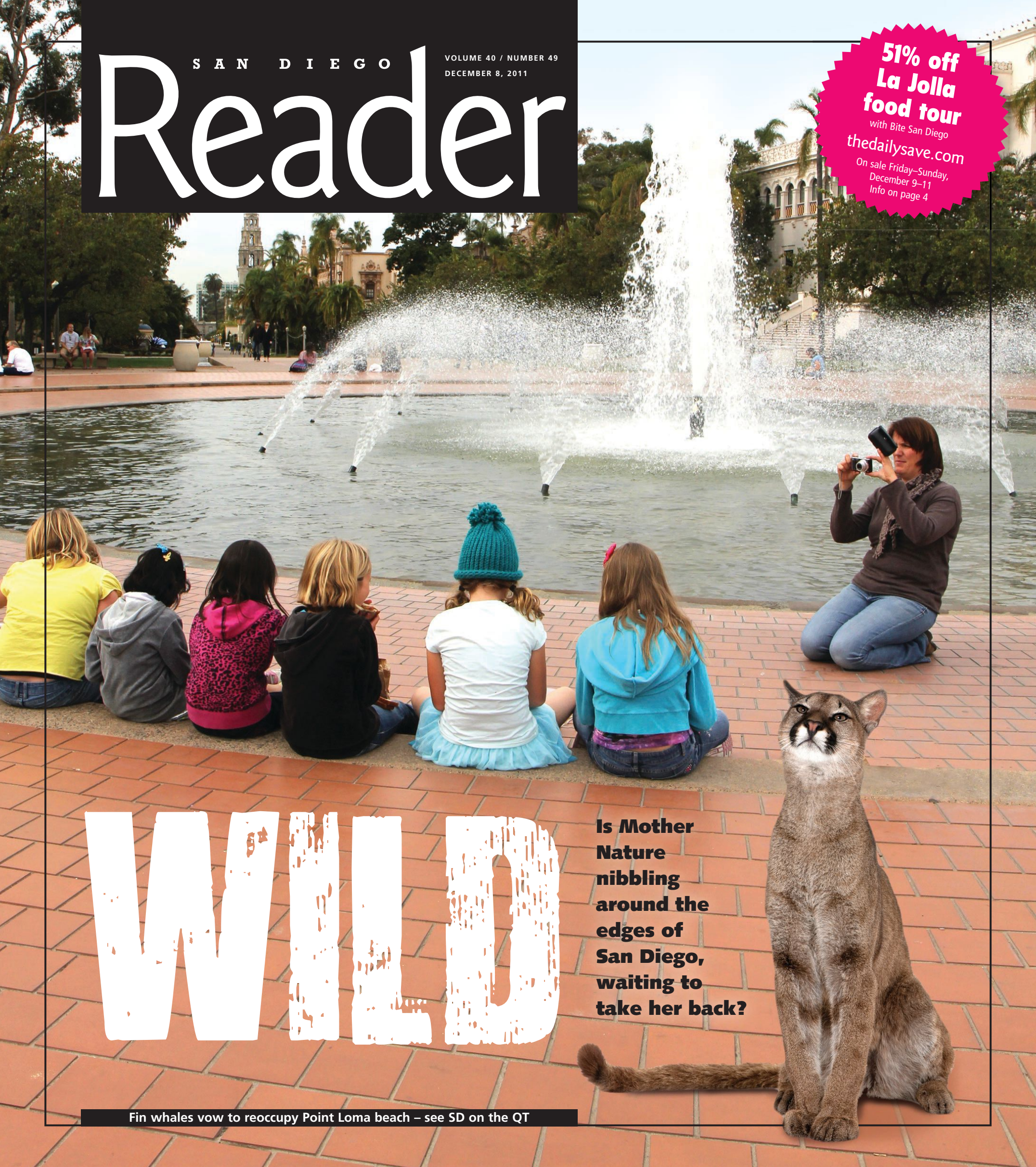


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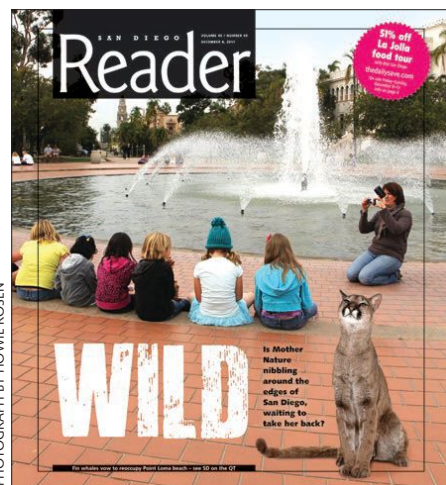


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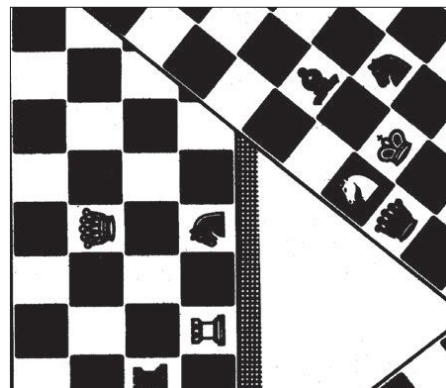


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UNDER THE RADAR

Walshok at the oasis UCSD's associate vice chancellor for Extended Studies and Public Programs and professor of sociology **Mary Lindenstein Walshok** has long been noted around campus for her many extracurricular activities. She's on the board of La Jolla financier **Buzz Woolley's** Girard Foundation, where records show she has been paid \$5000 a year. Walshok's other non-profit board memberships have included the Watchdog Institute (now called Investigative News-source), the group formed by ex-*Union-Tribune* editor **Lorie Hearn**, and San Diego CONNECT, a business and high-tech advocacy group in La Jolla. A native of Palm Springs, Walshok has also proved to be a prolific world traveler, especially to emerging industrial giants as well as to her ancestral home of Sweden, where she has been a visiting professor at the Stockholm School of Economics and was awarded Sweden's Royal Order of the Polar Star.

Now, according to a report in Oman-based *Business Today*, Walshok has joined the nine-member international advisory board of the Research Council of the Sultanate of Oman, a small but wealthy country on the southeast coast of the Arabian Peninsula. According to its page on Facebook, the council is "the exclusive research funding body and leader of research development in the country." It adds, "Our mission is to create an innovation ecology that is responsive to local needs and international trends, fosters social harmony, and leads to creativity and excellence." According to an October dispatch from Iran's official news agency, officials of the research council recently met with Iranian officials and "exchanged views on boosting research cooperation between Iran



UCSD professor Mary Lindenstein Walshok joins international advisory board of the Sultanate of Oman, a small but wealthy country on the Arabian Peninsula.

and Oman, in addition to the programs and mechanisms that are already in place."

Interviewed last week, Walshok said politics played no role in her work in Oman. "I was sort of surprised at how open they were," she said. "[They have] a desire to be one of the more open, inclusive, and forward-looking countries of the Middle East." Walshok added that she was recommended for her advisory role by a Swedish colleague familiar with her work studying the "social dynamics

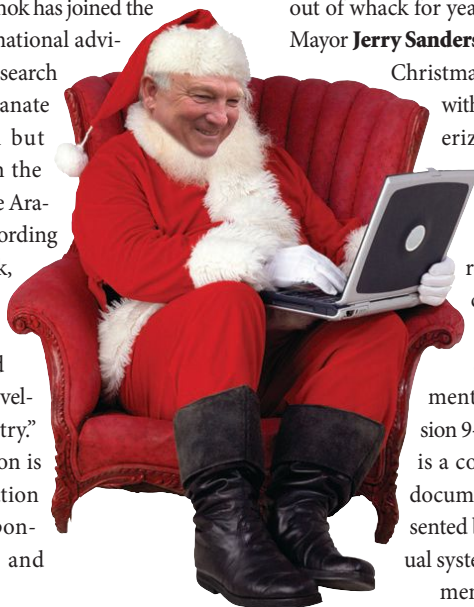
and cultural values" of San Diego's high-tech development efforts, which she regards as an international model. In addition to her Oman presence, Walshok said, she is now also currently advising the city of Belfast, in Northern Ireland, regarding the city's new Titanic Quarter, a redevelopment effort on the site of the shipyard where the doomed ocean liner was built.

Sanders and county play computer Santa

San Diego's budget has been out of whack for years, but that hasn't stopped Mayor **Jerry Sanders** from embarking on a pre-

Christmas shopping spree, starting with an elaborate new computerized scheduling system for the police department, where he was once chief. Judging by a November 23 request for proposals, relief can't come too soon. "Staffing and scheduling for the San Diego Police Department's Communications Division 9-1-1 dispatch employee unit is a considerable task," says the document. Among problems presented by the currently used manual system, according to the document, are "Employees spending excessive amounts of time looking for other employees to work for them, trade shifts or trade days off"; "Inaccurate coverage of bilingual employees"; and "Frequent opportunities for errors due to miscopying information." The new software, the price of which is yet to be

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Jerry Sanders places a tall order for computer software.

Head Case

By Don Bauder

San Diego needs counseling. If you could bring back a great name from the past to give advice, who would it be?

Real estate wizards Alonzo Horton or John Spreckels? Civic activist George Marston, who was instrumental in the creation of Balboa Park and the public library system?

None of the above. To understand San Diego's current woes, you would have to consult Austrian psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud. That's because Freud articulated the concept that people forget what they want to forget. They have an aversion to remembering something associated with disagreeable feelings. Today's psychiatrists call it "opportune forgetfulness."

Former councilmember Bruce Henderson points out that ex-mayor Dick Murphy, through a book and interviews with the compliant mainstream media, is trying to explain the decisions and nondecisions that brought about his abrupt resignation. This is happening while the downtown establishment is trying to keep the Chargers football team in San Diego.

But Murphy somehow can't remember that he greased the skids for the team to depart. In getting the Chargers to give up the reviled 60,000-seat ticket guarantee, Murphy and his minions granted the team a three-month window every year in which it can break its lease and skip town, and each year the fee for doing so diminishes. This deal cost the City \$90 million to \$100 million. Remember?

Steve Erie, University of California San Diego political scientist and coauthor of the new book *Paradise Plundered: Fiscal Crisis and Gover-*

nance Failures in San Diego, picks up a concept that made Alfred Adler, Freud's one-time colleague, famous. "San Diego has a civic inferiority complex," pronounces Erie.

The proposed Chargers football stadium downtown will have no ancillary benefits, particularly since the team's attempt to make it part of the convention center expansion is dead on arrival. The \$600 million to \$700 million that the City would pay to build the stadium "is a pure subsidy, and the era of public subsidies is over. That doesn't seem to have dawned on the public of San Diego."

Erie coauthored a study on how the Petco Park project resulted in construction of some buildings in East Village and certainly ben-



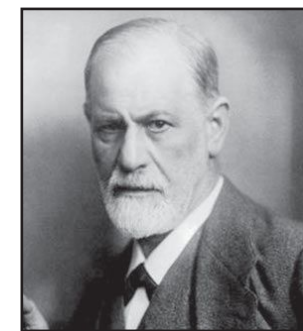
Freud's colleague Alfred Adler might say that San Diego has a "civic inferiority complex."

efited some moneybags in the private sector but did not pay off for the citizenry. The project is still a drain, but downtown overlords are pushing for a football stadium that would be a larger drain.

The City will have to spend \$550 million or more to expand the convention center just to retain Comic-Con. "We will lose Comic-Con in a couple of years,

anyway; the nature of the industry has changed, and Comic-Con will have to be closer to Hollywood," he says. "The convention center expansion doesn't pencil out, no matter how they plan to do it."

Another example of faulty memory is the partially built downtown library: "We are \$26 million short of capital and have no operating budget, no plan of how to staff it," says Erie. "We are cutting back on hours of the outly-



Steve Erie uses Sigmund Freud's (pictured) oedipal theories to describe San Diego boosters' "edifice complex."

ing libraries."

Erie reverts to psychological lingo again — with a one-word substitution. "The boosters of this town have an enormous edifice complex," he says. (Freud came up with the term "Oedipus complex.") The establishment continues to pour money into downtown structures while the neighborhoods and the infrastructure rot. "Downtown is the Emerald City from *The Wizard of Oz* while the provinces deteriorate."

Says Norma Damashek, civic activist and former president of the San Diego League of Women Voters, "There is a term in psychiatry to describe how one keeps repeating the same thing over and over. It's a compulsive disorder that keeps us making these bad decisions over and over again, saying that this time it will work." The City has poured billions into downtown redevelopment, but

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Victors Write History? Politicians Do

By Susan Luzzaro

Chula Vista turned 100 this year. Along with holding celebrations, the city published a centennial book detailing the growth

of San Diego County's second-largest city. A popular adage maintains that history is written by the victors, and that's how some Chula Vista residents feel about the book.

Jerry Thomas, longtime Chula Vista activist and a

member of the Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association, said in a recent interview, "What upsets me is, the historian was absolutely wonderful, and a historian should not have his writing altered by politicians, particularly



From *Chula Vista Centennial*, a photo of mayor Greg Cox, seated in tractor, with developer Corky McMillin to his left

for political purposes.... Like you do with most books, you open it up in the middle, and it was one page after another of [county supervisor] Greg Cox and [former port commissioner] David Malcolm and [Chula Vista mayor] Cheryl [Cox] and all her cronies. I was totally outraged at how self-serving it was.... That was probably the lowest, most contemptible thing that they could have done to

degrade the celebration of the city of Chula Vista."

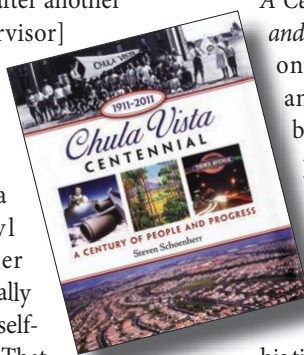
Chula Vista Centennial:

A Century of People and Progress focuses on 1911 to 2011 and was written by former USD professor Steven Schoenherr. The city sells it for \$40.

Schoenherr volunteered his time to create this coffee-table book filled with lush moments of Chula Vista's past. The prologue, which begins with the Kumeyaay, sets the stage for lemon trees to gradually give way to suburbs. Ten decades are covered in 215 pages, and the foreword is written by Mayor Cheryl Cox and Councilmember Pamela Bensoussan.

While critics have nothing but praise for the first three-quarters of the book, they believe the last few chapters skew or misrepresent the city's history and appear to serve the campaigns of Supervisor Greg Cox and Councilmember Bensoussan. Both are scheduled to run for reelection in 2012.

Susan Watry, a 50-year resident and political activist, wrote in a recent letter to the editor of the *Chula Vista Star-News*, "When we got to the last two chapters it was obvious to us that the rumors were true. Cheryl Cox and Pamela Ben-



Supervisors Leon Williams and Brian Bilbray, mayor Greg Cox, and councilmembers Gayle McCandless, Leonard Moore, and David Malcolm dedicate trolley in 1986.

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NEWS TICKER

Reunited

Bikini Lady's Dog Shows Up at Shelter

University City — Some commuters who drive in the University City and La Jolla area may be crestfallen to learn that the bikini-wearing lady who was waving signs last week has found her dog. Someone dropped off Arlene Corona's chihuahua, Chispita, at the animal shelter on November 30.

Corona reportedly occupied the intersection of La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee Avenue for six days. Last week she told Fox News, "I'm willing to stand and freeze and starve outside in my bathing suit from 8 a.m. to, like, 6 p.m. every day until I get [the dog] back."

ABC News and *Inside Edition* are among the national media outlets that reported Corona's story.

It was first reported that a maintenance worker said he saw a girl snatch the dog at Corona's nearby La Jolla apartment building and that it was an eighth-grader who turned it in to the animal shelter.

By Gail Powell
Friday, December 2

Killings Are Down

USD Reports on Mexican Justice

Linda Vista — The Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego yesterday released its November report from the Justice in Mexico Project. Among the reported findings:

Drug-cartel-related killings are down in states where the federal government has deployed the military to crack down on drug gangs. Despite heavy media coverage of violence there, Baja California did not rank among the five states with the heaviest rate of killings.

Online "hacktivist" group Anonymous backed down in

early November from carrying out its Operation Cartel, which threatened to expose members of the Zeta cartel through a massive public data dump. The Zetas had kidnapped and released an Anonymous member, threatening not only to harm him and his family if information were made public, but vowing to kill ten innocent people for each name Anonymous leaked.

Some skeptics have questioned whether the group actually had reliable information on the Zetas and whether the alleged kidnapping ever took place.

By Dave Rice
Friday, December 2

Moderation Platform

New Majority Endorses Fletcher

San Diego — Since announcing his candidacy for mayor, assemblyman Nathan Fletcher, a Republican, has received praise from unlikely sources. Alt-weekly *San Diego CityBeat* praised Fletcher for his pragmatism, despite giving "boos" for his support of managed competition and comprehensive pension reform.

Fletcher joined council president Tony Young in an effort to have City Hall help improve local schools — an unusual position for a registered Republican.

Despite his moderate leanings, even staunch conservative groups have decided to endorse Fletcher over more conservative-leaning candidates Carl DeMaio and Bonnie Dumanis. On Thursday, the local chapter of national political action committee New Majority, whose mission includes electing Republicans to the White House and senate, announced their endorsement of Fletcher.

By Dorian Hargrove
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We Need You, Go Away

Although this week's cover story is about using the SENTRI system to cross the border, the cover photo speaks volumes about the philosophies and policies of the United States and Mexico ("The Only Way to Walk Across the Border in Five Minutes," Cover Story, November 23). The photo depicts the conditions on both sides of the border, about a quarter mile north and south of the border fence. The topography is obviously the same on both sides.

Ironically, the Mexican side is the fully developed side — a compact but still suburban development pattern anchored on its northernmost edge by a four-lane boulevard with a landscaped median and bustling with vehicular activity. Houses and shops are efficiently developed with no land wasted. American and Mexican consumer products are prominently advertised to passersby, indicating thriving commerce.

In stark contrast, the land north of the fence is the undeveloped American land — a large swamp bordered by a zigzagging American version of the Berlin Wall, apparently set up to "protect" what is left of America's decadent socialist empire. Aside from a corner view of the international sewage treatment plant built a few years ago, the land is almost entirely unutilized for any purpose.

Mexico has no wall or

fence and has no use for one, since Mexicans welcome the trade and commerce Americans will bring. They love the free-market concept. Americans, who have apparently grown tired of doing the hard work of building and producing, have, in effect, posted two signs on the border fence — one says Help Wanted, the other says No Trespassing. The paradox is stunning.

Hopefully, the day will come when we Americans realize that the free market is best, that there is no need for walls, fences, Border Patrol agents, SENTRI systems, and all the fiscal and economic costs associated with all of that. Hopefully, we will also recognize that the Mexicans are our neighbors, and they aren't out to get us. The sooner that day comes, the better.

Russ Gibbon
via email

Show Me Your Cards

Good read was the cover article "The Only Way to Walk Across the Border in Five Minutes" on November 23. Very enjoyable.

I have three comments, remarks, or additions.

- U.S. citizens no longer need to carry the passport or passport card on them while crossing the border with a SENTRI card. The SENTRI card is all they need to present to the officer. Mexican citizens and green card holders need to show their visa card or green card along with the SENTRI card.

- Border crossers who are also frequent flyers can apply for both the SENTRI card and the Global Entry program (fast entry program at U.S. airports) at the same time and pay only for one of them.

- And, finally, a passport document is issued for the purpose of passing ports (being terrestrial ports of entry, airports, or seaports), and it is intended for immigration officers, not regular city or municipal police officers like the ones the author of the article mentioned. The request on the U.S. passport from the secretary of state to

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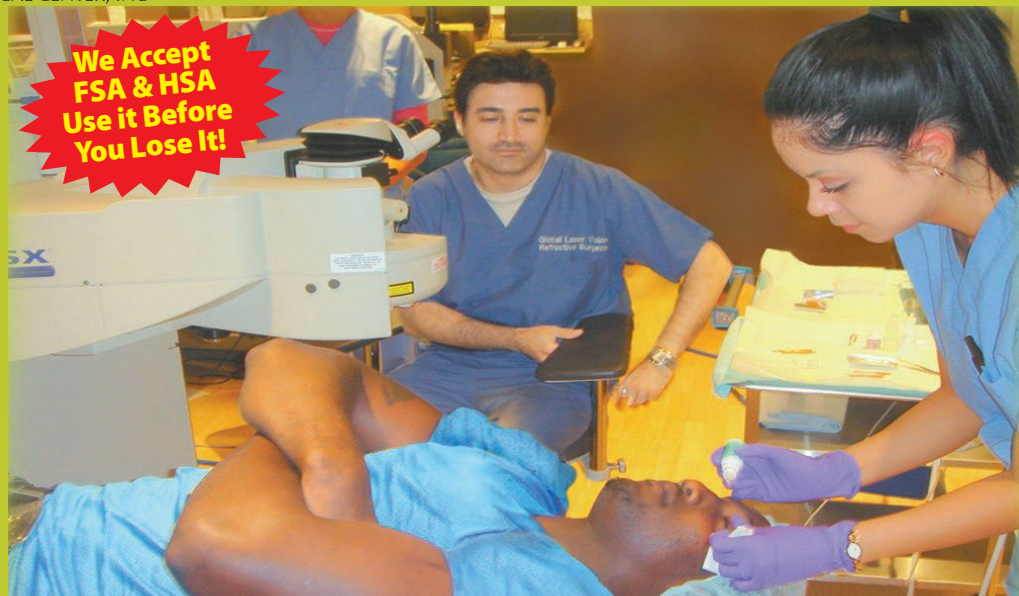
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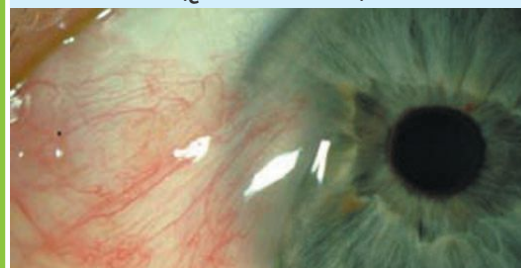
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by Barbarella

The Judge

Will you call Michelle?”

“You call her,” I said.

David huffed in frustration. “I don’t have my phone with me, and I’m driving. And it was your idea,” he said.

“You can use my phone, you haven’t even started the car — it’s not like we’re in any big hurry, either, and, if I might add, it’s a brilliant idea.” I began to smile but held my lips straight when I saw the look on David’s face. “Because I don’t want to be the bad guy, okay? It’s not my dog. Here.” I handed over my phone, with Michelle’s number already highlighted, and looked out my window. The ocean was painted with Monet-esque strokes of rose and lavender, reflected pastel remnants of what had, moments before, been a spectacular sunset.

The problem might have seemed straightforward to an onlooker, but I knew better — when it comes to family, nothing is straightforward. Fortunately, this was David’s

family we were dealing with. After the passive-aggressive boot camp that was my childhood, each member of David’s tribe appears as conspicuous as a bright orange buoy in an endless blue ocean.

My father-in-law has an octogenarian friend known only to us as “the Judge” because that’s what he used to be before he retired to live on Martha’s Vineyard year-round. The Judge and his wife are good friends of

David’s parents, and I have heard many an engaging anecdote about him. I was excited to finally meet him at the reception for David’s annual summer exhibition at the Granary, which is the gallery that represents David’s photographic art on the island.

The Judge seemed like most of my in-laws’ friends on the island — old, wise, friendly, and full of interesting stories about his life experiences. But here’s the hitch — the Judge is an amateur photographer. The night of the reception (and the following night), the Judge sequestered David in a corner of the gallery and interrogated him about lenses and exposure times until, finally, I received David’s nonverbal distress calls and moved in like a Seal Team Six to execute the conversation and open the door for potential art collectors to speak to the man of the hour.

David’s father was disappointed to the point

of being hurt when David expressed his fatigue with the Judge’s limitless fascination with the minutiae of photography. David is passionate about his work, but it is still work; when socializing, he doesn’t always want to job-talk. He went so far as to tell his parents that he preferred they not invite the Judge and his wife over for dinner while we were visiting, because we’d rather spend our very limited time with just the family.

Because she is hyper-sensitive to everyone’s needs and desires, David’s mother, Ency, took us aside the day after Thanksgiving. “The Judge is coming for cocktails tomorrow,” she said. David rolled his eyes and groaned. “Don’t worry, it’s just a drink, they’re just stopping by, they’re not staying for dinner.” She was whispering, which made it clear to me that Robert was not aware of his wife’s conspiracy to spare David from a night of photographic tech talk.

Michelle, David’s sister, was also in town for the family’s Thanksgiving celebration. She would be having dinner with us that night and would likely be around when the Judge stopped by. My plan was to employ Michelle as our informant. We had left the house that morning so I could accompany David on a photo expedition. It was after 5 p.m. when David, reluctantly, called Michelle.

“Can you do me a favor?” he asked in an unsure tone. “Can you text us when the Judge gets there and then again when he leaves?”

I could hear the laughter on the other end of the line. I grabbed at the phone, which David couldn’t seem to let go of fast enough. I said hello, and a still laughing Michelle said, “Mom said you guys wouldn’t be coming home until after the Judge left, and I didn’t believe her!”

I explained why David was so intent on avoiding the kindly but obsessive elderly gentleman and then asked, “Will you do it?” As I expected, Michelle — the family’s self-appointed mediator — agreed to help us out.

By 5:50, David and I had already hit up the gift shops and bookstores on my to-do list and had finished picking up the few items Ency had asked us to grab at the grocery store. The headlights of Robert’s Jeep created a light-tunnel on the dark and winding tree-lined roads. (One of the island’s antiquated charms is its lack of street lamps and traffic lights.) David was driving aimlessly when, at 6:15, Michelle texted: “They just got here about ten minutes ago.” I read it aloud to David and then texted back, “Shit. We’re done with store, now circling the island.” ■

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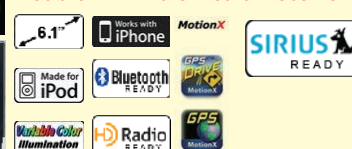
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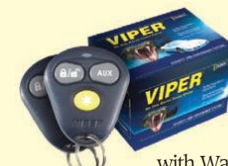
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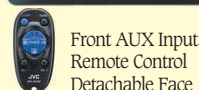
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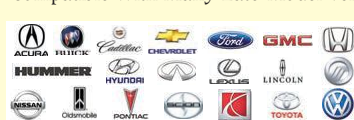
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Dear Matthew:

I learned that electrical power can be produced using magnets and other things. I know the Earth has a big magnetic field around it. Could this be used to generate power for the world?

— Kareem, via email

I'm not sure which answer you want, the ordinary guy's explanation or the one you'd get from Sheldon. No question that a detailed answer would reach thesis dimensions. The elves have threatened to quit if I go the Sheldon route, but they always play the quit card when the going gets tough. Not that they've won this battle, but I'll go with the ordinary guy this time, for my own sake. So imagine Sheldon's purse-lipped, squint-eyed disapproval as we wander on here.

Okay, yeah, Earth's magnetic field does move around just enough to generate some electrical potential that could be harnessed in a metallic loop and used. (It's magnetic field plus movement that generates current, not static fields.)

If grabbing atmospheric magnetism were easy, somebody would have done it by now. They've been at it for quite a while. Actually, NASA has figured out how to plug into the field, but NASA's not interested in running your toaster-oven. Their best-advertised attempt, unfortunately, was an over-successful bust. In 1996 they sent an object into orbit, trailing a 20,000-meter-long wire-packed tether. The tether was pulled through the magnetism at pretty serious speeds to up the potential current. Not long after NASA pushed the grab-it button, the tether disintegrated. Too much current for the wires to handle. But NASA soldiered on and now uses electrical power from Earth's magnetic field to tweak satellite orbits, power spacecraft, and other space-related applications.

The stock answer to why we Earthlings can't benefit from this is that not enough current can be generated to make the method practical. Estimates say a tether that reaches an orbital velocity of 7 to 8 km/sec could produce several hundred volts/km. Okay, you armchair Sheldons, now's the time to join the Gotcha Gang and email me about my idiotic oversights and downright ordinary thinking.

Hi, Matt:

When my boyfriend drinks beer out of a glass, he puts a paper coaster or the like over the glass to cover the opening. I never thought of paper or glass as an insulator, but then a lot of things don't make sense to me, especially after a couple of beers. What do ya think?

— Topsy in San Diego

Hi, Topsy. Your boyfriend Dipsy has things a little confused. Paper (in layers) does make pretty good insulation, but he'd have to wrap an entire Reader around his glass to have it work very well. Once poured, his beer is gaining heat on all surfaces, the glass and the beer, until the funky bar air and

the beer are the same temperature. Cold isn't escaping from the top. My hunch is,

Dipsy got this trick from his dad.

But I'll bet Dad did it because

he thought it kept the beer from going flat. This old,

old bar trick might keep your beer a little fizzier if

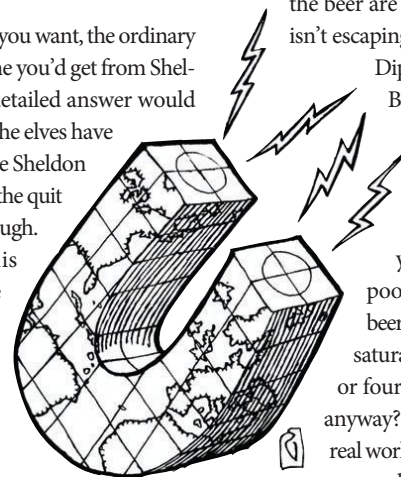
you abandon it to shoot some

pool (beer gas escapes until the beer and the air above it are equally

saturated). But after the first three or four, who can tell the difference,

anyway? Bars are pretty much like the real world, with lots of drunks and not

many physicists.



Dear Matthew Alice:

What's the difference between silicon and silicone?

Why isn't it Silicone Valley and silicon implants?

— An Aficionado, San Diego

Matt:

Why do they call them boobs?

— Need Facts, Escondido

The elves are snickering so hard they're out of commission on this one. Grandma says we're just pandering for readership. But as chairbeing of the bored of Amalgamated Alice, I get to decide, and I decide we're down with boobs. We got 'em from the Brits, though they called them "boobies." They got them from the Germans, via a dialect word, *bubbi*, which means roughly the same thing. Without the giggling.

There's no clear path for the word, but in the U.S. boobs were all the rage in the Roaring '20s, which suggests we got them from the British during World War I. (War may be good for absolutely nothing — say it again — except broadening our popular vocabulary with foreign and military borrows.) And the word has nothing to do with boobs, as in idiots. Pretty sure this is from Spanish. *Bobos*. Fools

Silicone Valley would be a very sticky place. Silicon implants? Well, I don't even want to think about that. Silicon's one of the world's elements (remember those big charts from chem class? Or the Tom Lehrer song?). It's usually a solid, found in sand, quartz, gemstones, talc, and clay, in combination with hydrogen and some kind of metal. Very cheap and very useful because it's a semiconductor. Silicone is a synthetic polymer (plastic), usually in more or less liquid form, with a satisfying, boob-like squishiness.

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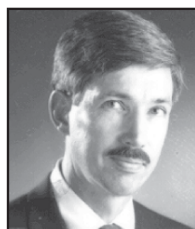


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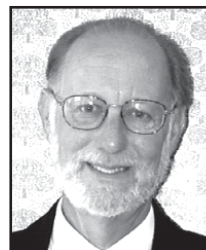
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Almost factual news

La Jolla Stem Cell Laboratory Replaced with "Labattoiry"

MUTTERING SOMETHING ABOUT A BRAVE NEW WORLD, LA JOLLA — The quest to follow the German philosopher Gottfried Leibniz's dictum that we "put nature on the rack" and figure out how to twist it to our own ends will greatly expand today with the opening of the Sanford Consortium for Remunerative Medicine, a \$127-million center in La Jolla that will

draw passionate tinkerers from five major research institutions.

The 150,000-square-foot complex is part of a long-term, multibillion-dollar attempt by scientists to find ways to do everything from repairing spinal cord injuries to growing healthy heart tissue to preventing Alzheimer's disease. The new building has been nicknamed the "Labattoiry" for its emphasis on slicing



up human embryos in the hope that people can get something useful out of them.

Indeed, particular hope is being placed on this harvesting of human embryonic stem cells, which can turn into any type of cell in the body. "Just as we slaughter sub-human creatures with breathtaking efficiency in traditional abattoirs, so here we employ the absolute latest in cutting-edge cutting-edge technology for cutting up sub-human creatures that happen to contain human stem cells," explained Aldous Trounce, president of the California Center for Remunerative Medicine (CCRM), a state agency that provided \$43 million in public funds for the project. "This is not a conventional butcher shop. Everything has been designed to operate with a minimum of messiness and a maximum of precision. It should come as no surprise to learn that

most of our carving is done with lasers as opposed to actual blades."

Trounce granted that the work on embryonic stem cells has yet to lead to widespread breakthroughs and lots of clinical trials. And, he said, the field also suffered a major setback when the Geron Corp. in Menlo Park recently ended its work with embryonic cells to save money for other, more obviously productive research. Geron had been conducting the world's first clinical trial that involved a therapy based on embryonic cells.

"I can't imagine why Geron stopped focusing on embryonics," admitted Trounce. "I mean, we've made progress with adult cells, and embryos are both more malleable and easier to come by. It just makes sense. Happily, San Diego now has the facility it needs to really get in there and start digging around. Soon, Alzheimer's will be a fading memory."

Fin Whales Vow to Re-Occupy Point Loma Beach

Outraged, Enormous Mammals to Continue Protest at Wastewater Treatment Plant Despite Forcible Eviction by Authorities

Translated whalesong: "They've been dumping their crap on us for too long. The system is broken, and something has to change."

REMOTE STRETCH OF SAND ALONG GATCHELL ROAD, POINT LOMA — With cries of "We are the 99% of animals that don't pump their waste into other animals' ecosystems!" and "Humanity is the biggest corporation of all!" the Pacific Ocean's fin whale population today vowed to resume its vigil on this fetid patch of beach beside the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant, which processes 175 million gallons of foul San Diego wastewater every day, has become, they say, a symbol of humanity's casual

beach in an effort to draw attention to humanity's corruption." The statement is apparently a reference to the 67-foot female fin whale that washed ashore on November 19th after hurling itself in front of an ocean-going vessel and sustaining mortal injuries.

"Don't you think it's significant that no one is saying what kind of ship killed her?" asked a fin whale familiar with the events in this story but who asked not to be identified. "That there has been no report from any ship in the past two months about running into a 67-foot whale? It's not exactly a speed



disregard for the more disenfranchised species on the planet. (After treatment, the wastewater, known as "effluent," is pumped out to sea along a 4.5-mile outfall pipe.)

"Susie was just the first," says a statement from Finonymous, the undersea agit-group believed to be spearheading the movement. "Her brave sacrifice was a rallying cry to fin whales everywhere to rise up and drag our massive carcasses onto the

bump. Something stinks, and it's not just the 'scrubbed air' from the wastewater plant."

Authorities removed the whale from the beach on November 25, sinking it at sea by weighing it down with multiple tons of steel. But Finonymous promises that Susie will not be the last. "We are Finonymous," concludes the letter. "We do not forgive. We do not forget. And we weigh a lot more than you do."

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Report's surprising title 2050: The Return of the Horse

Critics say association's predictions of dystopian future in which automobiles are "forgotten relics of a bygone age" are "unnecessarily pessimistic." Others praise plan's "forward-thinking vision of a greener San Diego County."

Local Pro-Life Group Protests Treatment of Fin-Whale Fetus

San Diego Chapter of the Baby Burial Brigade Demands "Dignified Burial at Sea" for Whale Fetus Found on Beach

"Just because it's a whale fetus doesn't mean it isn't a person. Well, it does mean it isn't a person, but you know what we mean."

POKING AMONG THE RECENTLY DUMPED TURKEY CARCASSES, MIRAMAR LANDFILL — "It's typical — tragic, but typical," said Martha Matthews, president of the San Diego chapter of the Baby Burial Brigade, an organization that seeks to raise awareness about abortion by conducting burial services

for aborted fetuses. "Everyone worries about the mother. But the baby — who cares about the baby?"

In this case, Matthews was referring to the five-foot fin whale fetus that was found next to its deceased mother on a Point Loma beach last week. The fetus, which had been born prematurely and was still alive, ultimately died. And



Artist's depiction of a healthy juvenile fin whale frolicking with its mother.

while its mother was towed "by a fancy catamaran and buried at sea for the sake of ecological research or whatever," Matthews suspects that the fetus was cut up and dumped unceremoniously amid the Thanksgiving leftovers here at the landfill.

"The worst part is, even though little 'Finny' had been born, the media insisted on still calling it a 'fetus.' If a woman gives birth at seven

months, does she call her child a fetus until it reaches its expected birth age? No — she calls it a baby. But not these so-called journalists. Oh no, they have to use their clinical language to keep their emotional distance from what's right under their noses."

Matthews said that if she or other members of her group are able to find the fetal whale carcass, they plan to charter a small boat and dump the body as close to the mother's burial site as possible, "so they can rest together at the bottom of the sea. It's the only decent thing to do."



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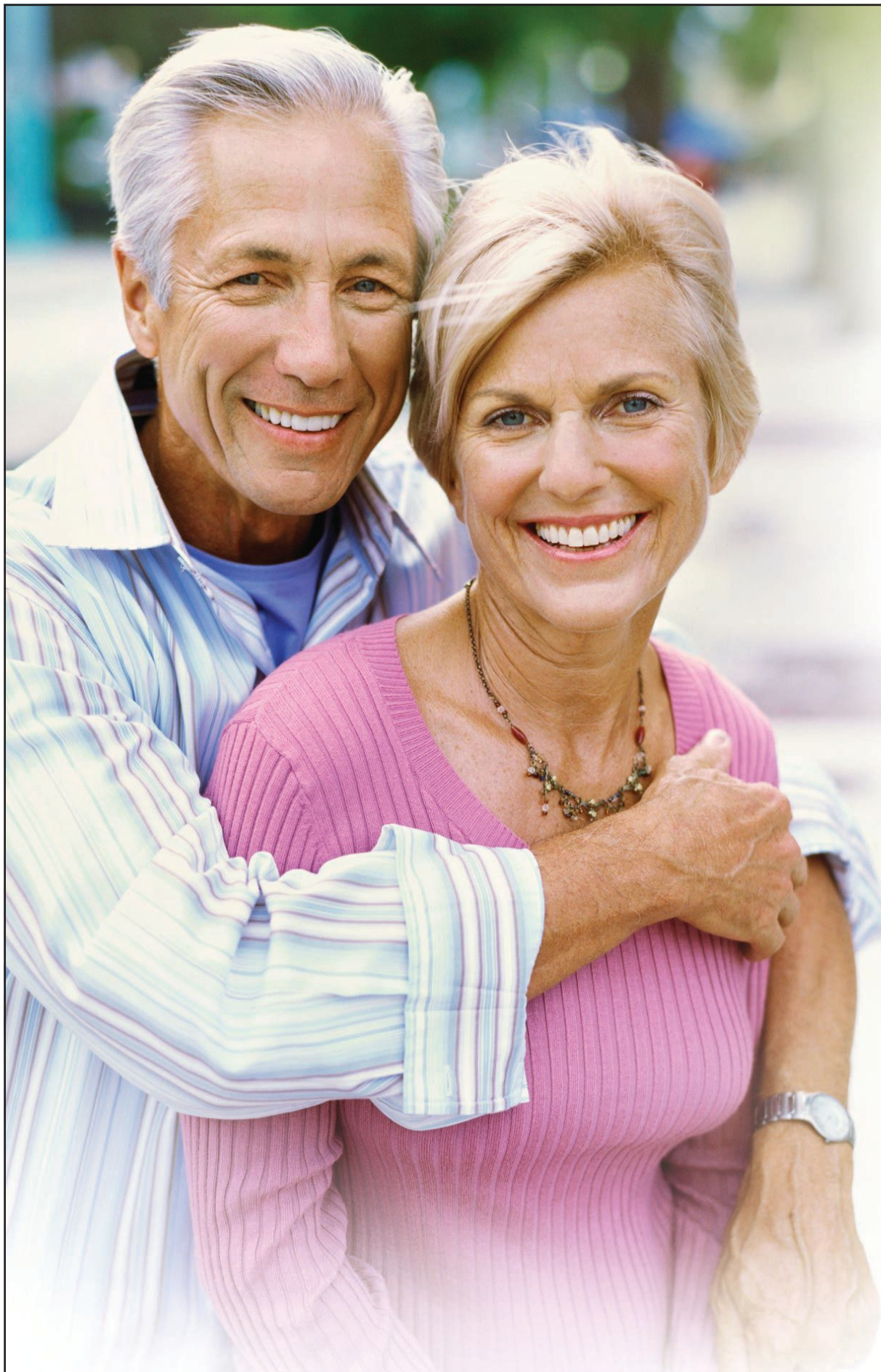
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TITLE: **Karen Boyd** | ADDRESS: karenboyd.org

AUTHOR: **Karen Boyd** | FROM: **Normal Heights** | BLOGGING SINCE: **January 2009**

POST TITLE: **Be Honest: Those Yellow Smileys Give You The Willies, Too.**

POST DATE: **August 9, 2011**

From a business major's perspective, Wal-Mart does what they do very, very well. They have become the go-to example for price-cutting, scalability, success through operations excellence, and market power in a retailer.

From a human perspective, Wal-Mart is a boon for low-income families. People can buy almost anything they need there for way less than they could find it anywhere else, saving them time, money and gas.

I do have some issues with Wal-Mart... First, I find Wal-Mart stores pretty medium creepy...Price is the thing. Really, the only thing. It's written in giant numbers everywhere, reducing the value of your experience with the brand to exact dollars and cents.

Wal-Mart is arguably the only retailer with true market power. To everyone else... a supplier can say, "Look, the price of this or that input has changed and we need to raise our price" and the retailer will have to give at least a little. Wal-Mart, however, makes up a huge portion of almost all their suppliers' business...

The manufacturer scales up to meet the new demand, and they make tons of money. But they absolutely, positively cannot lose Wal-Mart as a customer... Wal-Mart can and will go to any supplier at any time and say "Sell these to us for a half-cent less per unit, or we're dropping you." Never mind that they have already bid their absolutely lowest price to get into Wal-Mart in the first place; they can't risk losing the volume now that they've built the capacity: they have to. This kills no small amount of companies.

Additionally, Wal-Mart helps kill smaller competitors...[But] what's worse (to me) is that Wal-Mart often kills non-competing businesses by shifting the center of town... It has also reduced both the quality of new goods and the difference in price between new and used goods enough to basically kill second-hand markets...If I may offer an alternative, I'd suggest the model employed by stores like Big Lots, GTM, and Marshalls: buying seconds and overstock of new merchandise from other retailers. It creates a low-

price alternative without the built-in burden on communities.

POST TITLE: **Signed, Sealed, Delivered – I'm Employed!**

POST DATE: **May 4, 2011**



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I love entrepreneurial culture, which is why I chose the Rady School [at UCSD] for my MBA, but working full-time for a start-up means facing real risk to my financial livelihood every day. That hasn't changed, but I've learned to channel that thrill into work ethic...

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POST TITLE: **These Jeans Are Too Long**

POST DATE: **April 2, 2011**

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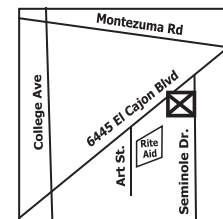


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Green Bay Packers sell stock in the team in an effort to raise \$130 million to trick out Lambeau Field.

I'm assuming you've heard about the Green Bay Packers' stock sale that began Tuesday. The defending Super Bowl champion and only publicly owned nonprofit franchise in SportsWorld, USA division, is offering 250,000 Green Bay Packers, Inc., shares, priced at \$250 per share plus handling. Only individuals may buy and then only up to 200 shares. Packers stock is available only to personhoods in the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico, blah, blah, blah. The idea is to raise \$130 million and trick out Lambeau Field.

Right now there are 112,205 Packers shareholders holding 4.75 million shares. One wonders, what do these 112,205, soon to be 200,000, shareholders get for their money? First, they get a nice certificate similar to the handsome certificate I bought as a child granting me clear title to one square inch of the moon.

What else? You can't transfer your stock to anyone other than immediate family members. The stock cannot appreciate in value. You do get voting rights (one vote per share) on those issues shareholders are entitled to vote on. You get an invitation, along with 200,000 other shareholders, to once-a-year shareholder meetings, meetings Packers executives attend, meetings which give you and 200,000 other people the opportunity to schmooze football with the front office. You get to tour the Packers Hall of Fame. You get to bear witness to the start of training camp. You get quarterly reports on the team's operations. You are allowed to buy merchandise reserved for stockholders. There are no dividends. There are no guarantees. Well-paid professionals have worked hard to make sure you cannot make one dime on Packers stock.

The Green Bay Packers started play in 1919, in a vacant lot, endowed with \$500 front money provided by the Indian Packing Company. They went 10-1 that year, scoring 565 points versus 12 for their opponents. The Packers joined the

American Professional Football Association in 1921, which was rechristened as the National Football League the following year. Green Bay has been a nonprofit publicly owned corporation since 1923. This is their fifth stock sale.

One wonders, *What in the hell is Green Bay, Wisconsin, doing with an NFL franchise?* The NFL dominates sports in America, there is no competition for first place. Green Bay has less than one half the population of Modesto, California. You could fit the entire population of Green Bay inside the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and still have seats to sell.

And yet this skeleton of a town is home to the Green Bay Packers, a franchise that has won more NFL championships — 13 — than any other team in the league. They have won four Super Bowls, trailing only Pittsburgh, Dallas, and San Francisco.

Like the genesis of most good things, Green Bay was in the right place at the right time. I'm talking 1920 pro football, a below-the-radar sport. That year 11 teams met at Canton, Ohio, to form the first professional football league. Powerhouses included the Decatur Staleys, Canton Bulldogs, Dayton Triangles, Akron Pros, Massillon Tigers, Muncie Flyers, and Rock Island Independents. You can see why Green Bay fit right in.

Time passes. Things change. The NFL gets rich. Franchises come and go, teams are bought and sold, moved and moved again to bigger and bigger cities. Money gushes in from all sides, franchise valuations exceed \$1 billion, but the Packers remain in Green Bay.

They remain in Green Bay for one reason: fans own the team. You don't have relocation threats when the community is boss. And even based in Blizzard, Wisconsin, a town with a population less than Baghlan, Afghanistan, the Packers enjoy a waiting list for season tickets that averages 30 years. They have sold out every home game for the past 50 years. Green Bay volunteers staff concession stands and 60 percent of that revenue goes to charities. Volunteers shovel snow during snow storms and so on.

Remember Green Bay's 13 NFL championships? Public ownership works so well that the NFL added a rule to its constitution outlawing nonprofit, publicly owned teams (Green Bay was grandfathered in). Being an NFL owner is as close to a money-making guarantee as you'll find outside of Wall Street. Why would you want to turn that money over to a bunch of sappy, do-good volunteers?

Green Bay stockholders elect a board of directors to run their nonprofit corporation. The board of directors elect a seven-member executive committee (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and three members-at-large). Everybody works for free, save for the president.

Yes, I know, those people ought to be in jail. Still, you have to acknowledge that public ownership in Green Bay has been good enough to win 13 more NFL championships than, well, than the San Diego Chargers.

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"I think the wintertime is a great time to use your highlighters, glitters, and sparkles because it's cold and gray outside, and you want to liven up your skin a little bit," offered Alexis Hoerres at Horton Plaza Macy's.

I'm talking to Alexis to get some holiday makeup tips. The little tan I get in summer masks my lack of makeup savvy. In winter, there's no hiding it. I have last year's Christmas photos to prove it.

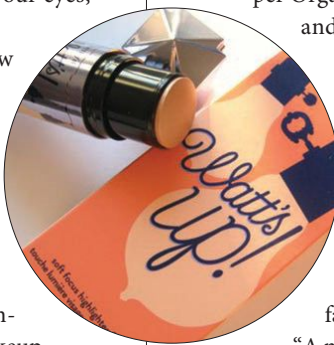
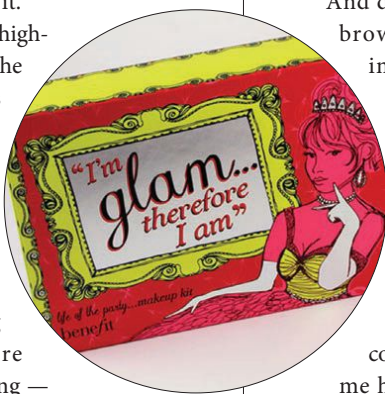
"I'm a huge fan of highlighters, especially in the wintertime," Alexis continued. "In the summer, people want that beachy, summery, not-a-lot-of-makeup look, which is beautiful. But when it's raining and cold, and you're feeling dull and boring — that's the best time to spruce up your face, because it's going to make you feel prettier than you usually would."

Where should you put the highlighter? "On your upper cheekbone, all around up until the brow. So if you take your finger, and make a V — like a '70s dance move — and put it right on your cheekbone, your other finger should rest right above your brow bone. That's the best place to put on a highlighter. It brightens up your eyes, makes you look shimmery.

"We just launched a new product called Watt's Up! It has what we call three different levels of wattage. The 25 watts is when you wear the highlighter underneath the makeup, 50 watts is wearing it on top of the makeup, and 75 watts is wearing it both underneath and on top of the makeup. It depends on how much glow you want [\$30 per stick at Macy's]."

Alexis also recommended Benefit's "I'm Glam...Therefore I Am" makeup kit (\$36 at Macy's).

"It comes with four eye-shadows: a light champagne color, a gray, a shimmery burgundy, and a black. It also comes with our Girl Meets Pearl, which is a primer for underneath your makeup. It has light reflectors in it, a great brightener that makes you look dewy and sun-kissed — great for the wintertime when your skin is looking dull. It goes all over your face; you can even put it on top of your makeup as a highlighter. The kit also has a blush bronzer combo, a nude lip gloss, and a mascara."



"It's the lipstick that Madonna wore in all her videos that made her super big."

Do you have a personal favorite?

"MAC's Russian Red lipstick [\$14.50 at Nordstrom]. It is the lipstick that put MAC on the map in the '80s. It's the lipstick that Madonna wore in all her videos that made her super big. It is the red to end all reds."

And don't forget to fill in your eyebrows, Alexis cautioned. "It's so important, especially for pictures. You have to fill in your eyebrows, otherwise you can look washed out. With a brow pencil, mascara, or an eye-shadow, you can just comb it through at the end, and it looks natural and beautiful."

The lady at the Estee Lauder counter at Fashion Valley mall told me her favorite pick of the season was the eye-shadow cyber green (\$24). "It's a deeper green, with a little bit of gold shimmer in it, a metallic green. Because it's a deeper color, I think it's best to pair it with more of a nude on the lips."

The Sephora saleslady at University Towne Centre touted the Nars Danmari All About Cheeks palette (\$65). "It's gorgeous — a collection of their best-selling, most-popular blushes: Casino, Orgasm, Super Orgasm, Desire, Hungry Heart, and Sin.

"Another item everyone is coming in for is the magnetic nail polish by Nails Inc. [\$16]. It's a metallic nail lacquer that you can make nail-art effects."

The Sephora saleslady's favorite pick for the holidays: "A matte-red lip is all you need.

The Nars Matte lip pencil in Damned is a beautiful magenta color for a holiday, or the Cruella, a scarlet red [\$24]. They are a combination lipstick and lip pencil. Matte finishes are becoming more popular because of their wearability — with all the drinking and eating, it doesn't smear off or bleed. A red lip is loud enough — it doesn't need to be looking dripping wet as well. It's a little bit more low key. Any age can wear the matte-red lip, where the high glossy lip is more of a younger lip."

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Warren Stormthunder snoozes in his hammock. He has slung it under trees down by a creek bottom near his isolated valley home.

Then, around midnight, sounds.

Crunch. Crunch. Crunch.

It's the press of heavy paws on leaves and twigs, right beside the creek bed, heading downstream. The creature passes under him. Stormthunder doesn't move. He knows what it is: a mountain lion.

He falls back to sleep.

Four hours later, as night gives way to daylight, he hears the same *crunch, crunch*, coming back upstream. He lies still. Once again, the crunching passes beneath his hammock, then fades.

"It was our resident mountain lioness," he says. "I pretty much knew she was going down to Loveland Reservoir to hunt deer. Then she'd come back up about dawn. It was like a daily commute."

Stormthunder says he has also seen a jaguarundi — a smaller, black, jaguar-related big-cat species about three feet

long, with a tail about as long. "He had the characteristic raked stance, longer back legs, shorter front legs. He was 25 feet away, in the tall grass of the meadow."

Come on, black jaguars, even small ones, in San Diego County?

Stormthunder has no doubt. He says this exotic maybe could have wandered west from Texas or Arizona, which are their extreme northern habitats, or escaped from captivity. "There's nothing else that size that's black and with that rake."

Also in Stormthunder's world: bobcats. "Lots around here. I'm constantly hearing them coughing up fur balls."

That's not all. San Diego is being repopulated by crows, feral pigs, exotic plants, golden beetles, parrots, seals, sea lions, coyotes, jack rabbits, llamas, foxes, bats, tarantulas, pythons, guinea pigs...even mammoths are turning up, though these are very long dead.

What's happening? Is Mother Nature nibbling around the edges of San Diego, waiting to take her back? San Diego, the next Palenque, the Mayan city that the jungle claimed back, a thousand years ago?

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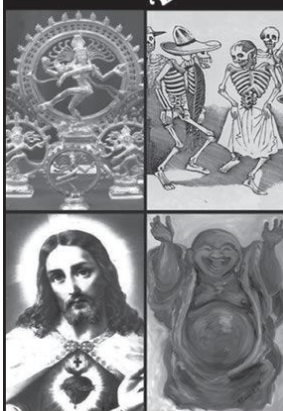


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Late on day, I'm lying in bed, sweating from the flu. Second-floor apartment, Coronado. Outside, the canopy of a ficus tree shelters the roof of the neighbors' outside patio. Something must have fallen from the sky. Now I think I hear scratching, muted mewling, squeaks. Something in extremis.

I sit up, stumble to the half-open window, look out.

Oh, wow.

There, below me, with hooked beak hauling out the guts of a stunned pigeon, talons levered against the pigeon's neck and tail, a peregrine falcon crouches and pecks, wings spread to cover its prey.

Death in the afternoon! I stand fascinated as the falcon works, flicking through the feathers, pulling out all the best bits. I've heard falcons

can dive-attack at over 200 miles per hour. This pigeon never stood a chance.

It's about 20 minutes before the falcon scuffs his beak against the bark and lifts on out of there, leaving a surprisingly small pile of feathers and blood.

Man! I'd wondered why the pigeon population in town seemed to be diminishing. There was a time when you couldn't sit outside at the bakery without food-fighting pigeons landing on your morning muffin,

picking it apart with their beaks, and strutting all over your plate. It was pretty disgusting.

But then, mysteriously, their numbers began to drop, and I kind of forgot they were even a problem. Soon there weren't enough pigeons to weigh down the power lines near Orange Avenue. Those direction-finder flights the whole flock would take? Didn't seem to happen much anymore. The birds that remained appeared more skittish. It was as if some Lone Ranger Bird Man

had ridden in to clean up this town.

Could this wild crea-

exotic-bird vet that my hunter was a huntress. A mother falcon who had

This had to be the Mrs. Possum we were sure had been living under the house in front of us.

ture from the desert be it?

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looking, you can't help becoming aware of the wildlife in San Diego. Jackrabbits at sunset on the beach, the wings of a falcon or golden eagles overhead, the ringed red snake — a California Mountain King snake? — I spotted once, warming itself in the morning sun in upper Mission Valley.

My friend Jason saw a tarantula being dragged away by a tarantula hawk (a two-inch black wasp with orange wings) to her wasps' nest. She had paralyzed the tarantula so she could lay her eggs inside it. Her little wasps would feed on the giant spider and eat it alive, from the inside out. Nice.

Sometimes, the wildlife comes to you. My wife Lita and I were about to do some late-night laundry when I heard chirrup-grunts, like a cat might make. The ghostly, toothy, button-eyed face of a possum looked up at us. It sat resolutely outside the open laundry-room door, spitting out these little calls. Finally, from inside the laundry room, a tiny mouse — no, wait, a baby possum! — came squeaking out, jumped on the mother's back, and hung on for dear life. This had to be the Mrs. Possum we were sure had been living under the house in front of us. She kept grunting, and a second baby came out and hoisted itself aboard. Then a third, and a fourth. The mom kept calling until seven baby possums sat in a row on her back. She then turned and waddled off into the bushes, as her offspring swung back and forth like a loose mohawk hairdo. It was like she was introducing the family to us, one by one. We were enchanted.

It turns out the city

looks favorably on these invaders because, for one, they eat snails and baby rats and garbage — a free cleanup brigade. Of course, they also clean up any cat food you may leave outside.

But it gets you think-

ing. Is Mother Nature really returning to town? How much wildlife is there around us?

Quite a bit, from what I've learned.

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Splat. Something wet

hits my head. Standing under the Norfolk pines outside Coronado's public library, I look up just in time to see another yellow-white bomb dropping from the sky. Maybe 60 feet above me, two huge birds are fighting

for space in a maybe five-foot-wide nest of sticks. I'm guessing they're chicks who've outgrown the living quarters. But even from way down here on the ground, you can see how big they are. You can hear their rau-

cous squawks. It looks like Jurassic Park has moved in up there.

On the one hand, I'm annoyed as hell at the poop in my hair. On the other, what a wondrous thing it is, to have wild giant birds — blue

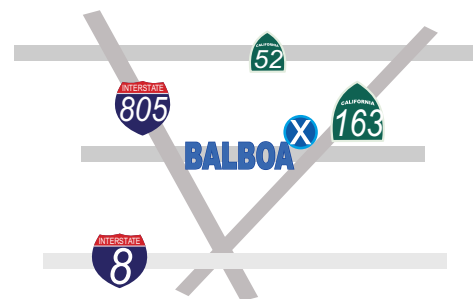
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herons, the librarians tell me — moving back to be among us. It turns out there are at least 300 nesting pairs in San Diego County, maybe 40 or more on Coronado.

Steve Wampler's the environmentalist I talked to for last year's story on global warming. He thinks global warming is "crap," but he still does his part to bring nature back to town. Here, in his home's backyard, he has waterfalls, ponds, fish, and frogs. Above all, he's planted milkweed — a toxic weed — to attract Monarch butterflies, because milkweed is pretty much all they feed on. He did it to provide the butter-

flies with a nutritious break and a little R&R on their migration down to Mexico.

"Now," he says, "see the caterpillars on the milkweed? Their parents landed here to winter over. Five years ago, there were no Monarchs that I knew of in Coronado, and now some of these guys live here all the time. They're forgetting the migration, because, just like the rest of us, hey, who can resist San Diego? The caterpillars go through about ten molting stages, and they increase in size 1000 times in two weeks. In five years I went from zero butterflies to probably a couple of hundred.

And next year, probably 1000."

"So, they're moving in, just like the blue herons at the library," I say. "There are dozens of big nests in the Norfolk pines there. It's cool."

"I hate the blue herons," Wampler says. "They're big, cruel birds. They steal my fish and my frogs. I've had to put nets up to stop them from diving in."

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Other raucous birds lead me to Dr. Jeffrey Jenkins.

Back in my own garden, our cat Nicco looks up at the sky, loudly meowing. From above comes a cackle of laughter, and then, as if especially for Nicco, a mocking yowl.

I look up. Three green parrots with vivid red flashes on their foreheads are sitting in a neighbor's tree, squawking. It sounds like they're laughing at Nicco, even imitating her.

Parrots are one of the amazing stories of resettlement by wild

creatures in this county, and maybe the most obvious of the wildlife resettlers.

"They're my wards," says Jenkins, a vet who may be the county's most recognized expert in caring for exotic pets. "Mexican parrots are my godchildren. One of the neat things about San Diego is that there has been this flock of wild parrots here for a long time. Most are Mexican redheads [aka Amazons, from their Latin name *Amazona viridigenalis*, or red-crowned parrots]. It wouldn't be uncommon in Coronado for you to see a band of 15, all yelling at your cat. They're completely wild."

Where do they come from?

Jenkins says they might have escaped from an Ocean Beach bird collector known as the Parrot Woman, when her house burned down in the early 1960s.

It turns out he's about to release an Amazon of his own, a Mexican redhead he has in his

care.

"We call him 'Argh!' from the sound he

wild again.

"[Argh!] has improved so much, we've

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makes," Jenkins says. "He has a hole in his head. We think he's a very lucky survivor from a hawk attack. Hopefully, he's ready to go back and join the wild flock that lives here. But the majority of domesticated parrots would never be able to survive out there. Like, if your pet got loose, he's probably going to be hawk food within a week. Because [pet parrots] are very picky about what they eat. They don't recognize wild sources of food, they're not acclimated to the outside temperature..."

But he believes that Argh! is ready to become

been retraining him to fly in our clinic's passageway. We're going to take a chance and release him tomorrow morning."

This I've got to see.

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The next morning, around 7:30, I'm in Ocean Beach, looking for the park where Jenkins is going to release Argh!

I should have gotten more precise instructions, because time is ticking toward 8:00 and I'm lost in curvy, tree-shaded lanes, and lanes off lanes. No sign of a park. I'm thinking of giving up, when I hear this noise: excited birds seem to be sounding an alarm. A neighborhood dog starts barking. Suddenly, the birds are overhead, a flock diving, rolling, tumbling, all the while making this raucous chorus of yelps. From down here, they look black-bodied, silhouetted against the rising sun as they convolute overhead. But I can tell they're the



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same Mexican redheads that buzzed Nicco, the tribe Argh! belongs to. I wonder if it's a "Welcome back!" chorus, if Argh! is up there with them already, celebrating his return to freedom.

Later, at his surgery clinic in Mission Valley, Dr. Jenkins tells me, "We came and set him in his cage down on the picnic table there, at Ocean Beach Community Park. We let him sit long enough that he could hear the [other Mexican redheads], and start squawking back a bit.

"A couple of the wild parrots flew down and sat in the tree above us. They squawked and walked back and forth and gave us the eye, and did all those parrot things. Then we opened

Argh!'s cage door.

"For a while, he didn't want to get out. He was going, 'What's up?' Then he popped out and flew into the tree. In a moment, he was lost to us. We just hope he can keep up with them, remember his old skills."

It turns out that Dr. Jenkins also knows my falcon, the one who dive-bombed the pigeon next to my bedroom.

"That falcon died right here. She was one of the ones that were released by the Peregrine Fund. Falcons were just about gone, finished. They were down to very few. Then in the mid-'70s, falconers all over the United States got together. They contrib-

uted their birds to form this Peregrine Fund to breed falcons and release them back into the wild. They really brought them out of extinction. Now they're off the endangered-species list. Your bird was bred in Santa Barbara, she was released down here in Southern California someplace, and she nested [under] the Coronado Bay Bridge for years — with a number of different males, by the way. She chose the nesting spot."

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What would she have been hunting over the harbor?



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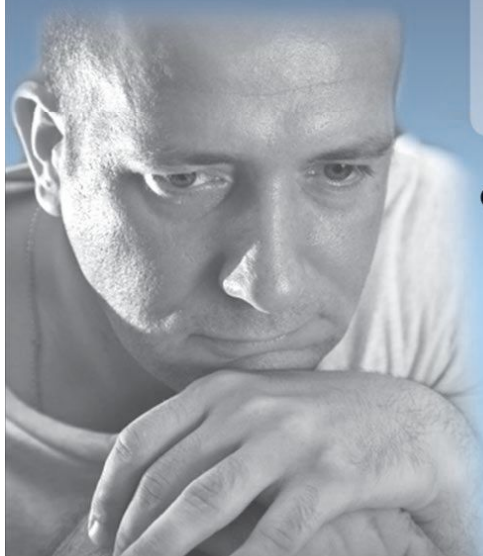
"Mostly pigeons. Rock doves. All our street pigeons come from racing pigeons. They're not native to here. Falcons are natives. Back in the day, they would have eaten mourning doves, or other birds."

He says some of her babies survived.

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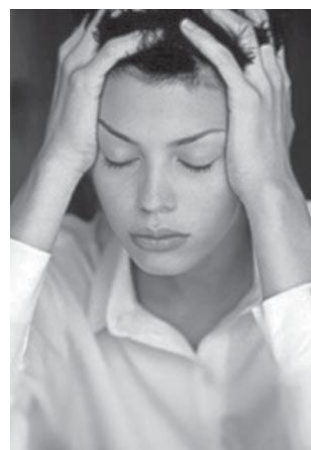
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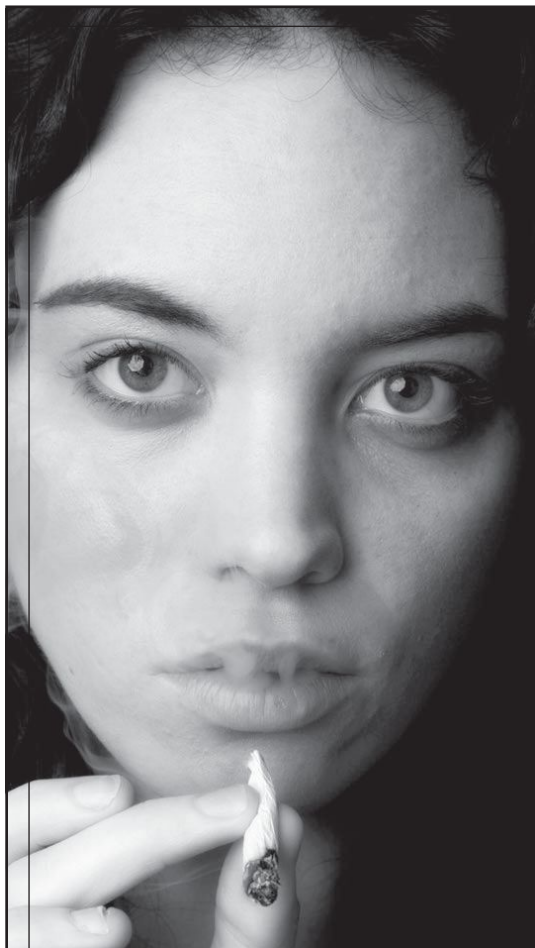
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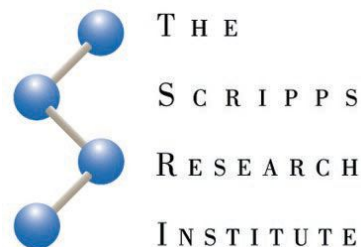
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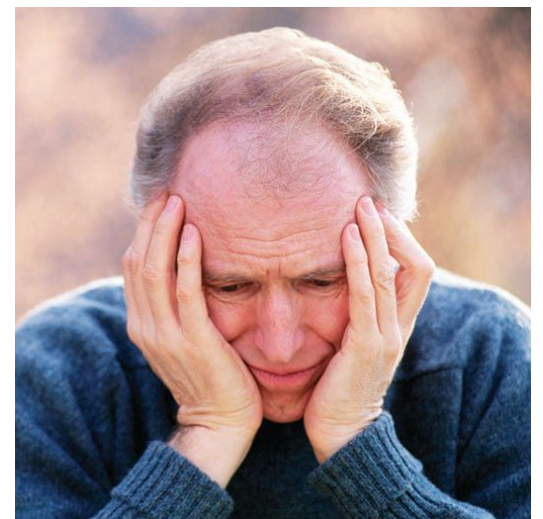
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four cats to, she suspects, coyotes. "In the summer-time, 'specially, we really,

"The worst thing I ever heard was when [a coyote] got a bunny. Bunnies cry really loud."

the sun went down, there was a pair of falcons chasing pigeons between the buildings. Your lady's kids, for sure. How cool is that?"

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"We see coyotes, on and off," says Leigha Robertson, who lives in Olivenhain and has lost

really fear them. Driving home around dusk, you hear them: a yip-yelpy bark. 'Ow ow ow ow!' A lot of people around here don't even keep cats anymore. So, instead, the coyotes are going for their small dogs.

"And rabbits. We had, like, 12 rabbits used to live out here. This

year, we have maybe one or two. We think the coyotes came in and cleaned them out. The worst thing I ever heard was when one got a bunny. Bunnies cry really loud."

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The badger that Scott Tremor hands me is as stiff as a board.

"How rare are these?" I ask.

"How rare? If I heard there was one found out there, anywhere, I'd drop this interview and be gone. Bye-bye! They're that important. I prepared this one [for pres-

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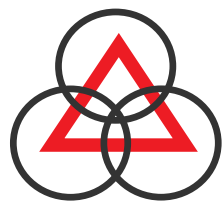
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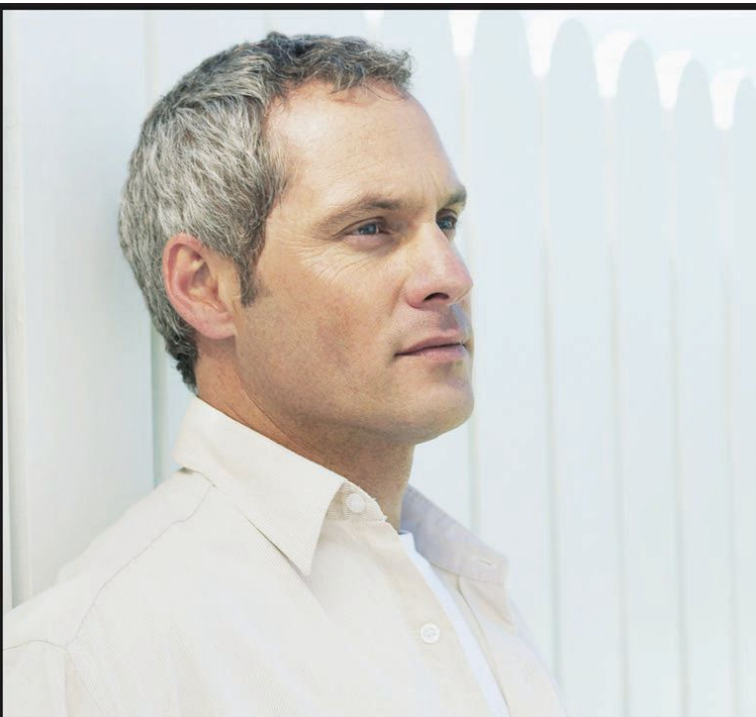
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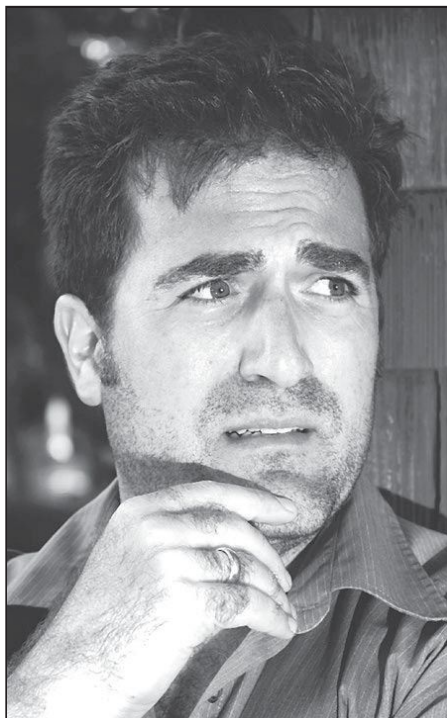
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to statistically determine that this is a new subspecies, a new animal for San Diego County.”

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I ask Tremor how San Diego is doing today, wildlife-wise, compared with, say, a hundred years ago.

“If you look at the last 30 years, 40 years, urbanization has increased dramatically,” he says. “San Diego County is extremely biodiverse. We live among up to 80 species of mammals that occurred or are occurring here. We also have many that are extinct. For example, we had pronghorn [antelope] that Cabrillo’s naturalists had noted on Kearny Mesa [in 1542] when they came off the ship. But [the pronghorn] are long gone, long extirpated. Kumey-aay, Spanish settlers, we Americans — all of us are to blame.”

Tremor says that mid-level predators like coyote and fox are doing fine. But what of our top predators?

“We had the southern grizzly bear, which is extinct. We assume that the early settlers killed off many of those. The last one taken was shot in 1908, in Trabuco Canyon



PHOTOGRAPH BY TOM MYERS

Feral pigs consume everything and anything, including these cattails

on the Orange County/San Diego County border. [More may have persisted, undiscovered.] The mountain lion are still very common. They follow the cycles of their

of the vegetation they consume. So the mountain lion population is healthy.

“Roughly 15 years ago, we passed Proposition 117, which helps

“You can’t eliminate those top predators from the system.”

main prey, which is deer, and deer often follow the rainfall cycles, because

protect mountain lions. It’s no longer a gamed species. Previously, in

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California you could hunt it. They mainly live out in East County, in non-urban areas. It's very rare where they come in, into the canyons. A few periodically come across Interstate 15, or near Miramar. The MSCP [Multiple Species Conservation Program] has helped in many ways. Not only in protecting these animals, but [in providing corridors]. The more open space we have that's connected, the better."

But these are dangerous animals. What's the value in having them around, especially as we build out beyond the edges of town?

"There was a great experiment done on the Kaibab plateau [in Northern Arizona]. I think it was [Teddy] Roosevelt's era. He was a big hunter, and he said, 'Let's go in and remove the lions, the top predators.' So what happened was [after the top predators were wiped out], all the deer and the elk proliferated and ate the living crap out of everything. It just denuded the environment. It became a moonscape. Then the elk started dying out, so the experiment failed. I think a lot of wildlife managers learned from that simple experiment that you can't eliminate those top predators from the system.

"Here, in San Diego County, the mountain lion keeps the deer population in check, also coyote, fox, skunks, even vole."

What is the biggest threat to wildlife in San Diego, apart from humans?

Tremor's face darkens. "It's a three-letter word," he says. "P-i-g. Pigs are a huge, huge threat. They'll come into

these [wild] lands that we've been conserving and consume everything and anything, including small vertebrates, vegetation, destroying grassland through root-

ing...it's horrible. It's a potential environmental catastrophe, if they're allowed to persist."

How did they get here?

"We believe that,

in 2006, there was an introduction into the San Diego River watershed, north of El Capitan. [Sources say that after breeding the pigs in a pen, a member of the

Capitan Grande Indian Reservation released the initial herd behind El Capitan Reservoir, to start a hunting program.] And, boy, they've done well.

"They are old-world-introduced feral pigs. They're bad. And they've spread. Now they're as far north and west as Fallbrook, up to Lake Henshaw, south to

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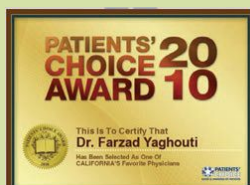
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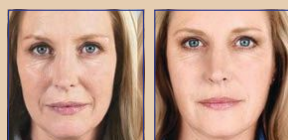
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the Hauser Wilderness Area [east of El Cajon], the Campo area. Yeah, they're moving.

"They'll eat acorns, and that's a huge issue. So not only is the oak facing attack by the goldspotted oak borer, it now has the pigs, which are uprooting from underneath, disturbing the soils, and also consuming all the acorns, thus limiting the chances of regeneration. They're also eating vertebrates, defecating in our water system, our drinking water. This is probably our most important environmental concern right now."

But, he says, the possum are a problem as well, nowhere nearly as benign as I thought. They're another species introduced to the West Coast after stowing away

on ships that came from the East Coast, through the Panama Canal.

nowhere near the same threat as the pig. The pig is very bad."

"I just discovered a mammoth tusk! Downtown! And a skull with it!"

"Any introduced species is not okay, because they're taking away a niche from a native species, like raccoons, coyotes, foxes, which do a lot of scavenging. Possums climb trees and eat native fruits, taking anything and everything away from [our native] rodents and birds. And now they're everywhere. But they're

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We're also being invaded from the air.

Phil Unitt, the Natural History Museum's curator of birds, says that, in our lifetime, San Diego has witnessed a Hitchcockian change in the behavior of crows. They're here in town big-time, struttin' their thing. And it's not just San Diego.

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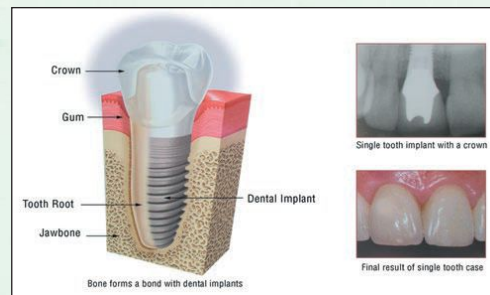
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city, either. Then, around 1985, they moved into Boise. And..."

He gives me a funny look, like this is the weirdest part.

"...and 1985 happened to be about the same time that crows moved in to *our* city. San Diego. Is it a learned behavior? Back in the good old farming days, it was every boy's sacred duty to shoot crows [because they ate crops]. Did the crows learn that 'Oh! People aren't shooting us anymore, [so] we can exploit this habitat'? Is that a learned behavior? Did it spread, like a fad? The word was out, so to speak. The crow roosts in big flocks. It has been proposed that these communal roosts serve as actual information centers."

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plenty of trees near the river. Yes, Broadway was once tropical rainforest, but that was way older, 45 million years back. Globally, that's when the climatic deterioration started that we're living the results of now."

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"I used to see deer every day, and we'd see the lions within 200–300 feet of the house," says Warren Stormthunder, the Japatul Valley resident. "They [were tracking deer], so we wouldn't worry too much."

Stormthunder is an arborist, a tree doctor. He lives a kind of wild life. "I've been here some

35 years, and we don't have electricity. I don't miss it that much. We've got flashlights, like the headlamps rock climbers use. Otherwise, we use candles. The edge of the valley is Forest Service land. We're kind of surrounded by forest here."

Mountain lions have always been a part of the scenery.

"We have one resident lion. My neighbor sees the lion's tracks all the time. He has the next 40-acre parcel over and lives nearer to where the deer used to congregate [until the Sunrise Powerlink bulldozers arrived]. But he keeps track of our resident. He does carry a



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"Seeing lions isn't that big a deal. Once one was in the meadow across the creek from us. It's a little tree meadow. It was in daytime. Our dog alerted on him. Because it was August [the mountain lion] blended in with the weeds, the grasses, the foxtails. He was just sitting there. The dog alerted, and then we saw

him, and [the lion] just stood up and stretched and walked away. He was 150–200 feet away. There's a small creek between us and the meadow. He was probably relaxing, or maybe waiting for some animal to come by.

"Another time, when the original female mountain lion was around, there were neighbors at the other

end of the valley, and they had kids who would [walk] home from school, and they'd see her. And she didn't bother the little kids."

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have a small range. But the mountain lions have about a 100-mile range, and they take about a month to rotate through it."

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So should San Diego worry that these wild animals are going to become so used to us they'll be coming right into town and threatening the citizens, like moose in Anchorage, Alaska, or bears in Yosemite?

"I'll never say it's not possible," says Scott Tremor, the mammalogist, "but it's not likely. Look, we also get black bear in the county, but only sometimes, and usually they're vagrants from the north. They head for places like Palomar

Mountain. And, yes, lions venture to the urban edges. That's to be expected, with the way the wildlife corridors lead into the canyons that slice through this city. But lions are easily spooked by people. They don't want to be around us."

He says factors like global warming can expand tropical animals' range. Sounder wildlife policies in Mexico can lead to increased populations of lion and jaguar requiring new territory, which could push more of the great predators north toward us.

"Sightings happen every day," Tremor says. "A jaguar was actually shot and killed in Arizona recently. A hundred years ago, they

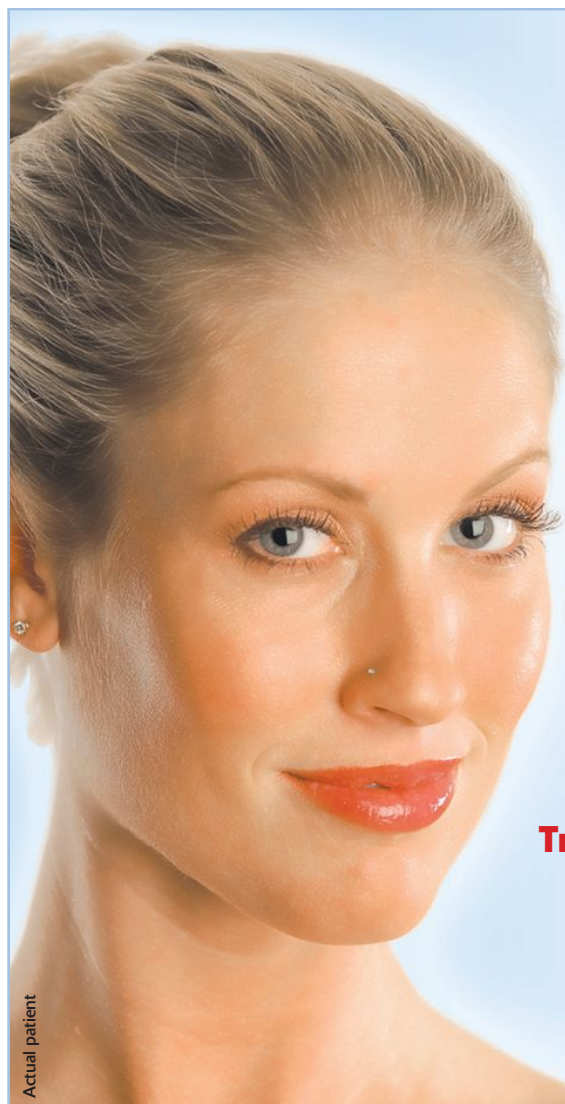
claimed to have spotted a jaguar in San Ysidro. It's possible. We had sea otters sighted off San Diego this month. But much of that is because we're all more conscious, we get out more, and we have the internet. We report everything so much quicker and to a way-wider audience. It just seems like there's more life out there.

One thing's clear: the crows are way ahead. They've broken through the barrier of fear. They know we're rich pickins: there is such a thing as a free lunch, when you hang around humans.

As for the rest of our wild neighbors? Maybe there's still time to work out a deal. ■

— Bill Manson

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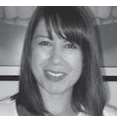


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Milton the Barber

The waiting area at Headlinerz Barber-shop on El Cajon Boulevard looks like a swank doctor's office. In one corner of the spacious room, five men wait on a leather-cushioned, L-shaped bench. The black, laquered floors shine. A six-foot-tall magazine rack stands to one side of the bench, filled with issues of *Jet*, *Men's Journal*, *Ebony*, *Car and Driver*. *The Hangover* plays on a flatscreen television hung high on the wall.

Although Milton, the shop's 42-year-old owner and head barber, is expecting me, he rolls his eyes when I enter. Waving an electric razor in my direction for emphasis, he gives me his list of rules.

Rules one and two:

"Don't take my picture," he says. "I don't like my picture taken. And no recording." He shakes his head, apparently appalled that I would even attempt such a thing. "You can't record in the 'hood."

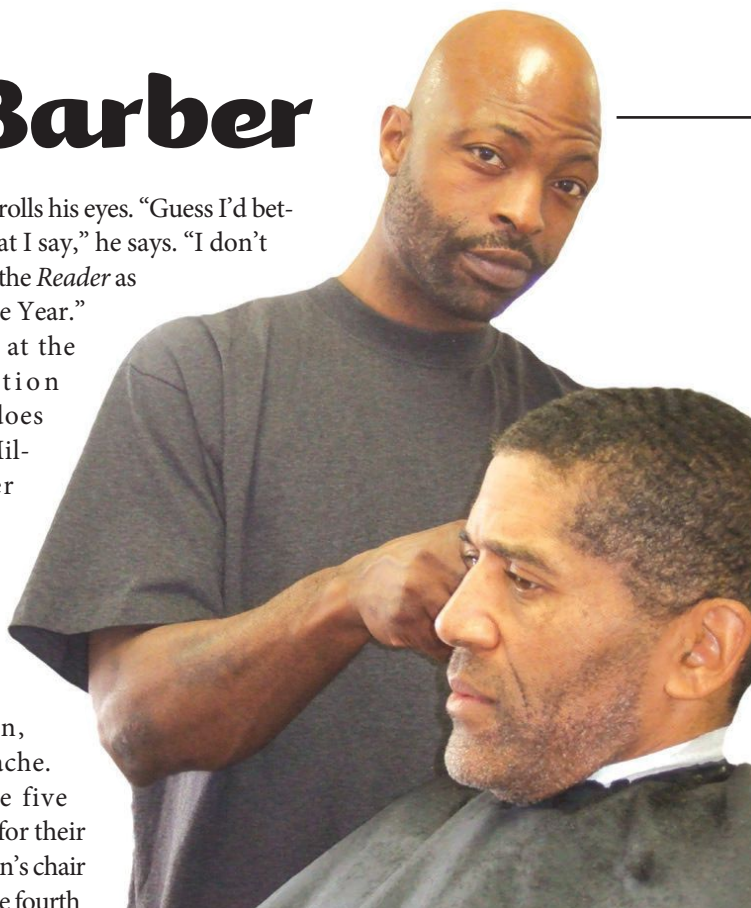
A broad-shouldered athletic kid sitting at the empty station next to Milton's shakes his head, too. *No recording*.

At the sight of my notebook and pen,

Milton again rolls his eyes. "Guess I'd better watch what I say," he says. "I don't want to be in the *Reader* as Asshole of the Year."

The kid at the empty station laughs. So does the one in Milton's barber chair. He's broad-shouldered, too, pimply, and rocks a thin, wispy mustache. Three of the five men waiting for their turns in Milton's chair also laugh. The fourth is too riveted by the movie to notice anything else. The fifth is asleep.

Rule three:



"Don't ever say you work freelance," Milton warns when I mention my work-from-home privilege. He's shaving a shadow taper on the pimply kid. "Around here, it means you're a hooker without a pimp."

More laughter.

When he turns to make sure I've heard his warning, Milton's eyes widen. "You're writing that down? You can't write that down!"

A half-second later, he turns to look at himself in the mirror behind him. "Why didn't you come on a day when I'd shaved?" He calls out over his shoulder, "Where's my powder guy?" And laughs.

Milton ("first initial 'D,' but don't use it") arrived in San Diego from his hometown of Memphis in 1990. He was a Navy guy, stationed at 32nd Street.

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In 1997, he left the Navy and returned to Memphis. Three years later, he came back to San Diego for “the weather, the beaches, the people.” In search of a vocation, he began classes at Associated Barber College downtown on Fifth Avenue.

This afternoon, Milton wears a faded black shirt, black jeans, and black Nike sneakers. Nothing fancy, though the diamond studs in his earlobes suggest the possibility of slick after-work attire. When I ask him how black San Diego compares to black Memphis, he purses his lips and gives me a long stare before saying, “Limited.”

He counts off on his fingers.

“Ain’t that many niggas.” Thumb.

“Ain’t no projects.” Pointer finger.

He turns back to his client’s head. “But seriously. The first bad thing that happened to me here was that I got greenlighted.”

I shrug ignorance at the term, and Milton sighs. The kid at the empty station sighs, too. But the one in Milton’s chair offers, “It means to get jumped by gang members.”

“Okay, we’re going to skip this section,” Milton says. He points to a tall, thin man on the bench with headphones in his ears. “That guy over there was my very first cut at the barber school.”

In 2003, Milton began his career at Don’s Hair Kingdom on Marlborough Street and University Avenue in City Heights. The owner, a man named Don Schaffer, retired in 2005, and though Milton’s plan was to rent a chair in another barber-shop after Don’s retirement, the owner of the building talked him into staying and purchasing the business.

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He told me to try it out for six months, and then if I wanted out, he’d give me my money back,” Milton says. “Let’s just say I never got that money.”

In the summer of 2009, the city shut down the

building due to code infractions, and Milton moved the business to its current location. He still misses the old neighborhood.

“It’s where I started at,” he says.

Milton uses a straight

razor to trim the wispy mustache on the kid’s upper lip. “See that guy there in the red shirt?” he asks without looking up from his work. “That’s the track coach at SDSU. He gave up his spot on my

schedule today so this kid could get to football practice on time.”

The kid slides his eyes in my direction. Without moving his head, he blinks in confirmation.

I nod, then take a shot

at returning to the green-lighting incident.

Milton turns and narrows his eyes at me.

“It was out in front of DJ’s liquor store,” he says. “On Imperial? Anyway, back in the day, the Bloods

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used to hang out there. One asked me for a cigarette. We should probably just say I answered wrong. That was a Friday night. I woke up in the hospital on Tuesday morning. Head busted open. Both eyes swollen shut."

A minute later, he says, "You better white out that whole section." And then after another second, "At least make sure you say it was in Southeast Day-go. Not East Day-go."

A white guy who's been sitting on the bench gets up, approaches Milton, and says he's sorry but he can't wait any longer. Milton apologizes back and promises that if he returns tomorrow, he'll fit him in no matter what time. The guy nods and leaves. He doesn't look too perturbed. No one does. The track coach has been

waiting since noon, and it's 5:30 p.m.

"Hey," Milton says,

"See that?" Milton says. "He owes me for the last cut, and I forgot. See why

**"The first bad thing that
happened to me here was that
I got greenlighted."**

"make sure you put in there that these people are waiting because my partner's out sick today." He points at me with the straight razor. "Don't you make me look bad."

After he finishes the cut, Milton brushes the young football player's neck with an orange-handled brush. He unsnaps the nylon cape. The kid stands up and thanks him. He pays him for this cut and the one he got two weeks ago.

I like my clients?"

The kid leaves, and the track coach takes his seat in the chair.

When Milton moved the business from City Heights, his clients followed him. Some, including both the track coach and the young guy in the other chair who laughs every time Milton laughs and rolls his eyes every time Milton rolls his eyes, were clients at Don's even before Milton's time.

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determined, must "prevent dispatchers from signing up to work too many hours and ensuring there is sufficient rest periods between shifts."

Another data-related stocking stuffer comes in the form of an elaborate new vehicle location and global positioning system. The City owns 4050 vehicles, says a solicitation for proposals, and it wants to know their drivers' every move, right down to when engines are revved and sirens are deployed. The fleet consists of "motorcycles, parking enforcement scooters, sedans, law enforcement vehicles, light trucks/vans, medium/heavy duty trucks, fire apparatus, refuse collection trucks, street sweepers, trailers, tractors and industrial equipment." Two thousand vehicles already have fancy satellite navigation setups, leav-

ing about 1800 more in need of future installations. In addition, the City wants extra gear that can "track mobile, non-vehicular assets such as laptop computers and cell phones."

There is no estimated price at present, but the order appears to be a tall one: "The system will: 1) monitor and report vehicle location, heading and usage information (real time and/or historical), 2) provide supervisory/management staff with vehicle usage information, 3) provide vehicle operating data such as drive train diagnostics/idle time/odometer readings and 4) record and report ancillary equipment usage such as sweeper broom up/down or police siren on/off, etc." Responses are due December 16.

The City's previous experience with computers, software, and related data systems has been mixed at best, resulting in cost overruns, scandal, and lawsuits. That has made the mayor's latest moves of special interest to

potential bidders and city hall insiders alike, some of whom are already quietly complaining about fragmentation of the procurement process.

In the meantime, the county's Office of Emergency Services is in the market for software and a consultant to run "Alert San Diego," an emergency warning scheme. "The purpose of this system will be to provide a method of providing emergency mass notification to the estimated 3,095,313 residents of San Diego County," says the November 16 request for proposals. Costs aren't given, and exactly how it will work is not described, but a lot of computer gear is involved. The setup must be able to "successfully initiate and launch emergency calls to thousands of residents in minutes"; "be available 99.9% of the time"; and "be capable of directly launching a notification event via a personal computer with Internet access or telephone (land-

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Holiday funds The holiday season presents an excuse for politicians to stage fund-raising parties. On Tuesday of this week, San Diego Democratic congresswoman **Susan Davis** was to hold a home-cooked omelet event at her house on E Street in Washington, D.C. The tab: \$5000 host, \$2500 sponsor, \$1000 individual. Davis is said to need the money more than ever these days after she discovered funds missing and her campaign treasurer, **Kinde Durkee**, was busted for allegedly embezzling from a host of candidates and campaign funds.

— Matt Potter

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other than in the Gaslamp Quarter, there are not many people enjoying entertainment or dining downtown. The condo glut reveals that not many people are living in the central city.

The last three seasons, Petco Park attendance has averaged 25,491. The last three years at Qualcomm, the average was 27,279. Prior to the subsidization and construction of Petco Park, former majority owner John Moores claimed the team could not be economically competitive if it remained at Qualcomm, and the Task Force on Ballpark Planning, made up greatly of hand-picked business executives, agreed. Hmmm...

"The downtown is filled with buildings and not with people using the streets and

the stores," says Damashek. The Gaslamp Quarter is loaded with often-loaded people in their 20s, but that's not sufficient to spark a renaissance. "The ballpark didn't give us a neighborhood. It hasn't given us cohesiveness." So the downtown potentates want to try again.

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Damashek cites another classic example of Freud's psychic flight from unpleasant memories. The financially ailing school district is openly talking about the possibility of being taken over by the state.

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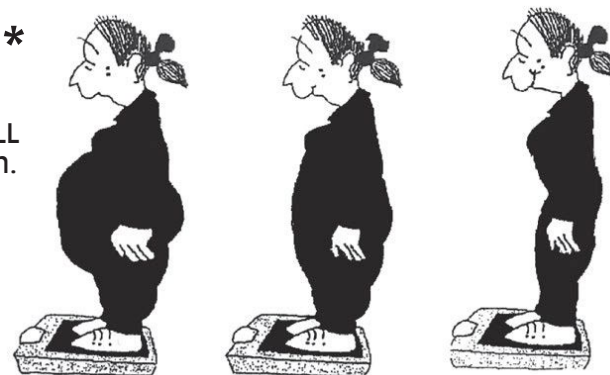
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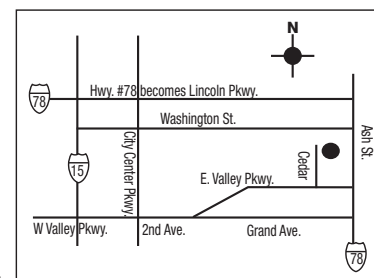
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there. That's the same San Diego Unified School District that could be headed for insolvency. But people aren't talking about that \$20 million, says Damashek. Nor are they noting that the library was located in the ballpark district "as a favor to Moores — taking the property off his hands."

Local politicians "are not dealing with reality," says Damashek. They talk about more and more legacy buildings downtown, but San Diego has an infrastructure deficit of around \$1 billion. Nor do people talk about the expensive training facility built for the Chargers when the stadium now named Qualcomm was converted to football-only. And then there is the \$300 million subsidy for Petco Park. "Nobody ever looks back and says, 'Was that a good idea?'" ■

Write history?

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soussan had, indeed, hijacked our Centennial book and turned it into a re-election tool for Pam and a showcase for Cheryl's insider cronies and family. David Malcolm has seven index entries, and none of them are about his conviction for conflict of interest when he was the Chula Vista Port Commissioner. Lest you had any doubt, Chula Vista is the city Greg Cox built — on 21 pages."

In a follow-up interview, Watry gave examples of anecdotal material she believes consume valuable pages that might have been used to give a more complete picture of the city. She points to the picture of Bensoussan's dog Sophie stuck in a tree, the paragraph about Greg Cox's babysitter, and the paragraph about the prisoners who

work for Cheryl Cox's father cleaning up the regional park and who call him "boss." "The last two sentences of the book sum it up," Watry said. "Greg Cox is quoted in the next-to-last sentence and Cheryl Cox in the last sentence."

One explanation for the composite writing can be found in the author-publisher agreement, obtained through a public records request, which names the city of Chula Vista as the publisher. The contract states, "The Publisher shall have the right to edit, package, publish... [The publisher] will determine the quality and quantity of photographs and illustrations...and the Publisher determines the quality and quantity of front matter and back matter, introduction, preface, index."

On the acknowledgment page, the author thanks the extensive "Committee of 100 Book Research Members" who



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assisted the author in gathering the history. Bensoussan and the Coxes are part of the committee; the Coxes' daughter Emily is part of the "Book Outreach Team."

Many say the book's problems lie with what has been excluded as much as with what has been included. David Danciu, president of the civic organization Crossroads II, also praises the first part of the book. "I opened my copy and, like a time traveler, sailed through the decades of development, change, and growing pains.... But then the tempo changed.... Why did it appear that the history became about elected or running-for-election officials and their contributors and interests.... It almost appears that certain local residents involved in community activism were purposely omitted."

In fact, Danciu presented the city council with Crossroad II's version of civic history: "A

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Short History of Community Activism in Chula Vista — 1970's to Present." The pamphlet, which was inspired by what was missing in the centennial book, details the community's fight for public ownership of water, for controlled growth, for saving Friendship Park, among other battles.

Danciu questions, "Why does a book written for our 2011 centennial not have one picture of our sitting city council?" There are no indexed entries for Councilmember Patricia Aguilar and no pictures of her, although she was elected in 2010, and Councilmember Steve Castaneda has only three indexed entries and one picture, although he has served in Chula Vista since 2004.

By contrast, there are 14 indexed pages for developer Corky McMillin or the McMillin Companies, including three photographs of Corky. One of the pictures shows him on a tractor with former mayor Greg

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Cox, plowing down H Street to the new eastern developments.

In addition to detractors, the city's centennial book has admirers. On the website PRWeb, the city has posted an article that includes book reviews by local luminaries Loren Nancarrow and Ken Kramer. Kramer says, "Anyone who knows and loves Chula Vista will find the centennial book to be a real treasure. From the days of citrus and celery to the World Champion Little Blue Bombers, its wonderfully researched stories and fascinating photographs are a proud and lasting tribute to the city."

Sight unseen, the book had appeal. The cost of the printing, \$58,685, was sponsored by the Chelsea Investment Corporation, the EastLake Company, the Corky McMillin Companies and McMillin Realty, Otay Ranch New Homes/JPB Development, Otay Ranch/Baldwin and Sons, and the Otay Land Company. ■

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NEWS TICKER

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Winners and Lubers
Aztecs Will "Battle for the Oil Can"

College Area — The Fresno State Bulldogs won't officially join the Mountain West Conference until next year. The San Diego State Aztecs are considering a move out of the Mountain West, eyeing the Big East as a possible home for athletics. Their respective football teams haven't played one another since 2002. Regardless, alumni associations for the respective schools are attempting to establish a rivalry game, complete with its own "trophy."

After running an open contest to name what (at least temporarily) will be an annual matchup, the alumni groups have jointly concocted the "Battle for the Oil Can," the winner of 65 entries received. The author of the suggestion

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linked the name to a 1930s-era oil can from Fresno that was allegedly unearthed during a construction project at San Diego State.

By Dave Rice

Wednesday, November 30

News from Underground

Agents Reveal Details of Drug Tunnel

Otay Mesa — Agents from the DEA and Border Patrol released more details about the cross-border drug tunnel discovered on Tuesday. Initial reports had described the tunnel as elaborate; new details revealed today show just how elaborate it was.

Electric rail cars ran the length of the 600-yard tunnel, special agent Derek Brenner of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement told the Associated Press. In addition to the railway, smugglers used a hydraulic lift that descended down a staircase to the tunnel, which had wood floors from one end to the other.

The bust, said Brenner, was one of the largest in history, with agents seizing an estimated 32 tons of marijuana, 17 of which was found inside a warehouse in Otay Mesa.

By Dorian Hargrove

Wednesday, November 30

Poor Kids

Increase in Population Living Below the Poverty Line

San Diego County — The number of people living below the poverty line in San Diego County increased in 2010, according to a new report released by the U.S. Census Bureau. Along with the increase came a decrease in median household income from \$60,103 in 2009 to \$59,759 last year.

In 2009, an estimated 372,782, or 12.5 percent, were poverty-stricken in San Diego County. In 2010 that number jumped to 445,556, or 14.8 percent of the population, just above the national poverty average of 14.3 percent.

The report revealed that nearly a quarter of those under

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the poverty line, or 94,299, were between the ages of 5 and 17, compared to 82,241 in 2009.

By Dorian Hargrove

Tuesday, November 29

Buck Stops Here

Manchester Charity Nets Over \$1 Million

San Diego — La Jolla-based developer Doug Manchester, who has made millions of dollars on leases of public tidelands and is soon set to close on ownership of the Union-Tribune, often highlights his gifts to charity.

But during the year-long period from April 1, 2009, through March 31, 2010, according to a financial disclosure report filed with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service on February 18 of this year, the Manchester Family Life Foundation, a nonprofit, made no grants, although it collected more than \$1 million in contributions.

The nonprofit paid out just \$3230 for operating expenses, leaving it with total assets of \$1,399,713 at the end of the reporting period.

One Manchester backer points out that the annual IRS report provides only a one-year "snapshot" of the foundation's activities and that it may have disbursed funds since the close of its reporting period in March of last year.

By Matt Potter

Monday, November 28

Sprawl On

Lawsuit Filed to Overtake SANDAG Plan

San Diego — The Cleveland National Forest Foundation and the Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit on November 28 to block implementation of SANDAG's 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

SANDAG's board of directors approved the \$214 billion transit plan on October 28 to meet the requirements of State Bill 375, a bill that requires regional governments to update long-range transportation plans every four years to curb urban sprawl

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and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

But the environmental groups say the plan is faulty. They claim SANDAG failed to come up with any new solutions, putting transit and pedestrian options at the back of the line. By doing so, the petitioners claim the number of vehicle miles will increase by 50 percent, sprawl will continue, and greenhouse gases will be emitted.

By Dorian Hargrove

Monday, November 28

Matter of Safety

Occupy San Diego Vows to Bring Back Tents

Downtown — Occupy San Diego is preparing to once again set up a tent encampment in Civic Center Plaza this afternoon, according to a brief released by the group last night.

Energized by a video shot in the early morning hours of Thanksgiving day depicting eight or more police officers holding a wheelchair-bound man face down while making an arrest, at least 50 members of Occupy San Diego have decided that they have waited long enough for a discussion with the city council.

It's a matter of safety, explains Mike Garcia. If there had been a stronger presence at the plaza, others would have been able to help defend the disabled individual, who appears to have been confronted for falling asleep, but is told halfway through the second minute, "Now you're going to jail for battering a police officer."

Crackdowns on tents and tables following their installation have come at an increasingly rapid pace since Occupy was initially expelled on October 14.

By Dave Rice

Monday, November 28

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Sergio J. Castro
Rancho Bernardo

Shut Your Pie Hole

What kind of cretins are serving as gatekeepers at our graduate schools ("SD on the QT," November 23)? From R. Harkness's statements, we know, don't we, how he got to where he is? He must have "enhanced" the hell out of all his "performances" all the way through school.

Let's see, he says that cheating is necessary to success. Okay. Students who buy their papers instead of writing them are a leg up. Of course, that would disadvantage low-income students, but democracy is just a tight-ass ideal—forget about it. You might disadvantage some hard-up Einsteins out of the competition, but who cares? Mass-producing rich winner-types is more lucrative for the university. What does it matter if med students hire stooges to take their tests and do their autopsies? Med schools have been turning out know-nothing doctors for decades. What was good enough for previous generations is plenty good enough for present and future ones.

Why should students read textbooks and sit through lectures? They can hire someone else to do these things for them (if they can't afford to, they're out of the game). After all, traditional universities have to compete with cyberschools and correspondence schools, which enable students to personally do nothing whatever except arrange to pay fees. Anyway, academic s--- doesn't have anything to do with what's

required in the real world of commerce.

UCSD knows what it takes to succeed: taking credit for someone else's accomplishments, lying expeditiously, dropping the right names, knowing the right people and, most of all, having the finances to put on a good show. Excellence has a new meaning — times change, but, hey, Harkness, not always for the better. You represent decadence. You're like a hopelessly decayed tooth in the jaw of higher education, and you should be immediately removed.

A suggestion for the editors. Is it one of the *Reader's* goals to inform? I doubt it. Your broad-spectrum acid copy tells me that your staff writers are too skeptical and too smart to think they know anything for sure enough to inform us about. But if you do want to inform, it's okay — it's only human. Out here on the street, I believe the human animal's favorite thing to do is not sex but the running of the mouth, and it doesn't matter in the least if he has an IQ of minus 80. He wants to inform — not just talk, not just have somebody listen. He wants to uncover the "truth" about whatever. He reels off "facts" and cites authorities to prove his points. He might quote the Bible, which is myth, or the internet, which is probably the biggest source of misinformation in the world today. He doesn't say "I think..." or "Maybe..." or "According to..." He states his pathetic facts and tells you that he learned on the internet that the newspaper accounts of what happened on 9/11 were all a military-industrial-government cover-up, but he saw internet pictures showing what really happened. Even if he didn't see the film *Wag the Dog*, he probably knows how media people can make pictures show whatever they want them to show, but he ignores anything negative about his source. If you verbally demolish his authority, he suddenly has other places to be — end of lecture. Praise be to whatever.

Why don't you do a piece on how to shut the know-nothings up?

Dorothy Casey
San Diego

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

Comments from Reader website

Letters

Published November 30

Hey, Bob, all of us 'mericans here have free run of Mexican whorehouses. Why else would we live here? We come into Mexico, and after the appropriate Mexican authorities ascertain that we are, in fact, gringos, we get cards that give us a pass to any and all whorehouses in Mexico. It's really quite awesome. Certainly well worth the hassle of working in the U.S.

By refriedgringo 11:47
a.m., Dec 1, 2011

Cover Story

Published November 30

2 many r having 2 live this way now...20/20 had a piece on it about the middle class living in vehicles after job and house loss...

great article :(

long but worth reading

By nan 11:16 p.m., Nov 30,
2011

Good article. Shows that there are many faces of the homeless issue and different ways to bring about solutions. The Safe Parking Program run by Dreams for Change is an excellent example of this. By simply providing for a safe place to park (live) a homeless individual or family can now concentrate on working to improve their situation. By having experienced family advocates at the location every night improves the persons ability to quickly navigate the services needed to get employment, health-care, shelter and basic needs. My understanding is that this is all done with just a small amount of money which makes it that much more impressive. Keep up the good work.

By learnb4ugive 10 a.m.,
Dec 1, 2011

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WHEN: 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

WHERE: Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West, Balboa Park. 619-318-0234; waltznsuch.org/home.html

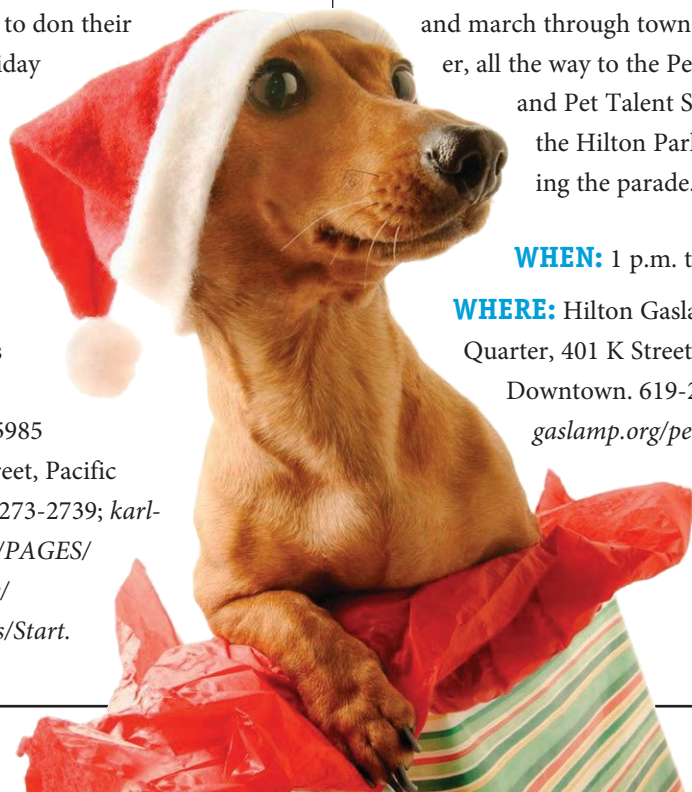
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BREWFESTIVUS

The Karl Strauss Brewing Company is throwing a “craft-beer and ugly-sweater party for the rest of us” to celebrate the release of Josh Bernstein’s new book, *Brewed Awakening*. Bernstein will be on hand to sign books, and Brewfestivus attendees are encouraged to don their tackiest holiday sweater.

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

WHERE: Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 5985 Santa Fe Street, Pacific Beach. 858-273-2739; karl-strauss.com/PAGES/Community/Brewfestivus/Start.html



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GASLAMP HOLIDAY PET PARADE

Nothing makes your pooch cuter than a little Santa hat. Pets and owners are invited to dress in festive costumes and march through town together, all the way to the Pet Expo and Pet Talent Show at the Hilton Park following the parade.

WHEN: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Hilton Gaslamp Quarter, 401 K Street, Downtown. 619-233-5227; gaslamp.org/pet-parade



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9: JOSHUA M. BERNSTEIN AT BREWFESTIVUS

Monday | 12

ACTORS WHO WRITE

The San Diego Actors Theatre presents this site-specific theater project featuring a concert-reading of original material. The ensemble comprises a group of “talented and creative San Diego actors who write,” ranging in age from 20s to 60s.

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Quint Contemporary Art, 7547 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-268-4494; sdactorstheatre.net

Wednesday | 14

LABYRINTH

“You remind me of the babe. What babe? The babe with the power. What power? The power of voodoo. Who do? You do.” If you recognize that line, you won’t want to miss this Epic Movies event, a double feature of *Labyrinth* and *The NeverEnding Story*.

WHEN: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

WHERE: 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy. 619-255-7885; 98bottlessd.com

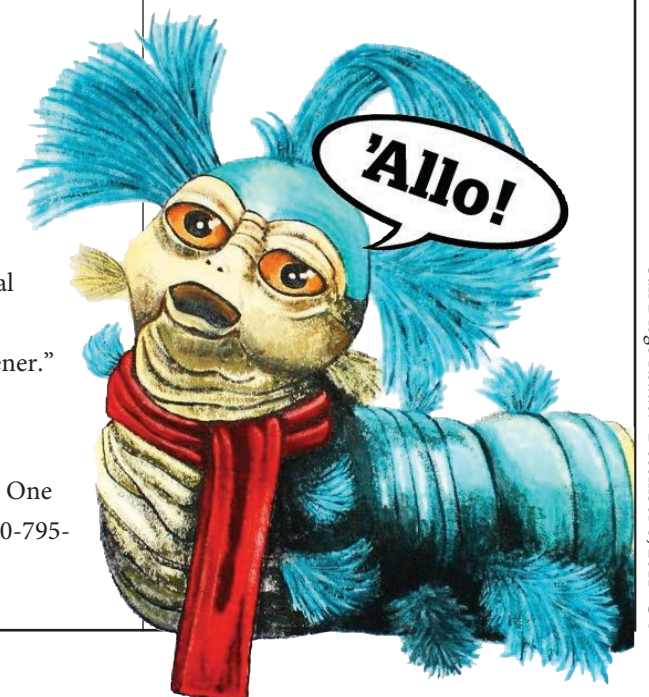
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LEND ME YOUR EAR

The fall 2011 Songwriting Class performs pieces composed from class projects. “The songs delve into personal aspects of students’ lives that require the attention of a listener.”

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Xunantunich Ruins, Belize

By Joe Tuborg

First unearthed in British Honduras at the turn of the last century, the Mayan ruins of Xunantunich is one of the finest archaeological sites in the country that is now Belize. And, it's less than 30 minutes from the capital city of Belmopan.

If you're driving, the turnoff to the park entrance is easy to pass by, as the highway is separated by the Mopan River that runs parallel to it. No bridge exists; the waterway must be navigated by a ferry that's only large enough to transport

one vehicle at a time. The water may be deep, but it's not wide, and I used all of my self-control not to dive in and swim Indiana Jones-style to the other side.

The entrance to the park is a not-too-distant uphill walk from where the ferry docks. Although shaded by the jungle canopy, Central America's heat and humidity makes the trek more difficult than most believe it will be.

Inside, you're treated to the excavated — and in many cases reconstructed — Mayan structures. The stone buildings had little use other than for religious ceremony. The most noticeable, "El Castillo," stretches 130 feet toward the heavens and is complete with chamber rooms and altars.

Xunantunich roughly translates to "maiden of the rock," and it takes little imagination to invoke thoughts of young women being sacrificed to the insatiable gods of the culture.

Unlike the national parks and monuments of the U.S., there are no barriers or ropes cordoning off the sites. Although it dates back to 900 AD, you're welcome — if not encouraged — to climb the steps and explore the ancient construction. However, the stairs are steep, without

handrails.

The grounds are equally interesting, as ball fields the size of multiple football fields have been exhumed and manicured to walk or play on as you like. A museum explaining the history and dig is a must-visit, and there's a gift shop to complete the tourist experience.

Terme di Castrocaro, Italy

By Patricia Campbell

When in France, my husband and I decided to squander *beaucoup d'euros* on a Michelin one-star restaurant. The experience was so satisfactory that, on a subsequent trip to Italy, we decided to make a detour to eat in a two-star restaurant there.

The detour took us across the



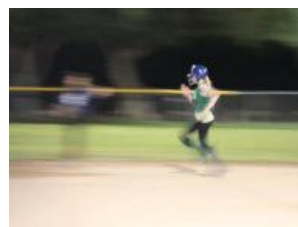
Italy's Apennines and the Tuscan countryside

Apennines from Siena to a destination unknown to American travel guides — Terme di Castrocaro. After a hot and twisty drive, we arrived at a small, modern town with nothing of interest except a medicinal spa.

Imagine our disappointment when we discovered that our destination restaurant had had a fire and was closed until further notice. Nevertheless, the

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Other Adventures



Gadams: Heading to second base — Cactus Park, Santee



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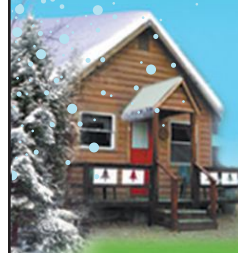
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FROM THE TRAILMASTER'S FAVORITES FOLDER

What fire/rebirth cycles will await us in the future?

Originally published: November 13, 2003

Now that San Diego County's historic megafires are extinguished, outdoor-oriented folks — and the just plain curious — are anxious to get out there and do some sightseeing. The full recovery of the natural landscape will take a decade or two for the chaparral-dominated zones and half a century or more (if ever) for the oak/evergreen-forest of the Cuyamaca Mountains. Obviously, there's no big rush either to marvel at the abrupt transformation we've just had or observe the long-term natural recovery.

From a recreational standpoint, the loss of opportunity for San Diegans is immense. The 25,000-acre Cuyamaca Rancho State Park was completely burned over, with only singed islands of old-growth vegetation and certain campground and picnic structures remaining intact. One of the brightest gems in the San Diego County park system, William Heise Park, was heavily damaged. Acreage in some of the county's open-space preserves was swept by

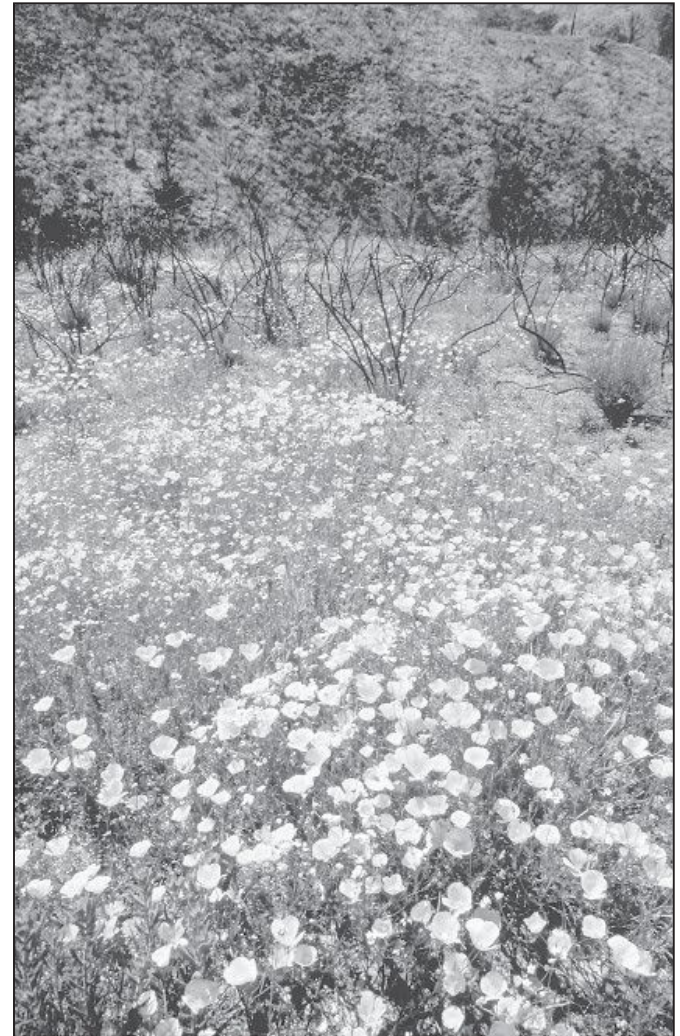
flames. So were certain sections of municipal recreation areas, such as Escondido's Daley Ranch, Poway's Iron Mountain, and San Diego Mission Trails Regional Park. A substantial fraction of the entire Cleveland National Forest was burned over.

Most of these areas will be closed for weeks or months to recreational use for assessment of fire damage and erosion potential. Stay out of these closed areas even though it may be easy to walk into them by way of unfenced boundaries. Once these park areas are open again, be sure to stay on established trails. Don't make new paths across the fire-denuded landscape or cut corners along switchback trails, even though it may be very tempting to do so.

The silver lining on the dark cloud looming over our county landscape is the promise of extravagant displays of fire-following wildflowers a few months from now. With the

return of repeated soaking rains, which looks likely this winter season, the period between February and May could result in vast wildflower carpets coating hundreds of square miles of foothill and mountain landscape. The seeds of up to 100 species of ephemeral plants have been lying dormant in the ground in the fire-swept zones, ready to germinate as soon as the right combination of wildfire, ash, and soaking rain arrives.

If the rainfall comes up too short this winter season, the regenerative process will be delayed. For example, March and April 2003 saw a lavish bloom of native California poppies, Canterbury bells, popcorn-flower, and non-native mustard on slopes overlooking the Santa Margarita River just north of Fallbrook. More than two years had passed before the rainfall was sufficient to trigger the massive germination of seeds.



Fire-following poppies near Fallbrook, spring 2003

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OUTDOORS

Beautification Day Tree-pruning demonstration, urban forestry activities, demonstrations by expert growers in Tubman School orchard. Call to volunteer materials or labor for planting and weeding. 619-675-1765. Saturday, December 10, 10am; **free.** Harriet Tubman Village Charter School, 6880 Mohawk Street. (COLLEGE AREA)

Garden Along the River Help “care for Mission Valley’s only public garden,” a five-acre site located in Mission Valley East, filled with native and water-wise plants, trees, cacti. Tools, supplies provided. 619-297-7380. Sunday, December 11,

8am; **free.** San Diego River Garden, 3334 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Imperial Beach Pier Cleanup Beach cleanup hosted by Coast-keeper starts on north side of pier at end of Elm Street. Wear closed-toed shoes. 619-758-7743. Saturday, December 10, 9am; **free.** Imperial Beach, Seacoast Drive. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Lunar Eclipse Hike Ranger Kathy Boyd leads moderate 2.5-mile round-trip hike in search of “a view of the lunar eclipse through a telescope.” Bring binoculars, flashlight. Carry water. Overcast or rainy conditions cancel. 760-839-4345. Saturday, December 10, 5am; **free.** Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Planting Party Friends of Florida Canyon volunteers work with Balboa Park rangers “to enhance Florida Canyon” by removing invasive vegetation and litter, maintaining trails, restoring habitat, installing native plants. Meet group in parking lot for dog off-leash area. Wear sturdy, closed shoes; bring water, snacks. 619-235-1122. Sunday, December 11, 9am; **free.** Morley Field Sports Complex, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Winter Holiday Trail Tales Coyotes feasting on holly berries, birds planting mistletoe, and other glimpses into the strange and exotic lives of San Diego plants and wildlife revealed on guide-led scenic walk from Kumeyaay Lake Campground to historic Old Mis-

sion Dam. Meet at the Kumeyaay Campground Entry Station. Saturday, December 10, 8:30am; **free.** Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

“An Irish Christmas” Music, traditional dance, storytelling, carols, “and plenty of Irish soul” come together with help of Darren Maguire, Ciaran Maguire, Collette Dunne. 800-988-4253. Friday, December 9, 8pm; \$35-\$39. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

“Bells, Bells, Bells!” Celebrate the season “with an emphasis on Russian tradition, while enjoying the ‘tintinabulation of the bells, bells, bells, bells’” during Palomar/Pacific Coast Concert Band concert. Guests include Hornswoggle French horn ensemble performing carol arrangements by conductor John Lorge. 760-744-1150 x2453. Saturday, December 10, 8pm; \$8-\$12. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

“Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Park” Bring an ornament to decorate community Christmas tree, participate in tree-lighting ceremony (5:20pm). Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive aboard 1907 Baldwin Steam Engine, accompa-

nied by park’s western gunfighters (5:30pm). Carolers, school choirs, *Nutcracker* by New West Ballet, Heritage Dancers square dancing, Theatre-in-the-Park’s Readers Theater, Christmas crafts. Hay rides (4-8pm). Saturday, December 10, 3:30pm; **free.** Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

“Silence and Noise” Visual and performing art students host showcase of “creative viewpoints of 33 aspiring artists expressed through diverse media” in Arts Building. View exhibit (5pm), followed by performances utilizing music, video, painting, sculpture, photography, installation (7pm). Reception follows. Parking fee. 760-750-4137. Friday, December 9, 5pm; **free.** CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

“Spotlight on the Holidays” MiraCosta College Theatre Spotlight Circle hosts fourth annual benefit party in MiraCosta College Library. Cartoonist Greg Evans, creator of *Luann* comic strip, draws characters from *Luann*, answers questions about cartooning, sells signed copies of his books. MiraCosta Chamber Choral members sing holiday carols. Libations, hors d’oeuvres, desserts. Reservations: 760-583-4437. Friday, December 9, 5:15pm; \$35. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

“The Event” Shop handmade collections by Rehasht reclaimed designs, Lekuin Designs, Studio Penny Lane, Gladys Tamez Milinery, Taylor Gallegos, other local artists. Raw food snacks made by Centehua Living. Music by the Heavy Guilt Duo, DJ Simon Pieraut. Thursday, December 8, 7pm; **free.** 21 and up. 3rd Space, 4610 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

“The Gifts Women Bring” Palomar Women’s Chorus celebrates “the unique gifts women bring to the world...highlighted through music and poetry written especially for women’s voices by female composers.” 760-744-1150 x2453. Friday, December 9, 8pm; \$5. Palomar College Performance

Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

“The Xmas Show” Technomania Circus offers “irreverent look” at holiday season during variety show boasting music, acrobatics, black-light illusion, puppetry, “general absurdity.” Saturday, December 10, 8pm; \$10. Victory Theater, 2558 Imperial Avenue. (GRANT HILL)

Experiments on Plant Hybridization Discuss Gregor Mendel’s 1865 paper and supplementary materials with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Sunday, December 11, 2pm; **free.** San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

A Musical Journey Through the Ages The Cedar Center Chorus and Pacificaires plan program including “musical styles from the present back all the way to the 6th century” and “season’s favorite carols.” 858-232-7548. Sunday, December 11, 2pm; **free.** Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

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

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Christmas Concert San Diego Festival Chorus, an 80-member chorus and 48-piece orchestra, celebrates tenth anniversary with holiday classics by Irving Berlin, “Christmas Ornaments” and “Feast of Carols” by Randol Bass, “Ose Shalom,” “A Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas,” Handel’s “Hallelujah” chorus. Sunday, December 11, 3pm; \$17. College Avenue Baptist Church, 4747 College Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

Christmas in the Village Event begins with holiday parade both nights (5pm), includes bonfires, horse-drawn carriage rides, vendors, live music, Santa, carnival rides, puppet shows, strolling minstrels, carolers, street entertainers, more. Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10, 5pm; **free.** La Mesa Village, Spring Street at La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Copper or Brass Holiday Ornaments Create an ornament using

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moment came when we had to eat. We climbed into our car to drive to a pizza place we had seen near one end of town. As we drew near, Alan said, “Let’s just go clear outside of town to make sure we didn’t miss something.” And that’s when the serendipity kicked in.

Half a kilometer outside the town, our headlights illuminated a painted sign: Ristorante Rustica. Dozens of cars were parked in front of what looked like a well-lit farmhouse. We parked and joined what looked like at least half the townsfolk for family dinner night in Terme di Castrocaro.

Busy waiters threaded through the close-packed tables with trays of food redolent of garlic, tomato, and rosemary. We crowded up to our little table and studied the menu. It was not only surprisingly extensive, but also inexpensive. I was excited to find asparagus crespelle, a rare treat. Alan was amazed to discover that the least costly item on the menu was the famous Fiorentina T-bone steak, which (according to Marcella Hazan) cannot be duplicated outside of Tuscany.

“Look at this,” he crowed, “only 7 euros!”

Our amazement increased when the waiter took the order. “Ow beeg?” he asked Alan.

“Big!” Alan answered. The waiter raised his eyebrows. “Beeg?” he said, making an oval with his hands.

“Big,” Alan replied firmly, making an even larger oval. And, sure enough, when the order came, the steak was so big that it hung over the edge of the plate.

Eating such a large steak was not easy, but — embarrassed that he had imposed his unintended greediness on the restaurant — Alan managed to finish every bite. And then the bill came. Rather than 7 euros, the steak was 35 euros!

We called the waiter and struggled to understand his explanation. At last, enlightenment came. We had not noticed the small “hg” beside the price on the menu. It stood for hectograms and indicated to all Italians that the steak was 7 euros per hectogram.

Well, we’d had a wonderful experience and learned something, to boot. It was worth every cent.

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Create a Yarn Wreath Winter craft with Marta for all ages (those under eight must be accompanied by an adult). Supplies provided. Registration: 858-573-5007. Thursday, December 8, 3:30pm; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

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)

Garden of Lights Gardens decorated with 100,000-plus sparkling lights on plants and trees through December 30. Horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday crafts, live entertainment, marshmallow roasting, visits with Santa, food. Weather permitting, snow is forecast for December 9-16 and December 26-30. Additional fees for some activities. 760-436-3036 x206. December 8-16 and 26-30, 5pm to 9pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade Pets and owners invited to dress in costumes for promenade through Gaslamp Quarter, starting and finishing at Hilton's park. Pet expo follows (1-5pm). 619-233-5227. Sunday, December 11, 1pm; \$10. Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, 401 K Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Hanukkah Happening The 28th annual party "for people of all faiths and ages" promises appearances by Cinderella and Shrek, carnival games, arts and crafts, obstacle courses for kids of all ages, "a teen experience," more. 858-457-3030. Sunday, December 11, 11am; **free**-\$3. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Rhyme & Verse

"And you as well must die"

A sonnet by Edna St. Vincent Millay

And you as well must die, beloved dust,
And all your beauty stand you in no stead;
This flawless, vital hand, this perfect head,
This body of flame and steel, before the gust
Of Death, or under his autumnal frost,
Shall be as any leaf, be no less dead
Than the first leaf that fell, — this wonder fled.
Altered, estranged, disintegrated, lost.
Nor shall my love avail you in your hour.
In spite of all my love, you will arise
Upon that day and wander down the air
Obscurely as the unattended flower,
It mattering not how beautiful you were,
Or how beloved above all else that dies.



Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950) grew up in Maine where she was raised by her divorced mother. Her long poem "Renascence," written in 1912, when she was 19, appeared in a collection called *The Lyric Year* and clearly marked her as a poet of exceptional accomplishment. Millay attended Vassar College in New York and upon graduation moved to Greenwich Village, the artistic and bohemian capital of the United States. She published her first volume, *A Few Figs from Thistles*, in 1920 and the following year published *Second April*, in which this sonnet appeared. Two years later, in 1923, she published *The Harp Weaver and Other Poems*, which won the Pulitzer Prize. That same year, she married Eugen Boissevain. Bisexual and an outspoken feminist, Millay had many lovers, both male and female, before her marriage and, because she claimed that she and her husband had an "open" marriage, it is assumed that she had lovers during the marriage as well. They were, nonetheless, a devoted couple and were together until his death in 1949. Millay died the following year of heart failure after falling down a flight of stairs in her home. She is one of the masters of contemporary formal poetry and perhaps America's foremost master of the sonnet. Her brilliant craft and acerbic wit are still greatly admired.

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Kwanzaa Celebration Performance by Teye Se Thiosanne dance drum troupe, followed by dance demonstration and audience interaction. 619-232-6203 x129. Saturday, December 10, 2pm; **free**. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Magic Show Close-up magic and stage show by Loch David Crane, Terry Lunceford, Magic Mike. 760-929-1396. Friday, December 9, 8:30pm; \$7-\$10. Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

Mexican Art Mural Dedication Join Writerz Blok artists to "officially recognize the installation of a mural celebrating Mexican modernism." Artist talk: 7pm. 619-232-7931. Thursday, December 8, 6:30pm; **free**. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Occupy San Diego Teach-In Members of Occupy San Diego Education Committee plan "discussion about the OWS 'List of Grievances' called 'Declaration of the Occupation of New York City.'" Sunday, December 11, 11am;



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25 neighborhood galleries, busi-
nesses. 619-297-4278. Saturday,
December 10, 6pm; free. San Diego
Art Department, 3830 Ray Street.
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San Diegans for 9/11 Truth
will host: An Economic Primer: A
conversation about the origins and
implications of the US monetary
system. In solidarity with Occupy
San Diego and the Nationwide
movement to challenge our current
economic system that subverts our
government and undermines our
social fabric. Q&A follows. We will
also include a segment, “Follow the
Money,” from the new film *Thrive*.
ThriveMovement.com. Info: www.SD911Truth.org or call 619-222-
2120. Free, donations accepted.
In the Ralphs/Trader Joe’s Shop-
ping Center. Sunday, December
11, 6:30pm; Joyce Beers Uptown
Community Center, 3900 Vermont
Street. (HILLCREST)

**San Diego Bay Parade of
Lights** “Back to the Future” is
theme for 40th annual event, begin-
ning with fireworks each evening.
Boats sail from Shelter Island to
Coronado. 619-224-2240. Sun-
day, December 11, 5:30pm; free.
Embarcadero, along Harbor Drive.
(DOWNTOWN)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp
and cover dealers offer their wares.
619-218-7835. Sunday, December
11, 10am; free. Al Bahr Shrine
Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road.
(KEARNY MESA)

Zombie Makeup Classes For-
mer Disneyland makeup artist
Ron Wolek leads classes in blood
FX (December 8) and dead flesh
(December 9 and 10). All ages wel-
come. 407-377-6691. Thursday and
Friday, December 8 and 9, 8pm;
Saturday, December 10, 6pm; \$25-
\$200. Twigg’s Bakery Coffeehouse,
4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY
HEIGHTS)

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

"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)

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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San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

BOOK SIGNINGS

40 Years of Chez Panisse: The Power of Gathering Alice Waters, award-winning chef and owner of Berkeley's Chez Panisse, visits to sign her new book. Reception promises wine and savories. Outdoors, rain or shine. Farm will be open for shopping. Books available for purchase (only books purchased at Chino's may be signed). Pre-order books: 760-815-1026 or milaneww@gmail.com. Sunday, December 11, 11am; **free**. Chino Farm, 6123 Calzada del Bosque. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

San Diego Legends Author Jack Innis shares "weird history of San Diego's past" from his book. 619-533-3974. Saturday, December 10, 4pm; **free**. Kensington-Normal Heights Library, 4121 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

Brewfestivus A book-signing, craft-beer, and ugly-sweater party for the rest of us, to celebrate release of Josh Bernstein's newest book, *Brewed Awakening*. Ugliest sweater wins prize. Beer tasting, appetizers. Tickets available online only. Friday, December 9, 6pm; \$20. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 5985 Santa Fe Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Eat, Drink, and Be Literary Visit Sunbelt Publications for 27th annual holiday party promising refreshments, "thoughtful presentations" by local authors Judge Dick Murphy, Tom Kirkbride, Diana Lindsay. RSVP by December 6: marketing@sunbeltpub.com. Thursday, December 8, 4:30pm; **free**. Sunbelt Publications, 1256 Fayette Street. (EL CAJON)

Kay Scarpetta Returns! Author Patricia Cornwell discusses and signs her new book, *Red Mist*. Reserved seating is available. Book must be purchased from Warwick's for signing. 858-454-0347. Sunday, December 11, 6:30pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Meet the Duo Behind Nim-pentoad 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" during La Mesa Christmas in the Village. 619-461-1400. Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10, 5pm; **free**. Readers Inc. Bookstore, 8219 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant!" What do you get when you cross an umbrella with an elephant? Find out during San Diego Symphony Family Festival concert featuring narration by poet Jack Prelutsky. Program includes

"Carnival of the Animals" by Saint-Saëns. Soloists: pianists Jon Kimura Parker and Orli Shaham. Reservations: 619-237-1979. Saturday, December 10, 1pm; **free**. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Concert Classics" Odeum Guitar Duo presents classical guitar duos and solos by Dowland, Johnson, Scarlatti, Vivaldi-Bach, Mozart, Houghton, Carulli, Malats, Barrios in Recital Hall, room 26-220. 619-644-7254. Friday, December 9, 8pm; \$8-\$10. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

"Messiah Sing" La Jolla Symphony and Chorus and guest soloists plan annual sing-along of Christmas portion of the "Messiah." Sing or simply enjoy listening. Scores available for rent. 858-534-4637. Sunday, December 11, 4pm; \$8-\$15. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel Street. (CARLSBAD)

"O Magnum Mysterium" Palomar Chamber Singers/Palomar Chorale perform a cappella settings of a mystical text by Renaissance composer Tomas Luis de Victoria, French Impressionist Francis Poulenc, and 20th-century American Morten Lauridsen. Holiday sing-along promised. 760-744-1150 x2453. Sunday, December 11, 3pm; \$8-\$12. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Christmas Concert: "Messiah" Westminster Choir and San Diego Symphony members present Handel's legendary piece, along with Christmas carols, a living nativity. 619-232-7513. Sunday, December 11, 6pm; **free**. 18 and up. First Presbyterian Church, 320 Date Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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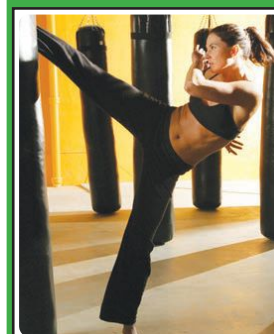
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Al-Juwayni

[The prophets] bring both what reason cannot deny and would not be guided to independently; provisions of the Law, the Divine promises and threats, on which depend judgments and which reason would not perceive, even though it concurs with all virtu-

ous things. But reason would not concur on all the particulars which the Laws expound. Thus there is no obstacle in what the prophets bring to what reason makes clear, so that they confirm the data of reason and assist it. [Besides] when one speaks according to the propositions of rea-

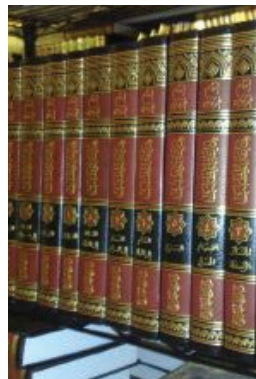
son, his words may not be counted as nonsense, even if reason has led to what he is saying. There are to be sure in some of the things God has created satisfying proofs as to the existence of the Creator, and none of the wonders of creation may be counted an absurd thing. — from “Al-’Aqida

al-Nizamiya”

Imam al-Haramayn Dhia’ul-Din Abd al-Malik ibn Yusuf al-Juwayni al-Shafi’i (1028–1085) was an important Sunni imam and Muslim scholar. Born in Iran into a family of noted lawyers and legal scholars, al-Juwayni was especially gifted in matters of

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handbell choir. Offering. 760-753-6582. Sunday, December 11, 7:30pm; San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. (ENCINITAS)

Koto in the Gardens Kyoko Takeda performs on this traditional Japanese 13-stringed instrument, considered a romantic instrument when it was first introduced into Japan during 18th Century. Included in admission. 619-232-2721. Saturday, December 10, 1pm; **free**-\$4. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Music Student Honors Recital Concert Hour Series concludes with concert. 760-744-1150 x2317. Thursday, December 8, 12:30pm; **free**. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Garcia Reyes, Pman, Nic Flair, Tannen Compton, Matt Zint, Jon Allen, host Dan Bublitz Jr. Reservations: 858-775-4818. Saturday, December 10, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Laugh Out Proud Comedy Show Comedy show geared toward the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, with allied comedian Chris Fleming of Los Angeles, local LGBT comedians Sarah Burford and Sean Wherley, gay Los Angeles comic Scott Backman, and headliner Shann Carr (author of *You’re Going To Be Gay*. Thursday, December 8, 8pm; **free**. 21 and up. Martini’s Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

DANCE

“A Night of Show Tunes and Shimmies” “Belly Dance on Broadway” dancers combine Broadway tunes from shows like *Grease*, *Mamma Mia*, *Cabaret*,

Aladdin, *Hair* with belly dance moves. 619-444-4197. Sunday, December 11, 6pm; \$10-\$12. 18 and up. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The Nutcracker San Diego Civic Youth Ballet leads audiences on “extraordinary journey with Clara, the prince, and the Sugar Plum Fairy” with 200 young dancers. 619-233-3060. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm and 7pm; and Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, December 18, \$10-\$15. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

The Nutcracker Celebrate holidays when City Ballet presents Tchaikovsky’s classic ballet performed with live music by City Ballet Orchestra. 858-272-8663. Friday, December 9, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 10, 2pm and 7:30pm; and Sunday, December 11, 2pm; \$29-\$59. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Folk Dancing for all Ages International Folk Dancers extend open invitation to a “Village Workshop”

of easy social dances from around the world. Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate with parent attendance. Saturday, December 10, 1pm; **free**. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Odissi Classical Indian Dance Shalini and Laboni Patnaik of the renowned Patnaik Sisters ensemble plan recital benefiting the Bellur Trust. Saturday, December 10, 7pm; \$5-\$20. Iyengar Yoga Center of North County, 2210 Encinitas Boulevard, Suite U. (ENCINITAS)

The H.M.S. (Holiday Masquerade Steampunk) Ball Emcee Walter Nelson presents “L’Heure Verte,” performing “a stimulating range of authentic 19th-century music (including waltzes)” and Steam Powered Giraffe. Suggested attire: festive holiday, Victorian, masquerade, Steampunk; combinations encouraged. Non-dancers welcome. 619-318-0234. Saturday, December 10, 6:30pm; \$30-\$35. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

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FOR KIDS

“Moo! Holiday Celebration” Italian American Academy and San Diego Italian Film Festival host “a project by Marco Lora.” Bash includes children’s performances, Italian cartoons. Holiday luncheon follows. Donations accepted. 619-537-9977. Saturday, December 10, 11am; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Light Within: Stories of the Season” Professional storyteller Harlynn Geisler shares Christmas legends and Hanukkah

tales for family storytelling program. 619-239-5548 x105. Saturday, December 10, 11am; **free**. 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Holiday Workshop Participants may “create unique pieces...for holiday gifts.” Clay, raffia, fabric, glue, glitter provided for constructing Victorian-era items. Bracelets, sculptures, vases, pendants, sachets may be made. Festive holiday wrapping provided. Saturday, December 10, 10am; **free**-\$2. San Diego Archaeological Center, 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Sunny and Angel Save Christmas Listen to “story of how Sunny and Angel, the twin foals born at the center, help Santa Claus save Christmas when two of his reindeer are hurt.” Meet Santa, tour center, receive a personalized letter, a gift, and commemorative photo. Required reservations: 858-756-4117 x318. Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, 10am; \$8-\$20. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

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GALLERIES

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“Don’t Say We Didn’t Warn You” Opening reception for this artistic “look into a possible and perhaps inevitable future where hardship is constant, but the human spirit carries on” with work by Christopher Konecki and Keemoworks. Closes Sunday, January 1. Saturday, December 10, 5pm; **free**. Thumbprint Gallery, 920 Kline St., Suite #104. (LA JOLLA)

“Glass Works” Ray at Night closing reception for annual glass show featuring SDAD instructors and students, both current and past. 619-299-4278. Saturday, December 10, 6pm; **free**. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

“Lesson Learned” Student artist Drew Bandish featured in juried art show. Friday, December 9, 5pm; **free**. Main Street 5 Gallery, 124 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

“QRt Show” Opening reception for exhibit integrating art and technology. Visitors will use smart phones to scan custom QR codes to “access the portfolios of more than 100 artists, art collectives, galleries, and businesses.” Don’t own a smart phone? Tours provided. View show through Sunday, January 8. 760-703-3889. Thursday, December 8, 6pm; **free**. Twin Oaks Gallery, 757 North Twin Oaks Valley Road #3. (SAN MARCOS)

“Summation 2011” Meet artists during opening reception for exhibit celebrating “importance of artistic vision and process throughout the year.” Also on view: “Enlightened Lens,” featuring Palomar College student photography. Saturday, December 10, 5:30pm; **free**. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

“Urbana” Opening reception for exhibit of 23 black and white photographs by 90-year-old artist Major Morris, who will be on hand to greet guests. Entertainment by dancers from Orange Glen Dance Company (7, 8pm). Closes Saturday, January 7. 760-781-5779. Saturday, December 10, 6pm; **free**. ArtHatch, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Artist Reception Reception for artists Yanina Cambareri, Ellablanche Kezar-Salmi, Yvette Koome and Dolores Renner. 760-942-3636. Saturday, December 10, 5pm; **free**. Off Track Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Suite C-103. (ENCINITAS)

Help Free the Girls “Slavery is alive and thriving here in San Diego.” La Jolla Art Association and Soroptimist International of La Jolla host group art exhibit and reception to benefit the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition. Show closes Sunday, December 18. RSVP: 858-459-1196. Friday, December 9, 6pm; **free**. La Jolla Art Association Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, Suite B. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

“Ending the Death Penalty in California” International Museum of Human Rights at San Diego and Amnesty International Group 137 commemorate International Human Rights Day with panel discussion focusing on current California voter initiative campaign to end the death penalty. 858-245-1677. Sunday, December 11, 1:30pm; **free**. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

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Civilized Conversation Open forum debates “Hamas & Palestinian Authority: Are They Partners for

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SPOKEN WORD

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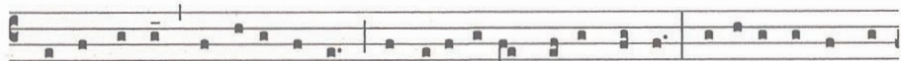
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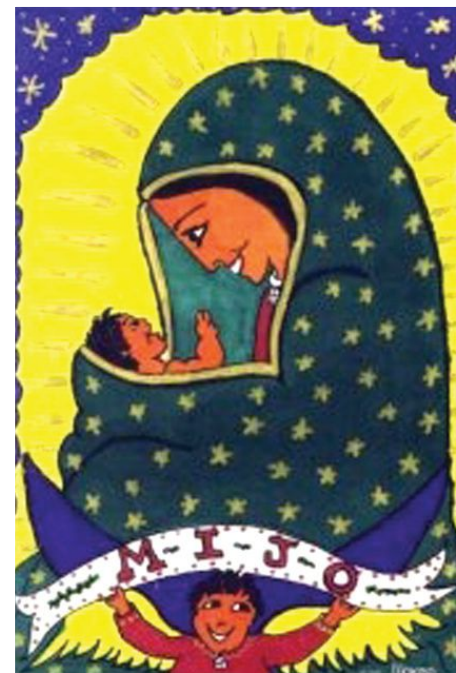
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Sour Power

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Bracingly acidic and oftentimes fruity, sour beers hit the extreme end of the taste spectrum. Upon first sipping, many drinkers register little more than a Sour Patch Kid-like tartness. As with most alcoholic beverages, however, the more one consumes, the more one is capable of picking up on graceful subtleties: citrus undertones, herbaceousness, hints of peppercorn. Even so, lambics, gueuzes, and the like are typically enjoyed in a nice glass all by their lonesome, like a fine cognac. Even some of the most discerning beerophiles firmly believe these outlandish beers don't go with food. But that couldn't be further from the truth.

Sour beers have their place in the pairing pantheon, a fact recently driven home when I was the guest of a quartet of culinary professionals

at a casual weeknight sour-beer dinner. Industry friends with equal passion for beer and food, the group convened, coolers in hand, at the home of Pacifica Del Mar executive chef Mark Bolton. What happened next was the finest potluck I've ever been party to, leaving the guy who came with only an empty stomach and a notepad with plenty of tips for pairing sour beers with food. These techniques are best illustrated by recapping the night's offerings.

The dinner kicked off with local halibut from Ritual Tavern chef Brandon Brooks, served with Calrose rice, baby bok choy, bacon, passion-fruit purée, heirloom-tomato relish, and a classic *buerre blanc*. While this may initially seem to argue for *chef editing*, the myriad of components made for numerous tasty flavor combinations within one dish. Paired with Lindemans Cuvée René, a popular variety of *gueuze* (a blend of Belgian lambics), the passion fruit and heirloom tomatoes made perfect companions, while the beer cut through the richness of the butter sauce and enlivened the inherent flavors of the fresh-caught fish.

Next up were mastodon-like femurs filled with warm, bovine gelatin. That's right — bone marrow. At first, it seemed too heavy for the graceful, magenta-hued St. Louis *kriek* selected by the dish's creator, O'Brien's Pub general manager Tyson Blake. But all that fatty, beefy decadence

DINING REVIEW

BRANDON HERNANDEZ



The slight gaminess of perfectly cooked venison played well with the slight funk of the cherry-colored Rodenbach Grand Cru that accompanied it.



Few things are as Flinstonianly appetizing as a fresh-from-the-oven segment of cow femur filled with buttery, molten marrow.

was balanced out by the effervescence of the beer. Most impressive, however, was the way the full raspberry flavors of the sour synced with an accompanying sour-cherry gremolata and, not surprisingly, dried cherries that had been reconstituted using the *kriek*.

Cowboy Star sous chef Colin Murray selected another fruit-infused sour, Rodenbach Grand Cru (a blend of young and old cherry-infused ales aged in oak barrels) to go with the evening's entrée, venison loin with house-cured bacon, roasted Marcona almonds, fingerling potatoes, and pearl onions. Like Brooks's starter, this dish was meant to present a wealth of taste combinations; all of which matched up well with the Grand Cru, thanks to the permeating smokiness of the bacon and the roasted ingredients, which enhanced the woodiness of the beer. The natural sweetness of the onions made them surprisingly good go-withs as well.

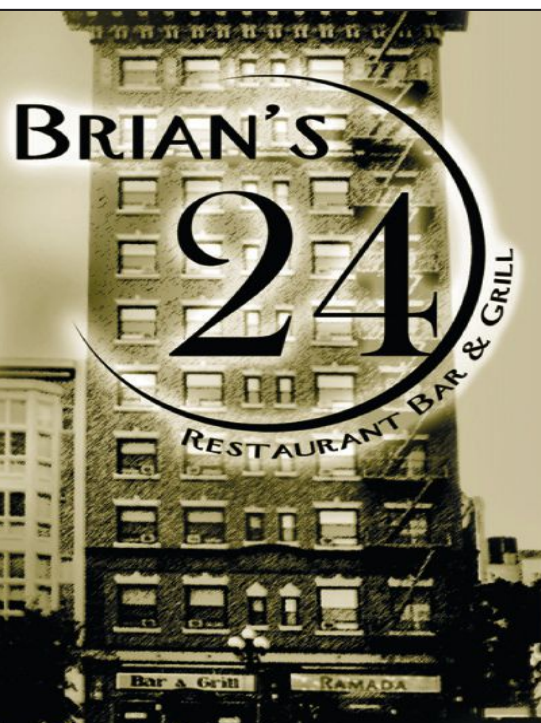
Rounding things out were Bolton's spiced apple cupcakes smeared with caramel icing and a sprinkling of sea salt, the perfect foil for Leipziger Gose. A beer rarity, *goze* is a German

sour brewed using malted wheat and sea salt. The sodium notes of the beer give way to a base that offers flavors of straw, lemon, heather, and Gala apple. Given that description, this was an obvious home run.

The night featured delicate fish, hefty meats, and sugary sweets, yet the sour beers not only went with, but in all cases, *enhanced* each dish. Not bad for a style of beer most believe has no place with food. When thinking of sour beers, it's easy to focus on the eye-opening acidity, but they have a lot more going for them — fruitiness, woodiness, sweetness, toast...even salt.

When pairing on the home front, find ingredients that either match or play off of such flavors, ingredients that are enhanced by sourness and bright, crisp flavors. And don't be afraid to stack them against boldly flavored edibles with heavy textures. Sours cut through these like well-honed knives through hot butter.

They may not be entry-level pairing brews, but this dinner proved that sours are solid food companions worth working and warming up to. ■



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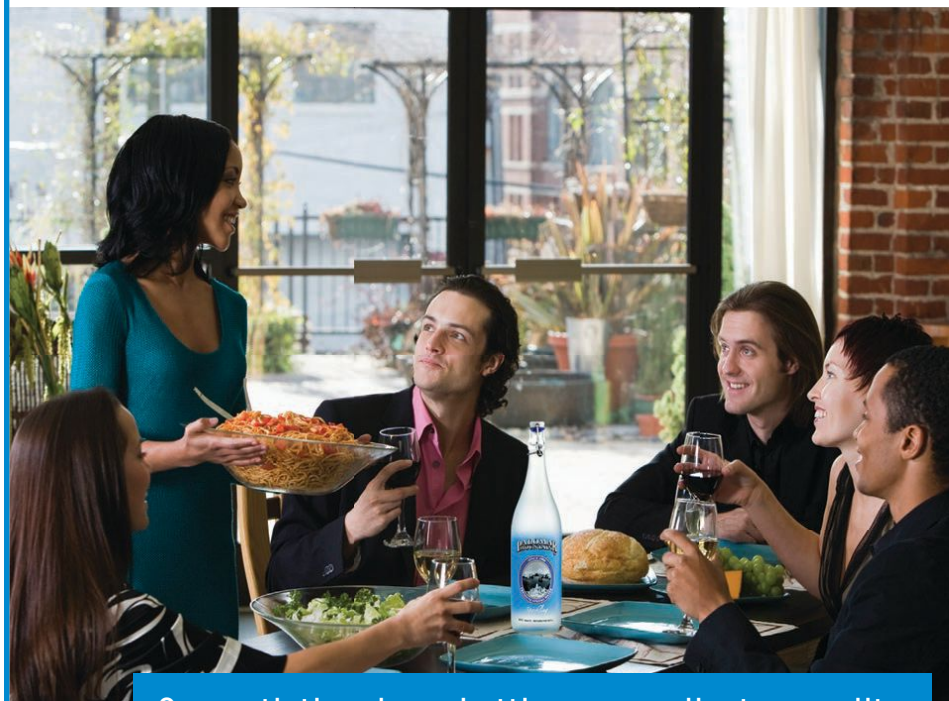


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“My grandmother’s Armenian. She puts lots of fruit and nuts into dishes.”

Whew. Walking, walking... North up Mission Boulevard. I’m in P.B. Looking for breakfast, dammit.

Okay, so it’s lunchtime. Need a place that doesn’t cut off at 11:00 a.m.

I come up on this guy in a black T-shirt, standing in a doorway, taking five. A big sign’s painted on the window beside him: “Sweet & Savory Café. Ridiculously tasty sandwiches and salads.”

The guy’s name is Michael, and this is his place.

On the red-and-yellow-striped awning, I see two magic words: “Breakfast.” “Lunch.”

“Still doing breakfast?” I ask.

“All day,” Michael says.

There’s something familiar...oh, wait.

“Didn’t this used to be Belgian Frie, with the double-fried fries and the 15 sauces and the cone cups in metal holders?” I ask.

“Yes, until two and a half years ago,” he says. “That’s when I moved in.”

Lord. Has it been that long? But now that I look more closely, someone’s definitely hit the refresh button and wielded a paint brush. Inside, the left wall is red, the rest of the place mostly white. Varnished skirting boards, new tile floor, padded-seat wicker chairs. It’s bright, fresh, and there’s some good surf art on the walls by a lifeguard/artist named Jesse Miller. “No Woman, No Cry” is playing on the sound system, and a HyBike hybrid electric bike leans against one wall. A scrawled sign warns: “Reserved Parking for Sweet & Savory’s delivery bike. That’s right!!! Delivery!!!”

A minute later, I’m sitting at a table near a bunch of gals. They’re talking excitedly about settling into a new apartment in PB. I say hi as they get up to leave — close quarters here. Then I figure I may as well ask what they had.

“The Brie,” says a gal named Caroline. “You’ve gotta have it.”

“The Thanksgiving,” says Chelsea, who’s right behind her. “Cranberry. It was beautiful.”

I check the menu hung behind the counter. The Brie’s a turkey sandwich with Granny Smith apple slices, brie cheese, and cranberry sauce.

Goes for \$7. The Thanksgiving is also turkey, but with veggie stuffing, mixed greens, muenster cheese, and cranberry, \$6.50.

Mmm...both sound original, and tasty. But the next sandwich really catches my eye.

“The Tri-Tip. Coffee [and]

spice-rubbed tri-tip topped with juicy roma tomatoes, mixed greens, smoked gouda cheese, and our roasted garlic mayo, \$7.”

Coffee-and-spice-rubbed beef? That’s new. Want to try that...but, breakfast! That’s why I’m here, right?

The Grayce is two eggs, two bacon or sausage, and toast for \$4.50. The Alle is three eggs, three bacon or sausage, and “our famous breakfast potatoes.” That costs \$7.

Then there’s the Mikey: two eggs, two pancakes, and some of that coffee-and-spice-rubbed tri tip, also \$7.

Under “omelets,” the Point Loma has linguça sausage (to honor the Point Loma Portuguese fishing community, I bet — linguça’s a Portuguese sausage), red onion, spinach, and manchego cheese for \$6.50.

In a way I wish I’d had that — for one thing, the sausage sounds interesting —but in the end, I go for the P.B., ’cause it promises those chunks of coffee-rubbed tri-tip, plus bacon “and our three-cheese blend.” And breakfast potatoes. Seven bucks.

Except...they have pancakes. I’d kill for a pancake with some nice maple syrup.

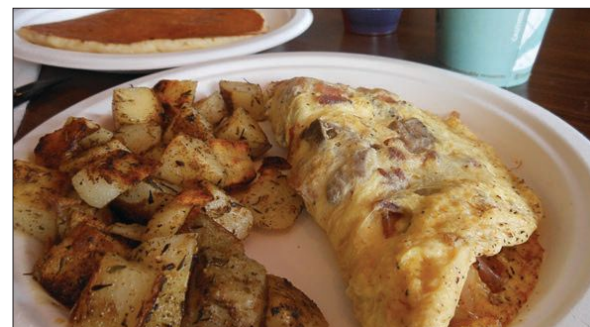
Michael, behind the counter now, takes pity. Agrees to give me half potatoes, half pancake. What a gent.

But you know what? Even though I enjoy the omelet, bulging like a seine net with stuff tucked inside, it’s the taties that are the tastiest. Really herby.

“Cumin, thyme, salt, and pepper. That’s all I put on ’em,” Michael says.



The “Tri-Tip” sandwich, with coffee-rubbed tri tip and smoked gouda cheese, \$7



My breakfast — an omelet with chunks of coffee-rubbed tri tip, bacon, three cheeses, potatoes, and a pancake (\$7)

In the end, I have to do my favorite thing: mix those potatoes in with the pancake syrup.

Now that I think about it, that’s the name of the place, right? Sweet & Savory.

“My grandmother’s Armenian,” Michael says. “She puts lots of fruit and nuts into dishes.”

I ask who Grayce and Alle and Mikey are — from the breakfast dishes.

“Oh, Mikey’s me, Alle is my wife, and Grayce is our daughter,” Michael says. “Grayce was born soon after we took over this place. She had her playpen right here. She’s grown up in this place. Everybody knows her.”

He says he and Alle both went to the Art Institute culinary school in Mission Valley. “Alle graduated. I left after a semester.”

Instead, he found a cheap spot in Clairemont and started a catering business. Still runs it. While we’re talking, he tosses a dozen slices of dipped bread onto the hot plate to make french toast. “It’s going to be stuffed with citrus-and-herb-encrusted salmon, for a party tonight.”

Michael says he’s always experimenting.



Sweet & Savory’s owner/chef Michael Karijanian



The surfing art on the walls is by San Diego artist Jesse Miller.

“I played around with rubbing the tri-tip with spices and coffee grounds. Dry rub, instead of marinating. I thought it was pretty interesting. So we tried it as a special. People kept asking for it. Now it’s our most popular sandwich.”

The breakfast was good, but I want to try the tri-tip in sandwich form. I decide to get one to split with Carla. Just before he wraps it, Michael sticks a chocolate-chip cookie on top. “I always pack a little surprise,” he says.

And really, the best part of the meal is sharing this sandwich with the lovely Carla.

At first, it just tastes like, well, beef. But then Carla shakes a bit of salt and pepper and — bingo! — it wakes up the whole coffee taste. Delish.

“Tender?” says Carla. “That meat melts!” She’s right. “Coffee?” she asks, as we finish up.

“Uh, thanks,” I say, “but I do believe I’m coffee’d out.” ■

The Place: Sweet & Savory Cafe, 4614 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-490-9140

Type of Food: Breakfast/lunch, sandwiches/salads

Prices: The Grayce breakfast (two eggs, two bacon or sausage, toast), \$4.50; The Alle, three eggs, three bacon or sausage, breakfast potatoes, \$7; The Mikey: two eggs, two pancakes, tri tip, \$7; Point Loma omelet (with linguça sausage, spinach, manchego cheese), \$6.50; The Brie (turkey sandwich with Granny Smith apples, brie cheese, cranberry sauce), \$7; The Tri-Tip, with coffee-and-spice-rubbed tri-tip, smoked gouda cheese, \$7

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Bobby Flay and Local Chef Rumble in Kitchen Stadium

It's shot in a studio, lit within an inch of its life, and hosted by a hokey acrobat-slash-actor playing the descendant of an equally hokey yet far less agile Japanese actor.

Yet, for all its manufactured Hollywood glitter factor, Food Network's culinary competition, *Iron Chef America*, is just that: a competition.

When you strip away the BS, what viewers are left with is two

skilled chefs spending an hour preparing five-or-more dishes that taste good enough to hold up to extreme nit-pickery, look amazing, and reach beyond the boundaries presented in a restaurant environment.

Recently, Jason Knibb, the executive chef at La Jolla's NINE-TEN, flew to New York City to tape an episode in which he went skillet-to-skillet with Iron Chef Bobby Flay. Whenever local cooks or venues get national attention, industry insiders pray the networks get it right. For every gifted chef or restaurateur that gets their 15 minutes of fame, there's some dump (sorry: diner, drive-in, or dive) hardly anybody in town cares about that gets unmerited screen time.

In selecting Knibb, Food Network casters did San Diego's scene proud. His food has been some of the most consistently delicious, beautiful, heightened, and worldly in the county for years. His plates look so pristine and artful that I hate to dig in and ruin the view.

I'm also no stranger to Flay's

food, having eaten at several of his restaurants from NYC to Las Vegas. These two seem evenly matched. While their dishes take cues from different cultural backgrounds (Flay's centers around the flavors of the American Southwest while Knibb borrows from his Jamaican upbringing), both enjoy awakening palates using spices for more than just their incendiary qualities. They also bring an element of whimsy via the flavor combinations and plating of their dishes. Personally, I'd give the edge to Knibb's cuisine, but there's no substitute for (and perhaps no attribute more important than) experience when it comes to competing.

For now, we'll have to wait and see how our region's first *Iron Chef America* competitor does when his episode airs tonight on Food Network. Want to cheer chef on as a member of Team Knibb? Stop by his restaurant at 9 p.m. for a special viewing party featuring small bites and specialty cocktails. NINE-TEN is located inside the Grande Colonial hotel at 910

Prospect Street in La Jolla.

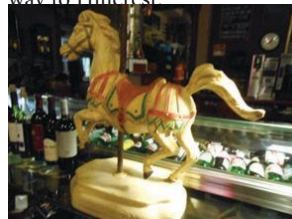
Posted Nov. 27, 7:48 a.m.
by Brandon Hernández

The Port of San Diego?

"First real coffee house in California," says the sign.

Oh. Guess I'm the last to find it. This is Café Bassam (3088 Fifth Avenue, at Redwood, Bankers Hill, 619-557-0173). Used to be downtown, right?

It's coming on evening. Have to go in. I loved this place when it was downtown and heard it was different up here on the way to Hillcrest.



Café Bassam is a shopplace for collectibles, including this ceramic carousel horse on the counter.

But what clinches it is when I go in. Wow. Surrounded by

Victorian mirrors, a heckuva vintage-rifle collection on the walls, comfy sofas, antique tables, jewelry collections, displays of cigars, medals, paintings.

Place is awesomely rich in, well, stuff. Feels like your anthropologist-uncle's dark sitting room. Glow of laptops of around the tables where people sit, mostly with coffee.

Get up to the counter. They have sandwiches and things such as cheese and olive platters, but I'm just angling for a coffee.

Then, uh-oh. I see on the menu they have a glass of port wine for \$5.

Love that. Love it with coffee when I have the *dinero*. I check the wallet. I have the *dinero*, just. Gal named Stephanie serves me a big wide china cup of coffee and a glass of port. This luxu coffee's only \$2, so I'm out \$7, all in.

I take them outside and sit down at a slat table. Looking out to the setting sun in the

trees of Balboa Park. How have I've missed this beautiful spot before?

So I'm going sip coffee, sip port, sip coffee, sip port, and thinking deep thoughts, when this guy in a hat and another guy come sit next table up. He has a bottle of port in his hand.

Turns out he's Bassam Shamma, aristocratic Palestinian, originally from Jordan. The owner. He and his friend Joe, from Lebanon, are sharing a port and holding forth in Arabic.

When he sees me drinking port, he tops up mine along with Joe's. Can't stop him.

"Don't even try," says Joe. "This man is generous to a fault. He's that kind of guy."

"When I opened downtown in 1991," Bassam tells me, "there was Croce's, Sybil's Down Under, and the Spaghetti Factory. That was it. I wanted to create a café such as you find in France, the Middle East. A meeting place. Good coffee, good conversation."



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"And good port," I say. But I hold my hand over the glass — he's that kind of a guy.

Posted Nov. 25, 11:58 a.m.
by Ed Bedford

Rainy Days and Sundays: Union Kitchen and Tap

We get about three days of rain in San Diego, so why do they all seem to happen on the weekend? I'm sure the artists and vendors at the Encinitas Fall Festival were thinking the same thing this past Sunday.

The rain and wind finally drove us to look for a place to have a bite and something warm (or warming) to drink. Enter Union Kitchen & Tap, the busy, trendy eatery on South Coast Highway 101 in Encinitas.

We didn't have reservations, and the wait was 30-45 minutes. No problem — there's open seating in the large bar area, so we lurked until a couple of chairs opened up. The beer selection seems good, but we were told that the chalkboard was not up-to-date ("I guess they got tired of going up and down the ladder") and that several taps were out ("It was really busy last night"). Sigh.

After squinting at the remaining taps, we opt for coffee (self-serve at brunch, next to the entrance).

I love eggs, so I go with the Brioche Egg in a Hole (\$13) and John orders Duck Hash with Eggs and Toast (\$12). Mine was made with decent brioche from local St. Tropez Bakery, a nicely cooked egg, a ginormous piece of pork belly, and a light napping of chivey Hollandaise.

The pork belly was good, salty, and dusted with five spice. The underlying egg and brioche could have used a bit of salt and pepper. Overall, it made me happy.

John's Duck Hash and Eggs was less successful. I'm not a fan of deep frying potato chunks, mixing them with other stuff, and calling it hash. Hash should be made with boiled or steamed potatoes which are then fried in a pan or on the grill. The potatoes had obviously been pre-cooked and refrigerated — there was a distinct not-fresh taste. There was a good amount of duck, red peppers, and onions throughout, but it was bit too sweet. Some judicious salting would have helped balance it. To make matters worse, John picked a two-inch-long shard of duck bone out of it.

The two bartenders did a great job of trying to keep up with the crowd but were hampered by a somewhat archaic approval system for Union's recent Living Social promotion.

Seems that each redemption requires a manager to come over, review your bill, have you fill out a little piece of paper, and then run it through the system. It didn't affect us, but

the two young women next to us waited at least 20 minutes for the manager to make it over (she did express sincere apologies to them).

One or two annoyances don't bother me; we're all human. But being busy doesn't excuse a lack of attention. Bones in my food bother me, as do precooked dishes and outdated menus.

Union Kitchen & Tavern, 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-230-2337.

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by Mary Beth Abate

How to Eat Burgers Raw

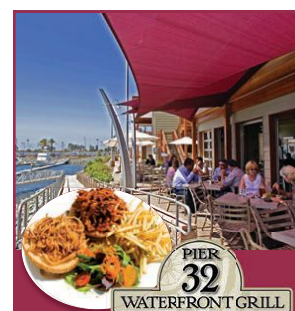
Oh, boy. All that turkey...

Lessee. Healthy alternative? I'm looking up at the green menu board here at Evolution (used to be Nature's Express) at 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), 619-550-1818. Everything's guaranteed "100 percent Vegan." And what I'm seeing is: "Raw Burger, \$7.50."

A burger rare's one thing, but burger raw?

"The health advantages are great," says Michelle. She's behind the counter. Has a microphone and two roses tattooed on her chest. "Nothing is heated over 110 degrees, so the enzymes aren't killed. They work on your digestion."

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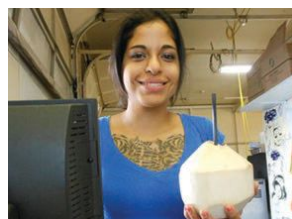
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Michelle of healthy eatery Evolution

They do have a bunch of other vegan burgers made of soy, starting at \$5.50. Or for \$1 extra, a house patty made from black beans and flax seeds. But they're cooked. Guess I'll have to try the raw, just out of curiosity.

I notice at the top of the menu it says "Gluten-free bread available for an extra \$1."

I don't think much about it till after I settle down with my burger and a coconut with a straw in it, which is not cheap at \$4.95 but worth it. Coconut milk's the most thirst-quenching drink in the world, I swear.

I've taken it all outside to a pretty cool patio with trellises and bougainvillea. Unwrap the waxy paper, and...oh, wow. The "sandwich" part is two cabbage leaves.

The patty's nubbly, with specks of green and red and looks like some hummus spread over it. Lots of bean sprouts and tomato slices.

I crunch in, and I have to say, that cabbage idea is a pretty cool one. It does its job of holding the thing together. I pour on a little tub of chipotle sauce Michelle gave me, and with its heat and flavor, this is a pretty interesting sandwich.

Plus, yes, gentle on ye gut. Great antidote to all the Thanksgiving excess. I'm sure I can feel those little live enzymes working away. The flavor and the crunch are great, but the main bonus is you feel virtuous, eating this thing.

Of course, with the five-buck coconut, I'm out \$13.54. But, hey, can you put a price on virtuousness?

Posted Nov. 25, 10:00 a.m.
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Carla's gonna kill me for this, but she's built like a woman and so anytime something spills on the way to her mouth it lands on the nearest platform, and that ain't her lap.

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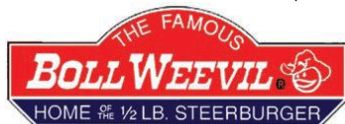
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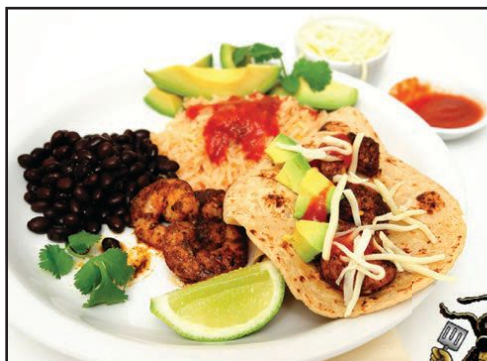
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cartel to make sure we bring in a steady stream of stained shirts and blouses.

Like, the other night, at a Chinese joint, I'm kinda gesticulating to make a point. Have chopsticks in hand. Rice in chopsticks. Soy soaking the rice. White shirt.

Say no mo'.

By the time I'm finished dipping napkins in water and rubbing, the shirt looks like a tie-dye.

So I'm thinking, Why don't we pick up the damned napkin off our laps to where it can do its job?

Answer: because we feel stupid, like some kid in a high chair, or messy like grandpa.

But maybe we should go back beyond grandpa — say, to Lincoln's time, or even better, Henry VIII's? Henry? That boy knew how to eat hearty, and I bet he wore a huge napkin around his neck, to protect all those royal ruffs and velvets and firkins and jerkins of his.

Can just picture his bawdy dinners at long trestle tables with peasants hauling whole roasted pigs and venison around on poles for everybody to cut pieces off.

And wine in goblets and straw on the floor, and curs

slinking underneath, waiting for chewed bones to fly over royal shoulders.

Because, hey, with those mega napkins, people didn't have to be careful and neurotic about spilling stuff. They'd slug wine (not sip) and rip meat up with their hands (not nitpick with knives and forks).

And all because of a decent-sized napkin.

So, I think I'm gonna bite the bullet, find me some big swath of cloth and, next time I eat, tie the thing around my neck and have at it, fearing neither tut-tuts from Emily Post, nor guffaws from the crowd. Because they'll be paying dry-cleaning bills tomorrow, not I.

And then I'll market "Ed's Mega Napkins," get stinking rich, and fling a fang around whole venison every night like Henry VIII. And my li'l white shirt underneath will be safe and sound.

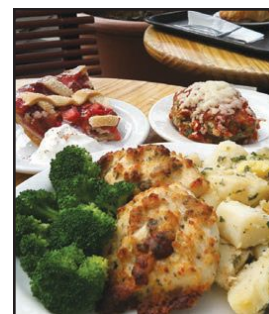
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to take home to the beautiful Carla, and I promised I'd bring her a late nite snack. And I've got seven minutes till the bus.

Lawdie. I'm at 3rd and Broadway. Should I? Could I? Do I have any choice?

No. So I whip across Broadway to the, uh, 7-Eleven (1010 Second Avenue #100a at Broadway and Second, 619-237-9853).

I know. Mighty chain, the kudzu grass of convenience stores. Where you go to get your Twinkie Bar Defense. But right now, when a man is so down on time and dinero, no choice.

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Lotta late-nite people behind me champing at the bit, but the guy at the counter stays cool, puts on plastic surgery gloves and hauls out two buns, two boxes, two dogs from the heated roller section, and charges me \$2.47, with tax.

Deal.

Dee-yall!

I rush to the fixins section, (it looks pretty clean)...

...and pile on chopped onion, tomatoes, mayo, mustard, and relish for me...

Man. Here, I have me a meal.

Carla doesn't like relish, but hers still looks pretty good.

I haul out, over Broadway, and — hey hey! — up rolls ye olde stretch limo, right on time.

So, can't resist googling 7-Eleven on the way home. Wow. World's largest convenience store operator. Bigger

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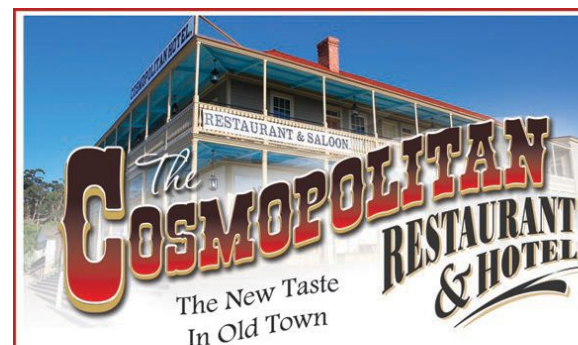
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But it started in Dallas, Texas. A guy named Joe C. Thompson got the idea in the little ice house where he worked for the Southland Ice Company. Back in 1927.

He jes’ decided to start selling eggs, milk and bread. People liked it, because the ice all around kept them fresh. Long story short, a few years later, Joe ended up buying the ice company, called it Southland Corporation, opened up other ice’n eggs stores around Dallas, and called them 7-Eleven, because that was the hours they stayed open every day. Nobody else did in those days, seems.

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but they kept the name. In the eighties they were huge, got in financial trouble and ended up being bought out by their largest franchisee, Ito-Yokado, which formed Seven & I Holdings in the early ’90s. I look in the li'l red box at my hot dog. Who knew the saga behind the dawg? Still giving off heat. They say it’s an Oscar Mayer. And when Carla and I open ’em up at home — maybe it’s the *whew!* factor, like, walked away from another one, or the late night — but world’s largest corp. or not, these dawgs are deee-lish.

I’m starting to appreciate: You can’t beat convenience.
Posted Dec. 1, 11:59 a.m. by Ed Bedford

Caffe Vergnano: Sign of the (Opening) Times
I went striding confidently up to Caffe Vergnano 1882 (3850 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-255-1882) the other night.

I always liked their Olde Worlde outside and Italian Moderne look inside. Tonight, I basically just wanted one of their nice \$1.95 espressos (there’s no drip coffee here — these are fanatical Italians, remember). And I like how the black gold comes out of the fantastical replica of the world’s first espresso machine (1917) that they have there. Looks and sounds like a steam locomotive. Plus, they’re nicely obsessive about that espresso being hot and fresh.

“If an espresso sits in the cup more than 30 seconds, we throw it away,” says the owner/franchisee Hector. “Now you know why there are no Starbucks in Italy.” He started this first branch in the U.S. of the Caffe Vergnano 1882 chain based in Turin.

So yeah, “piccolo” espresso, glass of water, and maybe a pastry or one of their square cuts of pizza (\$3.50) to tide me over.

But, erk! Not open. A notice in the door says it all. “Our

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

APPLE AND BROWN BUTTER CAKE
RECIPE BY AMY SIMPSON
Pastry chef, Bertrand at Mr. A’s

I grew up in a pretty traditional Italian family. And my mom and grandmother happen to be the best cooks in the whole world. One of the earliest memories I have is of spending time in the kitchen with my grandmother. She was very practical and when something went wrong in the kitchen, she would say, “Let’s figure it out” and would start all over again. My staff is probably tired of hearing me say that, because I’ve adopted that one. But it’s so important in pastry because everything needs to be measured correctly. If you go through the steps and look at what you did, you can usually tell where you went wrong.

Before I was a pastry

chef, I was a bookkeeper. After work, I used to go home and bake for four to five hours every night. It was a huge stress relief for me. Anything I could bake, I would. Then I moved to San Diego to try something new and I enrolled in the Culinary Institute in La Mesa. I did it to take a break, but now I have a new life. I think the scariest thing I ever did was to walk into the kitchen to intern here [at Bertrand at Mr. A’s]. Not because of the restaurant but because it was so far from what I had done in the past. I wasn’t going to be sitting at a desk anymore. I was going after my dream.

Even though I work all day as a pastry chef, I still cook and bake when

I come home. If I had to choose, I would say that baking bread is my favorite because it’s one of the hardest. It’s so easy to go wrong with bread, and maybe that is why I like it so much.

My favorite dessert is apple and brown butter cake. It’s a take on a cake my grandmother used to make for us growing up, so it’s pretty nostalgic for me. You can switch the fruit around and it can be used for any season, but the apples make it great for winter. The way your house smells when you make this is better than any air freshener.

Desserts are always so comforting. I do think that we sell more desserts now than ever. I made a



Amy Simpson

pumpkin cheesecake the other day and it was gone in minutes. The best thing for me is to see an empty plate. Even if everything goes wrong, sugar can cure a lot.

INGREDIENTS
SERVES 8-10
1 pound butter, room temperature and sliced — NOTE: only 8 oz. will be used in the recipe
3 cups apples peeled and cut into ½-inch pieces
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
⅓ tsp. ground cloves
Zest of 1 orange

New Schedules: Monday and Tuesday, closed; Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.”

Pity. Last I looked they were open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. Guess it’s hard times in Hillcrest. I see Côté Sud, the much-lamented French eatery across the road is still empty, waiting for some brave visionary to take up the tattered tricolor.

Sigh. Meantime, guess it’s gotta be Starbucks.

Posted Nov. 28, 1:30 p.m. by Ed Bedford

UnderBelly

I spent last Tuesday to Thursday in my kitchen, getting ready for Thanksgiving dinner. So, by Friday, I was dying to see the sun again and have something not-Thanksgiving-ish for lunch.

I’ve also been wanting to try UnderBelly, the new Nate Stanton/Arsalun Tafazoli venture on the corner of Fir and Kettner in Little Italy. UnderBelly’s look is as spare as its menu. Eight appetizers, five bowls of House Ramen.

The first need-to-know is that there’s no sign on the out-

side of the building. It’s inside the door, on the ceiling. The second is that you order your food before you walk in the door. The third is the no spoons policy. (More on this later.)

There’s a decent beer menu. I’m going with Lost Abbey’s Avant Garde and the UnderBelly bowl, and John opts for Ommegang Gnomegang with the Belly of the Beast bowl. Both come with standard toppings of a soft-boiled egg, bean sprouts, ginger, scallions, seaweed, and sesame seeds. We order oysters to split.

When our food arrives, it’s

on a half-sheet pan. Our bartender explains that, because of their no-spoons policy, you can safely pick up your bowl and drink from it — no one in the kitchen touches the bowl before it’s delivered to you. I’m no Howie Mandel, but I can appreciate not having to lick someone’s handprint.

The oysters are briny and sweet, complemented by lightly pickled watermelon and mignonette sauce. My UnderBelly bowl has char-siu pork belly, applewood smoked bacon, and kurobuta sausage. The broth is great,

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1 vanilla bean or 1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. salt
4 eggs
2 egg yolks
1 ½ cup all purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder

HOW TO DO IT

Heat a thick-bottomed skillet on medium heat. Add the sliced butter and whisk frequently. As the butter continues to cook, it will begin to take on a golden brown color and start to smell

like toasting hazelnuts. Be careful not to let butter get dark brown, as it will taste burnt. Pour into a heatproof container and let cool to room temperature. (Note: If you melt 8 ounces of butter, you will not make enough brown butter. By melting 16 ounces of butter, you will have enough for the recipe, plus some left over).

Preheat the oven to 350. Prepare apples and toss with cinnamon, cloves, and orange zest.

Slice the vanilla bean length-wise with a sharp paring knife and scrape out the oily seeds.

In a mixing bowl, cream together cooled brown butter, vanilla bean, sugar, and salt. Let the mixture get light and airy, about 2–3 minutes.

Add in the eggs and yolks, one at a time, and mix completely before the next addition.

Combine flour and baking powder in a small bowl and add to butter mixture. Be careful not to

over-mix.

Using a wooden spoon, fold the apples into the batter. Pour into a prepared pan and bake at 350 degrees until cake is set in the center.

This cake is best served at room temperature or warm. We like to serve with our house-made fleur de sel caramel ice cream, bourbon-scented whipped cream, and pomegranate seeds.

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light, refreshing, and complex. It doesn't just derive its flavor from salt — this is a broth that's well thought out. And while I usually think posting pictures of your half-eaten food is pretty gross, I'd be remiss in not showing off the perfectly soft-cooked egg that added a nice rounded touch to the whole thing. The noodles were also beautifully cooked, firm to the bite, not mushy in the slightest.

John's Belly of the Beast was even better. The nicely chewy oxtail dumpling, tender smoked brisket, and hoisin glazed short rib all tasted beefy and distinct. The dish was balanced and homey.

I don't know if UnderBelly's ramen is authentic Japanese ramen. I'll leave that to someone with more ramen experience. I do know it's delicious. UnderBelly, 750 W. Fir Street, 619-269-4626, godblessunderbelly.com.

Posted Nov. 28, 2:11 p.m. by Mary Beth Abate

Blue-Ribbon Artisan Pizzeria

I love pizza. New York style, Neapolitan, Chicago style, thin, thick, red, white, I don't care. I have a few non-negotiables (no Hawaiian style, barbecued chicken, or green bell peppers), but those are just holdovers from my days of eating bad food in endless corporate meetings.

You won't find anything like that on the menu of Blue

Ribbon Artisan Pizzeria in Encinitas. Owners Wade and Kristi Hageman are committed to using local farmers' markets and breweries, sustainable practices, and organic produce.

The pizza dough goes through a three-day fermentation (Wade shares this and other recipes on their website), mozzarella is made in-house daily, fennel sausage is made with Berkshire pork. Kristi manages the front of

the house, and Wade presides over the biggest wood-burning oven I've ever seen (it's a full five feet from front to back).

While John and I sipped on our Green Flash Triple IPAs, our server came over and told us about the day's specials with genuine enthusiasm. Homemade meatballs. "Whole Hog" pizza. I'm sold. It's nice to see staff so interested and well versed in what they are serving the

customers.

The meatballs are big, meaty, and have a great texture. These aren't just Mom's meatloaf in a smaller form. No breadcrumb/egg filler here. The house red sauce is rich and garlicky, heavy with roasted tomato and olive-oil flavor. Alongside are pieces of chewy, crusty bread for getting every last drop.

The pizza has a thin, crispy crust, and a beautiful char. I've had too many Neapolitan-style pizzas that were blackened on the crust and raw in the middle. Not so, here — this crust is baked through and through. On top is the house red sauce, fennel sausage, pepperoni, salumi, mozzarella, and La Quercia Rossa prosciutto (made from 100% Berkshire pork).

I don't often order desserts, but I wanted to try their butterscotch pudding. It's topped with a caramel sauce and flaky fleur de del. If that sounds cloyingly sweet, it's not. The pudding is light, the caramel sauce has a nice burnt (in a good way) edge, and the crunchy salt balances it all perfectly.

This is satisfying food made by people who love what they are doing. Blue Ribbon Artisan Pizzeria, 897 South Pacific Coast Highway, Encinitas, 760-634-7671, blueribbonpizzeria.com/index.html.

Posted Nov. 28, 4:02 p.m. by Mary Beth Abate

Killer BBQ Comes to Town

You walk in, see the skyscraper-like trophies strewn throughout Brazen BBQ Smokehouse and Bar, and immediately assume whoever is responsible for the menu and that incredible mixed aroma of smoldering wood and slowly melting animal fat must be from somewhere else.

That guess seems even more logical after digging into the assortment of barbecued meats — particularly the Texas-style brisket — being served up at this two-month-old Hillcrestian newcomer. But, to be fair, that was as a result of many disappointing samplings of local barbecue fare. Still, like a Padres fan who keeps heading back to Petco Park each year in hopes they'll someday reach the promised land, I've clung to the dream that quality BBQ would make it to San Diego.



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I'm elated to report that Brazen BBQ's the real deal — all smoke and no mirrors. Even more surprising, the moist, well-seasoned, smoke-ring-adorned beef and pork that's their meaty bread and butter is the product of a native San Diegan who honed his skills on a big bad smoker up in Escondido, starting from a very early age. His name is John Bracamonte, and he and his BBQ-partner Brad Thomas are responsible for the restaurant's extensive assemblage of brass-plated hardware.

What I found most award-worthy on the night I scouted Brazen BBQ were the items I didn't expect to like. I'd always thought brisket was one of the least appealing BBQ cuts — dry, tough, and simply not that flavorful. Turns out, I like brisket when it's cooked well.

Which Brazen BBQ's is, smoked to the level of doneness and seasoned aggressively enough that the salty, spicy exterior bark provides adequate flavor for the whole hunk of beef. It doesn't hurt that the meat remains juicy, enough so that no sauce is necessary (and this is coming from a guy who's been known to douse pulled pork with the same abandon as a four-year-

old left with french fries and a bottle of Heinz ketchup).

Diners who are already big and knowledgeable brisket fans will be pleased to learn that, on special request, Brazen's kitchen will fix up "burnt ends." The immensely charred, fatty ends of the brisket are served glazed with sauce and smoldering away in a miniature skillet.

Ribs are sizable, fall-apart in texture, and saturated with Brazen's 50/50 blend of hickory and apple-wood smoker fuel. A bit dry and not as seasoned, the pulled pork is perhaps the only item I sampled that registered as only a notch above average.

But any problem that sauce can fix is dismissible at a barbecue joint. Brazen offers a duo of sauces, both of which are fine but nowhere near as delicious as the much-utilized dry rub, which even makes its way onto the restaurant's chicken wings. Those bird appendages get a healthy rub and then spend time in the smoker (versus hot oil). The result is a zesty and juicy, respite from greasy wings stricken with fryer-induced rigor mortis.

The Padres may never win the World Series, but at least one of San Diego's great waits is over. A trip to Brazen is a reminder — and for people who've never had good barbecue, proof — that BBQ can be a culinary art form.

Brazen BBQ is located at 441 Washington Street in Hillcrest.

*Posted Nov. 29, 10:03 a.m.
by Brandon Hernández*

The Yellow Beehive

Hey hey! Another candidate for Best Sidewalk Patio.

I was waiting for the bus just south of University up in Hillcrest the other night. And glowing across Fourth Avenue was this yellow jewel. A café-bistro, long, luminous, and packed with people.

Tightly packed. Two rows of wooden tables behind yellow canvas — to keep the cold out — on that narrow sidewalk space. But through the plastic "windows" you could see wine bottles pouring, waiters hurrying back and forth, rosy faces leaning forward to get face-time with their partners.

Made you think of Mary Hopkin. "Once upon a time there was a tavern/ Where we used to raise a glass or two...." It's Arrivederci (3845 Fourth Avenue, 619-299-6282). A little above my pay grade. Although...I cross the road and check the menu anyway.

If you stuck to apps or salad, you could get a plate for \$7. The Trecolori Fantastica — with three kinds of lettuce, radicchio, arugula, Belgian endive, walnuts, and

goat cheese — costs \$7.50. Insalata d'Anatra has duck, pine nuts, raisins, bacon, and warm spinach for \$8.25. And, on the lunch menu anyway, they have clams and mussels in a marinara sauce for \$6.50.

So yeah, keep a tight rein on the hunger pangs and you could technically make out under \$10. Technically. Long as you drank water and didn't look at the mains. They go for around \$16.

Bianco Rosso, the wine bar next to it — that's part of it. Looks pretty good, too. Same food.

Uh-oh. I see the bus hauling up to the University-Fourth Avenue crossroads. Time to zip back to reality. There are five of us waiting when it rolls up. Pretty scuzzy bunch. Me included.

Feller next to me sees where I'm looking. Gives me a kinda "How the rich live" raise of the eyebrows. And, yeah, there's something so seductive about that scene. I guess we're like bees. We love to crowd together in a small space, chat, laugh, drink, chow, be in on the latest buzz, have the luxury to be a little crazy, dress up, be warm when it's cold outside....

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*Posted Nov. 29, 12:28 p.m.
by Ed Bedford*



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Don't Take Exit 40. "That douchebag was definitely not at our show." It's James Smith, the Drowning Men's singer on the phone from Boston. On November 18, a Friday night, the Oceanside band's van was hit by a drunk driver. They were on the freeway just outside New

wrong direction. "We were, like, *Please, please, please, nobody hit us.*"

Smith says the whole thing happened after two in the morning. "Adam Shaw, our tour manager, was driving." Shaw had stopped for food and gas off Exit 40 at a roadside truck

drunks, and when the Drowning Men got back on the road, they were rear-ended by one of them.

Formed in 2006 by Nate Bardeen, Rory Dolan, and James Smith, the Drowning Men added Todd Eisenkerch on bass guitar and Gabriel Messer on keyboards. 2007 saw the release of their *Kill the Matador* EP, and in 2009 came *The Beheading of the Songbird*, a full-length CD that was re-released by Flogging Molly's Borstal Beat Records, the Drowning Men's new label home.

With the trailer on its side, Smith had a meltdown and began screaming, which he says scared the drunk into trying to make a getaway. "But his airbag had a delayed reaction. It deployed while he was going, like, a mile an hour. That was comic relief."

Police apprehended the driver shortly after. "They found a bunch of pills on him. I don't know what he was on, but he looked like a total dipshit while he was doing the sobriety test. He failed miserably."

The band's ride, he says, was totaled. "The van's back axle is broken, and it looks like there's some frame damage." And the trailer is a total loss too, he says. But no one was hurt, the band's gear survived, and the accident upgraded the band to Airborne Toxic Event's luxe tour bus for a few dates until Shaw could rent a new van and trailer.

Did the D-Men keep anything from the wreck as a

talisman against future possibilities? "I wish. I mean, we just left our van and trailer there and loaded out and said, 'See you later.'" But next year Smith says the band will take a different route. "People have told us since about Exit 40, like, don't go there. It's the crappiest part of Connecticut."

The tour ends December 9.
— Dave Good

Soul of San Diego. Three and a half years ago, singer/songwriter Tori Roze played her first show with her current band the Hot Mess at the now defunct Portugalia in Ocean Beach.

"The owner loved the turnout, so we made it a weekly Wednesday-night event," says Roze. "We moved it to the Ruby Room on Tuesdays in June because Portugalia unfortunately closed down after being open for eight years."

"The theme is generally female-fronted bands, but there is so much male talent out there that we have honorary men bands. I use it as a platform to get performances out there that people wouldn't normally get to see or know about it. I play out a lot and go to shows a lot so I gather all these random talents and throw a party."

Talents past at Roze's "Ruby Tuesdays" include Veronica May, Sister Speak, Steph Johnson, Josh Damigo, Christy Bruneau, Starcrossed, As Human (aka RYAT), and Bitter Sober.

"Bitter Sober weren't a band until I randomly booked them

one night," says Roze. "They quickly snowballed and became very popular and got signed."

Ruby Tuesdays asks a suggested \$3 donation for the

together to listen to good music at good venues. I want to pull together all these scenes that are seemingly separate and share the love. That's where I'm com-



Tori Roze and the Hot Mess seeking kindred spirits in San Diego.

artists, but don't let a lack of cash keep you from checking out the event.

"The reason it's suggested is that if people are broke, we understand," says Roze. "We don't want you to miss out. It's a bummer to make art inaccessible to people just because they can't afford it."

A multiple San Diego Music Award nominee, Roze laments the tendency toward genre biases in the local music scene.

"It's hard being a soul-based band in San Diego because we're not indie rock," says Roze. "We play a lot of house parties, but we don't get a lot of love from venues. So we've banded together as a collective with people like the Styletones, Stevie and the High Staxx, the Amanda Wagner Band, Nick Z, and Rob Deez to book shows together. I want to get us all

ing from with Ruby Tuesdays. It's a big, wet blanket of love."

Get under the covers on December 27 with a Karina Frost CD-release party and performances from Lillian Lefranc, Destructo Bunny, and Lyrical Groove.

— Chad Deal

Toy-tronica. "Our band utilizes modified children's toys to create our sounds," says Jacob Roske, one half of art-rock duo Beatrix*JAR. "It's an art form called circuit bending, the creative short-circuiting of battery-powered devices like toys and keyboards. We explore the circuit board as if it were an electronic city, with various streets and cul-de-sacs. By making sonic shortcuts with a piece of wire or alligator clips, you release hidden organic sounds

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York, towing a small equipment trailer. "It felt like he hit the back of our trailer [it was actually the back of the van that took the hit] and we spun out." When they stopped spinning, the trailer was

stop that seemed normal — on the outside. "It was like a shit show, this truck stop. Everybody in there was absolutely out of their mind wasted." Smith says he asked Shaw if they could get



The Drowning Men took a wrong turn in Connecticut.

jackknifed and lying on its side and its top was peeled back like a sardine can.

"I thought I was gonna see a yard sale of music gear on the 95 freeway." The van had come to rest in lanes pointing in the

a room for the night. "I said if any of these people are gonna be driving soon, I don't wanna be on the road." It turns out Smith's fears were right on the money. That particular truck stop was a notorious hang for stoners and

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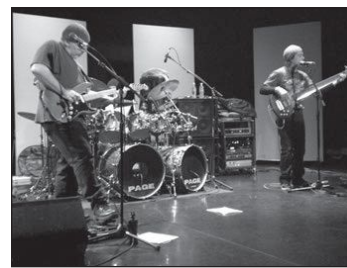
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from the machine. Sometimes, the sound is loud like a guitar, or it can sound soft like a toy piano.”

He and band-mate Bianca Pettis also hold local workshops on how to modify cheaply acquired devices, from small to mid-sized keyboards to old guitar pedals, drum machines, Furby robots, Texas Instruments Speak & Spell toys, My First Words, and ALphabet Apples. “We tell people to look for plastic, battery-powered children’s playthings that make sounds,

that sing happy little songs or recite their ABCs, ideally ones with a battery compartment. Especially good are devices by Casio, Atari, VTech, Yamaha, and Playskool.” The duo usually pairs the workshops with a performance set as well.

Beatrix*JAR had already

released three experimental synth-pop full-lengths before relocating from Minnesota to San Diego one year ago. “We started in Little Italy, but we moved up to Hillcrest, and it’s been a much better fit for us, as artists who work out of our home. There seems to be a large community of handmade device makers in San Diego.”



Experimental electronica duo Beatrix*JAR turns toys into tunes.

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OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: THE MALL



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Roske says they began considering the move two years ago. “We did a workshop with the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego’s Teen Art Council, in conjunction with the Tara Donovan exhibit and her ability to create astounding works of art out of everyday objects.

“I’m sure some of those students are still bending circuits today.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Now You Know:

Pal&Drome. Having grown up on the unevent horizon of suburban Rancho San Diego and rural Jamul, I was never accustomed to nightlife in my homogenized hometown. So it came as some surprise when, as a high school senior working pizza delivery, I overheard what sounded like Tortoise emanating from Hooleys Irish Pub and Grill.

The band was called Glorfin-del Trio, a project of the Wheeler

twins, who have gone on to make music with afro-funk outfit Society!, Scarlet Symphony, and Joe Guevarra (Lady Dottie and the Diamonds/Jejune).

Now, Josh and Zach Wheeler, a Sasquatchian pair



Towering twins Josh and Zach Wheeler of Scarlet Symphony have a dance band.

prone to completing each other’s sentences, have begun their own two-piece dance-music project, Pal&Drome.

Listing influences such as Mix Master Mike, Numark (Jurassic 5), Aphex Twin, Squarepusher, Amon Tobin,

Daft Punk, house music, EOTO, Gorillaz, and Martin Dosh, the Wheelers make use of samplers, an electronic drum set, guitar, bass, synths, effects, and software to construct electronic dance music.

“The possibilities are endless,” says Josh. “We’re using the software as an instrument just as much as the keyboards or drums or bass guitar.”

“Learning the technology and mastering the technology, it’s taken over a year,” says Zach.

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



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“It’s definitely a lot more than just playing bass or drums,” Josh adds. “There’s something about watching someone create electronic music...it’s almost more exciting than watching someone play in a rock band.”

Zach describes the project as “Positive funk groove. It’s all about the groove. Just a dance party. We want to see people feeling good, not worrying about shit.”

“In the future, we want to incorporate guests,” says Josh. “Singers. Whatever. Like Gorillaz.”

Says Zach, “I wanna do, like, a five-hour set at Burning Man, nonstop.”

Max out in your dancey pants with Pal&Drome monthly at Cirello Gallery during the Ray at Night art walk.

— Chad Deal

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This Week In Music

Thursday 8

"Well, it's hard to get too bored when you pick the right two chords." There's the rub. Anti-folkie/cartoonist **Jeffrey Lewis** has a knack for the two-chord attack; like early Mountain Goats or Jonathan Richman, the songsmith keeps you hooked on the words. Lewis put a peach together with 2009's Rough Trade disc *'Em Are I*, a generous collection of nu-grass and acoustipunk that had indie critics lauding the folk-poet's often-hilarious existential riffing. Check out "Whistle Past the Graveyard": Lewis and his **Junkyard** will hit up M-Theory Records in Mission Hills today and Soda Bar tonight. That multitalented multi-instrumentalist from Texas, **Daniel Hart**, will open the Soda show.... 'Round the bend at Bar Pink, **Scott Kelly** of Neurosis joins **Jay Munly** of Slim Cessna's and



JEFFREY LEWIS & THE JUNKYARD AT M-THEORY AND SODA BAR

country-punk **Bob Wayne** (Outlaw Carnies) for a triple bill of solo-rolling front guys (little extra holiday cash)... **Tennis**, anyone? The Denver indie-pop duo plays Casbah in advance of Fat Possum disc *Young & Old*, the anticipated follow-up to last year's crit-hit *Cape Dory*. Flip or click to Will Crain's "Of Note" for the of notables on this show.

Friday 9

Seattle act the **Cave Singers** signed to Jagjaguwar for the release of this year's *No Witch*, a gritty, psych-folk follow-up to their roots-rock essential (imho) *Welcome Joy*. The Cave Singers live evoke their backwoods bent, conjuring a tribal vibe that's pretty, chilling. They'll play Casbah with Nor'west tourmates, the like-minded Portlandians **Builders and the Butchers**, who bring *Dead Reckoning* to the Middletown mainstay.... Jamaican dubmeister **Lee "Scratch" Perry**'s down at 4th&B. At 75 years young, "the Upsetter" has just dropped his zillionth disc, *Rise Again*, a retro-reggae set mixed and produced by Bill Laswell (Herbie Hancock,



ADOLESCENTS AT BRICK BY BRICK

Saturday 10

Brick by Brick books well-aged Fullerton punks the **Adolescents** (b. 1979) with **Youth Brigade** and **Johnny Castle**. The Ads dropped *Fastest Kid Alive* this year, a moshpit of skate-punk politicking that took the touring machine three years to complete. (It's their *fifth* full-length in 35(!) years).... Tons of good junk Saturday night, so real quik: **Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin**, **Ha Ha Tonka**, and the **Lanterns** fill an indie-pop bill at Soda Bar...Tower Bar has psych-pop sets by **Short Eyes**, **Heavy Guilt**, and **Mr. Elevator and the Brain Hotel**.. **Joey Harris** and the **Mentals** brings its brand of barroom rock (drunk, deranged, or both — you tell me) to Eleven. **Nena Anderson** and the **Mules** and the **Cutaways**



CAVE SINGERS AT CASBAH

Iggy Pop) and featuring vocals by TV on the Radio's Tunde Adebimpe, Ethiopian chanteuse (and Laswell's wife) Gigi Shibabaw, and Jamaican toaster Hawk(man).... Else: from Venice Beach, Russian-American rockabilly band the **Red Elvises** will stack 'em at Brick by Brick with **Los Seafinks**, the **Gore Horsemen**, and **Shark Blood**...Santa Cruz horror show **Stellar Corpses** bring their "December to Dismember" tour to Eleven...L.A. glam-punk perennials **Prima Donna** and **Billy Bones** will be out at Tower Bar with our own throwback punks the **Last Years**...and garage-pop trio the **Mashtis** will play a record-release thing — seven inches of vinyl called "A Canopy of Sundays" — at Whistle Stop.

are also on that bill...Tin Can Ale House will hang the banner for Bad Andy's birthday, with live punk muzak by **Christmas Island**, the **Plateaus**, and acourse Bad Andy's "dinnercore" band **Bad Dad**... Martha Davis and '80s radio staples the **Motels** check into 4th&B... and up northways, the cult of the **Chris Robinson Brotherhood** plays Belly Up (he's the beardo in Black Crowes)...while party punx the **Taxpayers** play Ché Café with high-speed skankers **Grim Luck** and a whole bunch more bands in a benefit for the campus collective.



DINOSAUR JR. AT BELLY UP

Sunday 11

Grammy winner **Lenny Kravitz** released his ninth studio set this year, *Black and White America*, to pretty positive reviews. Critics dig the looker's retro "funk-rock" thing. I did, too. The consummate showman will take the stage at a *p-p-p-packed* House of Blues Sunday night.... Meanwhile, up-town, Soda Bar sets up up-and-coming indie-rock band **Races** (racesband.tumblr.com/) from San Fernando...and North Park's **Skavolutionary Orchestra** spills into Bar Pink.

Monday 12

From Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, punk-rawk quartet **White Wives** will take the stage at Soda Bar Monday night. The Wives are ex-Anti-Flag, -Dandelion Snow, and -American Armada and they have a newish disc called *Happeners* that rocks nothing like their former projects; i.e., it's lyrical and melodic as well as rocking. **Koji** and **Children of Nova** go first.... Next exit down the 805, L.A. pop-punkers **Fiction Reform** play Tower Bar behind this year's *Revelation in the Palms of the Weak*, which, according to their press, nods to Bad Religion, Rise Against, and the Distillers. Long Beach ska-punks **Break the Cycle** split the bill.



LENNY KRAVITZ AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Tuesday 13

All I really need to know I learned from Michael Azerrad's *Our Band Could Be Your Life*. Not really. Fun read, tho, for fans of the brand. My favorite sections are on my hometown bands — Pixies, Mission of Burma, and Dinosaur Jr. Azerrad made short work of the disconnect among the Dinosaurs

Wednesday 14

"Cosmic American" musician Rick Barton's (Dropkick Murphys) new band, **Continental**, rolls into the Shakedown humpnight this week. Their notable debut, *Death of a Garage Band*, is out now via Old Shoe Records. With like-minded locals **Rat City Riot** and the **Getdown**, this one's a rock-roll hat-rick.... Best of the rest: there's gonna be an Occupy San Diego benefit at Ruby Room, which features well-traveled pop-rock outfit **Liquid Blue**... and Ray and Roy, the **Manzarek-Rogers Band**, play Belly Up behind their first collaboration, *Translucent Blues* — "Slide guitarist Rogers's slippery grit cuts through Manzarek's indelible bell-toned keyboard like tequila through lime, and the result is just as intoxicating."

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“Oh, yeah, and that time our drummer almost got us shot in Texas was pretty gnarly.”

Based in Imperial Beach, Fuzz-Huzzi is fronted by singer/guitarist Allen Camp. His late-'80s hardcore punk band Misguided Children was once booked by Eddie Vedder when the future Pearl Jam singer was organizing local shows.

“We play Southern California rock with an indie feel and a classic-rock approach, with a funky, bluesy alt-vibe,” says Camp. After 15 years of gigging, he is the band's sole founding member.

“In summer 2009, our rhythm section quit after our first two-week tour. It was amazing how quickly we hooked up with our current lineup. We toured about six months and got offered to do a record with Kings Ransom Studios in Lakeside.”

With current recruits Adam Baez (guitar), Ivan English (bass), and Pete Abdou (drums), Fuzz-Huzzi's newest album *Revival* was released in September. The group is spending more time on the road, though Camp says touring isn't always the adventure they'd hoped.

“We once had three dates canceled in a row in Medford and Eugene, Oregon, during a three-month tour. I just remember us being in a Laundromat with a local mag, looking for places to play. We wound up playing at a club in downtown Eugene during their bar-bingo night. We won all the bingo money and scored a gig for the next night, too. The downside is that we were on a budget and spent the night in our Astro van outside the Walmart, where it was about 25 degrees.

“Oh, yeah, and that time our drummer almost got us shot in Texas was pretty gnarly.”

Fuzz-Huzzi appears January 21 at Brick by Brick.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Allen Camp:

1. P.O.D., *The Fundamental Elements of Southtown*. “They're a band that came from my area and blew up, representing everything I've struggled

to do in music.”

2. Social Distortion, *Prison Bound*. “I can relate to Mike Ness more every day.”

3. Rock Star Club, *Bienvenidos a Grand y Western*. “They're a band from Chicago with Paul Kasprzak, who's a genius.”

4. Wayne Kramer, *Citizen Wayne*. “I love his approach to songwriting.”

Adam Baez:

1. Ben Harper and the Relentless7, *Live from Montreal International Jazz Festival*. “It reminds me of good times on the road.”

2. Big Boi, *Speakerboxxx*. “One of my favorite hip-hop albums ever.”

3. Elvis Costello, *My Aim Is True*. “To get me through the day.”

4. Operation Ivy, *Energy*. “Why not?”

Ivan English:

1. Grover Washington Jr., *Time out of Mind*. “I really like the song ‘Jamaica.’”

2. Weather Report, *Heavy Weather*. “As a bassist, I look up to Jaco Pastorius's melodies.”

3. Michael Jackson, *Number Ones*. “Real feel-good music.”

Pete Abdou:

1. Foo Fighters, *Wasting Light*. “It's a diverse Foo al-

bum, and they never disappoint me.”

2. Marvelous 3, *Math and Other Problems*. “Butch Walker's genius project, before he went solo.”

3. Cheap Trick, *The Latest*. “One of the best bands ever. They're always in my rotation.”

GUILTY PLEASURE MUSIC?

Camp: “Sorry, I love Kings of Leon.”

Baez: “Jets to Brazil, *Further North*, because I like to think I'm a tough rocker, but I'm really just a big old sensitive softy.”

Abdou: “The Outfield, *Play Deep*.”

FAVORITE CONCERT?

Camp: “Stevie Ray Vaughan at the Open Air Amphitheater in 1985, with the Beat Farmers opening. It changed my life. When I saw that, I wanted to play music in a band.”

Baez: “Rock Star Club in Chesterton, Indiana. It was in this smoky little bar that was wall-to-wall packed, and I had only seen the band once before. It's an epic memory.”

English: “Friends took me to see Velvet Revolver and Alice in Chains in 2004. Before that, my concert experience was limited to chamber ensembles and choirs.”

Abdou: “Colin Hay, the lead singer from Men at Work. I saw him in a dingy club in Worcester, Massachusetts years ago, and his presence just floored me. Not only were the songs great, but he was a funny bastard.”

EVER BEEN FIRED?

Baez: “No, but I've left a few jobs to travel in the band. Not a good thing to have on a résumé.”

English: “I was fired from a tax company for sagging pants.”

Abdou: “I worked third shift at Cumberland Farms convenience store. I locked up the front to go visit a girl for a few hours, but I left the back door unlocked



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“BINGO!” — Fuzz-Huzzi scores in Eugene, Oregon.

so I could get back in. The cops found it open and were there waiting for me. I was terminated.”

FIRST TIME DRUNK?

Baez: “I was 14, and my friend brought some tequila in an apple juice bottle while we were walking to school. I remember it was raining, and we drank it in an alley in Imperial Beach. I felt nasty all morning and ended up falling asleep in class.”

ANY FEARS OR PHOBIAS?

English: “Anatidaephobia, the fear that, somewhere, somehow, a duck is watching.”

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS?

Camp: “Old Town.”

Baez: “Fish taco cart in the 'hood.”

English: “The zoo.”

Abdou: “The *Midway* aircraft carrier.”

ANY REGRETS?

Baez: “Being a jerk.”

Abdou: “That I didn't make wiser financial decisions early in life.” ■

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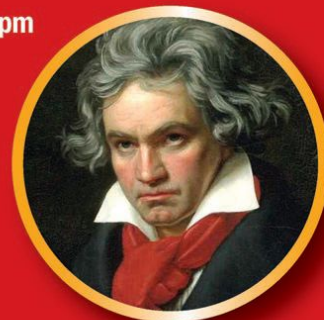
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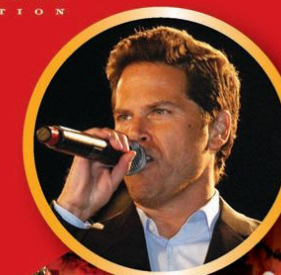
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The past few years in indie music have belonged to bands such as Vampire Weekend, who celebrate the fashion and sensibilities of East Coast trust-fund kids. But in recent months, we've become aware of how the interests of the rich increasingly dominate our political sphere. Do we have to let them take over our music, too?

Consider the indie-pop duo Tennis. After graduating from college in Colorado, Patrick Riley and Alaina Moore decided that they would buy a boat and spend most of a year sailing down the East Coast. When they got back they formed Tennis so they could commemorate the experience in song. It all

seemed nice enough when Riley and Moore released their full-length debut, *Cape Dory*, earlier this year. I'm not sure it's such a good fit for today. I mean, a band called Tennis, singing songs about yachting? How one-percent can you get?

Maybe I'm not being fair. Riley and Moore didn't just pick up the boat with their trust-fund dough — reportedly, they sold everything they had in order to afford it, and they didn't even know how to sail. More importantly, *Cape Dory* is a lovely collection of catchy tunes in a relaxed style that resembles what Beach House would sound like if they tweaked their antidepressants and listened to '60s girl groups. It's retro but a little bit weird. So maybe Tennis won't be writing the next anthem for Occupy Denver demonstrations, but neither are they likely to play the Christmas party at Goldman Sachs. It will be interesting to hear how Riley



TENNIS

and Moore's songwriting develops, now that they're spending more time back on land.

Miniature Tigers and Devon Williams also perform.

TENNIS: The Casbah, Thursday, December 8, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12 advance; \$14 day of show.

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Friday, 8:30pm — Cave Singers. \$12.
Saturday, 8:30pm — The Long and Short of It. \$8.
Monday, 8:30pm — Boxer Rebellion and Beautiful View.

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Wednesday, 8:30pm — Echo Revolution and the Whiskey Saints. \$5.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Spin Magazine's critic called Boxer Rebellion the "Best Men in Black," following their performance this year at SXSW. Was that a reference to Johnny Cash? Will Smith? No. *Spin* tagged Boxer Rebellion as a standard angst-ridden Brit rock band, which is to say that Boxer Rebellion sounds like anyone.

The Brits have been great re-packagers of everyone else. But Boxer Rebellion is not so much a UK group as they are an international band based there, and their sound is a moving target. Nathan Nicholson is from Maryville, Tennessee (he moved to London after his mother died in 2000), and Todd Howe is an Australian. They met in London and made a band with Englishmen Adam Harrison and Piers Hewitt

and did what any other starter band would do: they played every ratty gig they could.

The deal-maker was Pop-tones Records. The owner liked Boxer Rebellion's Radiohead style and released the band's first CD in 2005 to favorable reviews. Boxer Rebellion steadily gained respect, and their third record, *The Cold Still*, was produced by Ethan Johns at Peter Gabriel's studio in Bath, England. Johns has worked with big acts such as Ryan Adams, Rufus Wainwright, and the Kings of Leon. And that is who Boxer Rebellion most resembles today: the Kings, which is a fortuitous move, considering that the Followill brothers are on hiatus.

Boxer Rebellion is a curious name. The original boxer rebellion was a covert uprising among peasants that started in China in the late 1800s. The mission was simple: they wanted Christians out of their country. They practiced boxing because they thought boxing



BOXER REBELLION

would make them impervious to bullets. It's maybe a little irony in the World Wrestling Entertainment decision to use "Spitting Fire" for the soundtrack of their feature film *Inside Out*. Beautiful View also performs.

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EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Lou Reed and Metallica's *Lulu* Is a Lulu

By Alfred Howard

Lou Reed and Metallica's collaboration is a head-on collision between two trains and the casualties are the ears of the listeners. The first words uttered on *Lulu* ("I would cut my legs and tits off when I think of Boris Karloff") give you the slight hope that it can only go up from there, but as soon as the sludgy guitar riffage and James Hetfield's almost comical voice spring out of the abyss, those hopes are derailed. Lou's lazy, slurred delivery worked so well in

the Velvet Underground and on his solo work in the '70s because of the droning, slow, brooding music cradling it. Reed's distinct brand of street-corner-talk delivery is belabored by the brutality of guitars.

The album is hampered by the failure of both artists to find a common and comfortable middle between their different approaches. When Metallica bends toward the ambient, the sound anchors Lou's voice in a believable way. The music also works when Metallica's assault of guitars is the lone feature. But for the most part, the album is bad, morbid poetry delivered with a fragile voice over high school riff rock amped up to a point of exaggeration. Even when it falls into the silence of Lou's voice alone in "Frustration," we hear lines such as "I puke my guts/ Out at your feet/ You're more man than I/ To be dead and have no feeling/ To be dry and spermless like a girl/ I want so much to hurt you." After the hard-fought slog through the last five songs (clocking in at an hour), my ears said to me, "I want so much to hurt you."



Head-on collision results in high school riff rock

Hotpants and Tequila!

By Michael Caldwell

Brooklyn-based dance band Rubblebucket hit the Soda Bar stage with "Worker," from their album *Omega La La*. The band's bad-ass brass front line punched horn blasts over a dreamy and funky rhythm section. On "Breatherz (Young as Clouds)," the horn section (which includes lead singer Kalmia Traver on baritone sax) showcased their vocal harmonies. Following rousing applause, Traver thanked the audience, stating, "This is our first time here [in San Diego]!"

Then, with eyes clinched tight under an expressive brow, Traver led her seven band mates through an inspired cover of the Beatles' "Michelle." During the hypnotic groove of "Triangular Daisies," Traver's hair-knot bobbed on her head as she flailed around, dancing with the audience.

When the first funky chords of the group's single "Silly Fathers" were strummed, bodies began pogoing toward the ceiling. Traver wanted more: "I don't think there is enough dancing going on. Make this a big dance orgy!" Then, with a trombone solo that would have made Fred Wesley proud and enough cowbell to satisfy BÖC, Rubblebucket pushed the crowd to ecstasy.

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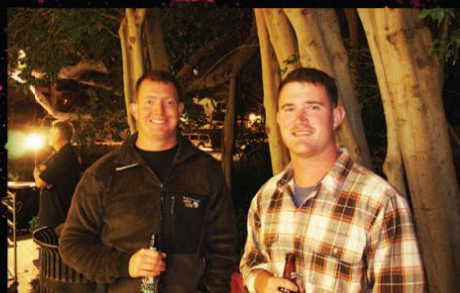
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Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Tuesday-Saturday, all night: Cheap drinks. Cheap eats. 1/2-off hookahs Tuesday-Thursday 7-10pm.

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Besta-Wan Pizza House: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$1 off pint, glass of house wine. \$3 off pitcher.

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Flying Elephant: Monday, \$8 domestic pitchers during Monday Night Football. Wednesday, 4pm to close: \$9 beer pitchers, \$9 margarita pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. Thursday, \$3 you-call-it Thursdays. Sunday, \$8 domestic pitchers all day.

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

Mr. Peabody's: Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. \$3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$2.75 wells (short). \$3.25 wells (tall).

CARMEL VALLEY

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Daily, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks.

Black Angus: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wells, drafts, appetizers.

Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

CITY HEIGHTS

Black Cat Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3.50 import drafts, \$2 PBR cans, \$5 martinis.

The Tower Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

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Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: Daily, 4-7pm: Discounted draft beer. \$3.50 house wine.

Cucina Italiana: Wednesday, 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Joe's Pizza: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

California Kebab: Daily, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$6 sangria carafes.

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Inn at the Park, shellhospitality.com/Inn-at-the-Park

Built as a residential hotel in 1926, **Inn at the Park** (née Park Manor Suites) in Bankers Hill was bought by Shell Vacations in May and is currently undergoing renovations to give rooms a kitschy, modern aesthetic with nods to the lodge's Italian Renaissance roots.

The restaurant serves refined American cuisine with an emphasis on organic steaks, burgers, seafood, and pastas, but the real jam for those sidled up to the bar is the spinach-and-artichoke dip — a thick, chowdery sauce served with buttery, fried pita bread.

"It was mostly older gay men when I started here nine years ago," says bartender Jersey, an East Coast transplant and legend among bar-going circles. "Now, just about everybody comes through here. It's really fun."

The lounge is intimate, seating about 30 at a marble-top bar, tables, and a booth. Sophisticated but not stuffy, the bar holds a

mix of aging regulars, young couples, and karaoke divas amicably chatting with Jersey and dancing to Monday-night sing-along renditions of "Rainy Days and Mondays," "Friends in Low Places," and "Piano Man." The Inn's own rotating cast of regular pianists (keyboardists, actually) play Tuesday through Sunday evenings.

In addition to a full bar, the Inn offers a rotating Stone tap and a selection of local bottled micros, imports, and domestics. Try the house special, Jersey Juice, gratis on Tuesday nights with a Facebook check in.

"I can't tell you the ingredients," she smiles, "but it's tropical. Mai tai-like."

Down a hallway adorned with historic photos of old



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Adams Avenue, La Jolla Cove, the Horton House, and Broadway, Jersey serves as elevatress to the Friday rooftop happy hour at the Top of the Park bar and restaurant, where lunch is served from 11:30 to 2 on weekdays in an expansive

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Pal Joey's: Daily, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Bistro d'Asia: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.75 draft beer, \$4.50 house wine. \$1 off hand rolls.

Candelas on the Bay: Daily, 4-6pm: 1/2-off drinks & bar menu.

Chance Bistro: Monday-Friday, all day: \$4 or \$5 wine by the glass. \$7.99 burger/fries/drink.

Coronado Boathouse 1887: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: \$2.50 domestic beers, \$5 wine by the glass, \$7 specialty martinis.

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

Danny's Palm Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 wells.

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2-off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

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Brigantine: Daily, 4-6pm: \$1 off Kenwood wines; \$5.50 Georgia Peach

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DOWNTOWN

Analog: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks and li'l burgers. Sunday, all day: 1/2-off all drinks and li'l burgers.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

Asti Ristorante: Daily, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Athens Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$4 shots: Jameson, Jack Daniel's, Jäger, José Cuervo Gold.

Dublin Square: Daily, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, bottles. 1/2-off appetizers.

House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Patrick's II: Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, bloody marys.

The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: Daily, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Time Out Sports Bar: Monday-Wednesday, Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 16-ounce draft Time Out Lager, Bud, Bud Light. Sam Adams, \$3.50. 1/2-off appetizers. Thursday, all day: Thirsty Thursdays: Buy one pitcher, get second 1/2 off.

Yard House: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 domestic pints, \$4 craft/import pints, \$4.50 goblets, \$4.25 wells, \$5.75 house martinis, \$2 off wine by the glass. \$6.50 sliders, 1/2-off select appetizers & pizzas.

EAST VILLAGE

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: Friday, 5-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails. Saturday-Sunday, 7-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Daily, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$99.

Hotel Indigo: Daily, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic & local bottles, wells, wines.

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EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

Calypso: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

Double D's on Broadway: Daily, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

El Cajon Grand: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: Tuesday-Thursday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers, sushi rolls.

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Savory: Daily, 5-6pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area.

Union Kitchen & Tap: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

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El Galeón: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Two-for-one draft beer, margaritas.

Holiday Wine Cellar: Monday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for five wine tastings.

Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: Daily, 5-7pm: \$6 wine, tapas; \$4.50 wells, \$3 doggie bites.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; \$1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

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Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: Monday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings. Tuesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: \$1 tacos. Wednesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-close: \$1 sliders. Thursday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. \$5.25 1/2-lb. burger with fries. Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 4-8pm: 1/2-off all food. Sunday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints.

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: Daily, 2:30pm-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas, \$3 Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

HILLCREST

Tre Porcellini: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic bottles, \$3.50 drafts and house wine.

Wine Steals: Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: Daily, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/drafts.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Kensington Cafe: Daily, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: Daily, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Til-Two: Daily, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and imported drafts.

LA JOLLA

La Jolla Brew House: Tuesday-Thursday, noon-7pm: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines; \$3 off appetizers. Friday-Saturday, 10pm-close: \$2 off craft beer; \$3 wells and house wines.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

LA MESA

Charcoal House: Daily, 11-7pm: \$.75 off all drinks, \$1 off all appetizers.

Chico Club: Daily, all day: \$3 big-ass beer (23 oz).

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Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

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Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. *Sunday*, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: *Daily*, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

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L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

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Brick by Brick: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas.

Fat City Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Puerto la Boca: *Daily*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

MIRA MESA

Bamboo Hut: *Daily*, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine.

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The Filling Station: *Monday*, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 domestic pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

MISSION VALLEY

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: *Monday*, 4-7pm: \$3 Gold margaritas, house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. *Tuesday, Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm: \$5 any martini, \$3 house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. *Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, wells, \$2 drafts. *Friday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off any tequila shot, \$3 house wine, bottled beer.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic beer,

\$3 import & local beer, \$4 house wine. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$4 mimosas and bloody marys.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, all day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Live Wire: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

El Comal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots.

Crazee Burger: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

U-31: *Tuesday*, 5-8pm: \$2 drafts, tacos. *Saturday*, noon-6pm: \$3 you-call-its, burgers. *Sunday*, noon-6pm: \$2 Buds, mimosas.

West Coast Tavern: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, house wine.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

Cheswick's West: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$4.50 microbrew pints, \$6.25 domestic pitchers.

Sunshine Co.: *Daily*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

The Vine: *Daily*, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$3 wells, house wine, and drafts.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

SD Tap Room: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off appetizers. \$3.50 wine and sake.

Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

POINT LOMA

Captain's Quarters: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$2 you-call-it wells, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, discounted shots.

Extreme Pizza: *Daily*, 4pm-7pm: \$6 craft beer pitchers.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1 off everything, \$2 beers.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Carvers Steak & Chops: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. \$3-\$4 off appetizers.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4pm-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona, \$3 wine; \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

RANCHO SANTA FE

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Superstar *despairs about the spirit of Christmas getting lost in the tinsel of commercialism.*

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No musical, ever, asks as many questions as *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Tim Rice riddles his lyrics with

perplexity. Jesus' followers know where they've been. But it's "a strange thing, mystifying," and they haven't a clue what's coming next. Judas questions the motives of the man they follow and the talk of godhead: "Do you think you're what they say you are?" Even Jesus wants to know, "Why should I die?"

In the New Testament, the characters are archetypal. Judas will betray with a kiss, Peter will deny, etc. But in the musical, they're struggling in the moment. Seven days blur past. Little do they know, until the end, that the man they follow, for millions, will be the Answer.

When *Superstar* hit Broadway in 1971, reviewers called it a rocking opera; no, overhyped; no, said protestors carrying signs outside the theater, heathen blasphemy! The most repeated word was "irreverent." Tim Rice's lyrics spoofed the familiar

story in ways guaranteed to irk. But what was irreverent 40 years ago has been superseded by the pointed probing of Michael Baignet's *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* (source of *The Da Vinci Code*) and studies of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Nag Hamadi Library, and the Lost Gospels.

The Des McAnuff-directed version, now at the La Jolla Playhouse, has pared away most of the original's youthful prankstering.

Actors even deliver punchlines factually. Behind the Vegas glitz and an electronic ticker going backward in time, the show is much more reverent than ir-. It might even make some converts to the faith.

It's as if McAnuff took Judas's observation to heart: "If you strip away the myth from the man, you will see." He's "just a man," says Mary Magdalene. And everyone wants to push his story in their direction. Judas fears Jesus has gone too far; Simon Zealotes (a zealot) says not far enough ("add a touch of hate at Rome"). Caiaphas wants him in pieces; lepers want to be made whole. Pontius Pilate would love to straddle the fence; only there isn't one. McAnuff has staged the story premyth: it's "the Making of the Gospels." Everyone's semidefined and fallible, including the Nazarene.

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Josh Young as Judas Iscariot with members of the company in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, at the La Jolla Playhouse through December 31.

Jesus Christ Superstar, music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Tim Rice
La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive

Directed by Des McAnuff: cast: Paul Nolan, Josh Young, Chilina Kennedy, Brent Carver, Bruce Dow, Mike Nadajewski, Marcus Nance, Lee Siegel, Aaron Walpole; scenic design, Robert Brill; costumes, Paul Tazewell; lighting, Howell Binkley; sound, Jim Neil; choreography, Lisa Shriver; musical director, Rick Fox
Playing through December 31; Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 858-550-1010

And after the fact — as in McAnuff's *The Who's Tommy* — superstardom engulfs the original story.

Almost from the beginning, two traditions

have fought over who Jesus was. One claims "son of man" (an extraordinary human being); the other, "son of God" (a deity). Following Tim Rice's lead, McAnuff frames the production with

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spectacular externals, as when a large, back-lit cross dotted with kitschy yellow lights descends. But center stage, Paul Nolan plays Jesus as the son of man. Nolan's minimalist performance calls attention to his eyes: a stare both knowing and quizzical. And like the Jesus in Nikos Kazantzakis's *The Last Temptation of Christ*, the closer Golgotha nears, the more the doubts arise.

Nolan handles the famous musical soliloquy "Gethsamane" with vocal ease. And it doesn't take long to be certain that all the singers, in this Stratford Shakespeare Festival production, will belt the music with top-notch chops. Lee Siegel cuts loose with "Simon Zealotes" ("Christ you know I love you. Did you see I waved?"). Jeremy Kushiner (Pilate), Bruce Dow (Herod Antipas), and Aaron Walpole (Annas) "rock the cynics" with their deliveries. And Marcus Nance's Caiaphas sings with a bass that would make tubas tremble.

Comparisons may be odious, but they help establish latitude and longitude. And whoever plays Mary Magdalene, in the minds of the faithful, is going up against Yvonne Elliman's iconic renderings of "Everything's All Right" and "I Don't Know How to Love Him." Chilina Kennedy's Magdalene doesn't seem to mind. She gives the songs a light, country lilt, devoid of vibrato, and makes them seem brand new.

Along with the Times Square ticker and videos projected on a rear screen, the

production has a then/now quality. The Apostles dress in drab browns, like Middle Eastern refugees; the priests wear long, dark-chocolate-colored leather coats. For the explosive "Superstar," Judas — the brilliant Josh Young — and the cast don gaudy, Glitter Gulch outfits and blast away. (*Superstar* actually works as a holiday musical; it despairs about the true spirit of Christmas getting lost in the tinsel of commercialism.)

Amid all the pyrotechnics, it's easy to overlook the production's technical achievements. In particular, the balance between Rick Fox's hot, 14-piece band and the singers is near perfect.

From afar, Robert Brill's design looks like the skeleton of a large box set. Often metallic bleachers slide on and around it. But when lit by Howell Binkley, the mechanical means disappear. The musical is "through-composed." Songs follow songs with almost no dialogue. You could say that McAnuff's work and Lisa Shriver's choreography are "through-directed." Scenes evolve with near constant movement. Time speeds up. Days become hours become minutes. The theatricality is extraordinary. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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A Child's Christmas in Wales
Point Loma Actors Theatre stages Dylan Thomas's memory play about "those years around the seashore corner and out of all sound except the distant speaking of the voices I sometimes hear a moment before sleep."
POINT LOMA ASSEMBLY, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044.
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A Christmas Carol
At the Whaley House. For two days only, the museum staff performs 25-minute versions of Dickens's popular story. As they tell the tale of various ghosts, they move from room to room.
WHALEY HOUSE MUSEUM, 2476 SAN DIEGO AVE., OLD TOWN. 7PM, 7:30PM, 8PM, 8:30PM, AND 9PM TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

A Christmas Carol: The Radio Show
Sound effects wiz Scott Paulson performs David Alberts's new one-person adaptation of the Dickens classic in 1940s radio style.
CARLSBAD VILLAGE THEATRE, 2822 STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-720-2460.
7:30PM TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

Actors Who Write
This site-specific theater project presents a concert reading of original material, based on secrets and lies. The ensemble includes actor/writers from the '20s to the '60s.
QUINT CONTEMPORARY ART, 7547 GIRARD AVE., LA JOLLA. 858-454-3409.
7PM MONDAY.

Angels in America: Millennium Approaches
Tony Kushner's epic comes in two parts: *Millennium Approaches* and *Perestroika*. Each runs over three hours. Given Ion Theatre's limited resources, *Angels* is more than a stretch. It's a leap of faith — that lands on solid ground. Codirected by Glenn Paris and Claudio Raygoza, the truly devoted cast sustains the play's majestic sweep throughout. Kyle Sorrell does standout work as Prior Walter, the unlikely prophet chosen by one of the most neurotic angels in dramatic literature. Design work, especially Jessica John's costumes and Karin Flijan's lighting, defines characters and moods in a heartbeat. **Critic's Pick.**
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 2PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, THROUGH DECEMBER 11.

Angels in America: Perestroika
Prophets wrestle with angels in Part



Alexis Rae Tenney takes part in Lamb's Festival: The Spirit of Christmas Present.

II of Tony Kushner's epic "Gay Fantasia on National Themes." What broke apart in *Millennium Approaches* begins to come together in tough, unexpected ways. Ion Theatre's taut, moving production includes Karson St. John as a "cosmic reactionary" angel (and a hoot) and Jesse MacKinnon as Roy Cohn battling death — and his true identity — to the end. Jason Heil, Jessica John, Catalina Maynard, Jason Maddy, and La'Marr Coleman all contribute. **Critic's Pick.**
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH DECEMBER 11.

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol
The old curmudgeon's in Julian for the holidays, where he'll find the true meaning of life and love amid horse-drawn carriages, strolling carolers, and spiced cider.
JULIAN TOWN HALL, 2129 MAIN ST., JULIAN. 760-765-1857. 7PM FRIDAYS, 1:30PM AND 7PM SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 18.

Corazones Rotos
For one evening only, Mesa College Theatre Company stages one-act plays written and performed in Spanish by students. The title means "broken hearts."
MESA COLLEGE THEATRE COMPANY, 7250 MESA COLLEGE DR., MESA COLLEGE. 858-627-2621. 7:30PM FRIDAY.

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas

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.
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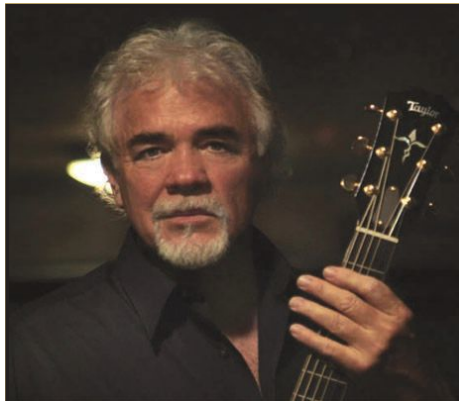
Emilia's Sugarplum Nightmare
Fifteen-year-old Emilia romps through history "and all the way to the North Pole" in this "Vaudeville-flavored comedy."
LIBERTY HALL THEATRE AT PARADISE VILLAGE, 2700 EAST 4TH ST., NATIONAL CITY. 8PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUN-

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Greetings
And "greetings" to Mira Mesa Theatre Guild — doing its first full-length play in a decade: Tom Dudzick's "boy bring's fiancé home" holiday comedy.
EPICENTRE, 8450 MIRA MESA BL., MIRA MESA. 858-271-4000. 7PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 17.

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play
Cygnat 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.*
CYGNAT THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM TUESDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

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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.

Jingle Bell Rock

Welk Resort Theatre presents the Alley Cats' new Christmas show, singing popular holiday songs in a doo-wop, a cappella style. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, 1PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

Lamb's Festival: The Spirit of Christmas Present

Kerry Meads set her annual Christmas story "somewhere uptown," today. Neighbors isolated from each other come together and experience the play's title: "The Spirit of Christmas Present." The outcome is never in doubt. What propels the production are terrific musical arrangements (Jon Lorenz and Leonard Patton) and *real* close to the vest harmonies. Kathi Gibbs Woods heads the cast as Mrs. Riley, a homeless, mystical woman able to forge unsuspected links. Jeanne Reith's excellent costumes range from chic to hand-me-down. *Worth a try.*

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM TUESDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 6PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 30.

Late Nite Catechism

Welk Resorts Theatre presents the popular comedy in which "Sister" conducts a catechism class with no holds barred. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 8PM FRIDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 16.

Learn to Be Latina

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.

Life of a Sofa

Vista's Broadway Theatre hosts the world premiere of Randall Hickman's vignettes about the various



The Old Globe's Some Lovers is a musical that reimagines O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi."

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Little Women

Patio Playhouse stages Peter Clapham's dramatic adaptation of the Louisa May Alcott novel about sisters growing up in Civil War America.

PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 18.

Martinis N' Mistletoe

The ReddTones, a Las Vegas lounge act, present "a wacky mix of traditional holiday music, popular songs, and special Broadway selections." MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 18.

Mr. Scrooge & Mr. Dickens

PowPAC presents the traditional *A Christmas Carol*, but with Charles Dickens reading sections from his manuscript. POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATER, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 7PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 18.

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Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect." MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARK-

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Ragnarok

Circle Circle dot dot presents "an explorative performance" of Katherine Harroff's new play about taking "your role-playing fantasy games to the next level." Stephen Schmitz directed.

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-237-4510. 8PM THURSDAY. FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY, THROUGH DECEMBER 10.

Santaland Diaries

New Village Arts presents David Sedaris's story of an out-of-work actor who takes a job as an elf at Santaland. Samuel Sherman directed. Daren Scott reprises his role as the actor/elf. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 21.

Some Lovers

The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of a new musical by Steven Sater (book and lyrics) and Burt Bacharach (music). Will Frears directed the piece, a re-imagination of O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi." OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM TUESDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

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 Duggan directed. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DR., EL CAJON. 619-644-7234. 7:30PM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAY, THROUGH DECEMBER 10.

The Great American Trailer Park Musical

As a holiday alternative, the David Nehls, Betsy Kelso "comic fable," set at Armadillo Acres, could be a goofy hoot — if you can put up with shameless, "beer culture" stereotypes, and if the Rep would bring down the sound, since every number has showstopper amplitude. It's a funny, albeit mindless-to-the-max, show with a knockout cast. Courtney Corey, as an agoraphobic woman whose husband's stepping out on her, and David McBean, as a skin-headed psycho, lead the way. Javier Velasco's choreography and a tight four-piece band enhance the antics. *Worth a try.*

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH DECEMBER 11.

The Messiah

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Shame

In the early moments of *Shame*, we learn that sex addict Brandon Sullivan (Michael Fassbender) has a huge member, as if nature was instructing him in the way he ought to go and he was just following orders. And

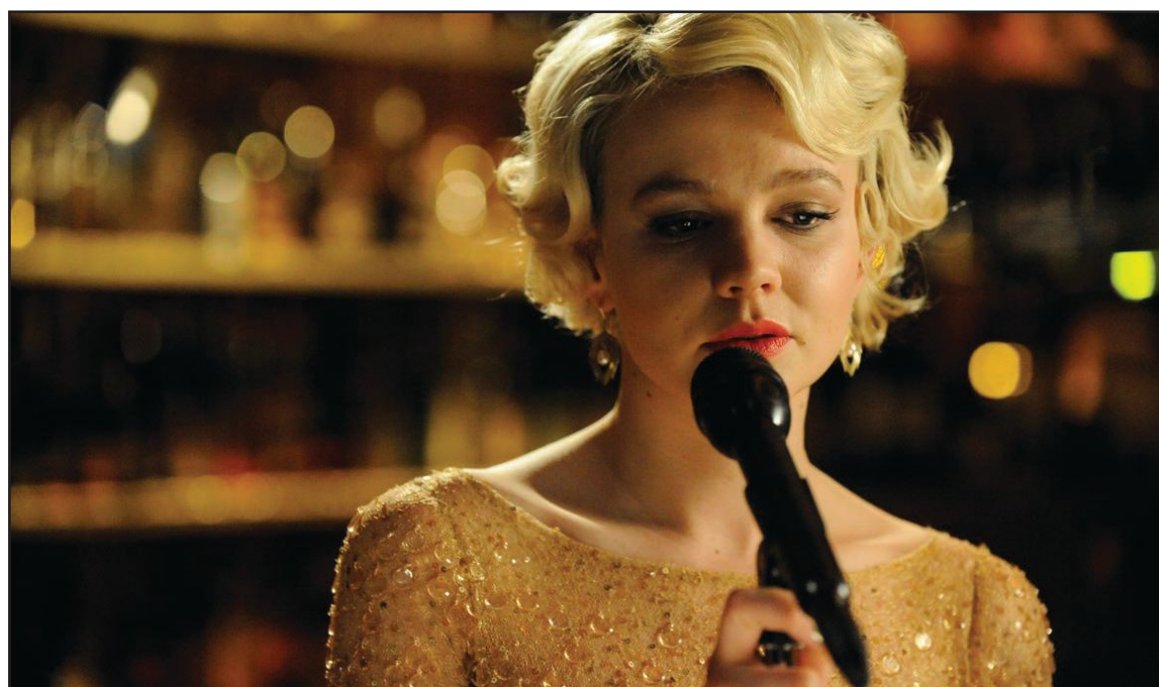
what nature begins, art perfects: by the time we meet him, he's pared his life down to avoid anything that might distract him from attending to his one great need, whether with whores or bar pickups or his own right hand in the office men's room.

His apartment is clean and white and blank except for the necessary equipment — an operating theater for sex. (The medical atmosphere is

no accident: for Brandon, sex comes off as a rather joyless affair, a condition — the proverbial itch — that requires attention.) His body is lean

and fit for the task at hand. He avoids long-term relationships, because we all know that there's no such thing as sex after marriage. (Indeed, when he does attempt the traditional date-before-disrobing, he finds that even the minor intimacy provided by small talk can be...deflating.)

The problem for Brandon is that nature has also provided him at least one long-term relationship that is ready at hand and unavoidable: his sister Sissy (Carey Mulligan). Mind you, he tries to avoid it. From the get-



In *Shame*, a sex addict's one long-term relationship is with his sister, Sissy, played by Carey Mulligan.

go, we see him ignoring her pleading voice on his answering machine: "Brandon, where are you? Hey, it's me. Pick up." But Sissy is not one to

be ignored, and it isn't long before she shows up in his apartment — to be precise, in his shower, naked and needy and messing up his life. And

not simply by her presence — Sissy has some sexual issues of her own to deal with.

Well, maybe "deal with" is a little strong. There isn't a lot of dealing here, just a lot of manifesting. *Shame* succeeds less as a work of dramatic fiction than of cinematic pathology. Sort of an illustrated medical casebook — a clinically minded viewer might be tempted to check off the

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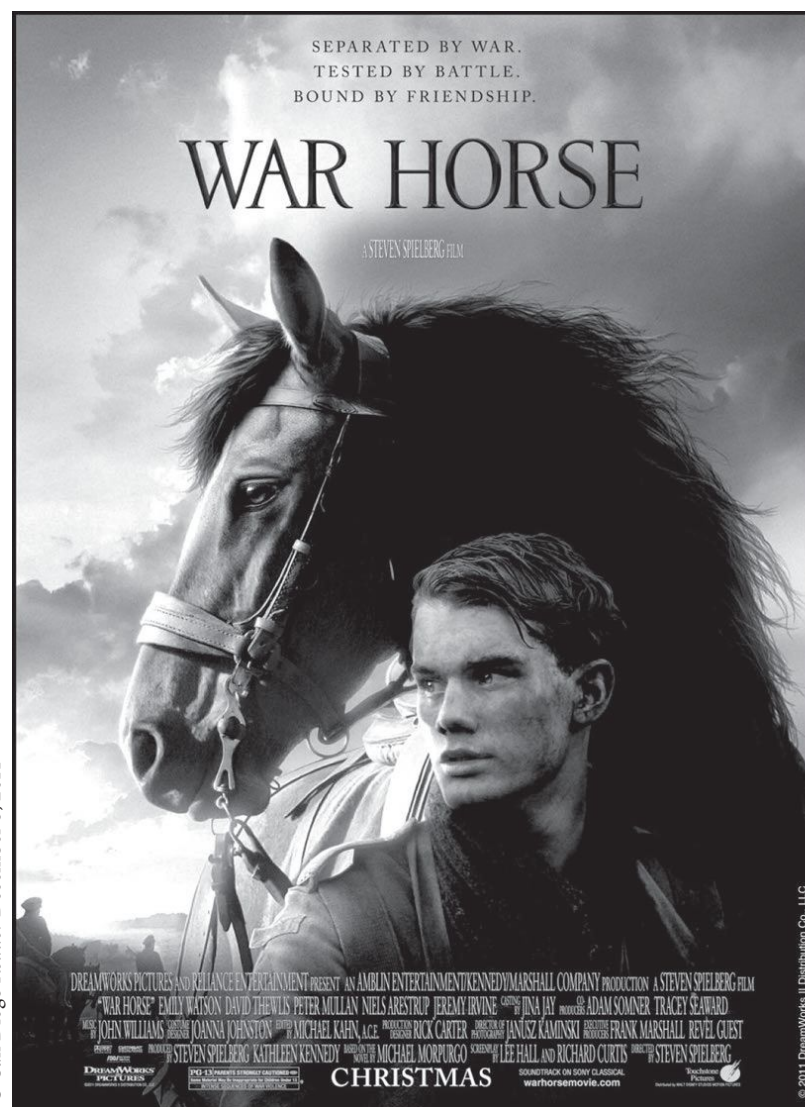
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symptoms as they appear. Which is not to say that the illustrations are unaffected. For starters, this is sexual addiction we're talking about, and the film is not overly shy in its depiction (though it limits its treatment of the astonishing world of online porn to a brief come-on and a verbal list).

Director Steve McQueen has a fine eye for detail — such as a warped reflection in a dirty mirror when Brandon hits his low point — and an even finer feel for mood. His depiction of New York is very much a city full of millions of lonely souls packed close together. A lengthy, silent flirtation on the subway is one of *Shame's* more affecting scenes — a face in the crowd. Fassbender's performance is all brittle control, and it's almost frightening when he shatters. Mulligan's Sissy puts a brave face on her damage, and when she finally confronts her brother, we get a glimpse of the humanity that pathology is supposed to serve.

★★★

London Boulevard

Colin Farrell and Keira Knightley are passing one another on the ladder of watchability. Gone from Farrell is the abrasive petulance. In its place is a polished assurance that seems mixed from Brad Pitt's intensity and jawline, George Clooney's soulful brown eyes, and the charisma of a young Mel Gibson. Knightley, on the other hand, seems to have wasted away to pure bone structure. The look works okay for her role as a supermodel, but there are times you worry that the weight of her lustrous hair will send her toppling. Plus, if she ate something, she might have a little more, you know, energy. I'm leading with a lot of talk about the way the leads look because the camera spends a lot of time looking at them.

Moving on to the rest of the cast — and the cast is what carries things in this hoary story of an ex-con trying to make a break with his past. "Where are you going to go?" asks his old buddy, the collection man, not expecting an answer. And what a collection man — Ben Chaplin, all greasy locks and gutter toadying. Chaplin works for Ray Winstone, who ups his usual menacing sweetness with a little sexual something extra. Think gay, evil Burl Ives. But the real prize is David Thewlis, positively luxuriating in the role of drugged-up hanger-on to Knightley's gossamer coattails. "You're not allowed to do more than one thing," he intones, "which is why a polymath such as myself prefers to do nothing."

Along the way, there are rumina-

tions on celebrity, a man cut loose from the ties that bind, and a powerful lesson in not leaving loose ends. Something for the movie poster: a stylish good time.

★★

New Year's Eve

Another holiday processed, wrapped, and shipped to market. You can decide if you want to see *New Year's Eve* by looking at the poster. Do you want to see a movie that has Michelle Pfeiffer, Zac Efron, Robert De Niro, Halle Berry, Jessica Biel, Hilary Swank, Jon Bon Jovi, Katherine Heigl, Sarah Jessica Parker, Abigail Breslin, Ashton Kutcher, Lea Michele, and Josh Duhamel, supported by Seth Meyers, Sarah Paulson, Carla Gugino, Sofia Vergara, Ludacris, and Cherry Jones, with cameos by Cary Elwes, Common, Matthew Broderick, Alyssa Milano, James Belushi, and Ryan Seacrest? Well, then, we've got just the thing for you.

Still not sure? What if we tell you that the characters' stories swirl around one another and eventually collide in surprising ways, even as they all revolve around the dropping of the big ball in Times Square on New Year's Eve? That there will be birth, death, marriage, romance, hopes, dreams, laughs, tears, and zippy one-liners ("There will be more celebrities here than rehab!"). How about mother-daughter drama ("The world is just getting good. I want to start living in it — you used to!"). Father-daughter reunions ("I made so many mistakes — you weren't one of them."). Ethnic shenanigans ("In my country, when a man gets down on one knee, it's because he wants to get married or he's been shot."). Zany antics (a woman in labor taking a pedicab to the hospital)? Sold? Then get going! Like the clock says, *tempus fugit!*

If, however, the sheer muchness of all that storytelling leaves you wondering how all the parts can possibly fit together without emotional whiplash setting in; if you fear that employing so many name-brand actors may result in a harlequin patch-job of wildly varying performances; if you suspect that director Garry Marshall may have a bit of trouble keeping individual scenes humming as he darts from place to place; and if you prefer your emotional climaxes one at a time instead of all at once — you might want to hold off.

The one thing worth popping a cork over is the storyline featuring fragile, gawky (!) Michelle Pfeiffer as she lurches through her midlife

freakout by quitting her job and hiring a slicked-up bike messenger (Efron) to help her realize her list of resolutions (go to Bali, travel around the world, save a life, etc.). His solutions are sometimes corny, sometimes wonderful, and always sweet.

*Full disclosure: I'm not sure you can get *all* of that from the poster.

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— Matthew Lickona

MOVIE LISTINGS

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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.

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"Draws comparisons to Bertolucci's Marlon Brando classic 'Last Tango in Paris.'"

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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,



New Year’s Eve — Another holiday processed, wrapped, and shipped to market

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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20;

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Hugo — Martin Scorsese goes to town (Paris) with CGI effects and 3-D and the fantasy story from Brian Selznick’s book about Parisian orphan Hugo Cabret. Asa Butterfield is Hugo, maintaining the clocks in a train depot in 1930. Lonely, brilliant, and cute, he wins the friendship of a girl (delightful Cl  e Grace Moretz) and the enmity of a scowling station cop (Sacha Baron Cohen, who lumbers). The story is rather skimpy for the machine of magical memory that Scorsese piles onto it, and the 3-D is a mixed blessing. But the story launches into cine-retro heaven when he salutes George M  li  s (Ben Kingsley), the silent-movie pioneer of kitschy fantasy. The effusion of clips, studio sets, and vintage tunes is a hymn to movie bliss, although Scorsese’s core sensibility as an artist is not really in the M  li  s line. This is a personal work but also commercially driven (even bloated), and the tension of that is fascinating. 2011.

— D.E.

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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 na  ve intern (Evan Rachel Wood), who seems to be running on the Live Bait ticket. As a silky machine of ambition, he excites other tough guys: Paul Giamatti, Ryan Gosling, Jeffrey Wright, and, making a big speech about loyalty, Philip Seymour Hoffman (also a tough gal, Marisa Tomei as a barracuda reporter). Nothing new here or as entertaining as 1964’s *The Best Man*, and the wink at abortion

is iffy, yet this ensemble effort maintains a curiously chill heat of interest. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Immortals — Director Tarsem Singh (*The Fall*, *The Cell*) has been called a visionary, which presumably means he has an eye for interesting visuals. And that’s almost enough to carry you through this bit of buff, burnished bloodshed, a mashup of *300* (invading barbarian army against civilized Greeks), *Troy* (immortality through deeds vs. immortality through offspring), and the myth of Theseus and the minotaur. But so much else here is pedestrian, except for Mickey Rourke, who has a good time as the cruel conqueror who dares to make war on the pretty, pretty gods. 2011. — M.L.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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The 39 Steps 1935. Alfred Hitchcock’s British thriller stars Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll. **Friday, December 9, 2:30 p.m.**

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The Future 2011. What happens when a couple whose relationship is rocky adopts an injured cat named Paw Paw? Miranda July’s film reveals “the ways in which we can lose ourselves and each other.” **Monday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Troop 1500 2005. Ellen Spiro’s documentary follows “a unique Girl Scouts of the USA troop which unites mothers and daughters monthly behind the bars” of a Texas prison. **Monday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.**

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A Christmas Story 1983. Ralphie tries to convince his parents, teachers, and Santa that a Red Ryder BB gun is the perfect gift. **Wednesday, December 14, 8 p.m.**

National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation 1989. Enjoy a Christmas comedy following the misadventures of the Griswold family with Chevy Chase, Beverly D’Angelo, and many others. **Wednesday, December 21, 8 p.m.**

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Sunday Bloody Sunday 1971. John Schlesinger’s film follows “a free-spirited

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Labyrinth 1986. Jim Henson’s fantasy stars David Bowie, Jennifer Connelly, and a bunch of puppets; **The NeverEnding Story** (1984) is also on the bill. **Wednesday, December 14, 6 p.m.**

Die Hard 1988. Bruce Willis plays a NYPD officer, Bonnie Bedelia is his estranged wife, and Alan Rickman is nefarious thief Hans Gruber in this flick. **National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation** screens as well. **Wednesday, December 21, 6 p.m.**

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Welcome 2009. In Philippe Lioret’s film, a 17-year-old Iraqi-Kurdish boy makes a difficult journey across Europe in hopes of reuniting with his girlfriend in England. In French and Arabic with English subtitles. **Friday, December 9, 1 p.m.**



London Boulevard — *Farrell has a polished assurance; Knightley needs to eat something*

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; 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.
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Le Havre — Total French charm in the port city from Finnish director Aki Kaurismäki. A hard-drinking old noir guy (splendid André Wilms) helps a fugitive African kid (stoical Blondin Miguel) escape the authorities, aided by his social-solidarity neighbors in a retrograde zone of Le Havre. Vapors of past French masters (Clair, Pagnol, Carné, Becker, Melville, Renoir, Truffaut) perfume the story without cloying, though Jean-Pierre Léaud (*The 400 Blows*) is barely recognizable as a creep. Dry, Kaurismäkian humor keeps the film from slopping sentimentally, yet you may be moved. A bonus is vintage rocker Little Bob, a sort of munchkin Roy Orbison. 2011. — D.E.
★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 — Reviewed this issue.
★★ (GASLAMP 15; FROM 12/09)

Machine Gun Preacher — Gerard Butler plays the life-based Sam Childers, an ex-con hellraiser who catches some gospel piety from his wife (Michelle Monaghan). He hauls the family to Sudan, where children are being brutalized (or doing the brutalization), and in the name of God he puts his violent skills to work as a rescuer. Marc Forster's film has two opposing elements that prop each other uneasily: Christian piety and hard-action realism. But the actors (notably Michael Shannon as an addict getting a new chance) provide some pulpy conviction. 2011. — D.E.
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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)

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, canny 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)

New Year's Eve — Reviewed this issue.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/09)

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.

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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL

San Diego Natural History Museum

Kaplan Theater

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-0248)

Dinosaurs 3D: Giants of Patagonia

(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, 1:55, 3:20) 4:15, 5:45, 8:05, 10:20 Sun. (10:30, 11:20, 12:50, 1:55, 3:20) 4:15, 5:45, 8:05; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 11:55, 1:05, 2:20, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15 Sun. (10:40, 11:55, 1:05, 2:20, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55; **Hugo** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:10; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:15, 10:05 Sun. 7:15p.m.; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 12:00, 1:25, 2:25) 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:55, 12:00, 1:25, 2:25) 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:15) Sun. (11:50a.m.); **The Sitter** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 5:45, 7:45, 9:50 Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 5:45, 7:45; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:40) 4:25, 5:10, 7:05, 7:50, 9:40, 10:25 Sat. (11:05, 1:40) 4:25, 7:05, 9:40 Sun. (11:05, 1:40) 4:25, 7:05; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:45, 7:20, 9:45 Sun. 4:45, 7:20

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)

Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55, 10:30; **A Christmas Story** (PG) Fri.-Sun.; **The Descendants** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:20) 4:10, 7:50, 10:25; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 5:45, 10:15; **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. (10:50, 1:35) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:25) 4:25, 7:20, 10:20; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:40, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, 9:35, 10:35; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 3:30) 8:00; **The Sitter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:20, 7:25, 9:30; **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, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45, 10:45

CORONADO

Vintage La Costa

820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)

Call theater for program information.

DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)

50/50 (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 4:35, 9:30; **Home Alone** (PG) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **Hugo** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 12:05, 1:45, 2:55) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:25) 5:10, 7:55, 10:40 Sun. (11:35, 2:25) 5:10, 7:55; **The Ides of March** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 10:10; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:50, 8:50; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:45, 8:00, 10:05; **London Boulevard** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:05) 5:30, 8:05, 10:25; **Machine Gun Preacher** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:50, 7:35, 10:25; **Midnight in Paris** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 7:05; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15 Sat. (11:20, 2:00) 10:15 Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15; **My Week with Marilyn** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; **New Year's Eve**

(PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 12:20, 1:00, 2:20, 3:00) 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:40, 10:20, 10:55 Sat. (11:00, 11:40, 12:20, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00) 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:40, 10:20, 10:55 Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 12:20, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00) 4:20, 5:00, 5:40; **The Sitter** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:20) 4:15, 5:25, 6:25, 7:30, 8:30, 9:35, 10:35 Sun. (11:10, 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:20) 4:15, 5:25, 6:25, 7:30, 8:30, 9:35; **The Way** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:45, 7:20

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. (2:30) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-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) 4:15, 6:45, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:10, 6:45, 9:20; **Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 6:15, 9:50; **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.; **The Metropolitan Opera: Faust LIVE** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:55a.m.; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 2:10, 4:10, 4:50) 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10 Sat. (1:30) 4:10, 4:50, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10 Sun. (1:30, 2:10) 4:10, 4:50, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10; **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

KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

The Women On The 6th Floor (R) Fri (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, Mon – Thu: (4:30), 7:00, 9:30; **Santa's Cool Holiday Film Festival** (NR, 118m) Sat: 12:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With “Crazed Imaginations” Shadow Cast, Plays Saturday, December 17

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)

Arthur Christmas; The Descendants; Happy Feet Two; Hugo; The Immortals; J. Edgar; Jack and Jill; The Metropolitan Opera: Faust LIVE (Not Rated) Sat. (9:55a.m.); **The Muppets; New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25; **The Sitter; Tower Heist; Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1 The Sitter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

Landmark La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

My Week With Marilyn (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:50), (4:40), 7:20, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Le Havre** (NR) Fri, Mon – Thu: (4:30), 9:30, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 4:30, 9:30; **Young Goethe In Love** (NR) Fri – Thu: (2:00), 7:00**; **No 7:00 PM Show Tuesday, 12/13/11. **Like Crazy** (PG 13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:10), (4:50), 7:30*, 9:55, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55, *No 7:30 PM Show Monday, 12/12/11; **Margin Call** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (1:40), (4:20), 7:10, 9:45, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **Young Adult** (R) Opens Friday, December 16

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)

Arthur Christmas (PG); **Hugo** (PG); **The Muppets** (PG); **New Year's Eve** (PG-13); **The Sitter** (R); **Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1** (PG-13)

MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)

Arthur Christmas (PG); **Happy Feet Two** (PG); **Hugo** (PG); **The Immortals** (R); **J. Edgar** (R); **Jack and Jill** (PG); **The Muppets** (PG); **New Year's Eve** (PG-13); **Puss in Boots** (PG); **The Sitter** (R); **Tower Heist** (PG-13); **Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1** (PG-13); **A Very Harold & Kumar 3-D Christmas** (Not Rated)

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: Faust LIVE (Not Rated) Sat. (9:55a.m.); **The Muppets; My Week with Marilyn; New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25; **Puss in Boots; The Sitter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **Tower Heist; Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1; A Very Harold & Kumar 3-D Christmas**

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



New Year's Eve (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45, Sun-Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 8:00; **The Sitter** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15, Sun-Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **Olivia's Wintertime Cheer** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Pokemon the Movie: White-Victini and Zekrom** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:00 AM; **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-Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Sat: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Mon-Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri-Thu: 11:00 AM, 4:45; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) 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, Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, PARENT MOVIE MORNING: “NEW YEAR'S EVE” THURSDAY, 12/15 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

Shame (NC-17) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:00), (4:30), 7:15, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; **The Skin I Live In** (R) Fri – Thu: (1:30), (4:20); **The Descendants** (R) Fri – Thu: (7:00, 9:40); **Shame** (NC-17) Fri, Mon – Thu: (3:15), 6:00, 8:30, Sat & Sun: 12:45, 3:15, 6:00, 8:30; **The Descendants** (R) Fri, Mon – Thu: (2:20), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:20, 5:00 8:00; **Like Crazy** (PG 13) Fri, Mon – Thu: (4:40), 10:00, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 4:40, 10:00; **Melancholia** (R) Fri – Thu: (1:40), 6:50

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.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.m.; **Santa vs. the Snowman** (G) Fri. 3:00, 5:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Under the Sea** (G) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)

Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; **The Descendants** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; **Hugo** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 4:30p.m.; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 7:15, 10:00; **Immortals** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:05) 5:40, 8:20, 10:45; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 11:55, 1:35, 2:35) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40; **Pokemon the Movie: White-Victini and Zekrom** (Not Rated) Fri. Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **The Sitter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:20, 7:30, 9:30; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)

Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri. (4:10) 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 4:10, 9:35; **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 6:50; **The Descendants** (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri. (2:25, 4:55) 7:25 Sat.-Sun. (2:25) 4:55, 7:25; **Happy Feet Two in 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 10:05; **Hugo** (PG) Fri. (12:50, 4:25) 7:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:25, 7:20; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 4:00) 6:55, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:20) 4:00, 6:55, 9:55; **Immortals** (R) Fri. (2:40, 5:20) 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (2:40) 5:20, 10:45; **Immortals 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 8:00; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50a.m.); **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 6:45, 9:45; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30) 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 6:40; **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:30p.m.; **The Sitter** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:20, 2:55, 4:35, 5:05) 7:35, 8:05, 10:10, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:20, 2:55) 4:35, 5:05, 7:35, 8:05, 10:10, 10:40; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:45) 7:40, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:45, 7:40, 10:35; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:55, 10:40; **A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:25p.m.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Arthur Christmas (PG); **The Muppets** (PG); **New Year's Eve** (PG-13); **Tower Heist** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade

770 Denberry Road (888-262-4386)

Arthur Christmas (PG); **Happy Feet Two** (PG); **Hugo** (PG); **The Immortals** (R); **Jack and Jill** (PG); **The Muppets** (PG); **New Year's Eve** (PG-13); **Puss in Boots** (PG); **The Sitter** (R); **Tower Heist** (PG-13); **Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1** (PG-13)

Regal Rancho Del Rey

1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)

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UltraStar Chula Vista

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Olivia's Wintertime Cheer (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Johnny English Reborn** (PG) Fri-Sun: 8:15, 10:45, Mon-Thu: 8:15 PM; **Paranormal Activity 3** (R) Fri-Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 10:00, Mon-Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **The Three Musketeers** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 11:30 AM, 4:45, 10:15, Mon-Thu: 4:45 PM; **Footloose** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, Mon-Thu: 4:45, 7:15; **The Thing** (R) Fri-Sun: 2:45, 7:45, 10:15, Mon-Thu: 7:45 PM; **Real Steel** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00, Mon-Thu: 5:00, 8:00; **50/50** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30, Sun: 1:45, 4:15, 7:00

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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UltraStar River Village
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



New Year's Eve (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, Mon-Thu: 4:30, 7:15; **The Sitter** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:45, 8:15, Mon-Thu: 5:45, 8:15; **Olivia's Wintertime Cheer** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Arthur Christmas** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, Mon-Thu: 4:30, 7:00; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, Mon-Thu: 5:00, 8:00; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, Mon-Thu: 4:45, 7:30; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, Mon-Thu: 5:15, 7:45

POWAY

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13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Thu: 12:01 AM; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 10:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45, Mon-Wed: 10:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, Thu: 10:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45, 10:45; **The Sitter** (R) Fri-Sun: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45, Mon-Wed: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; **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-Sun: 12:40, 5:20, 10:15, Mon-Wed: 12:40, 5:20, Thu: 12:40, 5:20, 10:15; **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) Fri-Thu: 10:20 AM, 3:00, 7:45; **Hugo** (PG) Fri-Thu: 4:45 PM; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 7:10, 10:05, Mon-Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 7:10, Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 7:10, 10:05; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri-Sun: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40, Mon-Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 10:25 AM, 1:10, 3:55, 7:05, 9:50, Mon-Wed: 10:25 AM, 1:10, 3:55, 7:05, Thu: 10:25 AM, 1:10, 3:55, 7:05, 9:50; **Immortals** (R) Fri-Thu: 9:00 PM; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri: 10:40 AM, 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10, Sat & Sun: 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10, Mon-Wed: 10:40 AM, 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri: 10:10 AM, 12:50, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:50, Sat & Sun: 12:50, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:50, Mon-Wed:

10:10 AM, 12:50, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:50, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:50; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri-Thu: 10:05 AM, 12:20, 2:35; **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) Fri-Thu: 4:15 PM

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
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TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas
27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)



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VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri-,Sun. (12:10, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25; **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 9:45p.m.; **The Descendants** (R) Fri-Sun (11:10, 2:05, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:25, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00; **Happy Feet Two in 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun 9:30p.m.; **Hugo** (PG) Fri-Sun (4:10) 7:05, 10:05; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri-Sun (12:25, 3:35) 6:25, 9:20; **Immortals** (R) Fri-Sun (12:20, 2:50, 5:20); **Immortals 3D** (R) Fri-Sun 7:50, 10:20; **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri-Sun (10:40, 12:55, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40, 10:00; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:15, 1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (10:50, 11:35, 1:40, 2:20, 4:25, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri-Sun (11:30, 1:50); **The Sitter** (R) Fri-Sun (10:55, 11:35, 1:05, 1:45, 3:15, 3:55, 5:25) 6:05, 7:35, 8:15, 9:50, 10:25; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (11:20, 12:00, 2:00, 2:40, 4:40, 5:20) 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri-Sun (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:10

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Moviemax Plaza Camino Real
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La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Moneyball (PG-13)

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Regal Oceanside
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri (12:45, 5:10) 9:55 Sun (12:45, 5:10) 9:55; **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) Fri (2:55) 7:30 Sun (2:55) 7:30; **Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri (3:00, 5:15) 7:40 Sun (3:00, 5:15) 7:40; **Happy Feet Two in 3D** (PG) Fri (12:40) 10:05 Sun (12:40) 10:05; **Hugo** (PG) Fri (3:50p.m.) Sun (3:50p.m.); **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri (1:00) 6:45, 10:00 Sun (1:00) 6:45, 10:00; **Immortals** (R) Fri (4:15) 9:40 Sun (4:15) 9:40; **Immortals 3D** (R) Fri (1:25) 7:00 Sun (1:25) 7:00; **In Time** (PG-13) Fri (1:40, 4:20) 7:35, 10:15 Sun (1:40, 4:20) 7:35, 10:15; **J. Edgar** (R) Fri (6:50, 9:50) Sun (6:50, 9:50); **Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri (12:50, 3:05, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20 Sun (12:50, 3:05, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri. (1:30, 4:35) 7:20, 9:55 Sun (1:30, 4:35) 7:20, 9:55; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri (1:15, 1:45, 3:55, 4:25) 6:55, 7:25, 9:35, 10:05 Sun (1:15, 1:45, 3:55, 4:25) 6:55, 7:25, 9:35, 10:05; **Paranormal Activity 3** (R) Fri (1:05, 3:10, 5:20) 7:50, 10:10 Sun (1:05, 3:10, 5:20) 7:50, 10:10; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri (12:55, 3:40) Sun (12:55, 3:40); **The Sitter** (R) Fri (12:50, 1:50, 2:55, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20 Sun (12:50, 1:50, 2:55, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20; **The Metropolitan Opera: Faust LIVE** (Not Rated) Sat 9:55a.m.; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn-Part 1** (PG-13) Fri (1:20, 4:10) 7:05, 9:45 Sun (1:20, 4:10) 7:05, 9:45; **Tower Heist** (PG-13) Fri (1:10, 4:00) 7:10, 9:45 Sun (1:10, 4:00) 7:10, 9:45; **A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (R) Fri (1:35, 5:25) 8:00, 10:15 Sun (1:35) 5:25, 8:00, 10:15

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MOVIES

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; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Shame — Reviewed this issue.

★★★ (HILLCREST; FROM 12/09)

The Sitter — A comedy directed by David Gordon Green (*George Washington*) about a suspended college student whose night as a babysitter offers surprises. *Uncle Buck*, revisited? With Jonah Hill, Max Records, Sam Rockwell, Ari Graynor.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/09)

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 safe-cracker (Gabourey Sidibe of *Precious*, so obese that she is almost eyeless). 2011. — D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN; 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

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DVD



Gremlins

ERIKA HUGHES

Kindergarten teacher, Chula Vista Elementary School District

DJ CLAIRESoul

Spins vinyl in the name of soul, yodjclaire.com

IAN FORBES

Film critic and founder, soberingconclusion.com

Still Bill

Some stocking-stuffer ideas. I love Bill Withers. After seeing *Still Bill*, I love him and his records even more because now I know he wrote “Ain’t No Sunshine” and other future number-one hits while working as an airplane mechanic installing toilets on 747s. He never desired to be a famous musician. He just did what made him happy. A fascinating and inspiring portrait.

Style Wars

Dynamic visuals and a dynamite soundtrack drive *Style Wars*, billed as “the original hip-hop documentary.” I’m thankful for Tony Silver (director/producer) and Henry Chalfant (producer/photographer), who had the foresight to capture New York’s youth culture movement — that gave birth to graffiti, break-dancing, and DJing and MCing — as it was happening, allowing those of us who couldn’t be there (like me) the chance to witness history from those who created it.

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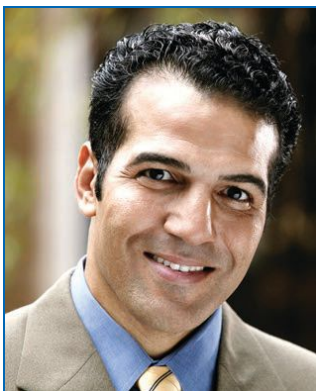
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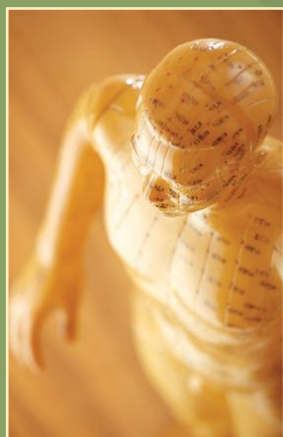
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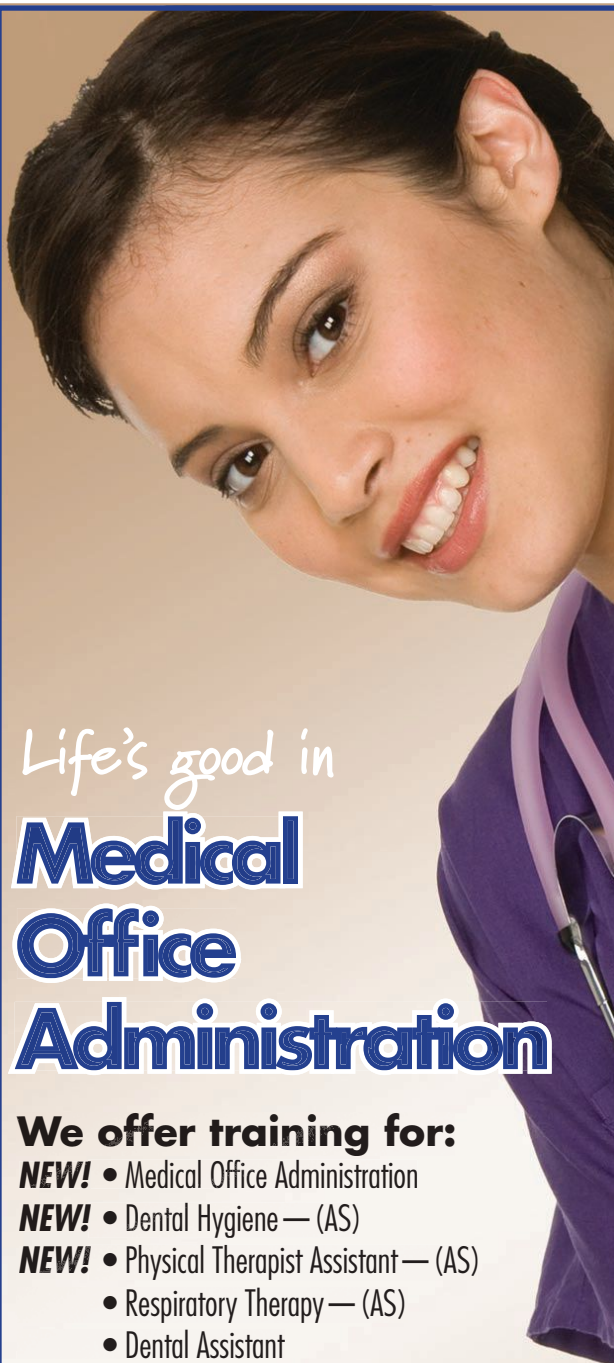
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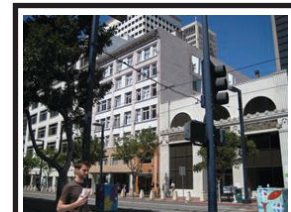
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2BD+1BA house in quiet North PB area. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry hookups, garage plus driveway parking. Water and gardener paid. Wood floors. Cat OK with extra deposit. 1852 Chalcedony Street. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1895.
2BD+2BA apartment with one parking space. Shared laundry. Central Pacific Beach. No pets. Available mid-December approximately. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2500.
3BD+3BA townhouse with 3-car garage. Fireplace, washer/ dryer, patio, deck. Clean, fresh paint. No pets. 1839 Grand Avenue. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2595.
3BD+2BA house in Crown Point area. Stove, refrigerator, laundry hookups, 2-car garage, no pets. Water, trash, gardener paid. Available 12/15/11. 3970 Honeycutt. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$3600.
4BD+3.5BA townhome in North PB; stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, washer/dryer in unit, garage with opener, fireplace, patio, private balconies, cat OK with extra deposit. One block to ocean. Available 1/4/12; 856 Felspar. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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6BD+4BA house, 3 blocks to ocean. Fits 7. Complete kitchen. Washer/ dryer. Garage and street parking. Call Dan, 310-930-1739, or email staff@ewhizinc.com.

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POINT LOMA, \$1130.
2BD+1BA downstairs apartment. Cozy, stove, refrigerator, new paint. On-site laundry. Small pet welcome with additional deposit. Great location! 3751-1/2 Udall St. 619-298-7724.

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Downtown

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Attractive rooms in Victorian-style building. Utilities included. Some parking available. Common kitchen, bathrooms, laundry. Near City College grocery stores and more. Villa Victoria, 719 14th Street. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.



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DOWNTOWN, \$650 & UP.
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DOWNTOWN

Balboa Park • Banker's Hill • Downtown
East Village • Golden Hill • Little Italy
Logan Heights • Sherman Heights
South Park • Stockton

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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@sdsreader.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 SDRreader.com.

Across

1. Obtains
5. "Hasta ____"
11. Ate
14. One way to run
15. How a ribbon might be tied

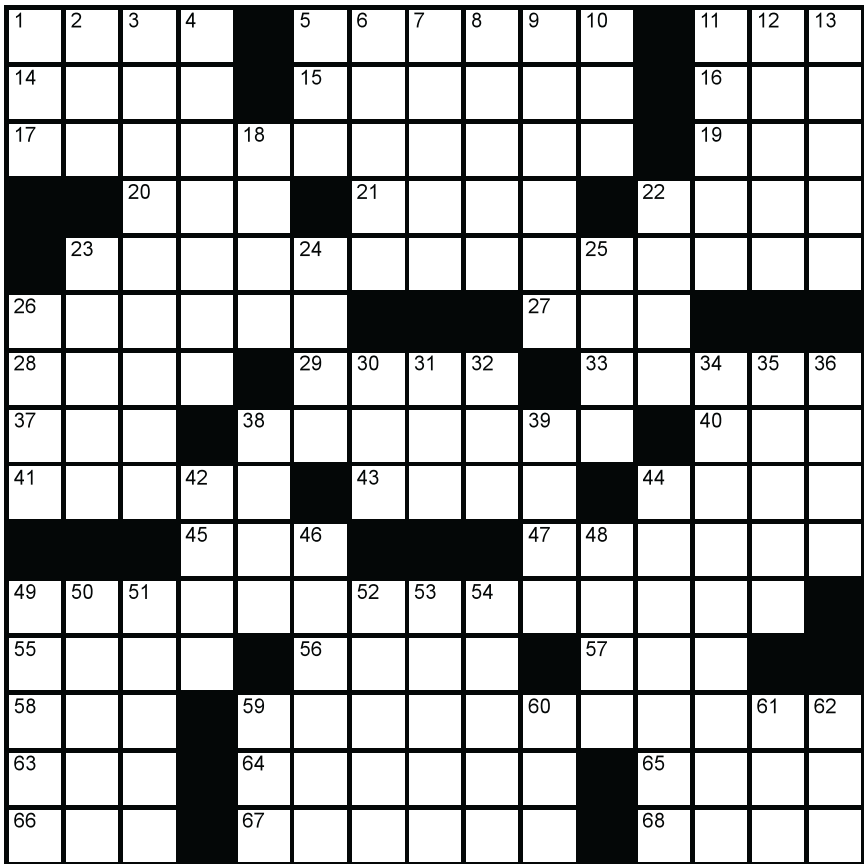
16. Pete's Wicked beverage
17. Only First Lady born outside of the U.S.
19. A criosphinx features the head of it
20. ____-Magnon
21. Sorvino of the silver screen
22. It's loaded
23. NASA's first ever artist-in-residence
26. User of 22-Across
27. Country home to the Ibsen Museum: Abbr.
28. Minus
29. Puzzle solved with a pencil or pen
33. Ed of "Up"
37. Eastern VIP
38. 1971 album by the Doors ... or one of four in this puzzle
40. She was able to deliver Abel
41. 1987 comedy "Throw ____ From the Train"
43. Its final episode aired 5/23/2010
44. Imp's expression
45. Apt. feature
47. Ancient
49. She sold over 75 million records singing with her sisters Patty and Maxene

55. Expiration notice?
56. French Hamlet's verb
57. ____ Jima
58. Ties
59. Designer of the scarf Audrey Hepburn wore in "Roman Holiday"
63. Mesh
64. Quirk
65. " ____ put our heads together ..."
66. Overseas Mrs.
67. Applied to, as a cleaner
68. They appear twice in every puzzle

Down

1. Miss
2. Funny Philips

3. Trix Rabbit contemporary
4. They're all downhill
5. Farrow of film
6. Make ____ for oneself
7. First name in gymnastics
8. "Were you raised in ____?"
9. They can't stay still
10. Reactions to newborns
11. Injures
12. Landmark managed by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas
13. Fiend
18. Irked
22. War diety
23. "Hasta ____"
24. Rombauer of cooking
25. Nicole's "Moulin Rouge" costar
26. ____ rock
30. Leather puncher
31. Wild scene
32. Ambulance letters
34. Orchid-growing detective of fiction
35. Wicked stuff
36. Tear apart
38. Den
39. Some
42. Gather
44. "Holy smokes!"
48. Pinot ____
49. Beef cuts
50. Baseball pioneer Doubleday
51. Scenic view
52. Piano piece
53. Brand that once urged consumers to "become an agent for the Wetness Protection Program"
54. "Sounds cool"
59. Rawls of R&B
60. Rand beloved by Tea Party members
61. "Hippo Birdie Two ____" (gift card phrase)
62. Ouija option



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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

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State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Personal Message: _____

Please check one:

Hat: _____

T-shirt: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Carolyn Clark, Lakeside, 11.**

If you really hate being a victim of road rage, why don't you just get out of the way?

☛ **Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont,**

11. It's getting colder: The pigeons are packing in tighter on the power lines.

☛ **Jane M. Reilly, University City,**

10. An apple a day makes you wish for a candy bar.

☛ **Gayle Studer, Mission Valley,**

9. The best things in life are no longer quite so free.

☛ **Larry Johnsgard, Escondido,**

6. To eat or not to eat—that is consumption!

GOLDEN HILL, \$875.

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EL CAJON, \$785.

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EL CAJON, \$925.

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EL CAJON, \$950 & UP.

2BD+1BA spacious apartments with backyard, \$1000. Available now! Pool, on-site laundry, tile, assigned parking, freeway close. Small pets welcome. Anabel Court Apartments, 303 East Madison Avenue. 619-579-5640.

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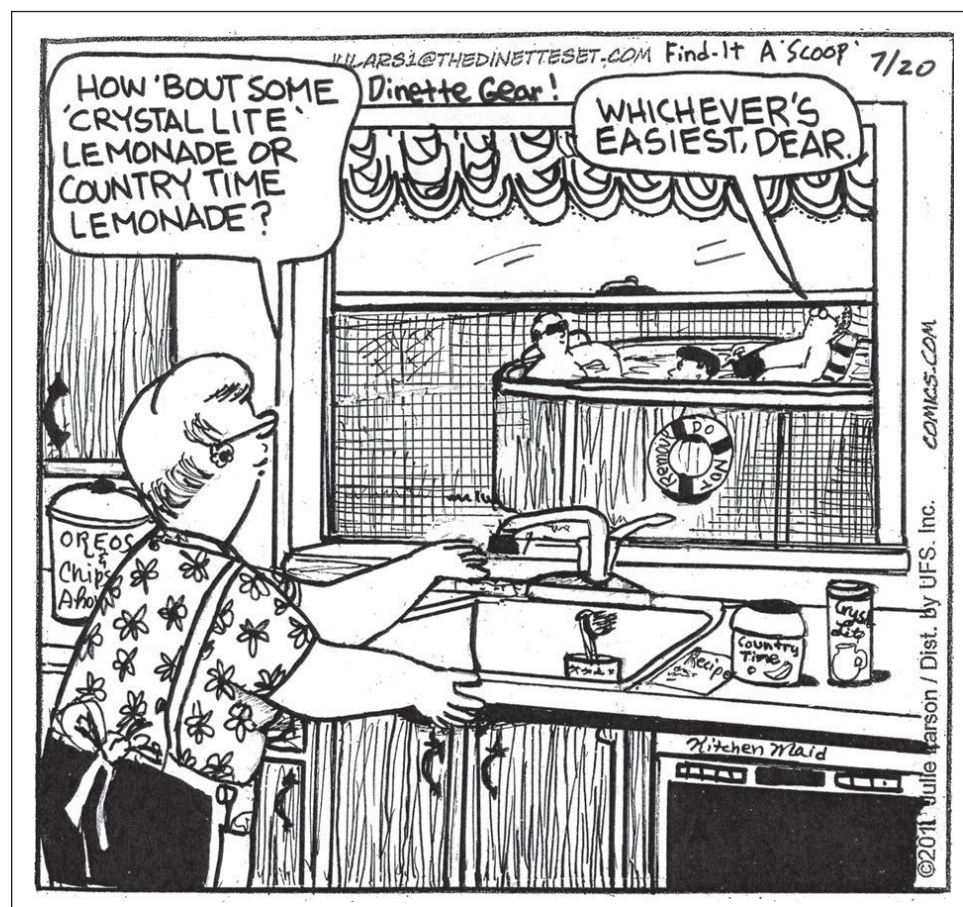
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THE READER SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

- 5) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 6) Late entries will not be considered.
- 7) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 8) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

NEW RULES

Starting with the issue of May 12, we will award writers of the best messages, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning messages in the paper. Puzzle winners with rankings will still be posted online at SDReader.com.

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 12.** *You know it's time to go when the host puts your suitcase at the front door.*

☛ **Ric Witt, Clairemont, 12.** *Is PETA opposed to it raining cats and dogs?*

☛ **Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 10.** *How much wood can a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck up-chucks?*

LINDA VISTA, \$695-1325.
Studio+1BA, 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. Utilities included (studios/ 1 bedrooms). \$400-\$800 deposit! No pets. Move-in special on 3BD+2BA at Ulric 45: 1st month just \$800! 2249 Ulric Street. 858-565-6400.

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1BD+1BA, large, 660 sqft. 2BD+1BA, 750 sqft. Huge walk-in closets. Dishwashers. On-site parking. Balcony. No dogs. Other pets considered. 5720 Gaines Street. 619-299-3477.

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.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1650.
2BD+2BA Fashion Valley condo, "The Courtyards." Upstairs corner unit. Central heat/ air, fireplace, 2 balconies, washer/ dryer, pool, spa, tennis. 619-279-0031. akamazes@yahoo.com.

MISSION VALLEY, \$975.
1BD+1BA condo. Great location! Mission Valley East. Tile floors, wooden floors in bedroom. Garage, pool and Jacuzzi. No pets. Available now. Call 619-977-8861.

SAN CARLOS, \$1425-1695.
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SERRA MESA, \$1000 & UP.
2BD+1BA from \$1000. Patio Village Apartments. Bright and airy units with

ceiling fans, carport with storage close to unit and remodeled laundry room on site. Centrally located within minutes to the 15, 163 and 805 freeways. Close to park and shopping. Penny, 888-205-1388.

UTC, \$1650.
2BD+2BA large condo. 1st month free with lease! Downstairs, washer/ dryer, patio, pool, rec room, 2- car garage. Dishwashers. On-site parking. Balcony. Small pet OK with deposit. 4444 Eastgate Mall. 619-298-7724.

UTC, \$1995.
2BD+2.5BA large townhouse. UCSD. 2- car garage. Laundry, large patio, over 1600 sqft. Fireplace. Open floor plan. Available mid-December. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

UTC, \$1995.
2BD+2BA plus bonus room. Granite counters, washer and dryer, ground floor with patio. Complex has swimming pool, hot tub, exercise room and much more. 9293 Regents Road. www.cal-prop.com. 858-768-4311.

North County Coastal

CARDIFF, \$2550.
3BD+2-1/2BA beautiful townhouse. New flooring, security system, community pool, Jacuzzi, barbecue. 760-994-9492.

CARLSBAD, \$1295.
2BD+1BA, large. Fenced yard, storage closet, laundry hookups. Close to beach, shopping, Coaster. Deposit. No pets. 760-729-6840.

CARLSBAD, \$945.
Studio+1BA. Large studio with balcony. Side-by-side closets in bedroom. Laundry facilities on grounds. Close to beach, shopping, parks, Coaster. \$800 deposit. 760-729-6840.

DEL MAR, \$2075-2395.
2BD+2BA apartments with ocean view, \$2075+. 3BD+2BA, \$2195+. Some with washer/ dryer. Pool, spa. 201 Fourth Street. Los Arboles, 858-481-9585; mikeatla@aol.com. www.summerpacific.com.

ENCINITAS, \$895 & UP.
Sick of roommates? Cozy beach trailers in quiet park. Near beach, Coaster, restaurants, shops. 152 North Coast Highway 101. No pets. 760-753-4101.

LEUCADIA, \$2500.
3BD+2BA furnished townhouse in Sea Bluff, gated community. Beach access, community pools and spa. 1717 Aldersgate Road. \$2500 plus utilities. Leasing Unlimited, Lic#00976056, 760-436-7273.

OCEANSIDE, \$1125 & UP.
1BD+1BA apartment, \$1125- \$1155. 2BD+2BA, \$1595. Granite countertops, wood floors. Balcony/ private yard selected units. Pool, laundry, parking. Cat OK. www.casavistaapartments.com. Move-in special! 760-439-5728.

North County Inland

ESCONDIDO, \$1285-1535.
2BD+2BA and 3BD+2BA mobile homes. Washer/ dryer, backyard, deck, storage, parking, pool. 2 weeks free rent! No pets. 1924 Sheridan Avenue. Emilia, Vista Verde Estates, 760-745-1677.

VISTA, \$730.
Studios. Coin laundry and parking. Close to Palomar College. No pets. 1924 W. Drive. Call Randy at 760-805-7317.

Old Town & Uptown

CITY HEIGHTS, \$1131.
2BD+2BA. Two units just became available! New, spacious apartments. A/C, granite countertops, laminate and carpeted floors, spacious closets, underground parking. Section 8 welcome. Sorry, no pets. 4395 El Cajon Blvd. Call Ana to view: 858-715-1770.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$1250.
3BD+2BA townhouse. Approx. 1,100 sqft. New paint, balcony off dining area, wall A/C. Assigned parking, coin operated laundry, available now. 3820 40th St. #D. www.stevenleproperties.com. 619-295-5525.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$695.
Furnished studio alcove apartment. Complete living room, bedroom and kitchen furniture. No SDG&E deposit or hookup fee required. Near 52nd and University, 5101 Towle Court. Close to SDSU. Laundry room. Off- street parking. Low deposit. Call 619-281-9451.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$700.
1BD+1BA fourplex. Azalea Park area. Fenced yard, security gated. Off- street parking. No pets. Some utilities paid. 4251 Poplar Street. Available now. 858-279-3023.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$775-900.
1BD+1BA apartment \$775 and up. 2BD+1BA, \$900. Credit check \$25 fee. Move- in incentives. Gated community. Secured assigned parking. On-site laundry. Pool. New carpet/ appliances. Clean and excellent. Convenient location, close to shops/ dining, buses/ transits. Nearby Fay Elementary School. No pets. Contact Art: 619-283-9993.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$795.
1BD+1BA. Large, newly remodeled. Reserved parking. Gated. Ceiling fans. Laundry. Close to freeway, shopping, restaurants. No pets. 4027 34th Street. 619-279-0031.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$895.
2BD+1BA apartment. Water/ sewer/ trash included. Community laundry room. 4363 and 4363-1/2 49th Street. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. peoplehelpingothers.com.

HILLCREST, \$1100.
2BD+1.5BA apartment. 3843 Park Blvd. #3, second floor. One extra room could be bedroom or studio. Newly renovated, carpet, gas stove, A/C heating, laundry room shared with tenants, street parking. We offer parking lot first come first served. No pets. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686, or call Pablo, 619-249-2770.

HILLCREST, \$1125.
1BD+1BA, downstairs, near Balboa Park, built-in bookshelves, laundry, cats OK. 1224 Pennsylvania Ave. 619-296-6699. www.centrecity.net.

HILLCREST, \$1150.
2BD+1BA apartment, 3807 Park Blvd. behind Numbers. Lovely cottage, fenced, front and back decks, laundry room shared with tenants, street parking. We offer parking lot first come first served. No pets. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686, or call Pablo, 619-249-2770.

HILLCREST, \$1395.
2BD+1BA, remodeled downstairs condo with patio! New carpet and tile flooring. Newly remodeled bathroom. Attached garage and additional parking space. AC & central heat. Coin laundry. **No pets.** Agent, 619-980-6823.

HILLCREST, \$1495.
2BD+2BA apartment by Balboa Park. Spacious unit, security building, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Garages, when available: \$50. No pets. 3511 6th Ave. 619-220-2360.

HILLCREST, \$795 & UP.
Studio+1BA. Lovely garden courtyard with fountain. Walk to Uptown Village. Hardwood floors, blinds, on-site laundry. Garage available for an additional \$150. Call 619-299-8746.

HILLCREST, \$850.
Studio+1BA, first floor, pool, recreation room, laundry, parking. Cats OK. 4201 6th Avenue. 619-298-1059. www.centrecity.net.

HILLCREST, \$900.
1BD+1BA Under- building gated parking. Intercom lobby entrance. Free basic and extended cable. Dishwasher, laundry room. Near UCSD Medical Center. Shuttle available to La Jolla campus. No pets. 4131 Front Street. 619-574-6731.

LEAD STORY

— An update of the official index for classifying medical conditions (for research, quality control, and insurance claims) was released recently, to take effect in October 2013, and replaced the current 18,000 codes with 140,000 much more specific ones. A September *Wall Street Journal* report noted, for example, 72 different codes for injuries involving birds, depending on the type. “Bitten by turtle” is different from “struck by turtle.” Different codes cover injuries in “opera houses,” on squash courts, and exactly where in or around a mobile home an injury occurred. “Walked into lamppost, initial encounter” is distinct from “walked into lamppost, subsequent encounter.” Codes cover conditions stemming from encounters with extraterrestrials and conditions resulting from “burn due to water skis on fire.” “Bizarre personal appearance” has a code as well as “very low level of personal hygiene.”

The Litigious Society

— In 2009, Diane Schuler, with a 0.19 blood-alcohol reading (and marijuana in her system), drove the wrong way for two miles on a New York freeway, finally crashing into another car, killing three people and herself. In July 2011, her widower, Dave Schuler, filed a lawsuit against

the state, alleging that the collision was the state’s fault for not posting signs warning motorists like Diane Schuler that they were going the wrong way. (Dave Schuler’s own private investigator told *The Daily Cortlandt* newspaper that he tried to discourage Schuler from filing the lawsuit, to no avail.) — “[My] client was devastated by what happened,” said the lawyer for Jean Pierre in announcing Pierre’s \$80 million lawsuit in August against the city of Newburgh, N.Y. Pierre’s estranged girlfriend had committed suicide by driving into a city lake, taking the couple’s three small children to their deaths, also. In the time before he became devastated, Pierre had been arrested for failure to pay child support and for endangering one of his children (found wandering the street in freezing weather on a Super Bowl Sunday), and friends of his girlfriend told the *New York Post* that Pierre constantly abused her, including immediately before her final drive.

Compelling Explanations

— Cicero, Ill., town president Larry Dominick, the defendant in sexual harassment lawsuits filed by two female employees, gave depositions in the cases (in March 2009 and February 2011) but provided challenging answers on one issue.

Asked in 2009 whether he had “ever touched” the plaintiff, Dominick, under oath, said, “No.” However, in 2011, Dominick (again under oath) gave a narrative of his relationship with the same plaintiff beginning in 2005, admitting that he had had sex with her numerous times at her home. (Dominick claimed to have misinterpreted the earlier question.) — Pennsylvania state Rep. Michael Sturla, an opponent of increased natural-gas drilling in his district, warned in August that one effect of the drilling would be an increase of sexually transmitted diseases “amongst the womenfolk.” (He said later that he had heard that from a hospital administrator.) — Nicholas Davis was arrested in a public park in Seattle in August while, according to a police officer, “masturbating violently.” The officer said Davis explained, “There just isn’t enough free love in Seattle.”

Creme de la Weird

— A female Wisconsin prison chaplain was charged in September with several crimes in an alleged attempt to stage a fake hostage situation with an inmate for the purpose of gaining transfers of both to another prison in the state. Prosecutors said the chaplain, a Wiccan priest

named Jamiy Witch, 52, instructed the inmate at Oshkosh Correctional Institution to come to her office, barricade the door, throw things around the room, and role-play with Witch as if she were his mother. While the office was under siege, the pair allegedly had consensual sex, and Witch supplied the man with drugs and sang him lullabies, supposedly to calm him down, ending the drama (until charges were filed).

Least Competent Criminals

— Anthony Watson, sentenced to prison in 1992 for crimes that included rape and robbery, became a notorious jailhouse lawyer (even drafting a book, *A Guide to the Plea Circus*) and through successful challenges had reduced his 160-year sentence to 26 — and a release date of 2018. However, he filed one appeal too many. A court ruled in his favor on that final appeal and ordered a new trial altogether (vacating the convictions and sentence but also the reductions Watson had worked so hard for). At the retrial in March 2011, he was found guilty again and this time sentenced to four consecutive life terms.

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HILLCREST, \$925.
1BD+1BA. 1st month free with year lease! Large, with hardwood floors. Gated, on-site laundry. Great location! No pets. 3976 Park Blvd. Agent, 619-768-7724.

HILLCREST, \$935.
1BD+1BA. 600 sqft. Downstairs unit in quiet Spanish-style complex. Steps to shopping on University Ave. 3835 Third Avenue #5. www.cal-prop.com. 858-768-4322.

HILLCREST, \$950.
1BD+1BA upstairs unit! Laundry and parking. Available December 14. 3820 8th Ave. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

HILLCREST.
\$200 & up hotel weekly rates. Refrigerators, cable TV/ HBO, free Wi-Fi. Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard, San Diego 92103. 619-296-3141.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$1125.
2BD+2BA upstairs remodeled apartment. New carpet. 1000 sqft. 4380 Van Dyke Avenue. Xlarent.com. 619-683-7638.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$1750.
3BD+2BA, Kensington look-alike house with park-like yard. Fireplace, double patio, two-car garage. Washer/ dryer. Gardener included. Call Peggy, 619-448-5592 or 619-855-0377.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$1795.
3BD+2BA 2 story, stainless steel appliances, washer/ dryer hookups, new carpet/ paint/ counters, 2 parkings, private yard. Pets OK. 4638 Kensington Drive #5. 619-804-3325.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$2325.
3BD+2BA home. Heart of Kensington, available immediately. Gardener included. 2-car garage. Cats OK. No smoking. Includes washer/ dryer. Call Julee, 619-750-6994.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$775.
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White

Black

1.

2.

We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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2) GRATED CHEESE

3) SHREDDED WHEAT

4) GROUND BEEF

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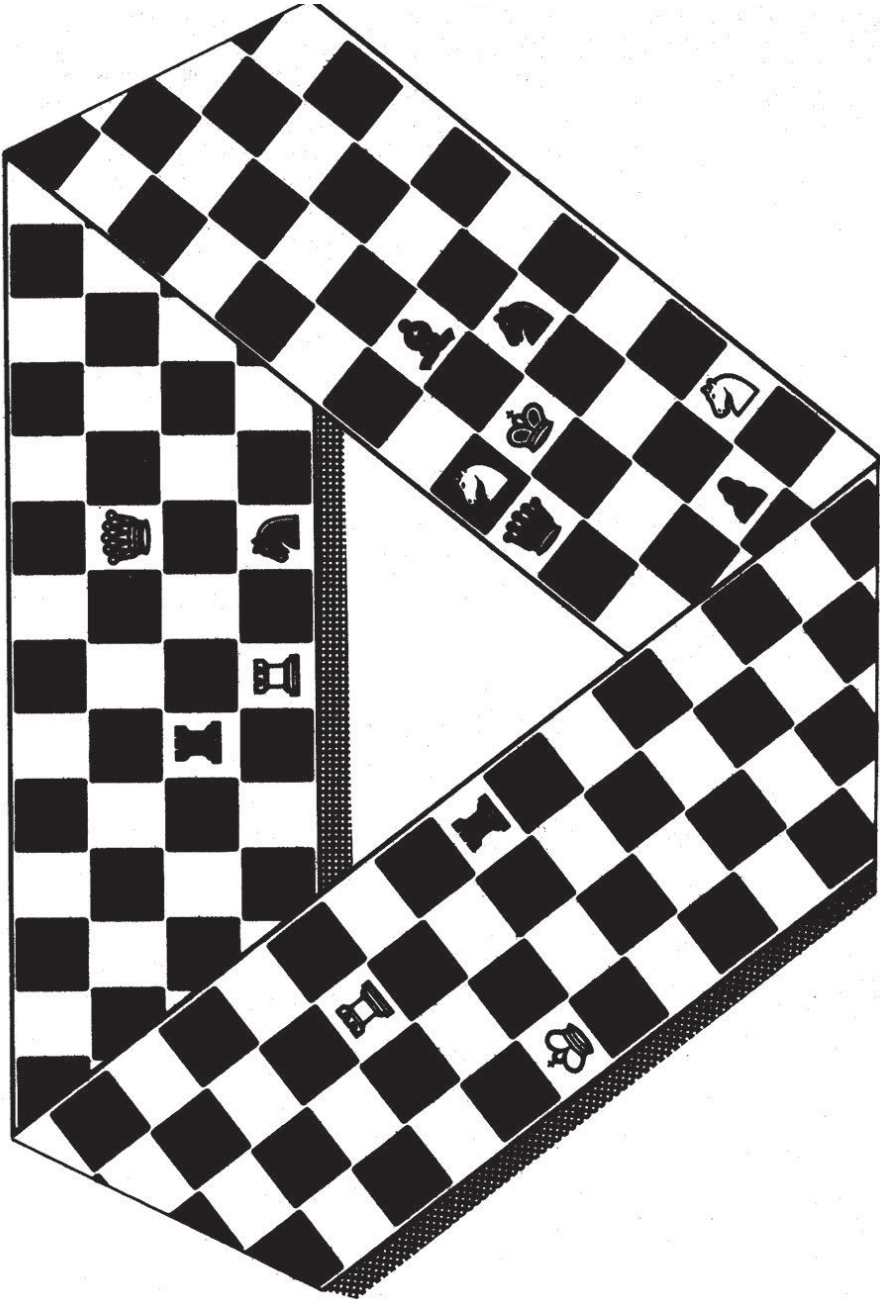
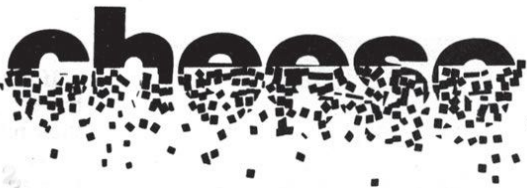
6) WHIPPED CREAM

7) MASHED POTATOES

8) CONDENSED MILK
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- 9) DICED CARROTS

10) STUFFED PEPPERS

11) SLICED BREAD



BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles along with your name and a brief message (**20** words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must

- include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: Puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
- 5) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

- 6) Late entries will not be considered.
- 7) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 8) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

NEW RULES

Starting with the issue of May 12, we will award writers of the best messages, among those who correctly solve the puzzle, one of the famous *Reader* baseball caps or T-shirts. And we will print the winning messages in the paper. Puzzle winners with rankings will still be posted online at SDReader.com.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 10.** *Coaching 101: If you take advice from the fans, you will soon be sitting with them.*

☛ **L. Barling, El Cajon, 7.** *The poker dealer was confused when the chilly player asked for a cardigan.*

☛ **Martha Klages, Encanto, 2.** *Piece the memories of your life together like a quilt to keep you warm.*

☛ **Tim Sheahan, San Marcos, 1.** *When I retire, I hope So-So Security will still be available.*

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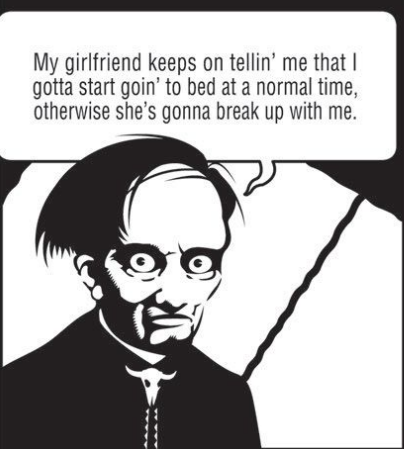
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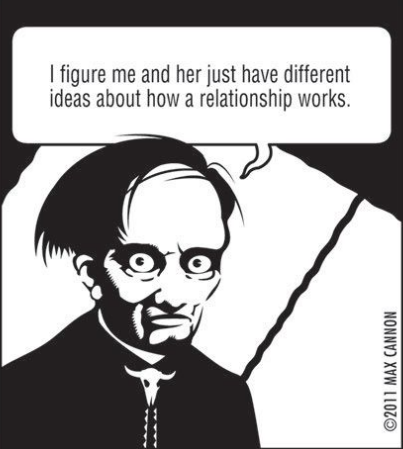
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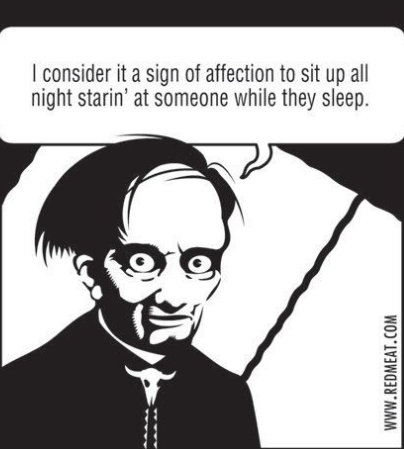
My girlfriend keeps on tellin' me that I gotta start goin' to bed at a normal time, otherwise she's gonna break up with me.



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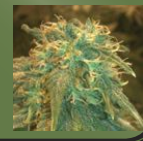
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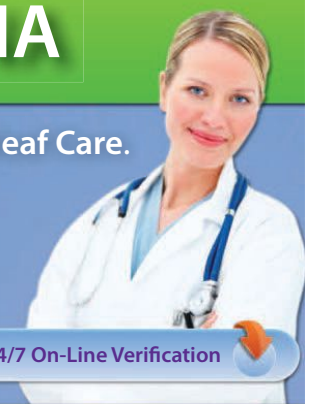
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