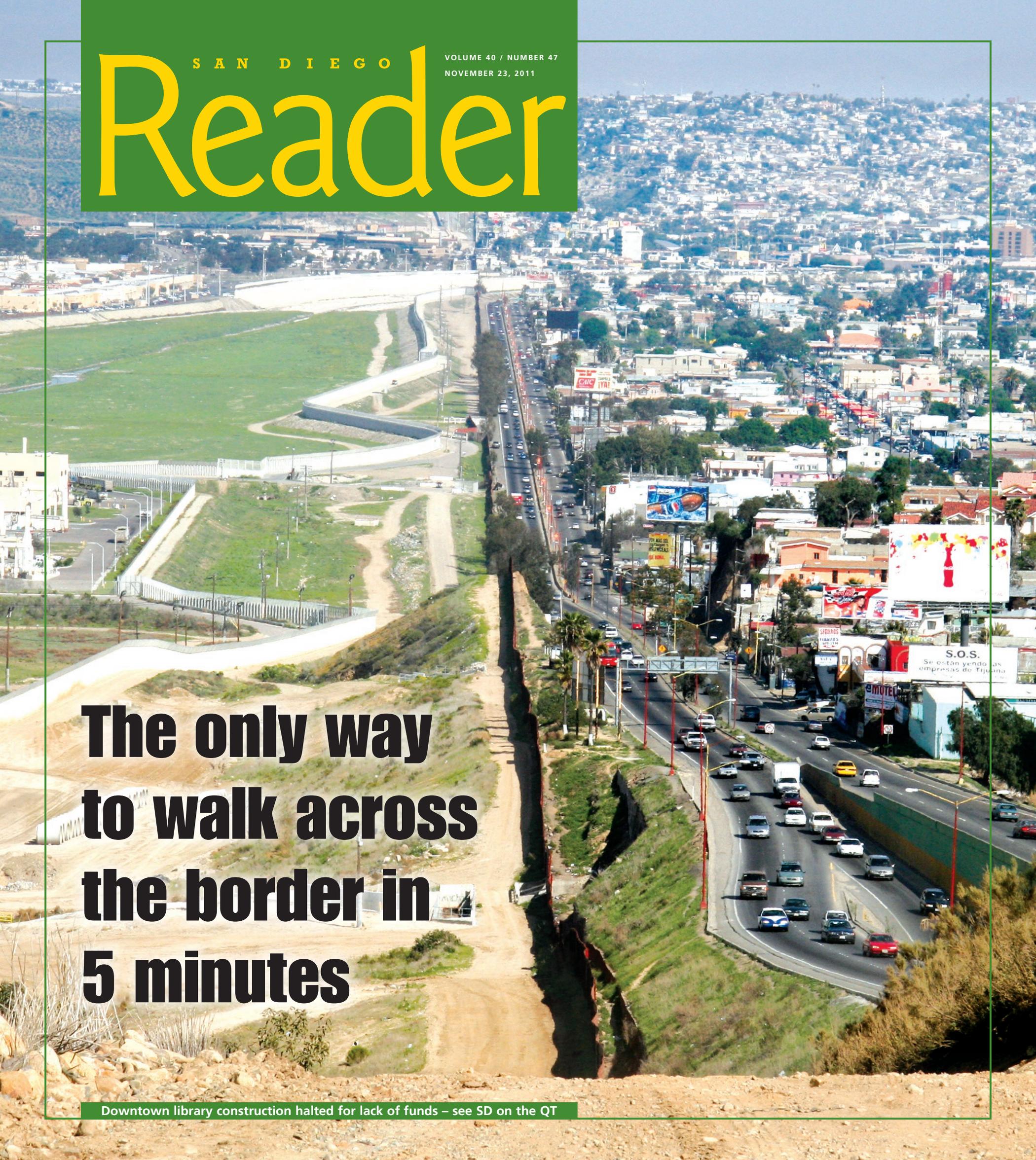


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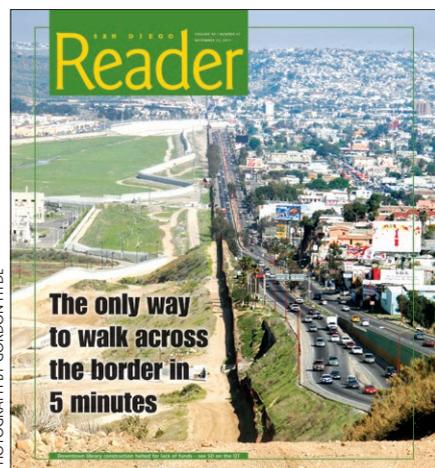
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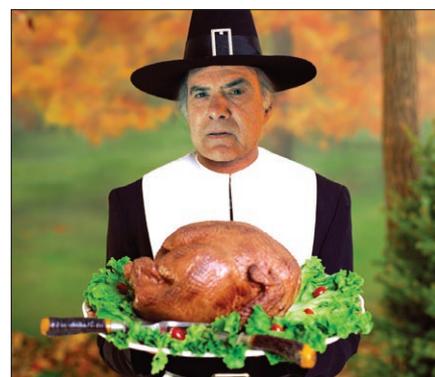


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UNDER THE RADAR

Of palm trees and prison guards

An El Cajon firm headed by former Democratic state senator **Steve Peace** has been raking in big bucks from the California Correctional Peace Officers Association. According to state campaign finance disclosure records, J.S. Peace & Associates reported getting \$60,000 from the public employees union in January, another \$60,000 in March, and \$40,000 in May, for a total of \$160,000 during the first six months of this year. The purpose of the expense was reported as campaign consulting. Peace, onetime director of finance for ousted Democratic governor **Gray Davis**, has enjoyed long and friendly relations with the state prison guards, who have been major backers of his non-profit California Independent Voter Project, a group that played a key role in getting voters to approve the state's new nonpartisan primary system and each fall conducts a controversial shindig on Maui for lobbyists and members of the California legislature. Besides the prison union, event bankrollers reportedly have included Southern California Edison, big tobacco's Altria, Pacific Gas and Electric, the California Beer and Beverage Distributors, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, and Chevron.

Peace's group uses the corporate and union cash to pick up the tab for the politicians, some of whom have subsequently reimbursed the organization after newspaper exposés focused public attention on the practice. This year the confab drew more media attention than usual, with the *Sacramento Bee* editorializing, "As expected, these lawmakers are attempting to dismiss any suggestion they will be inappropriately influenced by hanging out at the beach, pool and bar by interests that have a multimillion-dollar stake in legislative decisions.... Our view is: Lawmakers already have plenty of opportunity to mingle with experts and special interests in Sacramento. They don't need to do it in Maui."

As a nonprofit rather than a political committee, Peace's project is not legally required to reveal its contributors' names and as a result keeps most financial details to itself. According to its latest federal disclosure, filed with the Internal Revenue Service on July 19 and covering 2010, the organization received a total of

\$2,166,875 in contributions and grants. It had total expenses of \$2,807,253. **David Takashima**, onetime Peace chief of staff and a former director of government affairs for utility giant Pacific Gas and Electric, is president and chief executive.

Peace is chairman of the board, which includes **Linda Mitrovich**, sister-in-law of City Club of San Diego president **George Mitrovich**.

Back in 2004, controversy arose when it was revealed that two companies owned by

Linda and her husband **Dan** received \$859,000 from the Metropolitan Water District to promote its interests in San Diego, where sentiment was running high against L.A.'s strings on the local water supply, the *Los Angeles Times* reported in August 2004.

George Mitrovich got \$145,000 from the agency for a similar purpose, according to the *Times*.

The voter project board also includes **Jeff Marston**, the San Diego lobbyist and public relations man who was once a Republican assemblyman.

The most recent City disclosure for his firm, Marston + Marston, dated October 31, shows that the company has been paid \$4000 by FinWater Advisors, LLC, of Denver, Colorado, to lobby for "approval of [a] pilot program" for a "San Diego entertainment district."

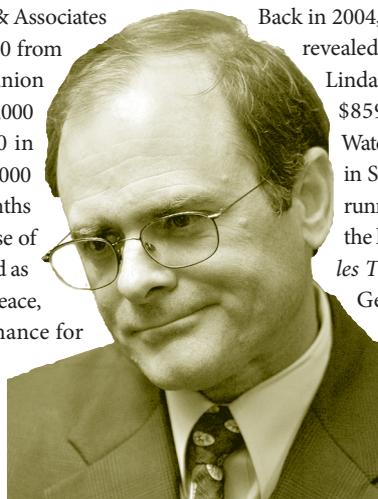
As described on FinWater's website, the project would allow installation of massive Times Square-style billboards in a part of downtown, with a generous cut of the revenue reserved for the City and property owners. According to its

presentation, FinWater hopes to "create a public-private partnership to develop the legal/political environment to make the district a reality." Marston's wife, a partner in her husband's lobbying business, is listed as giving \$250 to GOP assemblyman and San Diego mayoral candidate **Nathan Fletcher**.

In separate phone interviews last week, both Marston and FinWater principal **David Ehrlich** emphasized the project's potential to generate major financial support for revitalization and arts projects in what is currently a neglected area north of Broadway.

Another lobbyist on Peace's board is secretary and treasurer **Daniel Howle**, the Sacramento-based director of public affairs for Lilly USA, a subsidiary of the multinational pharmaceutical firm. According to the voter project's 2010 disclosure, Howle's spouse received a \$57,000 "fix fee contract" from the nonprofit to "arrange, organize and produce" Peace's

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Steve Peace rakes in the bucks from peace officers.



FinWater lobbyist gives to Nathan Fletcher.



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

Speculation is that local developer Doug Manchester just wants the U-T's prime Mission Valley real estate.

U-T Probably Went Cheap Again

By Don Bauder

The market for metropolitan daily newspapers is stone cold. Experts are convinced that daily newspapers, even those

with a promising online presence, are becoming obsolete. That suggests that the *Union-Tribune*, which was sold to hotelier Doug Manchester on November 17, went cheap again.

Five or six years ago, the *U-T* was worth a billion dollars. Platinum Equity of Beverly Hills bought the paper in 2009 for between \$35 million and \$52 million, according to reliable estimates. Manchester claims he paid more than \$110 million, which would still probably be below the value of the real estate. Papa Doug's partner John Lynch publicly stated he wants editorial fluff. That could wallop circulation. It's possible the *U-T* will become the first major metro paper to drop the print edition and go strictly online — departing its Mission Valley headquarters in the process so Manchester can tear it down. Again, that's speculation.

Deep doubts about the future of metropolitan daily newspapers pervade the financial community, and they are reflected in stock prices of publicly owned newspaper chains. Prices

plunged in 2008 and 2009, and then they snapped back as the overall market rallied. But now they are nearing those recessionary lows.

The numbers tell the story. According to the Newspaper Association of America, industry ad revenue has dropped every quarter since the third period of 2006. Newspaper revenues have plunged about 50 percent since then. Adjusted for inflation, newspaper advertising is at about the same level as 50 years ago. Ad revenue per capita is down 63 percent from its all-time high in 1988. Revenue from classified advertising, which was once a major profit center, last year was one-fourth what it was in the year 2000, according to Pew Research Center.

"People are abandoning newspapers, and for that reason you should sell all your newspaper stocks," says a columnist for *TheStreet*.

"More readers choose to get news free online, thereby making the print-advertising model increasingly irrelevant," says *Zacks*.

Stock prices reflect such views. In 2004, you could

have paid \$40.01 a share for Lee Enterprises, which owns 49 dailies (including the *North County Times*) and 300 weeklies. By March of 2009, that price was down to 28 cents. Then it rose to \$4.24 last year; as of last Friday, it was back down to 63 cents. Gannett, the largest newspaper chain, fetched \$91.38 in 2004. It got as low as \$1.85 in early 2009, bounced back to \$19.69 last year, and Friday was down to \$10.99. McClatchy, which owns several dailies, including the *Miami Herald*, sold for as high as \$63 in March of 2005, dropped to 9 cents in early 2009, bounced back to \$5.35 last year but on Friday was down to \$1.15. The *New York Times*, which owns the *Boston Globe* and 16 other dailies, sold for \$53 in 2003, sank to \$3.44 in 2009, rebounded to \$14.87 last year, and Friday was back to \$7.19.

Advertising on newspapers' internet sites is now about 14 percent of total revenue. It had been growing robustly but was walloped by the Great Recession. According to Pew, newspapers' online revenue was \$3.17 billion in 2007, plunged in 2008, and only made it back to \$3.04 billion in 2010. There is a general agreement that online represents the future, but internet profits are anemic. The papers would like to charge for their online service, but people can get so much online news for free. Many

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Pride and Prejudice

By Elizabeth Salaam

Playwright Kirsten Greenidge does not use the restroom during intermission when her plays are performed. “I get so wary about what I’m going to overhear,” she admits. “You have no voice in that situation. You can’t pick a fight in the restroom.”

This policy may have proven sound during the recent run of her controversial play *Milk Like Sugar*, at the La Jolla Playhouse from late August through Septem-

ber 25.

“During previews, before the play even opened,” Greenidge says, “[the Playhouse] started getting emails from people who were concerned about stereotypes and black characters.”

In 2008, the La Jolla Playhouse and Theater Masters in Aspen, Colorado, co-



In Greenidge's *Milk Like Sugar*, stereotypes are people, too.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALAN DECKER

Greenidge and the actors discussed how these young, black urban characters would be perceived by a white, older, affluent audience.

commissioned Greenidge to write a play. Together, the two institutions sent her to the Aspen Ideas Festival, where she participated in a week of seminars to generate ideas for the play. From 2009 to 2011, Greenidge traveled back and forth between Boston (where she resides) and New York to workshop the play, discussing choices she'd made, tweaking scenes, and developing characters, all of whom are, like herself, black.

In late August of this year, *Milk Like Sugar* premiered onstage at La Jolla Playhouse.

The advert posted on the Playhouse website reads,

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Greenidge says she and the actors discussed the idea of how these young, black urban characters would be perceived by the Playhouse's mostly white, older, affluent audience. And although Playhouse managing director Michael Rosenberg says complaints came from an ethnically diverse range of audience members, it became clear that some of the more vocal critics were from the black community.

On September 8, the *San Diego Voice and Viewpoint* published a letter to the editor in which 73-year-old Dr. Dorothy Smith, the first African-American woman to be elected to public office in the city of San Diego (serving twice as president of San Diego Unified's school board), wrote, “This play does not mirror life in the Black communities. It is filled with the kind of stereotypes that some White people like to perpetuate regarding Black people.”

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NEWS TICKER

Gimme Shelter... and a Snack

Occupy San Diego
Hungry for Justice

Downtown — John Kenney hasn't eaten for eight days, and he has no idea when he will eat again.

“We're trying to get recognition of our proposal and our resolu-

“Instead of listening to us,” says Kenney, “they're ramping up police brutality and spending more time and money. They're treating us like 9/11 terrorists when all we want is social and economic liberty and justice.”

By Chad Deal

Tuesday, November 15

Roused and Ousted

More Police Raids, but Civic Center Remains Occupied

Downtown — After once again being forcibly removed from the Civic Center Plaza by police and sheriff's officers



John Kenney, one of a handful of Occupiers who is on a hunger strike

tion,” says Kenney, one of a handful of Occupy San Diego protesters who has taken up a hunger strike in response to the city council's general disregard for the movement, which has occupied the Civic Center Plaza since early October and has resulted in 79 arrests, 5 of them this weekend.

Kenney says that councilmembers David Alvarez and Tony Young have been somewhat sympathetic toward the protesters, but both have failed to provide the first of five signatures

needed to get Occupy San Diego's proposal on the council agenda.

Following in the vein of proposals approved by the cities of Los Angeles and Irvine, Occupy San Diego's proposal would allow protesters to set up structures such as tents and tables on the plaza.

clad in riot gear, Occupy San Diego has returned.

Last night at around 2 a.m., reports began circulating that another raid of the group's overnight camp was under way. After twice being removed from the plaza in the past month, police have prevented the group from entering the area with personal property,



Police have prevented Occupiers from entering Civic Center Plaza with personal property.

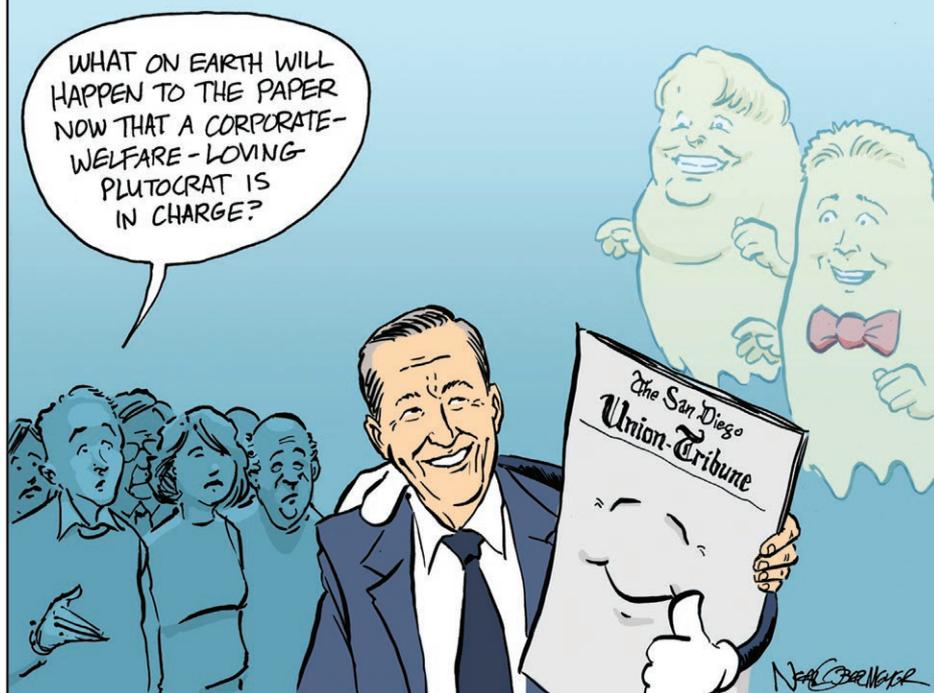
erecting barricades along the east entrance fronting Third Avenue. They have, however, allowed the group to sleep on a small patch of grass outside the plaza entrance.

A report by Frank Gormlie of the *OB Rag* states as many as 100 officers

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Career Counselor

I believe Siobhan Braun needs a reality check ("For My Birthday, My Husband Bought Me a House," Cover Story, November 17). You should be on your knees every night thanking God for a husband who loves you and three healthy (I assume, since you hardly mentioned them) children, as well as your house. If you got off your tush and got a job, you might realize how hard it is to earn a dollar these days, rather than whining that employers only want to look at your body. Go take a couple of classes at a community college so you can use their counseling office to see what you might be interested in learning to become good at: something besides housework and picking up dog poop. I'm not belittling those activities, they can be very rewarding and a blessing to your family, but once kids are in school, they don't need you quite as much. Marriage is a partnership, and your husband is asking for your help (in a sort of roundabout, male way) — renegotiate! Have you saved for your retirement? Your children's

college education? Made a living trust in case, God forbid, he gets hit by a truck? Do you have enough life insurance? All these things cost money, just like those windows he researched so carefully, so as not to waste money. Sure, it's easy to criticize when you're not earning those dollars.

You write quite well; perhaps you could be an editor — maybe the Reader could use your skills — be a school bus driver — they'll teach you how to discipline all kinds of kids — be a nurse (although you sound a bit too selfish for that), be a dog trainer (who doesn't like golden retrievers?), just do something! It will be a good example to your kids that Mom worked hard to find a job. And your husband will be so grateful he might pick up his socks or learn to do laundry himself — do your kids do chores? Their future spouses will be grateful if they have skills as well!

Rebecca Kiperts
Mission Village

Correction

The blog entry printed in the November 10 issue titled "The Dead Pool, RIP: Kazumi and Spread," which said that "Spread in North Park is apparently gone," was in error. The restaurant remains open. We regret the error.

The Grand Gay Plan

Regarding the column in "Sporting Box" on Sandusky, it better be known that now that the State of California has mandated the teaching of homosexual history in all grades and in all schools, the parents of California should be ready to experience what the parents of Sandusky's victims are going through right now. The homosexuals will not stop until they have corrupted every child they can get their hands on in the schools and in the surrounding areas. What happened at Penn State will occur in every school in the California public school system.

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by Barbarella

Die, Ralph, Die

Kevin looked more confused than surprised when he found me on his doorstep. “Are you C.C.’s chauffeur?” He gestured at my father, who was standing behind me. Though I had indeed done the driving, it wasn’t because Dad was unable — now that he had graduated to over-the-counter painkillers, the old man was capable of driving himself.

“Nope, I’m here for the book club!” After a moment of awkwardness, during which Kevin’s head swiveled quickly toward the set dining table and back to the door, I added, “Nancy asked me to come; she told me she notified Tim. Look, I read it.” I brandished my paperback copy of the novel and told Kevin the story that had inspired Nancy to insist I join the discussion that evening.

I was driving my father home from the hospital. He was in a daze brought on by trauma from a surgery gone wrong, a cruel assortment of pain, and narcotics. I was

catching my seventh wind after 35 hours awake — slap-happy from the combined exhaustion of traveling and my excitement to see my father alive. I was rambling like a waitress on speed: “I’m reading this book right now, you’d love it, it’s about this Irish family, and it totally reminds me of your family, especially some of the quippy insults, and it’s written by an Irish woman, but it’s also sort of a murder mystery, but it’s not even the mystery part that’s cool, it’s just so well written, and I just know you’d love it; I bought it, so you can borrow it when I’m

done, but you really have to read it.”

Dad strained to turn his head fully toward me. Through the murk that enshrouded him, he found a way to end my prattling. “I can’t think about reading anything else right now, I’ve got to finish a book for my club this month, and I haven’t even started it.”

Shortly after we arrived at his apartment, Dad was attempting to situate himself as comfortably as possible in his recliner when I jerked him out of his fog, once again shouting, “That’s it! That’s the book I was telling you about!” It turned out the book I’d been raving about in the car — the latest tale by Tana French — was the same book Dad had on loan from the library to read for his book club. Because the club comprises Kevin’s congregation in a church that believes in things like fate, it didn’t surprise me when Nancy, upon hearing the story, concluded that I must attend the next meeting.

After a healthy and delicious dinner prepared by Kevin’s husband Tim and

a lively, provocative discussion about the book, Kevin, aka “Rev Kev,” volunteered some information about his relationship with me to his friend Kate: “You know, I’ve known Barb since she was 19. We used to work together. I was her supervisor.”

“It’s true,” I said in answer to Kate’s disbelieving expression. “Before he was a reverend, he was my boss.”

“Nineteen,” Kevin said, shaking his head. “Isn’t it weird how things come together?” I nodded. “Everyone loved Barb,” Kevin said to Kate. I feigned humility and even offered up a small protest before I agreed that, “Yeah, I was pretty likeable.”

“Remember when they found that baggie of cocaine in the quality assurance department and everyone thought it was mine?” I looked at my dad when I said, “That was before I’d ever tried it, before I moved to Hollywood.” Kevin didn’t seem to remember. “Well, they called me in, told me they found it, and that their evidence for thinking it was mine was, and I quote, ‘You always seem so happy.’”

I turned to Kate now as I explained, “See, I was a trainer, and Kevin was the training manager in the call center. Because some of my training classes went as late as 11 p.m., I would down a Mountain Dew and two Excedrin to perk me up.”

“You hated me,” he said.

“It’s true. On your first day, I took bets

in the office for how long you’d last there.”

“But then you liked me.”

“Again, it’s true. I liked you even though you tortured me.” I told Kate how Kevin used to send me emails with clip-art images of cats (crude pre-LOL cat silhouettes) along with a message: “Die, Ralph. Die.” Ralph was the name of my pet rat at the time.

“Your man of God here,” I said to Kate, “your channel to the universe wanted one

of God’s creatures, my beloved companion, to die.” Kevin laughed. “I used to ask him what his boss in the sky would think of his little death wishes.” I looked at Kevin. “Did you ever think, back then, that this smart-mouthed teenager



Rev Kev

would end up at your house years later in a book club? Isn’t it crazy?”

Kevin and I stood across from each other, shaking our heads in amused disbelief at how our lives had interwoven since we first met. First he was my boss, and then, without any involvement on my behalf, he became my father’s minister and motorcycle riding buddy. There was nothing we could say that could describe the awe that hung in the air between us. A preacher and a writer, each at a rare loss for words, marveling in silence at who we’d been, who we were now, and everything in between. ■

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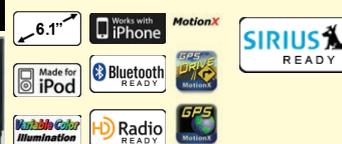
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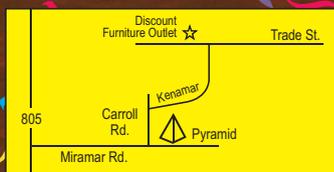


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POST TITLE: **Album Review: Lou Reed & Metallica – Lulu**
POST DATE: **Monday, October 31st, 2011, by Al Howard**

Lulu, the new collaboration between Lou Reed and Metallica, opens with a sparsely strummed acoustic guitar, Reed's distinct voice, and a question: Can this misaligned collaboration surprise you with unexpected merit? Once James Hetfield enters with his amplified chin-rock croon over a wall of guitars turned up to eleven, and once Reed sings the charming lyric, "I would cut my legs and tits off when I think of Boris Karloff," you have your answer. No. No it cannot.

This album is exactly what you'd expect from the head-on collision between a rusty metal machine and an art-rock poet elder, each seeking relevance in all the wrong places... If *Lulu* is all just an inside joke, it's hilarious. But if not, it's one of the oddest collaborations in memory, recent or otherwise, and quite a misfire. Though if Leonard Cohen and Mastodon put out a release, I will be all ears.

POST TITLE: **Review: Leonard Cohen; April 7, 2009 at Copley Symphony Hall; San Diego**
POST DATE: **Monday, April 13th, 2009, by Chris Maroulakos**

The setting at the Copley Symphony Hall is not unlike Leonard Cohen himself. With its stained-glass windows and walls of intricately sculpted marble, the building seems as though it should house sermons rather than symphonies. But at the center of the basilican architecture lies the stage itself, lit in smokey reds and swanky purples that [seem to belong more] in a brothel than a cathedral. The juxtaposition of the sacred and the profane has long been a tenet of Cohen's distinguished career, which has been defined as much by prayer songs like "If It Be Your Will" as by the lurid recounting of trysts with Janis Joplin... Providing a sharp contrast to the often pitch-black poetry of his lyrics, Cohen grinned and joked around with the crowd. "The last time I was on this stage was fourteen or fifteen years ago," he deadpanned. "I was sixty then, just a kid with a crazy dream."

POST TITLE: **Poetic Memory: A Scribe Amidst the Lions (List)**
POST DATE: **Tuesday, June 28th, 2011, by Chris Maroulakos**

Kris Towne (vocals, guitar) [on his influences]: Modest Mouse — *The Moon and Antarctica*: I was too young (and too far away) for the live show heyday of Modest Mouse. I'd like to believe in that basement show magic people talk about, but I never got to experience it. What I got was an introduction to MM with the album *The Moon and Antarctica*... It had already been heralded by the indie world — and, for the first time, parts of the mainstream world — as cool. And I loved it! That was followed by ob-

session over the record... followed by a general disappointment in pretty much everything the band has done since. Which is what happens when you obsess over one record from a great band. I caught them on their bridge between the indie world and the mainstream, and loved every minute of it. It was a point in their career and music where everything came together in a magical way; big ideas, big studio, HUGE label and distribution, all for the very first time in their career. Those combinations will probably never happen again for a band to create the same kind of sound.

POST TITLE: **Drew Andrews Celebrates His Birthday**
POST DATE: **Sunday, January 10th, 2010, by Chris Maroulakos**

Following the theft of his musical equipment during a 2005 tour with Via Satellite, Andrews returned to San Diego and began to write music on the only instrument he had left: an acoustic guitar. Though initially a departure for the electronically-inclined artist, those tender, finger-picked songs eventually became the gorgeous 2008 album *Only Mirrors*, and so was born Drew Andrews' solo career.

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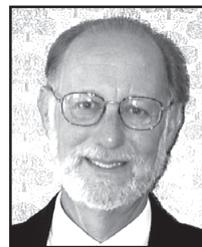


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Almost factual news



Put It on a Postcard!

San Diego Selects Unfinished Central Library as City's Official "Iconic Image"

"When you've got weather like this..."

Much has been made over the proposal to erect a pair of 500-foot titanium rabbit ears at the end of the Midway Museum pier and the possibility that such a project could eventually become a symbol of San Diego — something akin to the Eiffel Tower in Paris or Sydney's famous opera house.

But today, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to instead adopt the unfinished new Central Library as the official image of America's Finest-Weather City.

Council president pro tem Kevin Faulconer explained the council's decision: "By abandoning an ambitious public

project that was somehow begun before the funds were in place to finish it, we feel we are creating a fitting monument to this city's pattern of governance. By abandoning a building, we honor the fact that San Diego is about outdoor living at its finest. By abandoning a library, we are honoring our city's refreshingly unintellectual character. And by walking away now, we save the city millions of dollars, which is important in these tight economic times."

Concluded Faulconer, "Maybe we'll let some of those graffiti kids do some murals of Shamu or a koala bear. You know, give it that final touch."

UCSD Responds to Cheating Report: "We Prefer to Think of It as 'Preparing Students for Success.'"

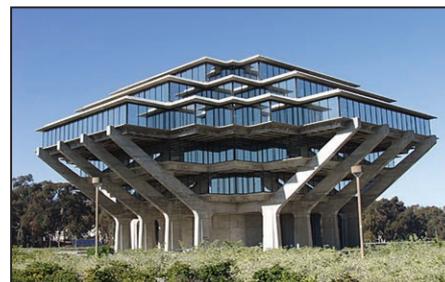
UCSD Dept. of Graduate Admissions: "If by 'cheating,' you mean 'optimizing performance,' then I'm not sure why we're having this conversation."

"Anyone who has a problem with appropriating someone else's work as their own has obviously never been on the internet."

SNORTING DISMISSIVELY AMONG THE EUCALYPTUS GROVES, UCSD CAMPUS — "Look," says UCSD director of graduate school admissions Roger Harkness, "China isn't getting ahead in the tech wars by doing their own R&D, okay? Everybody knows that. Investment bankers aren't buying private islands

because they work hard and keep their noses clean. Kennedy didn't become president by insisting that every voter in Chicago had to be alive. And Captain James T. Kirk didn't beat the Kobayashi Maru scenario by coloring inside the lines. You want to win? You have to be creative. There will always be haters who call that kind of behavior cheating. But frankly, that kind of above-the-fray moral snootery is a luxury that today's college student simply cannot afford."

Harkness was responding to a recent report authored by UCSD physics faculty member Michael G. Anderson and Christine Killora, an admissions counselor at the University of San Diego, which found that "the rate of cheating [at UCSD] is assumed to be much higher than what is officially reported and is thus considered



a significant problem at the University."

"Anderson is a tightass from way back," thundered Harkness. "He's welcome to do his little experiments in 'gotcha' class-management — he's got tenure, he can do what he wants. But can you honestly expect someone who's had the same cushy job for 30 years to understand today's academic job market — let alone the larger, real-world job market? I mean, I'm sure there are a lot of old-school biology teachers who got their undies in a bunch when *The Origin of Species* was published, but guess what? Times change."

Apparently so. Harkness says that he plans to turn Anderson's findings to his own advantage. "We're working on a campaign right now: 'UCSD: We Know What It Takes.'"

Stopping the Brown Tide

Critics Say Plan to Rebuild U.S.-Mexico Pacific Ocean Border Fence Will Do Little to Stop Influx of Invasive Brown Kelp

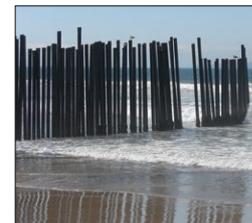
"A six-inch gap is more than enough room for these buggers to slip through and take up spots once held by American kelp beds."

The United States Border Patrol today announced plans to rebuild the "surf fence" that marks the beach border between the United States and Mexico and extends some 300 feet into the Pacific Ocean. The fence will be made from steel poles set six inches apart, and is designed to last for some 30 years. But according to Carl "Crusty" McCracken, president of Northern Oceanographic Mexican Abatement Society (NO-MAS), the fence will do little to ease the threat posed by "invasive Mexicans of the underwater variety."

Says McCracken, "According to a recent article in *Botanica Marina*, a scientific-political journal

dedicated to tracking the encroachment of invasive species into American waters, '*Undaria pinnatifida*, a laminarian kelp (Phaeophyta)...has been introduced recently to the coast of Southern

California (USA). We present the first record of this invasive species on the Mexican Pacific coast and show the current southern limit along the Pacific coast of North America. The colonization of the Pacific coast of North America by this invasive species is still occurring, and its distributional range is expanding.' Now, *Undaria pinnatifida* is 50 cm long, tops, and it can easily slip between those fence poles. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: until we have a safe and secure border net, America and her native flora will remain under attack."



Vanity Fair, Vanity Fair, All is Vanity Fair

City of Chula Vista Demands, Receives Apology from Fancy National Magazine

"Who you callin' 'sputtering'? Have you even seen Eastlake?"

BORED TO DEATH IN THE DULLEST CITY IN AMERICA — "Sometimes," said Chula Vista mayor Cheryl Cox, "it feels like the biggest part of being mayor of this town is defending it from vicious attacks by snooty big-city 'journalists.' I mean, they don't have to come here, you know? We're not going around bragging about how great we are, so why do they feel like they need to take us down?"

Cox was referring (this time) to Dana Vachon's article in *Vanity Fair* about the famed Winklevoss twins, who are currently training at Chula Vista's

Olympic Training Center. In the article, Vachon wrote:

"The Winklevosses have been living and training in the California border town of Chula Vista since last December. It is a sputtering neon error of beauty academies and pawnshops, recently terrorized by a homicidal Tijuana drug gang skilled at dissolving bodies in chemicals."

"I mean, damn," marveled Cox. "Sounds like someone ate at the wrong food truck, know what I mean?"

Cox wrote a letter to the magazine seeking an apology, and today she got one. *SD on the QT* has

obtained a copy of *Vanity Fair's* response, the body of which is reproduced below:

"Thank you for your eloquent statement on behalf of your curiously named town. We have spoken with Ms. Vachon, and have concluded that action is indeed called for. On behalf of *Vanity Fair*, Ms. Vachon would like to extend



her apologies to the City of Chula Vista. First, for mistaking the city's many thrift stores for pawnshops. Second, for suggesting that the presence of gangsters skilled at dissolving bodies in chemicals caused anything more than a resigned shrug in the populace. Third, for suggesting that the city's many fine neon signs are sputtering, instead of shining

with a steady, garish glow.

"The paragraph in question will be replaced in the online edition of the article with the following:

"The Winklevosses have been living and training in the California border town of Chula Vista since last December. It is a sprawling, cancerous tumor of McMansions and barrios, recently

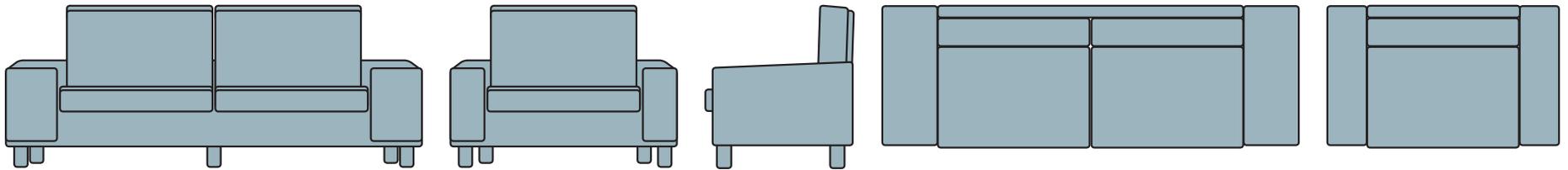
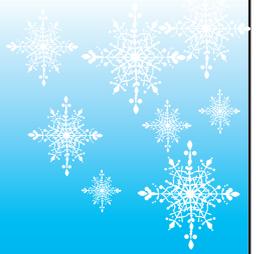
devastated by a disastrous wave of foreclosures that left many neighborhoods looking like post-apocalyptic ruins."

"In closing, please know that everyone here at *Vanity Fair* hates your little crap town and looks forward to the day when California south of Los Angeles slides into the sea."



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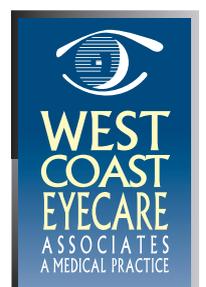
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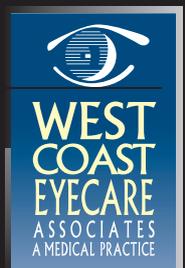
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Rotten to the Bone



Penn State is a plantation, and JoePa was the owner.

There is a continental stench coming out of Penn State. Step back, consider yourself a neutral observer with no stake in the scandal. Let's say you knew there was an eyewitness to the (alleged) rape of a child in the Penn State football building. Let's say the (alleged) rape was performed by a former defensive coordinator, someone who had been a coach at Penn State for 31 years who "retired" in 1999 as coach emeritus. Let's say he was given an office on campus and access to the university's football facilities. Finally, let's say, 34 years ago he founded a statewide charity for troubled young boys, boys he escorted around campus, to Penn State football games, and university social events.

What are you going to do, blame the university? Penn State dealt with Jerry Sandusky harshly after administrators learned of his (alleged) 2002 rape of a ten-year-old boy in the Lasch Football Building. Sandusky was ordered not to bring children from the Second Mile (his charity) into the football building. Not a problem, lots of other buildings around, and his company, Sandusky Associates, continued to use a Penn State satellite campus until at least 2008.

Time passes. Not letting up for a second, Penn State banned Sandusky from campus on November 6, 2011, the day after he was arrested on 40 counts of sex crimes against young boys.

Penn State is a plantation, and JoePa was the owner. If you're a football coach you keep your bags packed. The day you're hired is one day closer to the day you're going to be fired. Except at Penn State. The new interim head coach is Tom Bradley. He played for Penn State in 1977 and 1978, was a graduate assistant for the football team in 1979, hired as a coach in 1980. He worked under Sandusky coaching defensive backs, linebackers, defensive ends, and special

teams. He's been part of the Penn State football staff for 32 years.

Dick Anderson was a tight end and defensive end at Penn State from 1960 to 1962 and a graduate assistant in 1963. He was the Penn State offensive line coach from 1973 to 1983, then coached Rutgers, then returned to Penn State in 1990 as offensive line coach and quarterbacks coach. Thirty-four years.

Galen Hall is the offensive coordinator for Penn State. He played quarterback for Penn State in 1960 and '61. He had a short pro career, coached for Oklahoma and Florida, returned to Penn State in 2004 as offensive coordinator and running backs coach. Seven years.

Larry Johnson is a defensive line/special teams coach and has been on staff since 1996. His son was a wide receiver at Penn State. Fifteen years.

Bill Kenney coaches offensive tackles and tight ends. He was a Penn State graduate assistant in 1988 and on staff since 1989. Twenty-three years.

Jay Paterno, Joe's son, was a reserve quarterback from Penn State in 1990 and on the Penn State coaching staff since 1995 (tight ends, recruiting coordinator, quarterbacks). Sixteen years.

John Thomas is the strength and conditioning coach for Penn State. Nineteen years.

Ron Vanderlinden, linebackers coach, has been on staff since 2000. Eleven years.

Kermit Buggs is the safeties coach, has been on staff as a graduate student or coach since 2003. Eight years.

You have now seen the entire Penn State football coaching staff as listed on their web page. Mike McQueary (nine years), the child-rapist eyewitness and wide receivers/recruiting coordinator is still on the payroll but not mentioned on Penn State's web page.

Nobody who is smart enough to read this sentence can possibly believe these people didn't know what was going on. How many times did one or all of them see or hear of Sandusky showering with prepubescent boys? How many times did one or all of them see or hear about a naked Sandusky lathering up boys and "horsing around" in the shower? How many times did one or all of them see or hear about Sandusky putting his hand on a boy's thigh and on and on?

Here's the real question: why in the hell is Penn State still playing football? It's not that this is a difficult moral choice. Penn State should forfeit games for the rest of the season. Then they should fire/let go/resign everybody in and connected to the football department. Then, to be more than fair, let those who wish to reapply for their jobs do so with the understanding that they would be vetted to the tits. Same with the trustees and administrators.

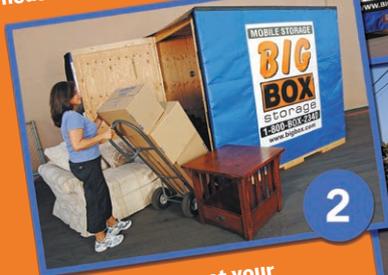
Instead, the cover-up continues and the same people are coaching. It is sickening, and here's the part that is personally offensive: these "coaches" are turning the rest of us into their accomplices.

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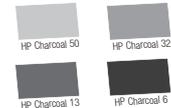
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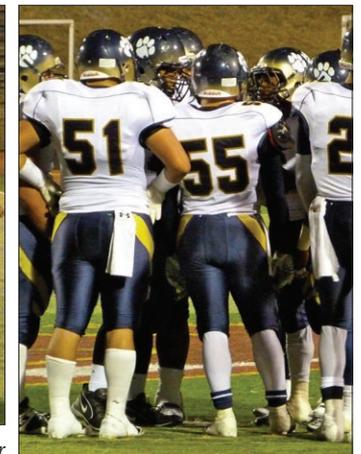
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the red zone

By Anthony Gentile



Torrey Pines quarterback Andrew Perkins looks to the sideline for the play call with his Falcons teammates waiting in the huddle



Morse in the offensive huddle

Game of the Week: Morse at Torrey Pines

DEL MAR HEIGHTS – Torrey Pines trailed Morse through three quarters in the first round of the Division II playoffs on Friday night, but the fourth quarter belonged to the host Falcons. Eighth-seeded Torrey Pines scored nine unanswered points in the final quarter to upend the ninth-seeded Tigers for a 16-11 comeback victory.

"It was a hard-fought game by both teams," said Torrey Pines linebacker Aaron Small.

Morse led 11-7 at the start of the fourth quarter, and 50 seconds into the quarter Torrey Pines (5-6) cut the Tigers lead to one on a Jack Mitchell 36-yard field goal. After a Morse punt, the Falcons drove 55 yards to take a 16-11 lead on a David Bagby two-yard outside run with five minutes remaining.

"We were running up the middle quite a lot," Bagby said. "They started to key on me and they were coming in hot. Coach called a toss and I just followed my blocks and they pushed me in."

Morse (6-4) took the ensuing drive to the Torrey Pines 39-yard line, but on first-and-10 the ball was snapped over the head of Tigers quarterback Jamal Anderson for an 11-yard loss. Two plays later Anderson tried to extend a play by scrambling, but Small stripped him from behind and Torrey Pines recovered the loose ball at the Morse 33-yard line.

"I was actually looking for a wide receiver to guard but when I saw him scrambling I knew he was going to try and get the first down on his own," Small said. "When he bounced it outside I contained, and when he turned around I knew it was my chance."

Small's strip sealed the comeback victory for Torrey Pines.

CIF First Round Scoreboard

(seedings in parentheses)

Division I

at (8) Chula Vista 30, (9) Escondido 0
(12) Grossmont 33 at (5) Mira Mesa 25
at (6) Carlsbad 49, (11) Granite Hills 7
(10) San Diego 14 at (7) El Camino 13

Division II

at (8) Torrey Pines 16, (9) Morse 11
at (5) Steele Canyon 21, (12) Scripps Ranch 7
at (6) Valhalla 27, (11) Rancho Bernardo 21
at (7) Westview 48, (10) Bonita Vista 0

Division III

(9) Lincoln 34 at (8) Ramona 7
(12) El Capitan 34 at (5) Mt. Carmel 13
(11) Serra 22 vs (6) Kearny 21 (at Madison High)
at (7) Mar Vista 19, (10) Montgomery 7

Division IV

at (8) Coronado 24, (9) Mission Bay 7
at (5) Imperial 47, (12) Del Norte 30
at (6) Brawley 35, (11) La Jolla 7
at (7) Mater Dei 44, (10) Palo Verde Valley 7

Division V

(8) Tri-City Christian 42 vs (9) Mountain Empire 13 (at Rancho Buena Vista High)
(5) La Jolla Country Day 43 at (12) San Pasqual Academy 14
at (6) Holtville 37, (11) Army-Navy 35
(7) Horizon 50 vs (10) Calipatria 11 (at San Diego High)



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BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

The sarge on the drum kit announced loudly, "Gross-out contest!" which was met with unanimous cheers around the club.

So, Thanksgiving. I'm guessing I'll have my son bunking here, and I don't know how to roast a turkey. Going out to dinner sounds like unnecessary stress. I'll see if he will go for a roasted chicken — that's in my repertoire — with some good side dishes, dessert, and a DVD or two. Japanese anime is what he likes. Not me. It won't matter, though. I'll be asleep on the Barcalounger after stuffing my gob.

Still, as this holiday approaches, I feel compelled to recall Thanksgivings past. Family gatherings come to mind. At the home of my Italian relatives, the order of the day would invariably involve too much food and too much yelling, as if my aunt, uncle, grandmother, etc. were cheating each other at a streetside fish market. Going to a Blackhawks game — viewing broken bones and blood drawn — would have been more restful.

As a kid in our home, Thanksgiving would be equally chaotic, an occasion to take turns upbraiding each other: first from Mommy dearest, then my dad trying to keep the peace as my seven siblings took their cue to insult each other. This would have been true at any dinner during the year. But somehow, when called upon to list that which we were grateful for, this would trigger my sister's sense of license to accuse my three brothers and me of cruel and unusual punishment — largely accurate. This would segue into trivia such as, "John was picking his nose in church," or, "Paul was masturbating when I went into his room to help him with his homework."

"Bullshit!" Paul would respond, "You never helped me with my homework in your life."

One of my most memorable Thanksgivings was at Fort Ord. I was with a country/Top 40 band with a name that should have given us all diabetes: Misty Mountain and Peggy, featuring (I'm not kidding) "Little Peggy Parsley" from Casper, Wyoming. Our first gig was actually in Casper in an after-hours club, mostly for truckers. We played behind a chicken-wire fence à la the Blues Brothers. During our rendition of "Fortunate Son," by Creedence Clearwater, an ashtray was thrown at the stage accompanied by the shout, "Take that shit back to Jew York!"

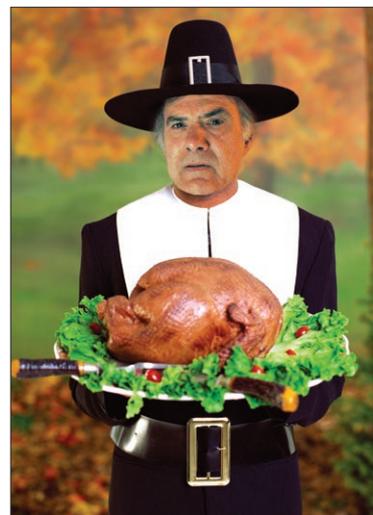
But I digress. Thanksgiving at Fort Ord was a gig at the officers' club, and it was "Bring-Your-Sergeant Thanksgiving." The 50-cent whiskey and 35-cent beer flowed across the bar in a rapid stream.

By the beginning of our third set, many of the officers and their wives had left after an "out-standing" meal. ("Outstanding" seemed to be a favorite word around every officers' club we played, most of them in all those rectangular states.) The room was left with maybe two dozen drunken sergeants. Three of them charged the stage and seized our instruments. There wasn't a damned thing

we could do about it.

The sarge on the drum kit announced loudly, "Gross-out contest!" which was met with unanimous cheers around the club.

The noncom band was creating a hellish noise comprising much Telecaster feedback, the drums and cymbals imitating the clangor of 50-gallon drums filled with household appliances and broken glass tumbling down a flight of



stairs.

The guy bashing away at my Fender bass — sounding like a barrage of wet rags hitting a hollow wall, only at high volume — dropped his pants. The Telecaster continued to screech at volume ten like an army of fighting cats. The guy holding that guitar unzipped himself and took a leak on a potted palm at the corner of the stage. This was nothing. The sergeants at the bar, on the dance floor, and at tables were now performing unnatural acts with leftover dinner items, their body parts, and those of their mates. I refuse to describe this in any more detail, and besides, I was keeping a close eye on my bass. What infuriated our drummer was the guy who had hijacked his kit, freed his unit from his pants, and began pounding his member on the snare, screaming, "I'm the fuggin' grossest!" Repeating this several times.

Someone pulled the plug on the electricity onstage and the room erupted with MPs and nightsticks. There were several fistfights. Handcuffs and nightsticks were produced as we smuggled our equipment out the side door. I'll never know what happened to those NCOs, and we never got to eat.

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—EVE KELLY

You'll have to do without the bourbon-cherry-apple pie," I told Patrick. "This year, I'm bringing a ready-made pumpkin pie."

A few days later, after making the store rounds, Patrick and I sat down with friend Bernice for some pie nibbling.

The Vons pumpkin pie (\$2.99 for 18 ounces) looked sickly. "Flavorless, white, gummy crust," said Bernice.

"Light on the pumpkin flavor," added Pat.

Vons' other pie offering won the marketing award: ESP ("Extra Special Pie") pumpkin pie (\$4.99 for 22 ounces). "We know you want this pie," stated the pie box. The marketing text caught Bernice's eye.

"59 million pies are eaten each Thanksgiving" she read, "and the average American eats six slices of pumpkin pie each year.

"In early times," she continued, "the pumpkin was used as crust for pies, not for filling." "Pumpkins are fruits, not vegetables." "Pumpkins are 90% water."

"Can we move past the pumpkin trivia and back to the eating?" asked Patrick.

I passed around a slice of ESP pie. "A little more spice, more dense filling...it's passable, but I'm not sure it's 'extra special,'" laughed Pat.

The Sprouts pumpkin pie did not fare as well (\$2.99 for 24 ounces). "So processed, the texture is slippery in the mouth, like baby food," said Bernice. "And the crust is a little bitter."

"Kudos for the crust on this one — it looks like a sunflower," said Bernice about the Trader Joe's pumpkin pie (\$4.99 for 24 ounces). "I can pick out individual spices in the filling: cinnamon, ginger."

"It's too sweet and too spiced for my taste," said Patrick.

Albertsons wasn't selling a pumpkin pie when I popped in, but they did have a Harvest sweet-potato pie (\$4.99 for 24 ounces). "The thickest of all the pie fillings and a flaky crust," observed Bernice. "This would be an okay substitute. Your guests would know it's not a pumpkin pie, but it would fill the spicy, squashy dessert needs."

"The filling tastes candied to me," said Patrick. "You would have to serve this with an unsweetened cream."



"The crust feels like rubber and tastes like cardboard," said Bernice. "And the filling has so much cinnamon I can feel it up in my sinuses."

The Ralphs 8-inch pumpkin pie (\$4.99 for 22 ounces) ranked at the bottom of our ten-pie testing. "The crust feels like rubber and tastes like cardboard," said Bernice.

"And the filling has so much cinnamon I can feel it up in my sinuses."

"The texture is like gelatinous chicken fat," laughed Patrick, shaking a clump of pie filling.

Ralphs' other pie: the Jessie Lord pumpkin pie (\$5.99 for 24 ounces) was a no-sugar-added Splenda dessert. "It's got that melt-away sugar-free sweetness, no sugary granule texture. It makes me think squash baby food," said Bernice.

"Gloppy texture, and the flavors are not integrated," added Patrick. "First you're hit with sweetness, followed by overpowering pumpkin."

Another non-keeper: the Fabe's Bakery gluten-free pumpkin pie from Whole Foods (\$7.69 for 10 ounces). "The crust tastes like old french fries," grimaced Bernice. "And the filling is too runny."

"Tastes like ginger snaps, not pumpkin pie," agreed Patrick.

Whole Foods' other pumpkin offering was the winner of the evening (\$9.99, 20-ounce 9-inch). "A substantial lip on this crust...and I can actually taste the butter in it," said Bernice.

"Something about cloves immediately makes you think of the holidays," smiled Patrick. "The clove in this puts it into its own class."

The whopping 58-ounce pumpkin pie from Costco was the other winner (\$5.99). "The crust looks homemade," said Patrick. "A dark, scalloped crust with a rich caramel hint in the filling. I could eat this without slathering it in cream. And after enough wine and tryptophan, I'd have no idea it wasn't homemade."

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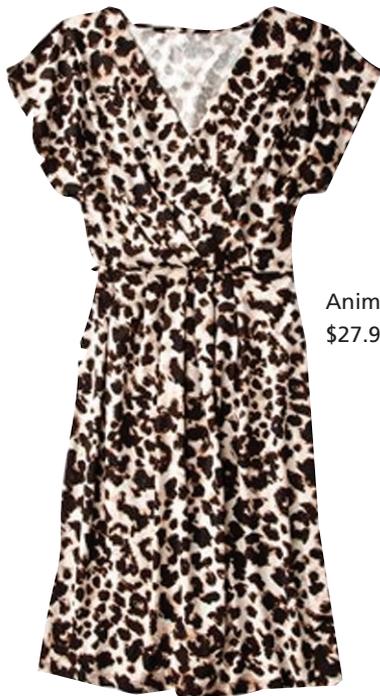
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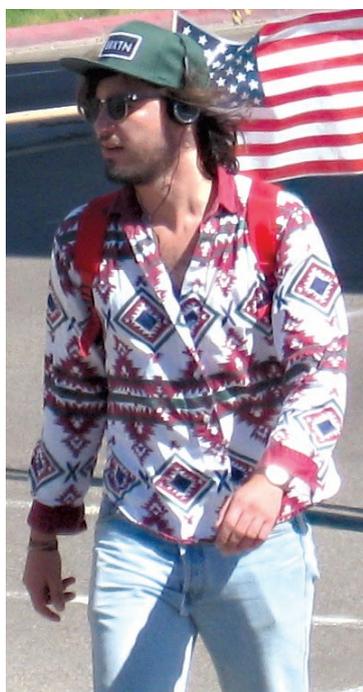


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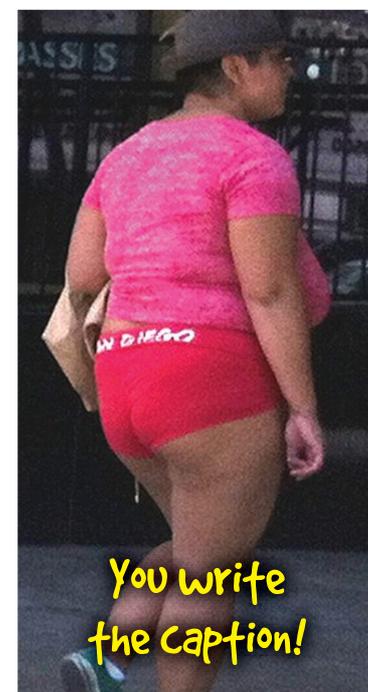


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It is with some reluctance that I write about my recent acquisition of the SENTRI border-crossing card because, well, I got a good thing going.

After years of standing for hours in that long, sinuous pedestrian line that huffs and puffs, lurches and shuffles north from the U.S. border station at San Ysidro, I finally applied for a SENTRI card. The acronym stands for Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection.

I applied because the crossing had become increasingly intolerable. Some 18,000 pedestrians go into Tijuana each day, and the line, bad as it whenever you cross, is especially inchoate and disorganized during maximum-traffic hours. Annually, 6.5 million people cross the border on foot, and with a population that size, there are bound to be problems. Fights break out. Social civility disintegrates. As a U.S. citizen who lives in TJ, I was developing a phobia, part depression, part anxiety — a choked-back nausea coupled with the weariness that Sisyphean futility inevitably brings — about getting back into California, something I needed to do regularly to keep on working.

Often, the length of the line

did not correspond to the wait, and that way lies madness. There was no foolproof formula for ascertaining an ideal time to cross. A friend of mine postulated that the secret lay in the inspectors' hands; they could speed or slow the movement of the line on a whim. But who knows?

Not long ago, while waiting, I overheard a middle-aged American tourist inquire of a Mexican police officer, who was trying to keep order in the crowd, as to the location of the end of the line for Americans wishing to return to the U.S. The officer pointed several blocks away. The American found it astonishing that there was not a special line to accommodate him; he was, by God, an American citizen. I tried to reassure him, telling him that the wait shouldn't take more than an hour and a half. He looked off into the distance, his face the color of pease porridge.

Another time, a fellow in his late 60s cut in front of me just as I neared the gate, simultaneously slipping a five-dollar



bill into my hand and speaking familiarly in a Boston accent, as if I had known him forever. Whitey Bulger? A clever ruse. What could I do? I'm sorry, sir, but I cannot accept this bribe. You'll have to go to the end of the line and wait like everyone else.

The fellow kept up a steady patter about horseracing, baseball, and football, until we crossed. I sheepishly looked around, trying to appear as if I'd been expecting him to show up: I was just holding his place while he ran off to buy a burrito or something.

It is considered socially acceptable to hold a friend's place, or to get in line early and have your later arriving friends cell phone you in order to determine where in the line you are. You just passed the taco stand near the railroad tracks, where the line bends back? I'll be right there. You're by the duty-free store, under the canopy? Even

better! See you soon, and thanks for holding my place... As the flash mob meets up with their contact, a person can wind up eight or more places behind. A few repetitions of this, and your reptilian brain grows peevish, ready to strike.

Ah, but the SENTRI card.

I have, since 1995, owned a U.S. passport — or rather I was in possession of one, since it states clearly on my passport that it is the property of the U.S. government, and subject to re-appropriation at any time and for any reason. I imagine the same to be true of the SENTRI card, but I haven't read all the fine print.

You would assume that a U.S. passport is the sine qua non of international ID, commanding built-in respect (this is what the statement in English, French, and Spanish revealed inside the passport booklet



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There might be four people waiting in the San Ysidro border SENTRI line (on left) while thousands stand for hours in the regular line.

asks foreign authorities to honor). But you would be wrong in that

assumption. A passport has all the prestige of an empty beer can in

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posted signs delineating the requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative — or WHTI Act — there are five or six other documents that equal its authority.

The U.S. passport also carries little clout with the local police, a lesson I learned when I was detained by Tijuana cops. I showed them my passport and asked them to read the section where it beseeches foreign authorities to permit U.S. citizens to pass without undue delay. The officer told me that the passport carried no significance in Mexico, that it was for “the other side.” Hmm...seemed to carry some clout in Europe...

Prior to 9/11, the day that “changed everything,” crossing the border in San Ysidro from Tijuana to U.S. soil was a simple matter of verbal declaration. Lines of thousands, waiting for hours, were nonexistent. It might take five minutes, and it

usually went something like this:

Bored border agent: “Citizenship?”

Equally phlegmatic returnee: “U.S.”

Then one slipped through the turnstile and went on. Nary an ID was flashed, and, of course, no passport necessary. Though even during that pre 9/11 era, suspected illegals were nabbed at the turnstiles at precisely the moment they thought they had it made. I saw it happen several times; a seemingly laconic agent behind the counter would let someone through, then snag them as they exited passage. Some sixth sense, apparently.

Following 9/11, the questions began.

“Where are you going?”

A snappy repost like “the United States” could result in a prolonged quiz.

“From Minnesota, huh?”

“Yes.” That’s what is listed as my birthplace

on my passport, that document which grants me citizenship status.

“Where’s Detroit Lakes?”

“Hey, I was brought to California when I was three.”

to learn more about the geography of my natal state.

Another line of questioning:

“Where are you going?”

I sometimes wanted

The American found it astonishing that there was not a special line to accommodate him.

“Isn’t it near Deer Lake? Lake Mille Lacs? Lake of the Woods? Itasca, source of the Mississippi? I know it’s north of the Twin Cities. North of Bemidji, even?”

In the land of 10,000 lakes, locating a single one with specificity is a brainbuster. I had once passed through Detroit Lakes on a trip to Canada, but I was ten years old at the time.

They finally let me through, and I vowed

to say something flip, like “the United States” or “Point Barrow, Alaska” or “Hey, I’m a citizen, my passport says so...” But I learned to be measured in my response.

“First, Walmart off Palomar in Chula Vista, then Borders Books in downtown San Diego, then Little Italy, for some ravioli and an espresso...”

I think they really just wanted to hear my English, to see if it was accented, and

if I could speak colloquial Americanese. Well, I can throw in “Mickey Mouse” and “Joe DiMaggio,” too, if required.

For several years during the dotcom boom of the late ’90s through the early 2000s, I flew from San Jose to San Diego every three weeks or so, mainly because I was making good dough, and because my European sojourns during that period had given me a wanderlust that was insatiable. I dubbed Tijuana “the poor man’s Paris.”

I’d fly down from the San Francisco Bay Area on Southwest, take the red trolley to San Ysidro, then catch a Mexico coach across the border and into downtown TJ. It was no-sweat automatic. Business as usual. I had so many frequent-flyer freebies, they’d expire before I could use them, and my complimentary free-drink booklets offered more than one beer guzzler could ever consume. Crossing north, it was the same: just walk over the border. “Citizenship?” they’d ask. Answer “U.S.A.!” and you were on your way, with plenty of time to make it back to Lindbergh Field for the return flight within an hour or so.

In the immedi-

ate aftermath of 9/11, there was little action taken to alter the way things were, the way things had been, but trips in the weeks to come brought dramatic change.

Arriving at the line a couple of hours ahead of my flight was no longer good enough. There were thousands of people. Crossing, someone said, took four hours. I could leave my front door in San Jose and be on Avenida Revolución in 2 1/2 hours, but to get back over the border, I needed four hours to cover a mile? I’d never make my flight, or so I thought, until a Mexican guy told me I could ride a bike across in five minutes.

An entire enterprise had arisen: the renting of children’s bicycles.

The bikes were itty-bitty, so diminutive that your feet touched the ground. You had only to scuttle along, pushing with your feet into the regular motor-vehicle lanes, where amidst the thrumming of hundreds of engines combusting internal, you could move ahead of the cars — as motorcyclists do, weaving in and out — and thus rapidly cross into the U.S.A. Some loophole in the law — or perhaps a clear policy had not yet been established — allowed this bizarre workaround to

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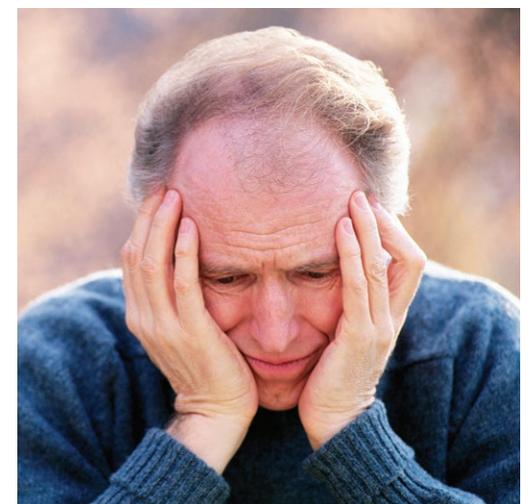
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flourish, and for a while, hundreds of kid-sized bikes rented out for \$5 a pop. On the U.S. side, guys collected the bikes and walked them back into Mexico, four at a time.

Where all those little bicycles came from so suddenly, stockpiled behind a chainlink fence, is a mystery, but I imagined that somewhere in TJ, lots of elementary school kids were missing their wheels.

With the realization that bicycle riders were allowed rapid access, more day laborers, construction workers, and NASSCO shipbuilders began riding to the trolley terminus in San Ysidro from Tijuana. For a time, hundreds of bicycles could be seen locked to whatever immovable object was available around the trolley station.

An American friend, also living in Tijuana, took to riding a bicycle from his residence in town a mile or so to the border crossing, but he gave it up after he was waylaid by

a gang of thieves on the pedestrian bridge early one morning. They bulldogged him off the bike as he rode by, robbed him of his backpack and wallet, and left him in a scraped heap on the bridge. He started to take a taxi to the border — at a cost

TJ, and to get to my job in the U.S. had become increasingly annoying. I'd lived in the San Francisco Bay Area, where traffic congestion had been growing for two decades — particularly during the influx of population brought about by the dot-com

You would assume that a U.S. passport is the sine qua non of international ID. But you would be wrong.

of \$5 a day.

Then came the requirement that bike riders had to enter the customs building and get in line with all the pedestrian border crossers. There was a brief protest, a hubbub of discontent, but the whip had come down. Thus, the bike-rental business on the Mexican side dwindled.

I began to cross earlier and earlier. I was by this time living in

boom — and the commute to SF from San Jose, some 50 miles, could take three hours or more. Now, a commute of a little over a mile was a three-hour undertaking. I began to leave for work at 4:00 a.m. in order to be on time for a job that began at 8:00 a.m.

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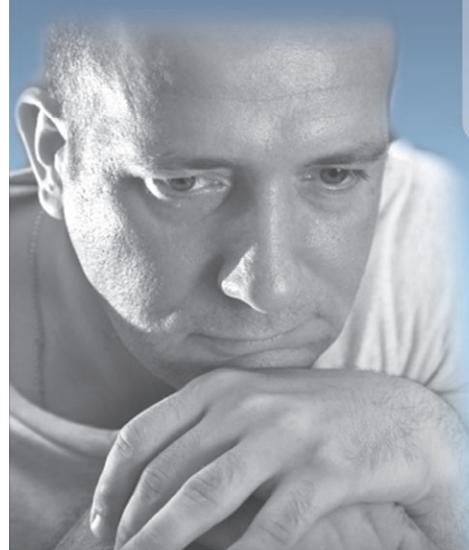
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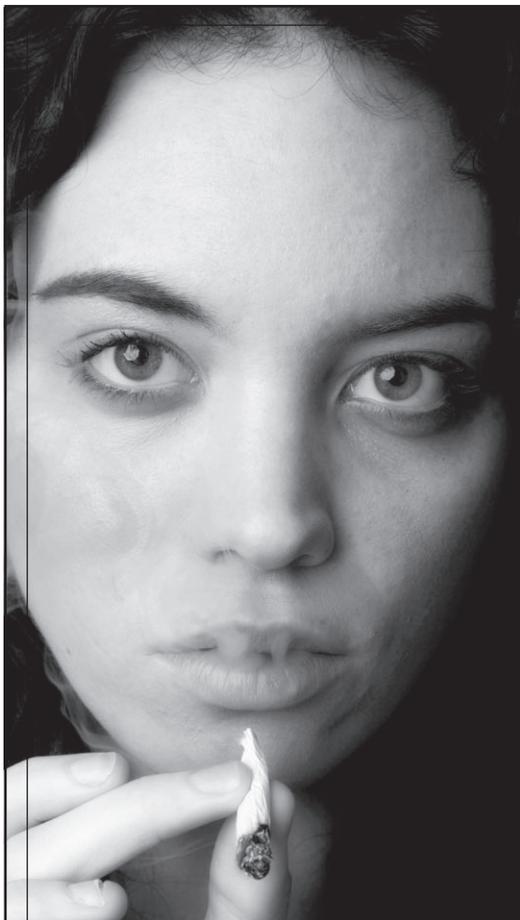
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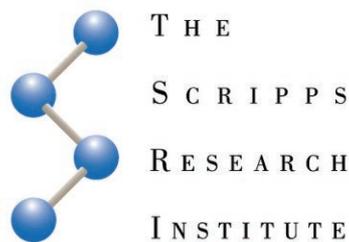
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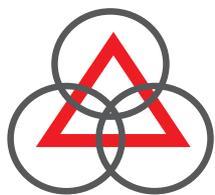
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of crossing remained unpredictable. A 5:30 magic hour inexplicably became a 3:30 a.m. magic hour. It was the proverbial last straw.

I'd recently secured a three-month contract position that required prompt arrival at the even earlier hour of 7:30 a.m., and using the trolley line and bus system, I crossed five days a week at 3:30 in the morning. This entailed getting up at 2:30 a.m. I'd get ready for work, then catch a cab to the border, where thousands of other border-crossing workers were lining up with the same intention. At least the guardians at the gate were sympathetic, and the lines moved swiftly; I could usually cross within 45 minutes. But then it was necessary to sit in the trolley terminus McDonald's drinking coffee and killing time with all the other commuters until the first trolley or bus into San Diego arrived at around 4:30 a.m. The San Ysidro trolley terminus McDonald's must be the revenue flagship of the franchise: at that early hour, it has all of the buzz of a Nevada craps table when the come line keeps on comin' — the

coffee sales alone must gross close to a hundred grand a day during the workweek.

All this early-to-bed-early-to-rise stuff took its toll. My circadian rhythms were shot to hell, and I began to shudder and tremble as the workweek wore on. By the weekend, I wanted to sleep for 48 hours straight, just to get right, but my body had grown used to the

I am amazed that more people don't have a SENTRI: only 6 percent do. Of course, if everyone had one, it would become as worthless for crossing expeditiously as the U.S. passport is for native-born Americans.

Introduced at the Otay Mesa border station in 1995, SENTRI is a boon to tension-free border crossing, whether on foot or by

I dubbed Tijuana "the poor man's Paris."

unnatural schedule, and I lived in a murky, twilight consciousness, a sort of perennial battle fatigue, where I was awake but not really present. My state of being had adapted by developing its own self-analgesic miasma, a veil of blunted alertness mingled with a not-unpleasant confusion. In short, I knew I could survive the three-month contract, but only if nobody paid much attention to me. And in fact, it worked out fine. Nobody paid much attention to me.

But there had to be better way. Thus, the SENTRI card.

vehicle. A SENTRI line opened in San Ysidro in 2002; there might be four people waiting, while thousands stood for hours in the regular line. Standing in line is called *en cola*. (*Cola* means "tail," the line being representative of a long, sweeping tail. In fact, those who cut in line are frequently greeted with shouts and jibes of "*¡Cola! ¡Cola!*" to embarrass the cutter into retreat. Yet some cutters can be insistent; when one elderly American pointed out to another older American that the first American had just cut in front of him, the retort was a

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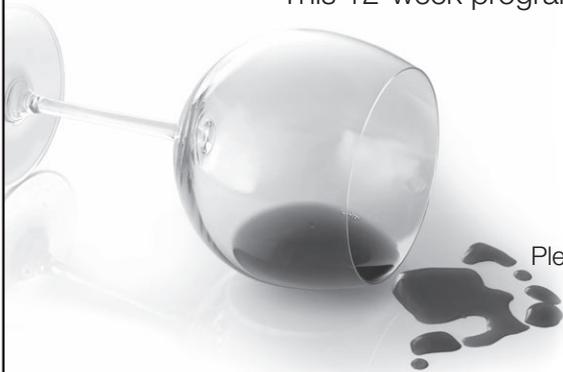
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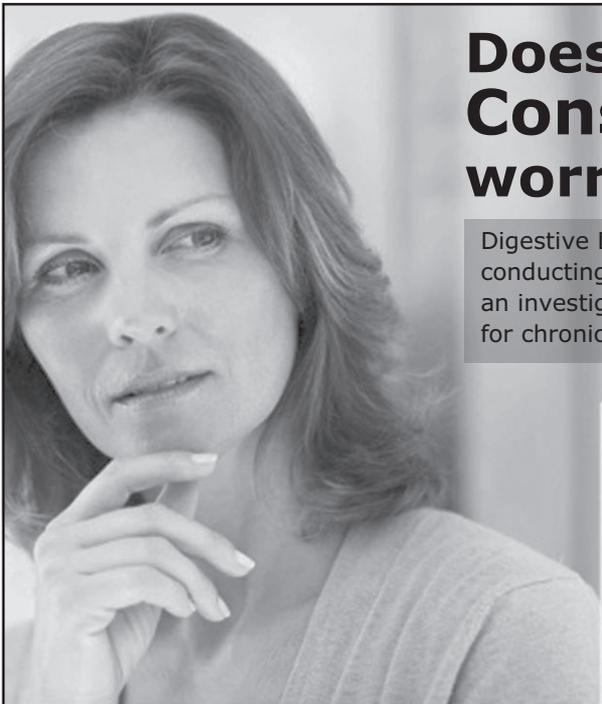
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loud and threatening, "Fuck you!" The line and its concomitant waiting do not engender love, peace, and happiness.)

In 2011, I applied for a SENTRI pass. The cards were offered for free, if the applicant qualified.

I stopped by the newly opened San Ysidro SENTRI office at the end of the trolley line and talked to the nice bilingual woman at the window. She gave me the basic info sheet and told me I had to register online. (I've since found out that you can get things done at the office, in terms of registration specifics, but it takes longer.) I paid online with a credit card — if you don't have a credit card you can use one of those

refillable debit cards that are all the rage for money laundering — an initial \$25 fee. Done. I had to wait for two weeks while my registration was reviewed.

Two weeks later I checked the website.

not among the places listed. *What?* They'd told me I could book a date for an interview at the San Ysidro office. In La Mesa, the first opening was in December 2011. (*Baby, I gotta get to work; I can't wait*

An entire enterprise had arisen: the renting of children's bicycles.

I was approved for an interview with Customs and Border Protection (CPB). I had to present evidence of my residence, employment, and citizenship, and I had to book the interview... online. A series of calendars showed available interview times, but the San Ysidro location was

until December. I'll go nuts if I have to wait in that line every day of the week until December.)

The list of other offices where I could book an appointment included Yuma, Arizona, and Laredo, Texas. I spent two hours in line to cross the border, then went again

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to the San Ysidro office, where the nice woman explained that, although their office was not yet online, she could book me an appointment there for four weeks hence. There was nothing sooner. I had to take it. Mentally, I'd become like a fighter in the ring, hanging in until the bell rings or everything goes black; meaning, I endured all manner of bureaucratic boondoggle until I obtained my card. (Later that week, on the Mexican side, a fellow in a bar told me that, even after I paid all the fees, I could be rejected for the SENTRI with no reimbursement. I could be out 125 bucks. This news — inaccurate, as it turned out — was so depressing I had another pint.) Finally, my appoint-

ment date rolled around. I gave myself a six-hour headstart to cross: I *had* to ensure that I would be at the San Ysidro SENTRI office on time. I slouched around Chula

your call-out on the appointment.)

I arrived at the San Ysidro office 15 minutes prior to my appointed time. The waiting room was painfully full. Visions of DMVs and

A uniformed agent wanted to know if I had ever been arrested. Nope. Married? Nope.

Vista for a while, slurping excessive amounts of coffee and worrying. (By the way, there are no public restrooms at the San Ysidro office, so be prepared to run down to McDonald's and spend a quarter if you gotta go, and woe is you if you miss

doctors' offices filled my head. (I'd once waited six hours in a doctor's office to have my little finger X-rayed for a chip fracture. The line, the office, it's all about wait.)

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shuttle launch, ponderously at first, then accelerating, gaining the necessary velocity to knock me into SENTRI card orbit.

A uniformed agent asked me a few questions. I probably spent ten minutes with him. I showed him my evidences of address (rent receipts), employment (pay stubs), and citizenship (U.S. passport). He wanted to know if I had ever been arrested. Nope. Married? Nope. He especially focused on whether I had ever had any run-ins with the law involving drugs. Nope. Transporting human traffic (i.e. smuggling in illegal aliens)? Nope.

Then he sent me over to a nice woman who took my fingerprints digitally and took a digital ID photo with a cheesy Logitech camera (one of those gray balls with a lens in it connected to a USB port on a computer). I was then directed outside, where another nice woman in a uniform walked me and two other inductees through a series of locked gates and doors into the original old Customs Building, a WPA-constructed relic from the Great Depression that, despite its obvious inadequacy for today's border crossings, still emanates a nostalgic stateliness, with its red-tiled roof and Spanish-federalist facade. We were shown to a window, where we paid what remained to be paid on our fees — in my case, \$97 and some-odd cents. Then we went back to the San Ysidro SENTRI office, where they returned the paperwork I'd left with my interviewing officer. I was told I would get my SENTRI card in the mail, in five

to ten days.

I got it in seven. The ID photo was in black-and-white, and the wide-angle lens of the digital camera had exaggerated my facial proportions, as if my visage were reflected back at me while gazing from inches away into a silver Christmas tree ornament. I wondered if I would even be recog-

The card is your bond, your avatar, your digital doppelgänger.

nizable from the photo.

But here's the thing: mere possession of the card is the key. At that point, you have been so vetted, so checked-out, so inspected, so scrubbed over, so clinically nitpicked, that the card is your bond, your avatar, your digital doppelgänger, your moral reality. Also, you are admonished to immediately report the loss of the card if you should lose control of it; so maybe that photo of me in which I resemble a homunculus pickled in a jar of formaldehyde is not of much importance.

The first time I used the card, some 30 minutes after activating it on the SENTRI website, I was swept alongside the waiting masses toward the special SENTRI entrance. I walked over toward the official U.S.-Mexico border line, painted in yellow and black stripes, and I could not contain my sense of self-consciousness as I passed the people in that *other* line, for I was once one of them. Un

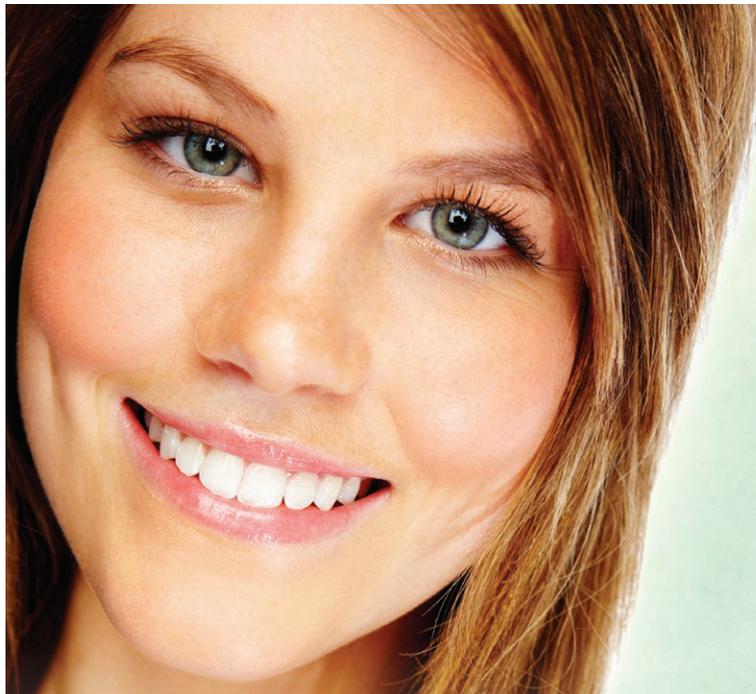
esperado — one who waits.

As if by divine deliverance, I'd risen above the maundering masses, the hoi polloi, and I felt, well, guilty about it. As if I'd greased the palm of some cosmic maître d' in order to get preferential treatment. I had grown so accustomed to "the line" — it was

all just part of living here — that I'd bonded with it, regardless of the misery it wrought. It was a kind of Stockholm syndrome, a brain-invading mezcral worm, and it wouldn't release me, though it no longer had power over me. All the patience I'd developed, all the stifled resistance to unmitigated tedium, all the tolerance to human rudeness and inanity — I leapt over them like the cow over the moon. No need for that particular social armor anymore.

When I faced the official at the SENTRI counter, I told him that this was my maiden voyage with the card, and as I glanced askance at the sweating and swaying masses lined up inside, I confessed that I felt...guilty. Undeserving of such privilege. Survivor's guilt. He looked at me quizzically, then raised an eyebrow...*guilty*? Then he chuckled and swiped my card through the device, and I was on my way. ■

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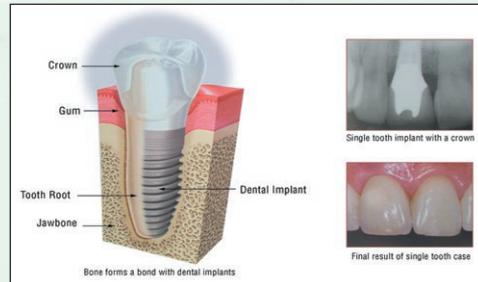
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Tea time came by way of a call I'd made to an



Author Patrick Daugherty in Las Vegas, 1968

acquaintance in Las Vegas, a professional gambler, the only person I've ever known who makes a decent living betting the NFL. I'd

called to collect background for a column about bookies. A compliant husband, father of three, suburban homeowner, Little League

coach, and affluent gambler, the lad had also been a classmate at dear old NSU. Somewhere between the Jets' third-round draft pick

and the Raiders/Chiefs betting line, I heard mention of Abby. Further inquiry retrieved her address and phone number. I called her that night.

Abby now lives in Mississippi, owns a rare-book bookbinding company and, twice a year, travels to San Francisco to meet with clients. We agreed to have tea the next time she came to San Francisco.

I arrive at the St. Francis Hotel early. I am sweating, and the worry that my sweat will dampen the thin tissue which sheathes the white roses I clutch in big, sweaty hands makes me sweat all the more. At precisely 4:00 p.m., Abby glides down the hotel's grand staircase into the lobby.

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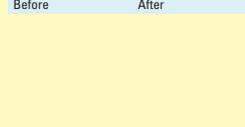
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less dress, her long hair still flaming red, breasts still full, waist tight, legs long — sexy enough to turn the head of the most worldly 20-year-old male. *Nicely done, Abby.* I present the damp flowers and escort Ms. Pizer into the Compass Rose Room for tea.

Ten minutes earlier, I'd given the maitre d' \$100 and instructed him to "Be fluffy." He leads us to the table I'd already picked out, flutters about, then waves for a waiter, who arrives instantly. Both men flutter. I am pleased as punch.

Tea is ordered. I say, "How have you been?" She says, "How have you been?" Chit and chat and bingo, we arrive at Arden days. "Arden," Abby says, "that was the worst time in my life. I spent years in therapy dealing with Arden." She studies the hotel-linen tablecloth, then locks onto my eyes. "You ruined my life."

I never intended to ruin Abby's life

And I wouldn't have — nor, for that matter, would I have graduated from UNLV — had I not spent five years hitchhiking. Oh, hitchhiking! To never be without adequate food and lodging. That's how fat and happy this country used to be.

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I hitchhiked across this country 20, 30...well, it was all just one long-ass trip, no beginning, no end. Picture a journey from, say, San Francisco to Florida. In Florida, spend a few days in Gainesville, "ball"

(a '60s term) a co-ed, sleep in the dorm, hitch south to Miami, stay in a dirt-bag youth hostel, tour local juice joints, smoke Jamaican weed, fuck what's available, thumb down to Key West, meet somebody, stay with her for a week, help her brother refinish his 40-foot houseboat, then hitch back to Gainesville, one more night with the college co-ed, then on to Atlanta to stay with a guy

See, it's when you stay in one place, that's when you spend money, on rent and groceries, which means you need skillets, pots, pans, silverware, and dishes, which means acquiring tables and chairs. But keep moving, and you'll meet people who are happy to put you up for the night. Dinner is on the house. One day turns into the next.

But. I could never have

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I'd met in Seattle who plays bass in a tone-deaf rock-'n-roll band, meet Alicia during band practice, move to her place, help the band pack up, travel to Macon for a band gig, come back, get drunk, take a side trip to Savannah, spend two glorious days in the library reading magazines and a book, do not relate to anyone, meet law student in downtown coffee house on day three, she has to listen to the Eagles when she makes love, attend the symphony with her, the bassoonist is an old boyfriend, get drunk with him after the show, then on to South Carolina, sleep in the bushes beside the freeway, a couple of nights in Charlotte with bikers met at Johnny's Tavern, then DC and ten days with Mary, who I met in Eugene, Oregon, and three weeks with Todd in Philadelphia, where I cop a ten-day temp job out of Manpower, then NYC, stay with an Alaskan buddy, Boston, more Alaskan friends, Martha's Vineyard, Buffalo, Erie, back to Philly, Cincinnati, Kansas

City, Denver, continue west and carry on. Hitchhiking wasn't a trip, it was another day at the office.

hitchhiked for five years had I not been drafted into the armed forces of the United States, a shotgun wedding, which, after a long and painful gestation, gave birth to a GI Bill made out in my name. The government dole motivated me to attend Foothill Junior College, thence to meet Abby, move to Arden, and commence hitchhiking — which eventually propelled me into the Fairbanks laborers' union hall, which led to my employ as a writer, and proceeding from there, on a straightish line, to my current position of author and affable host.

The GI Bill, you see, augmented by the odd Pell Grant and NDSL loan, afforded a small stipend, thereby permitting me to hitchhike for years. I avoided a job between the ages of 23 to 30, a formative time of life when contemporaries were dispatched to the employment camps. As a bonus, the Army also introduced me to Alaska, the best part of Alaska, Alaska of 1965.

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At one point, however, I did possess a certificate, drawn up and hand-delivered to me at government expense, proclaiming that I had been classified 1-Y. For readers interested in obscure cultural artifacts, a 1-Y draft classification meant I was draft ineligible for reasons of physical disability, except in times of war or declared national emergency. Vietnam was not then, and never would be, a declared war or national emergency.

Nowadays, the government hires poor people and people of color to do the killing and dying, this exploitation so natural, so trouble-free, it's easy to think that's the way it's always been. But back in 1965, white middle-class males, and, occasionally, inattentive white upper-class males, were taken, whether they wanted to go or not, into the Army.

The 1-Y came to me in this way. The thugs who ran my local draft

board dispatched a communiqué to my personal sanctuary, ordering me to appear at the Armed Forces Induction Center on Clay Street in Oakland, California, for the purposes of taking a physical exami-

nation. This examination would determine if I was healthy enough to allow my country to place me in situations and locations where I might be killed or maimed. Starting pay was, and this is not a joke, \$78

a month.

This first physical was regarded in my circle as a "free at bat." If I could work a deal here, I would be excused from more difficult decisions down the road.

You showed up or were bused into the Oakland Induction Center sometime after the bars closed and before the donut shops opened — it's always 4:30 a.m. when you're dealing with the military. I

stripped to my underwear and got in a long line. All the guys wore white Jockey briefs. We looked like a flock of little boys making a first foray into the men's locker room.

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around a gymnasium-sized room crowded with wooden booths. The slap-up stalls gave the space a depressing look, like a circus midway at daybreak. Inside every booth was an Army doc who presided over that booth's anatomical turf.

I lodged a complaint at every stop. Booth number one might be the chest booth. "I've had this pain for the last year or so. Increases when I walk up a flight of stairs." Then, the eye booth. "Every once in awhile, and this is weird if it happens while I'm driving, I see everything as a blur." Ear booth. "It's only the high-pitch sounds; whistles, shouts, fire alarms." Appendage booth. "Can't lift my right arm past shoulder height. Football injury." Foot booth. "Can't walk down hills. Fishing accident." Hand booth.

"Wrists hurt like hell in the mornings." Mouth booth. "I choke on food and cough blood. My mother is a drug addict."

Weeks later, I received another communiqué, this one informing me that I'd been awarded a 1-Y draft

that came down the chute.

At the time, I was living in a seedy retirement hotel on Fourth Avenue in San Diego, smoking a lot of dope/ganja/weed/shit/bammy/buddha/chillums/hookah/hemp/pacalolo/cannabis/kiff/weed/mota/

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classification at the hand-station booth. And that, I thought, was that.

This was fall of 1964, when the U.S. had no combat troops in South Vietnam, the 17,000 American military personnel there officially termed "American advisors." There was still some wiggle in the meat line, before the monthly order got so big it required every carcass

reefer/sinsemilla/ stick/tea/ happy cigarettes. I lived in Tijuana during a large portion of that interval. There were too many drugs to keep a coherent timeline, but I recall coming up for air one summer morning in Lemon Grove, a methamphetamine suburb of San Diego. I was crashing at a friend's house. There was a knock on the door, and another friend from an

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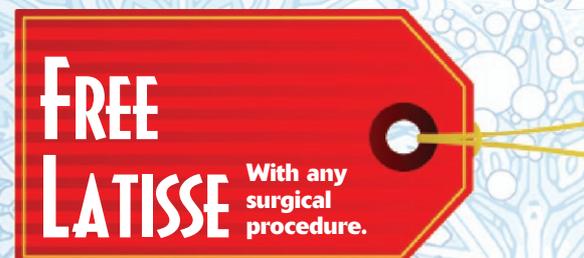
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apartment I'd abandoned months ago delivered a brown bag filled with mail addressed to me, including my draft notice. Those scurvy-mouth draft-board pig-fuckers had reclassified me 1-A, then drafted my ass while I was out of the country.

We are now into July of 1965. The American propaganda machine, so good that to this day Americans don't believe it exists, was cranked up to battle speed. *Time*, *Newsweek*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, and the rest were honking about the commie threat to freedom-loving South Vietnam and how, if freedom-loving South Vietnam went commie, then Cambodia, the strategic hub of Asia, would go commie, followed by Laos, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, the Pitcairn Islands,

Bolivia, Newfoundland, and, ultimately, the state of Delaware. National survival was on the line.

Never underestimate the persuasiveness of a government willing to put its citizens in jail unless they agree to be involved in an evil, senseless war waged on the other side of the globe against a people who have caused said citizens no harm, for a cause no greater than not knowing what else to do.

"I don't believe they're [the North Vietnamese] ever going to quit. And I don't see any plan for a victory — militarily or diplomatically." This is what President Lyndon Johnson said to Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara on June 21, 1965, the day I received my induction notice.

I completed boot camp at Fort Ord, located on the romantic Monterey, Cali-

fornia, peninsula, under sedate, even pleasant conditions. There had been a meningitis outbreak in the class preceding mine. Someone died, which caused one or two stories to appear in nearby newspapers. My company was not allowed to run or indulge in blatant physical activity. We were bused around Fort Ord to our kill classes and ordered to sleep eight hours every night. Mostly, I recall being loaded on pharmaceutical speed, courtesy of a girlfriend who was a doctor's daughter.

The most important moment in boot camp was the typing test. (I owe my skills to Ms. Louise Pendleton's tits, having in 8th grade followed them into a beginning typing class and never looking back.) During my first week at Fort Ord, I signed up for, and aced, the Army's career-

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On graduation day, I was dubbed an Army finance clerk and ordered to Fort Wainwright, located on the outskirts of Fairbanks, Alaska. I viewed this posting as an undesirable beginning to my military service. I felt I could better serve my country at the Presidio in San Francisco.

But the Army didn't care about my needs. My entire military career was spent at Fort Wainwright. The tour passed without incident except for one savage paper cut inflicted upon my right index finger while filing a form at the end of a hectic week. (Old timers look back and remember it as the week when military pay rates changed and

many unfamiliar numbers had to be entered into many rows.) I lived off-base, hung out with locals, and, most importantly, went native.

My transformation was aided by the previously mentioned Freddie Galloway and Kermit Beeman, met at the University of Alaska student union on a perfect September day in 1966. I was taking an art appreciation class and had dropped by the student union to gawk at women. Kermit and Freddie were drinking coffee at a corner table, the only other long-haired males on campus. I knew, like a dog knows dinner time, that I'd found the next stop on my train ride.

Kermit had arrived in Fairbanks a couple of

months earlier straight out of the University of Idaho with a master's degree. That was enough to get you a job at a small state university, and Kermit was a lecturer in the psychology department. He wore cowboy boots, jeans, checkered wool shirts, and a hand-stitched leather jacket to class. He was stocky, barrel-chested, 5'10", with long dark-blond hair and a perfect Santa Claus beard, save for the blond. He talked about existential phenomenology, using the word existential as a universal descriptor, as in "Ex-is-ten-tial!" or "That's pretty existential," followed by a heartless chuckle, and he lived with an artist chick in a wood-heated cabin with psychedelic posters on the

walls and LSD in the sewing-table drawer. He reeked of cool. Thirty-eight years later, he'd be working as a laborer in the oil fields of Prudhoe Bay.

But being a laborer does not necessarily mean being stupid. Kermit went into his golden years with 40 acres of land, seven rental cabins, an enormous, three-story, built-by-his-own-hand house, a yard full of trucks, an alcoholic wife, estranged son, and the respect of his community.

When I met Freddie Galloway, he was 19 years old, a slender 6'2", with black eyes and hair. He had the longest beard I'd ever seen, a ZZ Top beard, which, even then, had streaks of gray. Smart, funny, athletic, stubborn, and a loyal friend, he is someone who takes time for coffee in the morning, time for his banjo at night, time to read in the afternoon. No time for steady work.

Freddie was born in Fairbanks; his parents were homesteaders. This Fairbanks pedigree gave him an identity rock. He was sure about who he was, about what was right and what was wrong. He was sure Fairbanks was the only

place in the world that mattered. He would live in the woods, take up carpentry, then fine woodworking, raise three children, marry, never hold a steady job, all that being only gloss and glow because he was Fairbanks born and bred, something, dear reader, you and I will never be.

Kermit and Freddie, two years from our first meeting, will (as you may recall from earlier installments) buy five acres on the east slope of Ester Dome, where I'll help build Freddie's cabin, then tree house, the same tree house I fled to after the tragic sexual bust in Santa Fe, which inevitably led to Pipeline Days, and from there on to a career as journalist and literary lion.

It has come to this: I am sitting at my desk in Berkeley, California, examining a photograph. The portrait shows a beaming, middle-aged man. Middle-aged hair flares hindward from the shoreline of his egg-shaped dome. Snappy Victorian sideburns and a Santa Claus beard and mustache add mix and meat to his angelic ether. The man's cheekbones are set high. His raven eyes squint. The image was taken at sunset,

thus drenching his countenance in luscious rainbow hues.

This is not a true representation of a human being. This is an advertisement, another box of breakfast cereal, and another solicitation to spend money. This, to be specific, is a book jacket. Regard, pilgrim, the colorized facsimile of Dr. Andrew Weil, who, at present, is staring up at me from the cover of his seminal work, *8 Weeks to Optimum Health*.

Let me not fail to mention that alongside Dr. Weil is Bill Moyers's *Healing and the Mind*, Dr. Neal Barnard's *Food for Life*, Martha Rose Shulman's *Light Basics Cookbook*, and George Foreman's *Knock-Out-the-Fat Barbecue and Grilling Cookbook*. This wellness archive was acquired at the Ashby Street flea market, Northern California's finest discount book outlet and literary browse-ateria.

As you've probably guessed by now, your best-o'rama pal is embarking upon a thorough retooling of his physical, mental, and spiritual states. But I want you to understand that I did not go down easy. ■

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papers fear an online charge will backfire. The *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* are among those that have clamped on fees.

On November 14, the *New York Times* ran a story about John Paton, the chief executive of Denver's MediaNews Group, the second-largest newspaper chain by circulation. He's known as "the digital apostle." Newspapers must go online quickly and "stop listening to newspaper people," preaches Paton. He is convinced that "if newspapers are to survive, they will all but have to set themselves on fire, eventually forsaking print and becoming digital news operations," the *Times* said.

Newspapers in their most recent quarters have

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suffered. Total ad revenue at the *New York Times* dropped 7 percent, with print down 10 percent. McClatchy's revenue was down 10 percent. Print ad revenue at the *Washington Post* was down 20 percent, as the company lowered prices. By contrast, ad revenue at Google soared 33 percent. No wonder Wall Street analysts think the metro daily print-advertising model is outmoded.

Newspapers are improving profits by slicing employment, pay, and contributions to employees' 401(k) plans, while closing printing facilities. Joselyn MacKay of Morningstar Research fears that the *New York Times* "will run out of fat to trim and have to cut into muscle, hurting the quality of its product." And she doubts that online revenue will ever become a meaningful part of overall

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sales. MacKay expects Gannett's revenue to continue sliding as print declines offset any online gains.

Joseph Agnese of Standard & Poor's says McClatchy's sales will drop 6 percent next year following this year's declines, as circulation also slips.

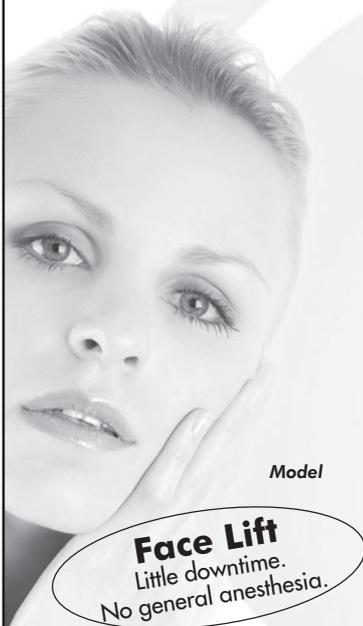
The *Union-Tribune* has some advantages. In combined print and online, the paper has a 52 percent penetration of the local market, according to Pew. That puts it in the top 20 of American papers. But it's well below the 72 percent of the *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle*, the leader. It's frigid and snowy in Rochester. People have more time to read newspapers.

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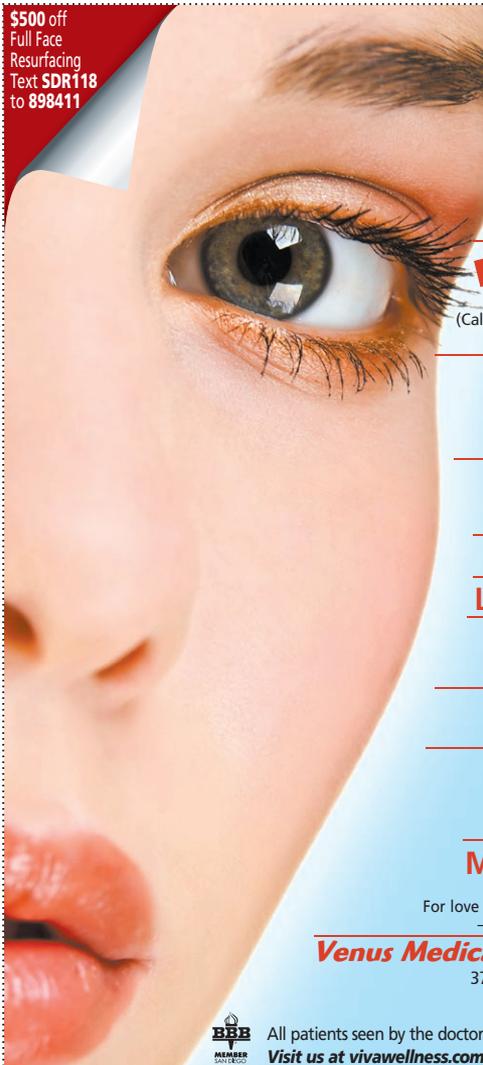


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annual Maui event. The group's total consulting fees were listed as \$157,000. The nonprofit also gave \$15,000 to the San Diego Asian Film Festival, a favorite of Takashima's.

Hotel manna Rancho Santa Fe-based political fundraiser **Karolyn Dorsee** spent the first half of this year collecting cash for the GOP's New Majority California PAC, which is out to "broaden the appeal of the Republican Party." Dorsee received a total of \$15,745.77 for her services. Meantime, the Lodge at Torrey Pines, owned by the staunchly Republican Evans family, has done very

well by the California Democratic state central committee, which spent \$232,976 there on fund-raising events from January through June. La Jolla appears to be a popular venue for state Democrats, who also paid \$16,110 to Torrey Pines Hilton for fund-raising events in March and anted up another \$27,264 in fees to the City of San Diego's Park and Recreation Department for fund-raising events in La Jolla.

— Matt Potter

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Pride and prejudice

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Dea Hurston, one of two black commissioners on the City of San Diego's Commission for Arts and Culture, read Dr. Smith's letter before she saw the play. Hurston, who is also a longtime volunteer at the Playhouse, spoke outside her role of commissioner when she said, "I was pleasantly surprised that I did understand the play. I guess I viewed it in a different way [than Dr. Smith]."

Hurston's friend Sherry Tyson saw the play during a visit to San Diego from Youngstown, Ohio, where she resides and works for

the Youngstown City School District.

"[Greenidge's] play was about young black girls with foul mouths, and the only things they could think about were their cell phones and getting Gucci bags at a baby shower," Tyson says. "I think this is what white people believe happens in homes where there's maybe a single parent, but I know for a fact that's not always what happens."

Philip Liburd, a vice president at the local branch of the NAACP, found the play to be "well-written and relevant." He says, "I didn't think that the play was in any way meant to represent all African Americans or all young black kids."

Greenidge says this is not the first time she's been criticized for these characters. When she first began writing the play, another black female playwright told her she didn't like these young characters and didn't care to know what they wanted. Greenidge decided then that she would "write the hell out of these girls" and give them a place on the stage.

"The message I'm getting is that girls like this — and I know they exist — don't deserve to be onstage and be seen. And that there are other stories to put onstage, other more hopeful or better

characters," Greenidge says. "Not every play is going to be about Rosa Parks or Martin Luther King or Sojourner Truth. And I also think we owe it to ourselves as a people to look at other stories besides those."

Another complaint that came up: right play, wrong theater.

"I think it's fair to say that there were people in the community who think something like this should be done in the black community," says Liburd.

Referring to Dr. Smith's letter to the editor, Hurston explains, "I think something that Dorothy worried about with that was that white people will think that's how we really are. Or, rather, that that's how they will think we *only* are."

And though Hurston understands why this fear would resonate through the community, she also says, "It isn't art if there isn't criticism. And for me, this piece has just caused so much discussion. I love it. I applaud the Playhouse for being brave enough to commission this piece. Here we have a black female playwright who has had her play commissioned and produced at one of the finest regional theaters in the country. How bad can this be?"

Greenidge spent the

month of October tweaking the play before its Off Broadway run in New York. When asked if any changes are the result of criticisms she heard in San Diego, Greenidge says, "No. This play has been through so much development and so many readings where as a writer you just sit there and take notes for two hours, over and over and over again. So, even though it upsets people, I'm confident in what the play is saying." ■

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struck the camp without warning and ousted up to four dozen sleeping protesters. Five arrests were reported.

"They're spending thousands and thousands of dollars of our money arresting us," Gormlie said later to a group of about 75 Occupiers after a march to re-occupy the plaza. Gormlie was critical of the costs police have elected to incur in enforcement on what, by most accounts, has been a demonstration relatively devoid of violence. "How much money is the city spending — no, how much money is the city wasting, money that the city doesn't have?"

By Dave Rice

Wednesday, November 16

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Coyote Court

Big Bucks for Human Smugglers

San Diego County — The human smuggling trade appears to be quite lucrative, according to a report by *Courthouse News Service*.

Eight men were recently indicted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for smuggling. The men, mostly in their 20s and early 30s, were tasked with picking up illegal immigrants after their arrival in eastern San Diego County and transporting them to Orange County. For this, the immigrants were charged \$4000 to \$5000 per head.

If these numbers are correct, the cost of illegal transport is skyrocketing. In the early 1980s, coyotes charged as little as \$50 to lead others across the border.

Enforcement of the law has also stiffened. The men, charged with conspiracy to transport illegal aliens, could face five years' prison time and fines of up to \$250,000.

By Dave Rice

Friday, November 18

Developing Story

Manchester Purchase of *Union-Tribune* Raises Questions of Timing

San Diego — Word this morning that Doug Manchester is buying the *Union-Tribune* may help explain some recent editorializing by the paper.

Don Bauder first reported here on September 29 about rumors circulating that Platinum Equity, the Beverly Hills private equity outfit run by billionaire Tom Gores, was about to seal a deal allowing controversial La Jolla Manchester to take control of the *Union-Tribune*, San Diego's once all-powerful newspaper of record and political influence.

On November 5, the *Union-Tribune*, without mentioning any prospec-

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tive deal to sell the paper, editorialized in favor of going ahead with Manchester's redevelopment project with the Navy.

Only after his project with the Navy was finally shot down by the coastal commission did Manchester go public with his desire to buy the *U-T*, telling the online news website Voice of San Diego of his interest on November 7.

And today, at the top of its front page, the *U-T* features a large color graphic with five yellow stars, touting the Grand Del Mar resort as the "the first in the county to receive *Forbes Travel Guide's* top rating."

A glowing story inside says the designation "puts the Grand Del Mar in the same league as the esteemed Beverly Hills Hotel and the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco."

But one seemingly important detail is missing: the resort was developed and is run by Manchester Financial Group, Doug Manchester's holding company.

By Matt Potter

Thursday, November 17

Drug Dugout

Tunnel Discovered in Border Warehouse

Otay Mesa — On Tuesday, U.S. and Mexican authorities confiscated 14 tons of marijuana and discovered a 400-yard tunnel that linked Tijuana and San Diego. Agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement say the tunnel had recently been completed and was outfitted with electricity, ventilation, and structural supports.

Agents discovered the tunnel after staking out a warehouse near the Otay Mesa port of entry. Earlier that day, agents pulled over a small cargo truck leaving the facility. Inside they found three tons of marijuana. The bust led to a search of the warehouse,

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where six and a half tons of pot were found, along with the tunnel.

After receiving word of the bust, authorities in Mexico located the other entry to the tunnel, confiscating an additional five to six tons of pot there.

By Dorian Hargrove

Wednesday, November 16

Dash for Endorsements

Fletcher Catches

California Small Business Association

San Diego — With the primary election less than seven months away, the candidates to become San Diego's next mayor are racing to rack up endorsements. And in a crowd of four big-name candidates, each endorsement is valued. Today, assemblyman Nathan Fletcher gave word that his campaign added the California Small Business Association to his list of supporters.

Betty Jo Toccoli, the nonprofit's president, cited Fletcher's track record of helping small-business owners and helping to create jobs as the reasons behind backing Fletcher for mayor.

By Dorian Hargrove

Tuesday, November 15

Scan Plan Feasible?

Superior Court's Move Toward Digital Imaging

Downtown — San Diego Superior Court has embarked on a costly and controversial program to scan legal documents for online viewing, the *Courthouse News Service* reports.

The system, with a cost officially billed by the court at \$7 million over six years, began in early October.

At issue is the cost of the program, coming at a time when California courts face a budget crisis after state legislators cut funding by hundreds of

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millions of dollars.

“San Diego probably doesn’t really have a sense of what this is going to cost them until they get into it,” said an unnamed manager at a private firm that provides court services. He went on to estimate that the eventual cost would more likely be close to \$7 million annually, rather than the official estimate of just over \$1 million per year, which includes \$215,000 to hire five new clerks to run the imaging system.

By Dave Rice

Tuesday, November 15

America’s Shiniest City

Billboard Promoter
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Lobbyists

Downtown — A former aide to the owner of the

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Denver Nuggets has been quietly pitching the idea of turning part of downtown San Diego into a giant “entertainment district,” complete with massive, Times Square-style animated advertising signs, video screens, and billboards.

According to a presentation on his company’s website, David Ehrlich, principal of FinWater Advisors in Denver, wants to “create a public-private partnership to develop the legal/political environment to make the district a reality.”

Touting the plan as “a revitalized neighborhood powered by outdoor media...[not] a sign district,” Ehrlich’s company estimates annual gross revenue of \$5 million by the third year of the project, with a share of the money to go to city hall

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and downtown property owners.

The city’s decades-old billboard ordinance currently prohibits construction of any new “off premise” signs and would have to be significantly amended to allow the kinds of outdoor advertising foreseen in the FinWater plan.

City records show FinWater has hired local lobbying outfit Marston + Marston, run by the husband-and-wife team of Jeff and Myrna Marston, to influence the city on the project’s behalf.

By Matt Potter

Wednesday, November 16

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LETTERS

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Hot Horse

This is regarding Chad Deal’s “Crasher” on November 17. His friend’s colloquialism — “You look like you’ve been rode hard and put away wet” — is not “enigmatic.” It refers to a horse having been ridden hard, which makes the horse sweat a lot, known as a lather. The horse should be dried and brushed before being stabled.

*Dale
Clairemont*

Comments from Reader website
**City Lights, by Dave Rice
Published November 16**
“It’s just too expensive to do it right.”

This sounds a whole lot like the complaints you keep hearing about California being “toxic” for business:

“It’s just too expensive to [operate a business] right.”
*By 2crudedudes 11:47 a.m.,
Nov 16, 2011*

“It’s kabuki”

An apt description of much of what goes on in America today, especially in the modern “public meeting” where residents’ views are aired, only to vanish in a cloud of lobbyist cigar smoke...

I think I’d rather leave pretty Point Loma than gamble against an explosive blow out, and I guess being downwind of San Onofre is rather bad planning too...our paradise has indeed been plundered.

*By Fred_Williams 10:38
p.m., Nov 16, 2011*

Perhaps the biggest gap in public education these days is the lack of a course (at every grade level, if I had my way) in skepticism. Instead, gullibility is insinuated into their dear little ears.

Trouble is, it usually sticks for life.

*By Twister 2:27 p.m., Nov
17, 2011*

Skepticism is equated with cynicism, when they are really polar opposites. Nobody likes being called a cynic. It is tiring and drain-

ing to always look for flaws and holes and conflicts of interest. Much easier to keep a sunny outlook and just accept whatever the government bureaucracy feeds you. After all, they are there to care for you and look out for your best interests, aren’t they? Aren’t they? AREN’T THEY?

*By Visduh 3:50 p.m., Nov
17, 2011*

**City Lights, by Don Bauder
Published November 16**
Isn’t this exactly the point of Occupy Wall Street? BS like this?

*By 2crudedudes 8:53 a.m.,
Nov 16, 2011*

Absolutely. These kinds of corporate theft are exactly what Occupy Wall Street is all about. I didn’t mean to denigrate Occupy Wall Street; I support the protesters. I was just using literary license: go Occupy TowersWatson or Occupy Sempra for pension abuses, in addition to keeping Wall Street on its toes. Best, Don Bauder

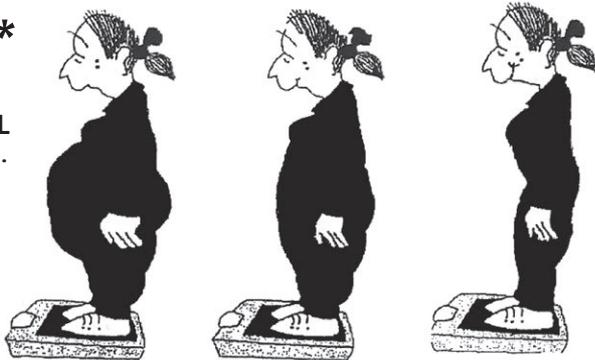
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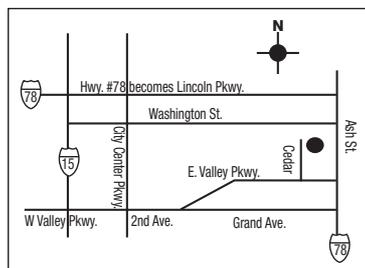
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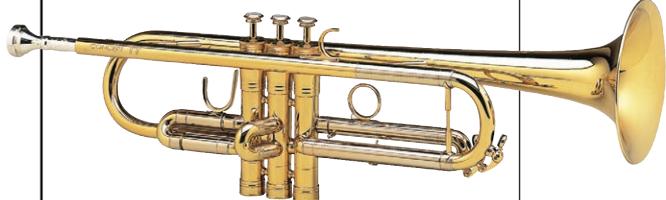
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WHERE: Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley. 619-297-5277; dixielandjazzfestival.org

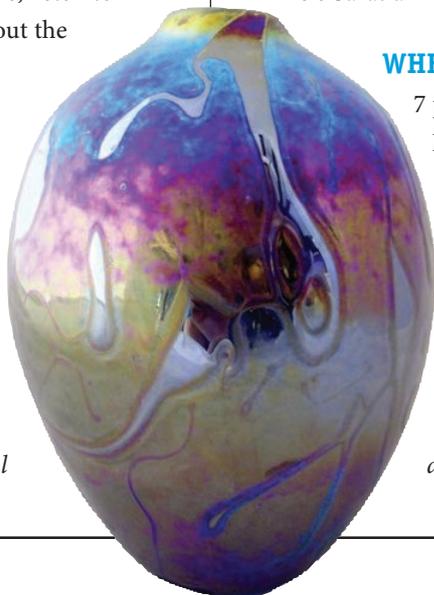
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Artists Garry Cohen and Cherrie LaPorte host their 17th semi-annual open-studio sale with blown-art glass, fused-glass sculpture and jewelry, and garden sculpture. Watch live glass-blowing demonstrations, listen to live music, and check out the sculpture garden.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (also Saturday and Sunday)

WHERE: Glass Ranch, 20307 Beech Lane, Escondido. 760-745-7020; cherrielaporte.com/GlassRanch/Home.html



Saturday | 26

(JUNKY) CHRISTMAS SHOW

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WHEN: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (also Friday and Sunday)

WHERE: Zjhunk Metal Art Studio, 2932 Via Loma Vista, Escondido. 760-745-5956; zjhunkmetalart.com



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26: (JUNKY) CHRISTMAS SHOW

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WHEN: Noon to 6 p.m. (also Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

WHERE: UCSD Crafts Center, 9500 Gilman Drive (in Revelle College), La Jolla.

858-534-2021, crafts.ucsd.edu

WHEN: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

WHERE: Queen Bee’s Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street, North Park. 619-255-5147; trainofthoughtsd.com

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LEARN TO BE LATINA

Diversionsary Theatre presents Enrique Urueta’s “entertainingly offensive romantic comedy” (with dance breaks!) about Hanan, a promising pop star. When record execs say her Lebanese heritage could be a drawback, her “slightly Latina looks” are exploited. Directed by Isis Saratial Misday.



WHEN: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (also Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m.)

WHERE: Diversionsary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-220-0097; diversionary.org

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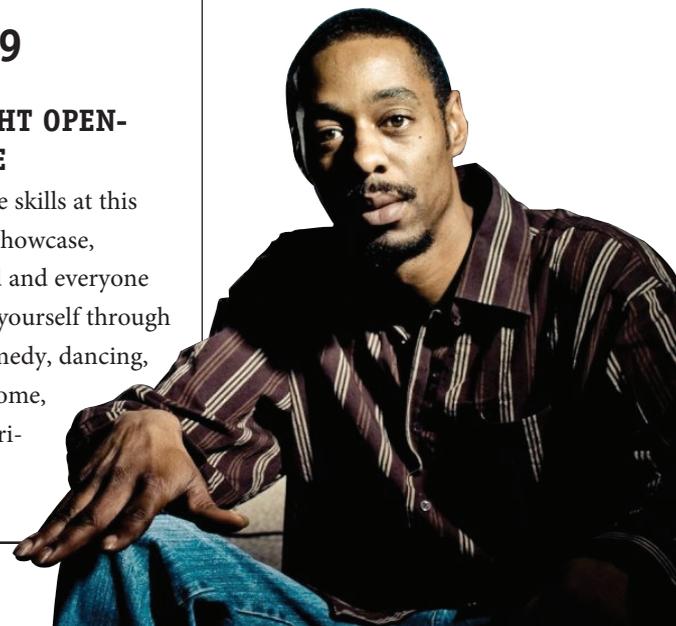
Wednesday | 30

RAGNAROK

Circle Circle dot dot, a community-based collaborative theater workshop, presents an “explorative performance” of Katherine Harroff’s new play about “taking your role-playing fantasy games to the next level.” Directed by Stephen Schmitz.

WHEN: 8 p.m. (also Thursday through Sunday)

WHERE: Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue, Downtown. 619-237-4510; circle2dot2.com



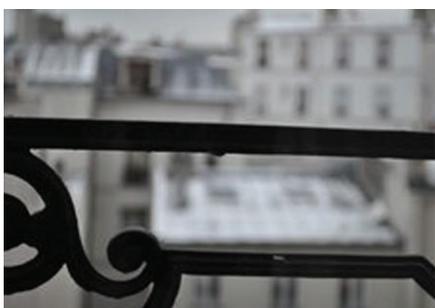
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Apartment View in Paris

Living Local in Paris, France

By Susan Payton

My husband, six-year-old, and I spent a month in Paris. The best part was learning to live what the French call a “quotidien” life (just the day-to-day goodies) in the City of Lights.

Since there was no washing machine in our Parisian apartment, we did laundry down the street. It was my husband’s job. One day, I went to check on him, only to find him standing sheepishly in an inch of water.

Somehow the machine he stuffed a week’s worth of clothes into wouldn’t

open and had exploded water everywhere. Imagine that.

Added to the stress was the laundromat’s caretaker. He attempted to pry the machine open with a screwdriver while mumbling “mierda” and Spang-French, which nobody could understand. My husband fled the scene.

I thought I detected a bit of Spanish in his ramblings, so I asked where he was from. Spain. Of course. So I began my broken Spanish conversation and told him we were headed to Barcelona the following day. It’s our first time. It’s Dia de los Tres Reyes, no? That will be good for my son.

I could see his blood pressure dropping. Finally, he got the machine open. By now he was feeling oh-so-courteous to me, so he told me to wait rather than putting my soap-laden clothes in the dryer. I should wait to wash them again. Heck, he’d even pay since it was the machine’s fault (not his opinion just 20 minutes ago).

Finally, my clothes safe in another washer (stuffed by him, I might add... clearly the stuffing of 47 articles of clothing was not the cause of the issue), I returned to our apartment. When I went

back to collect our clothes, I brought him a bottle of wine.

“Es para usted. Por su ayuda.”

Like any polite Spaniard, he refused twice, then greedily took the bottle to his back room (did I hear a clink? Like there’s multiple bottles back there??) and came back to help me with my laundry.

Something told me I had a new friend and a great place to do laundry.



Instead of erupting upward, Mt. St. Helens blew sideways.

Mount St. Helens, Washington

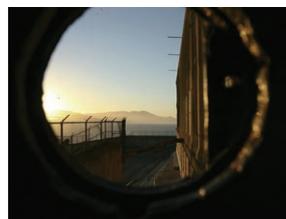
By Mary Spierling

Mount St. Helens is an active stratovolcano located near Washington State’s southern border — 96 miles south of Seattle and 50 miles northeast of Portland.

On May 18, 1980, the eruption changed more than 200 square miles of rich forest into a gray, lifeless landscape resembling a moonscape. Instead of erupting upward, Mount St. Helens blew sideways. A 650-mile-per-hour blast of gas, rock, and ash swept over a 230-square-mile area, killing nearly everything in its path. The 600° F eruption

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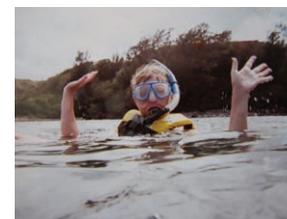
Other Adventures



Sean J: Trapped on the inside — Alcatraz Prison, San Francisco, California



Derek Ray: The Jamek Mosque in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, has an otherworldly beauty at night.



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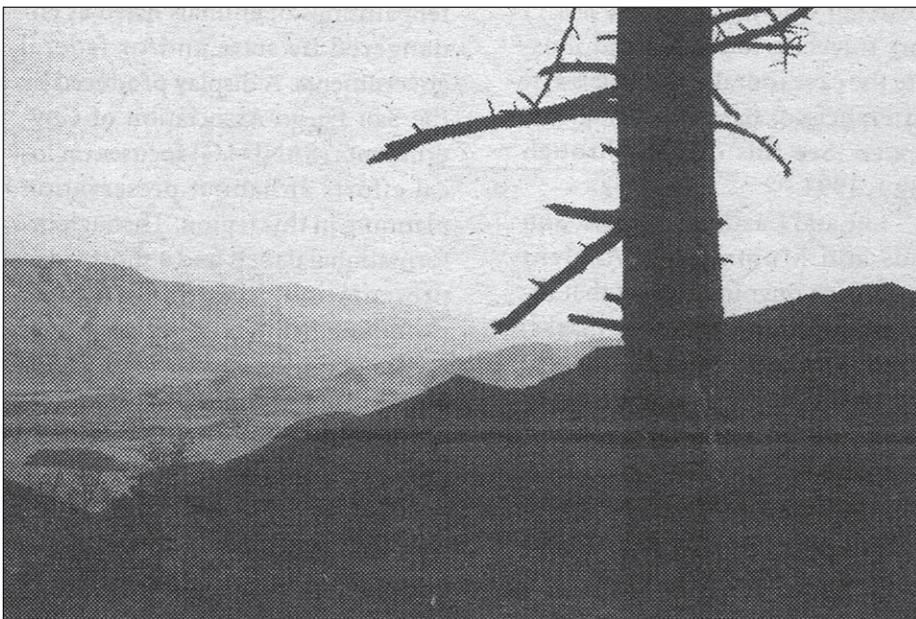


ROAM-O-RAMA

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

FROM THE TRAILMASTER'S FAVORITES FOLDER

The Jeffrey pine forest below Garnet Peak was severely burned during the 2002 Pines Fire.
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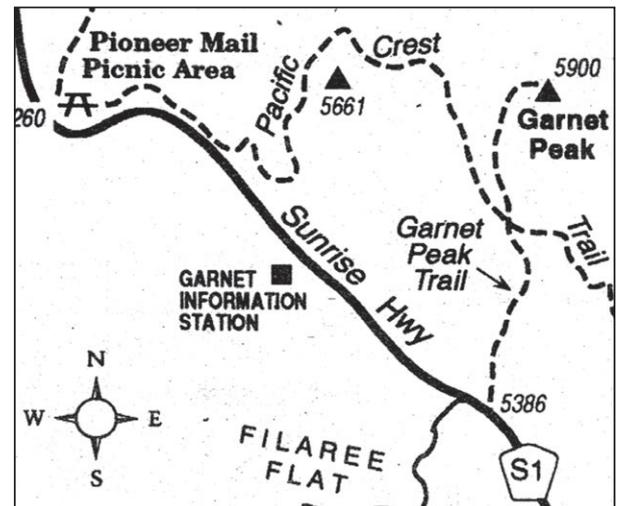
Long view down Storm Canyon

PHOTOGRAPH BY JERRY SCHAD

est mornings, you can witness the almost-mythical "green flash"; an optical phenomenon familiarity associated with the sun's disappearance over the Pacific Ocean in the west but seldom noticed when the sun reappears in the east.

The Garnet Peak Trail, 1.2 miles long, starts near mile 27.8 (as reckoned by the green milepost signs) on Sunrise Highway. This is about five miles north of the small resort community of Mount Laguna. Park your car nearby, off the pavement, and take the signed Garnet Peak Trail north. After one-half mile in Jeffrey pine forest, you emerge in the open and cross the Pacific Crest Trail. Continue north on a rocky path slanting upward. Bleached yucca stalks, left from the flowering season half a year ago, poke through the trailside ceanothus and manzanita like exclamation points. This is an ankle-busting trail, especially at dawn when the seemingly substantial, angular salton stones caught in your flashlight beam still manage to roll unexpectedly underfoot.

Garnet Peak's summit con-



sists of layered chunks of schist, a type of metamorphic rock seen along much of the Laguna escarpment. The peak falls away abruptly, revealing a vertiginous panorama of Strom Canyon and its distant alluvial fan toward the east. The Salton Sea and Baja's Laguna Salada (just south of the border) shimmer in the

east and southeast, respectively. To the south and west, the Laguna crest, dusky with oak and pine forests and patches of chaparral, seems to roll like a frozen wave to the edge of the escarpment.

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Although Garnet Peak isn't the highest peaklet along the eastern escarpment of the Laguna Mountains, its exposed position makes it a fine place to view both

the pine-clad high country and the raw desert below. Now through January, whenever east or north winds chase away air pollution and haze, Garnet Peak is simply the best spot

in the morning sun. Around 6:45 to 7 a.m., the sun's flattened disk pops up over the desert wastes of northwestern Sonora, Mexico, some 150 miles away. On the clear-



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OUTDOORS

Beach Cleanup Coastkeeper hosts cleanup around Ocean Beach jetty starting at entrance to Dog Beach. Bring work gloves, reusable bag or bucket, reusable water bottle. 619-758-7743. Saturday, November 26, 9am; **free**. Dog Beach Ocean

Beach, West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Join the Clean and Green Team! Join San Diego River Park Foundation volunteers for community cleanup and debris removal along San Diego River near Mission San Diego de Alcalá. No experience necessary. Tools, supplies, water, snacks provided. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, November 26, 9am; **free**. San Diego River cleanup — Mission Valley East, 10981 San Diego Mission Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Kumeyaay Harvest Learn Native American secrets of living in nature. Discover resources obtained from native plants, animals, and land management during naturalist-led walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

River Mouth Habitat Restoration Work off that turkey dinner! Volunteers invited to help restore "one of the last remaining coastal dune and wetland habitats" in SD. Activities: invasive plant removal, native plant rescue, trail maintenance, litter removal. Educational walking tour planned. Tools, supplies provided. Wear closed shoes. Meet in grassy area just inside Dog Beach parking lot at western end of

Voltaire Avenue. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, November 26, 9am; **free**. Dog Beach Ocean Beach, West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Waterways and Habitats Experience wealth of native plants enriching multiple habitats encountered on trail guide-led walk to historic Mission Dam. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 26, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

SPECIAL EVENTS

(Junky) Christmas Show Sale and show by these "junk sculptors-metal sculptors and recyclers" who "take the cast-off detritus of society and turn it into whimsical garden sculptures." Tour studios of potters, glassblowers, painters, weavers, jewelers, junk sculptors. Live music, demonstrations. 760-745-5956. Friday through Sunday, November 25 to 27, 10am; **free**. Zjhunk Metal Art Studio, 2932 Via Loma Vista. (ESCONDIDO)

Art Studio and Garden Tour Visit one-acre garden overlooking Lake Hodges, view paintings, hand-painted jewelry by Cathy Carey. Four other area studios will be open. 760-489-9109. Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27, 10am; **free**. Cathy Carey's Art Studio, 2048 Ridgcrest Place. (ESCONDIDO)

Beatrix*JAR Handmade Art + Party "Sound art duo" Bianca Pettis and Jacob Roske — who use "modified children's toys to create" sounds, "an art form called circuit bending" — will take "over a corner of the space" to sell their handmade fabric birds and cats and do some DJ work too. 619-795-6175. Sunday, November 27, 4pm; **free**. Score

Footwear, 1750 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Black Friday Sale! San Diego Salvation Army is having a Black Friday Sale at each of their 7 locations. First 75 customers receive voucher for up to 75% off. Raffles every hour for prizes such as gas cards, movie passes and more. Bring in the Reader ad and receive 10% off your purchase. Locations: Downtown, Escondido, Chula Vista, Poway, College, Sports Arena, and Santee. Closed on Sundays. Holiday hours: Monday through Saturday 7am-6pm. Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Botany Festival Botany Society's annual plant festival, sale planned at visitor center. Author James Lightner (*San Diego County Native Plants*) leads walk in garden (11:30am), then discusses "Searching for Rare Plants" (1pm). Baja California artisans will display their work. State park volunteer Marge Hatcher demonstrates use of plants by Native Americans. 951-440-2165. Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26, 9am; **free**. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Drive. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Fantasy on Ice Enjoy ice-skating outdoors adjacent to Horton Plaza. Two sessions Friday-Sunday: 10am-7:30pm, and 8-10pm. Open until 5pm Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Rink closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Admission includes skate rental. 858-966-6700. Daily, 10am; through Sunday, January 8, \$12-\$14. Horton Square, 225 Broadway Circle. (DOWNTOWN)

Get Wrapping Personalize holiday gifts with paper you print after workshop with instructor Lauren Becker Downey. Use acrylic paint, variety of stamping techniques to create one-of-a-kind gift wrap. Learn about step-and-repeat, pattern and design. Registration: 619-223-0058. Friday, November 25, 10am; \$49-\$55. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Goodguys Fall Del Mar Nationals Over 1500 hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars, trucks on display. Commercial and vendor exhibits, swap meet, cars for sale, entertainment, "Surf Woodie" display, Goodguys Auto-Cross, more. 925-838-9876. Friday through Sunday, November 25 to 27, 8am; **free**-\$18. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Holiday of Lights More than 400 lighted, holiday-themed displays for viewing from visitors' cars. Holiday Hayrides: November 25, December 2, 9, and 16, every half hour (5:30-8:30pm). Admission: \$14 per vehicle (up to five people), \$19 per vehicle with six or more people, \$49 per bus. 858-792-4252. Daily, 5:30pm; through Sunday, January 1, Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Intuitive Psychic Fair Psychics, tarot, energy clearing, runes; all services are 15 minutes for \$15. 760-721-2110. Saturday, November 26, 10am; Kindred Journeys, 510 N. Coast Hwy., #101A. (OCEANSIDE)

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tion vaporized the forest near the volcano and left other trees standing but scorched to death.

See the remains of the trees that were destroyed where they stood as the blast arrived. Some vegetation has returned to the slopes around the volcano, but it will be years before the forest returns.

The first (and least impressive) exhibit you'll approach is the Mount St. Helens Visitor Center at Seaquest/Silver Lake at mile marker 5 on State Route 504, off Interstate 5. It's somewhat outdated; save it for a stop on the way back down if you have time.

The Mount St. Helens Forest Learning Center at mile marker 33 is

free. This is the best of the three exhibits on the mountain. There's a playground for children and a helicopter to climb into and pretend you're flying around the mountain. The eruption chamber is an experience you can't miss.

At mile marker 52, Johnston Ridge Observatory has an awesome view with great exhibits.

The Northwest Forest Pass is required to visit the sites around Mt. St. Helens. This is a vehicle pass for \$5 a day/\$30 per year and good in both Oregon and Washington National Forests.

Check the Mount St. Helens websites before planning a visit between October and February, as many times all roads are closed once snow begins in the winter months.

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Japanese Brush Painting Show
Washu-Kai hosts annual *sumi-e* exhibition in room 101, featuring painting demonstrations by Tatsu-sako Sandin and Wendy C. Nakamura. Wearable art fashion show (2:15pm). Floral arrangements on display from Ohara and Sogestus Schools of Ikebana and Teshigahara Wafukai. Koto music by Masazumi Kai. 619-239-0512. Sunday, November 27, 11am; **free**. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Lake Hodges Artists Show and Sale
Jean Degenfelder displays, sells fiber art from her studio, joined by "variety of artists displaying ceramics, paintings, jewelry, wood, handmade soaps, textiles from around the world." 760-740-9700. Thursday through Saturday, November 24 to 26, 10am; **free**. Degenfelder Studio, 9814 Carson Place. (ESCONDIDO)

Magic Show
Close-up magic and stage show by Loch David Crane, Terry Lunceford, Magic Mike. 760-929-1396. Friday, November 25,

8:30pm; \$7-\$10. Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

New Moon Ceremony
Dewey rings in November's new moon with singing bowls. 760-721-2110. Friday, November 25, 6:30pm; \$5. Kindred Journeys, 510 N. Coast Hwy. #101A. (OCEANSIDE)

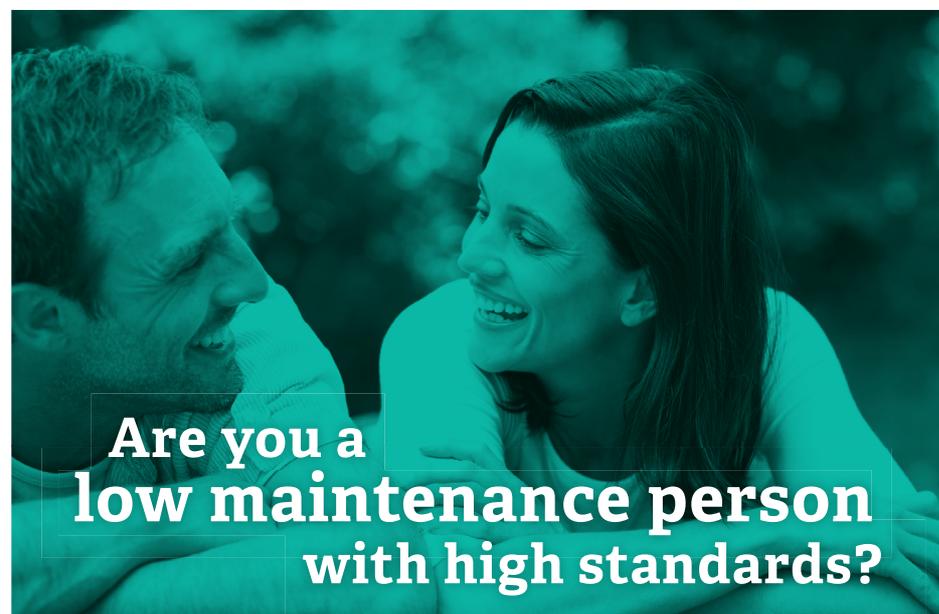
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Stamp-Collecting Show
Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, November 27, 10am; **free**. Al Bahr Shrine

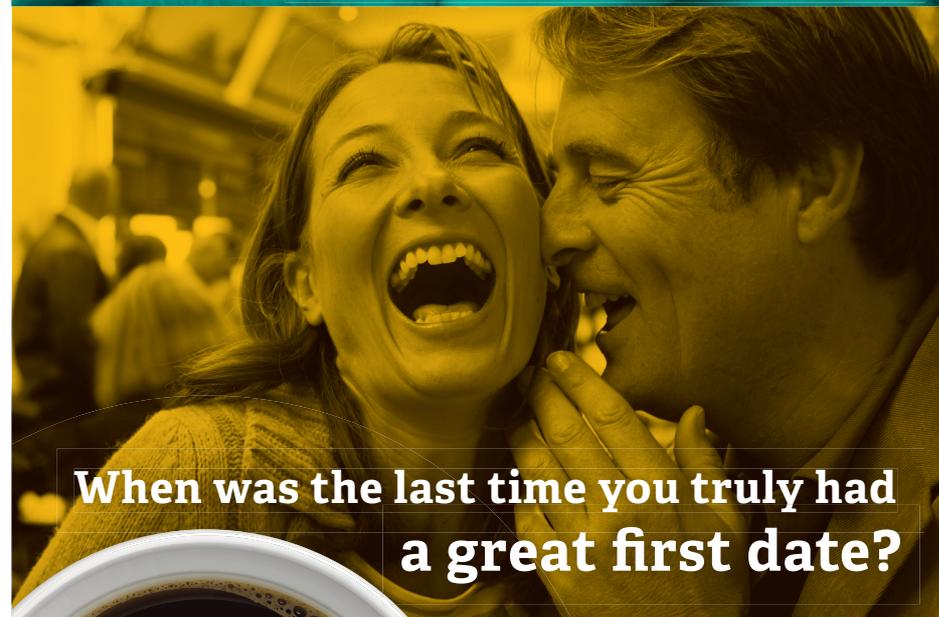
Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Visit Glass Ranch
Artists Garry Cohen and Cherrie LaPorte host 17th semiannual open studio sale with blown art glass, fused glass sculpture and jewelry, garden sculpture. Watch live glass blowing demonstrations, listen to live music, visit sculpture garden. 760-745-7020. Friday through Sunday, November 25 to 27, 10am; **free**. Glass Ranch, 20307 Beech Lane. (ESCONDIDO)

Diamond Jubilee Home Tour
All Souls' Saint Nicholas Home Tour. A Marketplace, Tea, and Entertainment are included. Tour six Point Loma homes. Tickets \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Saint Nicholas Marketplace, 12:30 to 4pm; Saint Nicholas Tea, 1 to 4pm. Purchase tickets at: www.all-souls.com or www.allsoulshometour.net. Saturday, December 3, 10am to 4pm. Admission: \$25-\$30. All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)



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LOCAL EVENTS

Gary Morris in Concert The San Diego Playhouse presents "Wind Beneath My Wings" singer Gary Morris: One Man, One Guitar, One Night. Purchase Tickets: www.sdplayhouse.com. \$27-\$39. Friday, December 16, 8pm. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

"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. Free-\$6. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"It's Not My Fault" Oceanside native Everett Peck is an animator, cartoonist, illustrator, painter, best known for his television series *Duckman* (1994-1997). Exhibition on display through Sunday, January

29, showcases Peck's work over past 30 years, tracing his evolution as an artist from early concept sketches to recent large-scale paintings, humorously exploring pop culture of modern America and its intersection with everyday life. Also on display: illustrations, sketch books, preliminary and concept drawings from Peck's extensive animation work.

Four MFA artists from UCSD were invited to collaborate with a professor on a new work of art or select an existing work establishing a strong visual and conceptual dialogue for "Vantage Point: UCSD Visual Dialogues." View resulting work by students Ela Boyd, Chris Kardambikus, Brian Zimmerman, Alida Cervantes and professors Ernest Silva, Louis Hock, Ruben Ortiz-Torres, Anya Gallaccio through Sunday, January 15.

"Parallel Visions-Visiones Paralelas" is a photography project connecting Oceanside teens with teens in Cartagena, Colombia, "bringing into focus two different yet parallel communities as seen through the lenses of the youth who reside there." View "100 captivating photographs" through Sunday, December 18.

Local artist Cathy Breslaw created a site-specific installation using "industrial materials to investigate her interest in how people relate to changing physical and intangible environments." View "A Matter of Space" through Sunday, February 12.

"We Can Work It Out" finds artist Becky Guttin transforming

Rhyme & Verse

One Day I Wrote Her Name

A poem by Edmund Spenser

One day I wrote her name upon the strand,
But came the waves and washed it away:
Again I wrote it with a second hand,
But came the tide, and made my pains his prey.
"Vain man," said she, "that dost in vain assay
A mortal thing so to immortalize;
For I myself shall like to this decay,
And eke my name be wiped out likewise."
"Not so," (quod I) "let baser things devise
To die in dust, but you shall live by fame:
My verse your virtues rare shall eternize,
And in the heavens write your glorious name:
Where whenas death shall all the world subdue,
Our love shall live, and later life renew."



Little is known for certain about the parentage or youth of the English poet Edmund Spenser, who was born in 1552, probably in London. He was educated at Cambridge and published his first volume of poetry three years after graduating, in 1579. That book, the *Shepherd's Calendar*, filled with archaic language and composed in a pastoral mode that was largely unfamiliar to his readers,

was nonetheless clearly the work of a highly accomplished and enormously talented poet. In 1580, Spenser was appointed secretary to the lord-deputy of Ireland and that year fought in a bloody suppression of an Irish rebellion against British rule. The first three books of his epic allegory *The Faery Queen* were published in 1590, and despite its great length and somewhat difficult language, Spenser was at once widely acknowledged as one of the masterful poets of the Elizabethan Age. In January of 1599, a few months after his home in Ireland was sacked and burned to the ground during Tyler's Rebellion, Spenser died in poverty. "One Day I Wrote Her Name" is widely considered one of his most memorable sonnets. The notion of immortalizing one's beloved by writing of her in a poem (an immortal poem, needless to say) was a common motif among Elizabethan poets.

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museum's lobby with "a playful installation" inspired by memories of growing up in Mexico City. "Working with Mexican cultural symbols such as mythical folk animals, tortillas, and miniature houses, she investigates the meaning of home, family and identity." Closes Thursday, January 5. Free-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"Mexican Modern Painting" Exhibition features selection of 80 paintings dated 1907-1956 from the renowned Andrés Blaisten Collection. View work by artists including María Izquierdo, Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, Rufino Tamayo, Alfonso Michel, Federico Cantú, Angel Zárraga through Sunday, February 19.

"Walk from the Sun: Photographs of Southern California by scott b. davis" continues through Sunday, March 18. "Taken at night with a large-format camera, certain photographs of Southern California document iconic aspects of the region including the Hollywood sign and the bright lights of Los Angeles." Also on view are "surprising takes on the area with moody and enigmatic looks at seemingly abandoned highways, parking lots, and buildings." Free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 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 collection" 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." 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.

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What are you reading?

"*Inheritance*, by Christopher Paolini. This is the last book in his *Eragon* series, and it just came out today. I started reading the series because my brother read the first one, *Eragon*, and told me about it."

Tell me about it.

"It's a fantasy series about a 15-year-old boy who starts out as a farmer in a small village. One day, this blue stone appears in front of him while he's hunting, and he takes it home. A couple of weeks later, it hatches into a dragon, and he becomes a dragon rider. There used to be an entire force of them; they were peacekeepers. But one of them, Galbatorix, went bad. His dragon was killed, and he stole another dragon and recruited some others, and they destroyed the riders. Then he took over and made himself king. Eragon sets out on a journey to learn to fight and use magic so that he can join the resistance and defeat the king. Part of the mystery of the book is that, even by this point in the series — I'm on

page 123 — you've never seen Galbatorix or his dragon. You've only heard about them."

What do you like about it?

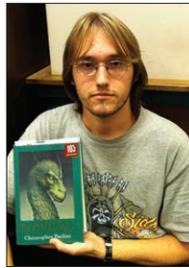
"I like his details — he describes scenes very well. And I like the way the author switches between the different characters — he doesn't tell the story from just one point of view."

Who is your favorite character?

"Eragon's cousin; he's called Roran Stronghammer. He's one of the few characters in the book who's a great warrior but is completely normal. He's very intelligent and strong, but he doesn't use magic or ride a dragon. He just fights with what he has. There was a scene in the last book, *Brisings*, where Roran is a soldier and his commanding officer orders the soldiers into battle. But the order would have led to all the soldiers being killed. Roran, knowing that he would be punished for insubordination, went against his commanding officer's orders

What's That You're Reading?

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and told the men to do something else. They ended up winning and also saved all the soldiers' lives. I liked that he did, even though he knew he would be punished."

What book was most life-changing for you or opened your eyes in some way?

"Maybe *Ender's Game*, by Orson Scott Card. Most of the characters in it are really young kids, between the ages of 5 and 12. All of them have super-genius levels of intelligence. As a result, they have power that normal kids don't have. Two of them are always going on the internet, visiting political websites, gaining influence. One of them, by the time he's 15, he's almost become the leader of the world."

Do you see that as a metaphor about young people, how they have power inside them that hasn't been unlocked?

"Yeah."

Who is your favorite author?

"James Patterson. Some authors take too long to get into a scene. They draw them out, and you start to get bored. I don't even finish books by certain authors. But Patterson gets into the scene while still giving you detail. He's not rushing through it. He did the *Maximum Ride* series, which is sort of adventure with a little sci-fi."

Do you read any magazines or newspapers?

"No."

Do you talk to anyone about what you're reading?

"Yes, my brother. We read a lot of the same books. We'll talk about characters and events in the books, speculate on what we think is going to happen."

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er at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November 29, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Plymouth Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving

to ye Almighty God for all His blessings. — William Bradford, Nov. 29, 1623.

William Bradford (1590–1657) was the founder and leader of the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts and served as the second Massachusetts governor, succeeding John Carver (1576–1621). His journal,

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charm, drawing good fortune to individuals and businesses, since the Edo period (1603-1868). Enjoy the cats through Sunday, January 15. **Free**-\$7. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Saint Bartholomew Museum features this painting, described as “the 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. **Free**. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 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

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“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

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SPORTS

Black Friday American Wrestling Alliance hosts matches between SoCal Crazy and Maldecido, Thunderkitty and Kitana Vera, Toxic and Nightmare Azteca, a "battle royale," more. Friday, November 25, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. Sky Box Sports Grill, 4805 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

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clists for 50-mile ride from park to Carlsbad. 619-647-3212. Saturday, November 26, 8:45am; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Father Joe's Thanksgiving Day 5K Help feed the hungry, take part in annual fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul Village meal service. Event-day registration: 6am at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. 619-446-2100. Thursday, November 24, 8am; \$20-\$35. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Sockers versus Revolución! San Diego Sockers host Revolución Tijuana for soccer match. 866-799-4625. Saturday, November 26, 7:05pm; \$10-\$17. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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United Run for the Hungry Annual Thanksgiving Day 10k (7:10am) and 5k run/walk (8:15am) starts at Petco Park East (at Imperial and 13th Street). Wear a Thanksgiving-themed costume. Proceeds benefit San Diego Food Bank, Jewish Family Services, and a team's nominated charity. 619-239-3622. Thursday, November 24, 7am; \$20-\$41. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

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Tots on the Side

The sun glinted off oak trees. Golf carts waddled down the fairway. A dry, light breeze signaled an impending Santa Ana. I gazed upon this glorious scene, sipping Stella Artois, happy to be alive and honored to have such a setting within walking distance of my house.

You might think I was dining at A.R. Valentien and looking out across Torrey Pines Golf Course at the sparkling ocean beyond. But you would be wrong. I was, in fact, at Tobey's 19th Hole Cafe, perched above Balboa Golf Course and savoring a panoramic view of downtown's skyscrapers. I was also drinking the most gourmet thing on the menu. Which was just fine.

My family and I had hiked up to Tobey's on this lazy Saturday afternoon because we'd heard from our Golden Hill neighbors that the café serves solid diner food and that you couldn't beat the location.

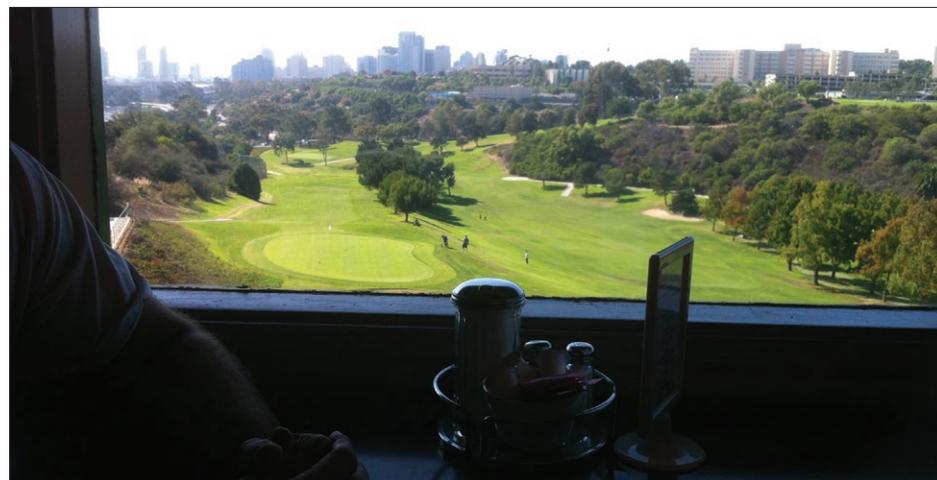
Both reports were true. From the chorizo-and-egg breakfast burrito (\$5.75) that my husband inhaled to the basic cheeseburger on a fluffy, freshly baked bun (\$5.50), which my son

ordered, the food is designed to fill you up after you've trudged around the golf course for 18 holes. Or, we realized, as groups of haggard-looking 20-somethings wandered in, this is the place to go for a little hair of the dog after a hard night drinking beer and hanging out in South Park.

The clientele is an amusing mix of retirees sporting loud Bermuda shorts and perky visors inside, and youngsters in garish, overly large sunglasses outside on the patio. It makes for fun people-watching, if you can tear your eyes away from the view. Tobey's 19th Hole Cafe sits on the edge of a mesa, 100 or so feet above the golf course. A fairway winds down the hill beneath picture windows that line the rear of the café, housed in Balboa Golf Course's clubhouse.

As for the food, it's basic but well prepared. Don't look for elaborate dish descriptions or sourcing of ingredients. My husband's giant breakfast burrito came mostly unencumbered, with a lone piece of iceberg lettuce and a slice of tomato. When he bit into the burrito, the filling nearly oozed out over his dish. The chorizo was smoky and piquant, made more so by generous slatherings of the tasty house green salsa that's provided in a large squirt bottle on every table. Our son's burger came topped with American cheese and a dollop of ketchup, mustard, onions, and pickles (which he promptly scraped off in favor of his usual mayo). His fries were crispy and salty, exactly as they should be.

I ordered a BLT on wheat toast (\$5.50) and was surprised at how thick and perfectly crisped the bacon was. So often BLTs seem to be vessels for leftover breakfast bacon — cold, limp, and overwhelmed by the L and the T. In my sandwich, the bacon took center stage; good, because the L was iceberg and the T was bland. But while I appreciate a competent BLT, what really won me over were the tater tots. I realize that tots



Above: the view from Tobey's 19th Hole; below: Tobey's BLT and tots

are everywhere these days, often dressed up in elaborate outfits that end up obscuring their delicious tot-iness. Not at Tobey's. Here, they're deep-fried balls of potato joy. I made a mixture of mayonnaise and the herby green salsa, took a slug of my beer, and dipped my tots. Life was grand.

Tobey's 19th Hole Cafe opened in 1934, 19 years after the Balboa Golf Course, which was built in 1915 to coincide with the first Panama Exposition. Thus, Tobey's came into being on the eve of the second Exposition, which ran from 1935-'36 and celebrated "modernist" San Diego. The Tobey family still owns the diner, and there's definitely an old-world feel to it. The waitresses (the servers are all women) smile upon you kindly and make sure your food is okay, but they don't hover. This allows you to recover from whatever ails you — whether it be strenuous golfing or a wicked hangover.

On that note, one more breakfast item should be mentioned. The chicken-fried steak topped with gravy and eggs and served with hash browns

and toast is a great deal at \$8.25, since you won't have to eat for the rest of the day (and quite possibly into the next one). All the ingredients are fresh, the crust on the steak shatters upon impact, and the gravy, while thick, isn't gelatinous. Break your egg yolk over the top and make sure to mingle it with the hash browns. Then order a mimosa to balance out the richness of your breakfast and to take the edge off your headache. Sit back in your patio seat and relax while you digest. Sometimes, it's really cool to live in San Diego. ■

Tobey's 19th Hole Cafe

2600 Golf Course Drive, San Diego,
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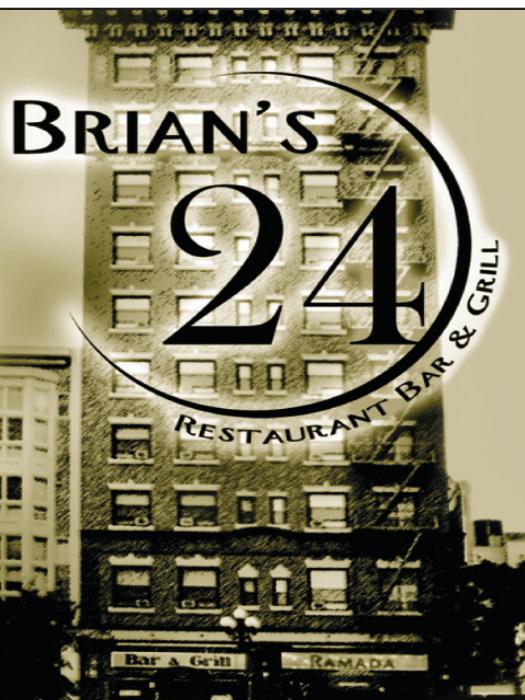
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It was a dark and rainstormy night. Marvel as our hero tramps undaunted through the dripping streets of Grant Hill. Crosses 26th, 27th, 28th, ever searching for his Shangri-La.

Aha! Suddenly, lights! Camera! ¡Acción! A sign on a rain-spattered wall! “Restaurante El Salvadoreño.”

Yes, it’s painted on a wall behind a chain-link fence protecting an empty lot, but the front’s a fresh-painted olive green, with white-framed windows behind black grilles.

Was down El Salvador way once, long ago. Chowed down at *pupuserias* and drank Kolashampan, that sweet golden soda that tastes like real bubbly, even though there’s no alcohol.

There’s something about gentle fare from a land that’s gone through so much — like that horrific civil war back in the ’80s — that draws you to it. Talk about comfort food...

Pupusas? Beautiful word they say comes from the Pibil people, who live down there, and always have.

So in I go, hungry as a horse in a hay barn. The large room is divided into two sections, and even now, at 8:00 p.m., it’s abuzz. Not packed, but no way empty.

It’s all varnished timber and goldy-brown paint. Green columns with painted ropes. A Bible on the welcome desk sits open, the text highlighted in yellow. A wooden plaque hung over the kitchen has been chiseled to say: “Welcome, Bienvenidos!”

Palm-leaf fans whirl slowly overhead. There are blond solid-wood chairs decorated with dark green struts — almost feels Western — and big black-and-white photos of (says the waiter Francisco) the San Salvadoran presidential palace.

Francisco seats me near a group of mainly gringos all chowing down from big sampler plates. Plantains, tamales, enchiladas, fried

yucca sticks, everything arranged around bowls of frijoles and sour cream. Dang, it looks good. Luis, who says he’s the lone *salvadoreño* in the group, claims this is the best *pupusa* place in town.



I ask for Kolashampan, and Francisco leaves a menu. Man, there’s a lot. From all-day breakfast to dozens of dishes.

You can pay about as little or as much as you want. Like, there’s a breakfast of fried yucca with ground pork for \$9.50. Or you can go for the *pupusas* at \$2 each. Two would probably be enough. They have all sorts, but the most popular, Francisco says, is the one stuffed with *chicharrón* and cheese. Seems *chicharrón* for Salvadorans means ground pork mashed almost to a paste.

The one I want is the *pupusa loroco*. That’s the traditional thick tortilla stuffed with the *loroco* flower or *quilite* (“edible herb”). Grows only in Central America. And, hey, apart from tasting pretty, well, herby, it’s supposed to be an aphrodisiac.

They also have tamales with pork or maize (Indian corn) stuffed inside. Or chicken enchiladas (three for \$7.50), or a whole batch of yucca (cassava root) chips, like large french fries, but much tastier, for \$4.50.

And here’s Francisco with...oh, this drink’s called Goya Cola Champagne. Really does taste champagne-y.

Decision time. Have to say that the sampler plate looks delicious. But \$17.99? Then I think: the beautiful Carla will be waiting, starving, hoping, back at the ranch, and that would make it only \$9 each, right? And for sure we’re talking extras for another day. So, what the heck. I order it.

Deliciously good decision, even though I’ll be out a Jackson.

The plate arrives loaded and hot, with a wooden side bowl of *curtido*. Lot of folk have come to places like this thinking *curtido* was cole slaw, then complained that it was



Francisco, the server



Sampler plate, \$17.99, but enough for two

limp and old and vinegary. Me, too. But turns out, that’s what it’s supposed to be. Pickled (fermented) cabbage, with onion and carrot topping, designed to add tang to your tongue. Like sauerkraut, or kimchi.

Where to start? When in El Salvador...*pupusa* has got to be the opener. Just sprinkle some salt and it’s a cushiony little flying saucer, toasty on the outside, moist and porky *sabroso* inside. *Pupusa* is the litmus test for any Salvadoran meal, along with the universal aftertaste of corn.

The pork tamal feels like it’s got both the *chicharrón* mixed with maize and extra pork meat. It’s almost liquidy around the meat chunks. The chicken enchilada has more of a fried crispiness. Love it, though I’m gonna have to run for a few buses to sweat all this off. The cornbread-tasting tamal has to have been just-steamed.

“Maria Constanta brought every recipe from El Salvador,” says Francisco. “She’s the lady who started this restaurant in 1995. She and her family still run it.”

He says the farther south you go, the less *picante* the food is. “But I like it,” he says.



Fried plantains

“And I’m Mexican.”

Although, now that I take another forkful, this *curtido* is plenty *picante*.

The desserts are custardy, or else rice-pudding types. But I’m full. Plus, the glistening plantains that came with the sampler were beautifully sweet.

I pay. Then, on a thought, count what I’ve got left. Yes! Just enough.

“Could you make me a *pupusa loroco* to go?”

You never know, maybe it does deliver on its aphrodisiacal promise.

Francisco says, head down, staring into his order book, “Good choice, *señor*.” ■

The Place: *Restaurante El Salvadoreño*, 2845 Imperial Avenue (near 28th, Hensley) Grant Hill, 619-231-8254
Type of Food: Salvadoran
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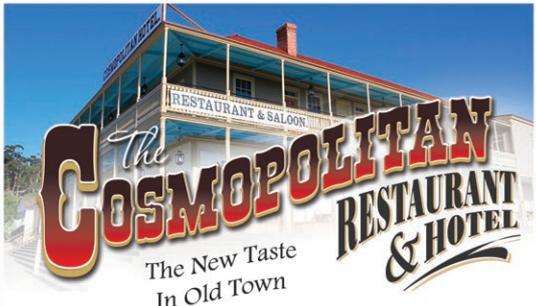
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Burgers Smashing into Vista!

I heard about this from my friend Miles. He's part of the band Red Wizard. They're playing at the opening of a Smashburger in Vista this Wednesday (1711 University Drive, Suite 150, 760-630-0005). Opening's from 5.30 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.

This Smashburger is becoming one huge chain. In a couple dozen states. Looks like it's pitching to the slightly upper crust of burger joints. They start at five bucks.

Specialties? They have one veggie burger (\$5.29). And the "San Diego" (\$6.99, \$7.29 for a large) tips the hat to the region with adds such as avocado, cilantro, onions, pepper jack, sour cream, chipotle mayo, and a wedge of lime.

I almost went in to their downtown joint the other day (801 Market Street, 619-241-2207). Now I guess I'm curious about that San Diego sandwich and how these guys are spreading like ice plant across the country.

Because you'd think, hard times, the guys selling \$2 burgers would be doing best.

Posted Nov. 14, 12:26 p.m.
by Ed Bedford

Starlite Waging the Battle of the Beauj

She's better known for having put together the wine and cocktail program at Starlite, but Kate MacWilliamson has much broader adult-beverage goals.

Her current mission is to

enlighten drinkers to "the magic of Beaujolais." She experienced the magic firsthand several years ago when she visited the region and hopes to wield a bit of it with several hand-selected bottles and a little help from Starlite chef Kathleen Wise during a Beaujolais dinner on Thursday, November 17.

Three Beaujolais (two of which were just released) will be poured, and the accompanying three-course bill of fare will consist of re-creations of some of MacWilliamson's favorite food memories from her time in France.

"The food in Beaujolais is very simple and earthy. One might even call it peasant food," says MacWilliamson. "The simplicity of it is very satisfying and marries wonderfully with the wine."

Dupueble Beaujolais Nouveau made from organically farmed Gamay grapes will be served with a caramelized onion tart topped with local greens, while a 2010 Chateau Thivin

Cote de Bouilly will accompany house-made sausage crafted in the Lyonnaise style from pork, garlic, white wines, and traditional herbs.

The final course will feature a fruity Jean Foillard Beaujolais Nouveau with a lightly tart and only mildly sweet buttermilk custard pie.

The price per person is \$50 and reservations can be made at 619-358-9766 or on the restaurant's website. Starlite is located at 3175 India Street.

Posted Nov. 14, 10:16 a.m.
by Brandon Hernández

Time, Gentlemen, Please

We did it! Carla and I remembered to hold our breaths at 11.11.11.11.11.11. Meaning eleven seconds past eleven minutes past eleven this morning, the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year. It was a magic moment.

It meant...what again?
Of course, today has huge

meaning: to mark the end of that slaughter back in 1918 that was supposed to end all wars and every war since.

But marking time is like catching a comet going by. You say, *Wow! A moment has passed.* You're the same, but the guy who blinked will kick himself forever.

Like choosing the right dish on the menu. The luscious California burrito instead of the bland veggie burger. Come on, a tiny piece of the pleasure is watching the other guy squirm.

It's like the other night when I was at the El Cajon Brewing Company. I wanted to order one of their cheese-stuffed-patty burgers. And the guy next to me said, "They're out. I just tried. You'll have to get the ordinary one."

I asked anyway, and lo and behold, they did have one left.

Guilty satisfaction? You betcha.

Time-wise, we still have tonight! At 11.11 p.m. If you miss that, one more chance on December 12 for the six lineup

of the same numbers. Then that's it, for a century. Won't happen again before January 1, 2101.

Does it matter? These dates, if you're, say, Buddhist, don't mean a whole heckuva lot. Guess different dates mean different things in our collective experience, as we all swing around and round Ol' Huey, the sun. Really, the secret is to enjoy moments, look at your watch at 11:11...or forget to, and then move on to the next.

No, the most satisfaction in all of this — and I'm talking as a guy who is always late for everything, just ask Carla — is to be able to say, "Yeah, I caught it, I felt it...11.11.11.11.11. Oh, you didn't?"

Does it matter? Only if it does.

P.S. Dammit. Just had a beer at the Elephant and Castle (1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9977). Guy named Ricky of the San Diego Penny Farthing Club was trying to give me a lesson on how to ride one of those crazy Victorian bikes on the Embar-

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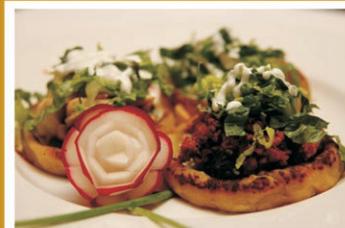
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caderno near the HMS *Surprise* and *Star of India* (which, hey, is actually sailing tomorrow).

Man, I'm gonna have to lose 15 pounds so I can jerk myself up on one of those six-foot-high monstrosities.

Natch, needed relief. Crossed over to the Elephant and Castle and ordered up a beer I've never had before. A Bass Ale from England.

Cost \$6.25, but — and maybe it's just from relief at still being alive — this is the best, fruitiest ale I can remember.

What I should have done and only thought of afterwards, today being today, was give the waitress a better tip than the \$1.75 I gave her, like \$4.86. It would have been over the top,

but it would have brought the total to \$11.11.

Maybe next time.

Posted Nov. 11, 6:32 p.m.
by Ed Bedford

San Diego Beer Week: Day Ten

With roughly 500 events, from pint nights to festivals to all-out, multi-venue fermentable free-for-alls, San Diego Beer Week can be confusing...and that's before you start drinking.

Fortunately, I know a thing or two about craft beer and our local scene and have been doling out daily info on some of the most special and significant goings-on during this ten-day span.

Here are five key opportunities to extract the most out of the final day before SDBW detoxing begins.

10 a.m. – Pour It Black Festival
With the prevalence of sunny weather and hops, our region is mostly about crisp, dry, refreshing beers ranging from straw-hued to golden, but for one day Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens will celebrate everything brown and beyond with a fest featuring over 100 porters, stouts, and black IPAs.

10 a.m. – Beer for Breakfast with Coronado Brewing Company
Take advantage of one of the last opportunities to have an eye-opening morning pint or four at Small Bar in University Heights. Hop bombs like Idiot IPA, Frog's Breath IPA, and Hoppy Daze should do wonders cutting through fried pork chops and biscuits smothered with hop sausage gravy.

Noon – Beer Garden

The closing capstone event for the San Diego Brewers Guild,

this outdoor food-and-beer-pairing event features 20 local breweries and 10 local chefs from eateries including Kitchen 1540, the Shores, Harney Sushi, and Karl Strauss. Held at the Lodge at Torrey Pines, beer's never been so classy.

Noon – All the Rest and the Best of SDBW

San Diego has tons of big name breweries, but on the final day of Beer Week, PB's San Diego Tap Room will pay homage to the smaller companies such as Vista's Iron Fist and Mother Earth, while finishing off kegs of the special, rare, and unusual beers they had throughout the SDBW.

Noon – Cable Car Release

In a town of great beer, few are as coveted and hard to come by as the Lost Abbey's Cable Car. North Park's Toronado is providing one of the only chances

to score some of this exquisite oak-aged American-style wild ale whose name was inspired by San Francisco, home of the original Toronado.

Posted Nov. 11, 10:17 a.m.
by Brandon Hernández

Hemingway Sat Here?

“Ernest Hemingway sat right in that corner,” says one of the managers of the Chiki Jai Basque restaurant (corner of 7th and Revolución, Tijuana).

“Right there. When these were booths, he would sit in the first on the right or the third on the left.”

The Chiki Jai (“little party”) is one of the venerable restaurant survivors in Tijuana from its Golden Age. Hemingway admired the jai alai player Pedro Garate, and some say he helped him take over this place back in the 1940s.

Others say Ernest never came here but sent cards to his friend here.

The place has definitely seen plenty of other celebs, though: Ava Gardner, Ronald Reagan, and Errol Flynn all caroused on *vino tinto* in here. Matadors would come in after their bull-fights, and professional Spanish jai alai players would come in at one in the morning after finishing their games next door at the

Fronton Palace. The place would stay open till dawn.

Ava probably flirted with all of them. Even Richard Nixon came down but stayed at the Coronet motel opposite.

Chiki Jai was started for and by the Basque country jai alai players — and Basque, not Spanish or Mexican, is what most of its food is still.

“The paella? Good,” says Rafael Ramirez.

He should know. He won this year's L.A. Cetto contest to cook the best paella at a festival of paella and wine last May. He shows me a picture of his winning paella.

The paella here costs \$9. It's worth it: you'll hardly squeeze through the exit door by the time you finish.

But the dish I love most from this beautiful little eatery is *camarones al ajillo*. Garlic shrimp. Think it's about \$7. Worth every penny.

So did he or didn't the great man come here? I really wanna know.

BTW: no extra charge to sit in “his” seat. Just the thought gives you a buzz.

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by Ed Bedford

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you might say, across the social divide.

Clue: bunch of fixies leaning on each other outside.

Big open barn space inside, original brick exposed on all walls, ancient redwood rafters. Looks like, rolled up overhead, a huge garage-door-type window, which puts the entire bar area on the street.

This is the spinoff from Basic, down in East Village: Urbn (3085 University Avenue, North Park, 619-255-7300).

Inside, a fan. But what a fan. It's, like, 12 feet across. Looks like the rotor right off a Super Stallion chopper.

"Comes from Big Ass Fans," says Dustin Haarstad, the porkpie-hat guy behind the bar.

It's a big ol' space. Few booths, one settee arrangement, some high-stool counters, but lots of standing room.

And you know the next three nights — Thursday, Friday, Saturday — it's gonna be packed. You don't see a *Trivial Pursuit* quiz happening here.

Craft beers, on the other hand, are big time, front and center. San Diego Beer Week, all that. Tonight (Thursday) it'll be Hess Brewing, the nano brewery, tiniest of all the 35-plus San Diego breweries, up around Miramar Road.

But this is last night when I haul up to a stool-for-two — cool! — at the bar and order a Mad River Jamaica Red from Dustin (\$5). Beer of the night is from Victory, in Pennsylvania, so I don't feel too bad.

Zach, guy next to me, is gnawing away at "coal-fired wings" from a little black iron skillet. They look so downhome, grandma's-own, farmhouse fry-up, I long to have at them.

Menu promises the chickens had a happy, free-range life. Zach says they taste superb, when I ask him.

On the other hand, guess I'm kinda winged out from U-31. Also, things ain't the cheapest here. We're talking mainly pizzas, which start out at \$9 but mainly end up being around \$15.

On the other hand, there is isn't anything under \$9, now that I look at it. So I go for the meatball appetizer from the "Begin" section for \$9, when Chelsea the barkeep promises meatballs also come in that little skillet.

And they're big, with a luscious tomato-based sauce, sour cream, a bay leaf, and tons of flavor, and oh-so filling. I can feel my gut swelling.

I start talking to Dustin. He's their passionate cocktail guy.

"We're into craft beer big-time here," he says. "But I'm especially into craft cocktails. There's a revolution happening. Everything is done by hand. People want their drinks to be interesting, and new ideas are thought up right here. You're on your toes all the time with this crowd."

He's doing two "say what?" things here. One is making "beer cocktails" such as the "Georgia on My Mind," a mix of bourbon, peach liqueur, and Allagash White Ale plus mused

peaches, oranges, and lemons that've been "coal fired" in their same pizza oven. It costs \$10.

Beer and bourbon? Next time I have a spare Hamilton, I'll have to try it.

The other thing? "Not quite up and running yet," he says. "But soon we're going to have cocktails on tap, just like beer. Gonna start off with a new take on an Old Fashioned. The crowds we get here, it'll save so much standing-around time."

Me, I can't help imagining, after a couple of those, trying to count how many blades that Big Ass fan has while it spins around. I almost fall off my stool just thinking about it.

Posted Nov. 10, 4:49 p.m.

by Ed Bedford

King of Quiz

"Okay, first question," says Tom. He's standing on the stage where Napoleon Complex will be playing later. "More people are killed by donkeys worldwide than die in plane crashes every year. True or shit?"

This is quiz night at U-31, the bar, live-music scene, and eatery on University at, yes, 31st (3112 University Avenue, North Park, 619-584-4188).

I saw it in the *Reader*. Happened to be up here in North Park, coolest li'l enclave south of Seattle. Popped in (ahead of these two happy contestants), and before you know it Jennifer at the bar's telling me they have 50-cent wings tonight, as well as \$2.50 veggie tacos.



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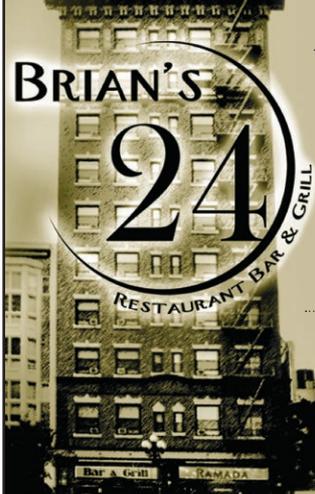
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That, for starters, gets my attention. I order three hot wings and three sweet wings and that taco.

And a draft Bud Light. Sorry, I know it's SD Beer Week and all that. But need to save a buck here. Total's \$8.50.

Tonight, Wednesday, is *Trivial Pursuit* night. Folks here are clustered in booths, huddled around slips that Tom has handed out.

It's all reddish walls, black ceilings, ducts, marble bar, a stage, and adenoidal British lounge rock on the sound system when Tom's not speaking.

Tom's asking Question Five when Jennifer brings the food. "When you look in a gecko's ear, you can see clear out the other side. True or shit?"

The wings are really good. I'd forgotten about wings. Like the hot, love the sweet.

For a moment, I'm kinda into burger envy. This guy Dan's half-way into his Smoky Mountain Blue Burger. Has Memphis BBQ sauce, bacon, blue cheese, lettuce. Costs \$7.50. "Addicted," he says. He's cheery Jennifer's bf.

But one chomp, and I know I have the champion chew for the night. Surprise! It's this veggie taco. Super delish. Zucchini, black beans, fresh chilies, cheddar

cheese, white sauce, tomatoes, cotija cheese, something scrunchy in there, too...and I see slaw cabbage.

Except, huh. Scrunchy, cabbage? No mention of cabbage in the menu's veggie-taco description. Now I'm wondering if they accidentally gave me a fish taco (\$2.50 also). Except it has the guac...oh, what the heck. Maybe we have something new here.

I mean, is this the world's first veggie/fish taco? Whatever, I'd walk a mile to come for a second. It's that good.

Meanwhile, back in the quiz, Tom's at answer time.

Donkeys or planes? Donkeys! Can you see clear through both ears of a gecko, true or shit? "True," says Tom.

And don't doubt it, because in here, Wednesday nights, Tom is king. No shit.

*Posted Nov. 10, 1:23 p.m.
by Ed Bedford*

Eatery on the Edge of the World

Don't try this at home unless you've trained with the Foreign Legion.

Kidding, but I swear, what a hike. I get off the Blue Line trolley at 24th Street National City. Dark already, around six. I head south to Mile of Cars Way (aka 24th street), turn right, head west, dive under the trolley and then the 5 freeway, and come out

into kinda satellite civilization.

There are a couple of new buildings on the left, including a Best Western motel, and there's an ancient railroad depot. Then, nothing.

Now I'm pointing south down Marina Way, heading into complete silence with bushes climbing over the fence reaching out to you. It's California before it became California.

And then: Tijuana! You come to the end of the road and the beginning of the water and the blaze of lights, like spilled diamonds: Tijuana on the near horizon.

This is Pier 32 Marina, National City's own. You pass a sculptured skeleton of a boat and then decks with tables and chairs. Upstairs on the deck of the marina building I spot this lady Kimberly, grilling chicken thighs and potatoes on a grill. Turns out she's on a boat that's moored in this marina. She's just sailed around the world and is cooking her meal here on a grill provided by the marina. Cool.

Then, whew. Into the warmth of the Waterfront Grill (3201 Marina Way, at Pier 32 Marina, National City, 619-718-6240).

This is what I've been looking for. Feels small in this chill night air, with the windows closed. But I can see everything opens up and out onto the deck when the sun's up.

I flop back in a chair and

check the menu. Hey hey! Happy hour, 4-7 p.m.: \$2 beers, \$2 fish tacos. I order one of each.

A three-generation family of five at the next table says this is their first time. "We were riding the bayside bike track and came across it," says David, the dad.

His own dad, David ("Bud") has had "British fish and chips." Cost \$9.95.

"Good," he says. "Really good."

His son David Jr. had the "new bigger half-pound beef burger," as the menu calls it (\$10.50).

"I'd've liked it rarer," says David Jr., "but it was good."

I have my delish fish taco, plug the MGB, and order their beef burger to take home to Carla. It's not part of happy hour. And it's \$10.50. Most regular dishes are this price and up. But it sounds good: Half-pound patty with roasted garlic aioli, red-leaf lettuce, tomato, onion fritters, and blue cheese (or you could have smoked gouda, mozzarella, or pepperjack). And it comes with a side of garlic fries, or salad, bean salad, potato salad, or coleslaw. I go for the bean salad.

I hate to leave, actually. Desperate to come back at sunset, drink some Green Flash (which they have) and watch for the green flashes.

This National City waterfront is kinda like Bali Hai. It's been

here for years, but nobody's done anything about it till now. I feel like an explorer who's discovered sophisticated life on Mars.

P.S. The burger is a hit with Carla, and for me it is a beautiful success — not just because of the huge patty and tons of blue cheese but because of the delish bean salad, which includes black beans, garbanzos, red and green chili-pepper chunks, tomato, and pineapple. I stuff it into the burger and presto: the National City Burger is born!

Next time: either sunset or one of their weekend breakfasts, out on the balcony.

*Posted Nov. 16, 8:59 a.m.
by Ed Bedford*

It's No Lie...Fuego One Is Hittin' the Road

Bar impresario Scot Blair has a lot on his plate. So much so that the owner of Hamilton's Tavern, Small Bar, Eleven, and Monkey Paw is lightening his load.

Blair's bidding adieu to Fuego One, a food truck that, when not making rounds at local beer events, holds a regular spot outside Normal Heights' aforementioned craft brew and live-music spot, Eleven.

Before riding off into the sunset, Blair and Small Bar manager Louis Mello will pull off at Linda Vista's Home Brew Mart on Thursday, November

17 for a last hurrah that includes a one-night-only reincarnation of a local beer-biz forerunner, Mission Beach's The Liars' Club.

Back in the day, before craft beer was big (or even a term), The Liars' Club, which was owned by Mello, was one of a handful of spots offering anything beyond Bud and Coors. The first kegs and casks of brews such as Ballast Point's Sculpin IPA and Sour Wench Blackberry Ale were sold at TLC.

Both of those beers will be on tomorrow night (along with 16 others, including such rarities as dried habaero Piper Down Scottish Ale, Black Marlin Porter on nitro, and Wahoo Wheat brewed with ginger, lime, Szechuan peppercorns, and long peppers) at Ballast Point's tasting room inside Home Brew Mart.

On the food front, Fuego One will be pumping out popular TLC dishes, including their Fuego steak-melt sandwich, ahi tuna sandwich, and sweet-potato fries, and HBM's neighbor, Fiji Yogurt, will be offering up a mango, lime, and Tabasco-pepper sorbet made with Longfin Lager wort (the unfermented, non-alcoholic liquid base for that beer).

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This is late night, downtown, at the Café Istanbul (921 Sixth Avenue, between E Street and Broadway, 619-544-1700). It's not far from Hustler, Larry Flynt's store.

Not the primo spot downtown but just as old and quaint as the Gaslamp, next door on Fifth. And if you're on a kebob kick as I am, this is probably the closest to the bus routes that run up and down Broadway.

Inside, one wall's all mirror, so it doesn't feel narrow.

Masood, the one-man band here, says it has been open eight months. He's Chaldean, but the owner's from Istanbul. And yes, they cater to the late-night crowd hauling out of Gaslamp bars.

I see Masood has two shawarmas, gyros, döner kebabs ("turning kebab") going.

"One's beef, the other is lamb," he says.

I can feed my lamb fetish,

though I'm almost tempted by the swords loaded with beef or chicken for the \$8.49 shish kebab plates that come with "hummus, salad, rice, and home-made bread."

The guy at the next table has the beef plate. But no, stay loyal to my lamb. Could order the lamb sandwich or wrap for \$5.99, but I go for the lamb döner shawarma plate for \$8.49, because it has the hummus and the salad.

Of course, this is shaved lamb piled onto a spit and slow roasted, with the fat dripping off. So one, being shaved, it's guaranteed tender; two, slow cooked means it keeps its flavor; and three, its healthy, fat-wise. It has all dripped off.

Man, there's a lot. Yes, I love mixing it in with the hummus and salad, so a lot of oil involved, but good olive oils.

Next time, the sword kebab. Out on the little patio.

Posted Nov. 16, 11:59 a.m.
by Ed Bedford

French-ish

Café Bleu has moved to Mission Hills, to a location just a bit away from its old spot on University Avenue.

Now on Washington Street over by the Red Door (it's becoming quite the colorful neighborhood), Bleu Bistro and Wine Lounge (it's full name) is

more of a neighborhood joint, with weekly prix fixe menu deals. I stopped in on a Sunday night and ordered off the prix fixe menu. Here's a taste of what I sampled:

The *amuse bouche*, drowning in some kind of aioli, wasn't to my taste, but then again, I don't like whipped-egg products (mayonnaise especially). I was so distracted by the sauce that I can't even remember what was under it.

The French Onion soup was a highlight. All the flavors were spot-on, the onions were expertly caramelized, the broth wasn't over-salted and just the right amount of savory — it's a pity it was only lukewarm.

I ordered the vegetarian entrée. Though visually it's a mucky pile of something I would avoid looking at if I were to pass it on the street, it was actually quite tasty. Beets, creamy mushroom polenta, grilled asparagus — the only thing I allowed David to eat was the celery. Again, this dish was only lukewarm. Quite the bummer, because a bit hotter and it would have been straight-up awesome.

David really liked his steak frites, and that's all I really have to say about that one, because I was too engrossed in my own — oh wait, I forgot I did try those frites, and they were excellent when dipped in my pile o' sauce and other stuff.

Ah, dessert. David got something ice-creamy — I think it was a bread pudding of sorts. He seemed to like it, even though it arrived with most of the ice cream already melted. After I got over the strange bread-to-cheese ratio with my slice of Manchego cheese plate, I did enjoy the dried fruits that accompanied the bite of cheese, and the toast-ettes had a nice salty crunch to them, which complimented the honey and fruit.

First impression? The service was friendly and informed, the ambiance is okay, the food was good but could have been better (and hotter), and the wine pairings were great.

It wasn't a French restaurant as much as French-ish. But for a neighborhood joint, it was comfortable and easy to get to, and I may check it out again to see if I was just there on an off night in terms of food prep. Try it out for yourself and let me know what you think.

Posted Nov. 16, 1:37 p.m.
by Barbarella

Joan Crawford's Bar — at Brian's

"The dents in the wood," says Brian. "There. There! Dime sized. Here's another one. That's her stilettos when she danced, right here, on the bar. Her bar."

Talking Joan Crawford, Mommy Dearest. Actress in all

those black-and-white movies, '30s, '40s.

She owned this bar. She danced on this bar. Though not in this bar. This is Brian's 24 (828 Sixth Avenue, between E and F street, downtown, 619-702-8410), the all-night, all-day bar-restaurant that's part of the St. James Hotel (now owned by Ramada), which was put up in 1913, ten stories high, downtown's first skyscraper hotel.

And Joan owned the counter and backboard. It was part of a house she had in Italy. Seems they shipped it over to the States, and since she died it has been in a bunch of bars. Ended up here. Boy, that big beautiful backboard must've seen a few things in its day.

So, yeah, the bar is one thing this place is famous for. The other is their peanut butter burger. "Don't be afraid," says the menu. "Our 1/2-pound patty is topped with peanut butter, bacon, and cheddar cheese, \$11.99. If it wasn't great, we wouldn't serve it."

And man, I've had it. It's oozy, sloppy, bacon-salty, sweet, almost like a Thai burger with that peanut thing going on.

But tonight, it's late. Gonna slip into something light. Order the "light eaters' fish and chips," a single cod fillet, fries, tub of tartar sauce, \$6.99.

It's fine, and by the time we're done talking about Joan's wild

parties (she had a few), it's gone.

This place is definitely old-school. Has a '40s vibe you can't imitate. And what I like is they do breakfast all day and all night, including an "absolutely everything" omelet with six eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, mushrooms, peppers, spinach, tomatoes, onions, all topped with cheddar cheese, \$14.99.

My fave, last time I downed a breakfast, was the Italian frittata (\$12.99), loaded (of course) with Italian sausage.

Before you leave, go through the door into the hotel. Check out its two elevators. They're the same li'l ol' elevators as in 1913. Back then, the hotel claimed they were the "fastest in the world."

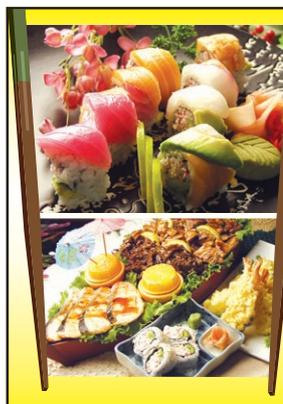
Today, same elevators, same speed. It's the world that's gotten faster.

Posted Nov. 17, 10:04 a.m.
by Ed Bedford

Going the Route Less Traveled at Davanti

Who'd have thought three years ago that brussels sprouts would be one of the trendiest ingredients around? Not me, but it's pretty cool that just about every restaurant that opens sticks them on the menu.

The fact that these midget cabbages have gotten so hot in a day where bacon and short ribs

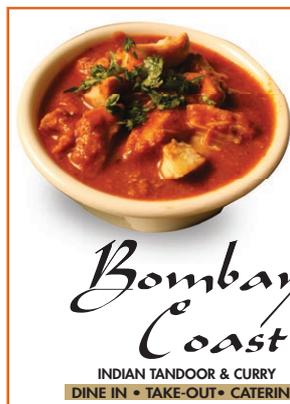


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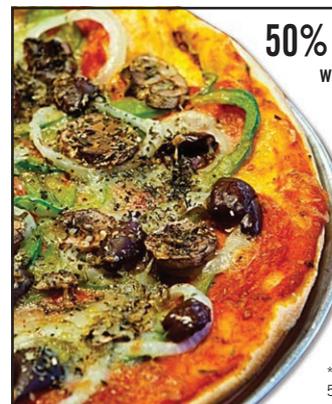
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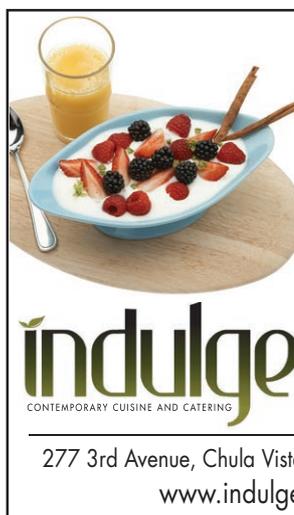
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are everywhere is remarkable. It's a great sign that the American palate is expanding. Ditto the creativity of chefs, who are doing more than serving up plain-as-day sprouts worthy of the upturned nose we afforded them when we were kids.

I've come across some nice roasted, fried, balsamic-dressed, pancetta-studded, crème fraîche adorned versions, but I enjoyed one most-interesting take on this veggie earlier this week at Little Italy's Davanti Enoteca. They shave their sprouts raw, then simply mix in some Pecorino Romano, Parm, and a light vinaigrette. The result is a salad that's like a low-dressed slaw with built-in salty bite and a refreshing quality I'd have never thought was possible from this often bitter vegetable. It's made for a delightful start to a meal that featured two other ingredients that, like

brussels sprouts, I at one time in my life abhorred.

One of those is faro, an ancient grain that's to 2011 what quinoa was to 2009. The problem with it is that it usually tastes and feels like an ancient grain: earthy to the point of tasting dirty and as gummy as undercooked macaroni. It's been the bland foil of more duck dishes than I care to remember, but here it's served in a seasonal dish incorporating roasted butternut squash, arugula, and balsamic vinegar. It's a true component rather than an obligatory starch, which allows it to meld with its counterparts to make for a tasty dish that's sweet, earthy, and autumnal.

Rounding out my cavalcade of lesser-ordered edibles was *polpo*

con rafano, seared octopus tentacles drizzled with a horseradish aioli served over warm fingerling potato salad. Typical treatments of this cephalopod leave them tough, yet the appendages at Davanti were not only tender but boldly seasoned. That zestiness stood up to the spice of the aioli and the salt provided by flecks of *finocchiona* (Tuscan fennel salami) in the potato salad. It's one of the better and more complete octopus dishes I've had in a long time and yet another dish at this restaurant that makes a solid case for ordering outside the box.

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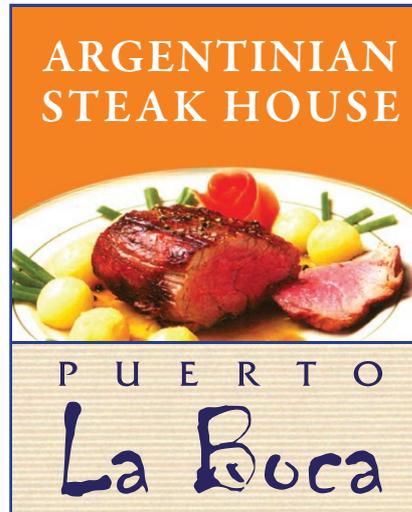
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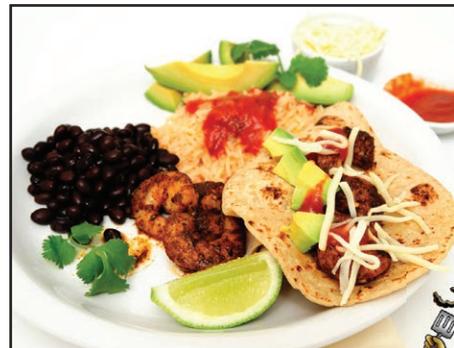
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Ali Nilforshan says he will be taking back 4th&B, the downtown venue he owned from 2003 to 2009. The current owners, Vince and Judy Puma, say that is not going happen.

Nilforshan says he sold the business to the Pumas in

hearing a little over a month ago," says Nilforshan. "We are waiting for the date."

Vince Puma says not so fast. He calls attention to a \$1.2-million SBA loan that Nilforshan took out to remodel 4th&B before the Pumas were involved. Because

assumed. I have it in writing that when they took over, they assumed all the debts, which includes that SBA loan."

Puma disagrees: "We were held harmless for that loan. We did not assume that loan."

Nilforshan, with the blessing of his attorney Sean Simpson, says he will provide the sale agreement for a third party to inspect. Puma says he will provide the communication from the bank telling him to stop paying Nilforshan after he checks with his attorney.

Puma says he was making payments to Nilforshan "for close to a year before we were told by the bank they were going to repossess."

Repossess?

"They can take equipment, but they can't take the business," says Puma. "And we control the liquor license."

The Department of Alcohol Beverage Control website shows that 4th&B's liquor license is owned by Speth Brothers Inc., named after 4th&B founder Bob Speth. That website lists three corporate officers — the Pumas and chief financial officer George Salameh.

Puma says Nilforshan "doesn't own any part of Speth Brothers [Inc.]."

"I was brought in as a managing partner," says Salameh who now manages a restaurant. "They used me to help them qualify to get a loan to buy 4th&B. They had no management experience.

Once they got the loan they decided they didn't need me anymore. I was blackballed"

Salameh, who was with 4th&B for seven months, says

own business that I have had for about 12 years...a clothing company."

Speth, who now lives in Colorado, was contacted on

the past two months, RITY has released nine DVDs, including titles from the Hollies, Miles Davis, Ray Charles, and six volumes of their *Jazz Icons* series.

Founded in 1992, RITY represents more than 35 television stations and independent archives in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and the U.S. Last month, the company signed one of its biggest deals yet, adding to their library of over 20,000 hours of music footage all the interviews and performances of the musical guests that appeared on the *Tonight Show* starring Johnny Carson from 1962-1992. Plans include licensing the material for use in television programs and documentaries.

While there is footage included of artists such as David Bowie, Paul McCartney, and ZZ Top, RITY president David Peck notes the typical *Tonight Show* musical guests were softer-edged acts. "There's more soul, R&B, and country than rock," Peck said. "Rock was not a specialty." Although the 30-year span covers thousands of *Tonight Show* episodes, Peck notes quite a bit is missing from the Carson archive. "The first ten years is mostly gone," he explained. In 1972 Carson looked for past clips to include in a tenth-anniversary special, only to find much had been wiped. "Tape was expensive. They were erased two or three times," Peck reports. "From

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early 2009, and the deal was that the Pumas would pay off part of the purchase amount in payments. "They stopped paying me after three months."

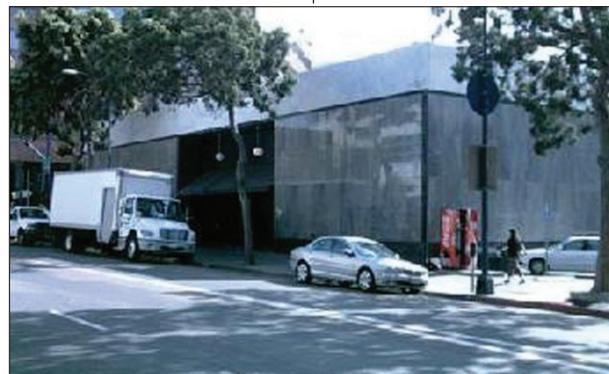
of the action to recover the money for that loan, Vince Puma says, "We have it in writing from the bank not to pay Ali anymore."



Principals in the 4th&B dispute await arbitration for control of the lease and liquor license at the downtown venue.

Nilforshan says it is in their agreement that if the payments aren't made, then the question of ownership would be decided by arbitration. "I asked for an arbitration

Nilforshan agrees that he is being pursued for repayment of the SBA loan. "They are coming after me because Vince Puma didn't make payments. This is a loan he



Ownership of this bank-turned-nightclub at the corner of Fourth Avenue and B Street is under dispute.

he has filed a lawsuit against the Pumas. "He always had an ulterior motive," says Salameh. "He has not been clean with any of us. He bullied me out of that place. It almost got physical one time."

Vince Puma: "George was supposed to come in with one-third of the money, and he did not put in one penny. My wife ran the fleet department at McCune Chrysler Jeep for 20 years. She has plenty of managerial experience."

Judy Puma says that she "worked at McCune for about 13 to 14 years. I did not 'run' the fleet department, but I did sell and manage all of my deals that went through the fleet department, which was a large share of the business that did give me the managerial skills I needed. Plus, I have my

his boat in a Florida marina last week. "I have heard about all this, but that's their battle to fight. I'm out of the business. When I retired, I took my payout in cash."

Speth says he doesn't want to get involved now. "I don't have anything in the game... But, it's all about who controls the liquor license and whose name the lease is in."

Speth says the current rent on the building "is three or four times what I was paying." An insider says rent for 4th&B is \$29,000 a month.

— Ken Leighton

Profit of the Heart. Music and DVD sales continue their downward spiral, but San Diego-based video archive company Reelin' in the Years has had a banner 2011. Over

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that point forward everything was saved, and [Carson]

wound up getting control of the entire show, going back to 1962." Any eventual rediscoveries of lost tapes are included in the deal? "Absolutely, any musical guest who was on that show from that time period," Peck said.

RITY has released more than 70 titles, with only one documentary — on '60s R&B band the Pretty Things — not finding distribution. The

film had its only screening to date at Carlsbad's Museum of Making Music on January 22. Meanwhile, DVD pre-release screenings in Los Angeles for the Hollies (September 22 at the Aero Theatre) and Ray



No distribution for doc about '60s R&B band the Pretty Things.

Charles (October 22 at the Egyptian Theatre) drew luminaries including Graham Nash, Tom Petty, and songwriter Jackie DeShannon.

Peck notes a DVD's production can run into six figures, taking in everything from song clearances to international travel for artist interviews.

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account," Peck said. "I try not to look at things I do solely in the terms of money, although it's important. You can't just do DVDs all day and never make a penny back."

— Bart Mendoza

Super Rare, Super Weird.

"I was asked to be in a documentary film about Misfits record collecting called '77-'83," says Justin Pearson from Europe, where he's touring with his San Diego/L.A. hardcore band ReTox. "They want to interview me about how I obtained some of the super-rare vinyl I have, which I got in super-weird ways..."

"When I was about 13 or 14, I had a buddy who worked at Off the Record [in Hillcrest at the time]. He called me up and said that I had to come in and check out some stuff before they were put out.... There was a slew of Misfits and Samhain stuff, all autographed

and all rare items. I asked how they got all that, and he said that [former Misfits frontman] Danzig's current girlfriend, who apparently lived in the area, got dumped and thought he was a douchebag. So, she

he wants to show off in the documentary, "One piece I obtained was the *Die Die My Darling* 12-inch EP on white vinyl, autographed by Danzig." Also, "A [Danzig-fronted] Samhain LP *November Com-*

garbage. Every attempt after Samhain, and with any of the players of the said bands, was just half-assed, in my opinion. I saw Danzig right at the birth of the band and watched them get booed off the stage when opening for Slayer.... Seeing the [post-Danzig] Michael Graves version of the Misfits was bullshit.

"I have hung out with those cats a bit and, well, they are not that rad. But there is the whole nostalgia aspect to it, which I think is important. Especially for record collectors."

Pearson's homecoming show with ReTox happens Saturday, November 26, at Soda Bar, with experimental Japanese punkers Melt-Banana.

— Jay Allen Sanford



Justin Pearson's Misfits haul, scored from Danzig's jaded ex.

sold whatever she had of his for next to nothing."

Pearson splurged on several items, even though, he writes, "My financial income was partially from SSI and partially from working at Kobey's [Swap Meet] on the weekend." As for the treasures

ing *Fire* that was on orange vinyl — limited to 500 copies — that came with the insert that was no longer part of the pressing at the time."

So what does Pearson think of the current Danzig-less version of the Misfits fronted by Jerry Only? "I think it's

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My music sounds like Joanna Newsom meets Wilco meets Gershwin meets Rilo Kiley," says Kelsea Little, who first earned widespread attention in 2006 with local teen-trio the Wrong Trousers. Their acoustic performance of the Buggles' "Video Killed the Radio Star" at Balboa Park went viral, gathering over 600,000 YouTube views.

Little is a multi-instrumentalist, mainly known as a harpist and singer. "The album title [*Personal Myth*] is basically a term I've coined for the way I experience the world, a projection of a persona, befitting for different times and places. But, after awhile, I lose sight of where my real self begins and the fabricated one ends, so in a sense I become mythic to myself. Personal myth."

Recorded at local Cabana Recording Studio with Anthony "Twon" Ridenhour and David Miano, two singles will be released with non-album B-sides "Us Stew" and "Debauché." Wrong Trousers bassist Mack Leighton plays on four of the tracks.

"On the album," says Little, "I play concert harp, piano, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, ukulele, main vocals, backup vocals, various kitchen tools, and maybe a few other things. On electric bass we had James Albers and on string bass Mack Leighton. Wyatt Stone played electric and acoustic guitar, pedal steel, mandolin, and backup vocals. José Guerrero played kick-ass drums, Sean Burdeaux [Paper Forest] played electric guitar and backup vocals, and Tasha Locke played four different-sized saxophones."

Newsom's debut solo full-length drops Saturday, December 3, with a release party at Lestat's.

WHAT CDS ARE IN YOUR CAR PLAYER?

1. Broni, *To Get Her Together*. "I met Broni, an Australian musician, at a birthday show a few weeks ago. I'd always heard everyone in the music scene talk about

him, and we finally met and he gave me his CD. I love it!"

2. Kerouac: *Kicks Joy Darkness*. "I've been infatuated with beat literature for

years, and my fellow beat-lover Chris Bopp got me this album for my birthday. It's a bunch of different people and musicians reading or singing Jack Kerouac's work, and it's brilliant."

3. *Bon Iver*, self-titled. "This is on repeat because it's one of the best albums I've ever heard."

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CD YOU WERE EMBARRASSED TO MENTION?

"I don't know if Phil Collins counts as embarrassing, but I love that man."

WHERE DO YOU HANG OUT?

"Balboa Park, especially on free-museum Tuesdays."

FAVORITE SOLO MUSICIAN?

"I used to go to Largo in L.A. all the time when it was still on Fairfax, and Jon Brion was a big mainstay there. He uses multiple-loop pedals and plays every instrument, so he'll start out on piano and move to drums, then bass, then guitar, and then, 20 minutes after this amazing buildup, he starts singing — and your socks are just knocked clean off."

YOUR BEST CONCERT?

"When the Wrong Trousers played at the FM 94/9

Independence Jam, it was so thrilling to be a part of a festival. I pretended it was Coachella, which it is my ultimate goal to play, and the crowd was extremely supportive. They even had us sign things and take pictures after, and our stuff was at the merch booth. A real live merch booth!"

MOST DIFFICULT SONG TO COVER ON THE HARP?

"Anything with a lot of key changes. With the pedal harp, you make your sharps and flats by moving one through seven of the foot pedals up or down. So, say I was covering 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' which I've been working on, my feet are working more than my hands."

ANY FEARS OR PHOBIAS?

"I get a little nervous from time to time about natural disasters, especially after I took an entire educational course on the geography of California, which is in the 'We're all going to perish in a giant earthquake pretty soon' class."

WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

"Zoey Deschanel, of course. I love her!"

EVER BEEN A CRIME VICTIM?

"I had my cell phone, Ray-Bans, and an iPod stolen out of my purse at UCSD. I took it as a sign from the universe that I don't need expensive things. I like to look on the bright side."

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS?

"I usually take them to one of my favorite vegetarian



Kelsea Little: "I lose sight of where my real self begins and the fabricated one ends."

restaurants around town, either Veg-N-Out in North Park or Jyoti-Bihanga in Normal Heights."

ANY CELEBRITY ENCOUNTERS TO SHARE?

"I was standing in the tiny backstage of the Steve Allen Theater [Los Angeles], the door swung open and hit me, and, lo and behold, it was Fred Armisen of *Saturday Night Live* and his then-girlfriend, Elisabeth Moss of *Mad Men*. I didn't freak out or anything, but it definitely took me by surprise."

SONG THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE?

"In California," by Joanna Newsom, especially these lyrics: "I don't belong to anyone/ My heart is heavy as an oil drum/ And I don't want to be alone/ My heart is yellow as an ear of corn/ Some nights, I just never go to sleep at all."

THREE THINGS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

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| 12/15 Venice Christmas Show | 12/29 Beats Antique | 1/22 The Steve Morse Band |
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| 12/17 Rose Winters and Bud's Spicy Swingin' Christmas | 12/31 New Year's Eve - English Beat | 1/25 The Wood Brothers |
| 12/18 Shawn Colvin | 1/4 Dick Dale | 1/27 & 28 Ozomatli |
| 12/19 Pinback | 1/6 Pato Banton | 1/29 MarchFourth Marching Band |
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Friday, 9pm — Luke Daniels Band. Rock covers. Free.
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The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Friday, 9pm — Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys. Rockabilly. \$15.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Crooked Fingers. Led by former Archers of Loaf's Eric Bachmann. \$12.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Rachel Yamagata. Singer-songwriter/pianist. \$18-\$20.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Supersuckers and the Blasters. \$20.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Melt-Banana often sounds like an early '80s hardcore 45 played at 78 rpm. At other times they sound like a hyperactive five-year-old playing a video game while a badger attacks a drum kit and an infant screams in your ear. I swear it sometimes sounds like someone took all the digital traffic on the internet and played it through incredibly loud speakers installed next to my bed while I'm trying to sleep. The racket is shocking, irritating, and exhilarating.

Melt-Banana was formed in Japan in 1992 by lead-shrieker Yasuko Onuki (a.k.a. Yako) and guitarist Ichirou Agata (a.k.a. Agata) and

quickly became one of the leading ambassadors of the Japanese noise scene. It's incredible to think that anyone could play music this intense for very long, and Yako and Agata have burned through numerous bandmates. Over the years, they have worked with Steve Albini, Mr. Bungle's Mike Patton, avant-garde composer John Zorn, and most of the leading purveyors of noise in the United States. In fact, they have a much bigger audience in America and the United Kingdom than they do at home, but this is speaking relatively: the noise scene is a rarified world.

Although it may strike outsiders as strange to say, within that world Melt-Banana represents the relatively accessible end of the spectrum. It's more extreme than, say, Mars Volta, but not as far out as Merzbow. It's wilder than the most far-out moments of Sonic Youth but



MELT-BANANA

not as arty as the Boredoms. Melt-Banana's official website describes it as "a rock band with a spice of punk taste."

Retox and XBXR also perform.

MELT-BANANA: Soda Bar, Saturday, November 26, 8:30 p.m. 619-255-7224. \$12.

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Saturday, 9pm — Full Moon Fever, Little Black Birds, Smokey Hoof. \$5.

Flying Elephant: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.
Friday, 8pm — Nihilist.
Saturday, 8pm — Rip Carson.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.
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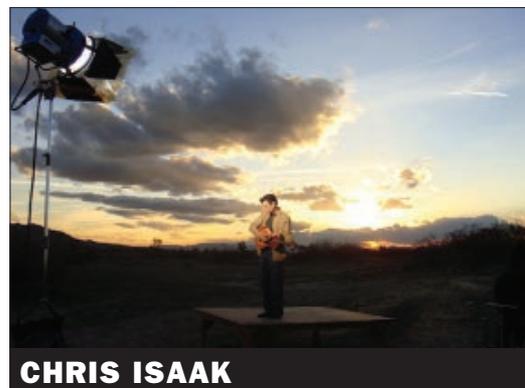
BY DAVE GOOD

Who is Chris Isaak? The crooner of heartbreak ballads, a fashion icon, a comic television host, or all of the above? He's always been a hard target; I've never known how to assimilate his act. It's great, pop-oriented stuff, but I don't know when to take him seriously. His best songs are mildly eerie, a fact not lost on filmmaker David Lynch. Lynch is known for his unsettling and sometimes violent motion pictures. And Lynch was Isaak's ride to the top when he put two of the singer/songwriter's compositions into the soundtrack of *Blue Velvet*. Lynch would again feature Isaak music in *Wild at Heart*, a celluloid freak show featuring

Nicolas Cage. Stanley Kubrick incorporated a song by Isaak into the soundtrack of his *Eyes Wide Shut*, another disturbing film.

That Isaak's music fits with such darkness is confusing, due to the wholesome Ricky Nelson image Isaak has fashioned over the years. Ricky Nelson...or possibly Buddy Holly or even Elvis. There is in Isaak a resemblance to all three.

Isaak, by the way, can do a spot-on impersonation of a young Elvis. Most of the Elvis impersonators work the King's later years, the bloated flashy jump-suited Vegas era, because that is easier to mimic. But Isaak's ability to sing with the acrobatic grace of young Elvis singing "That's All Right" served him well when he went to Sun Studios in Memphis earlier this year and stood in the same place as Elvis and recorded something of a tribute CD, an album of cov-



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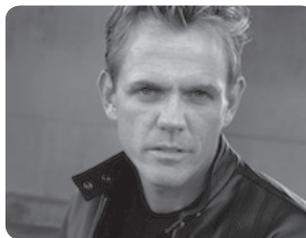
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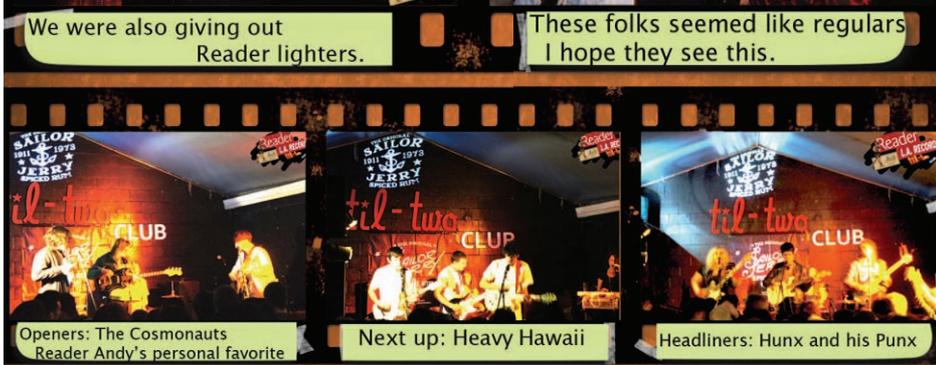
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Music Reviews from Our Readers

Donkey Jacket Henry's Funeral Shoe

By Mary Leary

Only a few of the "crank-it" tunes on this album fit the implications of its name, which refers to Welsh mining apparel. "Mission & Maintenance" is one of those. "Be Your Own Invention" leans on a riff that, to these ears, fuses "Spirit in the Sky" with ZZ Top. And I'm the only one who feels Jim Diamond's mixes are starting to sound awfully Jon-Spencer-assembly-line? Or who prefers blues-rock's origina-

tors, along with those who've thrown some logs on the fire?

Anyway, there's hope: style and tempo variation suggests a healthy dose of humility and objectivity. "Love Is a Fever" welds the distorted "Southern" blues stomp that's becoming a cliché with the British slant (Rory Gallagher, Duster Bennett), at least as likely to inhabit the psyches of the Welsh brothers comprising HFS. The band engages with the shuffling narrative of "Bottom to Top" and a song John Lennon didn't live to write, "Across the Sky," as much as when it blisters ("Anvil & Chains," "Dog Scratched Ear") — maybe more. While there's nothing noteworthy in the scaled-down prettiness of "Heart on Fire," quiet flares go up with "Across the Sky." If the Clifford Brothers start future efforts from such an unassuming place and more organically incorporate heavier influences, they could set off consistently gasp-inducing fireworks.



Another log on the blues-rock fire

Grouplove Cruise

By Brett Uddenberg

The expansive Grouplove sound spilled over the brightly lit San Diego Bay as the audience aboard the *Hornblower* kicked Halloween weekend into high gear. The band was an excellent selection for the drunken revelry of 91X's annual "Boos Cruise." Warm, dance-friendly fodder from their debut record *Never Trust a Happy Song* vied for the deck's attention with scantily clad twentysomethings desperately clinging to buckets of lukewarm ale.

There is a special

kind of energy in the air for a Halloween show on a moving vessel that Grouplove attacked from just the right angle. With the iconic downtown skyline and Coronado bridge as a backdrop, the five-piece orchestra had the audience in sing-along mode for the manic pop of "Tongue Tied" and "Lovely Cup." The crisp vocal interplay between frontman Christian Zucconi and his sidekick Hannah Hooper, both sporting Day of the Dead face-paint, provided the melodic framework for a robust soundscape. Grouplove kept their hour-long set upbeat and poignant, finishing things off with the cascading brilliance of "Colours," their breakout hit receiving play everywhere from local radio to video game soundtracks.



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December 15 — Venice.

December 16 — Unwritten Law.

December 18 — Shawn Colvin.

December 19 — Pinback.

December 27 — Cracker and

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December 30 — The Greyboy

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January 23 — Mark Hummel's

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February 3 — Keller Williams.

February 4 — Martin Sexton.

February 28 — Los Lonely Boys.

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"We were the first bar to have Arrogant Bastard," says Downtown Johnny Brown's owner Todd Alexander. "Stone had their release party here. John Brown really embraced the local beer movement. When I bought the bar six years ago, I added casks. We still don't carry any macros. The first thing I did was reach out to make relationships with Pizza Port, Stone, Alpine, people like that."

Johnny Brown's claims to be the first craft-beer bar in San Diego, starting about 14 years ago. Now, the craft-beer boom presents new obstacles to bars like Johnny Brown's.

"For the past two years, one of the biggest challenges has been that some of the best breweries in town have been selling so much onsite that they don't bother to distribute," Alexander says. "You can't get kegs."

Regardless, Johnny Brown's offers 17 rotating taps of pilsners, wheats, IPAs, and other micro-brewed varieties, which go for an intoxicating \$3 a

pint as Beer of the Day.

Established in 1987, this hidden gem next to the Civic Theatre is the charming lovechild of a sports bar and an Irish dive. The walls are spackled with old license plates, football photos, and flatscreens streaming the game at every possible vector to a comfortable pastiche of professionals, sports fans, and tap hounds.

An expansive dining room holds 135 patrons, a pool table, and shuffleboard, while Johnny Brown's patio seats about 200. Accruing most of its business from Beer Week and theater crowds, the bar has also seen a reported 60 percent boost in business from the Occupy San Diego crowd, which began occupying the plaza in early October.

In addition to tasty brews and free popcorn, Johnny Brown's menu (which recent-



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

The bar reports a 60 percent boost in biz from the Occupy crowd.

ly expanded to include grilled mahi mahi mango tacos and a house smoked brisket) offers classic finger foods, soups, salads, burgers (\$8.25–9.75), desserts, and daily specials. Cheese sticks and hot wings go for 35 cents a pop on Mondays, while fish tacos and sliders are a buck on

weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m.

The budget beverages at Johnny Brown's (\$5 Long Islands on Thursdays) are enough to make one empathize with a woodcarving on one wall, which proclaims, "Often in error, never in doubt."

—Chad Deal

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ALLIED GARDENS

San Diego Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE

Alpine Inn: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.75 wells, house wine, \$4.75 calls.

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

Avenue 5: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$3 drafts, wells. \$2 off bar food.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Daily, 5-7pm: \$5 big glass of select wine. \$2 small bites.

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.

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The Alley: Daily, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

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Mr. Peabody's: Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. \$3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$2.75 wells (short). \$3.25 wells (tall).

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: Daily, 4-8pm: \$3 snacks, \$10 grilled calamari, \$5 premium drafts, \$6 Arterra wines, \$7 specialty signature collection.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Daily, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks.

Roberto de Philippis: Daily, 2-6pm: \$2.75 domestic beer, house wine, \$3 premium beer, \$3.75 wells.

CITY HEIGHTS

Black Cat Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3.50 import drafts, \$2 PBR cans, \$5 martinis.

The Tower Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

CLAIREMONT

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: Daily, 4-7pm: Discounted draft beer. \$3.50 house wine.

COLLEGE AREA

California Kebab: Daily, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$6 sangria carafes.

Pal Joey's: Daily, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Bistro d'Asia: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.75 draft beer, \$4.50 house wine. \$1 off hand rolls.

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.

Grumpy Dan's Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$3 domestic bottles, wells, house wine.

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.

DOWNTOWN

Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 domestic drafts. \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat bread.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

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.

Yard House: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 domestic pints, \$4 craft/import pints, \$4.50 goblets, \$4.25 wells, \$5.75 house martinis, \$2 off wine by the glass. \$6.50 sliders, 1/2-off select appetizers & pizzas.

EAST VILLAGE

Hive Sushi Lounge: Daily, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$99.

Monkey Paw: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

EASTLAKE

Smokin' Sam's BBQ: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wine; \$3 sangria. Doggy happy hour: \$2 beef & rib bones.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

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Aqua Terra: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; \$1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: Monday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings. Tuesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-close: \$1 sliders. Thursday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. \$5.25 1/2-lb. burger with fries. Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 4-8pm: 1/2-off all food. Sunday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: Daily, 2:30pm-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas, \$3 Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: Daily, all day: \$3 dipper, wells.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: Daily, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

Black Angus Steakhouse: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off all classic martinis, classic margaritas, wine by the glass, 16-oz. drafts, wells, appetizers.

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Til-Two: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

Alfonso's of La Jolla: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.25 drinks, bar appetizers.

La Jolla Brew House: Tuesday-Thursday, noon-7pm: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines; \$3 off appetizers. Friday-Saturday, 10pm-close: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Whiskladle: Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday, 5-7pm: 25% off all bottles of wine; \$20 pitcher of sangria. \$3 tapas. Friday, 5-7pm: \$9 all-you-can-eat tapas.

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

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 bottled beer, \$3 draft pint, \$10.50 domestic pitcher, \$12.50 import pitchers, \$2 sliders.

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.

Puerto la Boca: Daily, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

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.

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.

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

Coaster Saloon: Monday, 3-5pm: \$3.99 cheeseburger with fries. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). Tuesday, 2-10pm: \$2 Pacifico and Dos XX drafts; \$1.99 tacos. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). Thursday, 7pm-close: \$2 well drinks and drafts. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). Friday, all day: \$2 well drinks and drafts.

Set 'Em Up, Joe!

BY JOSEPH O'BRIEN

One of the newest items on 333 Pacific's drink menu is bar manager Kevin Kitchen's Pier View cocktail. Named in honor of the third-of-a-mile-long Oceanside Pier that serves as the restaurant's nighttime vista, Kitchen's concoction is a fruity potion with a nostalgic twist of taste.

"We were planning on adding a couple more components," he says, "but when we tasted it with cranberry and pineapple juice, I ended up having one of those Alfred Hitchcock flashbacks to my childhood. I was eating fruit cocktail. I had a strong memory of sitting there with my brothers and fighting over the cherry. I thought it tasted just like Dole fruit cocktail syrup."

A much lighter version of this viscous varietal from a can — at only 150 calories — Kitchen says, the Pier View, like its namesake, is also a visual delight, "When you

shake it properly, really hard," he says, "because of the pineapple juice, you get a really fine froth over the top of the drink that looks neat."

And the Pier View has an added feature — "We garnish it with a cherry because, as we tell people, that way you don't have to fight over it."

Kitchen Proof: With a mix of fruit flavors, the Pier View also shows a gentle suggestion of the vodka underneath, which reminds your taste buds that they've grown up since last they've had fruit cocktail.



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In a cocktail shaker with ice, pour:
2 oz. Pinnacle mango vodka
1/2 oz. pineapple juice
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After vigorous shaking, pour into a martini glass, garnish with the provocative maraschino, and let bygones be bygones.

KEVIN KITCHEN

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MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Daily, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

MISSION VALLEY

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urday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$5 any martini, \$3 house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, wells, \$2 drafts. Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off any tequila shot, \$3 house wine, bottled beer.

Bully's East: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: \$2.50 domestic,

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NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, bloody marys; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

Redwing Bar & Grill: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

The Smoking Goat: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

U-31: Tuesday, 5-8pm: \$2 drafts, tacos. Saturday, noon-6pm: \$3 you-call-it, burgers. Sunday, noon-6pm: \$2 Buds, mimosas.

West Coast Tavern: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, house wine.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

OCEANSIDE

The Flying Bridge: Daily, 4pm-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off appetizers.

OLD TOWN

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$3 wells, house wine, and drafts.

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

Pacific Beach Ale House: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

SD Tap Room: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off appetizers. \$3.50 wine and sake.

Sinbad Café: Daily, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: Daily, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

POINT LOMA

Extreme Pizza: Daily, 4pm-7pm: \$6 craft beer pitchers.

POWAY

The Beach Grass Poway: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 microbrews, \$4 select wines. \$5 appetizers: pan-crusted calamari, tempura avocado, veggies and hummus, more.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

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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 PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: Daily, 4pm-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona, \$3 wine; \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: Daily, 4-6pm: \$2 drafts, 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

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Angels in America: Millennium Approaches

Ion Theatre stages a 20th anniversary production of Tony Kushner's two-play epic set in 1985-1986, "a time of heartbreak, reaction, and transformation." Glenn Paris and Claudio Raygoza co-directed. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 11.

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Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas



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The Old Globe's annual holiday musical Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas runs through December 31.

The Old Globe Theatre stages its popular holiday show, in which the Green Meanie threatens to rob unsuspecting Whoville of its Christmas presents. James Vasquez directed.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS; 11AM, 2PM, AND 5PM SATURDAYS; 11AM, 2PM, AND 5PM SUNDAYS; 7PM TUES-

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Gypsy

I've seen this wonderful musical from 30 rows back and in some ways prefer Ion Theatre's much more intimate staging. The big numbers aren't brassy, true. But the interpersonal exchanges gain depth. Backed by Wendy Thompson's indefatigable piano, the cast obvi-

ously relishes the enterprise. Katie Whalley (remember the name) gives young Louise a sweeping arc. Helena Marie Woods has a horse laugh that's priceless. Andy Collins is just right as Herbie, Mama Rose's devoted agent. And Linda Libby, you will become convinced long before she tears into the unforgettable "Rose's Turn," was born to play Mama Rose, the stage mother

from hell. **Critic's Pick.**

ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH NOVEMBER 27.

Jesus Christ Superstar

The La Jolla Playhouse presents the Stratford Shakespeare Festival production of the Andrew Lloyd

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LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

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Late Nite Catechism

Welk Resorts Theatre presents the popular comedy in which "Sister" conducts a catechism class with no holds barred. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 8PM FRIDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 16.

Learn to Be Latina

Diversionsary Theatre presents Enrique Urueta's romantic comedy about Hanan, a promising pop star. When record execs say her Lebanese heritage could be a drawback, they "exploit her slightly Latina looks." Isis Saratial Misdary directed.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 18.

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Circle Circle dot dot presents "an explorative performance" of Katherine Harroff's new play about taking "your role-playing fantasy games to the next level." Stephen Schmitz directed.

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The Diary of Anne Frank

The OnStage production has some varied acting and questionable choices, but Lucia Vecchio's splendid performance cancels them out. I've seen several Anne Franks over the years, but never one the same age as — or as good as — Vecchio's. She flits about the stage like quicksilver and transforms into a

young woman before our eyes. Kym Pappas's expert direction sustains suspense, even during intermission, and the ensemble cast throughout lives as if, in the very next second, Nazi boots could come pounding up the stairs. **Critic's Pick.**

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 4.

The Drowsy Chaperone

Coronado Playhouse stages this homage to Jazz Age musicals. Janet Van De Graff may abandon her showbiz career to marry an oil tycoon.

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The Great American Trailer Park Musical

As a holiday alternative, the David Nehls, Betsy Kelso "comic fable," set at Armadillo Acres, could be a goofy hoot — if you can put up with shameless, "beer culture" stereotypes, and if the Rep would bring down the sound, since every number has showstopper amplitude. It's a funny, albeit mindless-to-the-max, show with a knockout cast. Courtney Corey, as an agoraphobic woman whose husband's stepping

out on her, and David McBean, as a skin-headed psycho, lead the way. Javier Velasco's choreography and a tight four-piece band enhance the antics. **Worth a try.** SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 11.

The Musical Paul Gauguin

Asian Story Theatre is work-shopping this new musical (book and lyrics by Kent Brisby; music by various composers). The project was ready for a tryout and, with tinkering and revising, could have a long life to come. Gauguin (1848-1903) was a complicated man who strove for simplicity. The lengthy script tries to account for too much, and the performance had acoustic difficulties. But there are strengths: a game cast, terrific songs and projections, and Byron LaDue's performance as Gauguin. Never once does LaDue hype the role (as so many others have), and never once does he hit a false note. **Worth a try.** SAN DIEGO MARITIME MUSEUM, 1492 NORTH HARBOR DR., DOWNTOWN. 619-234-9153. 8PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 6PM SUNDAY.

The Storm

UCSD Theatre presents Alexander Ostrovsky's drama about a small,

storm-ridden town with secrets some want revealed, while others don't. Larissa Lury directed. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-2230. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 3.

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents the Tony Award-winning musical about a day in the life of Charlie Brown and cartoonist Charles M. Schulz's *Peanuts* gang. Joey Landwehr directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 17.

miXtape

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, creators of this revue of 1980s music, say that favorite songs "mark your memories." *miXtape* is performed with rampant energy and polish by an eight-person cast. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pac-Man, Nelson Mandela, AIDS. Most of the songs are actually song-bites. But backed by Andy Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. (Note: Lamb's Players has extended the run several times.) 619-437-0600. **Worth a try.**

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Brief Idyll

Colin knows he is being used, but what man fights being used by Marilyn?

Marilyn Monroe in England, Werner Herzog in Texas, George Clooney in Hawaii, Serge Gainsbourg in Paris (and next week, Scorsese's *Hugo* in Paris). Off we go:

My Week with Marilyn

Hardly anyone recalls that Marilyn Monroe

won major French and Italian awards for playing Elsie in *The Prince and the Showgirl* (1957). But then, how many people watch Monroe films for her acting? That is understandable but unfortunate, because in her self-doubting, highly specialized way she could be terrific. Laurence Olivier, though often wishing to kill her when he directed and starred with Marilyn, knew it.

That is the key fact of *My Week with*

Marilyn, in which a great-acting Sir faces a great American star and sees that the camera will never love him as it so easily does her. I wish the movie elaborated on that by showing how, despite their radically contrasting knowl-

edge and style, Monroe and Olivier were both intuitive searchers whose best work gambled on

courage—no matter how much she bunched into Hollywood vamping and he into theatrical bravura. You don't get to moments like her slow, wistful dance toward a tree in *The Misfits* or his heart-felt, envious remembrance of an old blues singer in *The Entertainer* without offering up some soul.

As the creaky prince in the 1957 film, a packaging of what used to be called "Ruritanian romance" (the pinnacle was



In *My Week with Marilyn*, Monroe one-ups the controlling males by skinny-dipping with their "gofer."

1953's *Roman Holiday*), Olivier retreated into royal mannerisms and a two-ton accent. He was fairly witty but hardly inspired. Kenneth Branagh plays Olivier with some humanity peeping through the stiff mannerisms. He goes half crazy

as Marilyn blows lines, keeps everyone waiting, and obeys her adhesive Method coach, Paula Strasberg (Zoë Wanamaker, cuddly as a blowtorch). As Monroe, the bold and fluent Michelle Williams rules Branagh's Olivier almost as easily as she did the dog in *Wendy and Lucy*.

This bounce off the 1957 film, by director Simon Curtis and writer Adrian Hodges, is based on a memoir by Colin Clark, who was a "gofer" assistant on the movie (and also son of the esteemed art historian Kenneth Clark). The story quickly falls into the arms of Colin's nervous crush on Monroe.

His brief idyll (how true, how fanciful?) is handled with touching smartness by gifted Eddie Redmayne. Colin knows he is being used, but what man fights being used by Marilyn? (Her husband Arthur Miller couldn't nor, later, writing about MM, could Norman Mailer.) This spoils Colin's interest in a wardrobe girl, played with charismatic sparkle by *Harry Potter* beauty Emma Watson, who seems ready to carry a full lead.

By flaunting Colin, Marilyn one-ups the important, controlling males and even goes skinny-dipping with him. Her wiles are indulgent if not cynical, and Colin is so graciously available, so thoughtfully English. Williams, whose face can look closer to young Leslie Caron or Brit star Brenda De Banzie than to Marilyn, goes beyond the wow hair and lipstick, and she doesn't rely heavily on the famous baby-sextop voice.

Rich in nuance, Williams radiates the vulnerability of a natural who lacks self-esteem and doesn't trust her talent. But when she turns on the sizzle and loves the kick of it, you can feel silly for worrying about her. She empowers this odd, gossipy, fetching movie.

★★★

The Descendants

In the Hawaii of *The Descendants*, Matt King (George Clooney) is a rich, hand-

some lawyer facing heavy pressure. His risk-driven, somewhat alienated wife is in a coma after a boating accident. His two upset daughters are full of snark. His many comfy cousins want him to sell 20,000 pristine acres of Kauai for which Matt is the highly ambivalent trustee. At times the story feels like *The Little Foxes* folded into a Hawaiian travelogue, as Matt heads off with the girls to track down a stranger who is also nibbling at the land deal.

The trip stays on Hawaiian time, with so little dramatic momentum that it's almost another coma. This plodding disappointment from Alexander Payne, creator of the brilliant *Sideways*, is like a stressed holiday, a lachrymose luau. There is plenty of good scenery, Hawaiian singing, maybe the first-ever scene of crying underwater, a wee role for surfing-god Laird Hamilton, and some fine performances: Robert Forster as a grumpy gramps, Nick Krause as an amusing dork-dude, Matthew Lillard as a guilty guy, Judy Greer as his guiltless wife, and (the best) Shailene Woodley as Matt's older daughter.

As for Clooney, nice try, but his beautifully haired handsomeness is only slightly dented by emotion.

★★

Into the Abyss

I went to Conroe when it was just a hick town, one of the rustic Texas nowheres in the flat pine country north of Houston. No need to return, thank you, but Werner Herzog's *Into the Abyss* hauled me back with compelling power. Overbuilt McMansions now thrive among the pines, but there are still plenty of backwoods in which to dump three bodies. Which teens Michael Perry and Jason Burkett did in 2001, before joy riding in a sports car stolen from one victim (the car was their motive). This begins to feel like a Southern branch of Michael Lesy's great, disturbing book *Wisconsin Death Trip*.

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They were quickly caught, claiming innocence but found guilty on strong evidence. The fearless German director, who will go *anywhere*, reached them in prison. Boyish, goofily smiling Perry would be strapped to the lethal-injection table a week after telling the diplomatic, almost priestly Herzog that he planned to soon be in heaven. Burkett lucked out. His dad, an old con as remorseful as drunken Marmeladov in *Crime and Punishment*, testified about Jason's rotten childhood and got him a life sentence. The father's sagging, shamed confession to Herzog is the heart of the movie, which is against capital punishment because, well, aren't we all suffering humans?

Herzog is a squishy advocate (remember how he seemed to make a case for the bear-loving nut in *Grizzly Man*?) but an effective searcher. Everyone, including the convicts and devastated family members, has words that resonate. Herzog's fabled luck still holds. Only he could have found the prison chaplain who, standing near potter's field graves, turns weepy about having almost run over squirrels with a golf cart. And there is a sweet, daffy girl, so drawn to life Jason that she sees a rainbow over the prison as divine sanction. *Into the Abyss*, stripped to a very basic style, is less a true-life crime drama than a grimly candid slurry of abuse, waste, guilt, ignorance, and grief, though laced with love and furtive hints of redemption.

★★★

Gainsbourg: A Heroic Life

Singer and composer Serge Gainsbourg (1928–1991) was a culture totem in France, but Joann Sfar's partly fantasized tribute film loses something in trans-Atlantic translation. Based on Sfar's graphic novel, this quirky homage is vivid in early scenes of Jewish child Lucien Ginsburg, boyishly teasing anti-Semites in Nazi-

occupied Paris. The antic and artistic imp (Kacey Mottet Klein) is reminiscent of zany Zazie in Louis Malle's *Zazie dans le Métro*, and he has a comical alter-ego—a bloated fascist caricature of a Jew, visualized as a giant puppet, Lucien's personal riposte to his fears.

Whimsy withers when Lucien grows into adult Serge (Eric Elmosnino), a hard-smoking, wine-and-wench guy who seems both cocky and scared. He is pushed from painting into music by a new, imaginary muse whose hook nose could have embarrassed even Fagin in *Oliver Twist*. The movie flaunts famous women: Juliette Gréco (Anna Mouglalis), Brigitte Bardot (Laetitia Casta), wife Jane Birkin (the late Lucy Gordon). All are ripe and ready to give scrawny Serge some well-fleshed comfort. Gainsbourg, a mutt and a runt, remains more pampered and provocative than heroic.

★★

Reviewed in the movie capsules: *Back Door Channels*, *The Muppet Movie*, *The Other F Word*.

— David Elliott

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Arthur Christmas—One of Santa's sons sets off on a high-tech mission in this Brit-based holiday animation with the voices of Bill Nighy, James McAvoy, Jim Broadbent, Hugh Laurie, Joan Cusack, Imelda Staunton, Michael Palin.

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Back Door Channels: The Price of Peace

Harry Hunkele's documentary is a methodical, absorbing view of the 1978–79 peace accords between Egypt and Israel, spurred by Egypt's bold leader Anwar Sadat, nurtured tenaciously by President Jimmy Carter, and finally accepted by Israel's tough, fearful Menachem Begin. It traces the byzantine maneuvers, often in secret, that led to a treaty. The heroes are Carter, Sadat, and Israeli generals Ezer Weizman and Moshe Dayan, as well as Morocco's King Hassan II and tireless dealmaker Leon Charney. Interviews include Carter, Charney, Henry Kissinger, Wolf Blitzer. 2011.-D.E.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 11/25)

The Descendants

Reviewed this issue.

★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12)

Gainsbourg: A Heroic Life

Reviewed this issue.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 11/24)

Happy Feet Two

Here is your chance to see a penguin pee upside down, to hear Brad Pitt and Matt Damon as brave krill eager to escape the swarm ("Goodbye, krill world"), and to hear a kid penguin sing a Puccini aria with

lyrics such as, "Life's just a big pile of crazy." George Miller directed the Antarctic critter comedy, with good animation and voices (Robin Williams, Elijah Wood, Pink, Common) that should please the target demographic. But into the singing, dancing, ice athletics, big-eyed cuteness, and ethnic types as sea life, the global warming-and-melting message slips like a cold shiv. 2011.-D.E.

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Hugo—Martin Scorsese directed the elaborate fantasy, adapted by John Logan from the novel by Brian Selznick, about an orphaned boy living in a 1930s train station in Paris. With Asa Butterfield, Ben Kingsley, Ray Winstone, Jude Law, Sacha Baron Cohen, Emily Mortimer, Christopher Lee. Reviewed next issue.

(FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 naive 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*, and the wink at abortion is iffy, yet this ensemble effort maintains a curiously chill heat of interest. 2011.-D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Immortals—Director Tarsem Singh (*The Fall*, *The Cell*) has been called a visionary, which presumably means he has an eye for interesting visuals. And that's almost enough to carry you through this bit of buff, burnished bloodshed, a mashup of 300 (invading barbarian army against civilized Greeks), *Troy* (immortality through deeds vs. immortality through offspring), and the myth of Theseus and the minotaur. But so much else here is pedestrian, except for Mickey Rourke, who has a good time as the cruel conqueror who dares to make war on the pretty, pretty gods. 2011.-M.L.

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In Time-If time were currency, would you hoard it for eternal life or make every day a risky spree of mortality? In the near-future of an L.A. shot with elegant noir streamlining by Roger Deakins and directed by Kiwi-Brit stylist Andrew Niccol (*Gattaca*), people live to 25, stop aging, and then must buy, steal, or gamble time to keep living. Justin Timberlake is the cocky but time-short rebel, and doe-eyed Amanda Seyfried the spoiled princess who, Patty Hearst-like, joins his revolt against the pampered plutocrats led by her father. It's a true Hollywood fantasy about a world forever young, yet also a nightmare about our current capitalist malaise. A few slippery details should not spoil your fun. 2011.-D.E.

★★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

The Interrupters-Steve James (*Hoop Dreams*) spent a year documenting the efforts of a trio of reformed hardcore gangbangers working to bring peace to Chicago's volatile Englewood neighborhood. Instead of touting sports or rap music as the golden ticket, the "violence interrupters" champion a psychological approach to peaceful coexistence in an urban war zone. Another documentary that's more engrossing (and enlightening) than 80 percent of its narrative counterparts. 2011.-S.M.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Into the Abyss-Reviewed this issue.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 11/24)

J. Edgar-Under the stone-slab "classical" direction of Clint Eastwood, Leonardo DiCaprio dutifully plays J. Edgar Hoover as an anal-retentive power freak and mama's boy (Judi Dench is mom). Building the FBI, he

strikes fierce poses but remains a weak, petty neurotic. Writer Dustin Lance Black (*Milk*) never digs very far, and Edgar's dithering, germ-phobic crush on wry, slightly swish agent Tolson (Armie Hammer) is stuck in an empty closet where they fuss and feud, becoming old maids bound by sexless devotion. This blend of history and gossip is well photographed, seems official in a vaguely insolent way, and lingers over the Lindbergh kidnapping case. The small gasps of life are from old Cagney clips. Eastwood has added this new wing to his sprawling movie museum, and Hoover might as well be a statue. 2011.-D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Jack and Jill-A film about the perils of success. Watch Al Pacino do his damndest to shed his legacy (and goof on his beloved Shakespeare while he's at it). Watch Adam Sandler take the lash to himself for getting rich via crass hackwork. Watch them both pretend that what they really want is to get back to their humble roots. And see it all wrapped in the terrifying package that is Sandler in drag. Also starring Katie Holmes and fart jokes. 2011.-M.L.

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Like Crazy-A loosely tossed romance, with hand-held camera work almost trying to hold our hands. Felicity Jones is the young Brit student in L.A., Anton Yelchin the aspiring furniture maker yowled by her. Their love hits a snag with her visa problems and other issues, but director Drake Doremus keeps it humming, perhaps appealing to the same crowd that loved *Once* and *Before Sunrise*, though without the deft stylishness of those charmers. With Jennifer Lawrence, Alex Kingston, Ben York Jones. 2011.-D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Margin Call-Not bad, if you want the 2008 financial collapse reduced to an adrenalized ego showdown in f-wordy debt to David Mamet. Kevin Spacey is the greed pig who squishes best. Jeremy Irons is the predator who heads the investment firm, seeming to welcome disaster with a shark's appetite. Writer-director J.C. Chandor makes high-rises feel like cold coffins, and unhappy occupants include Simon Baker, Paul Bettany, Zachary Quinto, Stanley Tucci, Demi Moore. In this glib, involving cartoon of complex truths, are we truly meant to feel for lonely Spacey because he mourns his dog? 2011.-D.E.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Melancholia-At a swank European estate that is mainly a golf course, bored heiress Kirsten Dunst wanders, frets, bathes, and has sex in a sand trap (but not with her dull new groom). Her impish father (John Hurt) steals silver spoons. Kiefer Sutherland has tantrums, Charlotte Rampling is bitter, Charlotte Gainsbourg is a sadly sane sister, and Stellan Skarsgård is a crude, obnoxious billionaire. Oh, and a rogue planet is approaching Earth. We pray for the collision to end this debacle by master-of-art-tedium Lars von Trier. It's like an Ingmar Bergman parody stuck at a cheap sci-fi convention. Since Von Trier scandalized Cannes by saying he might be a Nazi, is it possible to convene a trial for aesthetic crimes? 2011.-D.E.

● (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Muppets-Any similarities between Jim Henson's antron-fleece assemblage and hack-screenwriter Jason Segal's fleece job is coincidental. Bright lights, brittle colors, forced cheer, and production numbers lifted from a Dr. Pepper commercial (and backed by a knitting-needles-through-your-ears score) combine for a fatal dose of nostalgia. In the past, at least we had high-powered celebrity cameos to bank on. This time, the best they can muster is James Carville, Judd Hirsch, and Jack Black. 2011.-S.M.

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My Week with Marilyn-Reviewed this issue.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Okal-Pro-tribal, pro-animal messages slip in easily, because Lavinia Currier's film has Kris Marshall as Larry, based on real ethnomusicologist Louis Sarno. It also has equatorial Africa and the Pygmy people of the rain forest, so alive and rooted. The jungle, music, critters, not-too-generic natives, and Marshall's casual but committed charm take us into a world few of us will otherwise see. It hardly matters that, in one scene, Larry squishes into mud but walks away clean. 2011.-D.E.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Other F Word-Or: Pennywise stops being pound foolish. Or at least lead-singer Jim Lindberg does, as he takes a long, hard look at the tension that arises between being a punk-rock icon and the father of three little girls. Other punk dads join the discussion, and the result is an intermittently fascinating deconstruction of the punk ethos. To hear them tell it, punk was created by angry, miserable adolescents. By being decent fathers and responsible adults, these guys are essentially trying to kill their own genre-even as they get up on stage and rail against authority. 2011.-M.L.

★★★ (KEN, FROM 11/25)

Puss in Boots-The DreamWorks cartoon team spins off the Hispanic macho cat from the *Shrek* series for his own adventure. Kids may take it hard when Puss is betrayed by blood brother Humpty Dumpty, though the flamenco "fight dance" is fun and there is a charming episode in fluffy clouds. Yet too often we feel the animators falling back on proven reliables: big eyes, hectic thrills, snappy patter, boring humans. The contrivances are rounded off by 3-D. Voices by Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek, Zack Galifianakis, Billy Bob Thornton, Guillermo del Toro. 2011.-D.E.

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The Skin I Live In-Spain's wizard of chic effrontery, Pedro Almodóvar, again wraps his elegant style around desperate, sexy, ruthless people. But there isn't the motor of

female emotion (and perverse fun) that the gay director often finds in his leading women. Instead, Antonio Banderas is a statuesque plastic surgeon who uses a lithe young man who attacked his daughter to rebuild the dead girl (Elena Anaya) as his incestuous sado toy. The story is a frigid maze of twisted fixations, including a vicious brother dressed as a tiger and Marisa Paredes as a doting, demented mom. It remains suavely inert, a creepy art object posing. Try instead the masterworks of mania, *Eyes Without a Face* and *In My Skin*. 2011.-D.E.

★★ (HILLCREST)

Tower Heist-Rage about elite-hustler Bernie Madoff gets hashed into Brett Ratner's heist comedy. Alan Alda plays the smug, Madoff-ian figure, who even scams the pensions of the decent, obsequious people who run his luxury high-rise. The building manager (Ben Stiller) looks for payback, with a milquetoast (Matthew Broderick), a nerd (Casey Affleck), and a lippy street crook (Eddie Murphy). The cast is game, and some lines zing, but caper energy evaporates into a bag of gags involving Steve McQueen's Ferrari, a dog, a high-speed chase through the big Macy's parade, and an amateur safecracker (Gabourey Sidibe of *Precious*, so obese that she is almost eyeless). 2011.-D.E.

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Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1

1-Finally, a movie about a vampire-human love affair that isn't afraid to tackle the tough question of what happens when the resulting vampire-human hybrid fetus begins to threaten the life and health of the human (read: fragile) mother. No "happily ever after" here, folks-this is a story about families, the making and breaking of them. If the film ever took a step back from its own overheated drama, it might collapse into farce. But it doesn't step back. It stays absolutely in the fraught, crazy, muddled moment. With Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. 2011.-M.L.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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)

A Very Harold & Kumar 3-D Christmas-Separated at the outset and assigned new BFFs, America's favorite toking twosomes spend the holidays reconciling. The 3-D pot smoke is sublime, but the stereoscopic effects frequently grind what little momentum there is to a halt. It's not as funny as the first nor as politically responsible as the second, but given the right amount of sativa, you'll be rolling in the aisle. Todd Strauss-Schulson directed; starring Kal Penn, John Cho, and the fearless Neil Patrick Harris as a closeted heterosexual.-S.M.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

Young Goethe in Love-Romantic view of the young German genius Goethe's 18th-century crush on Charlotte Buff, his erotic muse for *The Sorrows of Young Werther*. Philip Stölzl directed Alexander Fehling, Miriam Stein, Moritz Bleibtreu. Reviewed next issue. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/02)

FILM FESTIVALS

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The Shining 1980. A family heads to an isolated hotel for winter where an evil presence haunts them in Stanley Kubrick's horror film based on a Stephen King novel. Cast includes Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall. **Redrum! Friday, November 25, 2:30 p.m.**

The Birds 1963. What happens when birds of all kinds suddenly attack the people of Bodega Bay? Find out in Alfred Hitchcock's flick starring Rod Taylor, Jessica Tandy, Suzanne Pleshette, and Tippi Hedren. **Friday, December 2, 2:30 p.m.**

DIVE-IN THEATRE
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Die Hard 1988. Bruce Willis plays a NYPD officer, Bonnie Bedelia is his estranged wife, and Alan Rickman is nefarious thief Hans Gruber in the Christmas Eve action thriller. **Wednesday, December 7, 8 p.m.**

EPIC MOVIES
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Airplane! 1980. Enjoy the absurd comedy starring Robert Hays and Julie Hagerty, followed by Mel Brooks's 1987 science-fiction comedy parody *Spaceballs*, with Bill Pullman, John Candy, and Rick Moranis. **Wednesday, November 30, 6 p.m.**

Stand by Me 1986. Rob Reiner's coming-of-age drama based on a Stephen King novella is featured, along with *Goonies* (1985). **Wednesday, December 7, 6 p.m.**



VETERANS DAY FILMS
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Gloria 1989. Denzel Washington, Morgan Freeman, and Matthew Broderick star in film based on the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the first formal unit of the U.S. Army to be made up entirely of African American men. **Wednesday, November 30, 6 p.m.**

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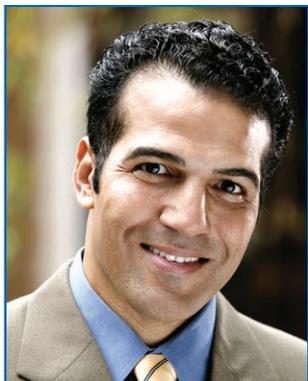
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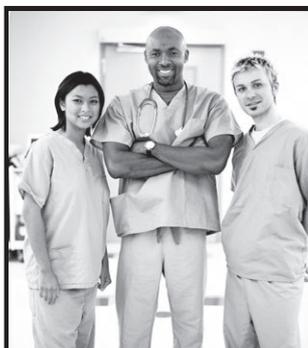
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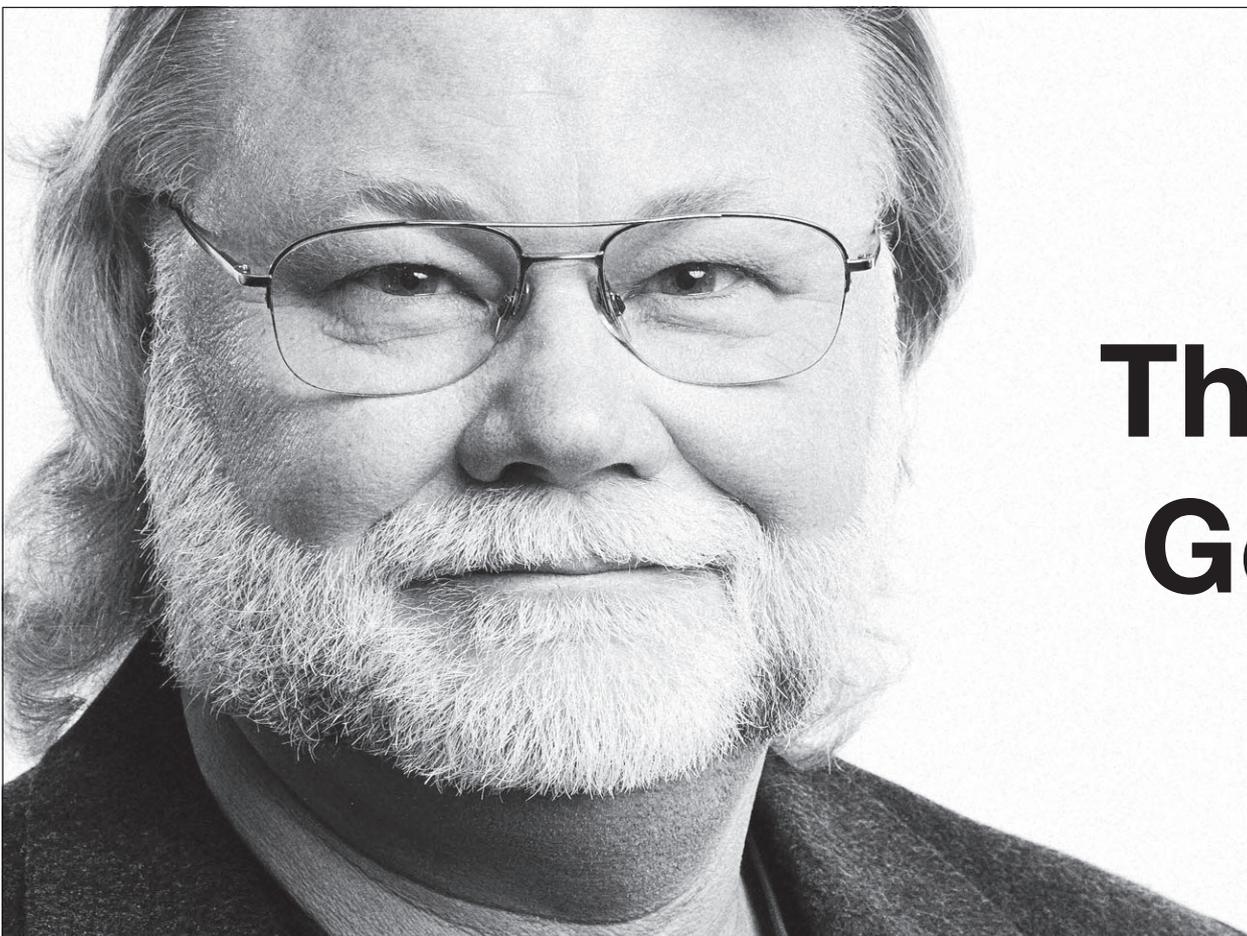


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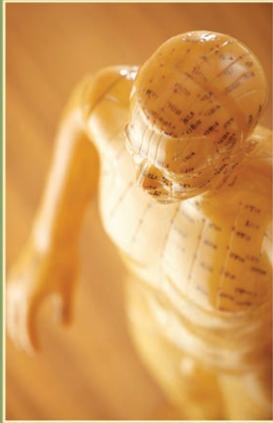


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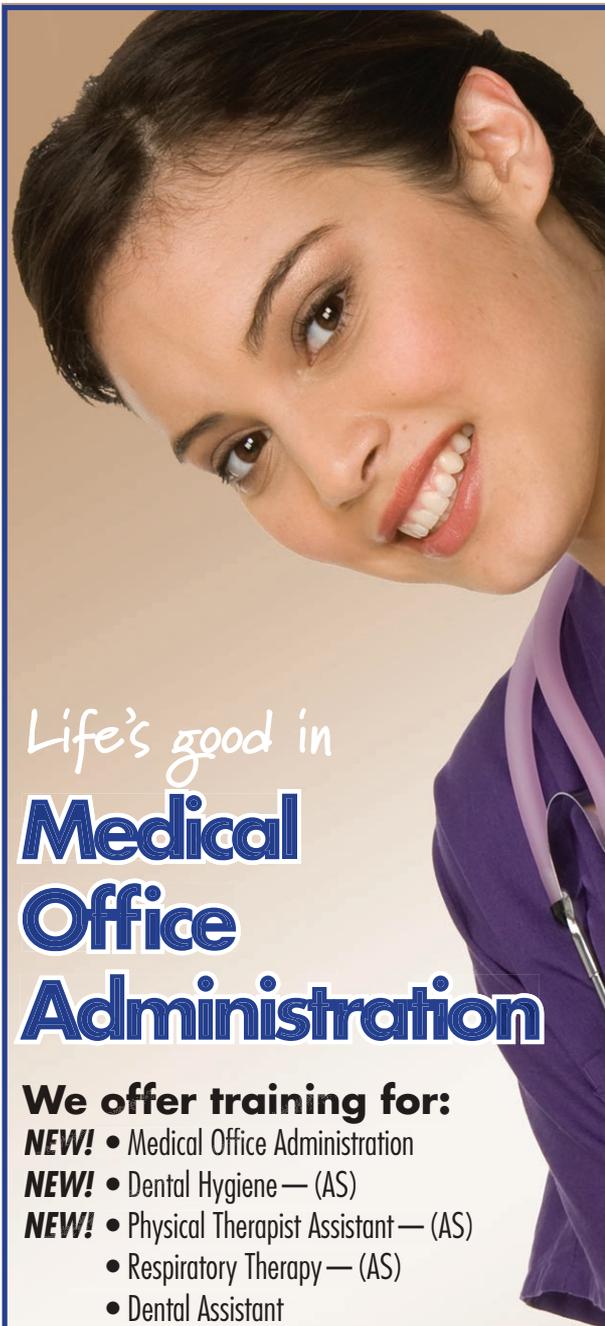
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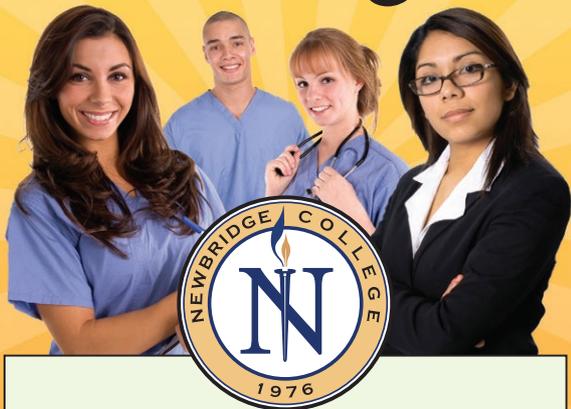


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Across

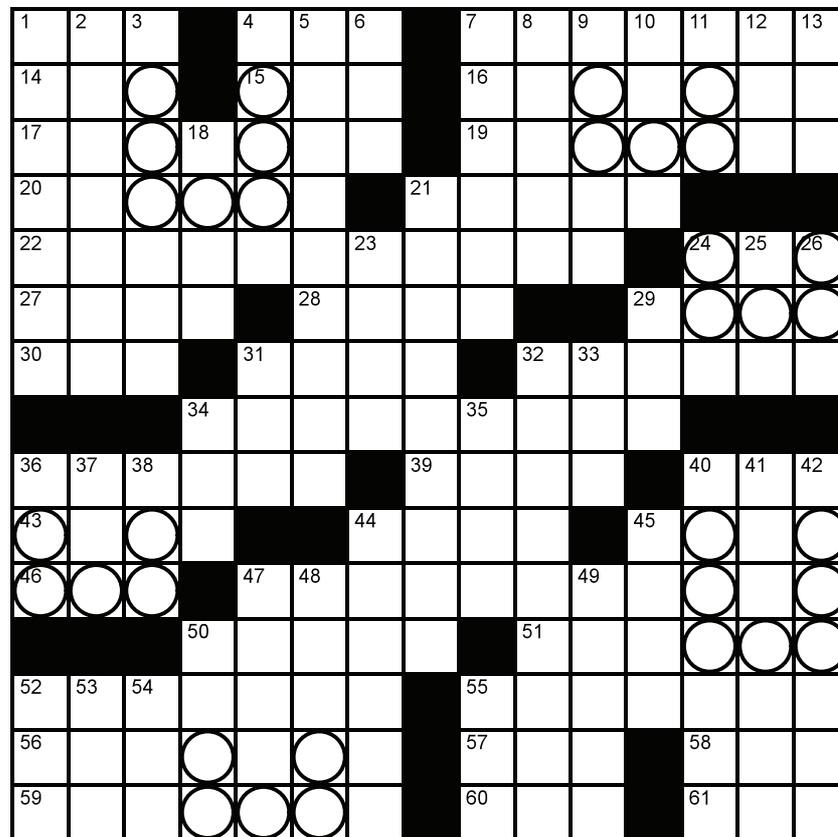
- Pre-A.D. letters
- Disco ____ of "The Simpsons"
- Brought to light
- "Lord of the Rings" baddie
- "Tik ____" (2009 Kesha hit)

- They get the lead out
- Help
- Spatters with paint
- Francis and Kevin
- Molly of early stage and film
- Went back to square one
- Oom-____
- Relative of -ists
- Cubicle feature
- Sound system brand
- NFL gains
- Political syst.
- Doctor's order
- Some dessert choices ... or what can be seen in six areas of this puzzle
- State as fact
- Craig of the NBA
- IV units
- Line delivered by Halle Berry in "Catwoman"
- Massage target
- Island southeast of Borneo
- "Hulk" director Lee
- Meet
- "... sugar is sweet and ____ you"
- Pertaining to medicine
- Something once bundled with Microsoft products
- Consider again
- Clothing
- Paul Anka's "____ Beso"
- 1980s track star Sebastian
- Longtime Baltimore Orioles owner Peter
- Place to buy tkts.
- Close

Down

- See 53-Down
- Made
- Chevrolet Volts, e.g.
- ____ double
- Discarded
- It's picked in Maui

- Financial losses, figuratively
- "It's ____ to the finish"
- [Bam!]
- "World Series of Poker" aier
- The First State: Abbr.
- Suffix with script
- Ltr. afterthoughts
- They're against the against
- History is written in it
- Supreme Hindu goddess
- Stew veggie
- Org. offering jumps
- FDR predecessor
- Baseball's Cobb and others
- Warning from a guard dog
- Superlatively sexy
- Mil. address
- Handful
- 800-year Chinese dynasty
- Flu fighters: Abbr.
- Clinton or Obama, once: Abbr.
- Soak
- Whim
- Interrupt a dancing couple
- Fully supplied, as shelves
- Gold standards
- Certain Protestant: Abbr.
- Gourment mushroom
- "Jack Sprat could ____ ..."
- Actor Shirley of "Goldfinger"
- Identical
- Jazz ____
- With 1-Down, Bert's twin sister in children's lit
- Short smoke?
- Hi-____ graphics



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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9. I kept kicking the can down the road until there wasn't any road.

Carolyn Clark, Lakeside, 9. Do you think they're called paramedics because there are always two of them?

Ron Hootman, Santee, 8. "Hoot 101": Did Sherlock Holmes ever say "I haven't got a clue"?

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 8. Money can't buy happiness, but poverty can sure make you miserable.

Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 3. Is it possible to see the un-foreseen?

LA MESA, \$709 & UP.

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OTAY MESA, \$800.

Industrial / Office \$800 per month. 1300 sqft. Warehouse/ office, large open space available. Private office upstairs. Great location. 10055 Marconi #2442. Call Jeff at 619-713-1044.

Beaches

LA JOLLA, \$1195.

1BD+1BA apartment. Near Windansea! Very clean. Fresh paint and new carpet. Laundry. 434 Rosemont St. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

LA JOLLA, \$1395.

2BD+1BA small downstairs unit in the Bird Rock area. Private patio, 2nd bedroom is small but perfect for an office. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, shared courtyard, parking. Near many quiet shops, restaurants and public transportation. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available now. 415 Colima. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA, \$1145.

1BD+1BA upstairs front unit in quiet Bird Rock area. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, coin laundry, shared courtyard. Near many quiet shops, restaurants and public transportation. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 1/1/12. 415 Colima. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA, \$2795.

2BD+1BA plus den, wood floors, breakfast nook, fireplace, A/C, washer/dryer hookups, parking, courtyard. Pets OK. 1121 Torrey Pines Road. 619-384-9219.

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. 858-456-0407.

MISSION BEACH, \$1595.

2BD+2BA condo. Mission Beach South. No pets. Garage. New appliances. Top floor. Beach/ park view. Clean. Nice. Laundry facilities. 2999 Mission Blvd. 619-275-3455.

MISSION BEACH, \$1750.

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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, \$1350.

2BD+1BA large apartment, upstairs. 5112 Muir Ave. Garage. No pets. 619-200-1657 or www.bkbinc.com.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1400.

2BD+2BA large apartment. 4714 Point Loma Ave. Laundry, parking. No pets. Tenant pays all utilities. 619-200-1657 or www.bkbinc.com.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1925.

2BD+2BA 2 story, fireplace, deck with view of ocean, wood floors, new carpet/ paint/ blinds, washer/ dryer hookups. Pets OK. 4581 Saratoga Avenue. 619-384-9219.

OCEAN BEACH, \$2495.

3BD+3.5BA condo. Canyon view! 2- car garage. Upgraded flooring, cabinets, appliances. Fireplace. Washer/ dryer. Pets considered. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

OCEAN BEACH, \$850.

Studio+1BA. Studio in Ocean Beach. Right on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. Great location. Call to view. Jami, 858-268-5004.

OCEAN BEACH, \$895.

1BD+1BA apartment. 5108 Muir Ave. 1 block to beach. No pets. 619-200-1657 or www.bkbinc.com.

OCEAN BEACH, \$900.

1BD+1BA apartment. 5074-1/2 Lotus Street. \$400 off 1st month! Parking. No pets. 619-200-1657 or www.bkbinc.com.

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OCEAN BEACH, \$950.

1BD+1BA cottage with 1 garage. 2010 Cable Street. No pets. 619-200-1657 or www.bkbinc.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1525.

2BD+1BA apartment in very attractive property. Partial bay view. Steps to Sail Bay. 3803-1/2 Riviera Drive. TTPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1025.

1BD+1BA. 600 sqft. Upstairs unit in quiet Pacific Beach complex. Bike to beach and bay! www.cal-prop.com. 1468 Missouri Street #6. 858-768-4322.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1040 & UP.

1BD+1BA apartment. Great values. Nice, convenient, multiple Pacific Beach locations. Studios from \$775. 1 bedrooms from \$995. 2 bedrooms from \$1395. Some buildings with gated entry, pool and/ or deck, parking, laundry. No pets. 858-483-3796.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1100.

1BD+1BA apartment. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. No pets. Available November! 4451 Haines Street. Chris, 858-270-4492 x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.r.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1125.

1BD+1BA, The Plaza. Private patio, garage, tennis, controlled access 24-hour security, gym. No pets. 4600 Lamont. 619-279-0031, akarnazes@yahoo.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1175.

1BD+1BA upstairs apartment. 5 blocks to ocean. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Coin laundry. Shared garage. Nice shared courtyard area. Private balcony. No pets. Available 12/1/11. 1180 Grand Ave. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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 Inghram. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1100.

1BD+1BA apartment. Open house Saturday, 11/26, 11:30-12:30. Half block to Sail Bay. Great location! Close to restaurants and shopping. 3825 Riviera Drive #12. TTPM, 858-699-3851. www.torreypinespm.com.

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2BD+1BA large upstairs front unit with vaulted ceilings in the Crown Point area; stove, refrigerator, parking, coin laundry, easy freeway access. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 12/15/11. 2150.5 Reed Ave. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1250.
1BD+1BA downstairs end apartment in North PB. Remodeled with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Large, private patio. Coin laundry. Parking. No pets. Available 12/12/11. 950 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1325.
2BD+1BA apartment. Custom interior colors, pool, barbeque, great value. Steps to Vons Shopping Center. 1930 Emerald Street. TPPM, 858-273-9370, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1350.
2BD+1BA. Freshly updated apartment! New carpet, tile flooring, paint, and more. Convenient central location. **Open house Saturday, 11/26, 2:30-3:30.** 2065-C Diamond Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1425.
2BD+2BA apartment. **Open house Saturday, 11/26, 10:00-11:00.** Great value in central location near Garnet shopping. Coin laundry, parking. 1919 Hornblend Street #8. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1445.
2BD+1BA upper apartment. Three blocks to ocean. Garage, new paint, excellent condition, laundry facilities. 1064 Felspar St. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

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2BD+2BA, 1000 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

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2BD+1BA large downstairs front unit in North PB. Stove, refrigerator, shared garage, coin laundry, 2-1/2 blocks to ocean. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 12/20/11. 959 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1495.
2BD+2BA apartment in small complex. **Open house Saturday, 11/26, 1:00-2:00.** Great location near Crown Point. Private balcony and 1 off-street parking space. Coin laundry. 1811 Pacific Beach Drive #4. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

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2BD+1BA apartment, 2 blocks to the beach/ Garnet. Upstairs, in 4-plex, sunny courtyard patio. Sparkling wood floors. No pets. 966 Emerald. 619-286-3400.

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2BD+2BA, huge downstairs apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Private deck. Parking. Coin laundry. Available 12/1/11. 1346 Pacific Beach Drive. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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2BD+2BA upper level apartment. Hardwood floors and carpet. Shared roof deck/ patio. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1455 Garnet St. 858-270-4492.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1700.
2BD+2.5BA, 2- story townhouse. 2 parking, on-site laundry. Month-to-month or lease. Beach less than mile. 1705 Hornblend Unit B. 858-740-8595.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1800.
2BD+1BA house. Stove, refrigerator, laundry hookups, huge backyard with citrus trees. No dogs. Garage plus driveway parking. Wood floors, quiet Crown Point neighborhood. Available 12/20/11. 1754 Thomas. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1800.
2BD+1BA house in quiet North PB area. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry hookups, garage plus driveway parking. Water and gardener paid. Wood floors. Cat OK with extra deposit. 1852 Chalcedony Street. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1895.
2BD+2BA apartment with one parking space. Shared laundry. Central Pacific Beach. No pets. Available mid-December approximately. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1995.
2BD+2BA lovely condo at the Top of Sail Bay. Steps to the sand. Granite counters, stainless steel appliances, balcony. Laundry in complex. Parking. No pets. One-year lease desired. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2500.
3BD+3BA townhouse with 3- car garage. Fireplace, washer/ dryer, patio, deck. Clean, fresh paint. No pets. 1839 Grand Avenue. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2700.
3BD+2BA house in Crown Point area. Stove, refrigerator, laundry hookups, 2- car garage, no pets. Water, trash, gardener paid. Available 12/15/11. 3970 Honeycutt. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

✦ **Richard Hutchings, Santee, 10.** *I told the policeman my driver's license photo didn't do me justice. He said I needed mercy not justice!*

✦ **Hiroshi Miyazaki, Normal Heights, 10.** *Normal Heights is a mecca for not-so-normal folks.*

✦ **Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 10.** *The cookies were priced 3 for .99 cents, so I gave the clerk 1 cent and said "keep the change."*

PACIFIC BEACH, \$995. Studio+1BA apartment in Crown Point. Very nice property with pool. One block to Sail Bay. Rent today! 3773 Haines Street. TTPM, 858-333-1318, casariviera3777@gmail.com.

POINT LOMA, \$1025. 1BD+1BA condo. Park-like setting. A/C, pool, spa, tennis, laundry. Near shopping and beaches. Point Loma Tennis Club. Nonsmoking. 619-876-6130.

POINT LOMA, \$1130. 2BD+1BA downstairs apartment. Cozy, stove, refrigerator, new paint. On-site laundry. Small pet welcome with additional deposit. Great location! 3751-1/2 Udall St. 619-298-7724.

POINT LOMA, \$1200. Beautiful apartment homes starting at \$1290! \$0 deposit, OAC. City/bay views, stainless steel gourmet appliances, custom cabinetry, bamboo laminate floors. Barbecue, fire pit/ lounge, resort-style pool, oversized hot tub, brand-new fitness center. Pet friendly. Gables Point Loma, 3811 Marquette Place #2N. 619-223-6577. Gables.com.

POINT LOMA, \$1250. 2BD+2BA condo. Luxury appliances/ cabinets/ countertops. Washer/ dryer in unit. Balcony. Pool/ spa. Near all. 3140 Midway. 858-200-7511.

POINT LOMA, \$1550. 3BD+2BA townhouse, all appliances, washer/ dryer in unit, patio, parking. Pet OK with approval. Open Saturday/ Sunday, 10am-5pm. 4327 Montalvo. Bob, 619-846-1201.

POINT LOMA, \$1600. 2BD+1BA at Sunset Cliffs. Steps to the ocean. Ocean view. New paint. Hardwood floors. Utilities included. Pets OK. 4833 Orchard Avenue. 619-222-6020.

POINT LOMA, \$1700. Studios starting at \$915! 1BD+1BA apartments starting at \$975! \$0 deposit OAC.* Close to ocean. Off-street parking, spa area, on-site laundry. Cats/ dogs 20lbs. OK. *Limited time offer, OAC, see manager for details. 2449 Soto Street, Apt. #102, San Diego, CA 92107. 619-224-1973. Or visit us on our website at www.sdrenting.com.

POINT LOMA, \$915 & UP. Studios starting at \$915! 1BD+1BA apartments starting at \$975! \$0 deposit OAC.* Close to ocean. Off-street parking, spa area, on-site laundry. Cats/ dogs 20lbs. OK. *Limited time offer, OAC, see manager for details. 2449 Soto Street, Apt. #102, San Diego, CA 92107. 619-224-1973. Or visit us on our website at www.sdrenting.com.

POINT LOMA, \$995. 1BD+1BA apartment, garage and parking space, laundry, near bus stop, no pets, at 317 Rosecrans Street. Agent, 619-299-8515.

Downtown

BANKERS HILL, \$750. Adorable studio apartment with appliances. Ceramic tile floors, close to Little Italy and Downtown. 2357 Curlew St. 858-272-9547.

BANKERS HILL, \$925. Studio+1BA corner apartment. \$800 deposit, year lease. Utilities paid. Locked building. Parking. On-site laundry. 1820 4th Avenue. No pets. 619-300-1365.

DOWNTOWN, \$1575. 1BD+1BA. 777 LOFTS. \$500-off 1st month's rent! Incredible top floor 1BD loft across from The Ivy. Gaslamp's best rental loft/condominiums one block to Downtown's popular 5th Avenue. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, granite countertops, air conditioning. Parking. Small pet considered with additional deposit. A must see! **Open house Saturday, 11/26, 2:00-3:00.** 777 Sixth Avenue #435. TTPM, 619-296-8802 or 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

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DOWNTOWN, \$1095. 1BD+1BA beautiful apartment in Gaslamp. Approximately 750 sqft. Well-improved unit, skylights, air conditioning. New flooring, paint. 552 5th Avenue. Concord Management, 619-962-8000.

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DOWNTOWN, \$625 & UP. Gaslamp quarter. Furnished rooms. Community bath/ showers. Cable TV, WiFi Internet. Laundry facility on site. Utilities included. Call Victor, 619-962-8000.

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DOWNTOWN, \$650 & UP. Best deal in East Village! Spacious units in small complex with gated courtyard. Utilities included. No lease. No pets. Tenth Avenue Apts. 743 10th Avenue. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.

DOWNTOWN, \$650 & UP.
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1BD+1BA. Laundry! Parking. Available in December. 2476 B Street. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

SHERMAN HEIGHTS, \$825.
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East County

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2BD+1BA spacious apartments from \$925. **\$899 Moves You In!** Private patios. Great cul-de-sac location with controlled access, on-site parking and laundry. Easy freeway access. 441 Dominguez Way. TPPM, 619-405-4500, www.dominguezwayapts.com.

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EL CAJON, \$785.
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EL CAJON, \$800-900 & UP.
1BD+1BA and 2BD+1BA apartments. 1/2 off 2nd month OAC! Appliances, A/C, on-site laundry, off-street parking, pool, lush landscaping. No pets. 294 Ballantyne. 619-715-8243 or 619-334-7934.

EL CAJON, \$850 & UP.
1BD+1BA and 2BD. Luxury garden apartments. Central heat, A/C, patios/ balconies with storage. Pool and spa. Sorry, no pets. 619-593-1070.

EL CAJON, \$925.
2BD+1BA. 1/2 off 1st! Lower, new carpet/ wood blinds/ vinyl, mirrored closet doors, 2 parkings, on-site laundry. Pets OK. Section 8 OK. 632 W. Washington #B. 619-804-3325.

EL CAJON, \$950 & UP.
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LA MESA, \$1050.
2BD+2BA apartment. Assigned parking, lower unit, coin-op laundry. Available now. 4763 Jessie Avenue #2. www.stevenleeproperties.com. 619-295-5525.

LA MESA, \$1250.
2BD+2BA apartment. Parking, pool, laundry on site. Cat OK. 990 sqft. 4905 73rd Street. Call Myra, 619-697-8458.

LA MESA, \$1299.
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LA MESA, \$1525.
3BD+2BA apartment. Rest of November Free! New paint/ vinyl/ ceiling fans. 3 laundry facilities on site. Pool, basketball court. 8494 Parkway Drive. Neil, 619-465-4250.

LA MESA, \$850.
1BD+1BA. 1/2 off 1st! Upper, dishwasher, A/C. Close to SDSU. Cat OK. Section 8 OK. 7334 La Mesita Place #12. 619-804-3325.

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1BD+1BA, \$975; 2BD+2BA, \$1275. Penthouse, \$1795. Award-winning community for beautiful landscape. Pool and spa. Great location. No pets. 5500 Morro Way. TPPM, 619-466-8444, www.villageaptslamesa.com.

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2BD+2BA. Very spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Central heating/ air, park-like setting, pool, views. Near 94, 125, 8 Freeways. Pets welcome. 619-204-0610. palmspringapartments.com.

LAKESIDE, \$715.
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2BD+2BA, \$500 off first month! Huge apartment with master bedrooms. Free cable, nice, clean, upgrades, A/C, dishwasher. Laundry. 2 parkings. No pets. 619-504-9096.

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3BD+2BA immaculate house. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/ dryer, cedar ceilings, fireplace, sunken tub, solar electricity, lovely new landscaping, fenced, cul-de-sac. Nonsmokers. No pets. 619-390-5121.

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Furnished studio. Deposit required. 2-person occupancy. Pool/ laundry. Rent includes free dish TV, Wi-Fi. Close to Highway 94, buses/ trolley. Unfurnished unit: \$740. 619-461-0909 or 760-522-5312.

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Central San Diego

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2BD+1BA. Parking, laundry, small pet OK under 10lbs. Available early December. 5572 Laurretta Street. Call Mike, 858-490-1600.

CLAIREMONT, \$1275.
2BD+1.5BA. 1/2 off 1st! Upper, fireplace, balcony, washer/ dryer, built-ins, parking. Pet OK. Section 8 OK. 4910 Longford Street #8. 619-804-3325.

CLAIREMONT, \$1995.
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CLAIREMONT, \$2195.
3BD+2BA house. Bonus room for office or guest room, 2-car garage, covered patio in private backyard. 3248 Petunia Court. www.cal-prop.com. 858-768-4311.

CLAIREMONT, \$950.
Studio+1BA. 1 year/ 6 month lease. Basic rates: \$950/ month for queen bed, \$1050* for 2 double beds. Expanded rates: \$1195* month for queen bed or \$1295* for 2 double beds that also includes: weekly cleaning service, daily continental breakfast, all utilities, cable (HBO), heated pool/ spa, on-site laundry. High-speed Internet available for additional charge. (*Rates subject to change/ tax.) California Suites Hotel, 5415 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. 1-888-264-4729. www.californiasuiteshotel.com.

COLLEGE AREA, \$1150 & UP.
2BD+1BA large apartments. Water/ sewer/ trash paid. Small complex. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. Close to all. County and City Section 8 OK. Pets? 858-455-5956.

COLLEGE AREA, \$1150.
2BD+2BA. On-site parking. New carpet and paint. Close to all. Clean, quiet, secure. If you can find one better... rent it! 5450 University Avenue. Call Rachael, 619-804-1044, or Jeff, 619-713-1044.

COLLEGE AREA, \$1175.
2BD+2BA apartment. Move-in special! Fireplace. Central heat/ air. Microwave, dishwasher. Balcony. Gated. 4828 Art Street. 619-298-7724.

COLLEGE AREA, \$1395.
2BD+2BA condo with parking. Laundry in unit. Near SDSU. Open floor plan. Balcony. No pets. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

COLLEGE AREA, \$1595.
3BD+2BA house. Stove, refrigerator, washer/ dryer included, 1-car garage, fenced backyard. Pets considered. 5917 Estelle Street. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. peoplehelpingothers.com.

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Brainstorms

by Don Rubin

Handiwork

Try to match each of the expressions below with the physical gesture that accompanied it.

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| ___ Hook 'em horns! | ___ ...two potato... |
| ___ Yer out! | ___ How's the frosting? |
| ___ Put up your dukes! | ___ Abracadabra! |
| ___ Relax, relax, take it easy. | ___ Keep going...back it up... |
| ___ ...one nation under God... | ___ We must stand firm. |
| ___ ...with Allstate. | |
| ___ Just out with the boys. | |
| ___ I found this in the mousetrap. | |
| ___ Giddyup. | |
| ___ Bravo! | |

We cannot accept your entry without the following:

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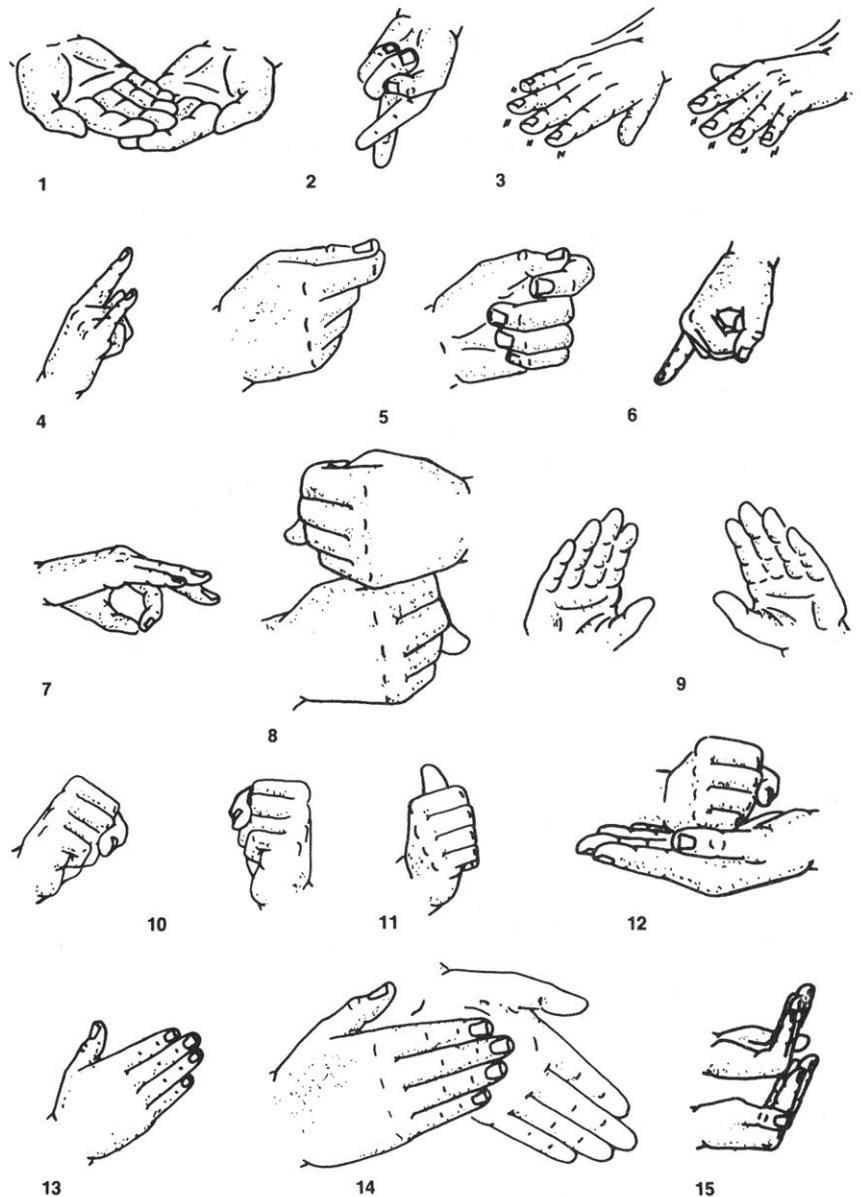
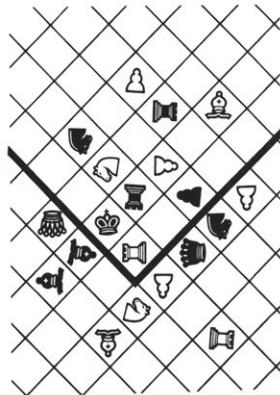
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

Board game

Solution:



BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles along with your name and a brief message (20 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must

include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: Puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

5) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

6) Late entries will not be considered.

7) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

8) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

NEW RULES

Starting with the issue of May 12, we will award writers of the best messages, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps 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.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

📍 **Ed Barno, San Diego, 9.** *Driving along. Saw the sign for falling rock. Twenty miles later, saw it again. Must be a very big town.*

📍 **Richard Hutchings, Santee, 5.** *Did you know that you can lose weight by drinking beer? Yes, it made Bud light!*

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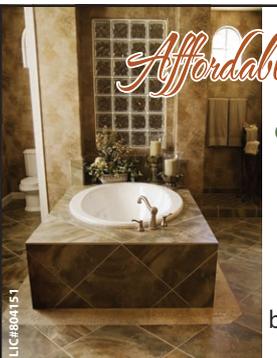
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shortcuts

by ANDY BOYD

NAME: Jan Shefler

CAR: 2006 Ford Fusion

PREVIOUS CARS: 1994 Cadillac El Dorado, 1988 Peugeot 505 Turbo Wagon, and a 1985 Chevrolet K5 Blazer

HOW'S YOUR COMMUTE? Not bad...Grossmont College area to Miramar Road.

CHEAPEST GAS? Arco typically has the cheapest if you pay with cash. If you're using an ATM card, that 45 cents [card fee] makes a difference.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR CAR? The front-wheel drive makes the turning radius much worse. The front wheels can't be expected to handle the power and the braking while still maintaining a decent steering ratio.

WHAT DO YOU LISTEN TO WHILE YOU DRIVE? Talk radio, almost exclusively.

YOU DON'T USE YOUR CELL PHONE WHILE YOU DRIVE, DO YOU? I just got an iPhone 4S,

which has Siri and plenty of voice-activated commands. I can use it when I need to without taking my hands off the wheel or my eyes off the road.

HITCHHIKERS? One time, when I lived in Santa Clara. Just an older man who needed a ride someplace, only, like, a block or two.

TICKETS? One speeding ticket. I was living on base in Ridgecrest, going downhill only doing 10 over. Another time, I backed into someone when I was very young, and I was crying so the policeman didn't give me a ticket on the spot, but he had to come back later and give me one. He was very apologetic.

ACCIDENTS? I spun my Peugeot on some black ice one time on the East Coast. No real damage, but it was pretty scary.

WHERE DO YOU EXPERIENCE THE WORST TRAFFIC IN SAN DIEGO? I work very nice hours, [and] I usually miss most of the major slowing. But, in Germany, we would wait in an hour-long *stau* with simply no movement.... I'm guessing it's because when there is

an accident on the Autobahn it's at much higher speeds, so instead of bent metal there are dead people.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DRIVE? Anytime we take road trips with my family. We've crossed the country multiple times, and it's always fun. No matter which car we're driving breaks [down].

LEAST FAVORITE DRIVE? Anywhere in the vicinity of L.A. Bad, broken roads completely stopped with traffic.

YOUR BEST SHORTCUT? If you're headed from the 15S to 52E and it's backed up even a little bit, you can take Kearny Villa instead and make a right. You cut through Tierrasanta and meet up with the 52 at Santo Road. It saves only a couple minutes, but you're moving the whole time, so it feels more productive.

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR? I'm thinking that, now with my kids out on their own, it's time to get something sporty for me. Most Porsche 911s with some kind of fancy automatic would do well. Maybe something a little more prac-



I-15 South approaching the 52

tical and reliable, like a BMW station wagon.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST INTERESTING DRIVING-RELATED EXPERIENCE? Having to put up with these barely operational cars during my first few years of marriage. Having to start a car with a screwdriver or having to give the engine block a few good hits with a hammer before it would work properly.

DO YOU USE ANY SHORTCUTS IN REAL LIFE? I've been working on not letting things I can't change bother me. There's no real action involved, but there's no point wasting energy on issues that are over and done with.

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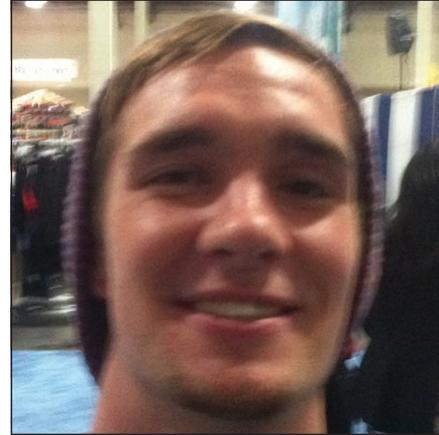
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A friend got mad at me enough to start a fight — all of this for basically no reason. Well, I put my arm around his girl slightly, but there was nothing to it!



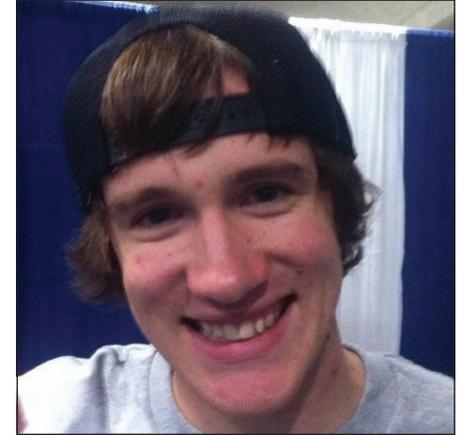
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I was discussing with a friend about third party over the telephone. It turned out that my friend had the third person on a three-way telephone call the whole time. It was supposed to be a private, opinionated conversation between friends and it all blew up.



Matthew Mckay
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Let my favorite sweatshirt on fire while I was sleeping, still wearing it. Seriously, he could have killed me. I didn't end up dying, but it was still pretty terrifying.



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LEAD STORY

— An option for suicide “with elegance and euphoria” is how Lithuanian-born Ph.D. candidate Julijonas Urbonas (London’s Royal College of Art) described his “Euthanasia (Roller) Coaster,” currently on the drawing board. Urbonas’s model of “gravitational aesthetics” would be a third-mile-long, 1600-foot-high thrill ride engineered to supply 10 Gs of centrifugal force (a spin at about 220 mph) to induce cerebral hypoxia, forcing blood away from the head and denying oxygen to the brain. Euphoria (and disorientation and anxiety, but not pain) are likely states to precede the brain’s shutdown. Urbonas insisted that users would have the option through the first two minutes of the three-minute ride to rethink their decision and bail out (or else to push the final “FALL” button). Suicide is legal in four European countries and Oregon and Washington.

Government in Action!

— In August, the Securities and Exchange Commission’s inspector general revealed that a \$1200 cash award was paid by the agency in 2010 to one of the employees who had been singled out for allowing Bernard Madoff to talk his way out of SEC inquiries in 2005 and 2006, before his Ponzi scheme was exposed in 2008.

— Among the aftershocks of the 9/11 attacks on America was the colossal budget-busting on “homeland security” — a spending binge that, additionally, was thought to require something approaching uniform disbursement of funds

throughout the 50 states. (Endless “what if” possibilities left no legislator willing to forsake maximum security.) Among the questionable projects described in a *Los Angeles Times* August review were the purchase of an inflatable Zodiac boat with wide-scan sonar — in case terrorists were eyeing Lake McConaughy in Keith County, Neb.; cattle nose leads, halters, and electric prods (to protect against biological attacks on cows, awarded to Cherry County, Neb.); a terrorist-proof iron fence around a Veterans Affairs hospital near Asheville, N.C.; and \$557,400 in communications and rescue gear in case North Pole, Alaska, got hit.

— The Office of Personnel Management’s inspector general denounced the agency in September for continuing to pay pension benefits to deceased federal retirees — citing a 70 percent rise in bogus payments during the past five years. However, another federal inspector general (the Social Security Administration’s) chastised its agency for the opposite reason: about 14,000 people each year are cut off from benefits after erroneously being declared dead.

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— Convenience-store clerk Ms. Falguni Patel was giving testimony in the September trial of Morgan Armstrong (charged with robbing her in Hudson, Fla., in 2009) when she began shaking and then passed out while seated in the witness box. A relative of Patel’s approached, removed her sneaker and held it to Patel’s face, without success. The relative explained that Patel was subject to such

blackouts and that sniffing the sneaker often revives her. After paramedics attended to her, Patel took the rest of the day off and went back to court the next morning.

Great Art!

— Although Moroccan artist Mehdi-Georges Lahlou, 27, concedes that photographs can be misinterpreted, he maintains on his website that he never wants to hurt people’s feelings. Nevertheless, he said he is proud of his photo exhibit in which he stands completely nude, allowing various verses of the Quran to be projected on his skin. His latest scheduled appearance was at an art fair in Marrakesh in October.

— Two women were charged in September with art theft in Johnson City, Tenn. Connie Sumlin, 45, and Gail Johnson, 58, were identified from surveillance video as the ones who snatched two pieces of art off the wall in the entrance of a local Arby’s restaurant (a picture of some pears and a metal art object with an alleged combined value, according to the police report, of \$1200).

— Earlier this year, Marion Laval-Jeantet won a notable Prix Ars Electronica award for her “hybrid” work that, she said, intends to blur the boundaries between species. Laval-Jeantet stepped onstage in Ljubljana, Slovenia, as a horse-human, having earlier injected herself with horse blood (after prepping her body for several months with different horse immunoglobulins). She also walked with stilts that had “hooves” affixed to the bottom. She capped the show by extracting some

of her own presumably-hybrid blood, to be frozen and stored for future research.

Fetishes on Parade

— In Florida’s Sarasota County in September, Shane Wheatley, 31, was arrested after a Comcast cable customer complained that Wheatley had begun fondling himself while installing the woman’s TV service. Three days earlier, in Niceville, a 14-year-old boy (whose name was not released) was charged with indecent exposure after a worshipper reported him masturbating openly during services at the First United Methodist Church. The boy admitted he had done the same thing during services the week before because he was “bored.”

Least Competent Criminals

— In September, a jury found Terry Newman, 25, and an associate guilty of aggravated assault for a home invasion in San Antonio in 2009, thus adding insult to Newman’s injuries. Newman was shot by a resident during the initial invasion and then again by another resident when he returned 15 minutes later to retrieve his car. After police encountered Newman following a short chase, he resisted officers and was shot again, for the third time. (None of the injuries was life-threatening.)

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