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Escondido: Tighten Your Rules

By Don Bauder

Early next year, the California Supreme Court will decide whether the state can abolish or weaken redevelopment agencies.

If the City of Escondido is lucky, the high court's decision will thwart the City's dubious plan to build a \$50 million ballpark for the Padres' AAA minor league team.

The court will rule whether the state can eliminate the agencies altogether or let cities keep the agencies if they share revenues with schools and special districts. Either way, financially ailing Escondido may well have to scrap the scheme to subsidize the Padres, although city manager Clay Phillips will only say, "It's problematic." If the high court rules against the state, thus permitting cities to keep their redevelopment money, Escondido intends to go ahead with the fat subsidy

to the Padres.

Whatever happens, Escondido should concentrate on tightening its apparently loose conflict-of-interest rules.

For example, the City hired a lawyer who would represent its interests in negotiations with the Padres. Whom did Escondido hire? None other than Charles Black, former president and chief operating officer of the Padres and former executive vice president of JMI Realty, controlled by John Moores, who once had overwhelming ownership of the Padres. Black spearheaded the Petco Park development team for the Padres, who had wangled a \$300 million subsidy from the City of San Diego.

Says Roy Garrett, civic



Pending a state supreme court ruling on redevelopment agencies, Escondido plans to build a \$50 million minor league park for the Padres.

activist who opposes the giveaway to the Padres, "Is [Black] working for the benefit of his old employer to whom he had fiduciary duties and undoubtedly about whom he had a lot of nonpublic proprietary information? Or is he using that information to benefit us? In either case, it seems like he has problems."

Says Ed Gallo, councilmember who opposes the project, "I wouldn't select [Black] to represent us. Even though he may try to be impartial, always in the back of his mind he would have an allegiance to his for-

mer employer."

Black says he left the Padres board in 2005 and departed JMI the next year. "Those relationships were in the past," he says, noting that the Escondido city manager addressed those issues before hiring him.

"[Black] is one of several negotiators. He has plenty of people looking over his shoulder," says Jeffrey Epp, city attorney.

There is a second potential problem. Mayor Sam Abed owns property near the proposed ballpark area. Abed has stated that if the ballpark deal falls through, Escondido should put a technology business park at the location. The whole idea of the ballpark project is to stimulate economic development and raise real estate values (even though objective economists say pro sports facilities don't stimulate surrounding economies).

Abed's properties are 1250 and 1270 feet from the project, says Epp. The California Fair Political Practices Commission looked at the situation and said Abed could vote on the ballpark project, says Epp.

Garrett says the distance from one property is only 780 feet; technically, Abed should be in the clear. But, points out Garrett, the ballpark district is "right across the street from [Abed's] property. The value of that

land will be significantly and rapidly affected by decisions made about the district. Even if [Abed's] property is outside the technical limits, I don't think he is outside the ethical limits, considering that we are talking about \$50 million of taxpayer money."



Charles Black: former Padres president now represents Escondido.



Councilman Ed Gallo questions Charles Black's allegiance.



Mayor Sam Abed owns property near the proposed ballpark site.

that the ballpark build-out and lease agreement will be foisted on the City of Escondido with about one week's notice, and there will be a hearing which will allow people between two and three minutes to express their opinions," says Garrett. He, along with other opponents, is especially irate that the Padres propose to put very little into the project.

"They're doing a lot of this stuff behind closed doors," complains Bill Stephenson, another opponent of the ballpark subsidy.

"There have been several public meetings," rejoins City Manager Phillips.

One of the main objections is that Escondido's infrastructure is rotting while the council pursues legacy projects that should

Councilmember Gallo rushes to defend Abed: "Sam is very conscious about his property: if he has an inkling [of conflict] he recuses himself."

Garrett also says that Escondido spent \$6.3 million for land within the ballpark zone without an appraisal. The City concedes that there was no appraisal per se, but an allegedly reliable third party provided comparable values.

Throughout the process, the council has been meeting in closed session on the ballpark proposal. "The main problem for the public is the high level of secrecy regarding all of these negotiations, and the almost certain prospect

be financed with private money. The City does not have immediate bonding capacity and may have to issue bond anticipation notes. The problem-plagued California Center for the Arts, Escondido, has eaten up redevelopment bond capacity until 2017, should the supreme court permit redevelopment agencies to remain in place.

"There are things that need desperate attention — streets, basic infrastructure in dire condition and getting worse by the day; basic infrastructure has been ignored for 10 or 15 years," says Stephenson. In short, Escondido is suffering from the same mindless mind-set

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Neal Obermeyer



My Last, Worst Wipeout

By Joe Deegan

In the 1940s and early 1950s, when other surfboard shapers worked intuitively, legendary surfer Bob Simmons was applying mathematics and boat-build- ing and aircraft technology to board designs. In 1954, he died in a surfing accident off Windansea at the age of 35. Many in the local surfing community still revere Simmons but none more passionately than his younger contemporary John Elwell. Simmons and Elwell met at the Tijuana Sloughs in 1949,

way north of Old Town as he recalls the restoration job. “That was 2001,” says Bauguess, “and the Simmons board Elwell brought into a shop where I worked looked like a piece of driftwood somebody found on the beach. I got to work and was very hands-on with the thing for about a month. When I got finished, I mar-



Local board shaper Joe Bauguess created the Mini-Simmons by shortening a 1950s wood board design by Bob Simmons.

had been riding the replica I did for Elwell. And he said, ‘I want to make a movie about Bob Simmons, and I want a balsa wood replica.’ Sometime later, Elwell, who loved to tell stories, mentioned that Simmons had made a six-

In 2006, Bauguess shaped the six-foot board for Kenvin and gave it the name Mini-Simmons. On that board — and on all 200-plus editions of it he has subsequently shaped — Bauguess wrote near the tail, “Simmons-Bauguess Design.” Kenvin, who is known as an excellent surfer, tested the board repeatedly and reported back that it was extremely good, both fast and maneuverable. “Kenvin then said to me,” claims Bauguess, “‘Let’s keep this under wraps.’ I was very happy to hear him say that.” About that time, Bauguess had to go back to Costa Rica, where he now lives between trips to San Diego.

While away, Bauguess says he received an email from Kenvin reporting that he had asked another shaper to copy the Mini-Simmons so that a number of surfers could be filmed riding it. Bauguess was outraged, feeling Kenvin had broken a promise. Over the next months, according to Bauguess, Kenvin shared the board several more times. And he had the shapers paint the boards white and eliminate the words “Simmons-Bauguess Design.” Meanwhile, lots of surfboard shapers started selling the board as a Mini-Simmons, making no mention of Bauguess.

To get Kenvin’s side of the story, I interview him in the East Village loft where he

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Bauguess says his take on a board design by local legend Bob Simmons is being ripped off by a former business partner.

and the two became the best of surfing buddies.

Simmons had designed a nine-foot surfboard for Elwell to give to his girlfriend, who returned it years later. By email, Elwell tells me that he eventually commissioned Joe Bauguess, a respected shaper, to restore the board.

I am sitting in Joe Bauguess’s shop on Pacific High-

veled at what was in the board and what Simmons must have been thinking when he designed it.”

Afterward, Elwell commissioned Bauguess to shape a replica of the balsa wood board out of Styrofoam. Bauguess then shaped several more like it for other people. Eventually, he continues, “Along comes this guy Richard Kenvin, who

foot board. Suddenly, Kenvin wanted me to design one of the six-foot boards for him.”

But nobody knew exactly what a Simmons six-foot board looked like, except that it was wider and shorter than most boards of its time. Bauguess says he guessed that “it was like the nine-foot board with three feet out of the center. And Elwell said, ‘I don’t know, you could try it.’”

NEWS TICKER

After-Dinner Rampage

S.W.A.T. Team Removes Man From Home

El Cajon — Thanksgiving ended on a rough note for relatives of Stephen Anthony Harris, 20, who was taken into custody by the El Cajon police S.W.A.T. team around 4:30 last Friday morning.

Shortly before 10:30 Thanksgiving night, police received a 911 call reporting that Harris had entered a townhome on the 100 block of West Chase Avenue in violation of a restraining order. All occupants of the home had fled in fear for their safety, and Harris blockaded himself inside and proceeded to vandalize the home.

When officers arrived, Harris was in the process of smashing the home’s windows and throwing various objects out onto the front lawn and street. Officers attempted to get Harris to exit the residence, but he refused.

After four hours of unsuccessful negotiation, El Cajon’s S.W.A.T. and Crisis Negotiations Team were called in. They found Harris hiding in a bedroom and arrested him without incident.

“It is estimated that Harris caused thousands of dollars of damage to the residence and contents,” an El Cajon police press release concludes.

*By Dave Rice
Friday, November 25*

Poor Rich Man

Does Manchester’s Ex Provide Clues to U-T Purchase?

San Diego — Doug Manchester has been in the news as of late, and considering he just purchased the city’s sole daily newspaper, chances are he will be in the news for some time.

“Papa Doug” is said to have purchased the *Union-Tribune* for around \$110 million. That’s a big purchase, considering that just three years ago, while in the midst of a messy separation from his wife of 43 years, Manchester testified that he had no “positive income” and was losing millions of dollars a month.

The testimony raises questions about the hotel mogul’s purchase of the *Union-Tribune* and his intentions for the future of the paper.

During the court proceedings, Manchester testified that in 2008 he was losing \$5.2 million a month for a total loss of \$63 million.

But lawyers for Elizabeth Manchester said that Manchester’s financial entities generated over \$210 million in revenues during 2008. According to court documents, in 2007 he shelled out \$550,000 for his 65th birthday bash. And then there’s the \$125,000 he spent on Proposition 8.

*By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, November 23*

Dope Scam?

Former Dispensary Manager Files Appeal

San Diego — The San Diego chapter of medical marijuana advocacy group Americans for Safe Access announced today that it is appealing the 2010 conviction of dispensary operator Jovan Jackson on three charges of illegal possession and sale of marijuana.

During Jackson’s trial, superior court judge Howard Shore ruled that California’s state medical marijuana law could not be used as a defense for Jackson and, according to the ASA, referred to marijuana as “dope” and the state law as “a scam.”

“Jackson and other medical marijuana pro-

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Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum

The information for cost of the SENTRI border-crossing pass is not only \$25, as was said ("The Only Way to Walk Across the Border in Five Minutes," Cover Story, November 23). Many other fees must be paid up front before they will even consider an interview. The pass is a good idea but not something the average tourist will be able to use upon a spur-of-the-moment shopping trip.

Christine Darrough
via email

Color Coded

I'm calling regarding the article "The Only Way to Walk Across the Border in Five Minutes" (Cover Story, November 23). The writer noted the Customs officers and agents. I just wanted to clarify that the agents are the ones who are green — they're the Border Patrol agents — and the ones in blue are Customs and Border Protection officers.

Name Withheld
via voice mail

TJ Perks Worth The Crap?

I just read the cover story in the November 23 Reader, "The Only Way to Walk Across the Border in Five Minutes," by T.B. Beaudeau. And I just have one question after reading about all the crap that people have to go through to get across the border from Mexico and into the United States. People who live in Tijuana and work in America have to get up in the middle of the night and stand in line

four or five hours to get across the border to get to work on time, and then even to get the SENTRI card that lets you avoid a lot of that, you have to put up with more crap and pay all sorts of money and go through all sorts of rigamarole. I just have one question for Beaudeau. Why in the hell are you living in Tijuana? You're an American citizen. You work in America. Is the rent that cheap in Tijuana that you'd put up with all that crap to get to work every day? You must be crazy or you must have free run of a Mexican warehouse or something.

Bob
University City

Middle-Classhood, Vanished

Regarding your November 23 issue, in the letters to the editor, the letter entitled "The Grand Gay Plan," here's the message. Search ask.com on gays versus heterosexuals and pedophilia. And what about Catholic priests and similar? You've been brainwashed and distracted by the 1 percent — the very wealthy — while they steal your middle-classhood.

Ted Rodosovich
University City

Heading For A Book

Re Siobhan Braun. Who is this writer? She is insightful and expresses herself in a most hilarious style ("For My Birthday, My Husband Bought Me a House," Cover Story, November 17). Keep writing, Siobhan, there is a book in you! (And I'd like to be advised of the publication date ASAP!!)

Caren Jaeger
via email

Love Ya, Larry

Liked the story on Larry Groupe doing the orchestrations for *Magnification*, the latter-day masterpiece by Yes, one of the great prog-rock bands ("Lather, Rinse, Repeat," "Blurt," November 17). He's a true local talent.

Gareth Davies-Morris
via email

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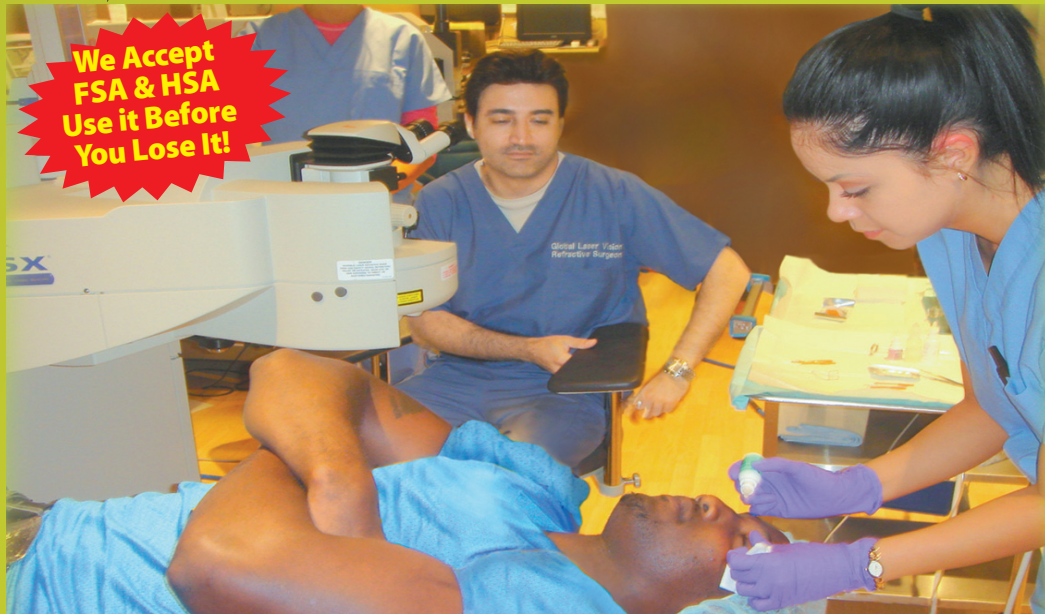
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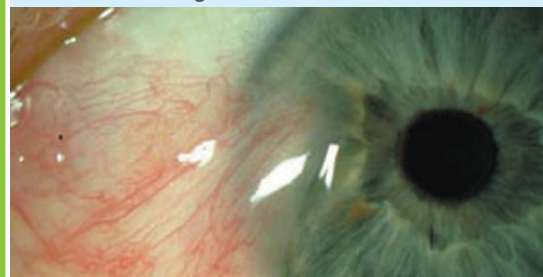
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by Barbarella

Eighteen

Eighteen. That's a big one," I said. "We should get her lottery tickets."

"I don't know what your thing is with lottery tickets; that's the third time you've mentioned them," David said. "Dana suggested something zebra-themed. They're redoing her bedroom in zebra."

"Rearranging the deck chairs on the *Titanic*, are they?" David raised his brows and lifted a corner of his mouth in agreement. "I checked her Facebook page — just music she's into, hobbies and interests that could be as temporary as her status updates. What about something hipster?"

"She's 18. You don't start being a hipster until, like, 25."

"Best to go with something we know she likes, then, the zebra theme — something portable, that she can take with her — and an iTunes gift card so she can pick out her own music. But only because you won't let me get her what I really want to get her."

David's eyes burned an icy-hot blue. "I am not going to say it again."

"I don't know why you're so uptight about it," I said.

"She's my brother's daughter — it's not appropriate," he said.

"That's the difference between you and me," I said. "In my world, the less appropriate, the better. But fine, I'll relent. No tattoos, piercings, cigarettes, or porn. Maybe I'll just get her a little training ballot so she can practice voting. Is that appropriate enough for you?"

We'd spent most of the morning brainstorming gift ideas for Becca (I was still trying to get used to

addressing her by her now preferred "Bex"). I watched leaves dance and twirl in the wind outside our friends' New England home. Mr. Goodpuss, in good cat fashion, was sprawled at my feet, luxuriating in the warmth of the fireplace. I took a deep breath and let it out slowly. "Okay, beh-beh, you win. I know your family's more... proper than mine. I'll defer, and I promise I'll behave. Even though I think she's missing out on the whole 'turning 18' thing."

David went to the other room to join Paul and Sarah, with whom we were staying in Boston for a while before heading off to Martha's Vineyard for my in-laws' Thanksgiving/multiple-birthday celebration. I turned my gaze to the dancing flames and thought back to when I became an official adult — old enough to vote and die for my country, but not yet old enough to order a glass of wine with dinner. It seemed like I'd waited forever to assume authority over myself. Thus, once my day came one September, I wasted no time — within three months I got a better job, moved out,

took up smoking, and acquired both a tramp stamp and a tongue piercing, all to demonstrate and punctuate the transfer of my body's ownership.

Mr. Goodpuss slinked a few inches away from the fireplace. I tried to get his attention by tapping my fingernail on the glass table beside me, but the cat remained conspicuously incurious. I thought of that first tattoo I'd gotten, somehow both an assertion of adulthood and youth.

Fresh out of high school with no real-world experience, I still managed to balance prudence with my rebellion. Both tattoo and piercing were located in less visible areas, and I'd done my research — when it comes to piercing, the tongue is the quickest healing area and least likely to get infected.

For the tattoo, I made sure to choose a design that had some kind of meaning deeper than "I think that flower/butterfly/star is pretty." I chose a simple, solid black (though it came out looking more blue) silhouette of a phoenix, and I made a promise to future self: *No matter how old you get, no matter how much your tastes may change, my gift to you is a reminder that once, you were me and this phoenix represents the death of one phase and the birth of another, which will always be relevant, no matter how many times I am "reborn."*

"I don't think Dana has much to worry about," I said when David returned to the room. "It's not like she lives right next to TJ."

I smiled and shook my head. "I can't tell you how many times my mom came to rescue me from the Roberto's down the street at four in the morning." In San Diego, crossing the border to go clubbing is an essential rite when one turns 18. In the middle-of-nowhere,

Massachusetts, Bex isn't likely to get into any drunken shenanigans until she arrives on her college campus next year, where her parents are not likely to catch her suffering from an under-aged hangover.

I pointed my toes at Mr. Goodpuss in an attempt to draw him and his warm

fluffy fur closer to my feet. I looked up at David. "You know, it's a good thing I don't live near these girls." David raised a quizzical brow. "I just realized: I'm a terrible influence."

David nodded, as if the thought had already occurred to him. "Bella's not even eight and you got her lottery tickets." Bella is my sister Jane's daughter. All of my sisters, and their children, my nieces and nephews, live in the San Diego area, all the better for me to debauch them.

"I let her scratch 'em," I said. "But you're right, I would have let her keep the winnings, had there been any. I'm the one who made the purchase, though — what's the law say, anyway? You know what? Forget about it. Doesn't matter. It's not like I'm buying her a pack of cigs or that I ever will. But when she turns 18, I'll be happy to drive her to TJ." ■



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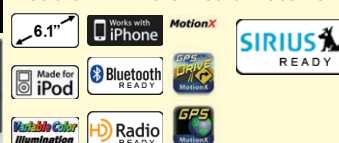
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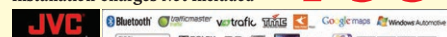
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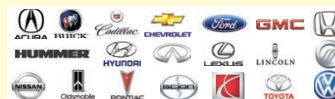
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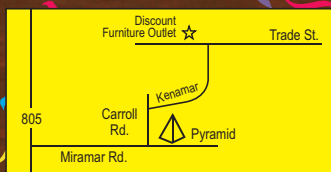
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Matthew:

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— Need a Cure, via email

Ah, the joys of getting wasted. Nothing says fun like staggering back and forth to the bathroom all night. So, what's going on? Just nature extracting its pound of flesh as the cost of your wastedness. So you crack your first beer. Your kidneys and

bladder are humming along, doing their thing, unaffected by chemical interference. Urine is building up in your bladder at its usual rate, being held back by, let's call it, sphincter 1, which is controlled by the hormone ADH (anti-diuretic hormone — a diuretic is something that makes you pee more often). You have no conscious control over sphincter 1. Drinking continues, urine builds up, blood alcohol rises and begins to mess with your ADH. The more you drink, the messier things get. ADH is no longer regulating urine production at normal rates; fluids are coming in from many parts of the body. At some point, sphincter 1 senses fullness and opens automatically. Urine pours into another part of the bladder, controlled by sphincter 2. This sphincter is under your control; you can respond to the full feeling or try to hold it. But eventually you gotta go.

So you go, your bladder shrinks, but alcohol is still messing with your ADH, and sphincter 1 doesn't close completely. Now there's nothing to stop urine from going directly into your bladder controlled by sphincter 2. *Whoa! Gotta pee again. Thought I just did that, didn't I? Whazzup?* And on and on through the evening, as your blood alcohol rises and your bladder surrenders control. Your first pee in that scenario is colloquially referred to as "breaking the seal."

Because your ADH is out of commission, urine is building up as a by-product of more than metabolizing alcohol. When you wake up the next day, what do you feel? Tired, nause-

ated, dizzy, headachy, and... And thirsty. That's because alcohol, as a result of the ADH malfunction, is a diuretic. It makes you pee a lot. And what can we do about that? Either drink lots of water between beers to dilute the alcohol (which in the end will probably up your pee

rate on its own), or stop drinking, maybe? That's about it.

Matthew;

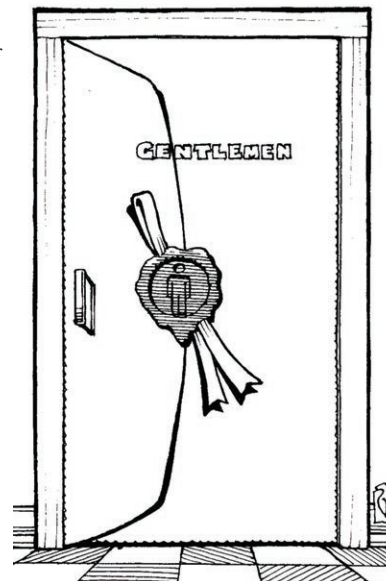
Vampires are all the rage. I maybe want to be one since it really gets the girls. I have most of it planned out. I need to know if I can get by every day just drinking blood. Will that keep me healthy?

— Ann Rice, downtown

Virgin? Extra virgin? Cold-pressed? What kind of blood are we talking, here? Okay, that's just your question taken to absurd lengths. Doubt

that we'll see blood on the market shelves, even in those cutesy, obscure-virtuals, boutique marketlets so popular now. I'm actually pretty amazed that I can find an answer to this one. And from reliable scientists, at that. First of all, one liter of human blood contains about 700 calories of energy. So right off the bat, you're talking three liters a day, on average, to keep yourself upright. But you'll be upright with scurvy unless you drink an additional six liters of blood a day. Since our bodies don't make or store vitamin C and a liter of blood contains only 5mg of it, you'll need to drink extra to make up the recommended 45mg/day requirement. Nine liters of blood a day contains 6300 calories. Yikes! Better make sure your potential donor has been chugging orange juice for a while or else you'll be a big, fat vampire.

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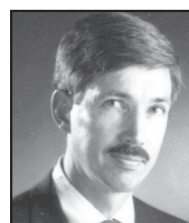


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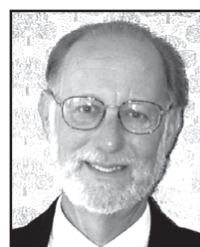
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Papa's Got a Brand New Rag

To Celebrate Acquisition of Union-Tribune, "Papa Doug" Manchester Adopts New Familial Nickname.

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GATHERING UP EVERYTHING THAT ISN'T BOLTED DOWN, UNION-TRIBUNE HEADQUARTERS IN MISSION VALLEY — Well, it's official: Doug "Big Pappy" Manchester and his partner John "Video Killed the Radio Star" Lynch have purchased San Diego's daily newspaper, the *Funion-Poltroon*. The selling price was rumored to be \$110 million, a figure which included the password to the Copley Rumpus Room, a subterranean party complex situated deep in the bowels of the paper's Mission Valley headquarters.

SD on the QT has received word that Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Manchester held a meeting with all remaining *Whatta-Maroon* staff late yesterday afternoon to address employee concerns about the change of ownership.

"Nothing is going to change here at the *Crabby-Rangoon*," began Manchester. "Except that I own the paper now. And we'll be moving the Real Estate section to the front of the paper. You know — give people what they want, a little news they can use. And we'll be devoting a lot of our resources to ferreting out corruption among major San Diego real estate developers who aren't me. We've got investigative reporters for that sort of thing, right? And there's gotta be some dirt on those bastards over at the Coastal Commission," he added, possibly referring to the commission's recent decision to reject the Navy waterfront project Manchester is handling. "I've got me a bullhorn here with the *Endrun-Kaboom*, and you damn well better believe I am going to use it."

"Oh, and cancel *Garfield*. I hate that cat."

UCSD: Best Prank Ever

Senior Class Fabricates Existence of Korean "Artist," Cons Stuart Collection into Hanging House Off Edge of Seven-Story Building

Stuart Collection Curator Attempts to Save Face: "Actually, joke's on them: this prank is so genius that it ascends to the level of art. We're proud to feature it in our collection."

HIGH-FIVING ALL 'ROUND, UCSD — "It's over," says UCSD senior Amanda Terwilliger. "Everybody can just stop planning their pranks now, because nobody is ever going to top this. Not, the racial noose, not the stolen shoe, not the paisley paint-job, not even the April Fools' acceptance email."

Terwilliger was referring to the installation of "Fallen Star," the latest addition to the university's prestigious and silly Stuart Collection of Artistic Oddities. The piece consists of a small house affixed to the roof of the seven-story Jacobs engineering building on the school's La Jolla campus. The house juts out from the building's edge and lists to one side, creating an unstable feeling that is supposed to echo the artist's own "displacement" — his personal experience of being uprooted and displaced from Korea to America, and on a larger scale, how university students are displaced from their homes in communities all across the coun-



try and the world and brought to the sometimes impersonal and highly competitive atmosphere of UCSD, where there is nothing like a 'home' anywhere in sight."

"Sounds good, right?" asks Terwilliger. "The kicker is, no such artist exists. Do-Ho Suh is a com-

plete fabrication, right down to his fake degrees from Yale and RISD. We thought they'd catch on when we explained his name is pronounced the same way Homer Simpson says 'D'Oh!' but, alas. We built him from scratch, put him on a hook, and the university took the bait. Amazing what some people will believe in their desire to seem cutting-edge."

The best part, concludes Terwilliger, is that "the house isn't going anywhere. It would take a huge amount of effort to remove it — even more than it took to get it up there. The school is stuck with it. I think they should make the dean live there, as punishment for being so gullible."

Growth Market

Playboy Enterprises, Inc., Gives \$40 Million Grant to Local Biotech Orgonovo to Speed Production of "Organ Printer"

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FEVERISHLY TRACKING THIS STORY FOR, UM, A FRIEND — Local biotech Orgonovo has secured \$40 million in venture capital funding from Playboy Enterprises, Inc., for its NovoGen "bioprinting" process. The technology, it's hoped, will allow scientists to manufacture three-dimensional body parts.

"Three-dimensional means sticky-outy, right?" explains Playboy CEO Buck Manning. "I would think the reason for our interest would be obvious. When I read about this project, my first thought was, *This could be huge*. My second thought was, *The potential for demographic penetration is astonishing — it could really fill a huge hole in the market*."

"Building or enlarging human organs cell-by-cell was considered science fiction not that long ago," says Orgonovo head of research Helmut Glansputter. "Through this clever combination of technology and science we have helped Orgonovo develop an instrument that will improve people's lives in very salient ways. This could be the biggest technological boost to the general public since the silicone breast implant."

Experts warn that it could be 20 years or more until bioprinting is able to produce a fully functional organ such as a liver or a lung. But human testing of other, less-complicated body parts could begin as soon as five years from now. "It really is a brave new world," marveled Manning.



Daddy Issues

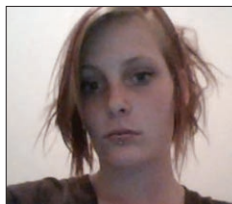
Ocotillo Wells Teen Claims Paternity of Lakeside Resident Mariah Yeater's Justin Bieber-Hoax Baby

"She's purty. And famouser than me. And now I want to tell the story of our wild night together!"

LISTENING AS THE GEARS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION GRIND SLOWLY TO A HALT — At first glance, Gideon Blugg is not the sort of person you would expect to read about in a story that involves the words "Justin Bieber," "sex scandal," and "statutory rape-by-famewhere." But the 15-year-old Blugg tells *SD on the QT* that it is in fact his sperm, and not the prettyboy pop-star's, that gave rise to the 20-year-old Mariah Yeater's bouncing baby boy, despite her recent claims to have enjoyed a post-concert romp with the quasi-virginal Bieber.

"I was taking out the trash behind the Iron Door" — the backcountry bar where Blugg washes dishes — "when up pulls this fancy red pickup truck. You know, the kind with a plastic liner in the back, so the paint won't get scratched when you load it full of surplus cement blocks that you're going to use to build an addition on your outhouse. And inside the truck was this girl, all done up like she'd just been to an *American Idol* audition. Except her eye-stuff was all smeary. I guess she'd been crying or something."

The story went on like that for probably 15 or 20 minutes, but the upshot is that Yeater, distraught



over her failed attempt to seduce Bieber after attending his concert, got lost on the drive from L.A. back to Lakeside, pulled into Ocotillo Wells around 3 a.m., and allegedly decided to settle for the next best teen: Blugg.

"Next thing I know, she's got 11,000 followers on the Twitter, and her picture

is in all the magazines at the checkout in Albertsons, and she's even on the TV. And all the time, I'm sitting here in Ocotillo Wells while she lives the fancy life with my baby. I decided that I had to come forward, if only for the chance to get the hell out of Ocotillo Wells. I mean, if only for the sake of my little boy."

Blugg then asked how many people would read this article and if maybe this reporter could get him an interview with "that hot Heather Ford girl from Fox 5 News" before finishing his cigarette and heading back in for the rest of his shift at the Iron Door.



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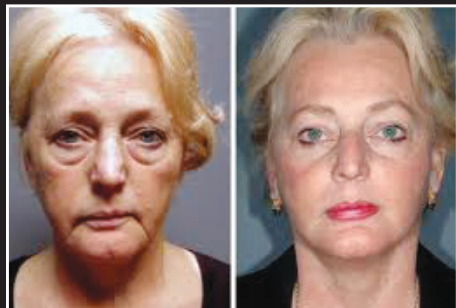
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MESSAGES FROM TIJUANA

by Lorena Mancilla

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Turista Libre: A Brave New World of Liberated Tourists

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sweaty ride in a packed *calafia* while the bus driver's favorite music plays loudly in your ear.

For *tijuanenses*, these experiences were just another part of living in their city until Turista Libre showed up and turned them into day tours. According to their website, Turista Libre is a "series of atypical international day tours in Tijuana, Mexico, a caravan that trounces around the city in search of the overlooked and underrated." By design, these tours are for people looking to go a little farther afield than the typical Tijuana tourist traps.

Turista Libre is the brainchild of

Derrick Chin, a gringo who'd been living in Tijuana for a couple of years. He worked in San Diego and crossed the border daily. He enjoyed Tijuana's diversity, its kitsch, its contradictions, and he wanted to share them, but whenever he mentioned to friends and coworkers that he lived there, the common reply was: "Why do you live there? You're risking your life." Chin felt these opinions were influenced by the media and he decided to try and change them.

With the increase of violence since 2008, tourists had abandoned Tijuana. By 2009, at least 90 percent of tourism-related businesses had closed their doors. Soon Avenida Revolución had become a ghost town, and all the while the national and international media unwittingly became public relations agents for the various cartels.

During the most intense media storm over the dangers of Tijuana, Chin decided to mount a counterattack; he wanted to show his view of the city, so he started to write a blog on his adventures in Tijuana. Suddenly his readers (who were mostly his friends) wanted to discover Chin's new world. So he invited a bunch of these friends to take a tour with him and go a little deeper inside the city, far from the curio shops, bars, and pharmacies of Avenida Revolución. The tour was an instant success, and soon his friends were inviting other friends. And just like that, Turista Libre was born.

Tijuana: The Easiest Way to Start a Sentence

There are topics left unsaid in discussions about Tijuana, and discrimination is definitely one of them. Since the 1980s,

migration from Mexico's interior and from the southern reaches of the country increased dramatically, and it hasn't stopped since then. Long-established Tijuana citizens tried to protect themselves against this phenomenon, and newcomers were gradually segregated into their own parts of the city: the far eastern reaches beyond Otay Mesa, especially. One day, though, there were so many of these new arrivals



An open-top bus ferries *turistas* to swap meets, concerts, and soccer matches.

that the old Tijuana families had become isolated within their own circles. Invisible borders were born throughout the city, borders that only come down at a handful of cultural events — such as a soccer game or the nightclubs on Calle Sexta. (I wanted to include a two-hour wait at the border, but, no, the international border is a whole other

beast.)

Tijuana has been dragging her black legend behind her since the times of Prohibition in the 1920s, when the city was replete with gringos looking to gamble, get laid, and generally live it up in exotic Mexico. The black legend is Tijuana's curse and the source of her charm. It's also a burden that gets heavier over time. Every now and then, there is new group of concerned citizens

and politicians who decide that it's time to change the city's image. They design campaigns and create slogans. A group decides that they want to avoid graffiti, so they

hire artists to create murals on bridges. Another group prints posters of famous Tijuana singers, chefs, writers, musicians, actors, and places them at the airport. Another group hires an ex-beauty queen and has her say nice things about the city on TV commercials. These groups want to show off the region's success and wealth. There is a lot of

energy expended to attempt to change the outlook of the city's residents and to alter the way outsiders see us, whether gringos or *mexicanos* from other parts of the republic. But, from where I sit, these appear to be empty efforts. The only thing they prove is that these groups have a collective inferiority complex.

Turista Libre takes the city for what it is, with all its contradictions and contrasts. They cross all its invisible borders, its generation gaps, and its class boundaries. At the same time, there is an uncertain awkwardness in these tours...although I might be particularly susceptible to this feeling since I am in the unique position of being the local observing how the foreigners observe the locals. When looking at these tours in a superficial fashion, one might think that they are a fun and safe way to see the most intimate and unexpected corners of a city. But there certainly are questions raised by the way it's done. And the answers tell us a lot about two cultures that share a region but are still quite divided and couldn't be further away from one another.



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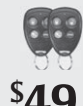


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"Everyone seems to be having a great time" when the tour stops at a Tijuana water park.

In general, a tour seems like the perfect insulation for a lazy traveler; it's ideal for those who are willing to pay for others to make their decisions. The only thing more artificial than a tour is a cruise. One could say it's impossible to get to know a place by traveling this way; on the other hand, a tour is comfortable, safe, and scheduled. The Turista Libre tours are not traditional at all, but although they are absolutely alternative, conceptual, and themed,

they are, in the end, also tours. The tourists are picked up at the border in a *calafia* and are taken off the beaten path. I went on a couple of tours in order to experience what happens on them: I went to a concert that was held at the college where I work, and I went to a Xolos soccer game. What I can say about these experiences is that everyone seems to be having a great time. Some of the tourists have this expression of discovery

when confronted with certain things — food, in particular. They seem to enjoy all that surrounds them. The locals look curious and sometimes ask questions: what are they doing here? A tour? Really? Why?

It's impossible to camouflage a crowd of gringos at the *mercadito*. On Turista Libre's website, one of the huge swap meets in Tijuana is described like this: "On Sundays the hilltop streets of Tijuana's Colonia Francisco Villa are filled with an open-air swap meet so massive, it makes Kobey's at the San Diego Sports Arena look like a 7-Eleven. It's blocks and blocks of vendors selling food, clothes, produce, parakeets, puppies and — most important — mountains of the most random secondhand loot, everything from bottle openers attached to wooden papayas

THE LOCALS LOOK CURIOUS AND SOMETIMES ASK QUESTIONS: WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE? A TOUR? REALLY? WHY?

to pirated DVDs of Mexican classics."

When I read this, the thing I could not get out of my head is that the majority of the stuff sold at Tijuana swap meets was bought at garage and estate sales in San Diego and Los Angeles. To me, this becomes a fascinating paradox. It's like looking through a telescope and finding yourself looking at yourself.

It's difficult to write about a tour through the insides of Tijuana. As a local it sort of feels like an unknown person is going through your laundry. There is a saying in México: *la ropa sucia se lava en casa*; it roughly translates into, "You should only do your laundry at home," meaning no stranger should know your secrets. Turista Libre unveils Tijuana's secrets and this somehow feels

like someone just turned your family photos into exotic postcards.

In the end, are there any rules when traveling through a city? Must one always get lost or have maps or memorize a travel book? Whenever I'm traveling, I'm impractical. I like to use public transportation, eat what the locals eat, and go to local festivities. I like to do exactly what Turista Libre does in Tijuana, but there is a difference. They stay in a group, rent a public bus that is used exclusively for them during the day tour; this limits their contact with the culture, the interaction with the landscape and the people. But it's a way to show another Tijuana, one that is different from the tourism campaigns and the constant reports



The tour stopped at a *lucha libre* — professional wrestling event.

in the media that sow fear on both sides of the border. Turista Libre is breaking down the common cultural perceptions of a poor, disorganized, lawless city. For that, I'm thankful and hopeful it might help some of the many shuttered businesses reopen one day. But I also hope that all these liberated tourists come back to Tijuana sometime — not on a guided tour, but just to wander around and experience their own adventures in a city they might come to love as much as I do. ■



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AUTHOR: **Anonymous** | FROM: **Occupy San Diego** | BLOGGING SINCE: **October 2011**

Excerpts from the four-entry diary of an Anonymous volunteer at Occupy San Diego. First, euphoria tempered with concern for the future:

POST DATE: **October 11, 2011**

Since I have come back to the camp the tents have become a sort of city, with walkways and tents; the comfort tent, the art tent, the sanitation tent, the people's clinic...and the ever-busy kitchen. It's such a wonderful feeling being here. There is this sense of safety, of hope, of caring, of helpfulness. It's a beautiful thing to see everyone volunteering to take care of everyone. People here are kind and quick to help each other out, and there has been zero violence here. I wonder, though, how long this will last; food goes fast and donations will run out one day. People will get too familiar with each other, and there may be bickering. I sincerely hope that we can continue on with this utopia. This is the happiest I've ever been.

Second, anxiety over fragmentation and stagnation, plus the specter of Anonymous.

POST DATE: **October 12, 2011**

I am trying to keep up with the Facebook page for Occupy San Diego, and just reading through tires me out. I'm not about the politics.... From what I hear and read, it's a constant cyclical argument that never seems to be solved. I stick to what I know: how to organize and get shit done! I leave the debates to the people that have the energy and knowledge to sit through those assemblies.

I don't agree with having a 100% consensus [before taking action], because nothing will ever be accomplished that way. Even if the point makes sense and is a great idea, there is going to be that douchebag who just wants to make things difficult because he's an Anon who's doing it "for the lulz." And you can't fight against that; it's the way the Anons work. I am an Anon, and I get it — which is why they have no place at serious meetings.

Third, a consideration of leadership, violence, and Anonymous.

POST DATE: **October 13, 2011**

I keep hearing rumors about the Anarchists — that they want to start violence to get media attention. Really? They think that's a good idea? Don't get me wrong, I'm not naïve enough to think that this revolution will not

incur casualties. But if violence can be avoided, then it's best that it's avoided. It's immature; it's an unhealthy way of garnering attention because everyone knows that Anarchy is ridiculous.

We need to have a leader. This is essential even if it's just a figurehead. The media can't speak to all of us and if there is one person

who is informed we can better promote this protest. I will continue to insist upon this. I just feel like nothing is really being solved and it's not helping our image. It looks like we're a bunch of pissed-off people that don't have their shit together and are simply on the "band wagon."

I'd like to address the issue of Anonymous; we *will* need them one day. They are a force to be reckoned with, and they have the numbers to help us win or lose this fight. But we cannot convince them to do anything, so don't try — one of their slogans is, "Not your personal army." They act "for the lulz." We cannot try and provoke them. I insist that we all celebrate the 5th of November [Guy Fawkes Day]; not just for them, but for US. You can disagree with the way [Fawkes] chose to send his message, but at least he was trying to send a message.

My god the Facebook page is exhausting. People would not be so bold if it were in person, and that's annoying. Uggghhhhh if we can't agree with each other, then we are doomed. This.Is.Why.We.Need.A.Leader.

Finally, an ominous farewell.

POST DATE: **October 15, 2011**

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No worries. We can make good use of our time catching up on neglected corners of SportsWorld, in this instance, the kabaddi corner. As you know, kabaddi has an ancient history, originating in downriver, backcountry, rural India 4000 years ago, so they say. What is verifiable is that it was a demonstration sport at the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics. Some wackos claim it was part of Hitler's "hands across the border" initiative.

As bespeaks a 4000-year-old game, there are variants in different parts of the world, but everywhere the game retains its India village character. Kabaddi does not use a ball, bat, stick, net, or glove. There is no equipment, period. Participants are required to have a human body, stamina, and *lung power*.

A contest consists of two teams, each with 12 players, 7 allowed on the court at any one time. Only each team's leader is allowed to speak. The court is roughly half the size of a basketball court or, in one version, a circle. The court is divided into two equal sections by a line down the middle. There is a flip to see which team goes first. The game consists of two 20-minute halves with a 5-minute break when teams change sides.

I'll cut to the cool factor — be a raider. Be a dashing raider. One side sends a "raider" over the center line. He must continuously chant "kabaddi, kabaddi, kabaddi, kabaddi" while over the line. The raider's mission is to touch, with his hand or leg, as many opponents as he can, then return to his own side without taking a breath. This explains why he keeps chanting, "kabaddi, kabaddi, kabaddi,

kabaddi." The raider's chants demonstrate he's not sneaking a breath.

Everyone the raider touches is out. The raider earns a point for his team for every person he touches. He earns a bonus two points if he touches the entire opposing team and returns to his side without taking a breath. Once a player is out he has to stay out until his team scores points during their raiding turn or when the remaining players on his team can catch/delay/ground the marauding raider until he is forced to take a breath.

If you're playing defense (defensive players are called *antis*), the idea is to prevent the raider from returning to his side until he takes a breath. If the raider stops chanting "kabaddi, kabaddi, kabaddi, kabaddi," he is declared out. Defensive players try to trap, circle, tackle, drape themselves over the raider. Teams alternate sending a raider over the line.

Now then, since this is a human sport, that means there must be leagues, international governing bodies, and a world cup. There is all that. For instance, regard India's Premier Division Kabaddi with its legendary teams: Border Guard Bangladesh, Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Jail, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Army, and Azad Sporting Club.

There is a Kabaddi World Cup. In fact, the 2011 Kabaddi World Cup just finished on November 20, in Punjab, India. Fourteen countries sent teams. Besides the homeboys of India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and Nepal, there were the national squads from Canada, Argentina, Australia, Italy, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Unhappily, the U.S. team didn't make it to the later rounds; they were disqualified for doping midway through the tournament. India beat Canada in the final, 59-25.

Lastly, here's good news out of Penn State. In a selfless move, Jack Raykovitz resigned from his \$132,000 per annum position as CEO of the Second Mile charity, the entity Jerry Sandusky founded and, allegedly, used for 34 years as a place to meet and groom young boys. Raykovitz was the highest-paid employee of said charity and had been CEO for the past 28 years. Selfless Jack issued a statement saying he hoped his resignation was the beginning of a "restoration of faith in the community of volunteers and staff" at Second Mile.

His wife, executive vice president Katherine Genovese, is the second-highest-paid personhood at the Second Mile charity, earning \$100,000, and has been with the charity for 27 years. The couple has been employed by Second Mile for a total of 55 years, so you can imagine their *complete* surprise when learning of Sandusky's arrest on 40 counts of sex crimes. The Box is pleased to report that Ms. Genovese has decided to soldier on with her job helping troubled young boys with their pedophile problems while learning geography at the same time. Go, girl.

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The line of scrimmage between Mission Hills and Steele Canyon in the Division II quarterfinals

Game of the Week: Steele Canyon at Mission Hills

San Marcos — Since losing its first three games, Mission Hills has made success a habit — and the Grizzlies aren't slowing down in the postseason. Friday night in the Division II quarterfinals, fourth-seeded Mission Hills rolled to a defense-led 21-7 win over fifth-seeded Steele Canyon to advance and extend its current eight-game unbeaten streak.

"In the bye week after the third loss we stepped back and looked at ourselves instead of our opponents, and we wanted to fix things internally and grow up as a team," said Mission Hills senior defensive end/tight end Anthony Lira. "After that bye week we came out with the mindset that we wouldn't be denied."

Mission Hills (7-3-1) struck first on an Eric Romero 27-yard end-around touchdown run in the first quarter. After missing a field goal on a productive first drive, Steele Canyon (8-4) had trouble moving the ball against Mission Hills.

Late in the second quarter, Mission Hills had the ball in Steele Canyon territory, looking to extend its lead when the Cougars defense came up with a big play. Steele Canyon defensive lineman Benjamin Gossmeier sacked Mission Hills quarterback Connor Wynn and forced a fumble that Cougars lineman P.J. Russell scooped up and returned 55 yards for a touchdown that made it 7-7 headed into halftime.

"I like the way our kids battled for the whole game," said Steele Canyon head coach Ron Boehmke.

Mission Hills started the second half with the ball and methodically marched down the field to take control of the close game. Led by the inside running of junior back Dakota Westbrook, the Grizzlies opened the third quarter with a 95-yard touchdown drive that lasted nearly ten minutes and gave the hosts a 14-7 advantage.

Wynn capped the drive by calling his own number for a one-yard quarterback sneak on third-and-goal. The initial play called during a timeout was an outside hand-off, but when

Wynn got to the line of scrimmage, "He looked at the line and it clicked in his head," Lira said. "He hiked it, we were running the play to the right and all of a sudden it was a touchdown and we wondered what happened. He caught his own offensive line off guard."

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- (1) Helix (10-1) vs. (4) Mission Hills (7-3-1)
- (2) La Costa Canyon (9-2) vs. (3) Oceanside (8-2-1)

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- (1) Cathedral Catholic (10-1) vs. (4) Point Loma (8-2-1)
- (3) Olympian (8-3) vs. (7) Mar Vista (11-1)

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BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

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I am constantly revising my own rules regarding panhandlers. I can't seem to stick to one policy with any consistency. For a time, my rule was to give some money — never a great amount — only to women who appeared disabled or debilitated in some way, certainly if they were elderly or any of whom were impaired in some way, physically or mentally. Any women with children as well, but I encountered only one such case, the young mother of a young girl. My generosity and wallet permitted up to four dollars on that occasion.

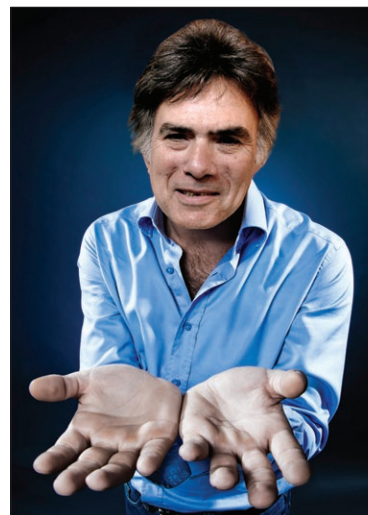
Another proviso, the one I still maintain, mostly, is not to give money to young men who have every appearance of employability at something or other. I do, however, refrain from saying, "Get a job!" because, who knows? Maybe the guy's spine doesn't go all the way to his brain.

I do try to avoid being a tight-assed jerk, because, while I have never exactly stood on a corner asking for spare change, I have borrowed \$2 or \$5 here and there from friends and on one or more occasions, coworkers. This usually goes for coffee or a sandwich on the day or two before payday, but I once bought a half-pint of whiskey with a fiver I borrowed from a colleague in a 12-step program. In return for my imposition, he went out and bought me a \$20 gift card for Starbucks without my paying him back for months. I must get him a gift in return, but I don't know what he likes. We are that close, you see? This may not constitute panhandling, but how much closer can it be?

I saw a bus the other day, and on its side was a message printed in block letters, "The words homeless and veteran should never be used in the same sentence." This sounded

more like a rule of grammar to me rather than an appeal for sanity in regard to servicemen returning to civilian life. And I admit I have a sympathetic prejudice toward combat vets, who I think I can recognize due to what has been called that "thousand-yard stare." But what am I gonna do, ask to see their discharge papers? I've seen crackheads with that thousand-yard stare.

I'll tell you about one young man of the type I just mentioned. This guy was maybe 24. This was in front of the Hard Rock Café, downtown, where the young Turk squatted next to, I assumed, his girlfriend. The young lady had tattoos covering her calves, forearms, biceps, and neck — a lot of flowers and some iron crosses, death's heads, and a puppy dog, with the words "mad dog" inked beneath the little fellow's representation. They were all pretty good tattoos. Her hair was dyed in a color that does not occur in nature. The guy looked fairly normal, with an Ozzie Osbourne T-shirt and acceptably bleached-out jeans. His tennis shoes matched, looked fairly new. He was making an effort at a nascent beard. Hair, medium long. He looked like he could be a longshoreman, an ironworker, or a bricklayer's



apprentice. He held a sign that read, "Homeless and hungry."

His girlfriend called after me as I walked past, "C'mon! You got money. I know it. Hey, c'mon, ya bastid!"

Moving to Market and Fifth, I heard a guitar player nearby. He was standing on the corner playing a Yamaha acoustic, not terribly well, but okay. His voice was ragged and drifted off key. He

looked to be about my age and definitely had that thousand-yard stare. Ponytail, gray; goatee, same; aviator shades. It was what he was playing that caught my attention. It was, "I used to be somebody/ but now I'm somebody else," from the movie *Crazy Heart*. I loved that movie and its music. As I got closer and put a dollar into his gig bag, which held another eight bucks or so, he started another song. At first I thought it was "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out." Similar chords, the way he did it; but it was actually the old Depression song "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"

He sang, "Once in khaki suits/ Gee, we looked swell/ Full of that Yankee Doodle Dum,/ Half a million boots went sloggin' thru hell/ I was the kid with the drum. Say, don't you remember, my name's Al. It was Al all the time/ Why don't you remember? I'm your pal./ Brother can you spare a dime?"

Turns out he was 82nd Airborne from '69 to '71. He was half deaf from a mortar barrage, which accounted for his playing and singing that kept going off the rails. I gave him a picture of Abraham Lincoln.

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Most people, of course, are not dealing with a horse. "If someone wants a pet buried, they can come here to the park. We'll pick a plot together, and they'll sign a terms-and-conditions agreement for that plot. It covers things such as annual maintenance fees. Then we set an appointment for burial, and the plot will be prepared prior to the client's arrival. We provide a viewing in the chapel, and then we take them to the plot and lower the pet — inside its casket — into the ground."

Caskets can range from simple to "as fancy as human caskets, if not fancier. Cost varies with size and detail, from \$150 to \$700. Burial cost is \$850 to \$1200. But some people do spend more; someone here just spent \$5000 on a headstone. They have a large family plot — the stone is almost six feet long."

But burial is the exception, says Palermo. "Ninety-eight percent of people want their pets cremated. We can do private or individual cremation. Private is where only your pet is in the crematory. Individual is where several animals are put in at once, with partitions separating them. You get back only your pet's ashes. Prices run \$150 to \$400." (Communal cremation is also done but only through veterinarians. In that case, the ashes are scattered at the park.)

"We are all pet owners and pet lovers here," concluded Palermo. "We have pets that run around... I live here on site with my family. We offer bereavement classes once a month to promote healing after the loss of a pet. It's not so much grief counseling as it is celebrating your pet's life."

Alex Dronick of Sorrento Valley Pet Cemetery (619-276-3361; svpc.biz) says that he has the only pet cemetery in San Diego County with permanent zoning. "They can't claim eminent domain on us, so we

"We give you the remains in a cedar box, plus a clay paw print and a heart-shaped tag with your pet's name on it."

will never have to move your pet."

Prices at Sorrento Valley start at \$600. "That's our 'no bells and whistles' burial, with a hand-built casket from us. It doesn't include a headstone. Headstones range from \$300 to \$800, depending on how many letters and if you want a picture."

Dronick said that he couldn't give exact numbers on burial costs, because "the price is based on the length of the pet and the type of casket selected. Also, a client may do a pre-need purchase — that is, you have one pet that has passed on and another pet that is still living, and you eventually want to bury them one on top of the other. In that case, we go double-deep when we dig for the first pet."

There is a parrot buried at Sorrento Valley, but Dronick says that most small pets — such as hamsters and rabbits — get cremated. Price varies for cremation, as well: this time by weight. "For zero to 3 pounds, it's \$72; 4 to 30, \$90.... Our most popular urn is a little cedar box with a gold lock: \$30 for the small, going up to extra-large in \$5 increments. We also have urns that look like vases. And if you don't want an urn, we have a scatter tree, beneath which you may scatter your pet's ashes. We don't do horses."

Jennifer at Peaceful Paws Pet Cremation & Memorial in Encinitas (855-411-7297) is a cremation-only establishment. "We offer communal cremation, mostly through veterinary services. That's for when people don't want the ashes back. We scatter them at sea, once a month. We also do individual cremation — each animal in a separate compartment, so that you get only your pet's ashes back. When you get the service, we give you the remains in a cedar box, plus a clay paw print and a heart-shaped tag with your pet's name on it. We can also pick up the pet directly from your home. Cost varies by weight: zero to 120 pounds is \$250. We can do horses, but we can't transport them to the facility."

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The gates open at 6 p.m. for an overnight stay at 28th and L Street in Grant Hill. The homeless have to be out by 6 a.m. (7 a.m. weekends).

My house has wheels

"I've never been homeless before."

At least Osiris Murillo still has her car — where she and her three-year-old daughter will sleep tonight, behind the gates of a designated "safe lot" in an unsafe neighborhood. "I haven't taken a shower in a week, and I'm getting stinky."

Murillo, who graduated from San Diego State in

2008 with a criminal-justice degree, hasn't been able to find a job in her field. Still, working as a medical technician at a clinic in Ventura, she had a measure of stability. When she was laid off in May, things went downhill quickly. I asked: "Can't your family help?" Her response reflected the admixture of tough circumstances and stubborn pride, which forms

a familiar leitmotif pervading the stories of the mobile homeless:

"My parents are low-income, so I don't want to be a burden on them. I have four brothers, but two are younger and don't have any money either; the other two are out of the country."

Since April 2010, folks like Murillo and her fellow travelers — many of them

newly homeless — have lived at the intersection of 28th and L Street in the Grant Hill neighborhood. East of downtown and a little south of Highway 94, it's a used-car lot of sorts, but nothing's for sale except the opportunity for the nearly dispossessed to get off four wheels and back on their feet. It's on this hardscrabble square of ungentrified San Diego that

Dreams for Change, a local homeless-advocacy group, focuses its efforts on folks whose home is a car or other vehicle.

According to Teresa Smith, director of Dreams for Change, it's not easy to find landlords willing to rent space for "safe parking lots." (The Grant Hill facility is on a lot leased at \$250 a month from the Greater Apostolic

Faith Temple Church, which sits catty-corner.) The space, accommodating 26 vehicles, is full — a total of 50 or so folks, including a handful of families. Most are in their 30s or 40s, largely victims of job loss, foreclosure, or eviction; while some have lived here for months, others move on after only a few days. Whatever the tenure, no one imagined being here in the first place.

Mike's van broke down on the way west from Dallas, and \$3000 later, he'd scratched his plans to enroll in Western Sierra, an unaccredited law school next to Montgomery Field. He says that he was reluctant at first to come to the lot: "I don't identify with the general homeless population."

Back home in Texas, Mike owned a financial-services business, which he describes as "helping contractors to do the paperwork, like mechanics' liens, so they can get paid." Divorced with several grown kids, he's originally from Israel. He emigrated in his 20s after Army service; since then, he's been self-employed — a status that, he's learning, doesn't sit well with prospective bosses, many of whom prefer worker drones.

"My résumé doesn't look good, so no one will hire me for a management position. I even applied for 200 or 300 jobs at fast-food restaurants and other places, but no luck so far." Sounding a cheerful, almost nonchalant note, he added, "I'm



Teresa Smith (right), director of Dreams for Change, with program manager Nancy Vera at their Grant Hill "safe parking" lot for the homeless who live in their cars.

already working on buying a bank-owned 'REO' [real-estate owned] home in North County with

some partners — you don't need much cash." He says he's not worried. But there's something

unstated beneath the upbeat veneer that suggests good fortune will be elusive. Nonetheless,

Mike insists he won't be living in the van for long.

Warren, 59, one of Mike's neighbors on the lot, is part of a smaller, atypical contingent at the lot, the chronically homeless. Born in Tennessee, Warren wound up in San Diego after a tour in Vietnam, where he says Agent Orange wrecked his health. Obese, with bad teeth and halting speech, he's seen better days — and years. On the Sunday evening I visited the Dreams for Change facility, Warren, assuming the role of unofficial greeter, hailed me: "Lookin' fer someone?" Eyeing me with suspicion, he stood just outside the fence. It was 5:30 p.m. — the start of the "day" at the lot.

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I asked Warren how he came to live in a car.

“Ain’t nuthin’ to it. You wind up homeless, you got a car — you know, that’s it. I’ve been here since April. I live in a veterans’ tent four months out of the year in Old Town. It’s open from December 10 to April 10. Three meals and a tent. As soon as I can, I’m gonna’ leave California. It’s too expensive here. I’m goin’ to Washington state. I’ve been homeless for seven years. I was living in a roofing yard, working construction. The landlord cancelled the lease, the guy who owned the yard had to leave — so I was out on my ear. Later on, I worked for NASSCO for a while. I was a cable-puller. I started at \$9.45 an hour. It was enough to get me a small place. But then I came down with

heart problems. Here in San Diego, a one-bedroom apartment costs

the adjacent streets, to vie for their favorite spaces. Within an hour, most

“Ain’t nuthin’ to it. You wind up homeless, you got a car — you know, that’s it.”

\$1000 a month. But [up in Spokane], a brand-new apartment costs \$550 a month. I’m on Veteran Disability; it pays \$985 a month.”

Warren, who wears the resigned countenance of one who submits without complaint to rules and regulations, explained the routine. Each night, at 6:00 p.m. sharp, the gates are unlocked, allowing the residents, many of whom have lined up on

of the 26 vehicles are in place, where they’ll sit until compulsory muster at 6:00 a.m. (7:00 on weekends) the next morning, at which time everyone will be required to leave until the following evening.

Teresa Smith, who runs the lot like a stern (but benevolent) house mother, states: “We want to get them up and out. We want them to focus on getting out of this situation.” Although some of

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her charges end up simply hanging out until the lot opens at night (when the place falls under the supervision of a volunteer), Smith says that the majority spend their days actively looking for work and/or availing themselves of services provided to the homeless.

Dusk at 28th and L, at least during my brief visit, was peaceful. Residents chatted in subdued tones; a nightly reunion, of sorts. Surveying the lot, I saw a cluster of black folks socializing as if coming from church. Near me was a guy in his 60s, deeply tanned and wearing a tank top; he looked as if he'd spent the last decade fishing off the pier, and I might've asked, but something about his face told me that, even in this public space, there were remnants of privacy. He unlatched the tailgate of his beat-up pickup, crawled beneath the dented camper shell, and eased down until his back was flat and his toes were pointing up into the westerly breeze.

A few feet away, Smith, along with a paid staffer and a volunteer, sat at a table near their

old van. It felt more like a trailer park on tranquilizers than a homeless encampment. Although adjacent homes had bars on the windows, it didn't seem threatening — locals barbecuing, Norteño wafting from across the street, and kids scurrying around on bikes.

Smith notes that the site hasn't been uniformly serene. "At the beginning, we had some shootings and stabbings in the neighborhood. But it's pretty quiet now." Osiris Murillo, for one, appreciates the security. "When I was staying in my car on the street downtown, people tried to break in. I could only sleep for ten minutes at a time; I tossed and turned all night." But safety has its price: on the Dreams for Change lot, there's a long list of rules, including zero tolerance when it comes to booze and drugs. Smith defends the paternalistic approach, which bars even a casual drink or two. "Their focus should be on things other than partying."

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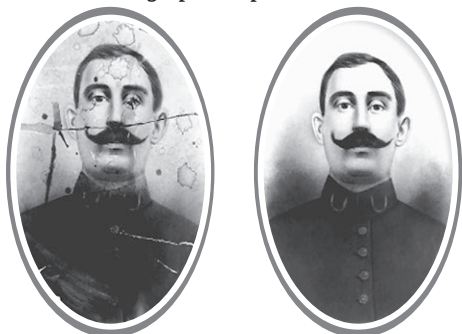
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varying degrees of hospitality — to around 9000 homeless people. (The latest HUD-mandated yearly tally, the “Point in Time Count” — done at the end of January 2011 — recorded 9020, with 4039 in shelters and 4981 elsewhere.) For 839 of the “unsheltered” (to use task force lingo) home is in a vehicle. When I asked Peter Callstrom, executive director of the task force, whether living in one’s vehicle offers any advantages to shelter life, he replied, “Either situation is the

last place anyone wants to be.” Callstrom says that most of the county’s motorized transients congregate in the city proper, with a concentration downtown and at the beaches — Mission, Ocean, and Pacific. But wherever the downwardly mobile (some call them “rubber tramps”) hang, the common thread is the constant battle to stay invisible, as far away from the prying eyes of nosy neighbors, thieves and marauders, and patrolling cops.

It’s the police that

make things tough, say car-dwellers, by issuing sleeping-in-a-car citations. Lars, a trim, 40ish fellow with a silver ponytail, said, “Around Pacific Beach, everyone knows about ‘Sergeant Summers.’ She’s infamous for hassling people who live in their cars.” To be fair, he notes that not all San Diego Police Department officers are malevolent when it comes to dealing with (or better yet, ignoring) locals who live in their cars. “Cops are people like everybody else. Some will go out of

their way to help you.” But, according to many who live in cars, when the long arm of the law extends to those at the bottom rungs, bad situations have a way of getting worse.

“Bad situations,” car-dwellers will tell you, always start with the prosaic, the mundane — jobs that disappear, roommates who don’t pay the rent. For Lars, it was the demise of his employer in October 2010, which in turn led to unemployment benefits, the typical series of futile job appli-

cations, and then, the inability to pay rent. Lars says, “I was working as a shuttle driver at the airport for a rental car company. Then they folded. I’d been living in a studio apartment in Little Italy, but unemployment doesn’t go very far in San Diego, so I moved in with a girlfriend up in Escondido. Then, some *things* happened, you know...”

What does local law enforcement have to say about San Diegans who live in vehicles on the street? Many of the mobile homeless are con-

vinced that the San Diego Police Department targets them for harassment. (Warren says, “I believe that 50 percent of the cops in San Diego, their job is to get the homeless out of the state.”)

However, according to Sgt. Rick Schnell of the SDPD’s “HOT” — Homeless Outreach Team — that’s not the policy. Schnell, who speaks with palpable sympathy for San Diego’s down-and-out, states: “We don’t have patrols going around looking for people living

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This owner's Toyota Previa serves both as his kitchen and bedroom.

in their cars. If an officer comes out, it's because of a radio call, a complaint. Someone will call and say that there's a guy sleeping in a car in front of a home or a business." But it's a low-priority item, says Schnell. "We typically deal with people who are worse off,

those who've already lost their car." Still, now and then — perhaps two or three times a year — the Homeless Outreach Team encounters families with kids lodged in a vehicle on the streets. "We refer them to the [San Diego County-run] Family Resource Center

at 12th and Imperial. Not that it's illegal to have kids when you're homeless."

Schnell acknowledges that, due to what he calls a "series of bad events," a car may be impounded if the registration has been expired for a year, or if five or

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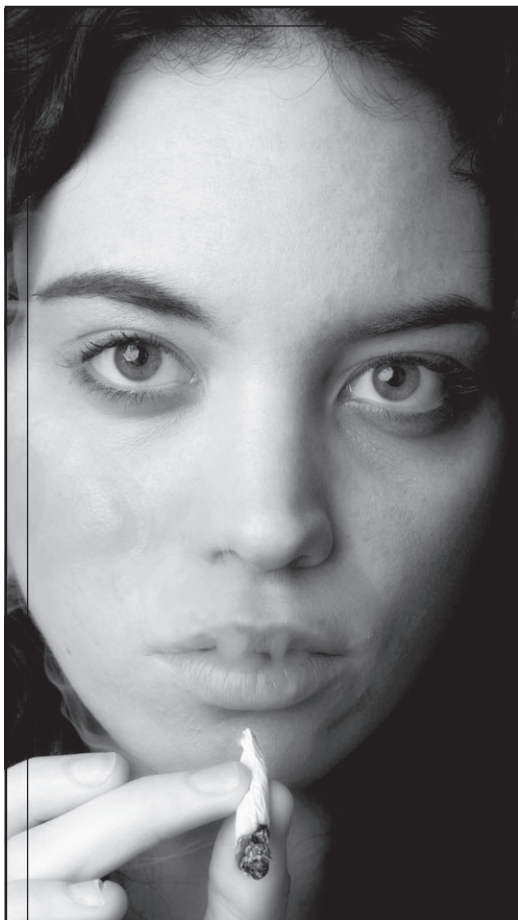
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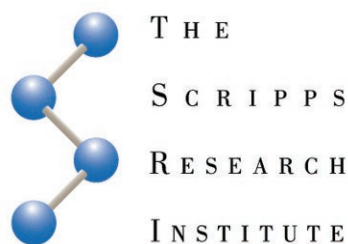




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more parking tickets have accumulated. When a car is seized, “it makes things even tougher for them. Now [they really are] homeless — they have nowhere to go. It’s the last straw.” On the other hand, Schnell also suggests that a vehicle can be a hindrance for the otherwise dispossessed. “A car can be an anchor, because some people have to spend all of their money on gas and repairs instead of food.”

Just a few years and a million hopes ago, “anchor” meant something entirely different for Tony Jones. Jones, 59, who describes himself as a “semi-disabled white man,” never imagined he’d be living in a car. A boat, perhaps — but not a car.

These days, along



Luxury motor home at Chula Vista RV Resort next to San Diego Bay. Space rentals here are \$1000 to \$2000 per month.

with a female companion, he scurries from place to place downtown in a battered sedan with sun-bleached paint, scratching out a life. He came to San Diego from Alaska in 2006. “My wife and I decided we wanted to retire on a big sailboat, so we sold everything we had — took our life’s savings and bought a

40-foot boat. We planned to live on the boat in San Diego in the winter and sail north for spring and summer. This was our dream, but I was to find out that sometimes a dream can turn into a nightmare.”

After settling down at a free anchorage, Jones, who had started a charter operation, was

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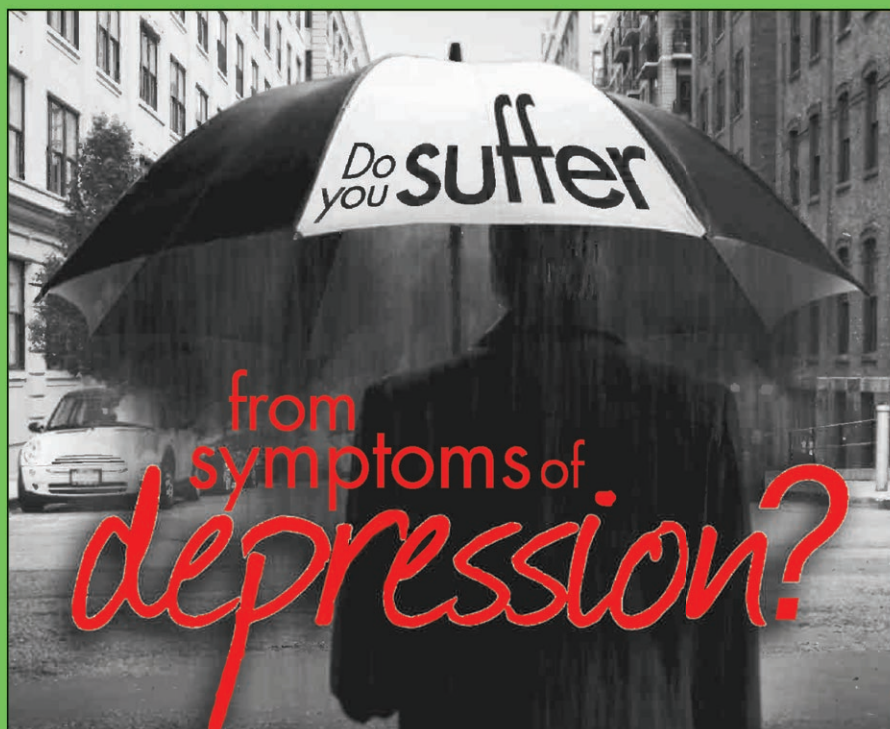
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(along with many others) evicted by the Port of San Diego. Not long after, his wife died suddenly of a cerebral aneurysm. Jones turned to drink, and before long, found himself in the slammer one morning after exposing himself in public while in a drunken stupor. Charged with public indecency, in short order he was beaten unconscious by fellow prisoners wielding soap in socks. Next came solitary confinement, bad counsel

from a public defender, seizure of his boat, and classification as a "Level 1" sex offender.

"Level 1?" Jones's tag might have differentiated him in years past, but with Jessica's Law newly enacted, *all* sex offenders (including those whose sole offense was urinating in the gutter) were to be barred from homeless shelters. (Jones's probation officer told him that the penalty for lying about his conviction to gain admittance to a shel-

ter would be 32 months in prison.) Jones's next home was the banks of the San Diego River, where he says many local sex offenders seek shelter. At the mosquito-plagued river bottom, he contracted West Nile virus and came close to death.

Eventually, Jones met Nelda, an SSI (Supplemental Security Income) recipient who'd been given an old car by a church. "She had been living on the streets of San Diego for ten years

and really knew the ins and outs of it." After hooking up with Nelda,

back seat, cut out the metal divider between the trunk and back seat,

sleep and make a decent meal on her portable gas stove."

"I took out the back seat, cut out the metal divider between the trunk and back seat, placed a mattress in the back, blacked out the back windows."

Jones set about customizing the car and fashioning his new life on four wheels. "I took out the

placed a mattress in the back, blacked out the back windows. Now we were able to lie down to

Living in a vehicle takes a lot of planning; sure, there's a roof over your head, but things

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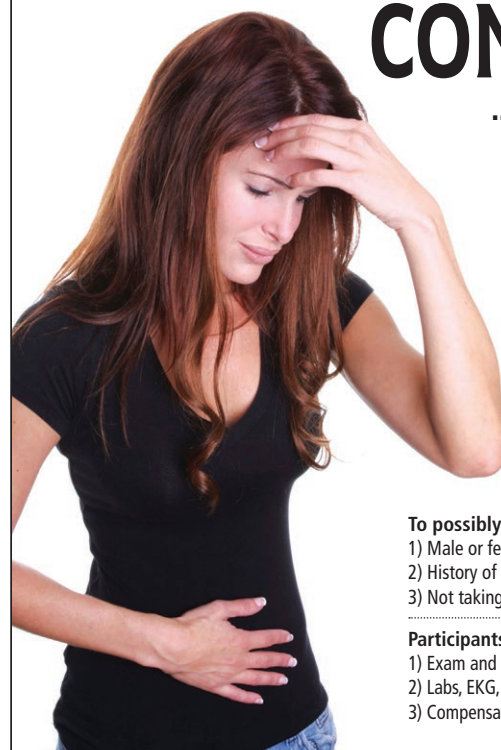
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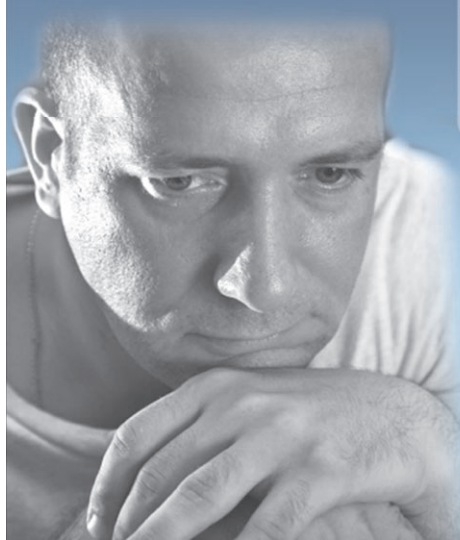
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like personal hygiene and food storage not only pose a constant challenge, but also serve as a venue for innovation. Jones says he uses the sinks in fast-food restaurants and the showers at a park in Ocean Beach. "I do the best I can." Another man, Al H. — whose blue-and-white '90s Chevy Astro van can be found parked in and around local beaches — told me, "I have a membership at Bally's (health club), so I can take showers there, go to the bathroom, and also get a little exercise. When I want to cook food, I use the micro-waves at the 7-Elevens and AM/PM minimarts.

I keep my food in an ice chest that I fill up every few days."

cool lifestyle." However, a number of San Diegans stay unrooted by choice;

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For many locals, turning a car or camper into a dwelling is a last effort at dignity, a vestige of the life that used to be, and one rung up from the street. Tony Jones quips, "It's not a

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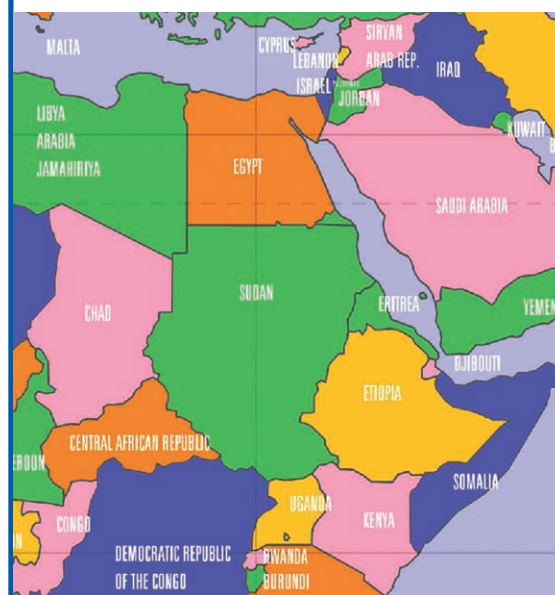
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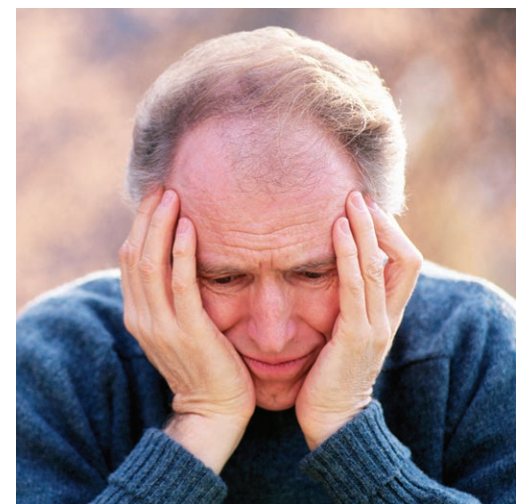
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monthly nut was killing me. The rent, the gas. And the waste of time — I was commuting an hour and a half a day from my place in San Marcos to where I was working near Del Mar. There were 42 stoplights along the way. So I gave away all my shit and set up this RV. I'm completely self-sufficient." It's the ability to not only survive but thrive, without the permanency and expenses of a traditional home that Robin, who describes himself as a "Wisconsin farm boy," finds appealing. It's also a source of pride, as well as peace of mind — he believes that, for him, Southern California-style disasters, like massive wildfires and large-scale Richter events, are eminently survivable. "I'm

always ready to evacuate in seconds, and I have enough food, gas, and water to last a month."

When I met with him on a tropical day in early September, the issue was comfort. The inside of his Brougham motorhome was cool. Pointing to the ceiling-mounted air conditioner, he said, "This thing will freeze your ass off." The RV, given to him by a friend (he says it's worth around \$1500) is crammed with appliances, gadgets, contraptions — quirky versions of ordinary household stuff. Showing me around, he pointed to an oven and stove that run on propane, a refrigerator/freezer powered by an ammonia-based system, and a variety of devices that run on generator-supplied electric-

ity. "Right now, I have a 3000-kilowatt generator, but I'm replacing it with a 4000-kilowatt unit. I also have three 12-volt batteries, and I can switch back and forth between those and the 110-volt household current." (He does all the work himself.)

Brown, white, and rough around the edges, his 19-foot rig, which sits on a 1978 Dodge van chassis, isn't much to look at exterior-wise, but Robin says it has everything he needs. "Everything" includes a laptop with full-time internet access (coupled with an all-in-one printer/fax/copier); a tiny shower that he hasn't tried yet, incongruous hardwood floors, and a canned food pantry hidden under a bench seat. Those who look closely

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will find an inconspicuous level mounted to a wall. "Refrigerators like it when you're parked on flat ground." And lashed to the rear bumper is a small chain saw. "If there's a tree blocking my way, I can get through."

He says, however, that full-time RV living, which he characterizes as a "subculture," isn't for the masses. Single, childless, and self-employed, he acknowledges that his situation is unusual. "I'm a master mechanic — I can fix anything — and I have enough work to last until I die." He also notes that he has a band of good friends scattered around San Diego County, friends who allow him to park his motor home on their property for extended periods. "Right now, I'm 'house-sitting' at a friend's place near Del Mar; I use the bathrooms, the kitchens. I have access to all the amenities. I have friends in different places all around the county. I also have a '63 Airstream trailer parked up in Julian."

In contrast to self-sufficient types like Robin, who claims a monthly outlay of a mere \$80 for a cell phone and food, there's a richer class of vagabonds, some of whose behemoth motor homes can cost upwards of a half-million bucks. These are the folks who pilot massive slabs of rolling luxury (albeit, some of it faux) that look like school buses on anabolic steroids. Made by manufacturers such as Prevost, the luxury rigs (think "Kenny Rogers's tour bus") can be equipped with indoor hot tubs and festooned with gaudy chandeliers. Unlike their downscale counterparts, who are moved from place to place on O.B.

side streets, they'll be found stationary — more or less — for months at a time, as their flush owners shell out greenbacks for spaces at the county's "sanctioned" RV parks.

Rent's a serious issue at these facilities: it ranges anywhere from a few hundred bucks to two grand per month. At the county's most expensive RV park, the Chula Vista

RV Resort (on San Diego Bay, near the Chula Vista Marina), the monthly tab goes from \$1000 during the winter season to \$1995 during the summer — depending on

your space's location.

According to Robin, who claims "to know everything there is to know about motor homes," the market for high-end RVs has dwined

dled in the depressed economy. "There are sales lots with hundreds of expensive motor homes just sitting there; no one's buying the shit." Indeed, a cursory

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drive-by at dealers like Holland Motor Homes and La Mesa RVs reveals drastically slashed prices. Yet even hard financial times haven't dampened zeal for the RV lifestyle among people in the motor-home business.

I asked Steve Wilson of Holland (whose offerings go from \$60,000 to \$1,000,000 — the latter a used model) about high-end RVs, and he gave me a short primer. "Motor homes fall into numerous categories: Class C and Class A...then you have diesel pushers (standard and luxury), and then you have motor coaches (all are luxurious). I'm not trying to be obstreperous, but it's kind of like 'ships.' All ships are boats but not all boats are ships."

The folks at the pin-

nacle of the RV heap, Wilson says, won't be found in San Diego year-round. "Not too many people live full time in their luxury motor coach and [during the summer] they're touring the northern part of the country — up to Alaska and also in Canada. Most of this class of travelers may spend three or four months aboard their coach, but they probably have numerous homes/ranches at which they stay before hitting the road again for maybe four to six months. However, we do refer to them as 'live-aboards.'"

As for those who park their RVs in the county permanently, "Some of them stay in our nicer local RV parks [such as] Chula Vista, Mission Bay, and Escon-

dido, or decent parks like the ones in La Mesa and Santee."

Among aficionados, the practice of RV camping at unofficial locations is called "boondocking," or sometimes "dry camping." Simply put, it's overnighting at a site without the hook-ups (sewer, water, electric) and other amenities offered by RV parks. On the internet, blogs and message boards are rife with tips on finding scenic spots off the beaten track. In many cases, the closest boondockers get to the wilderness is a big-box store parking lot in suburbia, where — according to chatter on the street — certain retailers will tolerate short, unobtrusive stays. ■

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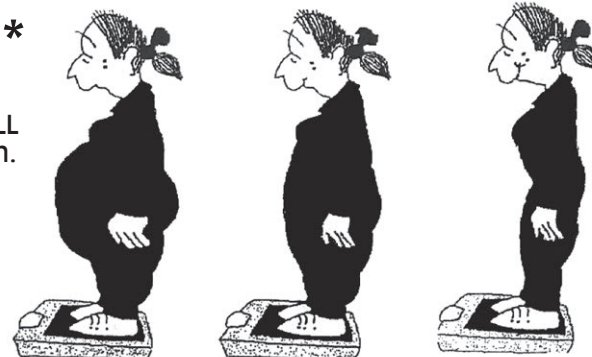
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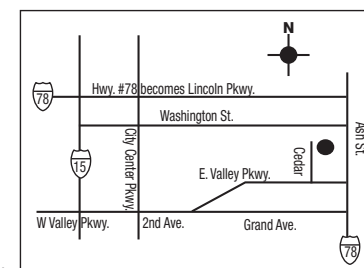
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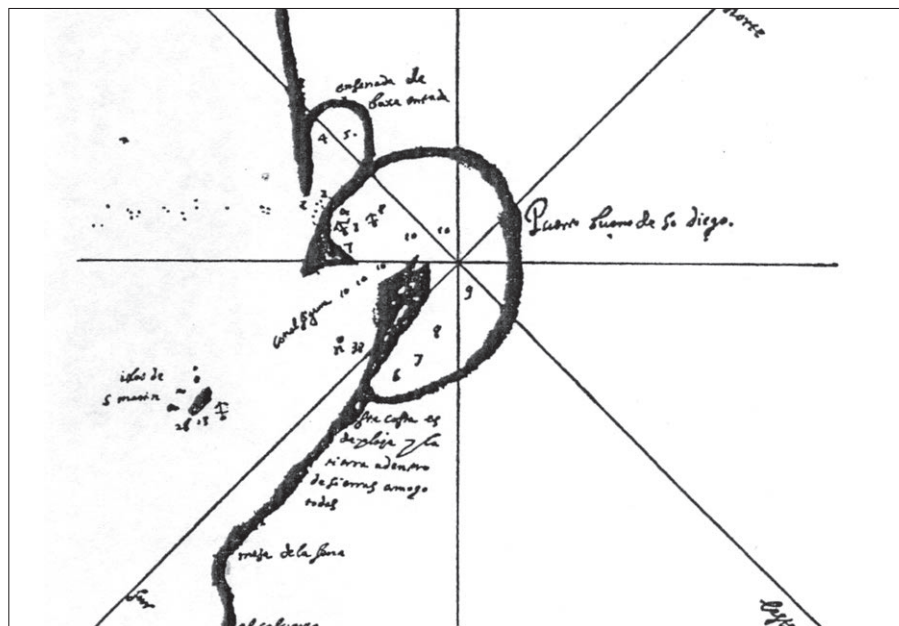
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On Sunday, November 10, 1602, the explorer Sebastian Vizcaíno came to a bay much like the one Cabrillo described: “secure from all winds” with good anchor-



1602 map of San Diego Bay

age and “very good wood and water, many fish of all kinds.” Vizcaino’s diarist proclaimed it “the best to be found in all the South Seas.” But it couldn’t have been San

Miguel. This bay stood at latitude $33\frac{1}{2}$. Even though the viceroy of New Spain ordered him not to rename Cabrillo's sites, Vizcaino disobeyed. This was *his* bay, cer-

1. Jerry MacMullen: "In 1616 a man named Barlowe complained that all of the compasses then in use were 'bunglerly and absurdly contrived.'"
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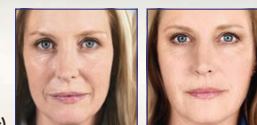
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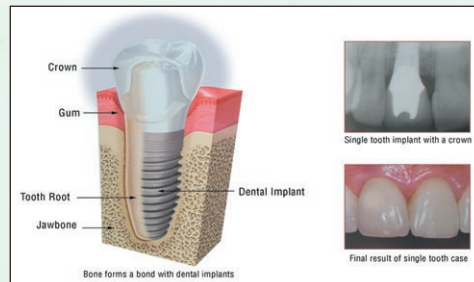
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tainly, not Cabrillo's. So he named it for his flagship and the saint's feast day (November 12): San Diego de Alcalá.

Vizcaino's reckonings were off as well. The tip of Point Loma is near latitude 32 degrees, 40 minutes. But instead of San Miguel — which by rights is what it should have been named — the bay is called "San Diego."

When Vizcaino's three ships lay off Point Loma, they didn't just sail into the bay. Kelp beds thick as broccoli clotted the surface. Another potential hazard: a partly submerged, mile-long shoal — the *zuniga* — jutting from an "island of sand" (North Island) on the right. The channel was reasonably wide, but the currents made it clear that ships should steer a good half-mile from the green promontory to the left.

Father Ascension, who kept an account of the voyage, says the fleet entered at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday,

November 10. That would have been in darkness. More likely, launches rowed in earlier that day. They tested currents and searched for submerged rocks — and found none, a promising surprise. They determined the safest course and reported back. The larger ships waited for a favorable flood tide to make the move: the small frigate, *Tres Reyes*, first, then the flagship, *San Diego*, and the worm-eaten galleon, *Santo Tomás*.

They anchored, most likely, behind today's Ballast Point, a low spit of land Vizcaino named Punta de Guisjarros ("cobblestone point").

The expedition left Acapulco on May 5. It took the fleet five months to reach "San Diego." Because they had taken so long and encountered many hazards, Vizcaino decided to survey potential ports in detail on the return voyage. Even though San Diego's natural harbor had an abundance of

water, firewood, and game, he ordered basic tasks executed as quickly as possible. The ships, soldiers, and crew, however, needed a rest.

Especially the old *Santo Tomás*. It demanded a thorough scouring and caulking. Hundreds of snails had attached themselves to the bottom. And oakum had come loose between the joints. "The spewing of oakum," Sir Thomas Gates wrote in 1609, is "a casualty more desperate than any other" at sea. "Weeping leaks" can split a seam, erupt into floods, and sink ships — a thought that "turned" a mariner's "blood."

Many on the expedition were as ailing as the old galleon. "A very severe sickness," writes Ascension, "had seized them." Symptoms had begun several weeks before: aching legs and fatigue. Reddish-blue bruises appeared on the skin. Gums became spongy. Teeth loosened. By the time the expedition

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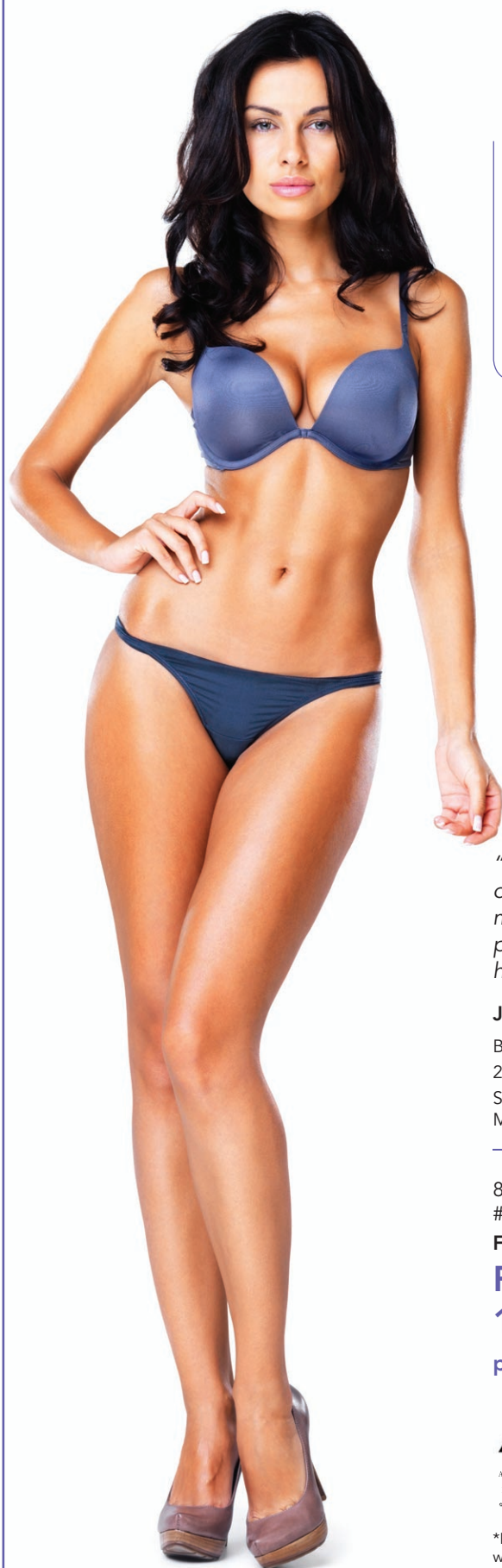
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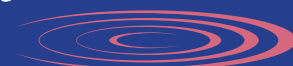
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reached San Diego, many had anemia, swollen joints, and trouble seeing. Some had died. They received last rites and a seafarer's burial: cast overboard.

Ascensión offered the standard explanation. Whenever a Manila galleon reached the California coast, usually near Cape Mendocino, the "severe sickness" would appear. "Scarcely a man escapes from suffering greatly from it." In some instances, there was "hardly a person left to manage the sails or bring them to the port of destination."

The cause, Ascensión believed, was the weather along the coast: "A very sharp, subtle, and cold wind blows, which passes through thin men. It must carry with it much pestilence."

Instead of an airborne plague, the crews were coming down with scurvy. Many had "purple spots larger than mustard seeds" below the waist. Their legs became so stiff they couldn't walk. Then bodies became "sore as a boil."

Accounts of Cabrillo's voyage make no mention of scurvy. From San Diego onward, Vizcaíno's chroniclers speak of it more and more, and, finally, of little else.

Captains Alarcón and Peguero, and Father Ascensión, along with eight armed soldiers, rowed ashore to the beach below Point Loma. They climbed the "little mountain" that sheltered the bay from the north wind and found, writes Ascensión, "many live oaks, junipers, and other trees such as rock-rose, heather, and one very similar to the rosemary."

Ascensión speaks of trees on the leeward side of Point Loma, and later, of snow on the ridges of Big Sur. Though Ascensión is accurate elsewhere, many historians have doubted these observations. But the climate in 1602 was quite different from today. Between 1550 and 1850 CE, the world was experiencing a "Little Ice Age." Temperatures in the Northern Hemispheres were much colder.

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When they returned, Vizcaíno had set up camp, including a large tent for a church. He posted sentinels. The men went about their labors, encouraged by the positive signs. Pilots and seamen worked on the ships.

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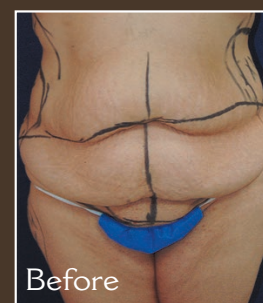
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Island). They dug holes the size of graves. Ascensión proclaimed a miracle: "When the tide was high the water that trickled into them was sweet and good, and when the tide ebbed it was brackish and bad (a secret of nature and the work of the hand of God)."

Near the camp, a senti-

nel spotted at least 100 natives coming up the beach. Naked, painted with bluish-black-and-white stripes with plumes of feathers on their heads, they shouted "noisily." But when soldiers readied their arms, the cries ceased — the natives aware of what an arquebus could do.

As he approached them,

Father Ascensión threw sand in the air and waved a white cloth: signs of peace. Those nearest gave him their bows and arrows. He returned the favor with bead necklaces and ribbons. Ascensión encouraged them to meet Vizcaíno, the general's son Juan, and Captain Gómez of the *Santo Tomás*. But see-

ing the many armed soldiers, only four did: two men and two "very wrinkled" old women.

Vizcaíno, eager to impress, wore his general's outfit: ornamental braid on the jacket, mulberry-colored breeches adorned with fringe. With regal gestures he gave the quartet strings of glass beads and biscuits. Sailors cast a net into the channel and offered the catch. A crewman had shouted, "¡Vamos a pescar!" — "Let's fish." In the days that followed, natives around the camp shouted, "a pescar!" They returned the favor with otter pelts, small fishing nets, and netlike bags.

When they grew more comfortable with the general, one of the chiefs said that bearded people, dressed like Vizcaíno, had been

inland. They were probably one of the early Spanish expeditions. But Ascensión feared otherwise. They were "foreigners," he was certain, "Hollanders or English," who had found the Strait of Anian: the Northwest Passage that allegedly connected the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. If such a waterway existed, it would shorten the voyage to California by half.

Ascensión overlooked geopolitics. If the intruders were from Holland or England, he said, the king of Spain must send an army at once to "expel such dangerous enemies, lest they contaminate the Indians with their sects and liberty of conscience."

On November 15, Vizcaíno took a landing party on the frigate to sound the bay. The chief cosmogra-

pher, Geronimo Palacios, couldn't go. He was ill.

They rowed at night. Lanterns lit the flood tide. At dawn, six leagues into the bay, they saw the full extent of their discovery. The king of Spain wanted a safe harbor for Manila galleons heading south to Acapulco. Nothing the expedition had seen thus far came close. San Diego was "large enough for all kinds of vessels, more secure than at the anchorage, and better for careening the ships, for they could be placed high and dry during the flood tide and taken down at ebb tide, even if they were of a thousand tons."

The more they saw, the more the bay must have resembled Cabrillo's "San Miguel." But Vizcaíno had the ambitions of a conquis-



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tador (many accused him of wanting to be the next Cortés). He overlooked what must have been obvious: Cabrillo mentioned no port the size of San Miguel south of San Miguel. Nonetheless Vizcaino acted as if he were the first non-native to discover the splendid natural harbor.

The party anchored, most likely near today's Seaport Village. They walked three leagues (approximately nine miles) down the South Bay shoreline.

Natives approached at a distance. They kept away, even after signs of peace. Then an ancient woman, dressed in animal skins, emerged from the group. She appeared, writes Vizcaino's diarist, "to be more than one hundred fifty years old." The woman, who had "wrinkles like a blacksmith's bellows," was weeping.

Why, they never knew. Did she remember Cabrillo? Or know of violent conquistadors inland? Or was she witnessing the end of something. She never said.

Vizcaino offered her beads and biscuits. Her tears ceased. She gave him pelts of small animals and invited the landing party to her village, its thatched houses not far off. The general had vowed not to harm or interfere with the natives but had already broken that promise once. He said good-bye to the ancient woman, returned to the frigate, and sailed to his flagship the next night.

On November 20, stocked with water, firewood, and fresh meat, the three ships left "San Diego." The *Tres Reyes* explored the bay to the north. Ensign Sebastián Melendes later told Vizcaino that a sand bar, just two fathoms deep, crossed the entry. He saw a large grove of trees along an estuary to the east, and so many natives he didn't go ashore. Melendes didn't think the "bay of the narrow entrance," unprotected from the wind, was worth sounding. One hundred

seventy years later, it came to be known as "False Bay."

The *Tres Reyes* rejoined the fleet near Encinitas. The northwest wind, writes Ascensión, "king and absolute master of this sea and coast, commenced its work anew."

As did the curse of scurvy. Men began dying in greater numbers. By the time the fleet reached Monterey Bay, which Vizcaino named after the viceroy of New Spain, "there was scarcely one who could say he was entirely sound and perfectly well." ■

Next time: To the Freezing North.

— Jeff Smith

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as San Diego.

Phillips insists that Escondido's infrastructure is in good shape.

Jeff Moorad, who is buying the Padres in increments and is chief executive officer, has asked Escondido to approve a development agreement before the supreme court hearing so that it will be ready if the court sides with the parties that want the state's decision overturned. Moorad may sell the team if he can't land Escondido, Padres negotiator Steve Peace told the *North County Times*.

Right now, the council is lined up three to two in favor of the project. But some ballpark supporters fear it's academic. "I don't have a good feeling about the high court's decisions

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in January," says Dick Daniels, a former councilmember and mayoral candidate, who supports a ballpark. The state set up the redevelopment agencies and can shut them down, says Daniels.

I emailed the five members of the council, including Abed, for comment, and only Gallo responded. ■

My last wipeout

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lives and works. He asks that I not record the conversation.

Joe Bauguess's belief that the Mini-Simmons would be kept "under wraps," Kenvin tells me, concerned only its use for *Hydrodynamica*, the film that he is still putting together on Bob Simmons's influence in the surfing world. Kenvin maintains that he never profited from what shapers other than Bauguess

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did with the Mini-Simmons. "That was their responsibility," he tells me.

Despite their disagreements, Kenvin and Bauguess collaborated on marketing the Mini-Simmons for several years. For each board sold, Kenvin says he paid Bauguess \$150 for shaping it. Over the course of the relationship, Kenvin claims he paid out \$14,000. What is making the board successful, he continues, has been how the Mini-Simmons is being presented by the ongoing *Hydrodynamica* project and its website, especially a photo on its main page. The photo shows the board in a brilliant ethereal white. In 2008, Kenvin also wrote in the *Surfer's Journal* an article called "Remember the Future," which highlights Simmons's influence on contemporary surfing.

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mons tells me that Bauguess “modernized” what Simmons had done in an “innovative” way. But an email Kenvin sent me before we talked calls Bauguess’s contributions “minor refinements.” Farther on in the email, Kenvin argues that “without the surfing done on it and the pure white finish and the writing and photographs, and especially the acknowledgment of Simmons, it would have been just another funny looking board.”

In September 2009, Joe Bauguess stopped shaping Mini-Simmons boards for Kenvin, who tells me that the decision hit him hard. “I’d still be working for Joe today if he hadn’t done that. I was completely loyal. And

he has never once thanked me.”

“I deserve some credit for creating the Mini-Simmons,” Bauguess says, citing a flatter bottom and sharper outside rail as only two of the features he added that could not have come from Simmons. Earlier this year, Bauguess finally obtained a trademark for the board. “It’s not an ego thing. This last year, while the Mini-Simmons board was being sold everywhere, using the name I gave it, I often had no orders to work on. I’m 67 years old and receive \$370 from Social Security and no retirement. All I want from the board is to be able to continue making enough money to live on.” ■

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viders deserve a defense under the state’s medical marijuana laws and these are issues for a jury to decide,” said ASA chief counsel Joe Elford in a press release announcing the appeal.

Jackson, a Navy veteran, was convicted on his second trial, as district attorney Bonnie Dumanis had previously brought similar charges against him in 2009. That case ended in acquittal, as the judge allowed consideration of the state’s medical marijuana law during trial.

By Dave Rice

Wednesday, November 23

Small Business, Big Issues

Mayoral Forum Hits Key Points

Bankers Hill — On November 18, mayoral candidates Carl DeMaio, Bonnie Dumanis, and Bob Filner addressed business leaders at a breakfast at Cucina Urbana hosted by the San Diego chapter of the National Latina Business Women Association. NBC 7 news anchor Catherine Garcia moderated the hour-long forum.

Given only a few minutes to respond to each question, the candidates stuck to their campaigns’ key speaking points, with all of them discussing the need for job growth. DeMaio and Dumanis both said that in order to create jobs, the city would have to get its own financial house in order; they both emphasized their support for the pension-reform measure on June’s ballot.

DeMaio said that government does not create jobs and that our economic recovery will arise from the small businesses’ ability to thrive.

Filner stressed that it is not just about the city’s finances or permits but also about making sure vital programs such as the arts and education are not abandoned. He called the pension-reform plan supported by the other candidates (Nathan Fletcher included) a way of throwing the city’s workers under the bus. Filner also disagreed with DeMaio’s opinion and stated that the government can and does create jobs; he cited investments in alternative energy as one of the proven methods of success.

By Esther Rubio-Sheffrey

Monday, November 21

Save Silas

O.B. Woman Wants Her Baby Back

Ocean Beach — **Larissa**

Danielli, the Ocean Beach woman who was arrested after a fire broke out in her apartment complex in early November, has started a “Save Silas” donation page to raise funds to reclaim her son from Child Protective Services.

“I’m raising money to save my 22-month-old baby boy, Silas. We were victims of an apartment fire (through no fault of our own). Due to the fire, I lost my home, my business, my job, and my child. Although I didn’t break ONE LAW, my baby was illegally and wrongfully seized due to the fact that I am a medical marijuana patient. I am fighting to bring him home,” Larissa states in the appeal for funds to pay for attorney fees.

Danielli also encourages friends and supporters to help her by writing letters to politicians.

By Gail Powell

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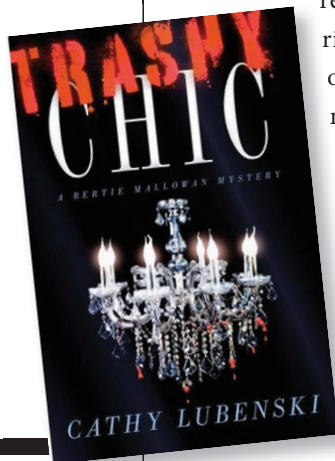
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WHAT IS POLITICAL POPULISM?

The Civilized Conversation Club converges at Filter to discuss “Which is the real populism: Occupy Wall Street, the Tea Party, or both?” You are welcome to share your opinion or just listen to the conversation.

WHEN: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Filter, 4096 30th Street, North Park. 858-231-6209; civilizedconversation.wordpress.com



Saturday | 3

TRASHY CHIC

Carlsbad author Cathy Lubenski signs her first book, “a humorous murder mystery” about a reporter who’s worried about getting laid off. Lubenski, a former employee of the *Union-Tribune*, drew from her experience.

WHEN: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-268-4747;

mystgalaxy.com

Friday | 2

AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

Academy Award-winning author-screenwriter Michael Blake (*Dances with Wolves*) shares *Boy in the Rain*, a reminiscence of his late brother, artist David Webb, via film and verse. Webb’s work will be on display. Also, hosted reception and book-signing.

WHEN: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Swift Gallery at NTC, 2820 Roosevelt Road, Point Loma. 858-205-7558; swiftsd.blogspot.com/2011/11/dark-and-stormy-night-gets-darker-loss.html

Sunday | 4

SONO PARK HOLIDAY FEST AND CHILIPALOOZA

The San Diego Ceramic Connection and the McKinley Elementary School Foundation host this chili competition — featuring restaurants Alchemy, Sea Rocket Bistro, Station Tavern, and more — for “chili bragging rights.” Donate \$15 for a sample and a hand-crafted ceramic bowl. Also, food trucks, beer and wine, arts and crafts, children’s activities, and live music.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Ceramic Connections, 3216 Thorn Street, North Park. 619-281-2529; sonoparkholidayfest.blogspot.com



MONDAY, DECEMBER 5: AUTISM AND ANIMALS

Monday | 5

AUTISM AND ANIMALS

Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs hosts “An Evening with Temple Grandin,” a fundraiser featuring the renowned animal activist, *New York Times* best-selling author, and “arguably the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world” (portrayed by Claire Danes in the Emmy-award-winning HBO film).

WHEN: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE: L’Auberge Del Mar, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 800-245-9757; tenderlovingcanines.org

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Neurosciences Institute, 10640, John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 619-533-7000; sdopera.com/operas/communityconversations

Wednesday | 7

GO CLUB

Do you know how to play the oldest board game in the world? Instructor Ted Terpstra hosts an introductory class for those interested in learning the national game of Japan, “Go.” Each class will include instruction and a time for individual game play in the peaceful surroundings of the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park.

WHEN: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road, Balboa Park. 619-232-2721; niwa.org

Tuesday | 6

OPERATIC CONVERSATION!

The San Diego Opera’s Community Conversation Series hosts this evening with composer Jake Heggie and San Diego Opera’s artistic director Ian Campbell. Learn about *Moby-Dick*, Heggie’s career, and the state of modern opera in America.



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View from Berggasse

With Freud in Vienna, Austria

By Barbara Zaragoza

Vienna, Austria, is filled with two imperial palaces, one hundred art museums, and countless cafés. So where do you begin for only a few days' visit? If, like me, you're married to a psychiatrist, you take the Sigmund Freud tour.

Freud (1856–1939) lived with his parents somewhere in the Jewish Quarter until the age of 27. We visited the Vienna

Synagogue with its impressive blue dome inside. The building is pressed between two apartment houses in compliance with King Joseph II's edict that only Roman Catholic churches could have facades fronting public streets.

Freud studied medicine at the nearby University of Vienna, an institution known for its Nobel Prize winners. Today you can wander through cavernous hallways or admire the busts of illustrious professors that surround a courtyard where Freud likely lingered.

At the age of 35, Freud moved with his wife into a 4000-square-foot flat on the mezzanine floor of Berggasse #19. He established his psychoanalytic practice in a few rooms, which were kept separate from the family quarters.

Thanks to the efforts of Freud's daughter Anna, in 1971 the flat became a museum. The family rooms contain a large library. Freud's workrooms include a waiting room where his cane stands behind glass, a consulting room with an exhibit of his life, and an empty study. Within these walls, the psychoanalyst purportedly smoked 20 cigars per day, experimented with cocaine, and wrote prolifically, including what he consid-

ered to be his most brilliant work, *The Interpretation of Dreams*.

A compulsive buyer of antiquities, Freud regularly scoured the city for collectibles, and he had over 2500 copies of statues from ancient civilizations scattered across his workrooms, some even strewn on the floor because he ran out of space. The antiquities, like the couch, are not in Vienna, but remain in the London house where Freud lived after he escaped from the Nazis in 1938.

Sigmund Freud Park, a few blocks from Berggasse #19, may have been where the psychoanalyst ruminated over his analysands. We ended our tour here, picking up a city-issued lawn chair and, surrounded by grass and trees, dreamt the rest of our afternoon away.

Chihuahuan Desert, Mexico

By David Bainbridge

A good friend of mine was going down to the middle of the Chihuahuan Desert to do her doctoral research, and she invited me down for a visit. I couldn't say no because I love the desert.

On the road down, talk turned to the town and the challenge of getting supplies into the heart of the desert. She casually mentioned that she had previously barely avoided a shootout between the *federales* and narcos...and that after two *federales* were killed they were left in the street for more than two weeks. I wasn't planning on going to town, anyway.

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Other Adventures



raecosta: Just passing through — Lamar Valley, Yellowstone National Park



gmobriseno: A goose posing in front of the Ponte Vecchio bridge in Florence, Italy



Tony Brogdon: Family building sand castle — Rosarito Beach, Baja

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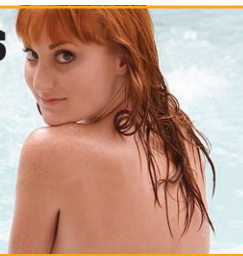
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Villager Peak, Santa Rosa Mountains

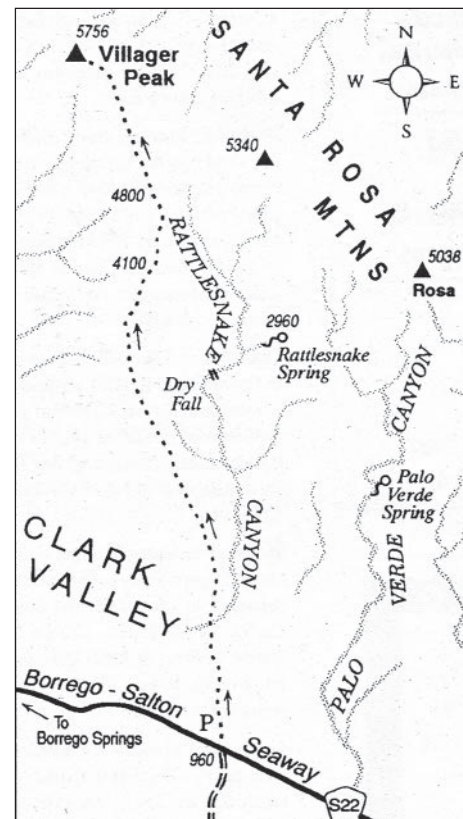
Spotted with weather-beaten piñon pines, Villager Peak in the southern Santa Rosa Mountains rises nearly a mile above the lowlands of Anza-Borrego

Desert. Serious "peak baggers" from around the state are drawn to its summit, which due to its high elevation, steadfastly resists any easy approach.

Some people take a full two days to backpack the waterless 13-mile round trip route described here; others like to zip up and down in a single day. As the days grow

ever cooler but shorter this season, the latter option only works safely for those who are in top physical shape and who are willing to hit the trail by dawn's first light. Others are invited to try just the first part of the trek. Simply climb upward until you are "half-tired" and save the other half of your strength for the trip back down. The higher you go, the more rewarding the view. Don't forget to take along plenty of drinking water.

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which is at times marked by a rough, informal trail.

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face of the Salton Sea mirrors the red glow spreading across the east horizon.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

“Arch, the Angel!” Foothills children’s choirs in holiday recital about “the real meaning of Christmas.” Sunday, December 4, 3pm; **free**. Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Boulevard. (LA MESA)

“Mingus Live in the Underworld” Renowned contrabassist

Early Morning Hiking Naturalist Mary Lueking leads moderately paced five-mile hike to look for wildlife. Pass through varying habitat zones on way to waterfall. Wear footwear suitable for uneven trail. 858-484-3219. Saturday, December 3, 7am; **free**. Camino Ruiz trailhead, 11489 Camino Ruiz. (MIRA MESA)

Search for Saturn and Jupiter As well as shooting stars and more during stargazing party in MiraCosta College’s baseball field (weather permitting). Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 8pm; **free**. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Tracking Trek Mammal and critter lifestyles revealed on nature walk with tracking team guide. “Discover and examine the signs wildlife leave behind.” Wear long pants. 619-668-3281. Saturday, December 3, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Bert Turetzky and poet Chuck Perrin perform this “scintillating musical performance piece” and other selections, with violinist Jamie Shadowlight. 858-456-1800. Saturday, December 3, 7pm; **free**. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

“The World Within Our Grasp” TEDxSanDiego promises more than 20 speakers expressing “idea that anyone who is sufficiently passionate and inspired by a cause can have a positive impact on a local, national, or even global scale.” 858-208-9227. Saturday, December 3, 9am; **free**-\$100. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

“Through the Eyes of Children” View 20 decorated Christmas trees when San Diego Floral Society hosts display in room 101. Trees are later donated to retirement, assisted living facilities. Floral designs, protea stems, gingerbread cookies for sale. 619-232-5762. Friday, December 2, 5pm; Saturday, December 3, 10am; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Tree of Life” Mama’s Kitchen hosts 20th annual tree-lighting ceremony at Village Hillcrest (3965 Fifth Avenue) to commemorate World AIDS Day; trees are decorated with ornaments honoring those who have been affected by AIDS (on display through holidays). Terry Cunningham leads candlelight vigil. Holiday tunes by San Diego Gay Men’s Chorus. Living Memorial slideshow. Bring nonperishable food items to

donate. Proceeds benefit Mama’s Kitchen. 619-233-6262. Thursday, December 1, 6pm; **free**. Hillcrest, 3737 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

“Twinkle, Twinkle, Mix, and Mingle” Take seasonal celebrations, live music. Explore neighborhood’s art galleries, restaurants, cafés, retail shops. Use trolley to tour (6-10pm) or walk. Urban Safari walking tour departing Juniper Street info booth (6:30pm). Saturday, December 3, 6pm; **free**. South Park, 30th Street at Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

(Banjo) Open House Holiday open house promises factory tours (10:30am, 12:30pm), banjo workshops for “pre-beginners” and beginning/intermediate bluegrass (10:30am). Reservations: 619-464-8252 or 800-845-7791. Saturday, December 3, 10am; **free**. Deering Banjo Company, 3733 Kenora Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

An Evening of Remembrance Academy Award-winning author-screenwriter Michael Blake (*Dances With Wolves*) shares *Boy in the Rain*, a reminiscence of his late brother “through film and verse” during “Celebration of the Art of David Graham Webb.” Hosted reception, book signing. 858-205-7558. Friday, December 2, 5pm; **free**. Swift Gallery at NTC, 2820 Roosevelt Road. (POINT LOMA)

David Graham Webb Memorial Academy Award-winning author-screenwriter Michael Blake (*Dances With Wolves*) shares *Boy in the Rain*, a reminiscence of his late

brother David “through film and verse.” Selection of Webb’s paintings displayed. Hosted reception, book signing. 858-205-7558. Sunday, December 4, 1pm; **free**. Powerhouse Community Center, 1658 Coast Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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, December 3 and 4, 10am; **free**. Cathy Carey’s Art Studio, 2048 Ridgcrest Place. (ESCONDIDO)

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Festival, Carmel Mountain Road at Highland Ranch Road. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Carmel Valley Artists Show and Sale Wares including blown glass, various forms of jewelry, wood crafts, ceramics on offer during 48th annual winter sale. 760-945-6922. Saturday, December 3, 9:30am; **free**. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 9675 Scranton Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

December Nights Balboa Park hosts 34th annual holiday tradition with music, dance, shopping, international cuisine at House of Pacific Relations Cottages. Santa Lucia Procession at San Diego Museum of Man; gift shopping at museum stores and with artisans of Spanish Village; music and dance. Select museums open their doors to visitors free of charge. 619-239-0512. Friday, December 2, 5pm; Saturday, December 3, 12pm; **free**. Balboa

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A *fiesta* at the scientists’ desert reserve began with horse races one afternoon. It was a beautiful day with groups of ranchers, scientists, and workers laughing and talking around dusty pickups. The horse races started far off in the desert and each hoof strike raised a small cloud of dust as the “jockeys” approached.

The evening feast was modest, with simple foods and beer; as night fell and the stars came out, however, the feeling of community grew.

Finally, *el guitarrista* emerged from the shadows and started to sing. His strong, clear tone complemented his playing perfectly during a very long corrido. The fire blazed and a few bottles of tequila worked their way around the crowd of 40 to 50 people.

Then “El Diablo” arrived — flashing lights on a monster pickup, radio blaring, the smell of sulfur. The local narco boss and his bodyguard got out, drunk, armed, and ready to play. He swaggered over to the fire, gold teeth and pistol gleaming in the firelight. The women showed courage as one by one they



Horse races in the desert

declined his offer to dance. El Diablo grew increasingly angry. The potential for mayhem was palpable.

Then El Diablo spotted me. I stood out, despite my best attempt to shrink into the ground. He glared at me and asked, “Will you dance with me?” I froze. Then, my brain found the Spanish to weakly reply, “Excuse me, but my wife would not permit it.”

He paused, fingered his pistol, and swigged some more tequila. (*Would it turn into my last dance, a shootout, or worse?*) With a snort and curse he rounded up his bodyguard, got back into his truck, revved the engine, and tore off into the night.

Knees quaking, I said, “*Por favor* — another drink!”

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December Nights at San Diego Museum of Man Enjoy “the return of the Tortilla Lady, roving mariachis, folkloric dancers,” Holiday Hofbräuhaus and Christmas Cantina with live music, libations, more. Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 5pm; **free**. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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; \$25-\$30. All Souls’ Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Fair Trade Alternative Gift Fair Shop “fairly traded craft and food items,” sample fair trade coffees and foods, learn about local and international service organizations. 619-575-2845. Sunday, December 4, 10am; **free**. First Lutheran Church of San Diego, 1420 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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 Christmas Day. Admission includes skate rental. 858-966-6700. Daily, 10am to 10pm, through Sunday, January 8, \$12-\$14. Horton Square, 225 Broadway Circle. (DOWNTOWN)

Find Unique Art Objects Winter art and ceramic sale of items created by Palomar College students, just past Boehm Gallery in art department quad. 760-744-1150

x2304. Thursday through Saturday, December 1-3, 9am; **free**. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Greeting Card Crafting Chizuko Sieving leads workshop for teens and adults divulging ways “to create beautiful and original greeting cards.” Materials provided. Registration: 858-573-1396. Thursday, December 1, 4pm; **free**. 16 and up. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Holiday Bazaar Shop in support of “the industrious women” of the Foundation for Women, offering handmade jewelry, bags, clothing, arts, crafts, more for sale. Catered lunch: \$10. RSVP for lunch: 858-483-0400 or cory@foundationfor-women.org. Friday, December 2, 11am; **free**-\$10. Co-Merge, 330 A Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Holiday Fest: Eco-Friendly, Artisanal, Handmade Wabisabi Green and other “eco-friendly vendors and local artists” gather to sell their wares. See “an interactive mural made out of environmentally-friendly cork” benefiting Coastal Community Foundation’s Healthy Day Fund. Live music, a “pop culture desserts table,” gourmet fare from Alchemy. 760-445-9225. Saturday, December 3, 10am; **free**. Form and Function, 414 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Holiday Home Tour: Lakeside Proceeds from Lakeside Historical Society’s 23rd annual holiday home tour help preserve the Olde Community Church (built in 1896). Self-guided tour features Cecil’s Restaurant building, a home and other buildings that were part of historic Ferry Ranch and the Lighthouse home. 619-561-1886. Admission: \$7.50-\$15. Saturday, December 3, 10am to 2pm; Lakeside Historical Society, 9906 Maine Avenue. (LAKESIDE)

Holiday Parade “Encinitas 25 — Celebrating our Beginning” is theme for parade promising floats and bands, running along Coast Highway 101, from D Street to J Street (5:30pm). Evening begins with tree

Rhyme & Verse

Mr. Flood’s Party

A poem by Edwin Arlington Robinson

Old Eben Flood, climbing alone one night
Over the hill between the town below
And the forsaken upland hermitage
That held as much as he should ever know
On earth again of home, paused warily.
The road was his with not a native near;
And Eben, having leisure, said aloud,
For no man else in Tilbury Town to hear:

“Well, Mr. Flood, we have the harvest moon
Again, and we may not have many more;
The bird is on the wing, the poet says,
And you and I have said it here before.
Drink to the bird.” He raised up to the light
The jug that he had gone so far to fill,
And answered huskily: “Well, Mr. Flood,
Since you propose it, I believe I will.”

Alone, as if enduring to the end
A valiant armor of scarred hopes outworn.
He stood there in the middle of the road
Like Roland’s ghost winding a silent horn.
Below him, in the town among the trees,
Where friends of other days had honored him,
A phantom salutation of the dead
Rang thinly till old Eben’s eyes were dim.

Then, as a mother lays her sleeping child
Down tenderly, fearing it may awake,
He sat the jug down slowly at his feet
With trembling care, knowing that most things break;
And only when assured that on firm earth
It stood, as the uncertain lives of men
Assuredly did not, he paced away,
And with his hand extended paused again:

“Well, Mr. Flood, we have not met like this
In a long time; and many a change has come
To both of us, I fear, since last it was
We had a drop together. Welcome home!”
Convivially returning with himself,
Again he raised the jug up to the light;
And with an acquiescent quaver said:
“Well, Mr. Flood, if you insist, I might.

“Only a very little, Mr. Flood —
For auld lang syne. No more, sir; that will do.”
So, for the time, apparently it did
And Eben apparently thought so too;
For soon among the silver loneliness
Of night he lifted up his voice and sang,
Secure, with only two moons listening,
Until the whole harmonious landscape rang —

“For auld lang syne.” The weary throat gave out,
The last word wavered, and the song was done.
He raised again the jug regretfully
And shook his head, and was again alone.
There was not much that was ahead of him,
And there was nothing in the town below —
Where strangers would have shut the many doors
That many friends had opened long ago.



The poetry of Edwin Arlington Robinson (1865–1935) was so admired by president Theodore Roosevelt that he secured for the impoverished poet a position in the New York Customs House that allowed Robinson the income and free time to continue writing. Robinson’s work eventually became well known and greatly admired and he won the Pulitzer Prize three times. The poet, who battled alcoholism throughout much of his life, never married. “Mr. Flood’s Party,” one of the enduring masterpieces of American poetry, was originally published in 1921.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

lighting ceremony in Lumberyard shopping center courtyard (5pm). 760-633-2740. Saturday, December 3, 5pm; **free**. Encinitas, Highway 101 between D and J streets. (ENCINITAS)

Holiday Party with Artists Meet local painters, potters, jewelers, sculptors, glass artists during 11th annual party with live music at Del Mar Art Center (Suite 112). 858-481-1678 or 760-745-5956.

Sunday, December 4, 5pm; **free**. Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar. (DEL MAR)

Holiday Pug Fun Annual holiday party for San Diego Pug Rescue includes pug boutique, “Pug Grill,” and photo opp with “pugtographer,” 619-685-3580. Saturday, December 3, 10am; **free**. Harry Griffen Regional Park, 9550 Mildred Street. (LA MESA)

Holiday Wonderland Head to downtown Del Mar for samples from local restaurants, horse and carriage rides, live music, pictures with Santa, fun zone, arts and crafts, cake walk, more. 858-755-1179. Sunday, December 4, 2pm;

Bully’s Del Mar, 1404 Camino del Mar. (DEL MAR)

Holiday of Lights More than 400 lighted, holiday-themed displays for viewing from visitors’ cars. Holiday Hayrides: 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)

Kringle Mingle Holiday celebration promising musical performances by Devine School for Guitar, Ada Harris Wildcat Band, Hulla-

baloo. More than 20 local artisans offer their wares. Children’s craft table. Photos with Santa. Sunday, December 4, 2pm; **free**. Cardiff Town Center, at San Elijo Avenue and Birmingham Drive. (CARDIFF)

Lemon Grove Bonfire Celebrate holidays during 14th annual community bonfire. Event promises games, laser tag, live music, horse-drawn carriage rides. Friday, December 2, 6pm; **free**. Civic Center Park, 3200 Main Street. (LEMON GROVE)

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LOCAL EVENTS

mosaic, mixed media, photography, textiles. 619-223-0058. Friday, December 2, 5pm; **free**. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Pottery Tour Fourth annual self-guided tour of 21 San Diego-area potters and studios at 11 locations from Spring Valley to Point Loma. 619-820-6766. Locations: www.sdpotterytour.com.

Resale Shop Holiday Sale Held by Friends of the UCSD International Center Friday. On the walkways outside of the Resale Shop at the UCSD International Center. International treasures including fabrics, figurines, knickknacks, festive holiday items and gifts, decorations, lights, decorative dishes, coffee-table books, candles, greeting cards, etc. Proceeds go to UCSD International Scholarship recipients. International Center Dining Room. Friday, December 2, 10am-2pm (rain date: Tuesday, December 6, 10am-2pm). University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Holiday Art Festival Shop wares of over 200 craftspeople, fine artists. Artist demonstrations. Entertainment. 805-461-6700. Friday through Sunday, December 2-4, 10am; **free**-\$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

SoNo Park Holiday Fest and Chilipalooza San Diego Ceramic Connection and McKinley Elementary School Foundation host chili competition with restaurants competing for "chili bragging rights" (Alchemy, Sea Rocket Bistro, Station Tavern, Lefty's, the Linkery/El Take It Easy, U-31, Vagabond, Ritual Tavern, more). Donate \$15 to sample chilis, keep handcrafted ceramic bowl. Food trucks on hand, beer and wine from local breweries and vineyards, artists and craft vendors, children's activities. Music by Shawn Rohlf and the Buskers, Galaxy, Adams and Eves, others. Sunday, December 4, 11am; **free**. San Diego Ceramic Connections, 3216 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Spiritual Master Offers Free Public Talks! Science of Spirituality, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to love, unity, and peace, invites you to attend free public talks by world-renowned Spiritual Master, and Spiritual Head of Science of Spirituality, His Holiness, Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj. Programs are free to all! To learn more, call 800-978-5778, or visit www.sos-ca.org. Saturday, December 3, 7pm; Sunday, December 4, 2pm; Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road. (CORONADO)

St. Mark's Carillion Handbell Choir Ring in holiday season with performance of traditional secular and sacred holiday tunes by St. Mark's Carillion Handbell Choir. Carol sing-along planned. 619-232-6203 x129. Saturday, December 3,

6:30pm; **free**. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Traditional Hand-Bell Choir Concert San Diego Harmony Ringers in recital. 619-232-6203 x129. Friday, December 2, 6:30pm; **free**. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

UCSD Crafts Center Holiday Sale Find "affordable holiday gifts" at UCSD Crafts Center in Revelle Campus (near Hi Thai, Main Gym, and KSDT). On offer: handmade fine-ware ceramics, glass, jewelry, more. 858-534-2021. Thursday, December 1, 10am; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

What Is Political Populism? Civilized Conversation Club considers "which is the real populism: Occupy Wall St., the Tea Party, or both?" Share what you think or just listen. 858-231-6209. Thursday, December 1, 7pm; **free**. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Bark & Brew by It's The Pits Dog Rescue Join It's The Pits for our 2nd annual Bark & Brew event! Live music, food, drinks and our fabulous raffle — grand prize \$500! Funds raised will benefit Operation Puppy Love, supporting rescued puppies and dogs. You can purchase raffle tickets, learn more about the event and Operation Puppy Love at www.itspitsrescuegroups.org. Questions: 858-484-0985. Saturday, December 10, 6pm. La Jolla Brew House, 7536 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Gary Morris in Concert The San Diego Playhouse presents "Wind



Every dog has his day — Bark & Brew by It's The Pits Dog Rescue at the La Jolla Brew House next Saturday, December 10

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)

New Year's Eve Soiree! Ages 45-65. Simply The Best Singles, an upscale organization for singles looking for relationships, marriage and more, offers this dance/mixer at the beautiful Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club. Celebrate the New Year with entertainer, Pete Peterkin, a Finalist on America's Got Talent! Complimentary appetizers, lock & key, champagne toast and more! \$42. Must pre-pay at www.SimplyTheBestSingles.com or call 818-577-6877. Saturday, December 31, 8:30pm to 12:30am. Carmel Mountain Ranch Country

Club, 14050 Carmel Ridge Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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 Derger, 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 Kardambik, Brian Zimmerman, Alida Cervantes and professors Ernest Silva, Louis Hock, Ruben Ortiz-Torres, Anya Gallaccio, Saturday, November 19 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.

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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 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” opens Saturday, November 19 and 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.

“Maneki Neko — Japan’s Beckoning Cats — from Talisman to Pop Icon” includes selections from a collection of 155 cats given to museum by collector Billie Moffitt. Made in the 19th and 20th centuries, each cat is unique; most are made of clay, but some are wood, metal, ceramic, papier mâché. A fabricated cat with a paw upraised in the Japanese gesture of beckoning has been considered a good luck charm, drawing good fortune to individuals and businesses, since the Edo period (1603-1868). Enjoy the cats through Sunday, January 15. **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 through Sunday, January 22, “evokes the moment and mood of a place by controlling the quality of light, color, or other sensory information.”

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BOOK SIGNINGS

Meet the Duo Behind Nimpentoad San Diego elementary school students Josh and Harrison Herz read from and sign their recently published children's fantasy, "the story of a courageous and resourceful little Nibling." Thursday, December 1, 4pm; **free**. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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Queen of America Luis Alberto Urrea discusses and signs his newest novel (provided it's purchased

from Warwick's). 858-454-0347. Friday, December 2, 7:30pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Trashy Chic Launch party planned when Carlsbad author Cathy Lubenski signs copies of her humorous murder mystery. 760-585-5383. Saturday, December 3, 2pm; **free**. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Save Your Home for the Holidays Anna Cuevas, author of *Save Your Home: Without Losing Your Mind or Your Money*, offers her advice and her signature. 619-667-2870. Saturday, December 3, 1pm; **free**. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

COMEDY

"Neverlution" Comedy by Christopher Titus. Under 21 admitted with parent. 760-789-7008. Saturday, December 3, 7pm; \$35-\$50. Ramona Mainstage Nightclub, 626 Main Street. (RAMONA)

Comedian Jo Koy Laugh with the *Chelsea Lately* regular. 800-745-3000 Saturday, December 3, 8pm; \$48. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Comedy Chaos Stand-up comedy in the Artlab Studios, hosted by Dan Bublitz, Jr. Featuring Andy Salinas and Dylan Boisvert; headlined by Omar Moore. Friday, December 2,

8pm; \$5. 18 and up. Art Lab, 3536 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

LEC Production's Comedy Event Headliner Zoltan Kaszas, with Neal Kelly, Billy Bonnell & Bob Hansen. 714-388-8552. Saturday, December 3, 8pm; **free**. 21 and up. Kelly's Public House, 15817 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

DANCE

"Riverdance" Celebration of Irish music, song, and dance hits stage for farewell performances. Show was composed by Bill Whelan, produced by Moya Doherty, directed by John McColgan. 619-570-1100. Friday, December 2, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 3, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, December 4, 12:30pm and 5:30pm; \$20-\$79. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"WinterDance 2011" Hip-hop, modern, ballet, tap, jazz — Palomar dance students present original choreography in variety of styles, directed by Patriceann Mead. 760-744-1150 x2453. Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 8pm; Sunday, December 4, 2pm; \$8-\$12. Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College, 1140 W. Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

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Day of Dance with Dancers Who Donate Kruciaal Element Dance Company offers beginning, intermediate, and advanced level hip-hop dance classes. The fee: two canned food items per class for donation to San Diego Food Bank. Instructors are professional working dance educators. 619-322-1015. Saturday, December 3, 1pm; Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

Master Classes for All Southwestern College's dance program and Groove Basics host master class dance series open to public in room 1006. Learn beginning hip-hop on first and third Friday; advanced hip-hop taught by guest instructor on second and fourth Friday. 619-322-1015. Fridays, 6:30pm; through Friday, May 11, \$5-\$10. Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road. (CHULA VISTA)

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FILM

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You Don't Know Jack Screening hosted by Hemlock Society, in which Al Pacino portrays Dr. Jack Kevorkian. Comments follow by Hemlock Society of San Diego president Faye Girsh. 619-233-4418. Sunday, December 4, 1:30pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

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Pastor: Stephen Parker
Age: 63
Born: Buffalo, NY
Formation: Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Mass.; U.S. Navy chaplain (1986–2004).
Years Ordained: 33

San Diego Reader: *What is your favorite subject on which to preach?*
Pastor Stephen Parker: Because my sermons are exegetical, I really don’t think in those terms. But what’s the goal of my preaching? It is first of all to glorify to Christ and sec-

ondly it is to discipline and build the body, or to feed the sheep, in other words. Those two elements have got to be together. It can’t be one or the other because then I think you’re missing the point and purpose of the Scriptures.
SDR: *What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?*
PS: My main concern would be that the people who claim to be followers of Christ are actually living day to day as a follower of Christ. To live as a follower of Christ impacts the political, social and the familial. There is no compartmentalization of the faith. It’s easy for Christians to be enthusiastic or zeal-

ous about different issues, whether politics, social issues, or even the tenets of Christianity. But if we’re seeking to live in such a way that glorifies God, honoring and expressing love of him as the First Great Commandment, as it is called, then those other political and social things are going to fall out from it. You’re not going to be on the fringe or neglecting your family or things that ought to be done in society. They’ll come as a byproduct of loving God and loving your neighbor.
SDR: *Why did you become a minister?*
PS: I was raised in a Presbyterian church and I became a Christian when I was 19

years old in a Presbyterian church. Within that first year as I was growing in the things of God, I really wanted to be on the cutting edge, where God was working in people’s lives....During that time, there were certain men in the church I was attending who were confirming the sense of calling I was having.
SDR: *What in general distinguishes the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?*
PS: It was formed in 1936 and had pulled away from mainline Presbyterianism because of its departure from Scriptures in their confessional basis and in their practice and mission. We’re not mainline Presbyterianism; we seek to strictly adhere to



Stephen Parker: “Scripture gives only two options: Christ or Hell.”

what Scripture says. Scriptures are the rule of our faith and our practice.
SDR: *Where do you go when you die?*
PS: Immediately, Scripture indicates, you come into the presence of God. Those in Christ have eternal life in the pleasure and pres-

ence of God. Those not in Christ, in the eternal wrath and punishment of God, as sin earns. The Scripture is plain on this point, even though some deny it because they can’t bear the idea they may be wrong and have to answer for it to God. When you reject the idea of God punishing sin, you negate his holiness and do away with the purpose of Christ’s work. As in Ephesians 1, it is for those that God has chosen for adoption as “sons,” and it is by God’s grace alone. Scripture gives only two options: Christ or Hell.
— Joseph O’Brien

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GALLERIES

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"The 99% Art Show" Brokers Building Artists host a group exhibition in response to current economic climate. 858-205-7558. Friday, December 2, 7pm; **free**. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Smallest Bird Sings the Sweetest Song" Exhibit of wildlife watercolors and oils by Joe Garcia opens with reception. View through January 15, 2012. 760-765-1676. Saturday, December 3, 4pm; **free**. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

LECTURES

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Topics include "The New New Age — How to Get from Here to There," "Space and Time — Science Scratches its Head," "The New Face of Terrorism." 760-931-1289. Saturday, December 3, 8:30am; \$67-\$147. 21 and up. Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

Occupy San Diego Teach-In Discussion of OWS List of Grievances, called "Declaration of the Occupation of New York City" (11am-1pm). Also on tap: "The Communist Manifesto, Part II" (1-2pm); teach-in by Western Service Workers Association (2-3pm); "Street Theatre on the March" workshop by Michael Mufson of Palomar College Performing Arts Department (3-4pm). Civic Center Plaza, 1100 3rd Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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The 99% Art Show: this downtown exhibition by Brokers Building Artists is "in response to our current economic climate."

the materials needed to create 3 ornaments in class. Prepayment is required to reserve your seat. 619-280-8408. Saturday, December 3, 12pm; \$25. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

Visiting Artist Lecture: William Lamson Brooklyn-based artist working in video, photography, performance, sculpture to address "issues of masculinity, amateurism, science, play, and the quixotic quest for personal heroism that accompanies these subjects" speaks in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. 858-822-7755. Thursday, December 1, 4pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Zombie Makeup Classes Former Disneyland makeup artist Ron Wolek leads classes in prosthetics

(December 3), blood FX (December 8), and dead flesh (December 9 and 10). All ages welcome. 407-377-6691. Saturday, December 3, 6pm; \$25-\$200. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

SPOKEN WORD

"Dearest Mother: Letters Home from World War II" Performer Ross Moore presents a social history of World War II incorporating letters his father wrote home to his mother and period magazine articles. Saturday, December 3, 2pm; **free**. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

"Women's Words on Stage" Support budding women poets during second "Page to Stage" poetry workshop performance. Reservations: 619-233-7963. Sunday, December 4, 6pm; **free**-\$5. Women's Museum of California, 2323 Broadway, Suite 107. (GOLDEN HILL)

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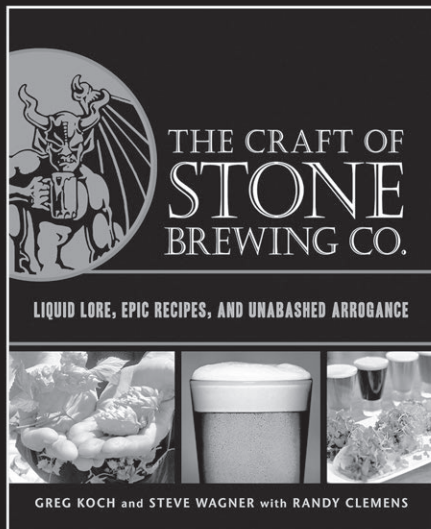
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SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: TOP-SHELF

On Sunday, November 6, at the San Diego Symphony, pianist Stephen Hough played both of the piano concertos by Hungarian composer Franz Liszt. Liszt is most known for his virtuosic piano music, and Mr. Hough happens to be a virtuoso.

Every now and then we see a professional who appears invincible — who is performing at an elevated level and yet appears to be exerting minimal effort.

I'm thinking of Tiger Woods at his peak or Michelle Kwan at hers. I'm thinking of Michael Jordan shrugging his shoulders after making his sixth three-pointer in the first half of an NBA finals game. I'm thinking of instances where a tremendous amount of energy is being created in an almost casual manner.

That is how Mr. Hough played. I felt as though he could have done anything he wanted to with that piano.

He could have folded the nine-foot concert grand into a neat little square, put it in his pocket, shrugged his shoulders like Michael Jordan, and walked out the door as if nothing had happened.

I do not mean to imply that Mr. Hough played the piano causally or without energy. That was not the case at all. He played with the freedom of an artist who has prepared to such an extent that his limits weren't challenged by the music he was performing.

Mr. Hough appeared to be a performer who has sweat blood in the practice room so that we

can have complete access to the music he is playing.

Even though Mr. Hough's hands appeared as if they could crush my head like a grape, there were moments when he finessed the musical phrases to such an extent that I wasn't sure if he had played the final note or if my ear had inferred it.

In the first of the two piano concertos, his duet with principal cellist Yao Zhao made my hair stand on end. I was impressed by the trust between the two musicians.

The communication and trust between Mr. Hough and conductor Jahja Ling was also profound.

Once again, the San Diego Symphony gave a top-shelf performance.

SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: MAHLER KEEPS IT REAL

As the orchestra stood on Saturday night, November 12, and Jahja Ling walked to the podium, some of the players projected a sense of anticipation. It was as if they couldn't wait to get the concert started.

Their anticipation was justified, as was mine.

The only piece of music on the program was Mahler's *Ninth Symphony*. This 80-minute piece of music was performed without intermission.

The usher volunteers did a great job managing the audience's expectations. Before we reached our seats, the absence of an intermission had been ingrained into our consciousness via repetition. I must say I appreciated and respected the effort.

The last thing anyone wanted was a mass exodus after the Second Movement. As it was, we had a group of tardy patrons seated after the First Movement. The problem is that the first movement



Hough could have folded the concert grand into a neat little square, put it in his pocket, and walked out the door.

of Mahler's *Ninth* is half an hour long.

I enjoyed the verbal rebuke leveled by one patron to another — in a voice loud enough for most of us to hear: "You can't complain because you're late."

It is impossible to review the music we experienced. There is nothing I can say that will give anyone access to the experience of a live Mahler *Ninth*.

As I listened to the San Diego Symphony, everything was in its place. The orchestral transitions were smooth and nearly seamless. The transitions in Mahler's *Ninth* require a masterful conductor. We have a master in Jahja Ling.

The principal solos, excluding one glaring exception in the Third Movement, were exquisite.

I should mention that concertmaster Jeff Thayer has crushed it this season. His solos have been on the money every time.

As I observed the audience, I wondered where the students were. If you're a music student and you didn't go to Mahler's *Ninth*, feel shame and maybe even do some soul searching to determine if music is truly your calling.

Mahler could be the ultimate composer for music students. His integrity to himself and to his music is unwavering.

Were he alive today, he might say to us, "Oh, I keep it real."

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One of my favorite musical movies is *Kismet*. There isn't much of a plot, but I enjoy the music, Howard Keel, and Vic Damone.

Imagine my surprise — nay, *outrage* — when I discovered that most of the melodies were sampled from Russian composer Anton Borodin.

The most famous song from *Kismet* is "Stranger in Paradise." I grew up thinking this was one of the most charming songs in the world. Then I listened to Borodin's "Polovotsian Dances" from his unfinished opera *Prince Igor*.

There it was. The second dance is what I thought to be "Stranger in Paradise."

Initially, I considered it to be a one-off. Then I listened to Borodin's *String Quartet* and there was the theme from "Babbles, Bangles, and Beads."

Okay, so *Kismet* borrowed twice. Then I listened to Borodin's *Symphony No. 1*. WTF? The last movement was lifted for the song "Gesticulate."

The only song I can find that was original in *Kismet* is "Not Since Nineveh."

I guess it's not that big a deal, but borrowing almost every single tune and then slapping some English lyrics on them is — I don't know what it is, but I was shocked. ■

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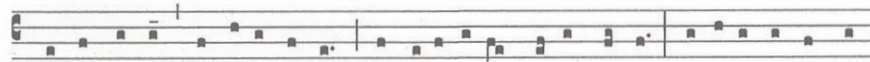
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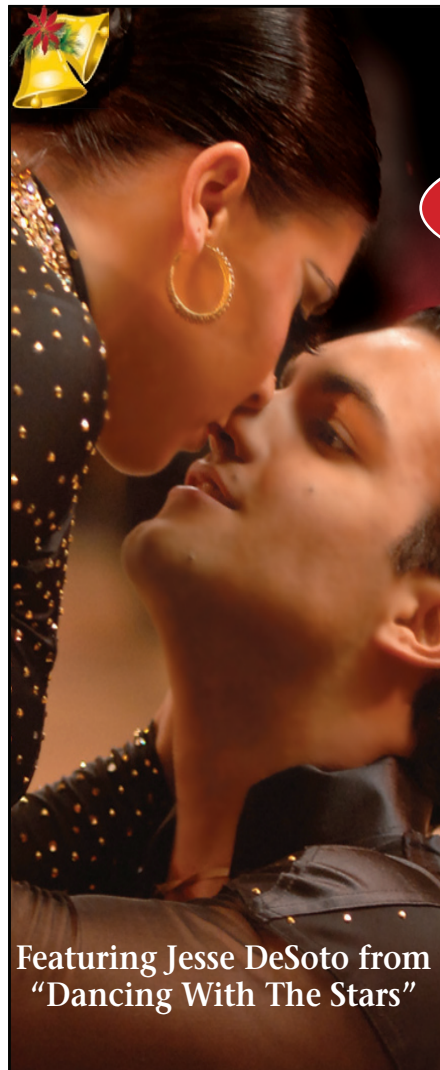
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Tale of Two Fishes

It's been ten years since I last ate at Top of the Market. Back then, the menu was similar to the downstairs Fish Market (plus a few luxury bites), with higher prices for identical upstairs-downstairs items. The cooking was inconsistent, and the Top struck me as mainly a fancy, view-endowed tourist trap.

This year, the Top acquired a serious new chef, Michael McDonald, to remake the menu and upgrade the quality. It's still pricey, for sure, while the views of Coronado across the bay are still priceless — but now much of the food is worth the cost. You can add this to your list of where to take visiting out-of-towners who want both seafood and scenery on the downtown coast.

A table on the enclosed, heated patio proved comfortable and quiet, a far cry from the hubbub of the downstairs Fish Market, and at 8:40 that evening, we got a full view of fireworks on the bay.

The chilled seafood platter is sized as an appetizer for four or entrée for two. It includes half a Maine lobster tail, half a Dungeness crab, about eight black mussels, and four each of littleneck clams, jumbo oysters, and big, velvety Fanny Bay oysters. It comes with a sweet champagne mignonette, plus sparky cocktail sauce and plenty of lemons. It was one of the best of its ilk that I've encountered.

The wine list is steep, but I found a favorite Chilean Casa Lapostolle Chardonnay to start at \$40 (about



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Top of the Market is still pricey — but now much of the food is worth the cost.

\$5 above other restaurants' average). I mentioned to our waiter that, when it was gone, we'd like a bottle of Yalumba Eden Valley Viognier. It arrived right on time, no reminder needed. *That's service!*

Our most striking appetizer wasn't seafood at all. In too few

months, foie gras will be banned in California. Here, it was seared to a crispy crust, set atop grilled brioche squares with garnishes of balsamic strawberry and a brulée of black Mission figs.

Mmm-hmm!

Seared sea scallops came with

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Top of the Market

★★★½ (Very Good to Excellent)

750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-3474; thefishmarket.com

HOURS: Lunch daily 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; dinner 4:00–9:30 p.m. Monday–Thursday, until 10:00 p.m. Friday–Saturday.

PRICES: Seafood bar \$12.25–\$14.75; chilled seafood platter \$35 to serve four; starters \$10–\$17; soups and salads \$5–\$13; entrées \$19–\$59.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Seasonal seafood (menu changes daily), plus several grilled Prime meats. Wide-ranging wine list at high markups. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Kumamoto oysters; chilled seafood platter; foie gras; seared sea scallops; sashimi; Dover sole; brioche-crusted spiny lobster. Other good bets: mesquite-grilled sea scallops; crab-crusted mahi mahi; grilled Prime rib-eye.

NEED TO KNOW: Reserve, especially for the heated, enclosed patio with close-up water view. Elevator available. Business casual dress (no flip-flops). Can be noisy, especially at tables near exhibition kitchen.

Sea Rocket Bistro

★★★½ (Very Good to Excellent)

3382 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-7049; searocketbistro.com

HOURS: 5:00–10:00 p.m. Monday–Friday; Saturday noon–10:00 p.m.; Sunday brunch 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., dinner until 10:00 p.m.

PRICES: Starters \$6–\$28; tapas (bar snacks) \$5; entrées \$14–\$18; sides \$7; desserts \$7.

CUISINE: Fresh sustainable seafood and vegetarian dishes in imaginative creations with local produce. Craft beer, hard cider, and mead, plus adequate, affordable wine selection; corkage \$12.

PICK HITS: Whole sea urchin; black cod–liver crostini; scallop ceviche; smoked squid salad; local sardines (when in season); uni gelato dessert. Other good bets: uni crostini; fish du jour; fisherman's stew; grass-fed burger.

NEED TO KNOW: Casual. Moderately loud. Plenty for vegetarians/vegans. Bread only by request. Small parking lot in back.

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such elaborate accompaniments, it was easy to forget the scallops themselves. Below their meats, a swoon of creamy celery-root purée; on the side, a slablet of *poitrine parée*, meaning

pork belly, and a puff of greenery with Dijon vinaigrette. On top, one large poached egg, to be broken so it would ooze over all the rest. Not quite coherent, but scrumptious. And



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blue-crab crabcakes proved good and crabby, with Tabasco aioli and marinated heirloom tomato. Hamachi sashimi was also pleasing.

The entrée menu is divided between “Mesquite Grilled” and “Specialties.” After hearing a nearby table asking about “groper” (setting off a quick game of R-rated charades at our table), we decided to order it — grilled New Zealand grouper, with baby artichokes, yummy cannellini beans, roasted sweet peppers, pancetta, and a potato cake. Grouper can be a fine-tasting fish, but here it was oddly dull. The Fish Market chain has a central processing plant up in Monterey; perhaps this adds extra travel time before the fish reaches the restaurant and your plate. Local opah (and to this chain, “local” can mean from anywhere along the West Coast) suffered the same lack of sparkle, and its scattershot accompaniment of Manila clams, peas, pancetta, potatoes and sweet corn broth did it no favors.

The sole finfish standout was “True Holland Dover Sole” — a fish that used to have a ritual attached to it in uppity restaurants, with tuxedoed waiters filleting and boning it at the table. Not here, not now, but you do get tasty, crisp-edged sautéed filets, with wild mushrooms, a buttery, peppery potato purée, skinny green beans, and meunière sauce. An in-season, local spiny lobster was sheer edible fun, with meat even sweeter than the Maine lobster we’d enjoyed on the seafood platter. Huge, split, and lightly crusted with brioche, it was served with beautiful veggies and not quite enough lemon *beurre blanc*. We couldn’t even think about dessert.

If you don’t have a rich aunt, there are several ways to think about a seafood dinner here without bankrupting yourself. (Our bill came to \$100 per person.) There’s the seafood platter as a potential main course. And since the appetizers are generally more imaginative than the entrées, you could focus solely on those, starting with some good clam chowder, if you’re

famished.

Or, lacking both the rich aunt and the yen for a view, you could head to Sea Rocket Bistro in North Park for more adventurous seafood, also emphasizing appetizers, but at a more merciful price, in plain, bare-table premises. There, too, a new chef, Chad White (formerly of Roseville) has been ingeniously remaking the menu, following the restaurant’s mission to use local farm produce, sustainable Pacific seafood, and pastured (grass-fed) California meats.

The most brilliant dish of our meal came at the end: uni gelato. That’s right, sea urchin ice cream. Well, why not, at a time when salted caramels are so trendy? Tender uni puréed up nicely as an ice cream flavor, lending its velvet texture and a touch of true-born sea salt to the sweetened frozen cream set atop a pungent perilla leaf. It’s not a joke, it’s exquisite. (Several more conventional desserts are also offered.)

There are only a few entrées (three seafoods, a burger, and three vegetarian/vegan dishes), the menu’s emphasis more on small plates. My companion and I began with a half-dozen Carlsbad-raised Luna oysters, which arrived with lemon slices and a violently spicy dip. The bivalves awakened our appetites, and we savored a whole, fresh sea urchin served in its spiky shell, caught by local diver Mitch Hobron. (Anthony Bourdain says that San Diego’s sea urchins are the world’s best, the envy of Japan. That sounds about right.) Alongside are lemon slices and delicious, crunchy, lavender sea salt, a perfect complement to the sweet, unctuous meat.

Chef Chad regularly roams the dining room; he told us about two new dishes not yet on the printed menu. A big fan of “using everything,” whether maritime or terrestrial, he’d recently discovered a source for the offal of prized black cod, including both livers and roe, which were being dumped in the trash. His cros-tini of the livers revealed the piscine equivalent of foie gras,

even richer than the monk-fish liver served at sushi bars. Crisped outside, pink and tender inside, garnished with a touch of Asian hot sauce and some sweet, thick red jam, the livers seemed more like fowl than fish. As for the roe, Chef Chad ensconced it in an omelet-like puff of — well, who knows what. It was a little bland, but the roe’s crunch was intriguing. (All in all, though, I think I’d rather see it used in something like the dip, *taramosalata*, usually eaten with bread or raw vegetables.)

A refreshing ceviche of slickly tender Mano de Leon Baja scallops was sweet and spicy, with fresh orange segments and serrano peppers. Smoked squid, none too smoky, were inflamed by Korean hot sauce, which obscured the clever accompaniments of ham, *piquillo* and *padrón* peppers, preserved lemons, and charred lettuce. We also ordered a side of gnocchi, which proved heavy and doughy.

The wine list is scant compared to the vast array of craft beers, but we found a BTL Viognier Roussanne (\$38) to enjoy with our seafood.

Sea Rocket’s physical plant has been subtly upgraded along with the cooking. The dining room now has corrugated soundproofing on the ceiling and sound baffles hanging aslant, reducing the noise level from the migraine-painful din of the restaurant’s earlier days to merely lively. (The eclectic music is sweet, too — old reggae, antique rock, etc.) Service is friendly and competent, much improved from the restaurant’s first few months. *Whew*, finally I can eat here again.

The basic difference between Top of the Market and Sea Rocket — aside from price, view, and ambience — is one of past versus future. The cooking at the Top is lightly creative but fundamentally conventional, with nothing to scare Midwestern tourists. At Sea Rocket, we have an adventurous chef cooking for the adventurers of North Park. Who knows what sort of revolution might come out of this? ■

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“Have you decided?” Angelo asks. Can see he’s getting stressed by the growing line.

My buddy John turned me on to Landini’s. He works at Caffè Italia, farther down India Street, here in Little Italy.

It was a couple of months back. Friday evening. Spotted John and his buddy up on a deck that was jutting out from he hillside behind a long, chocolate-brown building. The building had a beautiful blue mural of a fishing boat on one side, and below that, a sign and an arrow leading the way to the “Patio.” Below that, another sign: “Landini’s Pizzeria.”

I puffed my way up to where John was drinking a beer and working through a couple of slices of pizza. A little fountain gurgled away on the deck. There was a spectacular view of the sun setting across the bay.

John saw me eyeing his grub. “This is the best deal here,” he said. “Two slices and a draft, plus this view, for \$8.50.”

Been thinking about it ever since. Like today. I’m walking up India around 5:00 p.m. Little Italy’s crowded, everybody sauntering around, sitting down at swanky joints, meeting friends in the two little piazzas. I pass Trattoria Fantastica, Sogno di Vino...all above my pay grade. *Sigh*.

Then I recognize the chocolate-brown building.

I’m starving, willing to give Landini’s a try. It’s a crazy building: red tables with red umbrellas, and the red, white, and green Italian flag everywhere.

I follow a crowd sluicing in through bright red doors. Guess we’re all getting the same sunset munchies.

Inside, there’s a display cabinet full of pizza slices, and just behind the display, pizza-making in the kitchen. It reminds me of Luigi’s in Golden Hill. Like Luigi’s, there are about a dozen different kinds of sliced pizza pie on display, with names like Ponte Vecchio (which has pepperoni, sausage, bell

peppers, mushrooms, onions, and olives) and De Medici (sliced tomato and garlic) — Luigi’s pizzas have names like that, too. Turns



out this place started life as a Luigi’s branch but changed when the partners split. Angelo, who’s taking orders, says it’s been Landini’s for a couple of years.

Gosh, they’re busy, cooks on the run, checking the three stacked pizza ovens, rushing to the back of the kitchen to make sandwiches or pasta dishes, bringing them to customers. Gustavo, the night pizza-cook, slides his giant wooden pizza peel (paddle) into the middle oven and hauls out an 18-inch Ponte Vecchio. He slides it into a box.

“We make about 60 pizzas a day,” he says. Carlos, the cook who specializes in pasta, hefts a three-inch-high panini sandwich. “The Fiorentino,” he says when I ask. “It’s \$8. Has prosciutto, mozzarella, tomatoes, oregano. We bake all our own breads, and we import all our meats from Italy.”

Purists will be happy. Next, Carlos removes from the oven something that looks like a puffer fish made of bread. Turns out it’s a calzone. He says it has three cheeses inside — mozzarella, parmesan, ricotta. Costs \$8.50.

They also have straight spaghetti dishes, like the Bolognese for \$8.50. Or the \$9.50 Chiantigiana — spaghetti with Italian sausage and vodka sauce. Both sound like good belly-fillers.

Pizza’s mostly \$3 a slice. But there are daily specials. Two pizza slices and a soda for \$6. Or one slice with house salad and a soda for \$6.50. Or my friend John’s option, two slices and a draft beer — including local beers, like Stone IPA — for \$8.50. And that’s with tax included. These are real deals. Heck, you’d pay \$8.50 just for the beer on the rest of this street. I spot a handwritten sign propped on the counter: you can also get

a slice and a glass of wine for \$8.50. Cool.

People are coming in and lining up behind me. I have to decide.

I go for the two-slices-and-a-beer deal. But which two slices?

“What’s the most interesting?” I ask Angelo.

“All of them,” he says.

“Okay. What’s the most popular?”

That causes a conference among the cooks. “Spinach and ricotta,” Angelo finally says. Which is surprising. Pepperoni, you’d expect — it’s usually first on any pizza menu.

“Have you decided?” Angelo asks. Can see he’s getting stressed by the growing line. “Personally,” he offers, by way of encouragement, “I like the meatballs, ricotta, and marinara. And the pepperoni, sausage, and meatballs. That one’s called the ‘Sopranos.’”

“Fine,” I say, “I’ll have those two, and I’ll take the Stone IPA.”

He starts to pour the beer, but all he gets is froth.

“It’s not cool enough down in the cellar,” he says. “Would you like to choose a bottle?”

That’s nice. I’m sure the bottles cost them more than the draft.

I choose a Stone Pale Ale and wait while he takes the two slices of pie from the display case, puts them into the oven, then, a minute later, hauls them out steaming hot and slides them onto two paper plates.

I carry everything through the side door and up to the deck, where a couple’s sitting near the fountain, sharing a pizza with —



Carlos serves up a Fiorentini panini — prosciutto, mozzarella, tomatoes, and oregano.



My two slices: meatballs, ricotta, and marinara; pepperoni, sausage, and meatballs (the “Sopranos”)

New Yorkers: skip this bit! — pineapple on it. The Piccante: ricotta, pepperoni, jalapeño, pineapple. Pineapple on a New York pizza? “Look, we’re from Halifax, Nova Scotia,” the lady says. “We have to make our own pizzas there. This is a luxury.”

I settle back with my beer and two slices — nice thin crust, plenty of tasty stuff on top — and watch the sun changing all the colors on the bay below. At last, somewhere in Little Italy to take Carla without busting the bank. Meal and drink for \$8.50? Hereabouts, that’s a little miracle. ■

The Place: Landini’s Pizzeria, 1827 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-3502
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A Proper Brunch: Proper Gastropub

I'm not a brunch person, and I almost never drink bloody marys (unless I'm in Las Vegas, where bloody marys are practically a food group).

But Saturday I found myself enjoying both at Proper Gastropub in the East Village. Proper Gastropub, part of the Wine Steals empire, is located in a beautifully restored 1912 building along a pedestrian alley off J Street, between 7th and 8th. They've been serving brunch on Saturday and Sunday for "a couple of months," according to our server.

Saturday's drink offering is a half-price bloody "Queen" mary (\$5). Sunday's brunch featured endless mimosas for \$10. It's served on the upstairs deck, overlooking Petco Park.

I order the B"Q" M, and John gets a Flying Dog Raging Bitch IPA (\$6 for 20 oz). Our server says they're out of the IPA but that he'll check the downstairs bar. He quickly returns with our drinks, including the IPA.

My bloody mary has visible hunks of black pepper and horseradish floating in it, a good thing, and a large skewer with a pickled onion, grape tomato, pepperoncini, bacon hunk, and a piece of sausage, topped with the Union Jack. Cute. It's a good, strong drink, with enough spice to clear my caffeine-deprived head.

We have just enough time to enjoy our drinks and chat with our server a bit when our food arrives. I'm having the chilaquiles (\$9), white-corn tortilla chips topped with spicy ranchero sauce, red onion, two over-easy eggs, cojita cheese, and sliced avocado.

The chips are not at all greasy — fresh and crisp where they're sticking out, tender and yummy where the ranchero sauce and perfectly cooked runny egg yolk gets to them. There are lots of pieces of softly cooked sliced garlic and jalapeño throughout the sauce and a hint of a warm, slightly sweet spice I can't identify. The cojita cheese provides plenty of salty, sharp balance to the rich egg and avocado. I clean my plate so well that our server observes, "I can tell you didn't like that."

John ordered the Gastro Chips (\$10), Kennebec potato chips (fries), braised meat, and

sauce of the day (today it's duck), a shower of cheddar and gruyere cheese/chive garnish.

It's Proper's riff on carne asada fries, and it's delicious. Fries are standard cut, hot and crispy. There's a huge portion of duck, with tender, juicy chunks under the cheese and lots of frizzy burnt ends where the broiler hit it. There's no visible sauce, but the duck juice provides plenty of moist goodness.

I steal as many pieces of it as I can before John pulls the plate out of my reach. It's a large portion, and we end up taking enough home to make a nice side dish with dinner.

Proper Gastropub, 795 J Street. 619-255-7452; proper-gastropub.com

Posted Nov. 20, 10:52 a.m.

by Mary Beth Abate

Winds of Change in Coronado

Wow. Blink in Coronado, and a place has closed or another's opening up. Latest: Stretch's, the much-loved locovore health-food eatery: gone, kaput. Stretch's is going to become Delux Gourmet Hot Dogs (943 Orange Avenue), due to open mid-December. Lord. Carla'll be over here every day.

I met Steve Rapp at the doorway. Steve's a builder. "All I do is build places like this, rip 'em out a couple of years or 20 years later, and then build them into something else," he says.



*Which 'wich? That's the question...
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Does "gourmet" mean expensive?

"No," says Steve. "Kirsten — she's one of the owners — says they're going to be reasonable. Especially the Daily Dogs. The Deluxe will be a bit more, but she wants kids from the high school to be able to afford them."

And, don't worry: the lady knows hotdogs. Turns out Kirsten Bertz grew up in Chicago.

Across the road, Chance Bistro is history and, in its place, a sandwich joint out of Dallas, Texas.

It's been up and running a couple of weeks already. Which Wich (926 Orange Avenue, 619-522-9424).

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Which means you have the bag counter loaded with people leaning over as if they're taking a test, making decisions, decisions.

Then you take your bag, pay your money, and watch the crew toss those breads and meats and dressings about like jugglers.

Gal working the laptop on the left turns out to be Maggie Holland. She and her husband Dennis live in Coronado and got the franchise three years ago. It must be working. They already have three others, in Hillcrest, PB, and Carlsbad, and are opening next in Carmel Mountain. Plus they're overseeing ops in

Orange County.

Which Wich has spread like a prairie fire — 150 in Texas, and they're in other states and now California.

"Jeff Sinelli, the guy who started it all, had a mom who always packed her kids' lunches in brown paper bags and wrote their names and the kind of sandwich on the front. It's as simple as that," says Maggie.

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for Carla. It's WW's signature sandwich, with five meats and three cheeses, plus all those other fixins. And a beef for me.

I really worked the 'wiches. Maybe too much.

"My one complaint?" says Carla. "Too rich. Too much stuff."

"Can't blame them. I made the choices," I say.

Which, when I think of it, is the brilliance of the concept.

Posted Nov. 18, 4:10 p.m.

by Ed Bedford

Teff Love at Asmara Eritrean Restaurant

What's the difference between Eritrean food and Ethiopian food? According to the owner of Asmara Eritrean and Ethiopian Restaurant, "Just our governments. Our food, our spices, our drinks — all the same."

Good, I'm not a big fan of food wars, such as NY vs. Chicago pizza or the endless bar-beque debates. I'm an eater, not a fighter.

It's my first visit to Asmara Eritrean and Ethiopian Restaurant, so I order a Meta beer (Ethiopian, \$4), a veggie sampler (\$12.95), and the Asmara salad (\$4.95). The beer is sweet, malty goodness, perfect for this late-autumn day.

My salad-and-veggie sampler arrives a few minutes later. The salad was cool and crisp, a mix

of shredded Romaine lettuce, red onion, cucumber, sliced tomato, and carrot dressed with vinegar, olive oil, a good-sized punch of black pepper, and spice similar to *berbere* but without the heat.

The veggie sampler is a large plate with neat piles of collards and spinach cooked in garlic, onion, and chili, *timtimo* (lentils with onion, tomato, hot pepper), *timtimo alicha* (lentils in curry, and the aforementioned seasonings), and *alicha* (soft cabbage, carrots and potatoes, turmeric and onion) atop *injera*, the teff-based, slightly sour flat bread that serves as an eating utensil. Another plate holds more *injera*.

It's customary to eat with the right hand only, not touching the lips or licking one's fingers. This is homey food, warm and comforting. Every one of the stews is distinctly flavored — you can taste each ingredient, but it all comes together nicely. Only the *timtimo* is noticeably spicy.

When the owner comes back to check on me, he offers a small bowl of *awaze*, a condiment made with *berbere* and mustard. It's so addictive that I end up eating it plain on the *injera*. The *awaze* is hot enough to make me break a sweat but not start hiccupping. I can handle a bit of heat, but I've learned the hard way not to overestimate my tolerance when it comes to ethnic cuisines. I'm from the Midwest, after all.

I end the meal with a warming cup of *shahi*, black tea with

sugar, *cardamom*, cinnamon and clove (\$1.75). Perfectly *tu'um* (delicious).

Asmara Eritrean and Ethiopian Restaurant, 4155 University Avenue (between 42nd & Marlborough), 619-677-3999.

Posted Nov. 18, 12:36 p.m.

by Mary Beth Abate

At Aunty Jane's

Last on our Tour of Revolución...

They've been open for six decades and in this location for three of those, and Pedro Rodríguez Peña, standing across the counter from me, has been working here for four decades.

We're at Tia Juana Tilly's (8208 Revolución Avenue, Tijuana) outside the Jai Alai Fronton Palace between 7th and 8th Street.

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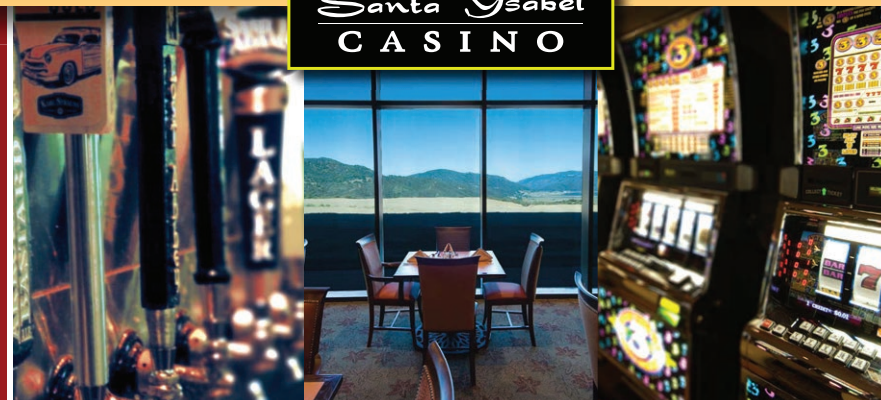
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Tilly's is about the nearest thing to a full sidewalk café on this avenue. It's still too enclosed for my taste, but what do I know?

Basically I've always loved coming in and grabbing a beer, listen to mariachis, and seeing how middle-class TJ-ites enjoy themselves.

Above all, this is a kind of time warp of old Tijuana. And talking to Pedro and others, it seems the name goes right back to 1829, when this spot was part of Santiago Arguello's Rancho Tia Juana. The Don was famous for his fiestas and for his chef Antillinez's cooking. Soon Antillinez became known simply as Tilly, a symbol of great Mexican hospitality.

Then this place turned from cattle ranch to town, and in 1947 they started Tia Juana Tilly's.

That's what it feels like in

here now, 1947. Even though the posters for the bands they've got playing this weekend (123 Plus and America Nova) tell you we're in 2011, and even if sometimes turistas drift in, it's time-warp Tijuana.

Think I'll get Carla down here, Friday night. After all, didn't she tell me she had Arguello blood in her?

Hey, maybe we can get half off the *horchata*.

Posted Nov. 18, 12:00 p.m.
by Ed Bedford

Buster's: Catch the Wave

I was on way back from Pier 32 in National City yesterday, and I made a sweet discovery.

Just west of I-5 there's a Best Western Motel, and right alongside, a new-looking eatery called Buster's (740 Bay Marine Drive, National City, 619-336-1783). It's open early till late.

I decided to drop in because I'd been walking back from the

water and needed something sweet to fuel me on my way east to civilization. I come in to a big open eating hall with outriggers, surfboards, giant starfish, pics of surfers all over the walls, tropical bamboo-wicker furniture, and a general surfer-Hawaii vibe.

I sit down near to the bar, under the VW van coming out of the wall. When Natalie comes up, and I ask about desserts, she hands me this big ol' empty coffee can. It's got pictures and descriptions of everything from coconut profiteroles to tempura banana fritters on it.

But the one that catches my eye is Todos Santos, after the great surf spot.

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It costs \$6.50. Who can resist? Plus I get a \$2.25 coffee.

But when Natalie brings it, oh man. You could drown in this little scene. Giant white chocolate wave curls up behind the brownie and the cookie surfer. And it doesn't just look spectacular. Rich? I need the white cream foam and the coffee to offset the brownie.

Besides that, it's a beautiful little fantasy made out of a corrugated white-chocolate curl. In the end, it's got me blissfully beat.

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Meantime, back out in the night with this sugar rush, I've got enough energy to walk from here to the Atlantic.

Posted Nov. 17, 11:51 a.m.
by Ed Bedford

One Lump or Two?

Monday morning in the city.

How can you feel like you're in Paris and *not* shell out mega-bucks? Come to Café Chloë (721 Ninth, at the corner of Ninth and G, 619-232-3242) and order the croissant with prosciutto and cheese (\$3.50), along with a coffee (\$3.25, but you get refills). And they have this nice rock sugar that you dunk in with tongs.

I swear, there's something about coffee plus that ham-and-cheese flavor combined with the croissant (and don't forget to ask for a dish of butter) that just tastes what you think of as, well, French. And, of course, you've gotta dunk the croissant in your coffee. Everybody does, because it's so danged delicious.

Okay, gotta resist the big breakfast dishes such as "poached eggs with wild mushrooms and sage truffle beurre blanc" (\$12.50) or "zucchini and chèvre omelette with fingerling potatoes and Toulouse sausage," also \$12.50.

But that's okay. This definitely takes the edge off your hunger and saves you one long flight to La Belle France.

Posted Nov. 21, 10:12 a.m.
by Ed Bedford

Thanksgiving: Setting Up Pavo Day

Hey, Thanksgiving's two days away! So what about those of us who can't be cooking a giant turkey?

Well, for starters, one place will be open. Valentine's downtown (842 Market Street, between Eighth and Ninth, 619-234-8256).

It's been open nearly 30 years, and now that Market Street's getting more and more urban cool, Valentine's has become a cool place for the hip crowd to hang out and get their Mexican fix. It's danged reasonable, too.

I popped in for breakfast, behind these three slim ladies, Diane, Leah, and Theresa. What's their secret? Because they're diving full-throttle into their Mexican breakfast here at Valentine's.

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three of us together." But she's fearless, eating the roasted chilies from the giveaway plate at the counter. I have to follow, and hey, they're tasty and not too hot.

She has just ordered the tostada (\$3.25) from Sr. Valentine, the man himself. Her girlfriends order taquitos, actually rolled tacos (4.50).

I order an American breakfast (\$5.95). It's basically two potato patties, two over-easy eggs, and a few rashers of bacon. I get a horchata (rice drink, \$2) and check out all the beautiful Mexican tiles on the countertop while I wait for my order.

Huh. Each has its own story. Glad to see this place gets its due, because it hung in here during all the bad old days.

Sr. Valentine himself is serving this morning. I ask if he'll have turkey, come Thanksgiving. "Maybe, maybe not," he says. But his English isn't that good, and I'm not sure he understood. I'm betting they will. After all, turkeys — *pavos* — are just as Mexican as they are American.

Anyway, good to know

Downtown isn't going to be totally closed down, come Thursday.

Posted Nov. 21, 3:25 p.m.
by Ed Bedford

Eating History

Don't you just love the smell of tamales in the morning?

Sitting with Marisol Arteaga and her friend Maria Alvarado here at the tamale stand next to Rancho Fresco (1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan). I've got a pork tamal (\$1.50), in the Chiapas southern style. Less hot than northern Mexicans prefer but with interesting flavors of the guajillo and ancho chiles and garlic. And it's delicious.

But what I really like is just sitting here, chewing the fat, talking about Chiapas and Pachuca Hidalgo, where Marisol comes from (they like them hotter there, too). The owner, Rigoberto, is from Chiapas.

Of course, I'm late. Pork is the only flavor Marisol has left. If I'd come by at seven this morning, she would have had the whole range: Beef, chicken, pork, and the most popular one among gringos, Marisol says, jalapeño

and cheese.

"Americans are about 60 percent of our business," she says. I guess that's partly for the south-of-the-border veggies and the prices.

Mine was also the last of the pork. Marisol keeps turning people away. She says she'll be here till three.

"What are you going to be doing for the next three hours?" I say.

"Well, I'm hoping they're going to bring me some more," she says. "Usually we go though 250 to 350 tamales a day. I haven't sold that many yet."

So I get back to appreciating the garlicky flavor of the pork and the sticky masa mess around it and the corn smell of the golden husk it was wrapped in. Eat one of these, and you're eating exactly the same thing as Mayans ate in Palenque, 2000 years ago. And get this: their ancestors were unwrapping the corn leaves and discovering masa with meats just like I am 10,000 years ago. That's 8000 B.C.

Hmm. That's quite a thought to chew on.

Only thing missing is that

other ancient drink, coffee. Next time, I'll call in at the organic roaster people just up the block, Cafe Virtuoso, and bring it with me.

Posted Nov. 22, 1:27 p.m.
by Ed Bedford

Free Turkey Lunch: Lining Up on JFK Day

It's one of those talky moments. We're all waiting to register with Mike for the lunch tomorrow.

"Hey, it's 11/22," says someone.

"Yeah, I'm old enough to remember, too," this lady named Wendy next to me is saying. "I was a kid, walking about that day in the Bronx. I could feel something was wrong. People were kinda in huddles. Then somebody said, 'Mr. Kennedy. They killed Mr. Kennedy.' Can't believe it. That was, what? Gosh, 48 years ago. What does that make me?"

This is at St. Vincent de Paul's (1501 Imperial Avenue, 619-233-8500). Turns out tomorrow, not Thursday, is the big day for free Thanksgiving dinner.

Mike, the guy behind the desk, says you have to register, have your photo taken, and promise you're not a sex offender or an arsonist. Otherwise anyone can come.

"It's a beautiful day," Mike says. "Most people who come spend their lives picking up after other people, working for the man, whole families living out, trying to survive. Tomorrow, people will serve them. Ask what they can do for them. There's a lot of tears."

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ing with Mike says there'll be turkey, cranberry, green-bean casserole, and mash and she doesn't know what-all else.

But everybody here who was here last year says it's great and there's plenty, and you can go around for seconds, no questions asked.

"I'd get here about eleven," Wendy says. "That line can get way long."

Outside, in the courtyard, Kenny and Kathy check the yard where the feast will take place.

"Oh, yes. We'll be there," says Kathy.

"Father Joe has been a blessing for us, that's for sure," says Kenny.

Only trouble? Kenny has bloody gauze in his mouth. St.

Vincent doctors have just hauled out a couple of his teeth.

"How will you be able to eat the Thanksgiving turkey with that?" I ask.

He shrugs his shoulders and smiles. "I'll eat anyway," he says.

*Posted Nov. 22, 4:13 p.m.
by Ed Bedford*

El Porvenir: The Sign in the Window

I'm worried about El Porvenir Tortilla Factory (1782 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-233-4038), home of the Most Awesome Burritos in the County.

It has been open and closed — but mostly closed — for the past three years. At first they put up a little notice: "Due to the Health Department having too much work, the inspection for us is going to be delayed until June 11, 2009. So please don't worry. We

will be back in business soon."

You had to believe them. After all, they had been in business making tortillas and selling carnitas or carne asada burritos right here since 1918. Nineteen eighteen! That's nearly 100 years.

El Porvenir ("The Future") is like Cuatro Milpas but less invaded by us gringos. What I've always loved is the bunch of ladies in the back who kneaded out the dough, trundled the tortilla machines, chop-chop-chopped the meat, and toiled away in the gloom of what looked like a Victorian workhouse.

Except everybody was happy, including the customers. And as long as you weren't in a rush, you got your just rewards, the (my opinion) best, wickedest burritos in San Diego.

But over the past year, I haven't seen the ladies climb

aboard the 901 bus as they always did, around four in the afternoon. And El Porvenir's doors have still been closed. So yesterday I called in on José, across the road in Patty's Fruitland, the place where you'd go to get your burrito antidote.

"The old lady, Juanita, died," José says, "a month ago. And they say her family has to fix ventilation and oven issues before they can reopen."

I cross over to El Porvenir. José's right. Black ribbons and another notice. "In Loving Memory of Juanita A. Castañeda, 03/08/42-10/18/11. R.I.P."

Sad news. If Juanita was the driving force, we'll just have to hope the kids carry on where she left off and start The Future up again.

*Posted Nov. 23, 9:47 a.m.
by Ed Bedford*

Beer and Cacao Worthy of Serious Buzz

When Friday comes around, I embrace my vocational freedom in tandem with a few cold ones. Last week, my workweek-erasing boozing was put on hold. I had a date with some friends to take in a chocolate tasting at a production kitchen in Mira Mesa.

Our guide for the early p.m. session was David Bacco, a chocolatier of over a decade whose young business, David Bacco Chocolatier, is in its infancy but showing a great deal of promise.

Yes, it's yet another truffle-centric chocolate venture. Yet, much like the breweries I cover, there's always room for another artisan with good ethics and technique. Bacco utilizes a variety of high-quality direct-trade chocolates in thoughtful ways and combinations to put forth roughly 25 truffles and a quartet of single-variety chocolate bars that burst with flavor as a result of top-notch enhancers (exotic spices, fresh-fruit puree over fruit-infused liqueurs and luxury items such as 25-year-old balsamic vinegar).

Some of my favorites on a day that included consumption of almost 20 rich chocolates that left me with a caffeine

headache rivaling any ale-induced hangover I've had in years included the Ceylon, a milk-chocolate-based truffle made earthily spicy and holiday ready thanks to a hefty dose of fresh-grated cinnamon, and the Incantato, a half-dome of 75-percent bittersweet chocolate encasing a mix of milk chocolate and passion-fruit caramel. And I'm not even a fan of often-musty passion fruit!

The passion-fruit caramel inside the Incantato truffle had great texture and avoided being as messy as many overly oozy caramel-filled chocolates.

One thing I am an outspoken fan of is craft beer. As such, I was Pavlovian in my intrigued, saliva-drenched enthusiasm when Bacco busted out a quintet of chocolates he'd crafted for San Diego Beer Week. He admits to being a beer novice but came up with flavor combinations that rank among some of the finest confectionary concoctions I've come across in a journalistic career stocked with hundreds of pairing experiences. Tops among them was a treat made with San Marcos-based Lost Abbey's Lost and Found, caramel, figs, and raisins. The filling was Newton-like (in a good way) in taste and chew factor. Another hit was his Magic Hat Number 9 truffle,

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which didn't taste the least bit beery...just well balanced with its caramel and citrus notes and damn tasty.

Those beery morsels are scheduled to make a return appearance come Father's Day. In the meantime, Bacco's everyday line, which is just as worthy of local love, is available at Cardiff Seaside Market or online at Bacco's official website.

Posted Nov. 23, 10:23 a.m.
by Brandon Hernández

Hall of Dreams

Oh, man. I'm holding my belly, full as a bull. I come out from Father Joe's Thanksgiving lunch (1501 Imperial Avenue, two blocks from 12th and Imperial trolley/bus transit center, 619-233-8500), me and hundreds of others.

When we'd all piled in, in long lines, it was, yes, stressful. Short lady and a tall young guy in a wheelchair got into it. Something about wheelchair people having a special line? Did he really need a wheelchair? Hard to say. Whatever, it was getting kinda tense.

Inside, guys shouting and waving their arms guided us into our places like air-traffic controllers. I sat down across from Sonya and David.

We've hardly said hello to each other before Navy volunteers surround us with plates of food. Salads, pumpkin pies, buns, even some apple pies.

But that's for later. Right now this Navy gal Leslie brings napkins, a Navy guy Edgar brings water, and another Navy gal Marisol arrives with a tray of paper plates.

Each one is loaded down with turkey, gravy, stuffing, green beans, a big bun, and mashed potato.

For a while we're just stuffing our faces. This is around 12:30. Breakfast and lunch for me. Then, guess it's like being stuck in a small boat: you get talking. "This is Mikey," says Sonya. She's pointing to a stuffed pig in her basket. She pretends to feed Mikey.

"And this is Hello Kitty."

She and David have been friends for about a month.

"Sonya's a pretty good cook," says David.

"I watch the cooking channel all the time," says Sonya. "I dream of doing my own cooking show. It would be about exotic food from all around the world but would still come across as an American plate.

And the main thing is it would be cheap, so people who don't have a lot could make a nice plate and eat interesting food, too."

"I have a magic show," says David. "We'd go around state fairs, county fairs. We'd make people disappear. We'd put a dog in a crate and cut him in half. Then he'd come back whole. I've loved magic ever since I was just a little boy, when my parents gave me my first magic set. I sometimes make balloon animals at Seaport Village."

"We should start a business together," says Sonya. "Kids' parties. I do the food, you do the magic."

Then we get lost in our apple

and pumpkin pies.

"This way, this way!" shouts the traffic controller, Jay Wright. He's ushering us out, and the next lot in.

"Can we have it all again?" I ask him. "Oh, sure," he says. "You can go a second time around. Only thing is you have to join the end of the line and wait your turn. Next! This way!"

The good news: Father Joe's doing it all again tomorrow, Thursday. Eleven o'clock on. Open to the public. You don't even have to be down on your uppers. Hey, it's Thanksgiving!

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by Ed Bedford

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Whisky in a Barrel. On December 7, Queen Divas of the Universe hosts a CD-release show at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, for their debut album *All Wrapped Up in Christmas*.

The band consists of three music vets: bassist Shaaron

acades. It's the first in a series of releases due over the next 12 months. Plans include a return to touring and a debut solo album as the Roni Lee Group; also, re-recordings of her early punk tunes are going up on iTunes by the end of the year.

constructed Venus and the Razorblades, that had the biggest impact. Although the band wouldn't have any chart success, they released one of the earliest U.S. punk singles, "Punkorama," in 1977. Meanwhile, one of their songs, "I Want to Be Where the Boys Are," cowritten by Lee and Fowley, became a regular part of the Runaways' live set. It likely helped that Lee was then roommates with Runaways Joan Jett and Sandy West. The song was included on their 1977 *Live in Japan* album, while more recently it was sung by actress Kristen Stewart in the 2010 Runaways biopic. Earlier this year, it was covered by punk band F-13 on a Runaways tribute disc.

Now a mother of three, Lee is anxious to get back into music but acknowledges that while the energy level in her music is still high, things are less boisterous today than during her time rocking on the Sunset Strip.

"Venus and the Razor Blades were the first punk band to reopen the Whisky A Go-Go for music after the club had been used as a theater for some time," she recalled. Van Halen was a regular opening act for her band at the club and recorded another of Venus and the Razor Blades' songs, "Young and Wild."

"All shows started with a wrestling match to get pumped up, usually instigated

by Joan Jett and myself," Lee said. "She and I would ride the shoulders of the Van Halen boys and have 'fights.' I remember getting rolled down the stairs of the Whisky in a barrel by David Lee Roth," she laughed. "I believe Joan and my boot heels' holes are still part of the famous 'Whisky wall' backstage."

— *Bart Mendoza*

Wobble? In a city partial to its indie rock, Jamie Minotti is striving for balance.

"A year ago, there was no way [Toronto-based progressive/electro/house DJ] Deadmau5 would be in local alt weeklies," Minotti says. "It would always be some indie band from Brooklyn. In San Diego, electronic music is such a young scene. It's great to see it developing."

Minotti's talent management agency, the Madero Group, has found a niche with up-and-coming electronic-music artists and derives its name from a saying Minotti heard from his grandfather many times as a child.

"My grandpa Orlando Corenti was a classic Sicilian," says Minotti, a Connecticut native with a background in psychology and teaching who has been in San Diego for 12 years. "He loved to eat and

drink a lot, but he would always say, 'Everything in moderation. Don't drink too much or eat too much.'"

"Madero" is a word Minotti made up, derived from the Italian word for "moderation," to exemplify what the 37-year-old manager would like to see in San Diego's music taste.

"Nothing against it, but the reality is that San Diego is hung up on skinny-jeans indie rock. We're fighting an uphill battle

provide a venue for his artists and similar musicians who'd had a hard time finding places to perform in San Diego.

"Besides the Kava Lounge and Spin Nightclub, there were no venues for future bass crossover artists," Minotti says. "So I teamed up with SUBLMNL Sound System [Austin Speed and CRMNL] and started Ocean Beats at Winstons, traditionally a hippie venue, to feature some of the

hottest, unique, and most cutting-edge upcoming electronic artists."

Ocean Beats has since held shows at Belly Up, Ruby Room, and the Del Mar Marriot, showcasing experimental, hip-hop, house, future bass, and everything in between from well-known out-of-town artists such as Ana Sia, BoomBox, Joe Nice, BusDriver, Eliot Lipp, Freq Nasty, and Kraddy, and locals such as Addiquit, Inspired Flight, and Vokab Company.

Minotti cut his teeth in management with Delta Nove from Long Beach and Alfred Howard (the Heavy Guilt) & the K23 Orchestra six years ago while running a foundation that raised money for social programs and working as a tour manager on the side.

In October of 2005, Minotti teamed up with Who Is Guy Grand Productions, a company throwing theatrical concert

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Hancock-Schuemaker (Tim Flannery, Koko Loco), keyboardist Laurie Lewis (the New Mamas and Papas), and guitarist Roni Lee (Venus and the Razorblades).

Lee arrived in San Diego in 1984 to settle down with her family at the tail-end of a career that had seen her perform in latter-day versions of Steppenwolf and Spirit,



Guitarist Roni Lee is anxious to get back to making music.

Comprising ten holiday evergreens, such as Chuck Berry's "Run Run Rudolph," *All Wrapped Up in Christmas* marks the first new music from Clairemont-based guitarist Lee in almost three de-

as well as record an as-yet-unreleased album under the band name Touch, backed by the original Heart rhythm section.

However, it's Lee's earliest group, the Kim Fowley-



L.A. she punks Venus and the Razorblades (Roni Lee, middle)

here. On a national level, other music is so much larger than what's going on in San Diego. But we are so passionate about San Diego, we want to see it grow here. There's so much going on that kids here are just getting hip to."

Two years ago, ready to help the kids hep up to national trends, Minotti cofounded the monthly Ocean Beats events to

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events in the Bay Area, which produced Xingolati, a festival on a Carnival Cruise Lines ship that traveled from Los Angeles to Ensenada featuring performances by the Flaming Lips, G Love and Special Sauce, Medeski, Martin and Wood, among several electronic artists.



Minotti's Madera Group aims to moderate the San Diego scene.

"It was insane," Minotti recalls. "Instead of going to a festival, you were in it. Everyone on the ship was part of making it what it was. The idea was to bring electronic music, burners,

circus, and rock together. Other festivals would target specific genres, but now Coachella looks like Burning Man. Xingolati helped kick off that initiative."

These days, Minotti shares a Point Loma office space

with Who Is Guy Grand Productions and Sustainable Waves, a production company that provides solar and sustainably powered sound systems for festivals such as Street Scene, Treasure Island, Outside Lands, and the New Belgium Tour de Fat.

"Electronic music is popping off right now. Many people don't realize how many genres there are, from future bass to

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dubstep to glitch-hop to wobble.

"San Diego is awakening to accepting different scenes that are already going off on a national level. San Diego really does want good, hip shit."

Ocean Beats will be hosting an uptown edition at the Ruby Room on December 9 with electro-heavyweights ill.Gates, R/D, DJ Pound, Roric, and Austin Speed.

— Chad Deal

Record-Release Roundup.

Jesse LaMonaca and the Dime Novels will preview the *Lament of Tumbleweed Hawk* (recorded locally at Lost Ark Studio) on December 2 at the Soda Bar. The full-length, designed to resemble an old dime novel circa 1860s, includes guest players Brian Holwerda and Jeffrey Lee Hawthorne of Blackout Party, John Meeks, and Nena Anderson.

The debut full-length from Wrong Trousers singer/harp-

ist Kelsea Rae Little, *Personal Myth*, drops at Lestat's on December 3. "My set will include special guest musicians," says Little, "including a large chorus for the final song consisting of my nearest and dearest from the local music scene."

On December 6, Adam Lambert's early recordings will be released as *Paramount Sessions*, featuring him and singer Steve Cooke doing rock ballads with Madonna and Seal's backing band. Lambert announced his sophomore album will be called *Trespassing*, due in spring 2012, with its first single "Better Than I Know Myself."

The Mashtis' seven-inch vinyl *A Canopy of Sundays*, recorded with Mike Kamoo at Earthling Studios, debuts December 9 at the Whistle Stop. "We'll probably

play a nonalbum single that we've been working on for a possible Drag City Records compilation," says bandleader Itai Faireman, who'll be playing a series of solo

album," says Bailey, "with a second set to feature guest players covering a dozen classic-rock and R&B cuts."

The reunited Sirhan Sirhan

have a new split seven-inch with Prize Country, featuring hand-drawn one-of-a-kind covers by Jason Blackmore and Abby Bailow.

P.O.D. inked a multi-album deal with Razor & Tie, which begins with their yet-to-be titled album (due spring 2012) being recorded with Howard Benson (Daughtry, Theory of a Deadman).

— Jay Allen Sanford



Psych-pop trio the Mashtis shopping a single for possible inclusion on a Drag City comp.

dates in Berlin over the holidays.

The release party for Wendy Bailey and True Stories' full-length *String Theory* happens December 30 at Bar Pink. "We'll be playing the entire

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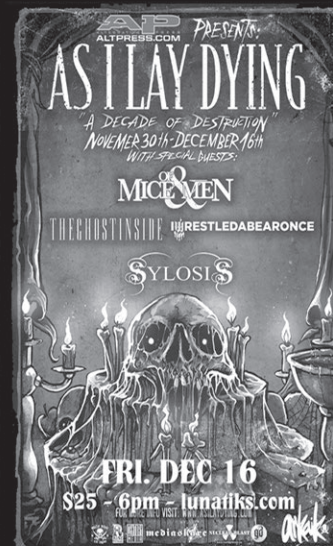
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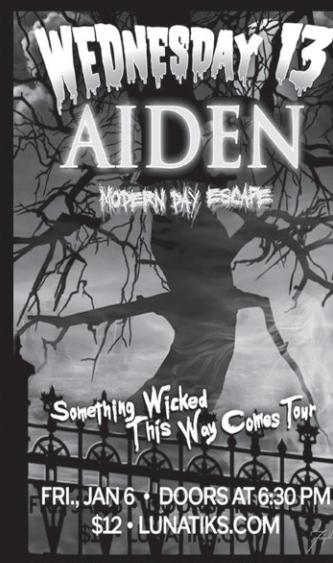
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This Week In Music

Thursday 1

Avant-gardians **Cave** will play *Neverendless* at Tin Can Ale House. It'll seem that way, anyway, if you're not into adventurous instrumentalists. Measure your head against this year's Drag City disc, as the Chicago-based psych-rock quartet reveals a taste for krautbeat surprise, with deep bass grooves and throwback synth sounds that call to mind Neu! or Stereolab at their frenetic best. With local stoners **Sister Mary Challenger** setting it up, this gig's about as heady as they get.... L.A. pop-punk trio **Dollyrots** roll into Bar Pink behind *Arrested Youth*. They are signed to Joan Jett's Blackheart Records and made their whirled TV premiere on *The Price Is Right*. No shit. Multimedia electro-rockers **Life of Science** will split the bill.... Soda Bar sets up R&B revivalist **Nick Waterhorse** and the **Tarots** with Western swingers the **Allah-Las**. Flip or click



CAVE AT TIN CAN ALE HOUSE

to this week's Of Notes for the of-notables on these throwback acts.... El Dorado downtown does **Italian Japanese**. The up-and-coming L.A./Dago trio sounds a lot like Eels in my ears. Check out "Le Pony": myspace.com/italianjapanese. They'll be joined by Jamuel Saxon's **Keith Sweaty**.... Else: the "unobtrusively brilliant" **Cass McCombs** plays with **Donkeys** at Casbah...while fingerpicking phenom **Leo Kottke** brings his six-string swing to Belly Up.

Friday 2

Ready to get down? I mean, *downwn*, as Friday night finds local darkwave band **Black Heart Procession** processing into Casbah with doom-folkie **Chelsea Wolfe**. Will Crain wrote this one up for you somewhere in these pages, so go there for the deets.... Fourth Avenue freezout and the B Street band — Jersey son Josh Tanner will bring "the Boss" to 4th&B, as his **Springsteen Experience** rocks the downtown concert spot with everything from *Born to Run* to *Born in the U.S.A.* I never saw the real Bruce Springsteen in concert; I figured the 50 million songs he had on the radio was quite enough. My gf just told me the saxophone player died recently. That's sad.... Onward, ho! There will

be roots-rock sets at Soda Bar, featuring Canada band **Deep Dark Woods** and like-minded locals the **Howls**... Brick by Brick's offering "Season's Beatings" with DJ **Robin Roth** spinning for all you black-clad creatures of the night. There will be, like, bondage performance art, a fetish-wear fashion show, and a gall-dang spanking booth...and Ché Café's kicking off its hardcore holidays this weekend with **Alpha & Omega** and **Xibalba** on Friday night. Saturday night they'll set up the **Caravels** with **Ten Thousand Leagues**. Plug 'em up, kids, cuz it gets loud in that little room.



GIRL IN A COMA AT CASBAH

Saturday 3

Speaking of loud little rooms, **Angry Snowmans**, **Thousand Watt Stare**, **Blackhands**, and **Sex & Violence** will fill a punk-rock bill at the Shakedown Saturday night. Word on the interweb is that the Angry Snowmans (pronounced *suh-no-mans*) put on the "Best punk X-mas show EVER." You'll hear why if you give a listen to their "Deck the Halls," "Drink Some Rum and Eggnog," or that yuletide classic "Richard Hung His Sock." Go hear the cheer here: myspace.com/angrysnowmans.... Best of the rest has Esco punk-rawkers **Dan Padilla** ("the band not the man") playing Til-Two with L.A. punk classicists **Manix**...the **Schitzophonics** turn up at Eleven with **Gloom-day**, **Jigsaw Seen**, and **Midnight Ghost Train**.... And in residency at Tower Bar this month, you get a couple psych-pop funyuns in **Short Eyes** and **Pop Gang**. That's a month of Saturdays you got to catch these two new crews.



SCOUT NIBLETT AT SODA BAR

his band will play Belly Up for those who just can't let go of the Dead.

Sunday 4

Casbah plugs in **Girl in a Coma** Sunday night. The San Antonio she-punk trio is signed to Joan Jett's Blackheart Records. They are out to tout this year's *Exits & All the Rest*. In front femme Nina Diaz, you get a chameleon vocalist for all things '80s — if the Smiths-referencing band name didn't give it away. Most notably, tho, fans of Siouxsie Sioux should get in on this gig. Shoe-gaze Seattleite Christopher Mansfield says he "traffics in wussy pop music." WPM. His **Fences** and our own **Black Hondo** will open the show.... Else: Nor'wester **King Dude** ("dark pagan-fueled folk wrapped tight with outsider Americana, steeped in themes of love, death, and redemption") will rule Soda Bar with **Jacob Turmbloom** (Mrs. Magician).... Tin Can Ale House tries on **Teenage Sweater**, a solo show by Santa Rosa chillwaver Mario Ruiz.... While the multiple Grammy-winning Tex-Mex rockers **Los Lobos** lope into Belly Up behind last year's crit-hit *Tin Can Trust*.

Tuesday 6

Back to Belly Up Tuesday night, as that brooding bat **Peter Murphy** perches on the Solana Beach stage. Best known for his deep-throated days fronting dark-pop new wavers Bauhaus ("Bela Lugosi's Dead"), Murphy has been dutifully dubbed "the godfather of goth." This year he released *Ninth*, of which *Pop Matters* prints, "If something is to be said for the undead, it is that their second wind appears to endure longer than that of mere mortals." Sounds like a slam, but they actually gave the disc a "7" score. I believe that's out of 10. **She Wants Revenge** and **Hussle Club** are also on the bill.... And also: **Cat Burglars** steal into Soda Bar. The new surf-rock band features some musical Donkeys.



PETER MURPHY AT BELLY UP

Wednesday 7

Humpnight highlights have jazzy art-rock act the **Sea & Cake** at Casbah behind this year's Thrill Jockey disc *The Moonlight Butterfly*. For those in the know, this Chicago-based band features the guitar interplay of post-rock luminaries Sam Prekop and Archer Prewitt, driven by bassist Eric Claridge and drummer John McEntire. Avant artist from the Jagjaguwar roster **Lia Ices** will open these essential sets.... Best of the rest: gonna be a stoner-metal set by Portland quartet **Red Fang** at Soda Bar. They have a new collection out on Relapse (Don Cab, Mast-odon) called *Murder*



THE SEA AND CAKE AT CASBAH

the Mountains. I didn't even know Relapse was still in the record-making biz...and it'll be NYC riot act **Izzy and the Catastrophics** burning down Bar Pink. Stitching rock, swing, surf, tonk, and bebop, "If the Catastrophics had been the band on the *Titanic*, they'd have blown that iceberg into cubes for drinks on the ledo deck." A-fuckin-men, Brian Baker of *CityBeat* Cincinnati.

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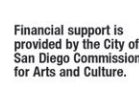
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I never really knew much about Frank Sinatra as a kid,” says crooner David Patrone, whose decade in the United States Marine Corps was spent as a fan of classical and blues music. That is, until the day he was shopping at a record store and spotted the leader of the Rat Rack on the cover of Reprise’s *Very Best of Frank Sinatra* collection, tipping his hat toward Patrone.

“I thought, *I should check this guy out. He’s got the right kind of hat, I’ve heard his name all my life, and I have ten bucks burning a hole in my pocket.*” Thus began Patrone’s fascination with sophisticated Vegas-style jazz and lounge music.

“Sinatra did it all. His life, his music, an Oscar, eleven Grammys, two Golden Globes, uncountable other awards, his philanthropy, his ups, his downs, his pain, his love, his luck both good and bad, and his success tell an amazing story...you could learn a lot about living from Frank Sinatra. He climbed to the top and landed at the bottom and pulled it back up to the top again, several times, in global proportion.”

These days, Patrone covers an even wider array of music than the Chairman of the Board himself, incorporating jazz, lounge, bebop, swing, blues, and even a pinch of comedy. “I’m sort of like a male version of Ella Fitzgerald. Besides Sinatra, I’ve been compared to the likes of Tony Bennett, Harry Connick Jr., Michael Bubl , and Bobby Darin. I like to mix up genres and make up songs on the spot. I also like to crack jokes and tell stories in the middle of my performances. I feel like it’s a party,

and I’m the host, so music isn’t my only bag.” Patrone won Best Jazz at the San Diego Music Awards in 2009. On Tuesday, December 6, he headlines the Waterfront’s annual Prohibition Party — “to celebrate being the first bar in San Diego to get a liquor permit after Prohibition ended.”

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WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

“I would say Robert Downey Jr. or Johnny Depp. Not out of vanity; I don’t think I need to have such charismatic actors to portray me. It’s more that they seem to have the required dexterity to recreate all of the clumsy accidents that have almost killed me. A movie about me would probably be safer to produce in animation.”

REGRETS: YOU’VE HAD A FEW?

“A long time ago, I was married, and my wife was pregnant. We chose not to have the baby, claiming ‘prudence,’ and I regret allowing the discussion to result in that decision. Of all the pivotal decisions and serendipitous junctions in my life, that’s the only one that ever really gives me pause — to wonder what things would be like had it gone the other way, if I had fought back the fear and selfishness in the favor of a potential life, regardless of the burden.”

WHAT REMAINS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

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David Patrone: ski instructor, Marine aviation explosives technician, Sinatra buff

as Chile.”

4. “Singing the dissonant harmony from ‘Tanya Jean’ in a duet with Kurt Elling. At the Grammys.”

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| 12/23 A Cash'd Out Christmas | | 2/3 Keller Williams |
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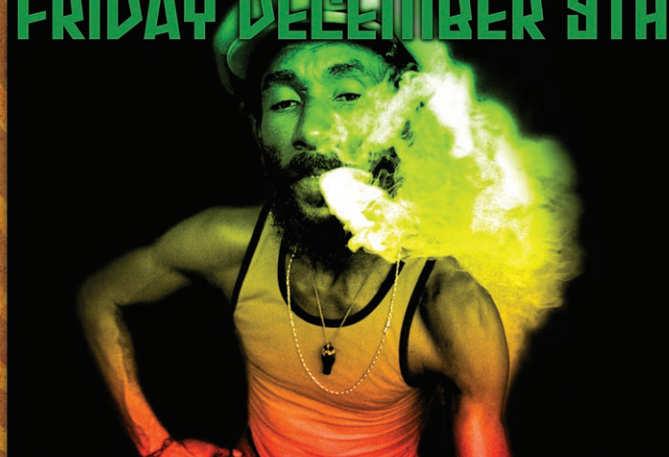


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4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343. Friday, 8pm — The Springsteen Experience.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844. Saturday, 8pm — Warner Drive. Rock/punk. \$10.

98 Bottles: 2400 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-255-7885. Friday, 8pm — Tiffany Jane. \$10. Saturday, 8pm — The Jack Stiteler Jazztet. \$10.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. Thursday, 7:30pm — Rob Ickes & Jim Hurst. \$20. Saturday, 7:30pm — Geoff Muldaur. Folk/blues singer-songwriter. \$25.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.

Thursday — Boney James. Urban jazz sax. Sunday, 7pm — Sophie Milman. Jazz. Tuesday, 7:30pm — The Anthology House Band. Jazz/R&B/soul.

Athenaeum School of the Arts Studio: 4441 Park Bl., Normal Heights. Friday, 8pm — Peter Sprague's String Consort. With bassist Bob Magnusson, drummer Duncan Moore. \$21-\$26.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100. Thursday — Dream Theater. Progressive metal. Saturday, 8pm, Sunday, 3pm — Yule Tube. San Diego Gay Men's Chorus gives holiday performance. \$26-\$43.

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-

5483. Thursday, 6:30pm — Stealing the Mona Lisa. \$8-\$12. Friday — Season's Beatings. Electronica. Saturday, 8pm — Unset, Pyrric, In Every Breath. \$10. Sunday — Acoustic Alliance. Singer-songwriter showcase.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Thursday, 8:30pm — Cass McCombs Band, Donkeys, White Magic. \$12. Friday, 8:30pm — The Black

Heart Procession and Chelsea Wolfe. \$12-\$14. Saturday, 8:30pm — Little Hurricane and Heavy Guilt. \$14. Sunday, 8:30pm — Girl in a Coma. \$10. Tuesday, 8:30pm — Transfer, Blackout Party, Black Hondo. \$12-\$14. Wednesday, 8:30pm — Sea and Cake. \$15.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311. Friday — Alpha & Omega.

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Cuyamaca College: 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theatre, 619-660-4288. Thursday, 7:30pm — Kitka Wintersongs. Balkan, Slavic, Caucasian women's ensemble. \$5-\$8.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: 1030 Broadway, East Village, 619-237-0550. Thursday — Italian Japanese.

Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292. Saturday, 9pm — Schitzophonics and Gloomspan. \$6.

Encinitas Elks Lodge: 1393 Windsor Rd., Cardiff. Friday, 7pm — The Stoney B Blues Band. Blues. \$10.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

This year's International Tournament of Witchy Women in Rock is entering its final phase, and the brackets are quickly narrowing. Florence Welch, of Florence & the Machine, has easily established herself as The New Stevie Nicks. Natasha Khan, of Bat for Lashes, has a solid hold on the title The New Kate Bush. But things are in flux over at the battle to be crowned The New Siouxsie Sioux. For a couple of years, the smart money was on Nika Danilova, aka Zola Jesus, who belts out doom in a deep, operatically trained alto. But she now has some hot competition from Chelsea Wolfe, a singer and bandleader who whites out her eyes on her album covers and performs onstage with

an Egyptian ankh glued to her forehead.

Wolfe's music sometimes gets labeled "doom folk," but that's just clever marketing. Let's call it what it is: Goth. And it's not the dark industrial-metal-dance-version of Goth we've been hearing since the advent of Marilyn Manson. Neither is it the dark art-rock of Zola Jesus. Wolfe's is a kind of ur-Goth, a semi-acoustic take on the early '80s sound that launched a thousand bottles of blue-black hair dye. Her tracks "Mer" and "The Wasteland" would have fit right in on Siouxsie & the Banshees' genre-defining *Juju*. Were you to put "Bela Lugosi's Dead" on a playlist after Wolfe's "Demons," Bauhaus would sound hopelessly unserious in comparison.

Wolfe's recent *Apokalypsis* has enough spooky creaking sounds, eerie whispers, and blood-curdling screams to set the soundtrack for next October's haunted-house tour, and that's just in the space



CHELSEA WOLFE

between songs. The songs themselves are even more ghostly. And when you're in the right mood, they're wonderful.

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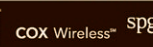
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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

In due time, all things pop music eventually get recycled. Punk, girl bands, new wave, rockabilly, jam bands, metal, fusion, funk — you name it. Granted, some artists merely repurpose rather than recycle. Moby's first big record comes to mind, and so does Idiot Glee and his experiments with doo-wop. Then there are some bands (Alice Cooper, Kiss, the Stones) that recycle themselves repeatedly. And sometimes, within all of this genre malaise, are bands that become slave to the old-school and appear to go backward in time. Some take new instrumentation or modern production back with them, but they are still traveling museums of music made before they were born.

R&B and soul are prime examples of this phenomenon, because the genres have attracted a wide range, from club deejays and failed disco stars and flamboyant teen-idol types to musical fanatics who work very hard to walk, talk, dress, and sing as if they were a needle-drop on a platter from 1962. Think Amy Winehouse.

Winehouse embodied the jagged hurt of R&B, which she famously wore in public like a burning dress. For a short time, Winehouse was on top of the renaissance of old-school authentic R&B and soul. So what does San Francisco musician Nick Waterhouse bring to the banquet? A debut CD that sounds as if cut on a sunny Harlem afternoon years ago. Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings are my measure for old-school R&B purity, but Waterhouse takes it to a new level. He sings like a pre-Invasion Eric Burdon, and he makes horn-band records with that one-microphone-in-a-big-room sound. Boy bands



NICK WATERHOUSE & THE TAROTS

take note. Yes, it's been contorted into musical confection by some, but with realists such as Waterhouse, R&B no longer has to pretend to be something that it's not.

The Allah-Las and Black Carl also perform.

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Long story short: It was awesome.
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Bad as Me

Tom Waits

By Francisco Ceballos

After seven years' absence, end-times crooner Tom Waits sounds like a derelict uncle scorning a mediocre music industry. With this collage of growling, blues-drenched songs, Uncle Tom is back.

Waits tries to rekindle young love, seductively inviting a woman to "Kiss me like a stranger once again." "New Year's Eve" epitomizes "Anywhere I Lay My Head" and is played almost exclusively with wind

instruments to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne."

The songs feel tightly knit, with Keith Richards playing strong hooks on some tracks and a platoon of Les Claypool, Larry Taylor, and Flea alternating on bass.

A Waits album wouldn't be complete without the manipulation of his unique voice. Just to mention a few variations: the forlorn foghorn ("Face the Highway"), the barroom-falsetto ("Talking at the Same Time"), demented-evil ("Bad As Me"), nostalgic storyteller ("Pay Me"), agitated ("Get Lost" — before incoherently asphyxiating in the last ten seconds of the track), and, my favorite, the diabolic murderer ("Hell Broke Luce").

"Mr. Jagger, Mr. Richards, I will scratch where I've been itching," he spits between *uh-huhs* in "Satisfied." We can only hope that Waits still has many more itches to scratch before he's satisfied.



End-times crooner

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Das Racist: Too Funny, Too Short

By Brett Uddenberg

The anthemic "Rain-bow in the Dark" and irony-laden "Michael Jackson" kept heads bobbing to the stoner Zen of Das Racist, Brooklyn's funniest export. Lines like "Urban Dictionary is for demons with college degrees" struck the open-air campus bar with precision. The group's gonzo stage presence calls to mind the provocative theatrics of Andy Kaufman and the anything-goes aesthetic

of the Dadaists. Most songs were book-ended by a comical dancehall-horn sound.

Burdened by a bunk sound system heavily stressing bass over vocals, Vazquez and Himanshu Suri did their best to keep a runaway train on its tracks on this chilly evening in La Jolla. With the momentum garnered from their two stellar mixtapes and the recently released debut *Relax*, Das Racist merely had to show up and remember their lyrics to appease attendees. With that in mind, the two emcees and their hypeman Dapwell joked their way through a disappointingly brief yet entertaining set.



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March 30 — Michael Rose.

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December 10 — Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real.

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December 9 — Red Elvises, Los Seafinks, the Gore Horseman.
December 10 — The Adolescents.
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December 17 — The Almalmagated, the Avenues, Comfort in Chaos.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
December 8 — Tennis, Miniature Tigers, Devon Williams.
December 9 — Cave Singers.
December 10 — The Long and Short of It.
December 12 — Boxer Rebellion and Beautiful View.
December 14 — Echo Revolution and the Whiskey Saints.
December 16 — Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.
December 17 — Deadbolt.
December 26 — Gran Sasso.
December 31 — The Growlers.

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December 10 — Lexington Field.

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December 9 — Cuyamaca College Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble.

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January 14 — Paul Keeling.

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People as disparate as Mormons in Utah and ex-drag queens in Brooklyn make connections.

When a close friend died from AIDS, Tony Kushner dreamed about an angel “crashing through someone’s bedroom ceiling.” It wasn’t an archangel — a Gabriel or a Michael — or a chubby Disney cherub plucking a golden lyre. It became, in his two-part epic, *Angels in America*, a confused creature. Instead of singing “glory to the newborn king,” the angel suffers from monumental anxiety. She’s

so afraid of the future she wants to slam history into reverse: stop progress; stop people mingling and migrating. We don’t see the future, she says, can’t see the atrocities, the myriad unthinkables. If we did, surely we’d want to turn back or desist completely.

The Angel, a “cosmic reactionary” who represents the Continental Principality of America, chooses an unlikely subject for her prophet. Prior Walter has AIDS. He’s just a dying speck in the universe but somehow finds within himself resources he never imagined — and the strength to wrestle an angel.

Harper Pitt says the world’s immune system has the equivalent of AIDS. She’s an agoraphobic “Jack Mormon” addicted to Valium. But she isn’t crazy. People just think so because her apocalypse has no spiritual dimension. It’s

1985. There’s a hole in the ozone, and there’s nothing angelic about a blue halo over Antarctica. Like a modern Cassandra, Harper tells the truth to deaf ears. Now her dreams talk back to her.

Louis Ironson was Prior’s lover. Comfortable with theorizing and political distinctions, Louis balks when real life turns nightmarish. Having to care for Prior tests Louis’s tolerance, even his love, and breaks him down. Louis abandons Prior. As he wanders through a moral wilderness, Louis must wrestle with angels and demons.

Kushner “stole” the form of *Angels*, he says, from Robert Altman’s *Nashville*. As in Altman’s “open films,” seemingly random scenes slowly intermingle: surfaces layer into depths. In Kushner’s *Gay Fantasia on National Themes*, people as disparate as Mormons in Utah and ex-drag queens in Brooklyn make unlikely connections. They find common ground beneath the labels that kept them apart.

At one point, Prior introduces Hannah to a nurse by saying, “This is my ex-lover’s lover’s Mormon mother.” That links at least four degrees of separation.

But no connection is facile, and not everyone does. Roy Cohn, whom someone calls a

THEATER REVIEW

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Kyle Sorrell (left) is the patient; Kevane La'Marr Coleman, the former drag queen

Angels in America, Millennium Approaches, and Perestroika, by Tony Kushner
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Directed by Glenn Paris and Claudio Raygoza: cast: Kevane La'Marr Coleman, Jason Heil, Jessica John Gercke, Jesse MacKinnon, Jason Maddy, Catalina Maynard, Karson St. John, Kyle Sorrell; scenic design/projections, Raygoza, costumes, Jessica John Gercke, lighting, Karin Filijan, sound, Melanie Chen

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latter-day “Saint of the Right,” doesn’t. The power-horny McCarthyite rejects labels, even redefines words (though dying of AIDS, he prefers to call it “liver cancer” to avoid revealing his homosexuality). Though Cohn refuses to connect, the play does it for him. In one of the most moving scenes, Ethel Rosenberg — whom

Cohn was instrumental in having executed — says the Kaddish (a Jewish prayer, among other things, of mourning) for him. Change, the play suggests often, must include forgiveness. The ritual surrounds Cohn, one of America’s most evil thugs, with a kind of forgiving. In an interview, Kushner said, “I wouldn’t be in the-

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ater if I didn't believe...that certain forms of ritual can transform one's consciousness." In another interview, he said, "If advertising works, and it does, then so does art, and in the same way."

Angels has two parts, *Millennium Approaches* and *Perestroika*. Each runs over three hours. The San Diego Theater Critics Circle gave Ion Theatre its annual Producing Award in 2010 for staging intimate, courageous dramas in its small space. Given the company's resources, *Angels* is more than a stretch. It's a leap of faith.

That lands on solid ground. The opening day/night (both parts ran together) had some minor sound problems — the off-stage angel's voice could have been louder — and there were a few bland sections. But codirected by Glenn Paris and Claudio Raygoza, the truly devoted cast sustained the plays' majestic sweep throughout.

The production boasts the Johns — Noel Award winners Jessica John and Karson St.

John — excelling in key roles. Jessica John makes Harper a fragile membrane, hounded by atrocities both global and personal. And when the time comes for the Angel to appear, Karson St. John floats down in a gleaming-white, flowing robe (costumes by Jessica John). While swimming in the air, she's at once funny and frightening. Here, after all, is one scary proposition: an inferior superior!

Those who have seen Ron Liebman play Cohn as a nine-dimensional spoiled brat must feel for Jesse MacKinnon (Kushner worried that his audiences were too sympathetic to Cohn when he died; more likely they were sad because Liebman was done for the night). MacKinnon tones down Cohn's early scenes — a bit more than necessary — but his performance in *Perestroika* is first-rate. Cohn will not go gentle into that good night.

Kyle Sorrell, a relatively new face, excels as Prior. His final speech is the opposite of Prospero's "Our revels now are ended." Prior says the

work has just begun. Sorrell's excellent performance builds to that final authority.

Jason Heil (Joe Pitt), Jason Maddy (Ironson), and Catalina Maynard (in amazingly diverse roles) make major contributions.

I'm partial to one of Ironson's late observations. In the Age of TMI ("too much information") — I mean, perish the thought that people should be informed! — Ironson offers an alternative. He quotes his grandmother, who said, "go know."

Kevane La'Marr Coleman plays Belize, the African-American former drag queen. He's less flamboyant than other interpreters. But the choice, building the character more from within, works throughout. Especially when Belize fires from the hip: "The white cracker who wrote the national anthem knew what he was doing. He set the word 'free' to a note so high nobody can reach it. That was deliberate. Nothing on Earth sounds less like freedom to me." ■

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There's a new Grinch in town and he's a hoot. Steve Blanchard's nasty enough to inspire trepidation but establishes an instant rapport with his audience and cements the connection with laughter. It's clear early on that the Grinch's heart isn't just "full of unwashed socks." Along with the traditional holiday show, the Old Globe carries on another one: it hires local actors, among them Steve Gunderson (terrific as Old Max the dog), Geno and Nancy Snow Carr, Randall Dodge, Phil Johnson, and eight-year-old Caitlin McAuliffe, who alternates as Cindy Lou Who with Remy Margaret Corbin. Robert Morgan's candy-stripe costumes combine with John Lee Beatty's set — snowdrifts that resemble giant marshmallows — to create the appropriately cartoon-like stage picture. *Worth a try.*
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM TUESDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS; 11AM, 2PM AND 5PM SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS; THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

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It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play
Cygnet Theatre presents its extremely popular holiday show. In this staged version of the movie, you now only watch the familiar story of George Bailey, you see how it's made in a 1947 radio studio: announcers, actors reading lines, flashing applause signs, even a commercial for Lux soap. The story's

still a grabber: what would life be like without George, whose selfless generosity abandoned his dreams for others? The show boasts, among other features, Tom Andrew's Craig Noel-winning performance as George. *Worth a try.*
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Jesus Christ Superstar
The La Jolla Playhouse presents the Stratford Shakespeare Festival production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice rock opera about the last week of the Nazarene. Des McAnuff directed.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

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Learn to Be Latina
Enrique Urueta's equal opportunity offender has toured the country. But Diversionary's iffy production makes one wonder why it's getting so much play. In order to advance her career, execs tell Hanan Mashalani, a promising young singer, that she isn't marketable. She must drop her Lebanese heritage and pose as a Latina (she must "keep the West and drop the rest"). Diversionary's staging, by an uncredited director, has sketchy scenes, languid pacing, and uninspired choreography. It becomes clear that the script needs externals — offensive racial slurs, an obnoxious hand puppet — to prop up a flimsy storyline. Along the way, the playwright dabbles with the politics of gender, identity, and sexual preference. But they linger in the wings, more than anything else, as pseudo-validations of the story.
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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Tata Twins: The Remix
Grossmont College Theatre Arts presents the world premiere of this comedy of mistaken identity that asks the question: "What would you do if you suddenly found out that world-famous rock star Lady Tata is your missing twin?" Beth Dugan directed.
STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DR., EL CAJON. 619-644-7234. 7:30PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 10.

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 THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH DECEMBER 4.

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.*
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Heritage

The salute to old books is a mere warm-up for the cine-fanzine fireworks.

As the year starts to fade, we find time for some three-star entertainments:

Hugo

Martin Scorsese, our national auteur and No. 1 movie fan, converts his status into both commercial and emotional terms with *Hugo*. Without the old

Scorsesean blood sprays, he taps the heart of his movie nostalgia to make his most personal film in years.

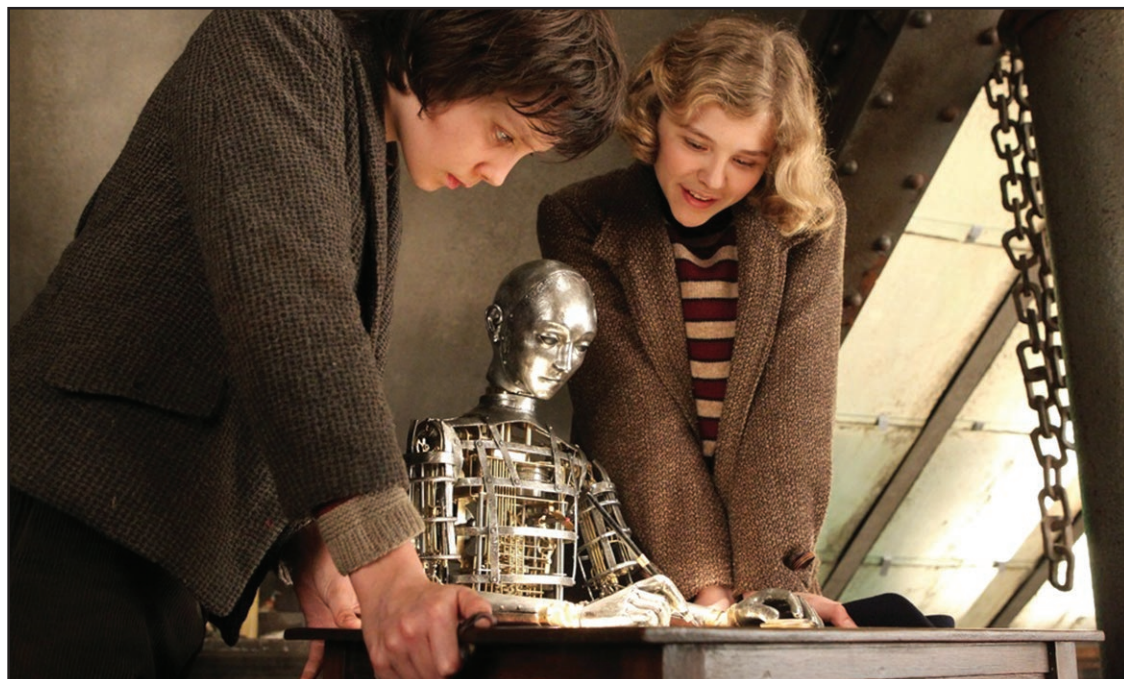
Scorsese and adapting-writer John Logan are deeply invested in *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, the hit fantasy novel by La Jolla resident Brian Selznick. It tells of Hugo, suddenly orphaned and left to secretly fill his father's job, keeping the big clocks running at a Paris train station in 1930.

He also seeks to restore a magical and mysterious automaton found by his late dad (Jude Law). This leads to its inventor, the pioneer of silent-film fantasy Georges Méliès, thought to be dead (in fact Méliès, living until 1938, won honors and was given a home by a cinema society).

Asa Butterfield, 14 but looking younger, is Hugo, a kid ripe in character despite fearful solitude and no evident means of support. Ben Kingsley is a proud, brusque Méliès. Chloë Grace Moretz is charming as Méliès's daughter Isabelle, who helps Hugo. Horror-film icon Christopher Lee is a stern bookseller, Emily Mortimer and Helen McCrory appear vividly, and Scorsese makes a brief appear-

MOVIE REVIEW

DAVID ELLIOTT



In its thrillingly designed and edited homages, Hugo takes wing.

ance. More of a cranked-up device is the fierce station cop (Sacha Baron Cohen) who, with his Doberman, hounds Hugo. But comedy has never

been Scorsese's best groove.

In his first 3-D film, Scorsese seeks to dazzle, as Méliès so often did at the dawn of films. The result is weak in

long perspective and heavy on close-ups, such as Hugo's blue eyes — so intense I felt like a hypnotized optometrist. The runaway-train scene was inspired by a famous photo of an 1895 disaster at the Gare Montparnasse (evidently filmed here as the boy's dream, as there seem to be no lingering consequences). Though grand and vivid, the station never rivals the power of Orson Welles when he con-

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verted the old Gare d'Orsay into the Kafka mazes of *The Trial*.

Still, Scorsese recreates Méliès's wondrous studio, streams old film clips, salutes Harold Lloyd and other giants, uses songs from classic French cinema, and channels into Hugo his soulful excitement with the heritage. This is a tribute to the past and a bequest to the young. The salute to old books (also a glimpse of James Joyce) is a mere warm-up for the cine-fanzine fireworks. In it thrillingly designed and edited homages, *Hugo* takes wing, going beyond *The Magic Box* and *A Slave of Love* and *Nickelodeon*, coming close to the surreal poetry of Peter Delpout's *Lyrical Nitrate*.

I love the love that Scorsese has poured into this, enshrining the distant roots of his life's passion. But 3-D, despite some fine effects, often seems a Magic Marker for the unimaginative (the vintage silent movies eclipse it), and the story is never quite up to the director's devotion. The central problem is that Méliès was a radical antirealist, whereas candid (though expressive) realism is at the core of Scorsese's best work. In 1942 the fantasist Georges Franju made a short, fond homage, *Le Grand Méliès*, but the best artist to do a Méliès tribute would probably have been a greater Scorsese hero, the British visionary Michael Powell.

★★★

Le Havre

Finnish director Aki Kaurismäki is a fun-ish director. His comedies of

serious intent have the puzzled, bemused concentration of a visitor from another planet. The visitor seems more at home now, and Kaurismäki's wry gaze has become more affirming, less punked out. The fruition is the Cannes fest hit *Le Havre*.

Filmed in the modern port city and shot by Timo Salminen for a retro look, *Le Havre* is about Marcel, a former Parisian who makes a meager living by shining shoes. Despite that, he has the proud macho bearing of a veteran of many wars or many noirs. He is acted by Kaurismäki-regular André Wilms (when other filmmakers made a movie called *Robert Mitchum Is Dead*, they turned to Wilms). His devoutly loyal wife is played by another Kaurismäki favorite and siren of homeliness, Kati Outinen. Marcel's dog is Laika, named for the Soviet cosmo-mutt shot into space in 1957.

Marcel harbors a black African boy who escaped from a cargo container of illegal refugees. The terse, resourceful dignity of young Idrissa (Blondin Miguel) matches that of Marcel, whose rep as a sponger doesn't curb his local popularity. Most neighbors rally as he helps the kid. His effort to raise money involves, very Kaurismäki, the vintage French rocker Little Bob, a sort of munchkin Roy Orbison.

The pleasing big bonus is Kaurismäki's witty evocation of French movies: the proletarian reveries of Clair, the social-solidarity visions of Renoir and Becker, the waterfront-dreams of Pagnol and Carné, the crime-dramas of Melville, and the daring tales of the Resistance. Also, Truffaut's childhood survival-classic *The 400 Blows* — its plucky Jean-Pierre Léaud is, after 53 years, almost



Le Havre — *Man and boy bond as friends in the French port city*

unrecognizable as a creepy tattler. The echoes enhance *Le Havre*, a port of pleasures.

★★★

The Women on the 6th Floor

Fabrice Luchini can seem like a mouse who, having little fur, covers himself in charm. Despite the Italian name, he is a born Parisian who helps define "French." At 60, his sweet rodent smile still has some boyish impishness. Snugly tucked into the role of Jean-Louis Joubert, Luchini effortlessly carries *The Women on the 6th Floor*.

Jean-Louis has been a mama's boy. He still lives in the old family home in Paris, its top floor occupied *sans élégance* by chatty Spanish maids and one bossy French relic, very set in her ways. It is 1962, prime time for de Gaulle and Godard, and mama is finally dead. But Jean-Louis still pads

through measured days as a stockbroker. He still supports his skinny-chic wife (Sandrine Kiberlain) in the lunching and shopping *avec élégance* to which she is boringly accustomed. He still expects his morning egg (in a cup) to boil for precisely three-and-a-half minutes.

Philippe Le Guay's film is about a small man breaking free. His liberator is the new maid, a bright, sexy workaholic played by Natalia Verbeke. She lures Jean-Louis to the drab sixth floor, rousing his social conscience (and more). Thanks to the vital life above his head, his egg-cup runneth over. Some of the maid repartee is too cute, and the ending is a quaint stretch. But Luchini and the women sustain a Franco-Spanish charm that diverts and amuses.

Opens Friday, December 9.

★★★

Young Goethe in Love

The booming German title is *Goethe!* Philipp Stölzl's film about the youthful Johann Wolfgang Goethe (Alexander Fehling) seems an attempt to depict the greatest German writer as a budding rock star of stage and pen. That fantasy falls inside the range of giddy art-hero hits such as *Amadeus* and *Shakespeare in Love*. And it makes some sense, as the story is about the genesis of Goethe's heart-stricken novella *Sorrows of Young Werther* (1774), a spark of the Romantic movement that possibly ignited a rash of imitative suicides and is the ancestor of modern stuff such as the *Twilight* series.

While law-clerking in provincial Wetzlar, Goethe goes beyond lifting steins in the local beer hall. His motivation is Charlotte Buff, whose debt-burdened father presses her to marry a rising lawyer (Moritz Bleibtreu). A rainy day with fertile nature quickens the poetic muse, and since gracious sublimation is now a dated concept to most people, the movie fleshes out the erotic element. After a duel, a friend's suicide, and upheavals with lovely Charlotte, Goethe can morph creatively into the fated, lovesick Werther.

This is *gemütlich*-kitsch of strong pedigree. Stölzl, who also made a Wagner film, is good with sensitive sensuality. He has strong settings, costumes, dances, even a bravura burst of Bach. The motorizing force is the appetite of the attractive Goethe for the tonic and Teutonic charms of Miriam Stein as Charlotte. She is a poet's dream in flesh, with elements of Debra Winger and Sean Young in their prime.

★★★

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— David Elliott

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Boulevard Nights 1979. actor Richard

Yñiguez visits room 204 to present this 1979

film focusing on life in a gang. Yñiguez played

a young Chicano trying to stay out of a gang,

who finds himself repeatedly drawn back.

Friday, December 16, 6 p.m.

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Another Happy Day — A wedding at an Annapolis estate leads to major family fireworks. Sam Levinson wrote and directed. With Ellen Barkin, Ellen Burstyn, Demi Moore, Ezra Miller, Thomas Hayden Church, and George Kennedy. (GASLAMP 15; FROM 12/02)

Arthur Christmas — Fearing a possible breach of the “no child left behind” clause, it’s up to Santa’s son, Arthur, to save the family business by delivering one last present. Other than the fact that all of the characters appear to suffer from rosacea rhinophyma, this witty, handsomely appointed 3-D animated feature is the most delightful Santa biopic since Edmund Gwenn donned the fat suit. Not surprisingly, it’s from the studio that brought us *Wallace and Gromit*. 2011. — S.M.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Descendants — Alexander Payne’s film is on Hawaiian time and floats well below his *Sideways*. George Clooney is the rich Honolulu lawyer whose faithless wife has crashed into a coma. He is also trustee for a huge patch

of Kauai that excites his greedy relatives and his wife’s lover. His trip with his daughters has some wry humor, leading to live-and-learn pathos. It’s like *The Little Foxes* adrift in a Hawaiian travelogue. Clooney tries hard, but his hair does best. Acting laurels go to subtle Shailene Woodley as the older daughter and Robert Forster as her grumpy gramps. With Judy Greer, Nick Krause, Matthew Lillard, Beau Bridges, Laird Hamilton. 2011. — D.E.
★★ (GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 — Reviewed this issue.

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(Not Rated) Fri-Sat 1:00, 2:30, 4:00 Sun 1:00, 2:30; **Inner Earth 3D** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 11:00, 1:45, 3:15; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 12:00p.m.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)

Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri., Sat. (10:30, 11:20, 12:50, 1:50, 3:20) 4:15, 5:45, 7:05, 8:05, 9:25, 10:25 Sun. (10:30, 11:20, 12:50, 1:50, 3:20) 4:15, 5:45, 7:05, 8:05; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri., Sat. (10:35, 11:45, 1:00, 2:25, 3:20) 4:50, 5:40, 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:20 Sun. (10:35, 11:45, 1:00, 2:25, 3:20) 4:50, 5:40, 7:10, 8:00; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri., Sat. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 9:55 Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25, 7:15; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri., Sat. (11:10, 1:20, 3:25) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:25) 5:35, 7:45; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri., Sat. (11:00, 11:55, 1:30, 2:30) 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00 Sun. (11:00, 11:55, 1:30, 2:30) 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri., Sat. (11:35, 1:45, 3:50) 5:50, 7:55, 10:15 Sun. (11:35, 1:45, 3:50) 5:50, 7:55; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (11:05, 11:50, 1:40, 2:35) 4:20, 5:10, 7:00, 7:50, 9:40, 10:30 Sun. (11:05, 11:50, 1:40, 2:35) 4:20, 5:10, 7:00, 7:50; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (11:40, 2:20) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05 Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 4:55, 7:35

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square

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Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri., Sun. (10:40, 1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; **The Descendants** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:35, 1:25) 4:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Die Hard** (R) Fri., Sun.; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri., Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 8:00 Fri. (11:45, 2:00) 4:25 Sat., Sun. 4:25p.m.; **Happy Feet Two in 3D** (PG) Fri., Sun. (10:45) 5:45, 10:25; **Hugo** (PG) Fri., Sun. (10:30, 1:15) 4:05, 7:00, 9:40; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:05, 8:00, 10:40; **Immortals** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:45, 1:30) 4:05, 7:10, 9:45; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:35, 1:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri., Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:40, 5:40, 7:25, 8:25, 10:00, 10:45; **Pokemon the Movie: White-Victini and Zekrom** (Not Rated) Fri. Sat., Sun. (11:45, 2:00); **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri., Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:30) 5:30, 7:35, 9:55; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun.; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:05, 12:05, 1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:35, 10:15, 10:50

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Another Happy Day (R) Fri., Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **50/50** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; **Home Alone** (PG) Fri., Sun.; **Hugo** (PG) Fri., Sat. (11:00, 12:20, 1:40, 3:00) 4:20, 5:40, 7:00, 8:20, 9:40, 10:55 Sun. (11:00, 12:20, 1:40, 3:00) 4:20, 5:40, 7:00, 8:20, 9:40; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **The Ides of March** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:25 Sat. (12:15, 2:50) 10:25 Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:25; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri., Sun. (12:00, 1:00) 4:05, 7:05, 8:30, 10:05; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:50, 2:00) 4:10, 6:20, 8:25, 10:30; **London Boulevard** (R) Fri., Sun. (12:30, 3:05) 5:30, 8:05, 10:25; **Love Actually** (R) Fri. Sat. 7:00p.m. Sun.; **Midnight in**

Paris (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:45) 4:55, 7:10; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **My Week with Marilyn** (R) Fri. (11:00, 1:00, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35 Sat., Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35; **The Rum Diary** (R) Fri., Sun. (2:55) 5:45; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun.; **Take Shelter** (R) Fri., Sun. (2:05) 9:30; **A Warrior's Heart** (PG) Fri., Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; **The Way** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 10:10

Regal Horton Plaza

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri. (5:00) 10:05 Sat., Sun. 5:00, 10:05; **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) Fri., Sun. (2:15) 7:35; **Desi Boyz** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. (2:30) 7:20, 10:10; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri., Sun. (1:25) 6:30; **Happy Feet Two in 3D** (PG) Fri. (4:00) 9:15 Sat., Sun. 4:00, 9:15; **Immortals** (R) Fri. (2:20, 5:15) 7:50, 10:15 Sat., Sun. (2:20) 5:15, 7:50, 10:15; **Immortals 3D** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 9:40 Sat., Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 9:40; **In Time** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:10) 6:45, 9:20 Sat., Sun. (1:40) 4:10, 6:45, 9:20; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:25, 9:55 Sat., Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; **Paranormal Activity 3** (R) Fri. (2:25, 4:35) 7:10, 9:25 Sat., Sun. (2:25) 4:35, 7:10, 9:25; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri., Sun. (1:35, 3:45) 6:00; **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) Fri., Sun. 9:00p.m.; **Rockstar** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. (2:05) 6:10, 9:30; **St. Olaf Christmas Festival Live** (Not Rated) Sun. 12:30p.m.; **The Metropolitan Opera: Rodelinda LIVE** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:30a.m.; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 2:10, 4:15, 4:55) 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:20 Sat. (1:30) 2:10, 4:15, 4:55, 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:20 Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 4:55, 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:20; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:20) 7:05, 9:35 Sat., Sun. (1:50) 4:20, 7:05, 9:35; **A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:05) 6:20, 9:10 Sat., Sun. (1:55) 4:05, 6:20, 9:10

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Le Havre (NR) Fri. (2:30), (4:45), 7:00, 9:15, Sat & Sun: (2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, Mon – Thu: (4:45), 7:00, 9:15; **The Women On The 6th Floor** (R) Opens Friday, December 09; **Santa's Cool Holiday Film Festival** (NR) Plays Saturday, December 10

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)

Arthur Christmas; The Descendants; Happy Feet Two; Hugo; The Ides of March; The Immortals; J. Edgar; Jack and Jill; Moneyball; The Metropolitan Opera: Rodelinda LIVE (Not Rated) Sat. (9:30a.m.); **The Muppets; Tower Heist; Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1**

Landmark La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

Like Crazy (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55 Sat., Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Margin Call** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:45 Sat., Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **Melancholia** (R) Fri., Sun. 9:30p.m.; **My Week with Marilyn** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:40) 7:20, 9:50 Sat., Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Young Goethe in Love** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00 Sat., Sun. (11:10) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa

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MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)

Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) Fri., Sun. 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:05) 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Happy Feet Two in 3D** (PG) Fri., Sun. 12:10, 2:55; **Hugo** (PG) Fri., Sun. (10:35) 1:30, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri., Sun. 12:05, 3:05, 6:05, 9:05; **The Ides of March** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:35) 4:25, 10:05; **Immortals 3D** (R) Fri., Sun.

(11:20) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:35) 2:45, 6:10, 9:20; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:15) 1:35, 4:00, 6:25, 8:55; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 1:15, 7:00; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:00) 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:20, 10:00; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:25) 4:25, 9:15; **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) Fri., Sun. 1:55, 6:50; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (10:30, 11:15) 12:00, 12:45, 1:25, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:20, 5:15, 6:00, 6:45, 7:20, 8:10, 9:00, 9:40, 10:15; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (R) Fri., Sun. 5:30, 7:55, 10:20

AMC Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)

Arthur Christmas; Happy Feet Two; Hugo; The Immortals; In Time; J. Edgar; Jack and Jill; The Metropolitan Opera: Rodelinda LIVE (Not Rated) Sat. (9:30a.m.); **The Muppets; My Week with Marilyn; Puss in Boots; The Smurfs 3D** (PG) Sat. 1:00, 7:00 Sun. 12:00p.m.; **St. Olaf Christmas Festival Live** (Not Rated) Sun. 12:30p.m.; **Tower Heist; Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1; A Very Harold & Kumar 3-D Christmas**

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Olivia's Wintertime Cheer (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Pokemon the Movie: White-Victini and Zekrom** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:00 AM; **Arthur Christmas** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 2:45, 9:30, Sun-Thur: 12:30, 2:45; **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) Fri: 10:15 AM, 5:00, 7:15, Sat & Sun: 5:00, 7:15, Mon-Thu: 10:15 AM, 5:00, 7:15; **Hugo** (PG) Fri-Thu: 4:30 PM; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 7:15, 10:00, Sun-Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 7:15; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun-Wed: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Sun-Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Immortals** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30, Sun-Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Immortals 3D** (R) Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sun-Wed: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sat: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Mon: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **BABY'S NIGHT OUT: "THE MUPPETS"** THU. 12/8 @ 7PM. BRING THE BABY! PARENT MOVIE MORNING: "THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN: PART 1" THU. 12/8 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

UPTOWN

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The Descendants (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:20), 5:10, 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:20, 5:10, 8:00; **Like Crazy** (PG 13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:10), (4:40), 7:20, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:35; **The Descendants** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, Sat & Sun: 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **The Skin I Live In** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:25), 7:10, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; **Melancholia** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:10, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:00, 5:00, 8:10; **Shame** (NC-17) Opens Friday, December 09

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Born To Be Wild IMAX** (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.m.; **Santa vs. the Snowman (1997)** (G) Fri. 3:00, 5:00 Sat., Sun. 11:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Under the Sea** (G) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

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Regal Parkway Plaza

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 4:55) 7:15; **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:05, 4:25) 6:50, 9:15; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; **Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Fri. 11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **Hugo** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:50) 6:40; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; **Ides of March & Moneyball** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:35, 4:10) 8:45; **Immortals** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 9:20; **Immortals 3D** (R) Fri. (11:35) 6:55; **In Time** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:40) 7:25, 9:55; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri. (12:40, 3:40) 6:50, 9:45; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:15, 4:35) 7:05, 9:40; **Midnight in Paris** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:15) 7:35, 10:00; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 11:50, 2:00, 2:20, 4:30, 4:50) 7:05, 7:25, 9:40, 10:05; **Paranormal Activity 3** (R) Fri. 9:30p.m.; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:05, 4:20) 7:15; **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) Fri. 9:25p.m.; **Real Steel** (PG-13) Fri. 9:35p.m.; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 12:50, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50) 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35

LA MESA

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Dawn-Part 1 (PG-13) Fri. (12:10,

1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 7:55, 9:50 Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 7:55, 9:50; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri. 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. (10:10) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45; **The Metropolitan Opera: Rode-linda LIVE** (Not Rated) Sat. (9:30a.m.); **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35) 1:15, 2:10, 4:05, 4:55, 6:45, 7:40, 9:30 Sat. (11:35) 2:10, 4:05, 4:55, 6:45, 7:40, 9:30 Sun. (11:35) 1:15, 2:10, 4:05, 4:55, 6:45, 7:40, 9:30; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:15

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Pokemon the Movie: White-Victini and Zekrom (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:00 AM; **Ar-**

thur Christmas (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:25, 5:10, 10:00, Sun-Thur: 12:25, 5:10; **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) Fri-Thur: 10:00 AM, 2:50, 7:30; **Hugo** (PG) Fri-Thur: 4:45 PM; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun-Thur: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 7:00; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40, Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun-Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30, Sun-Tue: 10:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30, 11:15 AM, 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; **Immortals** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 10:15, Sun-Thur: 11:00 AM, 1:50, 4:35, 7:15; **Immortals 3D** (R) Wed: 11:00 AM, 1:50, 4:35, 7:15; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 10:05, Sun-Thur: 10:05 AM, 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:45, Sat: 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:45, Sun: 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, Mon-Thur: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 12:20, 2:30, 7:25, 9:55, Sun-Wed: 10:05 AM, 12:20, 2:30, 7:25, Thu: 10:05 AM, 12:20, 2:30, 7:30; **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) Fri-Thur: 4:15 PM; **The Ides of March** (R) Fri & Sat: 1:30, 7:10, 9:40, Sun-Wed: 1:30, 7:10, Thu: 1:30 PM; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri: 10:20 AM, 4:00, Sat & Sun: 4:00 PM, Mon & Tue: 10:20 AM, 4:00, Wed: 4:00 PM, Thu: 10:20 AM, 4:00; **BABY'S NIGHT OUT: "THE MUPPETS"** THU. 12/8 @ 7PM. BRING THE BABY! **PARENT MOVIE MORNING: "THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN: PART 1"** WED. 12/7 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

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NORTH COASTAL

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Calendar

MOVIES

The Ides of March — Facile but enjoyable. George Clooney directed and stars as a presidential candidate, a glib liberal dream — apart from his Clintonian attraction to a naïve intern (Evan Rachel Wood), who seems to be running on the Live Bait ticket. As a silky machine of ambition, he excites other tough guys: Paul Giamatti, Ryan Gosling, Jeffrey Wright, and, making a big speech about loyalty, Philip Seymour Hoffman (also a tough gal, Marisa Tomei as a barracuda reporter). Nothing new here or as entertaining as 1964’s *The Best Man*, and the wink at abortion is iffy, yet this ensemble effort maintains a curiously chill heat of interest. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; POWAY 10)

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.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OTAY RANCH 12; 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Le Havre — Reviewed this issue.

★★★ (KEN; FROM 12/02)

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 wowed 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)

London Boulevard — An ex-con (Colin Farrell) becomes a bodyguard to a retired star (Keira Knightley) in William Monahan’s film of British crime and romance. With David Thewlis, Anna Friel, Eddie Marsan, Ray Winstone, Ben Chaplin. Reviewed next issue. (GASLAMP 15; FROM 12/02)

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)

Moneyball — A rare sports movie with a brain. Brad Pitt does perhaps his best star acting as Billy Beane, the Oakland Athletics general manager who, sick of being looted of talent by big-money teams like the Yankees, opted for a “sabermetrics” approach using computers and the advice of a smart, chubby nerd (Jonah Hill, very good as this composite figure). The script went through much overhaul (Robin Wright’s tiny role may be

a symptom of that), and Steven Soderbergh left as director, but Bennett Miller came in as more than a relief hitter. Full of nuances, always sharp about the frictions of change, finely acted, fascinated by the game but not pious, the movie has the rich adulthood of Miller’s previous work (*The Cruise, Capote*). — D.E.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; POWAY 10)

The Muppets — Any similarities between Jim Henson’s antron-fleece assemblage and hack-screenwriter Jason Segel’s fleece job are 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

My Week with Marilyn — A gossipy peekaboo based on Colin Clark’s memoir as an assistant on the English set of 1957’s *The Prince and the Showgirl*. He has a crush on Marilyn Monroe, who reciprocates voluptuously (this may be mostly imagined), while costar and director Laurence Olivier fumes. Eddie Redmayne is appealing as coltish Colin, and Kenneth Branagh impersonates Olivier rather well. But Simon Curtis’s slight, engaging movie belongs to Michelle Williams. As Marilyn Monroe, she mixes the famous sizzle with catty, cannily vulnerability as a natural star who doesn’t believe in her talent but can manipulate males. She rescues Marilyn from her image as a controlled dummy. With Zoë Wanamaker as Paula Strasberg, as cuddly as a blowtorch. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TEMECULA TOWER 10)

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

A Very Harold & Kumar 3-D Christmas — Separated at the outset and assigned new BFFs, America’s favorite toking twosome 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; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14)

A Warrior’s Heart — The warrior is an army brat, budding lacrosse superstar, and prime cut of Hollywood porterhouse who is bounced from school to school until his street-fighting ways land him in jail. Sports, the military, tough love, Native American style, and a boss cast featuring two peripheral *Twilight* stars converge in this slick-looking, pathos-laden pilot for a teen drama. There’s enough of this crap playing on network TV — no need to drop ten bucks on it. With Kellan Lutz and Ashley Greene. 2011. — S.M.

● (GASLAMP 15; FROM 12/02)

The Women on the 6th Floor — Reviewed this issue.

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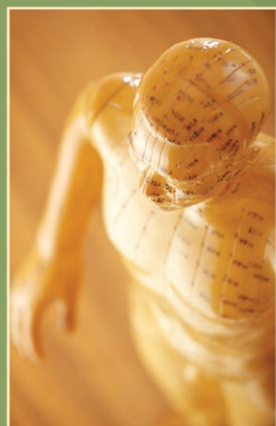
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POINT LOMA, \$1100.
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THE READER PUZZLE:

RULES OF THE GAME

1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results are posted online each week to 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 **619-231-0489** or **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.

And now for the really small print:
1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Late entries will not be considered.
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
4) 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.

Across

- 1. Exclamation added to the Oxford English Dictionary in 2001
- 4. Abbr. on an invitation
- 8. "The Muppet Show" drummer

- 14. ____ v. Wade
- 15. On the less windy side
- 16. " ____ me God!"
- 17. Woodstock performer who could have been one of 37-/38-Across
- 19. Morgue ID
- 20. "GoodFellas" actress Mazar
- 21. Colorado birthplace of Jack Dempsey
- 22. "Never Say Never" singer who could have been one of 37-/38-Across
- 26. Apnea diagnoser, briefly
- 27. Batter's fig.
- 28. Singer Gorme
- 32. HDTV brand
- 33. Abbey area
- 35. Midwestern landscape
- 36. Room with a draft
- 37. With 38-Across, apt name used by James Brown's band in the 1970s
- 38. See 37-Across
- 39. Cul-de- ____
- 40. Select
- 42. "Don't ____ me, bro!"
- 43. ____-Magnon man
- 44. Silk-producing state of India
- 45. Hand holder?
- 46. 1921 play from which the word "robot" comes
- 47. "Cheeseburger in Paradise" singer who could have been one of 37-/38-Across
- 52. Ask for
- 55. Artist Mondrian
- 56. "The Joy Luck Club" author
- 57. 2009 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee who could have been one of 37-/38-Across
- 61. Park place?
- 62. Skin soother
- 63. Oahu souvenir
- 64. Stationer's item
- 65. "Grenade" singer Bruno
- 66. So far

Down

- 1. Nickname for #6 on the Sixers
- 2. Winning row on "Hollywood Squares"
- 3. Unfair advantages
- 4. Talmudic scholar
- 5. Bumped off
- 6. Civic center?
- 7. Candy in a dispenser
- 8. Take ____ at
- 9. Only you
- 10. "Comin' through loud and clear"
- 11. Citi Field ballplayers
- 12. Woeful word
- 13. 100 International Golf Drive is the street address of its headquarters
- 18. Pocket
- 21. "Family Guy" daughter
- 22. Hopping desert rodent
- 23. Takes the lid off
- 24. First, second or third
- 25. " ____ got it!"
- 29. How people have trysts
- 30. Needing variety
- 31. Companion
- 33. It started in 1945
- 34. Part of a sentence: Abbr.
- 35. "Nova" network
- 38. Doorframe part
- 41. They're usually served sizzling at Mexican restaurants
- 42. Give it a go
- 45. Qty.
- 48. Many a West Virginia worker
- 49. Psyched about
- 50. Marching band instruments
- 51. Winter mo.
- 52. Wise
- 53. Barack Obama called him the "toughest, baddest guy" on HBO's "The Wire"
- 54. "The Golden Compass" heroine
- 57. Pickle
- 58. Portuguese "she"
- 59. So-so grade
- 60. Tool ____

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

Carolyn Clark, Lakeside, 10. If walls actually did have ears, wallpaper would be way too lumpy.

Conway Redding, La Mesa, 9. Pride goeth before a prejudice.

Carolyn Foley, Carlsbad, 7. If I'm behind the eight ball, does that mean I'm in front of the first seven?

Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 7. How come an even number of socks go into the washer and an odd number come out?

Ron Elko, La Mesa, 1. Love's labor is never lost!

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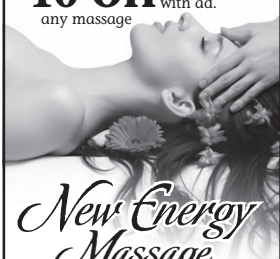
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THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles along with your name and a brief message (**20** words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are

- cut into pieces will be disqualified. Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: Sudoku@sreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

- 5) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 6) Late entries will not be considered.
- 7) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 8) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

NEW RULES

Starting with the issue of May 12, we will award writers of the best messages, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning messages in the paper. Puzzle winners with rankings will still be posted online at SDReader.com.

EASY:

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MEDIUM:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

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MEDIUM:

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EVIL:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Silvia Urban, Encanto, 5.** *Have pity on others; keep your stories short.*

☛ **Larry Klages, Encanto, 6.** *You won't have time to worry if you stay busy during the day and you're too tired at night.*

☛ **Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 11.** *All the America's Cup boats look the same. It must be "pier" pressure!*

☛ **Ric Witt, Clairemont, 11.** *Were the first atomic tests called abombinations?*

☛ **Larry Clark, Clairemont, 8.** *It's a special kind of fool that relies on the promise of a drunkard.*

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2BD+2BA, apartment. Upstairs, quiet complex. Laundry. 5530 Riley Street #4. Available now. 858-514-8201.

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MISSION VALLEY, \$1495.
2BD+1.5BA townhouse with parking. Laundry in unit. Pool, no pets. Available mid- December. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

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North County Coastal

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We’ve ground the word “beef” and mashed the word “potatoes.” Can you identify the rest of the items on the menu?

- 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) GROUND BEEF

5) _____

6) _____
- 7) MASHED POTATOES

8) _____

9) _____

10) _____

11) _____

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Handiwork

Solution:

- 4 Hook ‘em horns!

11 Yer out!

10 Put up your dukes!

9 Relax, relax, take it easy.

13 ...one nation under God...

1 ...with Allstate.

2 Just out with the boys.

7 I found this in the mousetrap.

5 Giddyup.

14 Bravo!

8 ...two potato...
- 6 How’s the frosting?

3 Abracadabra!

15 Keep going...back it up...

12 We must stand firm.



BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

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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.

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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.)

☛ **Martha Awdziejewicz, Claire-mont, 10.** *Did you know that the old investors at Morgan Stanley never die? They just roll over.*

☛ **Richard Hutchings, Santee, 6.** *Psychologists have their own union: The United Mind Workers.*

☛ **Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 2.** *Herman certainly seems to be Cain, not able.*

☛ **Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 2.** *Does Firestone ever have a Good Year?*

☛ **kelley sheahan, La Mesa, 1.** *With all these prizes, I think I'm gonna need a bigger closet!*



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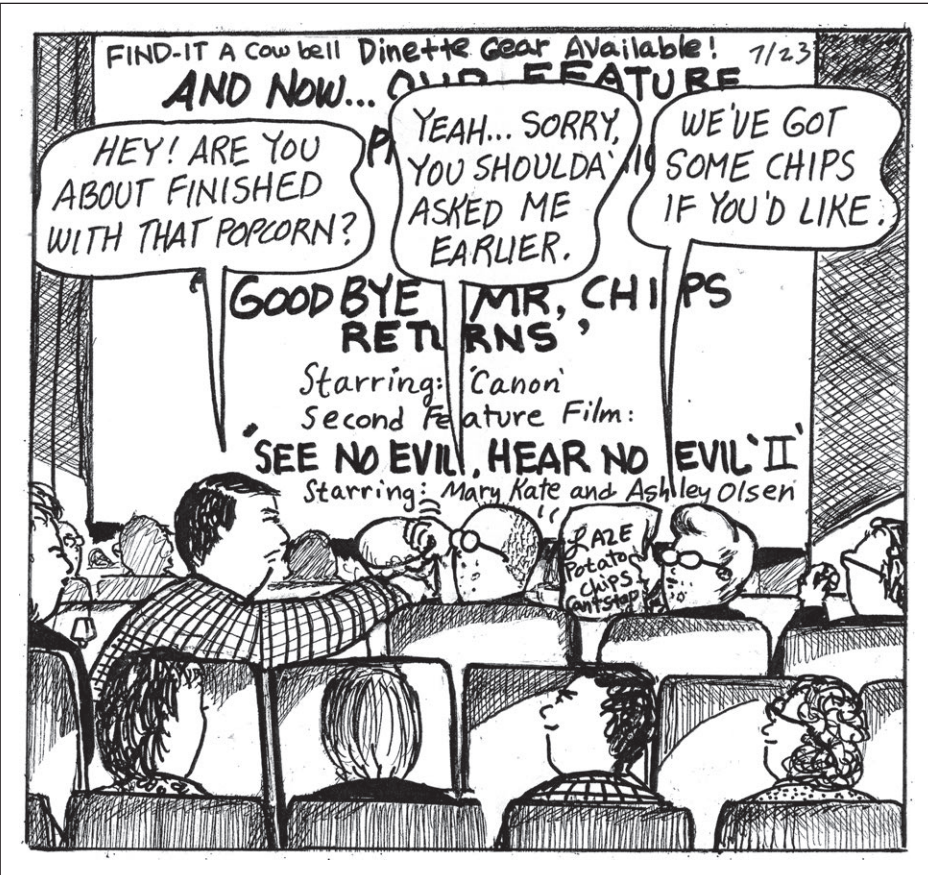
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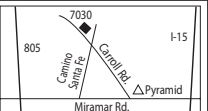
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The Continuing Crisis

— According to a recent report from Britain’s Office of National Statistics, there are 297,000 households in the country in which no adult has ever held any kind of job. The number of individuals who thus may never have developed the “habit of work,” and who instead have grown accustomed to the country’s generous welfare payments, might total 700,000. (In an example cited by the *Daily Mail*, one such couple in their late 30s, and their children, “earn” the equivalent of almost \$1100 per week in income support and disability payments.)

— Chicago massage therapist Liudmyla Ksenych, testifying for the prosecution in August in a sex-trafficking trial, happened to notice from the witness stand that the defense lawyer, Douglas Rathe, was formerly a client of hers. The judge immedi-

ately declared a mistrial. Rathe later said he visited Ksenych four times in 2009 but that “nothing inappropriate” happened.

Oops!

— Larry Stone, jailed on property crimes in Tavares, Fla., because he could not make the \$1250 bail, posted the bond in July by earning \$1300 in telephone-company money after discovering a management error that credited his jail account \$46 for every international call he pretended to make. (The company figured out the problem a day later and recovered all the payouts from the accounts of Stone and 250 other prisoners who had learned of the glitch. Stone’s bond was revoked, of course, and he was returned to lockup.)

— Betty Walker, allegedly firing at the pit bull that she saw lunging at some children, hit the dog with one shot and her husband, 53, with a second shot, killing him (Jackson, Miss., July).

News of the Self-Indulgent

— While too many children in Third World countries die from starvation or lack of basic medicines, the preschoolers of the TLC TV channel’s *Outrageous Kid Parties* reality show celebrate birthdays and “graduation” (from or to kindergarten) with spectacular events that may cost their parents

\$30,000 or more. Typical features, according to an August ABC News report, included a Ferris wheel, a roller coaster, a dunking booth, animal rides, and a cotton candy machine, as well as live music and limo or horseback (for grand entrances).

Bright Ideas

— Alicia Bouchard, 41, was arrested in Jackson County, Fla., in August, accused of hatching a plot with her husband to impregnate a 12-year-old girl for the purpose of producing a baby that would eventually earn an additional welfare check.

— In August, the Japanese construction firm Maeda Corp. ordered its 2700 employees to adopt standard, short hairstyles (a “bob” for women with a longer fringe that could be swept to the side, and a routine short-back-and-sides cut for men with a slightly longer cut on top). Maeda said it was responding to the government’s plea to reduce energy usage (less water, less hair-dryer time).

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— Travis Keen, 28, was arrested in Ouachita Parish, La., in August and charged with indecent exposure while driving around the parking lot at a Walmart. According to the police report, Keen explained that, “when he comes to Walmart, he gets aroused.”

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Redneck Chronicles

— Lon Groves, 40, was arrested in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., after a brief standoff with police in July following an incident in which he allegedly held a handgun to the head of his wife in an argument over which of their granddaughters was the wife’s favorite.

— Pastor Daryl Riley of the New Welcome Baptist Church in St. Elmo, Ala., was tased, allegedly by the church’s music minister, whom Riley had fired in August (which led another parishioner to pull a knife and begin stabbing wildly in a melee). Said the music minister’s mother, “He done cut [me] before anything started.”

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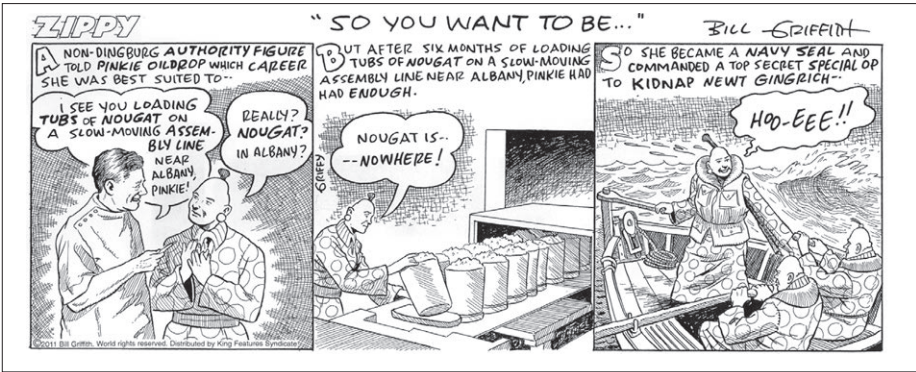
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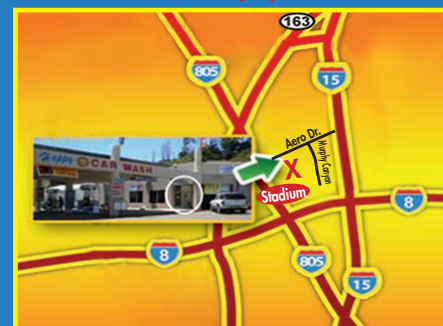
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