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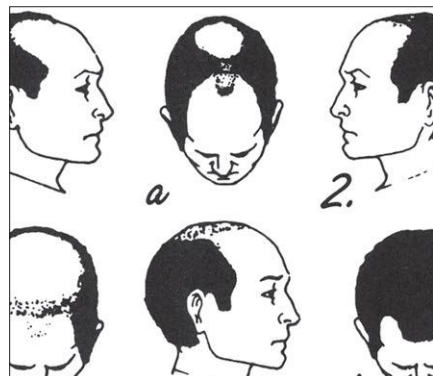


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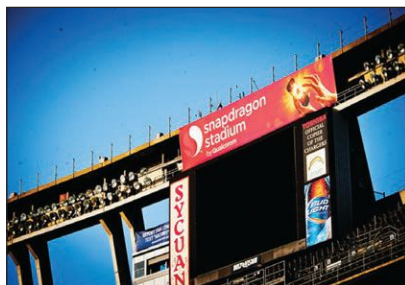
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UNDER THE RADAR

Dialing for dollars Last week's revelation that San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** proceeded with Qualcomm's Snapdragon Stadium promotion even though the office of city attorney **Jan Goldsmith** said the gambit was illegal has drawn little public comment from the city council. Goldsmith's opinion held that an action as significant as the temporary renaming of Qualcomm Stadium, accompanied by enormous new signs on both the interior and exterior of the venue, needed city council approval. As it



Mayor Sanders approved the Snapdragon Stadium renaming against advice from the city attorney.

happened, Sanders ignored Goldsmith's December 7 advice and joined Qualcomm chief **Paul Jacobs** and others at a dedication of the new signage a bit more than a week later. A few days after that, Qualcomm and the City signed a one-page understanding by which the cell phone giant agreed to pay \$1000 for the advertising rights. (Other documents regarding the transaction, including evidence of payment, have yet to be released by the mayor's office.)

More than a few city hall insiders note that Sanders has taken full advantage of the strong mayor system of government approved by voters a year and a half ago.

Though afraid to go on the record, more than one city staffer claims that Sanders and his people pay little attention to the city council's prerogatives under the law, as exemplified by the Snapdragon tangle. The measure that ultimately tilted the City's balance of power in favor of the mayor, June 2010's Proposition D, was backed by a host of major business interests, including Qualcomm founder **Irwin Jacobs** and his wife **Joan**. They gave a total of \$10,000 to the campaign committee, which ironi-

cally called itself San Diegans for Accountability at City Hall. The couple had given maximum contributions to Sanders's 2008 reelection bid.

But the key to the city council's quiescence about the Snapdragon deal, some observers say, is the fact that Jacobs, his family members, and Qualcomm colleagues have backed many other city politicians. Even those whom Jacobs and the company haven't supported in the past are looking for future money from the La Jolla billionaire and his friends, the sources say. Jacobs has been an Obama backer. The couple's local political causes have included the election of Democrat

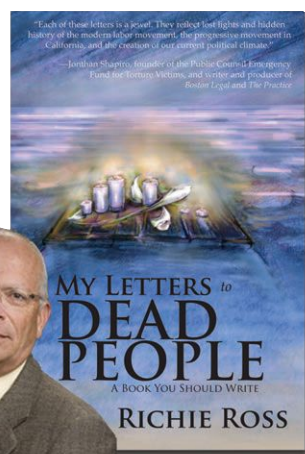
Marti Emerald to the city council and a failed 2008 city attorney bid by GOP councilman **Brian Maienschein**. The couple also gave the maximum to Emerald's failed Republican opponent, **April Boling**. Mrs. Jacobs has backed Democrat **Todd Gloria** and joined her husband in supporting Democrat **Scott Peters** for city attorney in

2008. They gave the maximum to Democratic city councilwoman **Sherri Lightner** in 2008 and are expected to do the same this year. The couple's pick for mayor this year is GOP district attorney **Bonnie Dumanis**. Others with close ties to Qualcomm have also been major financial players in San

Diego races. Including Jacobs, company employees gave a total of \$4331 to Sanders in 2008.

Day of the political dead South Bay Democratic assemblyman **Marty Block**, ramping up for a run for state senate this year, has shut down his old assembly campaign committee but not before making a final payment of \$5000 to legendary Sacramento campaign consultant **Richie Ross**. (In his memoir, *My Letters to Dead People*, published last year, Ross tells all

about a raft of former clients, including former San Diego state senator **Lucy Killea** and her late husband **Jack**: "You and Lucy were two of the first three people hired to work for the CIA. You both were assigned to the American Embassy in Mexico City when **Che [Guevara]** was killed," Ross writes. "When Lucy was running the



Campaign consultant Richie Ross collected \$5000 from Marty Block, who is not dead.

first time, you tried to give us a lot of information you had about her opponents. You gave us credit card receipts, phone bills, cancelled checks." The consultant says he told Killea, "Jesus Christ, Jack, we can't use this stuff. We aren't supposed to have it. It's illegal. We could never explain how we got it.... Your network of retired military spooks in San Diego must have been something. I probably met some of them at your funeral. But they weren't going to introduce themselves to me as old spies.")

According to a January 4 campaign filing, Block raised \$6900 in 2011 from donors

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Muddling Through — but Watch Europe

By Don Bauder

The United States and San Diego economies should muddle through in 2012 — growing very slowly — unless an economic civil war of sorts erupts in Europe. It's already rumbling and could cause a global recession that would be a rerun of 2008. New Jersey economist A. Gary Shilling calls this looming war the Teutonic North versus the Club Med South.

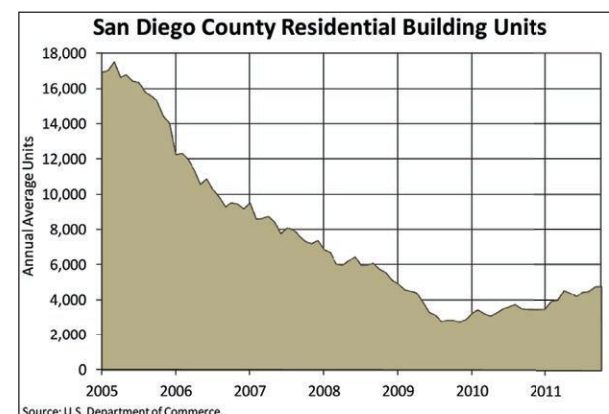
While the Northern European countries have generally built economies based on hard work and prudence, the Southern European countries, by and large, have built welfare states on piles of debt, while citizens evade taxes. In 1999, the countries banded together in the eurozone with one currency and one central bank but no common fiscal policy. This meant that money could be shoveled out to both the disciplined and undisciplined, and the former, it should have been obvious at the time, would one day have to bail out the latter. Now it's happening: the northern countries have to rescue their profligate member nations to the south, and northern voters don't like it.

If struggling Greece withdrew from the European Union and defaulted, Portugal, Spain, and Italy would probably follow. Banks would crumble; some of them might be American banks. Troubled Club Med countries account for much of eurozone economic activity: Germany is largest with 27.3 percent of the zone's output, but when combined, ailing Italy (16.7 percent) and Spain (11.4) add up to more than Ger-

economy. "Europe is definitely going into recession." The questions are how deep it will be, how long it will last, and how much damage it will do to the world financial system.

Starr's University of California San Diego colleague James Hamilton also warns that Europe could upset apple carts all around the world. "The biggest problem is financial," says Hamilton. American banks have loaned money

Economist Ross Starr



Indicator	Oct 2011	Month Change (Sea. Adj.)	Annual Change
Unemployment Rate¹ San Diego County	9.7%	-0.10% ▲	-0.7% ▲
Residential Building² Units authorized for construction San Diego County	173	-61.9% ▼	19.3% ▲
New Business Licenses³ Issued by City of San Diego	1,130	18.8% ▲	1.7% ▲
San Diego Stock Index⁴ San Diego based companies	114.2	-0.7% ▼	0.2% ▲

¹California Employment Development Department.

²U.S. Bureau of the Census.

³Business Tax Program, City of San Diego.

⁴Second Thursday of month, Bloomberg News, San Diego Daily Transcript.

Modest increases in new home construction, local stock, new business licenses, and lower unemployment are positive signs for San Diego.

of the University of California San Diego explains that Germany once had rigid labor laws; it was extremely difficult to lay off a worker. Ten years ago Germany went through a restructuring and now has fluid labor markets. Generally, the Club Med countries in the south have not done that. "The conventional view is that Greece and Italy have thoroughly irresponsible policies, including not introducing German reforms," says Starr. This imbalance threatens the

to European nations, hold derivatives that could set off a chain reaction, and are intertwined with European banks. "I am deeply concerned. This won't be confined to Europe if things blow up there."

In Europe, leaders are kicking the can down the road — avoiding real solutions (if there are any) until current officeholders step down. There is an election in the United States — historically, no time for risky initiatives. So the world

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Funds for Educa — No, Funds for Us

By Susan Luzzaro

Last week, Sweetwater's interim superintendent Ed Brand suspended the Funds for Education Committee, saying, "I can stop the grief right here." This is the second time Brand's private-sector fund-raising efforts have ended in controversy.

Brand was Sweetwater's superintendent from 1995 to 2005, when he retired. Last June, he was rehired

to clean up the district after superintendent Jesus Gandara, indicted by the district attorney last week, was forced out.

Back in the 1990s, Brand set up a committee called the Corporate Development Team to negotiate

contracts with prospective school-district vendors. Headed by former Sweetwater coach-turned-consultant Gary Zarecky, the team made deals that included up-front payments. The advance money went into the newly created Master Associated Student Body Fund, controlled by the district.

An example of a deal the team negotiated was a district-wide contract for senior class rings and caps and gowns. Previously, contracts and funds for this were handled by students at each school. According to a June 6, 2002 *Union-Tribune* editorial titled "Students Gouged," the contract put \$50,000 into Brand's master fund, but students ended up paying as much as \$50 more for their rings.

The editorial asks: "Are government contracts that require vendors to make an upfront donation to the government agency actually proper and legal? And what about Brand's taking a larger and larger chunk each year of upfront monies for his own spending pri-



Sweetwater superintendent Ed Brand triggered controversy for a plan to extract up-front fees from district vendors.

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Coach-turned-consultant Gary Zarecky helped broker the vendor deals.

orities, and trustees even getting a slice for their own discretionary spending?"

A more controversial contract was the one with Pepsi. A November 30, 2001 "Profit and Loss Statement" for the "Master Associated Student Body Accounts" shows an "Initial Pepsi Deposit" of \$1.4 million and "Pepsi Deposits" of \$611,000. Among disbursements are "Bonus Payments" of \$87,000, "Commissions" of \$1.2 million, a "Board Allocation" of \$5000, and "Superintendent Allocation" of almost \$92,000.

The 2002-2003 San Diego County Grand Jury's final report cites issues at Sweetwater worthy of deeper investigation, including "the handling of money (about \$40,000/yr) returned to the District by sales from the Pepsi-Cola machines" and "money issues related to other vendor contracts such as senior class rings."

Given the concerns voiced by the grand jury, citizens, and editors, it is surprising that Brand would reestablish his committee to raise funds from vendors. But Sweetwater's

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NEWS TICKER

Self-Promotion Stadium

"Snapdragon" Was Illegal, City Attorney Says
Mission Valley — It was an unprecedented marketing coup, according to advertising experts.

Ten days of free advertising for Qualcomm's new Snapdragon wireless chip, broadcast to the world by TV coverage of major pro and college football games played here last month.

Qualcomm Stadium was transformed into "Snapdragon Stadium," thanks to the administration of mayor Jerry Sanders, a major beneficiary of campaign contributions from Qualcomm employees.

"I think it's clever," said George Belch, chairman of the marketing department at San Diego State University, in a December 9 *Union-Tribune* article. "They've sat on that stadium sponsorship all these years and really haven't leveraged it that much."

But just two days before that story appeared, the office of San Diego city attorney Jan Goldsmith voiced a distinctly different opinion: Qualcomm's name-change gambit was not legal and by implication could cost city taxpayers a substantial amount of money in the form of lost advertising revenue.

"Under the Agreement, the City granted Qualcomm the exclusive right to name the Stadium."

"Qualcomm's proposal seeks to use the identifying signage to promote its new product without paying any additional consideration to which the City would otherwise be entitled.... Qualcomm does not have that right under the Agreement."

By Matt Potter
Thursday, January 5

Pacific Theater

SD Could Benefit from Military Focus Change
San Diego — President Obama

outlined a new strategy for the U.S. military today (Jan. 5), and although changes could be made, San Diego, which relies heavily on the military, could benefit. "Details of preliminary information sound like [the effect on] San Diego could be neutral at minimum, and we may even benefit from the realignment," says Marney Cox, chief economist of the San Diego Association of Governments.

Obama stressed that there will be a stronger focus on Asia and the Pacific region. That could help San Diego, says Cox. Ground war would be deemphasized, and the Army and Marines would be cut, but Marines could benefit from the Asia-Pacific focus, according to the *New York Times*.

The military won't cut any of its 11 aircraft carriers, according to the Pentagon. Several are home-ported in San Diego. The military will put greater focus on counterterrorism, intelligence-gathering cyberwarfare, and countering the proliferation of nuclear weapons. "From the communications side, that is one of the things we do well," says Cox. "There are counterterrorism components of drones, satellite communications, surveillance — San Diego should benefit from that kind of expenditures activity."

By Don Bauder
Thursday, January 5

Two Heads Are Better

Vatican Appoints New Bishop to San Diego
San Diego — Former-trial-lawyer-turned-Catholic-priest Cirilo Flores has been named "Coadjutor" of the Diocese of San Diego. Flores will co-head the diocese with 74-year-old bishop Robert Brom until the latter retires at age 75.

The decision to bring Flores to San Diego from his position as auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Orange was

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Better Bookie Service

Being a longtime sports bettor and onetime bookie, I took interest in "My Bookie Says, 'Meet Me at Arby's'" (Cover Story, January 5). Overall, it's a good account of the small-time bettor. The only problem I have is, the story leads one to believe that this guy is driving from North Park to Oceanside to collect or pay on small amounts (\$30, \$25, \$15) of money. What's that about? He should find another bookie that will carry small amounts over to the next week.

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Elizabeth Salaam responds: Tony does not drive to Oceanside every week.

TJ's The Bettor Place

Re "My Bookie Says, 'Meet Me at Arby's'" (Cover Story, January 5).

Why would anyone use a bookie in San Diego for sports bets? Spend a few dollars, get a passport card, go to Tijuana.

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Cover

Published January 4

If Tony really wants to get to Italy with his wife, he'd be better off spending an equivalent amount of time and effort on a part-time job and just saving up the money.

Plus, if he were to spend the next few years learning to speak Italian, I'm sure he'd be able to have a much better experience and avoid the extra costs associated with not knowing the language. Then instead of the trip costing \$10k, it might cost only \$5k, and the experience will be far more enjoyable and memorable.

By Fred_Williams 7:12 a.m., Jan 9, 2012

Movie Review

Published January 4

Where did "Le Quattro Volte" play in San Diego? Never heard of it. Similarly, "Le Havre:" a friend saw it and told me, I blinked before going and overnight it had disappeared.

Also, you are over-selling "Buck" who was a pretty unpleasant guy, truth be told, with an affinity for horses but not for any human being. Ditto your thinking about the very boring wish-it-were-a-real-Western, "Blackthorn." "The Artist" also is an homage, but it turned out to be good for two naps after the Christmas exhaustion, and I'm not even counting my companions' snoozes. Finally, "The Help" was such an insult to everyone who lived during the '60s that it shouldn't have been on any list.

"Midnight in Paris," "Of Gods and Men" especially and "A Better Life" deserved their honors. They should have been joined by "Bill Cunningham," "The Lincoln Lawyer," "The Mill and the Cross," "Oranges and Sunshine," "Project Nim" and "Our Idiot Brother."

But thank you for not bringing up that scam of scams, Terrence Malick's ridiculous "Tree of Life," punctuated by the tattoo of patrons' footsteps as they walked out of the theater, one after another, for the first hour of too many.

By monaghan 4:40 p.m., Jan 4, 2012

Monaghan,

Thanks for responding. Any such year-end list reflects personal taste (to what Bureau of Standards could one go for other

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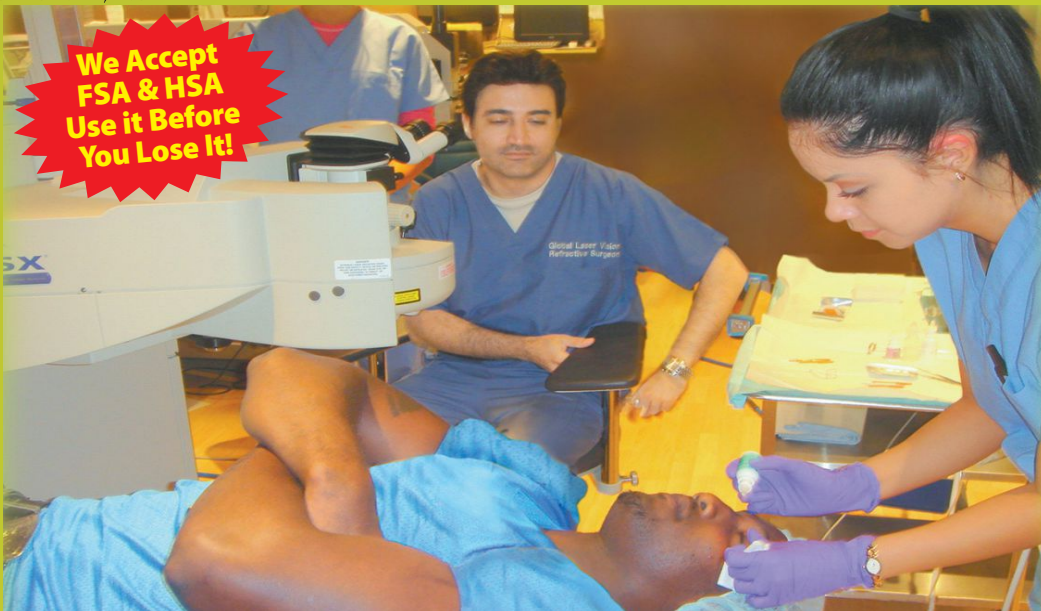
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by Barbarella

Original Lady

We huddled by the frosted glass door just inside of the entrance to the home of a man we'd met only 15 minutes before. It had been Shawn's idea to stash us two doors down. Our temporary host had been in the middle of cooking a spaghetti dinner when Shawn knocked on his door and asked if he would hide us. While waiting, we made small talk with Shawn's new neighbor ("So, you just moved in? You like it here?"). Once we received Shawn's text ("3 minutes"), we left our host upstairs so we could go down and watch the door. We were listening for Shawn's cough — the signal that would tell us to open the door and surprise the birthday girl as she was walking by. Instead, we heard a man's voice say, "What are you doing?" Katie, Jane, and I shared a confused look but maintained our silence. We jumped at the sound of knocking — knocking wasn't part of the plan.

I pulled the door open wide and our three heads bobbed forward in unison, faces beaming in anticipation of the big reveal. But instead of Kimberly and Shawn, we found a stunned guy clutching a baguette in one hand and a bottle of wine in the other. "*Shhhh!*" I ordered, grabbing the stranger and pulling him inside.

When I recovered enough to speak, I said, "We killed your boyfriend, he's in the closet at the end of the hall..."

The guy recoiled as we cornered him and laughed in voiceless huffs. "I'm so scared, I don't know what's happening," he said.

When I recovered enough to speak, I said, "We killed your boyfriend, he's in the closet at the end of the hall...just kidding."

His eyes widened, and his hand involuntarily crushed the midsection of the baguette. "He's not my boyfriend," he said.

Katie and Jane struggled to breathe through muffled hysterics. "Okay," I whispered, though I fear it came out more like a hiss. "We're waiting for our friend who lives two doors down who is about to walk by — we're surprising her for her birthday. Your friend's upstairs, your dinner's all ready, it smells great, enjoy." His back hugged the wall as he climbed the stairs. The three of us caught our breath and returned to our post. Less than a minute later, we heard the cough.

When I opened the door, Kimberly turned her head toward the noise. While she was looking bewildered, I said, "Oh, hey, what are you doing here? We were just visiting our friend upstairs. What are you guys up to?" Katie and Jane flashed Cheshire cat grins.

Shawn grabbed Kimberly's arm and gushed the secret he'd been keeping from his wife for weeks. "Hon, our reservations aren't at seven, they're at eight. And I'm not even going to dinner with you!

I'm driving you four to dinner, dropping you off, paying for the meal, and then, when you're done eating and drinking, I'm picking you up and dropping everyone off at home."

Kimberly, a bemused look on her face, followed us back to her place for the champagne toast Shawn had planned. "To the Original Lady," I said. "I'll call you O.L. from now on." While we sipped and chatted, Shawn filled each of the four "little lady flasks" (which Kimberly had procured for us with our initials engraved on the front). Throughout the evening, whenever someone said the word "lady," we were each to take a small hit from our 1 oz. flasks that Shawn had filled with Hennessy.

"You guys need to finish my champagne, I can't have another sip until I eat something," I said.

"Oh, that's right, I saw your Facebook post," Katie said. The night before, I'd attended a party, at which I consistently refilled my wine glass at the open bar without once visiting the taco stand the hosts had provided. My status update, which I'd posted before leaving to meet up with my ladies, read, "Earlier today, David had to pull over so I could puke in some bushes off Convoy. #ProudMoment."

"I'm feeling fine now. I just need to make sure I eat something if I'm going to drink anything," I said. The ladies accommodated by divvying up my share of champagne, and then we were off to dine at Kimberly's favorite restaurant, Piatti Ristorante & Bar in La Jolla.

Shawn had made arrangements to pay and then left us to it. Once we had the first bottle uncorked, we toasted to Kimberly's husband for being so thoughtful and generous. Her eyes welled with emotion, not for the first or last time that evening.

I had no intention of ending up as sick as I had been that morning, so I made sure to drink a glass of water for every few sips of wine. With a sober chauffeur at their disposal and no recent hangovers to hold them back, the rest of the ladies carried the Bacchanalian torch. I knew we had achieved full inebriation when Kimberly attempted to refill her little lady flask with wine left in the glasses on the table.

We were the second to last table to leave, just before 11 p.m., but the restaurant employees were all smiles, insisting we wait for our ride inside where it was warm.

I'm surprised Shawn was able to drive with all the noise in the car. At our request, he blasted everything from Exotica to Cypress Hill, while we sang along and danced as much as our seatbelts would allow. "I can't believe you picked them all up," Kimberly said to her husband through a lazy, appreciative smile. We were dropped at our homes, one by one, first Jane, then Katie (each taking their time getting into the house as they said long goodbyes to the birthday girl), and finally my place.

"So, you're sober, huh?" Shawn seemed to miss nothing.

I nodded. "Had to take it easy, I did

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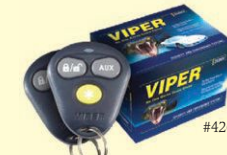
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Heymatt:

I'm saving up vacation days at work so I can go into space. Who's been up there longest, and does he have any tips for how to enjoy such a vacay?
 — Rocket Man, via email

Forget board shorts and pj's. No golf clubs. Pack up some dumbbells, maybe, and ankle weights if you're planning a long stay. Beano might be good as a courtesy to your rocketmates.

The two spaceketeers who've amassed the most hours up there are both Russian. Valery Polyakov orbited Earth for a continuous 14 months in the mid-'90s. He's the one who needed to exercise to keep bone and muscle from atrophying, as they do in a weightless environment. Sergei Krikalov retired after 803 days in space, but he accumulated that in six different flights. As far as we could figure, neither one said anything in English about what to pack for a trip. A little vodka, maybe? Following a perusal of space tourist info, it looks as if most of what you'll need will be supplied. Though, if you're planning a stop-off at the International Space Station, you might bring your own science experiment (sprouting a sweet-potato-with-toothpicks in space?) or crossword puzzles to keep you from getting underfoot. One American astronaut wrote about his fantasy of a plump pair of double-Ds weightlessly bobbing, but I guess you won't need to pack anything for that.

Have you looked into this subject at all, Rocket Man? The world has about a dozen companies (including the Hilton hotel chain) involved in one way or another with the idea of shooting civilians into the blackness of space, but the adventure comes at a price. Forget shopping for cruisewear and find yourself a few banks to rob. The seven people who've already taken to the skies (one woman, one man went twice) paid between 20 and 35 million dollars each for between 8 and 15 days. At Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic, one of two big hitters in the field, it will cost you \$20,000 just to put your name on the waiting list.

Branson's VG is homeported at the center of all North American space tourism — Spaceport America, Upham, New Mexico. Upham, population zero, is 20 miles from nowhere, 40 miles from Las Cruces. VG has yet to launch anyone, but they've tested vehicles of their own design over the past five years. It's not a vertical launch. Six passengers and two pilots will be in a powered pod/plane-like craft hooked between two large planes joined at the wings.

The two planes take you up, and when you reach 50,000 feet they rev the rockets on your pod, drop it from the dual-plane contraption, and off you go at 3000 miles an hour. What

Virgin's offering at the moment is a three-and-a-half-day experience, three days of on-the-ground training, three hours of weightless, suborbital fun, with a take-home DVD. Total price, \$200,000. Whee! Three days in Upham! Many grand plans are afoot for other kinds of trips, details available at Virgin's "Accredited Space Agents," the closest of which is in — shocker — Beverly Hills.

Less publicized but more accomplished is Space Adventures, sharing facilities with Virgin in Upham. They're in cahoots with Russia, using Soyuz vehicles, so

your takeoff is NASA-like and vertical. They're the ones who sent the seven civilians to the space station. On their list of stuff to come is a three-week space tour that includes 16 days in the space station with a 5-day side trip to circle the moon from a distance of 60 miles. Pony up \$100 million, please. You can also opt for just an Earth-orbital cruise (once around every 90 minutes) or a one-hour suborbital jaunt for just the fun of weightlessness at 360,000 feet. Starting to think you might need a copy of *Space on \$5 a Day*? Space Adventures will spare your wallet with a trip in a Boeing 747 that does aerobatics to create zero-gravity inside the cabin. You'll be well within Earth's atmosphere, of course. And you don't get astronaut wings, as you do with the other flights. Five thou per person or 165K for a 36-passenger group rate. Can't wait to see the coverage of some movie mogul's daughter's giggly sweet-16 in the Boeing. You know it's coming.

So, what else is the world planning to add to space clutter? Russian Orbital Technologies promises a seven-room luxury hotel (inflatable) by 2016, with your choice of vertical or horizontal sleeping pod, a sightseeing tour of the moon, three nights in zero gravity, real space food, sponge baths only, and no alcohol. This five-day package costs a mil. Several other companies also have space-hotel plans, or "habitat modules," as one calls them. Space tourism is the subject of many sci-fi books and films and at least two college courses. A Japanese designer won a contest to create a line of hyperspace clothing, which included a wedding dress. The 2Suit company makes space-suit jammies specifically designed for weightless sex. And if you fear losing touch with progress in the field, subscribe to *UniGalactic Space Travel Magazine*.

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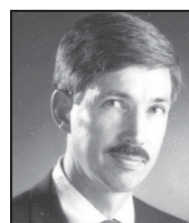


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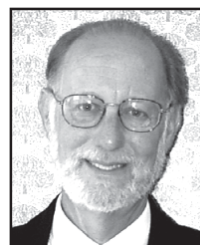
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Lackluster DUI Performance During New Year's Weekend Threatens One of Metropolis's Last Remaining Distinctions as America's Bleariest City

"I mean, what's next? Bloomington, Indiana, taking the title for America's best weather?"

ROOTING THROUGH GASLAMP TRASHCANS FOR EMPTIES AT DAWN — "Pathetic," mumbles Eric McReady, longtime homeless veteran and veteran observer of San Diego's party scene aftermath. "I'll be lucky to find enough bottles to get lunch at the Mangy Panda Chinese Buffet on 45th. People just didn't get their drink on this New Year's."

McCreedy's command of the facts makes it clear that he isn't just crying into his empty beer bottle: "For the past two years, we've led the nation in drunk driving. That, combined with our ranking as America's ninth drunkest city, made us tops in the imbibing department. No other city could match us, not even Trenton, New Jersey — and those people

have a reason to drink, believe you me. When people wanted to know where to go to get blasted, the obvious answer was San Diego. Add that to our explosive growth in the craft-beer department, and from the high to the low to the end of the show, San Diego was America's alcoholic capital."

But now? "Now, I dunno. The empties don't lie, and neither do the headlines. Nearly a 30% drop in DUI arrests this weekend, compared to last year — and it's not like last year was all that impressive. What does it say about a city's morale when it can't even be relied on to go out and get hammered? How depressed do you have to be to not even have the wherewithal to drink away your depression? I see tough times ahead. 'Happy New Year,' my butt."

Atheists Propose Alternative to Camp Pendleton Cross



The current cross and the proposed replacement.

Anti-Faith Group Claims Middle Finger Statue Would Express "Marines' Attitude Toward the Enemy, Toward Death, and, Arguably, Toward Any Deity That Would Make a World Screwed Up Enough to Necessitate the Existence of the Marines."

"A fitting salute, and a fitting tribute."

OVERLOOKING A VALLEY WHERE MEN TRAIN FOR WAR — Former Army major James Torpor wants to make it clear that he doesn't hate dead soldiers. "In arguing that the Camp Pendleton memorial cross is unconstitutional, I am not in any way arguing that we ought not to memorialize those who have given their lives for this country in military service. But as head of Atheists in Foxholes, I think it both dangerous and disingenuous to sanction the display of a particular religious symbol on public land. You put a cross on a hillside, and next thing you know, you're stoning women

accused of adultery. The Bible is clear on the matter, Jesus or no Jesus."

That's why he has proposed an alternative memorial: a huge, granite middle finger, to be placed where the cross now stands. He's even begun a Kickstarter campaign to secure funding for the project, and has already collected over \$11 toward his goal of \$50,000. "Finally, it's a more fitting tribute," Torpor argues. "Jesus was led like a lamb to the slaughter — it says so right there in Scripture. He offered no resistance. If there's anything that's the total opposite of what it means to be a Marine, I'd say that's it."



Dept. of Justice: Award to Family in Military Jet Crash Creates "Dangerous Precedent"

U.S. Government Ordered to Pay \$17.8 Million in Damages After Jet Crashes into University City Home and Kills Inhabitants; Officials Worry that "Now, the Family of Every Tom, Dick, and Harry Who Gets Tagged by an Errant Drone or a Misdropped Bomb will Be Suing Us."

"I mean, we kill a lot of people, some of them by accident. Where does it end?"

IN CHAMBERS, FEDERAL COURTHOUSE, SANDIEGO — "I know everyone thinks this is a special case," says Department of Justice attorney Walter Hardass of the ruling that awarded millions of dollars to the surviving relatives of the three people killed in 2008 when a Marine Corps F-18 Hornet fighter jet crashed into a home in University City, near Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. "You know — an

American jet taking out American citizens on American soil. But the fact is, thanks to the Alien Tort Statute of 1789, foreigners can sue in U.S. court over acts committed outside of U.S. territories."

Hardass points to the 2004 Supreme Court ruling on *Sosa v. Alvarez Machain* as an example. "According to *Sosa*, the [statute] permits an alien plaintiff to file a tort claim against any person over

whom the United States has personal jurisdiction....Yeah, you've got to have specificity similar to the 18th Century common-law causes that were actionable under the [statute] at the time of its passage, but the specificity lauded by the Court in *United States v. Smith* covers the typical elements of a criminal cause of action, such as *actus reus*, *mens rea*, harm, causation, remedy, and defenses. There is more than

a little evidence to suggest that errant drone attacks, conducted within a nation that is technically an ally — read: Pakistan — could fall under such causes.

"I'm not saying that the family in this case wasn't deserving," concludes Hardass. "I'm saying that the United States should think about being more careful with its firepower. War is expensive enough without involving the justice system."

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What if I have Presbyopia?

Presbyopia is a condition in which the lens loses its flexibility, which makes it difficult for you to focus on close objects. Lens flexibility is required to be able to focus on objects up close and at a distance. As people age, typically the lens loses its ability to change and focus up close.

Individuals who are over 45 and require glasses for reading, are most likely affected by presbyopia. Presbyopia is a normal part of the aging process and impacts everyone. Patients with presbyopia now have a choice to have a procedure called refractive lens exchange (RLE) to replace the natural lens of the eye with multifocal intraocular lenses (multifocal IOLs). These multifocal IOLs differ from standard IOLs in that they help focus near, far, and in between. Most patients will never have to use contacts or glasses ever again. Being an elective surgery, this procedure is generally not covered by insurance.

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POST TITLE: **Prosthetic "Parity" in California Has a Long Way to Go**

POST DATE: **Saturday, December 31, 2011**

In the fall of 2010, I was starting to have a lot of problems with my stump, skin irritation leading to scarring and an eventual minor surgery to remove scar tissue. During this time, my employer changed insurance providers, and I was introduced to the OG of managed health care: Kaiser Permanente. My new docs referred me to the Kaiser prosthetic clinic, and I thought all was well.

Then I got a phone call. The amputee clinic scheduler couldn't schedule me. Why? I didn't have coverage for prosthetics. "Now," I thought, "that can't be right. I've been assured that California has prosthetic parity laws." Well... kinda. California's Health and Safety Code Section 1367.18 says that...they have to cover prostheses...if you opt for the coverage. [But] the broker who sold the plan never offered it, in direct violation of the law. Should be an easy fix, right? Appeal the denial, point out the error, and they'll fix it. Well, not quite.

After the denial, I sent a letter to KP's Member Case Resolution Center, quoted the relevant section, and demanded coverage. After a second denial, I filed a complaint with the Department of Managed Health Care, which regulates HMOs in California. It seems I was the first person to make a complaint with regard to this law, so what was supposed to be a two-week review process stretched to nearly three exhausting, infuriating months.

In the end, the DMHC saw things my way. Kaiser upgraded me to a plan that included coverage for prosthetics. Of course, it took them another three or four months to approve the new socket I needed, but at least I finally won. Limbs are not a luxury item, and we all — amputees and not — need to keep working to improve parity laws. And be prepared to fight for what you need from any insurer. They're all evil.

POST TITLE: **Fermented Foods**

POST DATE: **Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

A piece about fermented foods and their recently renewed popularity appeared in my RSS feed last week. As a disclaimer, it wasn't much of a column, really more of an ad for slaw from some dude named Andy. Also, it was written

by a chiropractor; you know, the semi-crazy sort who gives nutritional advice. In this case, though, she was probably right; I believe that cutting down on probiotics, as well as our new obsession with sterilizing our houses like operating rooms, is doing a great deal of harm to our immune systems. Heck, it might be behind the recent

surge in extreme food allergies.

At any rate, I was immediately reminded of a recent experience with fermented octopus... yeah, not so good. However, my good friend Robert recently hooked me up with a great recipe for fermented peppers that promises to be quite tasty:

What you need:

Fresh chilis, as much as you want.

Unprocessed sea salt

An airlock (Google has results for DIY and commercial Mason-jar airlocks)

Grind up the chilis, add 8–15% salt by weight. Put under airlock (Robert recommends using glass marbles to keep chilis below the liquid), and age three months.

POST TITLE: **Master Chef Casting Call 2011**

POST DATE: **Sunday, November 27, 2011**

After a couple of weeks of recipe development, Saturday the 29th of October was go time. Headed to Hollywood for the *Master Chef* casting call at Le Cordon Bleu on Sunset. I'd auditioned last year and done well, getting a call back for an on-camera interview...[this time,] I was there for like five hours, longer than last year! Finally, into the food room: we had two minutes to plate our dish and get it ready for inspection by two "food experts" and our examination by casting personnel. My annoyance at the wait might have been apparent; although I got very good comments on my food, I wasn't selected for a callback that day.

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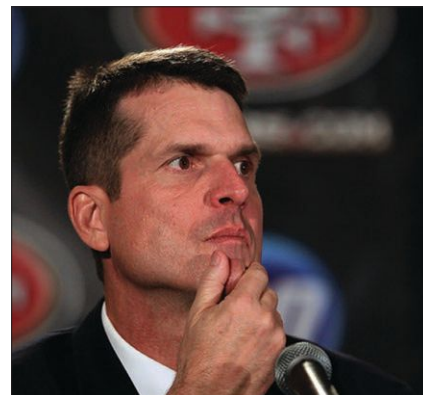
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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Postseason Mashup



Onetime Coronado resident Jim Harbaugh is a better coach than he was a quarterback.

If you look you can find some San Diego in Saturday's 49ers/New Orleans playoff game. This, by the way, is as close to the NFL playoffs as we're likely to get as long as Norv, A.J., and Cap'n Dean have the wheel.

New Orleans will show up at Candlestick Park with their All-World quarterback, Drew Brees, who, not that long ago, was quarterbacking for San Diego. The Chargers drafted him in 2001 and he became starting quarterback the following year. Brees remained in San Diego through the 2005 season. The Saints offered him a six-year, \$60 million contract with \$10 million guaranteed. Chargers passed.

At the time, New Orleans was the village idiot of the NFL. Being traded to New Orleans was like being shipped off to the Republic of Cameroon. One was traded to Swampland and never heard from again. As the 2006 season opened, New Orleans was coming off a 3-13 season, guarding a formidable history of losing. The Saints didn't make the playoffs until the 20th year of their existence. They didn't win a playoff game until their 33rd year. And that's where things stood when Brees showed up in 2006, just in time to celebrate a 40th season of despair.

Since then, since leaving San Diego for football obscurity, Brees has been selected to five Pro Bowls, named *Sports Illustrated* Sportsman of the Year, and named Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year. When New Orleans won Super Bowl XLIV, Brees was crowned Super Bowl MVP.

It's futile to wonder what would have happened if Brees had stayed with the Chargers. Still, if I had to guess, I'd say Norv Turner would have sucked the life out of him until he became another reliable underachiever. The man has his ways.

The 49ers have a tight connection to San Diego by way of their head coach and once Coro-

nado resident, Jim Harbaugh. He was a Chargers quarterback in 1999 and 2000, at the end of his NFL career, joining a list of other over-the-hill quarterbacks who once worked for the Bolts (Johnny Unitas, Jim McMahon, Doug Flutie).

Harbaugh has a gold standard football pedigree. Son of a football coach, who coached at Michigan and Stanford (defensive coordinator). His brother, John, is head coach of the Baltimore Ravens. His sister, Joani, is married to Indiana University men's basketball head coach Tom Crean.

Harbaugh was a three-year starter at Michigan, won the All This and All That awards. And blah, blah, blah.

Came into the NFL in 1987 as a first-round draft pick for Chicago. Lasted 15 years in the NFL, which is four-plus times longer than the average NFL player gets. But, he never became a name quarterback, never a Favre, Montana, Manning, or Brady.

Harbaugh always has a plan. All the way through his past eight seasons in the NFL he worked as an unpaid assistant coach for his dad, who was then head coach at Western Kentucky University. Young Harbaugh was an offensive assistant, scout, and recruiter. In 2002, Western Kentucky won the Division II national championship and Harbaugh took a job with the Oakland Raiders as underling and assistant coach, graduating to quarterbacks coach in 2003.

Then, his first head-coaching position at the University of San Diego. USD plays Division II football in the non-scholarship, football-only, ten-team Pioneer Football League. Other than San Diego, all members, save for Drake University, are east of the Mississippi. So, Harbaugh played in a no-name Division II conference, had no scholarships to hand out, his school had an in-state tuition of \$30,704, conference members were thousands of miles distant; in other words, his life was a Class A recruiting nightmare. He coached USD football for three years (2004, 2005, 2006), won the Pioneer Football League championship in '05 and '06.

In December 2006, Harbaugh got a battlefield promotion to Division I, Pac-12 beauty subdivision, otherwise known as Stanford.

The team finished 2006 (the last pre-Harbaugh season) with a 1-11 record. Harbaugh had that losing program playing in a bowl three years later, went 12-1 the following year, and beat Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl. Stanford was ranked fourth in the nation when Coach moved on to the NFL.

He took over a San Francisco team whose ownership is bizarre, even by NFL standards. The team did not have a winning record over the previous eight seasons, fielded a quarterback who played as if he had PTSD, the owners preferred living in Youngstown, Ohio, and had gone through five head coaches in eight years. Harbaugh took that team, in his first year, to a 13-3 regular season record.

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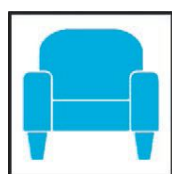
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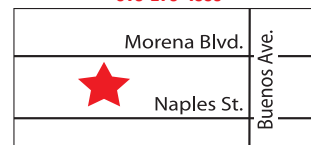
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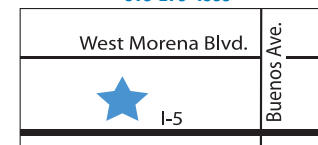
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fast break

By Anthony Gentile



Torrey Pines guard Joe Rahon elevates for a layup between two Long Beach Jordan defenders in the SD-LA Challenge.



Lincoln guard Tyrell Robinson leans in for a shot against three Taft defenders in the SD-LA Challenge.

#1 La Costa Canyon Ditches Rival Torrey Pines with Late Run

Carmel Valley — Torrey Pines and La Costa Canyon renewed the section's best basketball rivalry on Friday night, January 6 — and the top-ranked Mavericks earned bragging rights for the entire season. La Costa Canyon pulled away late for a 51-38 win over Torrey Pines, its first victory on the Falcons' home court in four seasons.

"It's crazy to play here. The fans are so great on both sides and you can hear them all game," said La Costa Canyon senior guard David Travers.

La Costa Canyon (16-1) led 8-6 after a defensive first quarter, and the Mavericks closed the second quarter on an 11-2 run to take a 26-15 halftime lead. Throughout the game, points were hard to come by for both teams.

"You have to work just to get open," Travers said. "Both teams know each other so well, and both sides know each other's plays."

In the third quarter, La Costa Canyon led by as much as nine until Torrey Pines (8-7) fought back into the game. The Falcons scored the last five points of the third quarter and the first four points of the fourth, tying the game at 34 on a Garrett Galvin jumper with 6:40 remaining.

"Garrett and Joe [Rahon] went on a run and I just looked at [my teammates] and said, 'Let's go,'" Travers said.

La Costa Canyon responded to the Falcons' push by scoring 15 consecutive points to pull away from the hosts.

Defensive-Minded Mission Hills Shuts Down Monte Vista

Spring Valley — Mission Hills head coach Curtis Hofmeister said this season's Grizzlies is one of the best defensive teams he has coached, and on Thursday night, January 5, at Monte Vista, that claim was hard to dispute. Mission Hills held the Monarchs to a season-low in points in a 48-31 victory that snapped a three-game losing streak.

"As a complete game, this was one of the

better games we played," Hofmeister said. "That is a quality team — they're as athletic as anybody we have played — and to go on the road and beat them by 17 is big."

Mission Hills (10-6) had a 24-18 halftime lead and took control of the game by playing stifling defense to start the second half. The Grizzlies held Monte Vista (10-6) scoreless for the first six minutes of the third quarter and limited the Monarchs to three points in the entire period.

"The key was to let them shoot, because none of them could really shoot," said Mission Hills junior center Kameron Rooks.

While Mission Hills kept Monte Vista off the board to start the third quarter, Grizzlies junior guard Kibret Woldemichael almost single-handedly broke the game open offensively. In the middle of the quarter, Woldemichael scored eight straight points — including three-pointers on consecutive possessions — to stretch the Mission Hills lead to 18 points.

"Those two three-pointers during that spell kind of set the tone offensively for us," Hofmeister said.



Monte Vista guard Reuben Nwando goes up for a layup over Mission Hills guard Dolyn Hall.

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—EVE KELLY

We spent an afternoon testing black tea in anticipation of my mother-in-law's annual visit. Husband Patrick was assisting. The salesman at La Mesa's All Things Bright and British said that it's important to prepare tea with a rolling boil, so our kettle boiled for an hour straight as I poured cups and Pat sipped.

"When there is a *diem* in front of you that absolutely must be *carped*, reach for a cup of Tazo Awake," I read from the package, setting a cup of Tazo Awake tea (\$3.49 at Target for 20 bags).

Patrick groaned at the tortured Latin as he sipped. "Strong enough," he said, "but I could use stronger."

"How about this one?" I asked. "Celebrating people, planet, and pure tea," I read off of the Numi Organic Breakfast Blend (\$6.49 for 18 bags at Whole Foods).

"I like it," Pat answered. "A pleasant smell with a rich herby spice to it. A cozy tea."

Choice Organic English Breakfast Tea (\$4.49 for 16 bags at Whole Foods) lacked the aroma. "Kind of robs you of half the pleasure," noticed Pat. "As with coffee, the smell is half the pleasure."

"What about this PG Tips tea? It claims to be 'England's No. 1 Tea,'" read Patrick (\$7.99 for 80 bags at World Market).

"Well, Sophia [our British friend] says her dad is fond of PG Tips, but as far as she can tell, it's not too far from Lipton. And, she says, 'I refuse to refer to anything Lipton puts out as tea.'"

"She's correct. The flavor is like Lipton tea, but in a bigger way," Patrick said, sipping. "It's sort of like India Pale Ale — intentionally bitter."

I poured a cup of Typhoo for him (\$6.99 for 80 bags at World Market). "I like this one. It feels virile — strong, masculine, virtuous."

"Okay, tough guy. It's a keeper."

Dilmah Tea (\$3.99 for 50 bags at World Market) was not a keeper. "Tastes like the tea you get at a cheap diner."

Twinings Irish Breakfast Tea (\$3.49 for 20 bags at World Market) suffered the same fate of flavorlessness. "It's colored hot water," said Patrick.

Patrick gave a B grade to both of the Trader Joe's teas. English Breakfast Tea (\$1.99 for 48 bags) and the Irish Breakfast Tea (\$2.99 for 80 bags). "Not going to set the world on fire, but decent."



"This tea has me feeling like Bilbo Baggins sitting by his fire in the Shire."

The Allegro Breakfast Blend set Patrick's world on fire. "I'm chugging this down," Patrick oozed (\$4.99 for 20 bags at Whole Foods). "It has an unusual smoky flavor, which I find delicious."

The tin of Republic of Tea British Breakfast came next (\$11.79 for 50 bags at Whole Foods). "I like the spiced wine smell it has. Like a holiday cider. But is it worth the price?" Patrick asked.

The two Barry's teas: Gold Blend (\$7.99 for 80 bags at World Market) and Classic Blend Tea (\$8.99 for 80 tea bags at All Things Bright and British) sparked a discussion of proper tea flavor.

"These make me want to lick the back of my teeth or pucker my lips," complained Patrick.

"I love that in a tea," I replied. "The tea needs that edge to cut through the flavor of the cream and sugar."

"Why would you ruin tea with cream and sugar?" he asked.

"Your Irish nana, God love her, would roll over in her grave to hear you speak of tea with no cream or sugar."

We moved on.

The last group of teas was by Taylors of Harrogate, and only their English Breakfast Tea failed the test. "This tea is a little bit sharp," said Pat. The Scottish Breakfast Tea brewed up with a fresh herby smell and a round, balanced flavor. But it was their Ceylon Tea that had Pat waxing poetic. (\$7.99 for 50 bags at All Things Bright and British for English, Scottish, Ceylon.)

"This tea has me feeling like Bilbo Baggins sitting by his fire in the Shire. Big, round flavor, soothes my whole mouth, goes down with a warmth of flavor. It pleases the whole mouth, as opposed to that pointed flavor punch that you like."

I ignored the argument bait and passed him a cup of Taylors of Harrogate Yorkshire Gold (\$5.99 for 40 bags at All Things Bright and British). Patrick smiled. "It tickles the nostrils, fills the mouth with flavor, and finishes with a tingle. It leaves me with a feeling of health, happiness, and goodness."

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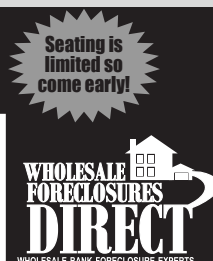
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I wanted to be the Julia Child of the art world.

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I started my research, and after a five-minute Google search (“San Diego television art shows”) found that San Diego had no such show. *Easy breezy*, I thought, and formed a game plan: I would start out locally, just like

Julia, get a following, and put the art of San Diego on the map. After local (and immediate) success, I would then move to a national/international audience, all the while never forgetting my roots and pimping out our great

city. I would be the artist from San Diego discovering art wherever it might be, making the art world accessible and enlightening all. I would be an ambassador for art. Soon enough, I’d be on *Dancing with the Stars*.

Ten minutes’ more research and I discovered that I wouldn’t be breaking new ground after all. There have been two previous successes featuring art on TV at a worldwide level. Rather than being disappointed, I decided to take this as exciting news.

The Oprah of the TV art world was Bob Ross. Mention art and TV in the

same sentence and without a doubt the “man with the afro” will come up. Bob Ross was a legend; his PBS show *Joy of Painting* reached 93.5 million households. With his calm demeanor and smooth voice, in 26 minutes he would miraculously paint happy clouds, pretty mountains, or some other picturesque scene. Bob died in 1995, yet Bob Ross Incorporated is still successful: his art kits, video lessons, T-shirts, and instruction books sell very well.

The other tour de force was Sister Wendy, the art-history world’s favorite nun. Her BBC series *Sister*

Wendy’s Story of Painting was a hit, and she had a large following in Europe and the States. Sister Wendy left the world of television in 1997 and now lives a life of solitude.

So, with the main competition no longer alive — and Sister Wendy focused on her prayers — I saw my opening. *Painting with Prudence* would take the TV world by storm! The show would make art exciting and fun. I’d travel the world looking at great art; I’d talk to artists, visit museums and galleries and fabulous locations — oh, and I’d throw in a few art tips and lessons along the way. Like Julia, I’d

be a charming snob, one who would educate the world and make the arts cool.

I assembled my team. My friend Jim had recently moved from San Diego to Dallas, his head spinning from a recent divorce. Lacking a full-time job, he jumped right in. Jim came with over 20 years' experience as a writer and creative director at top advertising agencies.

My 75-year-old mother, who lives in Boston, was also on board. In her late 60s, my mother had enrolled in a Dreamweaver web-design course at Harvard Extension. During her first class, she called me up and whispered into the phone, "I am the oldest one here — older than the professor." I pretended shock, then instructed her to stop messing around,



Everyone knows the secret in Hollywood — little people with big heads. They look great on film. I am an average person with an average head.

turn off her cell phone, and focus on the class. When she completed it, she called to proudly tell me that other students had dropped out, but she had prevailed. With

credentials and no salary demands, my mom was our official web designer.

I, of course, was the "talent," an MFA from Pratt Institute, a professional artist "with an eye

for adventure," living in San Diego. With no money, no salaries, and basically no clue, we three set to work.

Jim and I educated ourselves by purchasing a

"TV Pitch School," home-study course (pitching is Hollywood-speak for presenting and selling a show concept). The 15 audio CDs from Mark and Jeanne Simon taught us

"how to pitch like a pro." From the audio CDs we learned that a sizzle reel was mandatory.

A sizzle reel is similar to a short commercial and is used to present a show concept to networks, producers, production companies, and agents. We needed a sizzle, and we needed it soon.

Jim jumped at the chance to leave Texas. He flew west for five days of location shooting. I expanded the team and called in two additional friends to help out — Chip Halsey and Walid Romaya. Chip had graduated from UCLA in 1980 with a minor in Film Studies. He wrote, directed, and co-produced his own feature called *The Groundskeeper*. Now he works in real estate, and with the market moving at a snail's pace, he had time to kill.

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Chip was great at keeping us focused, asking pertinent questions such as: “Exactly what are we doing here?” and “What is this all about?”

Walid, also a businessman and want-to-be reality-TV person, has a show and business called *The Prince of Wines*. Walid came with an abundance of reality-TV chops and graciously shared his expertise. Most importantly, Walid came with a camera.

Let the games begin.

Day 1. We began filming in my teeny tiny 250-square-foot studio in Little Italy. With three men and me in the small space, it was beyond cramped, and the men had to take turns in the studio. Jim was keen on showing the romance of being an artist. He wanted to capture every inch of the space; lighting and sound strategies were



One network executive plainly stated, “Look, art is a gamble. We are all praying to keep hold of our jobs.”

discussed and analyzed. They filmed paint tubes, brushes, paintings, and books. My terrace garden was sure to be a highlight and selling point, so the team climbed out my window and jumped

onto the not-so-stable tar-paper roof to film. Horticulturists, don’t get excited: my garden consists of a few potted plants positioned to break up the monotony

of the gray rooftop and cinder blocks. But Chip and Walid were pros, and they had the ladder out, shooting film from all angles while Jim kept an eye out for incom-

ing aircraft. He shouted, “Cut — incoming!” often. I was busy perfecting my enthusiastic and welcoming hand movements, sort of a ta-da! motion meant to imply, *Look, sitting on*

tar paper under the flight path is fabulous. Fun fun fun!

I was feeling great about life until later that night when we sat down to watch the reels. Reality hit me, and I went into shock. Seriously, what was I thinking? I looked like an idiot. I was an idiot. Obviously, I’d failed to think this brilliant idea through. I wasn’t even remotely comfortable being on film. (Jim said, “Wow, high definition is not kind to you.”) Here’s a Hollywood secret: little people with big heads look great on film. I am an average person with an average head — disastrous! What we needed was a hot 20-year-old who could step in and take over the role.

Jim, despite his far-from-comforting observation, wouldn’t hear of it. He’d determined that my whack-a-doodle life was the story and that was what we were going to sell. There was no time

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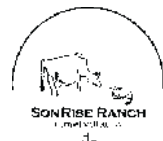
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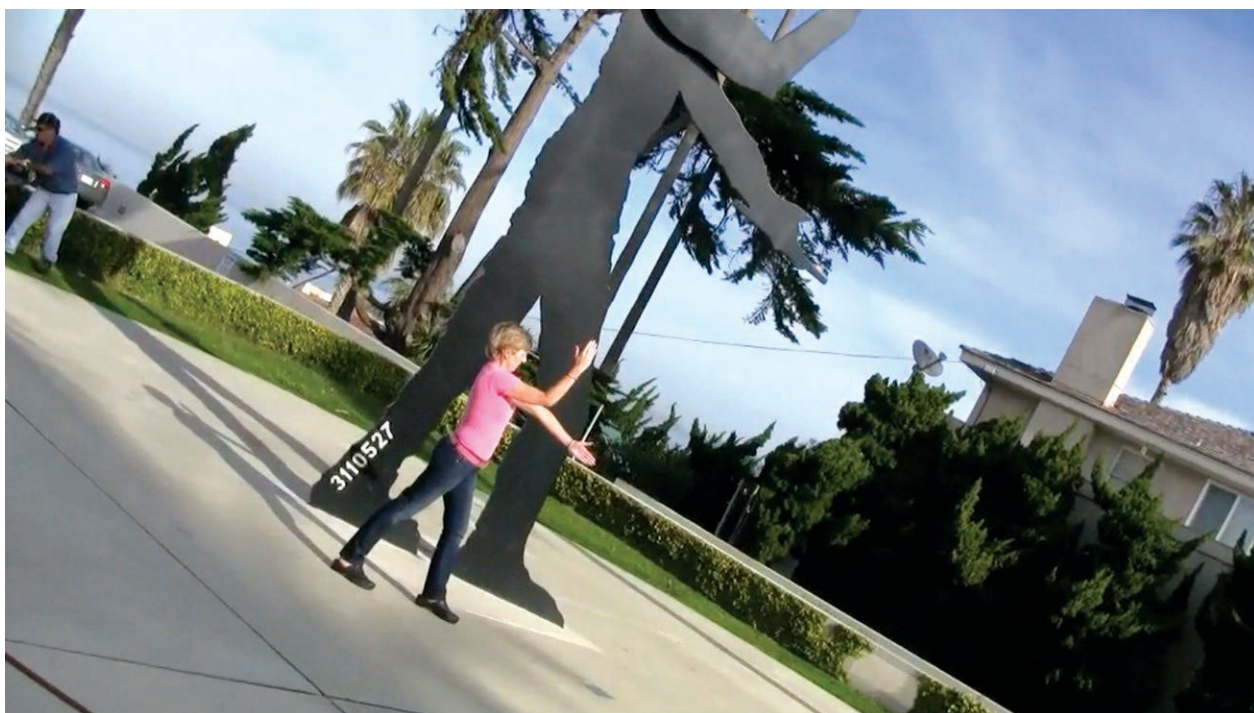


for my insecurities and angst. I put on a brave face and prayed for softer lighting. The team was counting on me. In the future, I would not be so easily flustered. I would forge onward and channel Julia.

Day 2. We hit the road. Jim liked to film what he called “eye candy.” He wasn’t referring to me — we popped up to La Jolla. We did shots of driving down Prospect Street, sitting at the Children’s pool, and chatting it up with tourists. We shot scenes at the MCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) and La Valencia. Chip was angling the shots, while Jim told what to

say and do. We filmed the waves, me painting the waves, me talking to the seals, talking to dogs, me waving while driving, me eating, me sitting and laughing — we did it all. I changed outfits in Gaylord, my Miata, so that every shot looked like another day, another time. Day two went very well, and I was gaining a bit of confidence, I was wondering what designer I would wear for my *Good Morning America* interview.

Day 3 brought glitches. Like any production (I assumed), things did not run smoothly; my experienced volunteer San Diego crew had to get back to their pay-



The *Hammering Man* sculpture in La Jolla. Jim liked to film what he called “eye candy,” and he wasn’t referring to me.

ing jobs. The camera went with them. Jim, who’d declared himself producer and director, took charge, bought a camera.

Filming continued. Next stop, Old Town. Jim’s theory was that Old Town had a similar look to San Miguel de Allende, Mex-

ico. Never having been to San Miguel, I couldn’t dispute this. So I was filmed walking around random buildings, shak-

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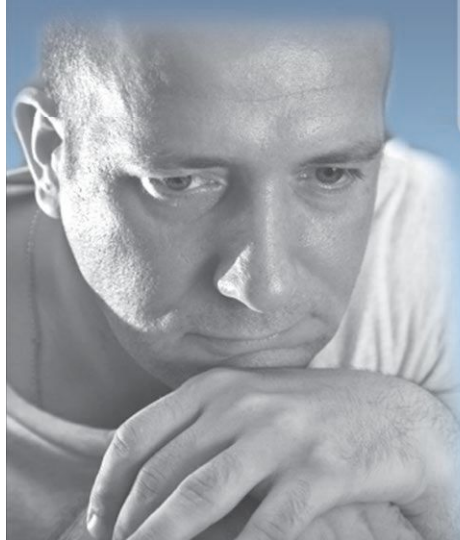
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to Balboa Park, where we filmed the fountains, the rose garden, statues, and the cactus garden. It was during the cactus-garden scene that Jim said, "Your shirt makes you look like a disciple of General Mao."

Another Miata outfit change, and we filmed more of Prudence painting, Prudence chatting, Prudence laughing, Prudence walking, Prudence driving. We took enough footage for ten complete episodes.

The next challenge was to transfer the film onto the computer, a task that was out of my league and that baffled Jim. I enlisted a former

student, Jake. Jake's mom let us hang out at her house while Jim and

and had no trouble voicing his opinion. Apparently, I am Sybil and

We couldn't find a film editor on craigslist who wanted to work for free.

Jake toiled away. I made food and soda runs.

Day 4. It was time to work on the voiceover. This was trickier than expected and gave me a whole new appreciation for TV commercials. Jim found his directorial mojo

have multiple voices. Jim yelled, "Get rid of Little Debbie! Sound normal!"

It was painful to repeat lines such as "My new TV show is a fun mix of painting, travel, and adventure to entertain and inspire you." It had everything but the kitchen sink. Jim kept his patience; I kept (some of) my sanity. But it was taxing all around.

Jim took the material back to Dallas with him. At this point, my ace producer/director unleashed a bit of a bad attitude and started whining. Granted, he hadn't expected to have to learn computer-editing and sound skills. We couldn't find a film editor on craigslist who wanted to work for free, so I told him he had to figure it out. I tried to

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be as supportive, even sending off a book on the basics of film editing. Still, Jim moaned and groaned for three weeks straight. *I wasn't expecting to have to edit this stuff...I don't know how to add music to a video.* Blah blah blah.

Meanwhile, I was busy living my life as an artist. We needed my story. I may have had only the one title, but it was a crucial one.

Miraculously, Jim figured everything out. He took over ten hours of film and pieced it together into a two-minute, 30-second sizzle reel. Jim also wrote a "one sheet" (Hollywood-speak: a one-page advertisement

for the show). He came up with catchy slogans. "How far will she go to inspire you?" and "Enjoy the ride!" I feared that these made me sound like a hooker looking for action, but Jim was proud of his work. Who was I to question my producer/director/editor/marketer? He'd put in long, hard hours with no pay. So I went with it.

Back in Boston, my web-master mom secured and created a web page. She was a champ, and survived me and Jim giving her orders left and right. There were a few hiccups. YouTube was new to her; putting a video on the site was a

challenge. She called in her team, neighbor Tom and friend Dave, and they all worked it out. The web page, with its YouTube link, was up and running.

Another lesson learned from the 15-CD home-study course was the importance of attending conferences: these were necessary to sell the show. The conferences come with a heavy price tag — a \$500-\$600 entrance fee per person. Our commitment to the project was solid, so we anted up. Armed with a working web page, catchy business cards, folders with personalized labels, and new shoes (for me), we felt prepared and

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confident.

Our first conference was in Santa Monica. We had done our homework and knew who we wanted to meet and pitch to. We targeted various companies and networks. But as soon as we walked in the door, I felt as if I'd landed on Mars. I actually lost my breath. I was sure I'd throw up. Not only was I universes outside my comfort zone, I was clearly out of my league with these Los Angeles TV-types.

Jim, on the other hand, in his Versace shirt, strutted in as if he owned the place. He was in his element. "I am with my people," he said. Then he said, "I am going to make more money than you are, because I have more titles." A Hollywood tycoon was evolving before my eyes.

Again, I tried to channel Julia for support, and then some dude from the Kardashian clan walked past me, and I had to sit down. I mulled over my options. I could throw up, smack Jim on the head, cry, and go home. Or I could rally.

I rallied. People need art; it was my duty to move forward. For two days, we pitched to anyone and everyone. We attended every talk, cocktail hour, and informational meeting. We met executives at top networks, production-company owners, agents, and interns. Jim stalked an Oprah person in the men's room. We worked every angle. The feedback we got was tremendous. *Great show, wonderful idea, great story, best pitch ever!* It was a love fest, and although we had no offers, we felt giddy and proud.

One of the lessons of the business is that a "no" is better than a "maybe."

In Hollywood, "taking a pass" means a no. We had very few no's and many "re-directs" — we repeatedly heard "It's made for PBS," "Go talk to Bravo," "Have you hit Discovery?"

We followed through on everything.

We also had our share of people trying to redefine our show. A woman from Style Network told us that their

most popular show was *Ruby*. She explained that Ruby is an obese woman and "If Ruby eats, Ruby will die!" The Style woman eagerly looked at me. "What are you going

to do? Where is your life-and-death drama?"

When I said that I wasn't prepared to chop off my ear, Jim jumped in. "The airplanes fly very low across her studio.

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Style Network took a pass.

From the beginning, Jim and I differed

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in thoughts about where the show should be marketed. I was keen on selling it locally, especially trying for KPBS, while Jim wanted to hit it out of the park and get a national network. After that first day of filming, I didn't feel ready to deliver a show on a national level; I wanted to get more — or any — experience and build from there. "This is our first painting," I said. "We can't expect it to go straight into the MOMA. First, we need to get into

a local group show."

Jim didn't see where he fit in on the local level. But after attending our second conference, we still had no buyers, so Jim took a closer look at PBS. They were offering a national competition for a new TV show under something called the Diversity and Innovation Fund. I am an educated white woman. I play tennis and summer in Maine. There is nothing diverse about me. But as hard as I tried, I couldn't

talk Jim out of this one.

Jim's neighbor in Dallas, a lesbian, had produced a show or two on PBS, and he got her on board for the project, awarding her several titles. So now our "diversity" consisted of two educated, white, straight people and an educated white lesbian (from Texas!) and a show about art. Jim put everything on hold to wait for the results. When the rejection came, he was devastated. I was shocked he was shocked. He

wanted to try to continue to work with his neighbor, but she stopped returning his calls.

Three conferences later, we were all the wiser, a bit beaten up... and still not on the air. The sad lesson we learned was that the arts are a tough sell, not a priority for television. If I could gain, lose, and again gain 300 pounds while painting, well, *that* is a show that might sell. Or maybe I could participate in a death-defying stunt while

in a museum. Apparently, my life needed to be in danger.

The mother of all meetings, which Jim worked hard to get, was with the Discovery Channel. Jim had visions of *Painting with Prudence* airing right before Anthony Bourdain's *No Reservations*. The Discovery Channel said that they would not touch art or a female host. One network executive told us: "Look, art is a gamble. We're all praying to keep hold of

our jobs. Right now no one is thinking outside the box." Jim lost a bit of steam. He headed back to Dallas. I headed back to my apartment under the flight path.

Deterred, stymied, discouraged, but not beaten, we hold our heads high. Jim had to get a paying job and was unable to put more time, effort, or money into the project. I needed to focus on painting, on *selling* some paintings so I could pay my rent on time and stop

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relying on friends to feed me. When I met up with Walid, Prince of Wine, he gave me a sympathetic look: he understood the toll of putting yourself out there and trying to succeed in a crazy TV world.

I am still under the flight path, still loving my life as an artist. As for *Painting with Prudence*, once in a while I throw it out on a local push. Just the other day, I sent our package to the Oceanside channel, KOTC. *PWP* could start there. Who knows?

Check out our handiwork (*paintingwithprudence.com*) and make sure to click on the sizzle reel. Maybe one day the TV world will tire of the *Housewives of New Jersey* and be ready to celebrate the arts — with or without me as host. My mom is standing ready to update the web page. ■

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From Life in Ohio to Life on Ohio

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Author: Amanda Kimbler
Neighborhood: North Park
Age: 32
Occupation: Media specialist

Editor's note: This is the winner of November's \$200 first-place prize for our monthly neighborhood-essay contest.

Deadline for the next contest is January 31, midnight.

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I didn't pull that question out of the MindTrap deck (note the cultural reference that makes me feel smug), but I did move from the state of Ohio to Ohio Street.

I am a suburban transplant to the gentrified neighborhood of North Park. So the million-dollar question becomes, am I a hipster? Clearly I'm not, because I would be denied entry for simply uttering the word *hipster*.

After scouring *Urban Dictionary* entries for the definition of hipster, a strong case could be made that I'm a budding hipster. I hope I won't become so entrenched in this counterculture that my behavior becomes pretentious or douche (synonyms



Do macramé owls make Amanda a hipster?

from the *Urban Thesaurus*). No matter what the label, there are times I just feel like a rube from Ohio who's in over her head trying to swim in the sea of clothes worn for irony and music that may or may not contain robots. But I'm happy to report that I'm perfecting my doggie paddle while still wearing my floaties. I was craving creativity, and, it hurts me to say: nonconformity.

In Ohio, conformity slowly creeps in until you're so entrenched in it,

there's no escape. So I fled in search of a better, perhaps more bohemian lifestyle that included beautiful weather.

Side note: This amazing weather is doing a real number on my Ohio psyche. In Ohio, if it is 75 out it doesn't get dark at 5 p.m. My space-time continuum has been broken...but no worries, and no snow scrapers.

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again). I was checking out the art of Ray Street one drizzly night while the rest of North Park was holed up inside. In their defense, the San Diego art scene is new to me, and my enthusiasm wouldn't be dampened. So I like art, my Netflix queue is filled with independent documentaries, and I'm half way through *On the Road*... Am I a hipster?

There are no Andy Warhol prints on my wall, my Netflix queue is filled with movies made for the "ABC Family" crowd starring the effervescent Melissa Joan Hart, and I'm only halfway through *On the Road* because I'm not feeling what Kerouac has to say.

I present to you Exhibit A: Every piece of clothing I purchased in the past month has been from thrift shops or Hunt & Gather. Is this me satisfying my eclectic new fashion sense or a product of limited transportation and income? It's a toss-up in my book.

Exhibit B: I enjoy consuming insane amounts of caffeine while working on the next epic anything at the corner table upstairs in Claire de Lune. In fact, I'm drinking a large iced latte as I write this. I'd say score that in the hipster column.

Exhibit C: My apartment on Ohio Street is decorated in the spirit of my parents' first home, circa Ohio 1983, complete with wood paneling and carpet just shy of shag. Thanks to Ikea, my roommate's record collection, and eBay (where else are you going to find a macramé owl?), our place is a hipster paradise.

My defense is, *What else are you going to do with wood paneling?* "Balls to the wooden walls," is what I say.

Exhibit D: I've somehow found myself drinking a large number of PBRs. I honestly don't know how that happened. I hadn't even seen a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon in decades. Have

I been drinking the non-conformist Kool-Aid, or am I just cheap?

I use sarcasm in large doses, relish obscure cultural references, and won't let anyone forget I minored in

film. Simply put, I value creative freedom and expression above all else.

If I'm walking down University Avenue and someone says, "Hey, look at that hipster," I won't cringe or argue. And if

there's a day when I'm acting too pretentious for my own good, I'll remind myself where I'm from. I'm from Ohio, and get up at 9 a.m. to watch the Buckeyes play football. I take solace in the

fact that on my corner there are men training in MMA like a lonely island in the Sea of Hip. I'm proud to say I own a television, and I enjoy watching it. And, lastly, I'll argue till my last

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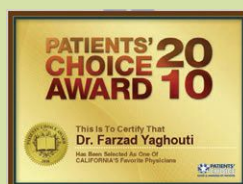
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Doggy Doo On a Village Woods Balcony



Author: Kevin Six
Neighborhood: Linda Vista
Age: 46
Occupation: Actor and playwright

Editor's note: This is the winner of November's \$100 second-place prize for our monthly neighborhood-essay contest.

The kooky neighbors are at it again at Village Woods. The upstairs neighbor finally rented her apartment to a weirdo. But before I go on about the new weirdo upstairs, I need to explain about the sliding glass doors at Village Woods, as they will be figuring large and loud into the story.

The sliding glass doors look and act like any sliding glass door from the late '70s. They are heavy and they slide, metal-on-metal, into fairly well-seated grooves. This sound, however, is worse than anything the '70s wrought, and the '70s wrought a lot of loud noise (Iron Butterfly? Anyone?). Especially over wood-framed ticky-tack with no insulation.

"Noise from a sliding glass door? Come on," I hear you saying. To which I answer: Come over at about 4:20 a.m. any weekday morning or 5 a.m. on weekends and you can hear.

Scratchy metal death. Loud, booming, scratchy metal death. It has awakened me and my wife (who officially wants to have nothing to do with this blog, or my previous blogs) every morning since the new neighbors moved in. At 11:30 p.m.

Welcome, neighbor.

Now we come to the dogs. Oh, dogs. I actually like dogs. I pet them, I scratch behind their ears. I talk baby talk to them, embarrassing their owners and anyone else near enough to hear a grown man talk-

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ing baby talk to a dog he's never met. I am 100% sure I would pet, scratch, and babble to the dogs upstairs. During regular business hours.

The problem is that the neighbor is a lazy idiot. She lets the dogs out to do doo-doo on the balcony above me every morning between 4:20 and 5 a.m. Four twenty? In the morning? Are you blankety-blank kidding me? Even the stoners next door are asleep at 4:20.

I have never seen or heard those dogs being walked — and I'm a nosy neighbor. Aren't you supposed to walk your dogs in the morning and at night so they do their doo-doo at decent hours?

The Japatul Fire Station: For Jerry Schad



Author: John Esposito
Neighborhood:
San Bernardino
Occupation: University
lecturer

Editor's note: This is the winner of November's \$50 third-place prize for our monthly neighborhood-essay contest.

The thing that keeps hikers going is an insatiable desire to see what is beyond the crest of the next hill. Even late in the afternoon, when we know that we really should be getting back to the car before night-

fall — the time when hungry mountain lions are most active — we can't resist the temptation to trudge a little bit farther up to the next crest, just to see what's on the other side.

In 2004 I went on a short hike, equipped with nothing but a pocketknife, at one of the trailheads near the Japatul Fire Station. It was an early afternoon in November, and a small rain storm was approaching. With the arrival of the first few drops of rain, I started back to my car in the gravel parking lot.

When I reached the car, I was surprised to see a hiker who had just arrived, getting ready to start out on the trail. I thought it was a little crazy to start on a hike in such weather, but this guy obviously came prepared. He had a huge

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backpack that looked like it must have weighed a hundred pounds.

He was a tall guy and strong, obviously not hampered by the weight of the pack. He was younger than me, or so I assumed (it turns out he was actually ten years older than me). I greeted him, and he said, "Hello."

As my interest in East County hiking trails increased, I had purchased some videos and a book (*Afoot and Afield in San Diego County*) by Jerry Schad, and because of them I recognized the guy with the big backpack and realized what a dedicated hiker he was.

Eventually I started an email exchange with Jerry. He was working on a new edition of his book. I had some questions for him, and he invited me to make suggestions for the new edition.

In 2007 I again met

a stranger at the parking lot near the Japatul Fire Station. I had just finished a morning hike, and upon returning to the lot I was approached by an old, retired-looking guy and his dog. They were getting ready to set out on a hike, just as Jerry had been a few years before.

The man was overweight, with a big pot belly. Clearly no match for Jerry Schad. I let him approach as I was about to get into my Civic, and we chatted a bit about the local trails. He seemed to know a lot. I asked him about Bell Bluff, and he told me how to get there from Alpine, and told me that he and his dog had hiked there the long way, from Japatul Road.

I was astonished that someone with his body could have done such a thing, but he described

the route in convincing detail. Then he asked me if I had been to C—, saying that it was the greatest hike in the area, so great that it should have been a national park.

It turns out that he was exaggerating a bit, but after much determination, overcoming the man's poor directions, my son and I found the place, and it became my favorite place to hike in all of San Diego County. I taught a night class for one semester that fall at Mesa College where, once a week, I would get an amazing gourmet dinner at the little restaurant managed by the Culinary Arts department.

One evening I saw Jerry there eating dinner at the next table — Jerry was on the full-time faculty there — and so we launched into a discussion about our favorite

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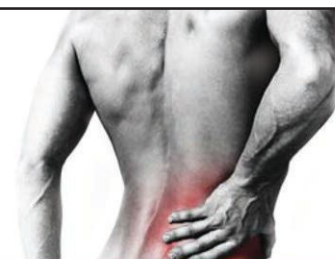
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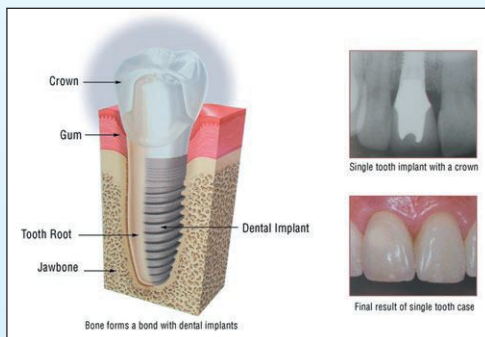
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topic. I asked him why C— was not mentioned in any of his books. I assumed he would be familiar with the place. He was, and he told me that he hadn't written about it out of respect for the people living in that quiet community, with lots of horses but no marked trailheads or parking lots or geocaches or any of that sort of thing (but, I

must say, with its share of off-road motorbikers).

I never did buy the last edition of Jerry's book. By the time it came out, I felt like I had hiked San Diego County and I was eyeing Riverside County, San Bernardino County, and Arizona for new adventures. And so I didn't think about Jerry Schad for a while.

The thing that keeps hikers going is an insatiable desire to see what is beyond the crest of the next hill. I wonder where Jerry Schad is now. Wherever it is, we can surmise that he's already over the crest of the nearest hill and moving on to the next, higher one, heavy backpack and all — and not waiting for us stragglers. ■

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Foster, mother-in-law of newly named Homeland Security assistant secretary **Alan Bersin**, is a longtime backer of Democratic causes. Besides Block, her latest contributions: \$1000 to **Susan Davis** on September 26, bringing her total for Davis in 2011 to \$2000. Foster also gave Democratic congressman **Bob Filner**, currently running for mayor, \$500 in March. Block gave himself a head start on 2012 by transferring \$642.08 from his assembly campaign to his senate account. Meanwhile, downtown arts patron **Danah Fayman** anted up a total of \$5000 for **Barack Obama** on September 27.

— Matt Potter

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Watch Europe

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might bounce along the bottom this year — not go into another 2008. But stay alert.

If there is a European recession, but only moderate conflagrations in the world banking system, the United States and San Diego should struggle through this year without major trauma. "I don't think [eurozone woes] will have that much impact," says Kelly Cunningham, chief economist of the National University System Institute for Policy Research. Europe is not a big market for San Diego goods and services, he points out.

The San Diego economy will grow only 1.8 percent this year, adjusted for inflation. That's the best in six years "but not enough to bring unemployment down," he says, predicting that the jobless rate will average 9.8 percent, just a hair down from last year's 10 percent. "We are adding jobs, but they are not middle-wage jobs; they are low-end, low-skilled, or high-end, such as in technology or management."

Housing will not pro-

vide oomph. In 2009, and again in 2010, the number of housing units approved for construction was the lowest since the Great Depression. Last year, housing units leapt 42 percent, but the number was still the third lowest on record. Cunningham doesn't see much of an improvement this year. Population growth will continue to be slow.

He says that the presence of the military is our largest industry, followed by manufacturing (including defense manufacturing), biotech, and tourism. Both defense and tourism could be somewhat vulnerable, he says.

Susan Bruinzeel, senior director of planning and research at the Convention and Visitors Bureau, says 6 percent of San Diego's overnight travel is from abroad (not including Mexico). Britain is the largest market. The possibility of European woes "is on our radar," she says. In June, British Airways started a direct flight from London to San Diego, and it is bringing in visitors from a number of countries. "So far, it's been successful; we're not worrying about it going away," she says.

Alan Gin, economist at the University of San

Diego, also thinks European meggrims will not make a big dent in San Diego this year. "The probability of another downturn in San Diego is about 30 percent," says Gin. He believes unemployment will average around 8.5 percent, with industries such as health care, administrative services, leisure and hospitality, and biotech showing strength. However, if there is Europe-generated turmoil in the finance industries, biotechs could have problems raising capital.

Cunningham and Gin are not bullish on consumer spending. Between 2006 and 2009, it dropped by 17.4 percent, the biggest plunge in 70 years, notes Cunningham. Sales rose in 2010 and last year, but spending is slowing.

That's why Gin, in assessing commercial real estate, thinks retail is a weak spot, partly because of the growth of online marketing. But Gin thinks office and apartment markets will do well.

But all economists warn to keep your eye on Europe, its banks, and possible further strains on banks throughout the world. Are you ready for more Wall Street bailouts? I didn't think so. ■

Funds for educa —

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August budget authorized a \$35,000 contract for Brand's old friend Gary Zarecky, as well as a \$30,000 contract for consultant Bill McLaughlin.

The new committee, called the Funds for Education Committee, included two parents, Stewart Payne and William Perno. Payne and Perno were to provide community oversight and transparency.

The committee began holding monthly meetings in September 2011.

On November 22, Stewart Payne resigned.

In his letter of resignation to Brand and the school board, Payne wrote: "I cannot support the manner in which the committee is proceeding." None of the board members, including trustee Jim Cartmill, who attended some committee meetings, contacted Payne to ask why he resigned.

At the school board's December 12 meeting, Payne went to the microphone numerous times to express concern about the committee. Perno also spoke to trustees at the December meeting.

Perno told the board that he was initially honored to be appointed to the committee by Brand. However, after he began to question the ethics and legality of the new contracts, the committee tried to silence him.

Perno said that he was counseled not to take notes during meetings and warned at the December meeting that he was not allowed to discuss publicly what had transpired in the meetings because they were covered by the Brown Act.

In December's contentious Funds for Education meeting, Perno was asked if there was anything that the committee had done that he liked. He said there were a number of things, including soliciting individual donations. Finally, however, when he balked at approving a contract, one member told him, "I invite you to reconsider if you want to be on this committee."

To negotiate new contracts, or renegotiate old ones, the committee invited vendors to a meeting at district headquarters. Vendors were asked what they could bring to the table; for example, newer vending machines, help in caring for athletic fields, or

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An example is Rainbow Vending, which has a current contract with the district to provide and service vending machines. During renegotiations, the company offered the district an increased percentage of its profit plus \$50,000 up front in return for removing a 30-day cancellation policy from Rainbow's contract.

In a recent interview, Perno said that one of his concerns was the length of the contracts. The district was offering seven-year contracts, and he questioned whether that was legal since the California Education Code limits a service contract to five years. And he questioned whether the committee should be negotiating new contracts or renegotiating old ones without putting them out for bid. Committee members told him that Sweetwater attorneys had already examined these issues. Perno asked to see their conclusions in writing, but that was not provided.

In a December 24 *Union-Tribune* article, Payne used the term "shaken down" to describe how vendors might have felt about the fund-raising committee's tactics.

At the December meeting of Funds for Education, among the suggestions of ways to raise money was Zarecky's idea of placing ATM machines on campuses. When students used the ATMs, a portion of the fees would go to the district. According to Perno, Zarecky said he knew a former law officer "up north" (Zarecky comes from Cupertino) who would handle the machines. (Contacted by phone on January 3, Zarecky declined to comment.)

Superintendent Brand attended the December meeting. According to Perno's notes, Brand had many

suggestions on how to raise money. One of them was signage — on vending machines, buildings, and the outside of school buses. Asked whether signage on

school buses was legal, Brand told the committee he could get legislation passed to allow it.

Brand mentioned that some of the district's

buildings have great freeway exposure, like the adult education school in National City. Then, Perno recalls, Zarecky asked Brand if the Metabolife sign

was still there.

A Metabolife founder, Michael Ellis, was among the people invited to meetings. Ellis has a history with Brand and his program

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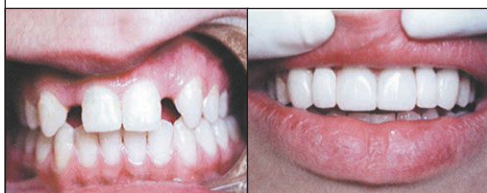
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Ellis also has an interesting history of his own. In 1988, he and a friend were arrested for conspiring to make methamphetamine; the friend went to prison, and Ellis got probation. In the early '90s, he founded Metabolife, a company that made diet pills whose key ingredient was an amphetamine-like stimulant called ephedra. In 2008, Ellis was sentenced to six months in prison and fined \$20,000 for lying to the FDA about customer reports of serious illnesses suffered after taking the diet pills. One hundred fifty-five deaths were associated with ephedra. In addition, Metabolife pled guilty to several counts of tax fraud.

Ellis came to the Funds for Education meeting to suggest a new plan to help Compact for Success. He said he wanted to place

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"cups," featuring the district logo, throughout the community to collect donations for schools. Perno's notes indicate that Ellis was willing to pay for the cups and put seed money into them so they wouldn't appear empty.

Why did Brand appoint two parents known to be sticklers about ethics to the Funds for Education Committee?

The answer may be found on Brand's wish list for how to spend the money the committee generated. Two carrots dangle for Payne and Perno: \$100,000 for "New [California Interscholastic Federation] Section" and \$10,000 for "Anti-Drug Program."

Although Payne has opposed California Interscholastic Federation leadership in the past, he has been keenly interested in seeing a new section come

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to the district. Perno has worked tirelessly to bring awareness to the community and to legislators about the dangers of the synthetic drugs known as "bath salts" and "spice." When asked if the \$10,000 in unassigned antidrug money had tempted him to be more compliant with the committee, Perno replied, "I can't be bought."

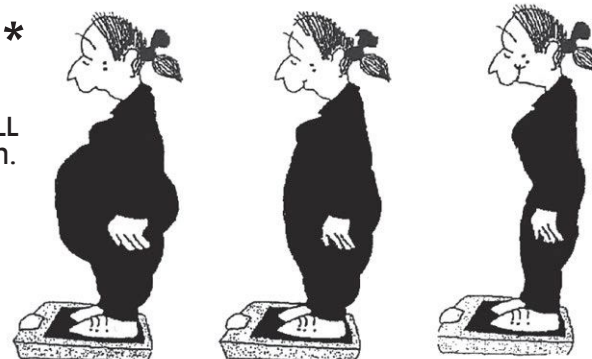
Last week, following the district attorney's indictment of five people connected to the school district, Brand waved the white flag — temporarily. In addition to Funds for Education, he suspended the Sweetwater University project and contracts with GCR, which had served as district counsel until recently, and Seville Group Inc., the company that has been managing construction funded by Proposition O. ■

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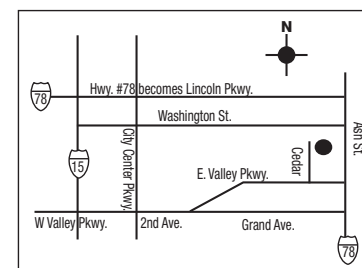
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Flores obtained a law degree from Stanford Law and then spent the following ten years as an attorney before entering Camarillo's St. John's seminary in 1986.

The incoming bishop is taking over a diocese that in 2007 filed for bankruptcy after paying a \$200 million settlement to 144 people who claimed they were sexually abused by clergy members.

By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, January 4

Take Note, Congress

High-End Fletcher Blog Wins D.C. Praise

San Diego — We'll have to wait until the end of the month for year-end disclosures to find out how much it's costing to run and from where the money came to pay for it, but for now, at least, San Diego GOP mayoral candidate Nathan Fletcher is taking his bows.

His campaign blog has been named fourth best in the country for 2011 by a columnist for Washington D.C. Beltway-based *Campaigns & Elections Magazine*.

"Local races can be hard to generate blog content for, in part, because of the issues at play in the race," says the post by Andrew Clark.

"But Fletcher's campaign for mayor of San Diego has managed to make its blog a model by frequently posting short 'Supporter of the Day' videos several times a week.

"The content here proves that you don't need an edgy design to be powerful. In short, despite the relatively basic appearance, this blog for a mayoral race is more sophisticated than many campaign blogs for federal office. Take note, Congress!"

Fletcher is outranked by GOP presidential candidate Ron Paul at number two. Number one is President Obama.

By Matt Potter
Tuesday, January 3

Bribery Busts

Charges Filed Against Sweetwater Union Officials
Chula Vista — Two press conferences were held today pertaining to charges against current and former members of the Sweetwater Union High School District.

At 10 a.m., district attorney Bonnie Dumanis announced that charges were filed against five people stemming from an investigation that culminated with raids on the homes of officials on December 20.

Former Sweetwater superintendent Jesus Gandara, former Sweetwater boardmember Greg Sandoval, and current boardmembers Pearl Quiñones and Arlie Ricasa are charged with perjury, filing false documents, and using their "official position to influence a governmental decision in which [they] had reason to know [they] had a financial interest."

The former program manager for Sweetwater's Proposition O and Southwestern College's Proposition R bond construction, Henry Amigable, is charged with "giving a bribe" and "obtaining a thing of value to influence a member of a legislative body."

Sweetwater interim superintendent Ed Brand called a noon press conference at which he announced that he has suspended all activities with Seville Group, Inc., the construction company that has been overseeing Sweetwater's Proposition O construction.

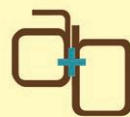
By Susan Luzzaro
Wednesday, January 4

Shackled Until Proven Innocent

Allegations of Police Brutality at Occupy Demonstrations
San Diego — Nationwide, allegations of police brutality have been competing with protest mantras, drum circles, and "mic checks" for the loudest voice at Occupy demonstrations.

Locally, Occupy protesters have swallowed their share of hippie hot sauce (pepper spray) while multiple allega-

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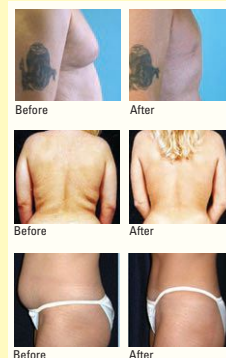
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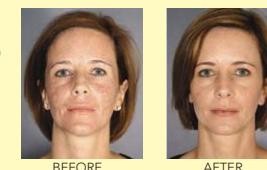
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tions of police brutality have resulted in several hunger strikes (the longest lasting 36 days, restricting protestor John Kenney to a wheelchair) and a petition calling for the resignation of San Diego police chief Lansdowne.

Protester and organizer Kayla Ward was arrested on the morning of October 28, 2011, at Civic Center Plaza along with 50 other protesters.

She relates the events as follows:

"[We were] surrounded by about 100 officers in riot tactical gear.... One told us that we had 7 minutes to evacuate the plaza, but they started to move in much sooner than that and [started] grabbing and beating people.... As I was quickly walking up the four steps to head out, lines of riot cops came from that direction and one officer told me to go the other way. When I turned around to do so, I was

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struck in the lower right side of my back and buttocks with a riot baton very hard three times.

"A day later, I could not feel or move my right leg and there was a lot of swelling in my back.... It was diagnosed as nerve damage, tissue damage, a dislocated vertebrae disc, and two serious hematomas. I cannot walk normally for a distance without a cane or wheelchair."

Ward has filed a lawsuit against the city for the alleged abuses.

During the same raid, protester and media liaison Nicole Gochmanosky was arrested and charged with "excessive noise" and "unlawful assembly."

She recounted the events to the city council on November 1, 2011, as follows:

"I was shackled and put into a small van with 13 other girls who were also shackled.... We were told that if we

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had to go to the bathroom, we could go ahead and go in the van, which three girls did do. I was forced to sit in that van for three hours smelling their feces and urine.

"In a court of law we are supposed to be treated as innocent until proven guilty. Last week, I was treated like a criminal...being detained while peacefully assembling to address [issues] such as my government. Forget the fact that what I was doing was not even a crime...I haven't even had my day in court yet and am already being treated as though I am guilty."

*By Chad Deal
Monday, January 2*

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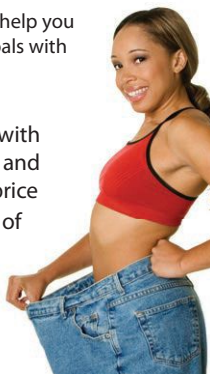
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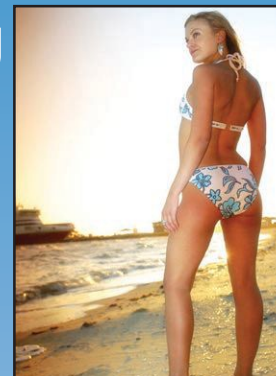
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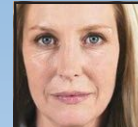
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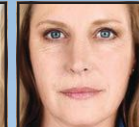
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criteria?).

I don't know or much care if Buck Brannaman is a swell guy in person, but in Cindy Meehl's beautifully shaped and unhyped portrait he shows real feeling for people (after having survived a painful childhood), and the devotion of his daughter is quite a testimonial. "Blackthorn" is as real a Western as I have seen for many years, and a great visit to the Andes. Too bad you snoozed through "The Artist" and missed a fine movie. Was it the lack of chat that sank you?

Having grown up in the South of the '50s and early '60s I can testify that "The Help" is, despite some sitcom devices, essentially accurate about the old racial divide. Since racism is sadly still alive in America (and in current politics), it was good to see a hit entertainment that reminded people of the hard history. And what a terrific group of women. Finally, "Le Quattro Volte" played downtown at the Gaslamp and "Le Havre" had a Landmark screen, but for any such imports viewers had better move fast. They are not likely to storm the box-office charts, and often get little mainstream attention. I shine a spotlight where I can, to help the good ones.

By David Elliott 12:48 a.m.,
Jan 5, 2012

thx 4 the FYI...i want to see the Artist and Hugo got any opinion about War Horse??

By nan 2:31 p.m., Jan 5,
2012

Nan.

"War Horse" made it into my weed patch at column's end, and was the lead review of the Dec. 29 column, still posted. I can only underline my disappointment that Spielberg should use his populist talent as a filmmaker to tell the horrors of World War I through a horse story. It's the sort of confusion of categories you get when a huge budget and epic ego combine with a naive desire to reach a mass public sentimentally. You should rent or buy a copy of "The Black Stallion."

By David Elliott 10:48 a.m.,
Jan 6, 2012

Theater Review

Published January 4

And why did Mr. Smith never have the courage to speak his piece about the Globe's leadership before so much damage was done? Mr. Spisto's lack of qualifications for making artistic decisions (both short term, and - more disastrously - long term) was certainly no secret in the SD theatre community; it was openly discussed on many occasions. Nor was Mr. Noel's dismay at the theatre's artistic aimlessness unknown to a wide circle that included not only close friends but many professional colleagues who did not know him personally as well. Mr. Smith, you might

have done your community an important service by raising these topics for serious discussion in your pages. Why did you fail to do so? What, or whom, were you scared of?

By Joseph Vann 2:12 p.m.,
Jan 7, 2012

City Lights, by Eva Knott
Published January 4

Heroin withdrawal, unlike heroin overdose, does not cause respiratory failure, any other mortal event or lasting physical harm. Ms. Lopez seems to have had other significant medical and nonmedical problems that could have caused her death.

By hbenler 8:36 p.m., Jan 6,
2012

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not want to end up asking you to pull the car over. I think I ate an entire basket of bread."

Kimberly turned in her seat and waited until I met her eyes before she spoke. "I will never forget those three smiling faces all full of energy and happiness. I'm still stunned."

"Yeah, well," I giggled at the image in my head, "I think your neighbor's friend won't be forgetting those faces anytime soon, either." ■

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edy. "The wily servant, Truffaldino, is just trying to get some dinner while keeping both his masters happy" during this "wild ride through Venice." The ensemble cast features four real-life married couples. Directed by Robert Smyth.

WHEN: 8 p.m. (also Saturday 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m.)

WHERE: Lamb's Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-437-0600; lambplayers.org

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DE PROFUNDIS

Pianist Catherine Kautsky performs this piece by Frederic Rzewski, inspired by a letter Oscar Wilde wrote to his lover, Lord Alfred Douglas, in 1895 while Wilde was imprisoned for "gross indecency." During the recital, Kautsky will read excerpts from Wilde's description of his spiritual transformation. Also, works by Bach and Beethoven.

WHEN: 8 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive, La Jolla. 858-534-4830; calendar.ucsd.edu

Friday | 13

THE SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS

Lamb's Players has turned Carlo Goldoni's *commedia*-like farce into a musical com-

Saturday | 14

2012 ENROLLMENT FAIR

Enjoy the opening reception for artist Kevin Greeland's exhibit of paintings, coinciding with the Ray at Night Art Walk. Also, take the opportunity to sign up for art classes and workshops with the San Diego Art Department so you can get more creative in the coming year.

WHEN: 6 to 8 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street, North Park. 619-299-4278; sdad-sdai.org

Sunday | 15

HOLISTIC LIVING EXPO

At this traveling expo, you can shop for products and services that assist in "healing and rejuvenation," gemstone jewelry, aromatherapy products, healing music, and more. Also available: sessions with holistic health practitioners and spiritual counselors.

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

WHERE: Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8282; holisticlivingexpo.com



SATURDAY, JANUARY 14: 2012 ENROLLMENT FAIR

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HISTORY FOR HALF PINTS: I LOVE RAIN!

Learn about history's celebrated "rainmaker," Charles Hatfield ("500 successes!"), conduct a rain-making experiment, read the children's book

I Love the Rain, and make a rainy window craft to take home! Reservations required.

WHEN: 10 to 11 a.m.

WHERE: San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-232-6203 x129; sandiegohistory.org

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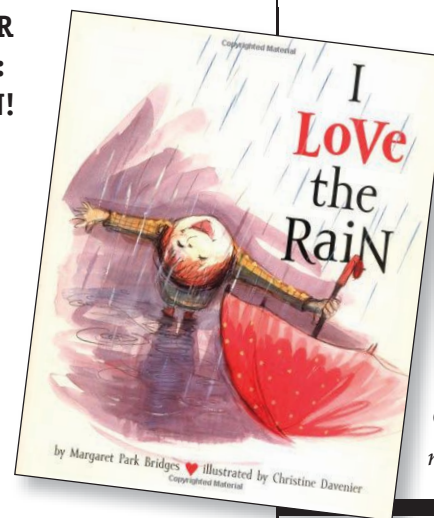
COUGARS, COYOTES, AND BOBCATS

Puppets, songs, real pelts, a nature walk, and a craft activity will teach kids of all ages about San Diego's wildlife during Linda Hawley's Nature

Adventure series. For the month of January, Hawley covers "2 Dogs & 2 Cats: Coyote, Cougar, Bobcat, & Fox."

WHEN: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (also Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

WHERE: Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail, San Carlos. 619-582-6261; mtrp.org



Wednesday | 18

A HAMMER, A BELL, AND A SONG TO SING

The San Diego Rep presents this tribute to Pete Seeger, celebrating "the history of change in America through song, story, and spoken word." The audience is encouraged to sing along with the performers to over 25 songs, from "We Shall Overcome" to "The Times They Are A-Changin'."

WHEN: 7 p.m. (also Thursday through Sunday; check for times)

WHERE: San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, Downtown. 619-544-1000; sdrep.org

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The mortification of Thomas Moodie

Edinburgh, Scotland's Royal Mile

By John Mann

The prime sites to visit in Scotland's capital dot the Royal Mile from Edinburgh Castle at the west end to Holyrood Palace at the east end.

The castle is worth touring at any time, but arrange to be in the castle yard around 9 o'clock on an August evening to view the Military Tattoo — a 90-minute performance by a thousand marching bagpipers.

Amble eastward along the lush Princes Street Gardens, and you may come upon the statue of Greyfriars

Bobby, the world's most loyal dog. According to legend, Bobby was a Skye terrier who waited at his master's grave for 14 years, 'til he died in 1872 at the age of 16.

Farther along, you'll come to the Canongate churchyard, where economist Adam Smith is buried. He died in 1790. The yard surrounds the Dutch-gabled Canongate Kirk. A plaque on its façade explains, "In 1688 King James VII ordained that the mortification of Thos. Moodie granted in 1649 to build a church should be applied to the erection of this structure." This does not suggest that anyone was humiliated. A mortification in Scots law is a bequest to a charitable institution — which explains why local wags refer to this church as Tom Moodie's erection.

Next, note the Scottish Parliament building, completed in 2004, three years late and many times more costly than expected. It won Enric Miralles the 2005 Stirling Prize for architecture, as well as deafening raspberries from some critics who condemned the Catalan architect for failing to consider the structure's context.

Which brings us to Holyrood Palace, right across the street. This is the British

monarch's official residence in Scotland. I found this out when, just as I was about to enter the palace gate to take a tour, a platoon of marching pipers and a caravan of black Bentleys pushed through first. The queen waved to me, as if to say "Neener neener," and took over the premises for the week.

I drowned my disappointment in a single-malt Macallan, neat, at the White Hart Inn.

Manta Rays in Kona, Hawaii

By Frank Lazzaro

As a frequent visitor to Hawaii, I'm always looking for a new experience to expand my appreciation for the islands.



A friend recommended I try the manta ray night-snorkel in Kona, and at first I was hesitant about the idea of going underwater at night. But once I learned more about it, I was eager to get wet.

We set out just before sunset with a group run by local dive tour operator Neptune Charlie's. The trip is open to both snorkelers and scuba divers, so there's no experience necessary — other

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Other Adventures



Mike1980: Imperial Beach Pier



brentstalley: Balboa Park



Gregory Grant: View from the Bund in Shanghai, China. The Bund is a pedestrian walkway that runs along the river in Shanghai.



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Hiking length: Four miles total, returning on the same route • **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate with steep decent at start of trail; Elevation change up to 500 feet
*Canyoneers are San Diego Natural History Museum volunteers trained to lead interpretive nature walks that teach appreciation for the great outdoors.
For a schedule of free public hikes: <http://www.sdnhm.org/canyoneers/index.html>

Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve east of Valley Center is a valuable resource for wildlife, hikers, and equestrians, with running water, a scenic canyon, and spring wildflowers. It is a place to learn about the early history of water transport while observing ecological changes during fire recovery.

Hell Creek, which flows into Paradise Creek, runs for about three miles through the preserve. Despite its name, Hell Creek is a delightful bubbling stream lined with sycamores, coast live oaks, and willows. It is a welcome refuge for thirsty animals, horses, and hikers on hot days. The preserve's terrain is fairly rugged, with a major part of the preserve on the southwest facing slope of the 3886-foot-high Rodriguez Mountain. The majority of the preserve is clothed with chaparral and coastal sage scrub, although there are patches of oak woodland



Despite its name, Hellhole Canyon is a welcome refuge for animals and dayhikers.

in several of the smaller canyons leading into Hell Creek as well as a riparian community along Hell Creek. The 1907-acre preserve is run by the San Diego County Parks and Recreation Department.

Construction of the Escondido Canal, or Gamble Flume, began in

1895 to bring water from the San Luis Rey River to Escondido and originally passed through Hellhole Canyon. It consisted of long sections of a hand-dug ditch connected with a wooded flume. The canal still functions today, but it has been replaced by steel and concrete and

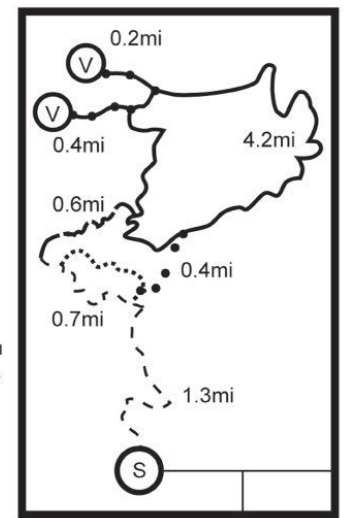
now bypasses most of Hellhole Canyon via a steel siphon constructed in the early 20th Century. The Hell Creek trails follow the route of the old canal on the east of the canyon for over a mile.

From the staging area, the first quarter-mile of the trail is a gentle self-guided nature trail with signs identifying some of the major chaparral plants. The next half-mile leads down to Hell Creek and has some steep places where trekking poles would be useful. The trail along the creek is nearly flat as it follows the contours of the hills for the next 1.3 miles, angling progressively further from the creek. The trail ends two miles from the staging area. Older maps show the trail continuing for an additional 0.5 mile. It has since washed out. The trail going down to the creek and to the siphon is currently closed for habitat restoration. Those wanting a much longer and

Trails of Hellhole Canyon Preserve

Legend

- (S) Staging area w/restroom, water & parking
- (V) Viewpoint
- Hell Creek Trail
- Horse Thief Trail
- • Equestrian Trail
- Paradise Mountain & Rodriguez Trails



more strenuous hike can take the Canyon View Trail leading steeply up the hill.

Hellhole Canyon Preserve was completely devastated by the Paradise Fire in 2003 and parts of the preserve were burned again in 2007 in the Poomacha Fire. A visit to the preserve shows how the coastal sage, oak woodland, and chaparral plant communities can recover from fire. While charred, twisted branches of the burnt brush are still visible, the preserve is alive with vigorously growing sage, man-

zanita, toyon, scrub oak, ceanothus, and many other species that have sprouted from stumps not killed by the fire. The fire also opened up the thick brush, giving seeds that had been lying dormant a chance to sprout, thus providing fresh new forage for wildlife and a great annual wildflower display in spring.

The preserve is open only Friday through Monday from 8 a.m. to sunset for hikers and equestrians. No bicycles or motorized vehicles are allowed. The preserve is closed during the entire month of August.

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OUTDOORS

Explore Natural San Diego Trail guide-led walk to a San Diego River habitat with focus on “how

different communities in nature support each other in the food chain and how the Native Americans lived in nature.” Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Hawkwatch 2012 Visit Ramona’s grasslands, see resident and winter migration of hawks and eagles during outing led by Wildlife Research Institute biologist. Nineteen species of raptors have been recorded at this hot spot. Bring binoculars, wear sturdy shoes. 760-789-3992. Saturdays, 9am; through Saturday, January 28, **free**. Wildlife Research Institute, 18030 Highland Valley Road. (RAMONA)

New Year in Nature! Identify early blooms, learn native plant bio-geography, local history with naturalist trail guide. Saturday, January 14, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

River Cleanup Clean and Green Team of San Diego River Park

Foundation hosts cleanup to rid river of trash and debris. Join group in southeast dirt parking lot of Fashion Valley mall. Tools, supplies provided. Wear closed shoes, clothes that can get dirty. Light rain does not cancel. 619-297-7380. Saturday, January 14, 9am; **free**. Fashion Valley mall, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Star Party Join astronomy buff George Varga and his telescope to view the Pleiades, Perseus’ double cluster, Orion nebula, more. Meet at far end of campground’s day-use parking lot. Saturday, January 14, 5pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Wildlife Tracking Walk San Diego Tracking Team hosts easy, introductory tracking walk for everyone. Learn about art of tracking; look for tracks, scat, other evidence of coyotes, bobcats, raccoon, deer. Rain cancels. Saturday, January 14, 8am; **free**. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

“Artists at Work” Artist Ian Ross, an abstract painter and “official Facebook artist who has created over 40 murals around the United States including a 65-foot mural for the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas,” will produce an original artwork live, discuss his process and techniques. Question and answer follows. Suggested reservations: 760-435-3721. Thursday, January 12, 4am; \$15-\$20. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Hush, Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name Black Storytellers of San Diego present their documentary, followed by “spirited storytelling and music.” Requested reservations: 619-232-6203 x129. Saturday, January 14, 2pm; **free**. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Colored Pencil Artist Karen Rhiner — “known for portraying the world from a slightly different angle” — plans demonstration for Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League. 760-434-8497. Friday, January 13, 1:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Calavera Hills Park, 2997 Glasgow Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Conservation Conference California Native Plant Society’s conference includes free day of events for general public, including talks on home and school native plant gardens, kids and plant science, basketry. Parking: \$5. Saturday, January 14, 10am; Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Crossroads Doll and Teddy Bear Show Enjoy contests, demonstrations, show and sale of dolls, teddy bears, antiques, miniatures, clothes supplies, from antique to modern and handcrafted. Saturday and Sunday January 14 and 15, 10am; **free**-\$8. Al Bahr Shrine

Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Dream Catchers! Local artist Tammy Carr demonstrates how to make custom dream catchers, shares lore, customs, and “the magical intent of these protective devices.” 760-721-2110. Saturday, January 14, 12:30pm; **free**. Kindred Journeys, 510 N. Coast Hwy. #101A. (OCEANSIDE)

Holistic Living Expo Shop for products and services for “healing and rejuvenation,” gemstone jewelry, aromatherapy products, healing music, more. Sessions with holistic health practitioners, spiritual counselors. Sunday, January 15, 10am; **free**-\$10. Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Age of the Dictator — Finally Over? Discuss the topic with Civilized Conversation forum. Is democracy ready to triumph? 858-231-6209. Thursday, January 12, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Whale Watching Adventures Hornblower Cruises leads 3.5-hour outings in search of migrating gray whales, with captains and naturalists from San Diego Natural History Museum on hand to help spot tails and teach guests more about the marine wildlife offshore. Reservations: 619-686-8715 or hornblower.com/whales. Sundays, 9:30am; through Sunday, April 15, **free**-\$40. Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Whale Watching Time Locate gray whales on their round-trip migration from Bering Sea to Baja’s breeding grounds. Get close-up look, learn about gray whale baleen, barnacles, prey from Birch Aquarium naturalists during cruise. Bring warm clothing, binoculars. Reservations: 619-234-4111. Thursdays through Sundays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; through Sunday, April 15, \$17-\$40. Flagship - San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Portfolio Reviews for Developing Artists jdc Fine Art’s Director, Jennifer DeCarlo, will offer free portfolio reviews for artists of all media and skill level. One hour individualized reviews are designed to address completed projects or works in progress. Feedback on concept, content and presentation offered. Additional comment on artist statements and bios are also included in review. Reviews held in the gallery by appointment only. Contact: Jennifer DeCarlo, Director. 619-985-2322. www.jdcfineart.com. Tuesday, January 17 to January 28. jdc Fine Art, 2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite 208. (LITTLE ITALY)

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Internet Business Workshop Have you always wanted to start an internet business? Learn how to set up and market your very own website in this 4-hour information-packed workshop. Sponsored by CorporateWebImage.com and Rankpay.com. For more information, visit: OnlineBusinessWorkshop.EventBrite.com. RSVP at 858-633-3492. Saturday, January 28, 9am to 1pm, Wednesday, February, 8, 2pm to 6pm. Co-Merge, 330 A Street. (DOWNTOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

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

“See/Saw: Annual Youth Exhibition” is a juried exhibit of photography and film by young artists. Closes Sunday, January 29. **Free**-\$6. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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

“Experiments in Abstraction: Art in Southern California, 1945 to 1980,” also closing February 19, includes works from museum’s permanent collection and some local loans, exploring diversity of post-war abstraction in Southern California.

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

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than knowing how to swim and being fairly comfortable in the water as a snorkeler.

On the way out to the dive site, we were greeted by a gorgeous sunset and a playful group of spinner dolphins splashing on the surface. In about 20 minutes we were at the site, along with several other dive boats preparing to enter the water. We were briefed, and each of us entered the water with a bright flashlight to increase visibility and attract the vast hordes of plankton that the mantas feed upon.

Within a few minutes, we were joined by a few graceful mantas circling below. Multiple lights coming from the bottom as well as our own lights created

a scene that was eerie and visually stunning at the same time.

The manta rays have wingspans up to 15 feet wide, and beholding such a large sea creature in your midst is humbling. They’re totally docile animals, and lacking teeth or stingers, totally safe to be with. As we spent more time stirring up plankton to the surface with our lights, the mantas became even more engaging, at times circling and looping within a few feet of our masks.

The tour guides have names for each of the rays, and over 250 have been identified. Rays with names like “Jackie Robinson” and “Lefty” became our new acquaintances, and the 40 minutes we spent in the water with them flew by.

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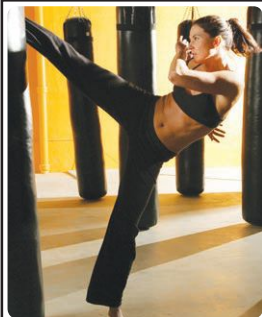
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"Phenomenal: California Light, Space, Surface" Enjoy in-depth look at 13 artists whose work with light as a medium in the 1960s and '70s defined an era of art making in California. Featured artists: Peter Alexander, Larry Bell, Ron Cooper, Mary Corse, 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 Sunday, February 5, inspired by Steinkamp's recent research into atomic energy, atomic explosions, and the effects of these forces on nature. The "enveloping panoramic work will activate a field of moving flowers and flowering trees." **Free**-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

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

"A Fantastic Voyage — The Art of Ynez Johnston," surveys six decades of the artist's wood and bronze sculptures, paintings, prints, ceramics from 1940s to 2010, including recent works that

have never publicly been shown. Closes Sunday, June 17.

"Maneki Neko — Japan's Beckoning Cats — from Talisman to Pop Icon" includes selections from a collection of 155 cats given to museum by collector Billie Moffitt. Made in the 19th and 20th centuries, each cat is unique; most are made of clay, but some are wood, metal, ceramic, papier mâché. A fabricated cat with a paw upraised in the Japanese gesture of beckoning has been considered a good luck charm, drawing good fortune to individuals and businesses, since the Edo period (1603-1868). Enjoy the cats through Sunday, January 15. **Free**-\$7. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Point of View" This retrospective includes more than 80 works, ranging in media from oil on canvas to watercolor and pencil sketches, created over the last 25 years by William Glen Crooks. His "outdoor 'snapshots' bring a freshness to the landscape genre by capturing the subtle modalities of atmosphere through the opacity of light and the transparency of shadow." Through Sunday, April 22.

Oceanside native Everett Peck is an animator, cartoonist, illustrator, painter, best known for his television series *Duckman* (1994-1997). "It's Not My Fault," on display through Sunday, January 29, showcases Peck's work over past 30 years, tracing his evolution as an artist from early concept sketches to recent large-scale paintings, humorously exploring pop culture of modern America and its intersection with everyday life. Also on display: illustrations, sketchbooks, preliminary and concept drawings from Peck's extensive animation work.

Four MFA artists from UCSD were invited to collaborate with a professor on a new work of art or select an existing work establishing a strong visual and conceptual dialogue for "Vantage Point: UCSD Visual Dialogues." View resulting work by students Ela Boyd, Chris

Rhyme & Verse

The Symptoms

A poem by Sarah Maclay

Concentration's shot,
my mind is full of light,
my fingers smell deeper
than honey.

My heart is in my thighs,
my groin — you don't even
want to know — it's in my knees,
my nose, it's everywhere.

I'm so distracted
I leave the doors unlocked,
practically hide the vibrator
in the refrigerator.

The smoke alarm goes off.

Kardambikus, Brian Zimmerman, Alida Cervantes and professors Ernest Silva, Louis Hock, Ruben Ortiz-Torres, Anya Gallaccio through Sunday, January 15.

Local artist Cathy Breslaw created a site-specific installation using "industrial materials to investigate her interest in how people relate to changing physical and intangible environments." View "A Matter of Space" through Sunday, February 12. **Free**-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Saint Bartholomew Museum features this painting, described as "the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego." Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-century American paintings, and Russian icons. **Free**. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Translating California Sunshine Spencer Finch's "light-based installations bridge an actual locale with

a recalled memory." *Rome (Pantheon, noon, June 14, 2011)*, on view through Sunday, January 22, "evokes the moment and mood of a place by controlling the quality of light, color, or other sensory information."

"Phenomenal: California Light, Space, Surface" offers in-depth look at 13 artists whose work with light as a medium in the 1960s and '70s defined an era of art making in California. Featured artists: Peter Alexander, Larry Bell, Ron Cooper, Mary Corse, Robert Irwin, Craig Kauffman, John McCracken, Bruce Nauman, Eric Orr, Helen Pashgian, James Turrell, De Wain Valentine, Doug Wheeler. "Combining key works from the museum's collection" with major loans from public and private collections, "the exhibition includes immersive light installations together with rare, ephemeral, and site-conditioned works, some seen in California for the first time in decades." Closes Sunday, January 22. **Free**-\$10.

I cruise the floors of my
bungalow 'til they're blue.

Every week
I clean my house for you.
I'm starving and I can't
sleep, exhausted and I can't eat.
What have you done to me?

Cure me. Please.
Make it worse.



Sarah Maclay currently teaches creative writing and literature at Loyola Marymount University and conducts periodic workshops at the Ruskin Art Club and Beyond Baroque. She is book review editor for Poetry International. "The Symptoms" is from her recent collection, *Music for the Black Room*, which, like her previous two collections, was published by the University of Tampa Press.

She lives in Venice, California. Author's photo by Mark Lipson. The poem is reprinted by permission of the University of Tampa Press.

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Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

BOOK SIGNINGS

"Getting Published and Staying Published" Authors Caitlin Rother (*Poisoned Love*) and Cathy Lubenski (*Trashy Chic*) plan talk and book signing. Friday, January 13, 6:30pm; **free**. Bay Books, 1029 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Brahms and Schumann: A Love in Common" San Diego Symphony plays the Brahms "Symphony No. 3," which the composer sent as a gift to Clara Schumann.

619-235-0804. Thursday, January 12, 7:30pm; \$20. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"De Profundis" Pianist Catherine Kautsky performs this piece by Frederic Rzewski, inspired by a letter Oscar Wilde wrote while imprisoned in 1895 for "gross indecency." Kautsky reads excerpts from Wilde's description of his spiritual transformation during recital. Program includes works by Bach, Beethoven. Thursday, January 12, 8pm; **free**-\$15. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Schumann Piano Concerto" San Diego Symphony joined by American pianist Andrew von Oeyen to perform Schumann's "Piano Concerto A Minor." Program includes Wagner's "Overture to *The Flying Dutchman*," the Brahms "Symphony No. 3." 619-235-0804. Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, 8pm; Sunday, January 15, 2pm. \$20-\$96. Cop-

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All-Liszt Concert Pianist Garrick Ohlsson celebrates 200th anniversary of composer Franz Liszt's birth with program including "Bénédiction de Dieu dans la solitude," "Mephisto Waltz No.1," "Transcendental Étude No. 5 in B-flat Major" for La Jolla Music Society's Frieman Family Piano Series. 858-459-3728. Friday, January 13, 8pm; \$25-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Bach Cello Suites Tanya Tomkins performs three of J.S. Bach's "monumental cello suites" for San Diego Early Music Society. 619-291-8246. Saturday, January 14, 8pm; \$20-\$22. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

David Garrett Classical/crossover violin. Sunday, January 15, 7pm; \$30-\$50. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

COMEDY

Black Kat Theater and Comedy Presents a weekend of comedy with 2011 in Review: A Living Newspaper. A hilarious sketch comedy review of bests and worsts of 2011. Tickets \$12. <https://sites.google.com/site/blackkattheatre/> Friday, January 13, 7:30pm; Saturday, January 14, 7:30pm; Sunday, January 15, 1:30pm; Desi's Bar and Grill, 2734 Lytton Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Judy Gold Fresh off her Off-Broadway show, Judy Gold, the Emmy winner and star of the star of HBO's *At the Multiplex with Judy Gold*, entertains. 858-362-1348. Saturday, January 14, 8pm; \$23-\$27. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Laugh Out Proud Comedy show geared toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community, featuring local LGBT comedians Sarah Burford and Sean Wherley, gay Los Angeles comic Matt Moore, San Diego allied comedians Kyle Ray and (the always fabulous) headliner Vicki Barbolak. Reservations required for dinner: 619-400-4500; otherwise, first come, first served for seating. Thursday, January 12, 8pm; **free**. 21 and up. Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

West Coast Funnies Comedy variety show blending sketch, satire, video, stand-up comedy. Featured: Andrew Norelli, Chris Zapatier. 951-929-3586. Saturday, January 14, 8pm; \$20. 18 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

DANCE

"Ruby Red Cabaret: Mixed Nuts" Evening of modern dance with live music, food, wine, song planned when San Diego Dance Theater launches "Ruby Red" performance series. Expect choreography by Jean Isaacs, Joe Goode, Gabe

Masson, with pieces including *By George/By Jean, I don't want to be there*, more. 619-225-1803. Sunday, January 15, 6:30pm; \$15-\$45. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Argentine Tango with Colette Will give you a first free class any Monday or Wednesday and will introduce you to the passion and magic of Tango at Dance Place San Diego in Point Loma. No need for a partner. More information: www.TangoWithColette.com or call 514-726-5567. Monday, January 16, 7pm, Wednesday, January 18, 7pm. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 106. (POINT LOMA)

Jam 'n' Blues Swing Dance Now hosts new year party with music by Nathan James Trio (9:30pm-12:30am). Evening begins with swing and blues dance lessons. Fee for one class and dance: \$15; dance only: \$8. 619-291-3775. Friday, January 13, 8pm; Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Meet a "National Dance Treasure" Workshops with 91-year-old Anna Halprin, who "has helped redefine our notion of dance with her belief in its power to teach, heal, and transform." Required advance registration: 760-944-0403 or nia-starstudios@gmail.com Saturday, January 14, 9:30am; Sunday, January 15, 10am; \$200. 18 and up. Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

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FOOD & DRINK

Cookbook Club This month, explore *Healthy in a Hurry*. Menu includes kale chips with sea salt and smoked paprika, vegetable and lentil soup, more. Book is included in cost of class. Reservations: 619-295-0510. Thursday, January 12, 6:30pm;

\$75. Williams-Sonoma, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Post-Holiday Raw Food Cleansing Joy Houston (*The Delicious Revolution*), Lisa Odenweller (founder of cleansing rejuvenation program Beaming), Meredith Gnau (A Grateful Life blogger) share ways to “easily prepare raw foods dishes that help to naturally purify your body, mind, and spirit.” Saturday, January 14, 2:30pm; \$45. Cups Lounge and Culinary, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Restaurant Week More than 180 restaurants county-wide offer three-course, prix-fixe menus for \$20, \$30, or \$40 per person, Sunday, January 15 through Friday, January 20. Two-course, prix-fixe lunch menus offered for \$10, \$15, or \$20 per person. Sunday, January 15, 12pm; \$10-\$40. Restaurants throughout San Diego County



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The World of Chocolate Get the fundamentals of chocolate — how are they different? What is “good” chocolate all about? Learn to make basic truffles and a host of chocolate delights. Class includes tasting of variety of chocolates. Friday, January 13, 6pm; \$65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

GALLERIES

“- is +: new abstracts” Reception for Los Angeles-based artists Jay McCafferty and Miguel Osuna, who lead viewers “into the mesmerizing world of idiosyncratic detail using magnifying lenses, solar heat, paper, ballpoint pens, resin and canvas.” Closes Wednesday, March 14. 858-793-4442. Thursday, January 12, 6pm; **free**. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery, 200 North Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

“2012 Enrollment Fair” Opening reception for artist Kevin Greeland’s exhibit of paintings, offering opportunity for guests to sign up for art classes and workshops, coinciding with Ray At Night artwalk. View Greeland’s work through Saturday, February 11. 619-299-4278. Saturday, January 14, 6pm; **free**. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

“Dissecting Nature” Opening reception for show of paintings, sculptures, photographs, video, mixed media works by Birgir Andrésson, Adam Belt, Stephen Curry, Roman de Salvo, Andy Diaz Hope, Iran do Espírito Santo, Vernon Fisher, Maiko

Haruki, Anya Gallaccio, Andy Goldsworthy, Roy McMakin, Lincoln Schatz, James Turrell. Closes Saturday, February 25. 858-454-3409. Saturday, January 14, 6pm; **free**. Quint Contemporary Art, 7547 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

“George Brown’s Bar” Opening reception for exhibit of John Banasiak’s photographs “taken in 1970 and 1971 in the same place, a neighborhood tavern in suburban Chicago that Banasiak had known since he was a child.” Enjoy the exhibition through Saturday, February 25. 858-456-5620. Saturday, January 14, 5pm; **free**. Joseph Bellows Gallery, 7661 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

“Love Songs and Incantations” Opening reception for exhibit of new paintings by New York artist Peter Halasz. Through Saturday, February 18. 858-459-3917. Saturday, January 14, 5pm; **free**. R.B. Stevenson Gallery, 7661 Girard Ave., Suite 201. (LA JOLLA)

“Refurbished and Established” Opening reception for exhibition of “Xhobo paintings.” Friday, January 13, 7pm; **free**. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

“Revisted” Opening reception for featured artist Claire-Lise Matthey Anderegg, as well as juried artwork from regional “Outstanding Visual Artists.” Closes Sunday, February 19. Sunday, January 15, 10am; \$3. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Seeking Balance” Meet artist Michael Summers during an exhibition featuring his original pop

surrealist acrylic paintings. RSVP: 800-204-0062 or pr@ecgallery.com Saturday, January 14, 6pm; Sunday, January 15, 12pm; **free**. Exclusive Collections Gaslamp Quarter, 437 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

“Wood: A Furniture Exhibition” Opening reception for Escondido Arts Partnership exhibit “gathering of some of the very best furniture makers in Southern California,” hosted by Brian Murphy of Murphy’s Fine Woodworking. View the 25 pieces of handcrafted furniture through Friday, February 3. Saturday, January 14, 5:30pm; **free**. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

“Works of Wisdom” “Classic words of wisdom are used daily to inspire hope, reason, and contemplation.” Opening reception for exhibit of works “by a mix of artists using famous quotes as their stimulus.” Closes Saturday, February 4. Saturday, January 14, 5pm; **free**. Thumbprint Gallery, 920 Kline St., Suite #104. (LA JOLLA)

Inaugural Exhibition Venue opens with exhibit of paintings by La Jolla artist Erik Skoldberg and sculptures by New York artist Kevin Barrett. RSVP: 858-551-8453 or AS@alexandersalazarfineart.com Saturday, January 14, 6pm; Salazar Contemporary Art Exhibits, 1162 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

January’s Art Opening reception for featured artist Lou Karza, “recognized for her watercolor, acrylic, and print-making.” Closes Sunday, January 29. 760-434-8497. Sunday, January 15, 3pm; **free**. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League’s COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

Kettner Nights Fun Irina Negulescu hosts evening of wine, music, art with “expressionist guest artist Madeline Sherry” in Neglescu Studio. Friday, January 13, 6pm; **free**. Coalesce Gallery, 2360 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

LECTURES

“A View of U.S.-India Relations” Former diplomat Godfrey Harris shares “why it makes historic and practical sense to seek closer ties to India, worry less about Pakistan, and have an alternative to China” when Life at MiraCosta senior learning group meets in room 1068 (1pm). Larry Larson introduces “The Geological Institute of America” 760-721-8124. Friday, January 13, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

“Can the California Condor Be Saved?” San Diego Audubon Society meets for talk by Mike Wallace of San Diego Zoo’s Institute for Conservation Research, who will describe challenges facing California condors and their fight for survival in modern world. 858-273-7800 x100. Thursday, January 12, 6:30pm. **Free**. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

“Interweaving Traditions” Education Coordinator Alex Stewart presents “A Last Look at the Chinese Minority Costumes Exhibit,” exploring “full significance of these ornate outfits.” RSVP: 619-338-9888. Sat-

urday, January 14, 1:30pm; **free**-\$4. San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

“Mysterious Incidents in Balboa Park Section” Presentation for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) promises “audience participation in discussion, analysis, and conclusions.” 760-753-2456. Sunday, January 15, 6pm; **free**. 18 and up. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Painted Desert” Talk San Diego-area artist Michael Wheelden discusses his approach to art making. His “paintings of dwellings have never been solely about formal concerns, but are also intended as reflections of their inhabitants, the human condition, and man’s relationship to community and nature.” Exhibit closes Saturday, February 25. 858-581-9934. Saturday, January 14, 1pm; **free**. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Secrets of Steinway” Seminar at Greene Music “Piano specialist” David Farkas shares “history behind the Steinway family legacy as well as the craftsmanship that goes into creating a hand-made instrument.” Reservations: 858-586-7000. Saturday, January 14, 11am; **free**. Greene Music Recital Hall, 7480 Miramar Rd., Suite 101. (MIRAMAR)

“Submitting Poems and Short Stories for Publication” Learn “strategies for determining markets and successfully submitting prose and poems for publication...how to find appropriate venues, narrow your goals, build your biography, and build a community of writers and readers for your work.” No experience necessary. Saturday, January 14, 9am; \$45-\$54. Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

“Taking Control of Your Creative Mind” Workshop led by Terry McBride, author of *The Hell I Can’t*, chronicling his journey to “perfect health and wholeness” through study of principles of positive thought outlined by Ernest Holmes in *Science of Mind*. Sunday, January 15, 6:30pm; \$25. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

“The French Ambassadors and the Secret Horoscope” “Discovering horoscopes hidden in famous works of art” is a specialty of astrologer Douglas Barker, who introduces a painting with “great import — and great undertones of secrecy” during San Diego Astrology Society meeting. Friday, January 13, 7:30pm; \$7-\$12. Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

“The Schools Our Children Deserve” Enjoy “An Evening with Alfie Kohn,” when the Boston-based author and education expert shares “models of education designed to develop children’s critical thinking and problem-solving skills.” Talk (7pm) follows reception, book signing (5:30pm). Reservations: 760-944-6777. Thursday, January 12, 5:30pm; \$10. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

“Unwrapping the Mummy: Hollywood Fantasies, Egyptian Realities” Stuart Tyson Smith — UCSB anthropology professor and

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Formation: One year of Yucatán, Mexico, mission work; Calvin College and Calvin Theology Seminary, Grand Rapids, Mich. (2010).

San Diego Reader: What is your favorite subject on which to preach?

PA: I like to preach Psalms but that's because they cover the entire human experience — I like Psalms because they touch on the highs and lows of human experience and they are

from the gut — you can tell, a place of emotional honesty, and there's a lot of variety: thanksgiving, lament, praise, in all different kinds of situations. I think they also cover a lot of ground theologically; there's a lot of prophecy in the Psalms.... There's also reflection on the Torah, and also mention of justice and the prophets. So you get a really broad scope in the Psalms, but it's all in earthy language.

SDR: What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?

PA: It sounds very simple, but my main concern is learning to love people the way God loves us, and growing more to understand just how

much we are loved by God. I think a lot of people, especially on the outside of the church, understand Christians to have an agenda. I think partly they're right because a lot of Christians are concerned about growing the size of their church, and maintaining their church structure and facilities. I think sometimes Christians do get caught up in that, when really the whole gospel message is that we're more screwed up than we know, but we're also more loved in Christ than we could ever imagine. My main concern is that it is obvious not only to the people who walk into church but also the people who come into contact with the people at my church;

I would hope that both would sense there's not an agenda but just a desire to get to know and share life. For Christians, obviously, that life is in Christ. If that's an agenda, it's the right one to have.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PA: Our core values are to be biblical, missionary, prayerful, grace-filled and grace-giving, empowered by the Spirit to serve and committed to maturing as disciples. Our motto is "Loving God in our neighbors and joining God in his mission."

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PA: The soul has to look forward to being in the presence of God. That's



Adam Stout likes to preach the Psalms. "They touch on the highs and lows of human experience."

what I'm basing my life on, and there's only one way to find out and I won't be able to tell you afterwards. There have to be other possibilities besides heaven, of course; God's not going to make people come into heaven. Jesus didn't work

that way; He didn't twist people's arms behind their backs and say, "Say my name and accept me as Lord." So I certainly believe people have the choice, and that certain people will choose to go their own way. They have chosen it in this lifetime and I think there are other destinies besides heaven and the presence of God. The other destiny would be the absence of God. Now, there's no red man with a pitchfork and horns, and there's quite possibility not even fire or an inferno as Dante had pictured it. But the point is that absence from God is hell.

— Joseph O'Brien

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Stargate, The Mummy, The Mummy Returns consultant — focuses on the ancient Egyptian mummy genre in film. He will compare Hollywood's mummies to insights archaeology and Egyptology have provided into reality of death, burial in ancient Egypt. Included in regular admission. 619-239-2001. Saturday, January 14, 11am; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Beginning Tracking for Wildlife Surveys Prepare to participate in surveys monitoring wildlife in preserves and other critical areas. Topics: basic recognition and identification of animal tracks and other signs, intro-

duction to track patterns and gaits, wildlife journaling, an overview of survey protocol. Classroom time supplemented with field time; dress to spend time outdoors. Bring sack lunch. Fee includes reference materials. Required advance registration: sdttinfo@gmail.com Saturday, January 14, 8am; \$25. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

How Much Research Is Too Much? Nonfiction author Suzanne Morgan Williams considers "Research for Fiction and Nonfiction Writing" for Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators in USD's Hahn School

of Nursing Building (Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). 619-713-5462 or pr-sd@sandiego-scbwi.org Saturday, January 14, 2pm; \$7-\$9. 18 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Meet the Director National Geographic Society and Smithsonian lecturer Karin Muller "delivers a high energy multi-media performance with video clips and photos guaranteed to inspire your spirit of adventure" for Cinema Series of Carlsbad. 760-602-2012. Saturday, January 14, 2pm; **free**. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

SPOKEN WORD

Gelato Poetry Series Fernando Castro is featured. Open mike follows. Friday, January 13, 7pm; **free**. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

SPORTS

"Esco Escapade" Knickerbikers bicyclists plan 35-mile ride through Escondido, San Marcos, and along bicycle rail trails. Bring money for

lunch at George Burgers (at half-way point). 858-450-0373 or 619-787-7427. Saturday, January 14, 9am; Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Petco Walk, Run, Wag 5K9" Enjoy "celebration of what a fun, healthy, active pooch and pal partnership can be," and walk or run a 5k or 1-mile course with or without a dog. Pet and fitness expo. 760-635-1795. Sunday, January 15; \$24-\$49. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Russell Family 5K Fun Run Proceeds support Shawn and Heather

Russell's family. Registration: 8:30am; bike, walk, rollerblade: 9:30am. Requested donation: \$18 per person, \$36 per family. 619-697-6001. Sunday, January 15, 8:30am; Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (LA MESA)

To the Lighthouse Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 50-mile ride including Coronado ferry (bring money for fare) and visit to Point Loma lighthouse. 619-507-8241. Saturday, January 14, 8:45am; **free**. Pepper Park, Tidelands Ave., south terminus. (NATIONAL CITY)

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No Man's Land

One English soldier yelled, “We’d rather die than sing in German.”

The following are classical music entries from the *Reader’s* “Jam Session” music blog. Click to Sandiegoreader.com/weblogs/jam-session for more.

BEST CHOIR IN SAN DIEGO

Musica Vitale could make an argument for being the best choir in San Diego County. They’ve been singing quality concerts since 2006, but not too many people have heard of them.

I went to their concert at All Souls’ Episcopal in Point Loma. It was another true performance. The program was Christmas music, but the only song I was familiar with was “Lo How a Rose E’re Blooming.”

The variety of music was extensive. There was late Renaissance music by the likes of Tomás Luis de Victoria and 20th-century music by Ives and Poulenc.

Baritones Michael Blinco and James Schindler sang well as the only soloists in the program.

This is a group that every music lover in San Diego needs to hear. I’ll make sure to give a heads up before their next concert.

SILENT NIGHT WITH SOCCER

If there be any doubt of the power of music, consider the Christmas Truce of 1914.

After rushing to war in a spirit of carnival, the armies of World War I found themselves in a world of misery. The war officially started on August 1. By September, trenches had been dug and “no man’s land” had been established.

The horrors of trench warfare were legion. “No man’s land” was the space, sometimes as little as 30 yards, between the opposing trenches. This space was filled with irretrievable corpses. Any soldier who attempted to enter “no man’s land” was cut

down by machine gun fire.

On the night of December 24, 1914, a strange thing happened in Flanders. Friendly voices called out from both sides and then the sound of men singing Christmas carols began to fill the air.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY
GARRETT HARRIS

According to *firstworldwar.com*, at one point the Germans managed to slip a chocolate cake into the British line with a message proposing a concert at 7:30 p.m. The British accepted, and at the appointed hour the Germans began to sing. The Germans invited the British to sing with them.

One English soldier yelled, “We’d rather die than sing in German.”

A German soldier replied, “It would kill us if you did.”

Christmas spirit was present. A soccer match was played in “no man’s land” during the truce and the Germans won 3-2.

In a rare moment, a group of people at war decided that singing and playing together was more important than other considerations. Some soldiers defied direct orders to reengage the enemy.

I can’t find any accounts of the actual carols, but the Germans must have sung “Stille Nacht” (“Silent Night”).

UNIVERSAL BABY

Onetime Escondido resident Benjamin Britten wrote a beautiful piece of Christmas music during his sea voyage back to England in 1942. The music was his *Ceremony of Carols*.

The piece is written for three-part treble choir and harp. Treble choir can be boys or women. However, there are SATB arrangements. For those in doubt, SATB stands for soprano, alto, tenor, bass.

Britten used liturgical text as well as poetic text from *The English Galaxy* of *Shorter Poems*.



Onetime Escondido resident Benjamin Britten utilized liturgical and poetic texts for his *Ceremony of Carols*.

The Galaxy was published in 1934, so Britten was being somewhat timely by accessing this resource.

The third movement of the *Ceremony* is a traditional poem that dates to 1420:

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu; *Alleluia*.
For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space; *Res miranda*.
By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three, *Pari forma*.
The angels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis deo: Gaudeamus.
Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus*.

I find the second stanza to contain enough beauty and mystery to keep me interested in religious Christmas traditions. The philosophical ramifications of such a statement are immense to those who would or would not believe.

Within the baby Jesus, the universe was contained. Of course, most parents feel that way about their kids.

9 BEET STRETCH

9 Beet Stretch — my friend asked if I’d heard of it after the Symphony concert of Beethoven’s *Ninth*. I hadn’t.

He explained that it’s Beethoven’s *Ninth Symphony* stretched out over a 24-hour period with no pitch distortion. He uses it from time to time for his yoga practice.

I checked it out. It is surreal, like something from a Stanley Kubrick film.

The stream has been running online since May 7, 2005.

When I opened it, it was somewhere in the middle. I could recognize some of the harmonies, but it was tough to tell exactly what part of the symphony it was.

I’m not sure what to say about this “idea-based” artwork.

As a concept, I really like it, but I must admit that I’m not sure how long I could actually listen to it. I can recognize the contemplative qualities it has. ■

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The Last Supper

December 14, 2011

We all gathered around the bed.

"What fresh hell is this? This food is gonna kill me!" groused Naomi — Joan to us, her regular dining companions — as she choked down another morsel of hospital food.

"Mashed potatoes?" someone guessed.

"No! Eggs!" Naomi said. "And which one of you brought my 'fizzy water' [code for nigori sake] and smokes?"

We joked about sending half the posse back to the kitchen while the other half smuggled in Naomi's vices. It was the last time our entire group would laugh together. The next day Naomi went into emergency surgery. She never came out.

In March of 2011, Naomi and Samurai Jim spoke about Naomi's eventual retirement from the *Reader* and the possibilities for a final review. Samurai Jim suggested she title the piece "The Last Supper." Maybe they'd even make a reservation at a favorite restaurant under their recognizable *Reader* names.

"If we can have Chef Jackson at A.R. Valentien, you got it!" Naomi said.

This column is a collaboration, a tribute dedicated to the life and career of a true friend and culinary mentor.

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December 21, 2011

Jim was first on the scene. Grinning, he said, "Reservations for Samurai Jim and Naomi Wise."

"Ah, we've been expecting you, Mr. Jim. The chef would like to have a word."

Chef Jackson, a tall man full of energy and enthusiasm, emerged from the kitchen. He escorted Jim to the private dining room. The young samurai remembered how much Naomi had enjoyed it when a chef was given free rein to create: these meals were always phenomenal.



Chef Jeff Jackson of A.R. Valentien coauthors the ultimate *omakase* masterpiece in Naomi's honor.

"Chef Jackson," Jim said, "please, go out and play in the kitchen. In my culture we say, 'Onegaishimasu, *omakase* kudasai,' which means, 'We trust you to give us the best.'"

Chef Jackson and Chef Kolanko had already been planning the meal. Usually, Chef Jackson opened and Chef Kolanko closed. Not this time. All day

long, they'd bonded over a hot oven, creating the ultimate *omakase* masterpiece.

Jim prepared the room. At the head of the table, he draped Naomi's black sweater over the chair back and placed her red-and-black hats at the top of the rails. On a credenza sat pictures of a 16-year-old Naomi, with her 19" waistline, and two

**DINING
REVIEW**
NAOMI'S "POSSE"

**San Diego Reader food critic
Naomi Wise
(Joan Golomb Goodwin)
1945–2011**

★★★★★ (Superb)

Ratings reflect the reviewers' affinity for the critic and reaction to food, ambience, and service.

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volumes of ornately bound *Reader* reviews. A bottle of nigori sake and a pack of Capri Lights were placed at every setting. A memorial tag pictured a frustrated Naomi visiting Machu Picchu. On the outside of the tag, the caption joked: "My kingdom for a truffle." Inside: "*Om mani padme hum*," Naomi's chant for a friend when they passed.

One by one, the posse arrived: Petite Michelle, The Lynnester, Witty Fred, Dave, Sam (Sang), Ben, and Mark. We were happy to see each other, despite our sadness, and immediately ordered cocktails and wine.

Chef Kolanko arrived with the amuse bouche, succulent shrimp laid atop thinly diced white beans and kale, paired with Esprit de Beaucastel 2008, from Tablas Creek Vineyards.

Chef Kolanko said: "You don't choose the profession, the profession chooses you. I always loved the kitchen, even back when I was washing dishes. I was cooking by 16. Chef Jeff and I opened A.R. Valentien in 2002, and every Thursday we got a bottle of wine and the *Reader*, in hopes that we would be reviewed by Naomi Wise. In October 2005, I was promoted to chef de cuisine. Two months later, we got our review — 4 ½ stars. I was elated. Naomi's words were the shot in the arm that gave me the confidence to excel."

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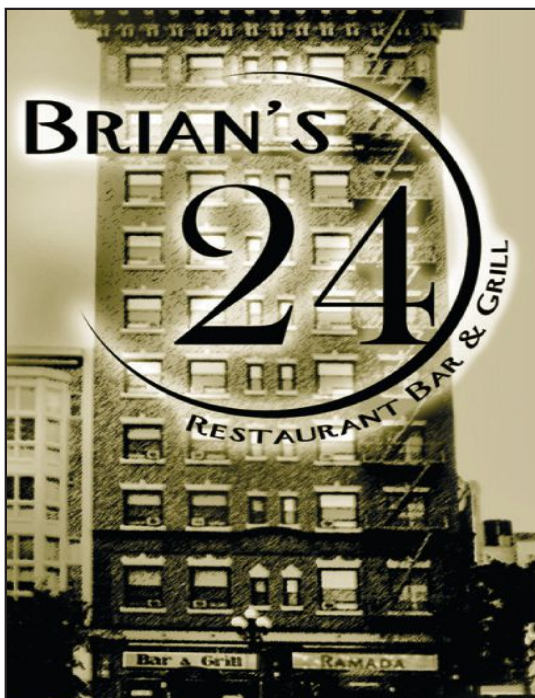
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Witty Fred held up his glass. "Being a foodie novice," he said, "I felt like a student at the end of the master's fork. Naomi's vocation was to expose average Joes to the fine-dining experience, describing ambiance, ingredients, and preparation."

Chef Jackson appeared with the second course, Dungeness crab wrapped in lettuce, light citrus hints lurking within. Our wine was a Rhône blend from Sunset Cove in Washington state.

The next part of the meal we dubbed "The Oyster Cult": oysters with Meyer lemon and mignonette. They were all velvet tenderness, as sensual as a first kiss. Every other oyster was adorned with a Meyer lemon foam. Samurai Jim and Fred, though not oyster fans, fought over the last one via "Rock, Paper, Scissors," Naomi's favored decision-making process.

Michelle recalled a quote from one of Naomi's reviews: "These are about the sexiest oysters I've ever eaten, really an aphrodisiac. A dozen and I'd go nympho."

"As enjoyable as the meals were," Michelle continued, "Naomi was usually in a hurry to get home and write. One of the most delightful evenings we ever had occurred after a meal at Jsix with Fred and Jim. I suggested we enjoy a cordial on the rooftop. To our surprise, Naomi agreed. She regaled us with stories of her sensual adventures. How she'd traveled across the U.S. on the back of a motorcycle that belonged to a boyfriend who wrote for *Oui* magazine. There were stories of a clandestine relationship while working for the U.S. government and how she became a 'cougar.' When I mentioned the small town where I am from, she said she'd had a lover from there as well, and still corresponded with him in his jail cell."

Eddie, our server, brought the next course, roasted duck breast from Liberty Farms, a side of poached baby turnip in duck fat, and a turnip tarte tatin. He recommended we pair it with 2007 Sonoma-Cutrer pinot noir.

"Put that duck fat juice on

the back of your neck and I will lick it off all night long," Ben said to Lynne. His husband Mark looked confused. Maybe it was Ben's comment; or maybe he was wondering if it would be bad form to lick his plate clean.

Dave said, "Last April, I turned the tables on Naomi and treated *her* to dinner — at A.R. Valentien's Artisan Table night. She loved it, and even tacked a mini-review onto her next column, saying, 'It's a bargain for so much pleasure and luxury.'"

Sam, known to us as Sang, our resident sommelier, selected a Twomey Cellars by Silver Oak, Napa Valley 2006, to go with the next course: Beef on a String — tender, juicy, poached filet of beef, bone-marrow flan (yep, bone marrow made into flan), and aromatic vegetables with smoked black tea and sherry broth.

The broth's aroma was like a warm blanket on a cold day. Chef Kolanko explained how, one day, feeling extra creative, he'd added black tea to the already awesome mushroom-sherry broth. It was such a hit, the dish stayed on the menu. Served on the side was a buffet of options, house-made Dijon, fleur de sel, and smoked sea salt. The chemistry experiments began, a challenge to see who could come up with the best taste combination.

As the beef melted in his mouth, Sang's eyes rolled back.

"Until now," he said, "the best meal I ate with Naomi wasn't for a review. We dined at the Better Half. Chef John Kennedy came to our table and said, 'You two look like adventurous eaters. I can make some dishes that aren't on the menu. Just give me a heads-up.' We took him up on the offer. That meal included *two* foie gras dishes. In its brief incarnation, the Better Half was my favorite restaurant. Since all of our favorites have closed, I've been lost. But now I think I've found a new home.

"For Naomi, it wasn't about ego," Sang said. "She had business sense and compassion. She didn't want to be too negative about a small place, as that might put them

out of business. Neither would she publish a great review for places not equipped to handle a sudden onslaught of business. One thing she demanded was that the average diner be treated with respect. Restaurants that failed to do so got the razor end of her pen."

For the final course, it was all hands on deck. Our server, the sommelier, Chef Jackson and Chef Kolanko presented our desserts, then, with our sincerest thanks, paraded off to a standing ovation.

The sommelier returned to pour a smooth Fiore D'Arancio Orange Muscat. Our first plate was the pastry chef's signature Black Magic Cake, layered with pistachio brûlée, and a lemon tart that made our mouths flood with anticipation. Then came house-made marshmallows, fresh-from-the-fryer donuts, and candied passion fruit. The only thing missing was an insulin pen.

Lynne, not a dessert person, was so impressed she had to try a bit of everything.

"I was recently in Mexico for a wine tour for foodies," she said. "We'd have great food paired with each winery's signature bottle. One of my fellow tour participants was a big-time chef, and toward the end of our conversation, he asked if I was in 'the industry.' I felt so complimented. Because of Naomi's tutelage, I can talk knowledgeably with chefs. How cool is that?"

We toasted our friend one final time. Then the last crumb of the tart was licked off the plate by Fred. Sam tossed the last home-made marshmallow across the table, and Samurai Jim caught it in his mouth.

We unanimously agreed that the meal was the best we'd ever had.

Therefore, based on creativity, presentation, and service, we, Naomi's friends, award Chef Jeff Jackson, Chef de Cuisine Tim Kolanko, and A.R. Valentien five stars.

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If I'd known then what I know now, I might have stuck to life east of the I-5.

I swear, what a hike. I get off the Blue Line trolley at 24th Street, National City.

Pretty much dark already, around 6:00 p.m. I head south to Mile of Cars Way, turn right, head west, dive under the trolley, and then under the I-5, and come out into a different country, feels like.

There are a couple of buildings on the left, like a new Best Western motel and an ancient railroad depot. Oh, yeah, I remember now. This is the National City Depot. Where the transcontinental railroad was supposed to end. It's been here since...what, 1882?

Whatever, today, we've got Best Western, the Depot, and then...nothing.

Now I'm hiking south down this lonely road called Marina Way. Gloomy. Complete silence except for crickets. Bushes seem to be climbing over the fence, reaching out to grab you.

Must've walked a mile, almost, and then, 'round a bend, the next thing I see is...Tijuana! You come to the end of the road, and the beginning of the water, and there's this blaze of lights, shimmering like spilled diamonds: TJ, on the near horizon.

Up close, a big sign reads “Pier 32 Marina.”

Another reads “Waterfront Grill.”

I pass a sculptured skeleton of a boat, and then decks with tables and chairs and a little artificial white-sand beach with half a dozen Adirondack chairs facing the bay. This would be so cool on a sunny day.

By now I can make out the marina. Hundreds of boats, some pretty flashy, some looking like they've traveled hard.

I walk along a frontage with taut canvas awnings and white umbrellas folded for the night. Upstairs on the deck of the marina building, I spot this lady grilling chicken

and potatoes on a BBQ. Name's Kimberly. Turns out she lives on a boat that's moored in this marina. Has just sailed around...the world! With her husband. Is cooking their

meal on a grill provided by the marina. She says a lot of folks live aboard here.

She points me to a door. “Open,” it reads. A moment later, I'm in the warmth of the — whew! — Waterfront

Grill.

I flop back in a chair and check the menu. Hey hey! Derreck, the guy in charge, says it's still happy hour. Main deals I see are \$2 domestic beers and \$2 fish tacos. I order a beer and a taco, just to get going, and cast my eye over the menu he passes me.

Hmm... Non-happy-hour chow is a little more up there. Fish is a big deal. Like, even in the appetizer section, the lobster taquitos cost \$8.50, sesame-smear ahi is \$9.95, and three Angus beef sliders go for \$9.95. In the serious-entrée section, grilled swordfish is \$19.95. The flat-iron steak with baked potato and veggies costs \$18.95.

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

His own dad, David (“Bud”), has had “British fish and chips” (\$9.95). “Good,” he says. “Really good.”

David Junior had the “New, bigger ½-lb. beef burger” (\$10.50). “I'd've liked it rarer,” he says, “but it was good.”

I down my fish taco (delish, crispy), glug my MGD, then have another fish taco. Heck, two bucks, who's counting?



Half-pounder burger and bean salad



The Owens family was riding the bayside bike path and stopped in.

Then, just when I could walk away only seven bucks poorer, I decide I have to order their beef burger to go, for ten,

eleven more. For Carla. Also, I'm curious, because it sounds delish: half-pound patty, with roasted garlic aioli, red-leaf lettuce, tomato, onion fritters, and blue cheese (I could have gotten smoked gouda, mozzarella, or pepper jack). It comes with a side of garlic fries or salad — bean salad, potato salad, or coleslaw. For no particular reason, I go for the bean salad.

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

Meanwhile, all I've got to do is make that long walk back.

Sigh. Come on, boots.

P.S. The burger is a major hit with Carla. And for the chunk she gives me, it's not just good because of the huge patty and ladlings of blue cheese, but because of that bean salad. Man, was that ever an unconscious master stroke. Black beans, garbanzos, red and green chili-pepper chunks, tomato, and pineapple. On impulse, I stuff it all into the burger and, presto: the luscious, tart and tasty National City Boiger is born! ■

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Not from a Can

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Former Ritual Tavern Chef Is Off to Liberty Station

If you are a fan of the cuisine at Ritual Tavern, first off, I think you have good taste. Second, be sure to get over there soon. Chef Brandon Brooks has officially tendered his resignation, but his responsibly sourced cuisine will be available through January 28 as he plays out his stretch at the North Park eatery.

Brooks has taken a position as “chef and local food connoisseur” with Sol Markets, a new business to debut in Liberty Station. Under construction in a renovated NTC fire station, Sol will be a new type of grocery store offering items procured almost exclusively from local producers. (Look for more on this new business in a *Reader* post next week.)

Brooks will serve eight-to-ten small plates daily that change frequently, in concert with the market’s bounty. Sol Markets will be located at 2855 Perry Road.

Posted Jan. 4,
by Brandon Hernández

Oceanside to Consider Opening Roads to Gourmet Food Trucks

The Oceanside City Council will discuss amending city code to allow food trucks to operate in the city at a hearing on Wednesday.

The order to allow food trucks was first discussed in August, after council members Esther Sanchez and Jerry Kern requested more information. At that hearing, Kern and conservative colleagues Jack Feller and Gary Felien expressed concern that the food trucks could impact local restaurants and dis-

suade restaurant proprietors from opening shop. The council directed city staff to address those concerns.

Tonight, city staff will return with those recommendations, which include allowing food trucks to operate on residential streets for no more than one hour on any one block and prohibiting the trucks from serving food within 500 feet of existing restaurants, schools, park concession stands, and special events.

The council meets at 4 p.m.

Posted Jan. 4, by Dorian Hargrove

First of Three New Brian Malarkey Restos Opening January 8

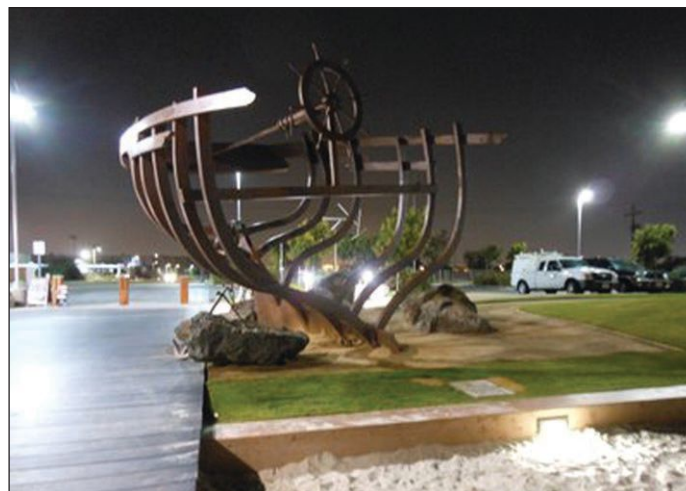
If it seems chef Brian Malarkey is everywhere these days, that’s because he is. After the runaway success of he and partner James Brennan’s first restaurant, downtown’s Searsucker, the duo moved north to

Del Mar Highlands less than a year later to open Burlap with the culinary thematic of “Asian cowboy.”

Shortly after that, Malarkey announced not one, not two, but three new projects for 2012, each located in a different community of San Diego County. When he told me about the spot in La Jolla, I thought it was logical. When he mentioned Point Loma,

I figured just about everybody’s getting in on the action out there, so that makes sense. Then he said “La Mesa,” and my eyebrow raised.

As it turns out, the latter location will be the first to debut when Gingham (who knew cowpokes were so into fashion and fabrics?) opens in the spot formerly occupied by Gio Wine Bar in downtown La Mesa on Sunday, January 8. Described as an “urban-cowboy diner,” the venue is envisioned to



You'll know you've arrived when you see this sculpture

fill a role for the somewhat sleepy community (I’ve lived there, so I’m allowed to say it) as a lively hub.

The location is certainly prime for that, and the installation of a huge bar offering craft beer and cocktails from Snake Oil Cocktail Co. should help to increase the liveliness of La Mesa Boulevard.

The food should be an upgrade as well. Chef de cuisine Ryan Studebaker, who’s coming over from Del Mar’s Prepkitchen, will be presenting a meaty menu based on various styles of barbecue — straight-up, sandwich-style, smoked, and more. The bill of fare will be divided into categories such as “not from a can,” “baked,” “oil boil,” “low and slow,” “smoked,” and “charbroil.”

Offerings will include such dishes as Julian hard-cider-infused pork shoulder with fried kale; venison osso bucco made with stout beer, chipotles, and chocolate; and a brisket made with “Mama’s Dry Rub.” Lunch will be offered, featuring salads, sandwiches, dogs, and sausages.

So what’s with all the cowboy stuff? Many don’t know Malarkey beyond his 2007 appearance on season three of *Top Chef*, but he actually grew up on a horse ranch.

One thing that’s out of character about Gingham is the fact that everything’s under \$20, making this the most affordable of the chef’s venues. Gingham is located at 8384 La Mesa Boulevard.

Posted Jan. 4,
by Brandon Hernández

Sweet: Friday’s the Day

Get your walkin’ boots on...

At the mouth of the Sweetwater River, in the badlands west of the I-5, National City kinda surprises you with a brand-new facility beside a yacht basin. It’s a place where all the yacht owners and live-aboards can do their washing, cook meals on shore, and socialize at the restaurant, the Waterfront Grill at Pier 32 (3201 Marina Way).

Till recently they had a pretty sweet happy hour Monday through Friday that went great with the sunsets you’d get, looking south towards Tijuana and west towards, well, Hawaii. Heck, they even had Green Flash beer that goes kinda well when you’re sitting there waiting to catch the real green flashes on the horizon.

The main happy hour deals have always been \$2 beers such as Miller Genuine Draft and \$2 fish tacos. And good, crispy fish tacos at that. Especially when the main dishes go from about \$9 to \$19.

Only two problems: one, it’s a heckuva walk from the nearest bus/trolley stop (at 8th Street), and two, they’ve cut way back on their hours. Nowadays they’re only open for lunch through the week, so happy hour’s only on Fridays (3 p.m. to sunset) through the winter months. Come spring and summer, they promise to make it an everyday thing again.

But on a Friday, it’s definitely worth it, just to sit out on deck, sip suds, crunch the battered cod in the taco, and watch ol’ Huey sink into Big Blue. If you can spring 11 bucks, this 1/2-lb. burger and its dee-lish bean salad are way worth it. See more in this week’s *Tin Fork*.

Posted Jan. 4, by Ed Bedford

Dinner at the Movies: Cinepolis Del Mar Luxury Cinema

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to see big, loud, explosion-filled action movies. So John and I headed up to Del Mar to see *Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol* at Cinepolis Luxury Cinema in the Del Mar Highlands Shopping Center. Yes, I know...Tom Cruise. But he's managed to keep his mouth shut lately, and Jeremy Renner's in it, so off we went.

Cinepolis is a terrific concept: reserved stadium seating, big, comfortable, reclining easy chairs, full bar, dinner service, and the usual popcorn, candy, and snack items. Tickets run \$15 to \$22 for adults.

We arrived a little early and tried to order food in the lobby restaurant but were told that we had to order inside the theater. No problem. We look over the menu, the movie starts, and we settle in. There's nobody coming around, so we push the service button. Still nobody. In fact, we notice that no one else is getting any service either.

Well, we figure, we don't know their system, so we watch the movie and kind of forget about it. An hour into the movie, a young man comes over and tells me, "We don't have any food. Our truck didn't come yet. But we'll bring you a soft drink on the house." I asked if we could at least get some popcorn, but no, they didn't have that either.

The whole thing sounded bogus, so John went out to the lobby to check. Sure enough, it was. He ordered food and was told it would be brought right away. Four minutes before the movie ended (running time was 133 minutes), our food arrived.

John got short-rib sliders (\$13). Nice job on those onions. The meat, what little there is of it, was as tough and chewy as it

looked. I had asked for a prosciutto panini (\$11) but got a mayonnaise sandwich with a slice of turkey and a slice of provolone.

Our dessert selection was Xangos Caramel Banana (\$8), which was supposed to be cheesecake, bananas, caramel, and a "flaky tortilla pastry." At least they got the caramel part right. I almost never throw food away, but I made an exception in that case.

We enjoyed seeing the movie and would go back for that. The reclining seats are very comfy, the middle armrest can be raised so it becomes a little sofa, and the sound system is good. But eat somewhere else first.

Posted Jan. 3,
by Mary Beth Abate

First Impressions: The Lion's Share

Last month I was psyched to announce that the Lion's Share, a craft-cocktail lair with a game-meat menu, had opened in downtown's Marina District.

The fuel for my excitement was that the kitchen is being headed by executive chef Lhasa Landry, whose résumé includes stops at Red Velvet, Cafe Chloe, Blanca, and Starlite. Those are some good testing grounds for the type of food — thoughtful, heightened, classic-meets-comfort — that she's putting out amidst the low-lit environs of her new territory. I had to check it out.

I can't comment on the cocktails — I was there to get drunk on food. With a menu including everything from bar snacks to pasta to composed meat dishes and desserts fit for a splurgy luxury eatery, there were plenty


of options.

I started out with the potato puffs, spheres of creamy mashed potatoes fried to a crisp golden brown. Sprinkled with *fleur de sel* and served alongside a tangy malt vinegar aioli, they are the perfect appetizer. Sure, it doesn't seem complicated — we're talking fried spuds here — but these puffs are executed to perfection. Everything about them is spot-on, from the dual textures to the seasoning.

A pair of entrées followed. The first was a nicely presented plate of bourbon-glazed wild boar ribs that were cooked to just the right amount of doneness — a rarity with this protein, which often gets served well over optimal medium-rareness, which converts it to a dry, chewy, and largely tasteless mess. The cider-like glaze was sweet, but not so much that it overpowered the boar. The other components on the plate, slaw and sweet potato mash, made for a solid and logical supporting cast.

On the other end of the main-dish spectrum was the Animal Style burger, which I felt compelled to order. With burgers as ubiquitous as they are in America's Finest, all offerings must be taken on and treated as a bit of a measuring stick...especially when it's \$20.

What do you get in return for a Jackson? Quite a bit, and not plain-Jane tomatoes, iceberg, and American cheese. Landry's decadent carnivore's dream piles wild-boar bacon, a runny fried duck egg, smoked cheddar, and crispy shallots atop a hefty grass-fed patty sourced from a ranch in Paso Robles. Each protein-rich bite brings every element into play, making for a solid flavor



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combo that tastes a bit like a beef-bolstered eggs Benedict. Nothing wrong with that, and if you're going to shell out 20 bucks on a burger, this would be the one.

After that beast, one might have expected me to tuck tail and head back to my own lair, but I adhered to the "When in Rome..." adage and went for the lion's share, ordering not one but two desserts. Both were delicious, but a caramely butterscotch *pot de creme* topped with a dollop of cream that cut its richness won out over petite churros with chocolate dipping sauce.

I'd have never believed fried dough could be defeated. It's like a zebra putting the ten-count on Mustafa, but grace came in ahead of the deep fryer and created a dish that makes me and my scale glad.

The Lion's Share is located at 629 Kettner Boulevard.

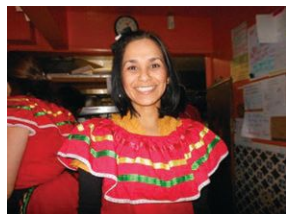
Posted Jan. 3, by Brandon Hernández

Let's Do Lonche

I was talking to Nathalie the other night. She's one of the waitresses at this place, the oldest eatery in Old Town, they claim, and I can believe it: La Piñata (2836 Juan Street). It started in the 1920s and really got going in, like, 1932.

Their food is standard Mex, as SD has become used to it. Which is okay but not exactly ground-

breaking. But what I come for is the patio, the colors, the crowds, and the piñatas. Plus, half the regulars are Old San Diego.



Nathalie waitresses at the oldest eatery in Old Town.

I've met fliers, Pacific adventurers, guys who knew Baja when you needed a four-wheel drive, and a bunch of folks who got turned off when Old Town Plaza itself veered into the run-by-a-company-from-New-York thing a few years back.

Nathalie: "Come here for the chiles rellenos, tamales, and shrimp quesadillas," she says. "Those are my favorites."

Today I'm gonna try their *lonche* special: two enchiladas with rice, beans, and sour cream (\$8.95). Standard, as is the patio. Standard Mexican: totally colorful, leaving most others in the dust.

Posted Jan. 3, by Ed Bedford

The Last Piece of the Del Mar's Puzzle Is in Place

Over the past several months, I have been trying to keep up with all of the human-resources activity going on along one block of Camino del Mar, from 15th Street to L'Auberge Del Mar. That stretch includes a number

of restaurants, three of which — Flavor Del Mar, Pacifica Del Mar, and L'Auberge Del Mar's Kitchen 1540 — have experienced recent changes in kitchen leadership.

Jason Maitland, the chef who opened Flavor to much anticipation, parted ways with ownership, leaving the post open for new executive chef Brian Redzikowski. Maitland is poised to resurface when his new eatery, Red Light District, debuts downtown.

Pacifica Del Mar lost its lead toque when Evan Cruz was lured across the street to Kitchen 1540 by L'Auberge. He is now a sous chef there, and Mark Bolton has since taken over at PDM with solid results.

Kitchen 1540 had perhaps the most surprising act in this play when executive chef Paul McCabe bid L'Auberge farewell, moving to a restaurant where he could have control as well as a stake in the business as a partner. He's now cooking up new food to go with a renovated dining room at Rancho Santa Fe's Delicias.

Back at 1540, they just selected the chef who'll take McCabe's place. His name is Scott Thomas Dolbee, and he comes to Del Mar from Canada. His last post was as executive chef at the Four Seasons Resort Whistler in British Columbia.

For now, it looks like everything's sewn up and everybody's happy on this luxurious block. Eh, the year's still young.

Posted Jan. 6, by Brandon Hernández

Soul Food

"As my dad was dying, six years ago," says Star, "he made me promise that I wouldn't sell, that I'd keep the place going as is."

Star Thompson, Ben Chaudoin, and I are standing outside the Star Bar (423 E Street, 619-234-5575) as night comes down on downtown.

Star is dressed like a, well, star. She's all glamour, the last person you'd expect to be running a genuine dive bar. Ben's here to help run things and provide a bit of muscle. But you don't feel this is one of those tough places, just an old-fashioned haunt.

"Oh, yes, I've had a bunch of offers to sell this place," says Star. "But I promised my dad. And kinda promised the customers, too. Because this is important to a lot of people. Dad opened this three months after I was born. He named it after me. Before that it was called the High Seas Bar."

I couldn't have designed this place better. It's one long, dark, noisy-but-friendly-once-you-get acclimatized sorta place. From all the tensions of downtown, here you can just go *whew!* and let yourself settle for a while and rest up for your next assault on the world.

No, they don't have food beyond chips, or my great discovery, the popcorn. But they must be doing something right. The more you talk, the more you discover that people have been coming in here for forever.

Posted Jan. 6, by Ed Bedford

There's a Lot of Nobility to Noble Experiment

Every time I head to Noble Experiment, the cocktail bar hidden behind a false wall of kegs in the back of Neighborhood in East Village, I drink in the atmosphere before partaking of their liquid wares. With the artwork lining the ceiling and a solid wall of gold-painted skulls, there's no place like it.

Even though an operation like theirs benefits from keeping things moving, the staff has always allowed me and the patrons around me to take time to appreciate the sights or have a conversation about booze (or just about anything else) with the bartenders.

I recently enjoyed such a convo with Noble Experiment tender Anthony Schmidt, a fellow dining enthusiast who regaled me with tales of outstanding dishes unearthed during recent travels to Mexico and Los Angeles. We also talked about restaurants and menus with pictures on them before we shifted gears so I could check out his new winter menu.

First up was the Holiday Gold Rush, a mix of bourbon, lemon, honey, allspice liqueur, bitters, and muddled orange. Tart yet warming, with a balancing sweetness, it was the perfect way to prime the pump for stronger drinks such as the Flores.

Made with reposado tequila, mezcal, Pedro Ximénez sherry (made from the PX varietal

of white grape), and special mole-flavored bitters, it had a pronounced smokiness with citrus nuances and was much more spirit-forward than its predecessor.

For my third drink, I did what I always do when I go to Noble Experiment: I named a spirit and let Schmidt work his impromptu magic. My selection for the evening was Grand Marnier (I have many fond December memories of doing a little one-for-you, one-for-me while brushing this spirit over cheesecloth-adorned fruitcakes).

He went right to work, combining a jigger's worth of the orange liqueur with brandy, sweet vermouth, cognac, aromatic bitters, and orange before dropping in a sweet cherry. It was the first time Schmidt had this particular cognac, a fave new toy of his produced by Pierre Ferrand.

At 90 proof (versus brandy's traditional 80 proof), it had the chutzpah to stand up to the sweetness of my cordial of choice. It turned out to be a splendid equalizer, and the final product had all the orange flavor of Grand Marnier plus oaken and lightly herbal dimensions.

It was delicious, and if Schmidt and company can do that with a sugary fruit bomb of a foundation, imagine what he can do with your brawnier base spirit. Noble Experiment is at 777 G Street.

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Forbidden Love: Sprinkles Cupcakes

I have a confession to make: I love cupcakes. There, I've said it. I've loved them ever since my mother sent me to kindergarten with a box, homemade and decorated like miniature Easter baskets, with tinted coconut "grass" and jelly bean "eggs." They even had a chenille wire "handle." Clearly, this was in the olden days, before school treats required vetting by the USDA, the FDA, OSHA, and the FBI.

They were a huge hit, and what five-year-old wouldn't revel in the unbridled joy her birthday delicacy unleashed among her classmates? My affection for cupcakes has remained undimmed, even though they have appeared on every "Top Ten Food Trends That Must Die" list for the past decade.

Which brings me to Sprinkles Cupcakes, located at 8855 Villa La Jolla Drive in the Shops at La Jolla Village Shopping Center. I may love cupcakes, but I'm picky. One hint of dry cake, greasy icing, gloppy filling, and into the trash it goes. But I get my hair cut a few doors down from Sprinkles, and after several months of watching the line that forms outside their door, I decided it was time to take the plunge.

Sprinkles cupcakes are as cute as a speckled pup, but not so cute that you'd feel silly serving them to a group of dudes. The young ladies were enthusiastic and helpful and waited patiently while I decided what I wanted. Red Velvet, another top contender for Most Hated Food status, is their most popular. Black and White takes second honor.

I picked Red Velvet and Coconut Chocolate (\$3.50). They sure are pretty. But all that pretty won't disguise inferior ingredients or poor baking technique. Do these babies have what it takes?

Well, yes, they do. They have a good cake-to-icing ratio, and the frosting is sweet but not shortening-greasy. I'm not a huge Red Velvet fan, but this one is buttery, mildly chocolatey, with slightly tangy cream cheese frosting. The Chocolate Coconut is moist and rich, the dark chocolate and cocoa flavors melding perfectly with the white cream cheese icing and a liberal shower of untoasted sweetened coconut. It's refreshing to have a cupcake when the cake part tastes as good as the icing.

Sprinkles Cupcakes won't change your life. But, at \$3.50 a pop, they are an inexpensive and delicious way of spreading joy.

Posted Jan. 6,
by Mary Beth Abate

Breakfast on the Patio: The Fig Tree Cafe

John and I were strolling around Pacific Beach a while back when we noticed a crowd of people waiting to get into the Fig Tree Cafe, 5119 Cass Street. It was pretty inside, and the menu looked good, but we'd just eaten. This weekend, we made it back.

Eating at the Fig Tree is like eating on your neighbor's patio, casual and laid back. Their menu states that they make everything to order. Nothing is precooked.

I have never heard of Meatloaf Hash (\$10.25) before, so I had to try it. Diced pieces of savory meatloaf with chunks of red potatoes in their skins and a handful of baby spinach, tossed together with pesto. It was unusual and tasty. The three over-easy eggs had a little too much oil but were nicely cooked. Lots of food there. I ended up taking a good bit of it home.

John's Monterey Scramble (\$9.75) had three eggs mixed with scallions, Ortega chilies, Monterey cheese, and diced bacon. It was light and fluffy, with sides of well-seasoned black

beans and Mexican rice. Instead of salsa, there was a decent rancho sauce and tortillas to wrap everything up.

The Fig Tree Cafe serves a full range of coffee drinks made with beans from local roasters Cafe Moto. Eggs are sourced from a family-owned farm in Ramona, California.

Posted Jan. 5,
by Mary Beth Abate

Catching UP: Urban Plates

The Del Mar Highlands Town Center is undergoing a major facelift, with a newly renovated movie theater and new shops and restaurants. Urban Plates is one of the latest eateries to open there.

According to their website, the owners of Urban Plates spent two years traveling and researching their concept, which they say is "farm to plate and won't break the bank" and "freshly delivered from local farms and producers." Sounded interesting. I was curious to see how revolutionary this was going to be.

You grab a tray, walk along a line, order your food, and pay at the end. If this sounds familiar, it should. It's called a cafeteria. Nothing revolutionary so far.

The food stations are labeled with cutesy names: Mix UP for salads, Pile UP for sandwiches, Carve UP for entrées, Stir UP for rice with various braises, and Urban Pizzettes. The main dishes were surprisingly lacking in variety. For example, of

eight sandwiches listed, four are turkey. Most dishes come with a piece of focaccia, entrées come with two hot or cold sides, and sandwiches come with homemade potato chips and one side.

John decided on turkey meatloaf, rosemary roasted potatoes, and grilled summer squash (\$10). I'm not sure what "local farm" is growing zucchini in December. I chose the grilled Urban steak sandwich (\$10), which comes with the chips and sautéed mushrooms with leeks.

We got our food and cutlery, napkins (printed "in case you mess UP") and cups ("drink UP"). Enough with the UP. This is when the weirdness began. We were taking pictures of the food when a young lady came over and said, "Please stop taking pictures. The owner doesn't like it."

What's UP with that? If you have a website with pictures of



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Anyway, on to how it tasted. My sandwich was supposed to have roasted red and Anaheim peppers and chimichurri aioli but came with only a few strips of red pepper. The beef, which looked beautifully rare, was surprisingly lacking in flavor. The beef and the inside and outside of the roll were aggressively grilled, which gave it a bitter, acrid taste. The

mushrooms and leeks were okay but nothing special. Those chips, though, they were really good. Fried golden brown in rice oil, they were super crunchy and had great potato flavor.

John's entrée had two small slices of turkey meatloaf topped with a too-sweet red sauce. I'm not a fan of turkey meatloaf, and this was no exception. It was dry and lacked any distinct flavor. It was better as leftovers, cold out of the refrigerator, but that's not the point of eating in a restaurant. The potatoes were decent enough but had none of the promised rosemary flavor. The grilled summer squash was a complete failure. Curiously, it had slices of nearly raw eggplant in it, no seasoning at all, and was totally tasteless.

What the next revolution in food will be, I have no idea. I do know that Urban Plates isn't likely to be a part of it.

Posted Jan. 4,
by Mary Beth Abate

Jesse James Drank Here

I'm back in the barrio, heading down César Chávez toward the trolley. I walk past ye olde brick building that was Chuey's bar-eatery for the longest time. For

the past eight years it's been Ryan Brothers' coffee-roasting and sipping place (1894 Main Street at Cesar Chavez Parkway, Barrio Logan).

And what great roasts I've sucked down, running for the trolley. Plus you feel good because they're big into fair trade, cutting out ruthless middlemen.

I see a red blur, the danged trolley heading south just as I get to the corner. Still, crisis equals opportunity, right? Fifteen minutes to wait for the next one now.

I hop up the steps and inside, past that famous old rickshaw of theirs, over the wild-colored cement floor, and into a big yellow, red, and naked-brick place.

Hmm. Hot paninis. I can eat fast. Angie says the TAB (turkey, avocado, bacon) is the most popular.

"We call it the 'Carmine,'" says this other gal. Turns out she's the head chef here, Christina McMahon. "Carmine's one of the Ryan brothers. He's always hungry, but he never gets fat." The Carmine comes with chips, fruit, or soup.

"We make it all here," says Christina. "I bake my own focaccia, too."

This sounds serious. I go for the Carmine TAB and soup (\$6.95) and a coffee (\$1.75). It's called Coronado Moonlight,

a combo of Indonesian and African arabicas, the sign says. Mmm. Smoky. Oh, and now I remember: all three Ryan brothers grew up in Indonesia.

Of course: that rickshaw. "It's an Indonesian *becak*," says Harry. He's another of the brothers (Tom is the third.) "We traded it for a coffee maker with a guy across the road."

I'm leaving the bar for a table when I spot the sign. "Historic bar. Outlaw Jesse James sat here, 1870."

"Jesse's distant cousin Tobin James had a winery up in Paso Robles," says Harry. "Jesse stayed with him after the Civil War. This was the bar up there. He probably leaned on here drinking wine... but with his elbows, and his back against the bar. So he could face the door. Improve his chances of survival."

I have to go back to the bar and lean on it. Back to it, elbows on it. Wow. The very thought.

When I finally get to my first bite, that bacon-turkey combo is fine. A little pungent, even. "I put some coffee in it, too," says Christine, "just to punch up the flavor."

So that's what it is. But what truly gets to me is that focaccia of Christina's. So tender and crisp and also with the tang of rosemary you see scattered on top.

What I actually take with me, and am still slurping when I hurry down to the trolley stop, is the soup. The soup! Excellent.

Winey! Hot! Like, *muy picante*. It's the sausage Florentine in it, dozens of chunks, along with veggies and I don't know what else swimming around. Christina! Don't forget the recipe!

Posted Jan. 4, by Ed Bedford

A Room with a View: Candelas Coronado

It's the last official day of the holiday season, and what better way to show it out than with cocktails and a view. It seems that everyone feels more generous this time of year.

Candelas Coronado, at 1201 First Street, Coronado Ferry Landing, has a daily happy hour (4 to 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight) that's tough to beat. In the bar area they serve half-priced drinks — any drink — and select menu items at half price. As a bonus, they throw in a million-dollar view.

The setting is so beautiful and romantic that we keep getting distracted from the menu. Finally, we settle on a bowl of crema de cuatro quesos al chile pasilla (\$4.50), ensalada de palmitos (\$4.25), and tacos dorados (\$7).

Everything arrives quickly, and our server suggests that next time we ask to split the soup, explaining that for the \$1 split surcharge, we'll get a lot more for our money.

I like the soup a lot. It's rich

with blue, mozzarella, parmesan, and cream cheese, well seasoned, and served over a dollop of slightly chunky, soft mashed potatoes with a small-ish prawn and a fried shredded sweet-potato garnish. The soup is decadent and smooth. It's delightful to scoop up bits of the mashed potato with it and let it meld together, the potato further enriching the liquid. The prawn is perfectly cooked — tender, plump, and sweet — and the sweet-potato garnish provided good textural contrast.

It's difficult for me to get excited about salads. I've eaten so many bad Chinese chicken salads during business meetings...why do they always assume that the women want salads? The ensalada de palmitos makes me rethink my prejudice. Even though it has the dreaded winter tomatoes on it, they are saved by a quick sauté in olive oil and garlic, which manages to draw out their flavor, as it does with the mushrooms and hearts of palm. It's dressed with a light, tasty artichoke vinaigrette. Substantial and yummy.

Barbacoa is the cooking technique from which the word barbecue is derived. In Mexico today it generally refers to slow cooking over an open fire or in a pit lined with maguey leaves. I'm guessing that Candelas employs the first method. These tacos are filled with barbacoa sheep, deep fried and garnished with crema and cotija cheese. They were juicy and savory and nicely crispy. On the side was good guacamole, mild red chili sauce, a dry hockey puck of refried beans, and some overcooked green rice. A couple of minor missteps that I was willing to overlook.

All told, our bill for two cocktails and three substantial dishes came to \$23.25 before tax and tip. Beautiful, indeed.

Posted Jan. 4,
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Amazing Bass. “I had sent him a text around 1:30 in the afternoon.” Lemon Grove prog-rocker Andy Gorman needed a bass player, and Gorman wanted Tim Garcia for the date. That was Thursday, December 22. “I told him that I’d pick him up.”

area hospital later that night after suffering a massive heart attack.

Gorman got the news by telephone from a mutual friend the next day while on his way to a Christmas party. “‘Dude,’ I said, ‘you got it wrong. No. Bullshit.’”

the inside track blurt

Garcia, he says, was without transportation. “At about 6:30 p.m., I finally got a text back from him: ‘Yeehaw! When and

There’s a garage behind Gorman’s house that was converted into a music room. For much of this past year, the



Tim Garcia’s (left) latest project was a Kiss tribute.

where?”

The gig was finalized but would never be performed. In fact, that would be the last time Gorman would hear from his old friend. Garcia, 53, was pronounced dead at an

studio served as Tim Garcia’s home. “I had him here for eight months.” A drum kit takes up much of the space; guitars hang on the walls. Gorman stops at a cheap electric bass. “He called this one Fifty

Buck Chuck.” Gorman won’t elaborate, but he says that Garcia had fallen on hard times. He slept on patio cushions but for the most part was in good humor. “He was on his way back up.”

In recent years, Paul Timothy Garcia played numerous pick-up gigs around town with bands such as the Crabs, City Limits, and a Kiss tribute. But he made his name back in 1977 when Stephen Percy formed Mickey Ratt in San Diego, a band with a revolving door in which Garcia was the founding bassist. In the days following Garcia’s death, Percy posted the following on his Facebook page:

“Tim was an amazing bass player. Even the first day auditioning him for the band in 1977 playing [Led] Zepelin’s ‘Immigrant Song,’ [lead guitarist] Chris Hager and I were blown away. We found our man. He was so dedicated, [he] read music, played anything we showed him. He remembered every song and parts that Chris and I would forget even to this day. We always kicked ass with Tim, and he was always willing to be a partner in crime.”

Percy also wrote this: “Life is short. Let’s appreciate even those we have trouble understanding due to substance abuse who are our loved ones or friends.”

In 1980 Mickey Ratt moved to L.A. and became Ratt but Garcia stayed behind. “He

had a baby...and a day job,” says Gorman. “He missed the fucking boat. It was a shame.” But Garcia was not without

Garcia, and grandchildren Alex Garcia and Avelina Magadan.

— Dave Good



Ratt’s Stephen Percy: “We always kicked ass with Tim.”

friends. In 2009, when Hager started Uncle Junkie, he would enlist, if temporarily, the help of his old band mate.

Garcia moved out of Gorman’s studio and headed north at the end of October. By November he had taken up residence somewhere in Rancho Bernardo and found work as a live-in caregiver. Less than two months later, Garcia was discovered in his room, unresponsive. He is survived by his children Adriana Garcia Magadan, Chris Garcia, and Janelle

Galactic Love. “I had to wait for my contract to expire with [TV talent show] *Platinum Hit*, but my sophomore album *Space.Bar.Love* is finally being released,” says singer/songwriter Amber Ojeda. Though she didn’t win the Bravo network competition, she says, “The show was a crazy whirlwind. I learned a lot, I grew a lot, and I also realized how important it is to speak my mind if I don’t believe in the integrity of a song. I could have used a lot more sleep, a little more wine, and

a stronger stomach for people being rude to each other.”

No stranger to TV — she played a recurring role in the locally-shot series *Veronica Mars* — Ojeda has an opinion as to why some televised competitions succeed while so many others fail. “I think the bottom line for TV reality shows is that people want to be involved. The shows that achieve great success are due to the fact that people love to feel responsible for the artists’ success.”

The former San Diego Gulls Girl released the first single from *Space.Bar.Love*, “Galactic Love,” last summer, but her deal with *Platinum Hit* precluded releasing the full-length until the end of the year. “As far as the album title goes, I really pondered what would represent this eclectic body of work. *Space* references my fascination with the sky. *Bar* has a double meaning, the obvious one and the space bar on a computer keyboard. There’s a song on the album called “F13” that depicts a broken relationship and the desperation toward trying to connect with someone, even if it may only be through social media. *Love*, of course, represents the driving force behind everything.”

The full-length is a digital-only release. “I’ve always leaned toward releasing music via the internet. As a consumer, I rarely purchase

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Ojeda: "Streaming...online sales are the future of the industry."

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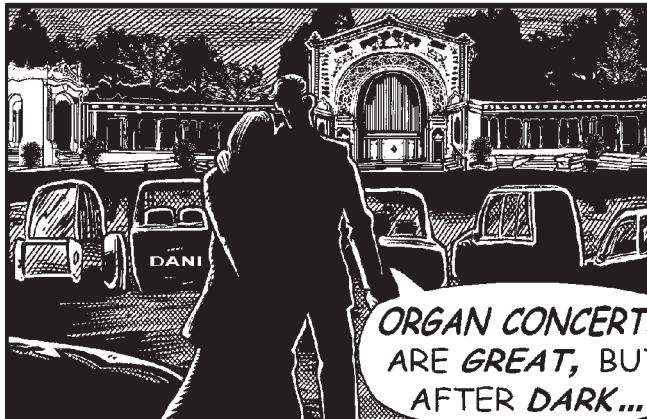
Now You Know: Clockart. "The San Diego scene for our sound is all right," says Beejay Buduan, guitarist and songwriter in Clockart, over coffee at Twiggs on Park Boulevard.
"It's more of a rock city. It was getting pretty big here, the whole beach, chillwave thing. Bands like Dirty Gold and TV Girl happened, and the scene got a lot bigger, but

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Blogger Carles likened it to "something playing in the background of an old VHS cassette that you found in your attic from the late '80s/'90s," and, for a few months around the summer of 2009, it was the raddest thing on the planet.
Employing dual Telecasters, a Micro Korg, a Roland sampler, live and programmed drums, and ample pedal effects, Clockart finds an ethereal, lo-fi, chillwave-y, nu-gaze-y, dream-poppy sound defined by processed signals and synth/singer Allie Underwood's reverb-soaked vocals.
"We use lots of chorus," says Beejay. "Kind of that '80s/

Bee Gees thing."
The five-piece band (local SDSU and City College kids ranging from 20 to 23 years old) cites influences including

about nostalgia for things that don't exist anymore. Or never existed."
"Like relationships?" offers Beejay.



Time decorators Beejay and Allie will "end up a Bee Gees cover band."

Cocteau Twins, the Sundays, Dominant Legs, Twin Sister, Washed Out, Toro y Moi, and Small Black, but, says Allie, "Somehow we always end practice with a Bee Gees cover.
"Beejay — he writes all the instrumentation — describes our sound as 'bliss.' For me, it's

"Isn't everything about relationships?" Allie says.
"I take a more guy approach," Beejay concludes. "She's more about feelings."
"We were going to be called Clock Heart, but they thought it was too girly," says Allie. "It's from the Wizard

of Oz — 'Hearts will never be practical until they can be made unbreakable.' But Clockart is cool, too, because music is decorated time."
Now in the process of recording their second EP, Clockart started decorating time together about a year ago when Allie posted a band-mates-wanted ad on Craigslist.
"She had me after listing Beach House as an influence," says Beejay.
"We started chillwave," says Allie, "but now we're more of a '70s thing."
"Let's just face it," says bassist Grant Glibert, "we're going to end up a Bee Gees cover band."
— Chad Deal

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This Week In Music

Thursday 12

Natty Chula Veeastans the **Beautiful View** will drop their Requiem Records debut, *Life Is Beautiful*, at Casbah tonight. TBV's well-appointed pop sounds like alt-radio (think Killers, Interpol) but smells like rock in Gucci shoes. Soul sister **Lady Dottie** and her **Diamonds**

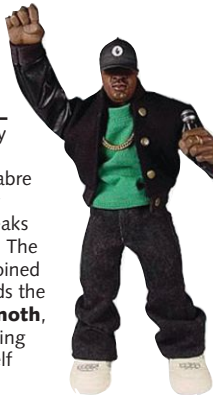


THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW AT CASBAH

headline, and with up-and-coming psych-pop bands **Sundrop Electric** and Fresno's **Strange Vine** opening the show, these'd be the sets to see.... Best of the rest: garage punks the **Natives** get restless at Eleven with the **Last Years** and **Kodiak**, making for one trick triple bill... Shakedown sets up SanDago hardcore hits **Rat City Riot** and **Dirty Filthy Mugs**...while Tin Can Ale House stages eclectic sets by ambient experimentalists **Kill the Moon**, the proggy **Brian Ellis Group**, and SanFran psych-rock band **Glitter Wizard**.

Friday 13

Who better to spend Friday the 13th with than them organ-grinding danse macabre ne'er-do-wells the **Creepy Creeps**, when "all hell breaks loose at the Til-Two Club." The surf-rock zombies will be joined by garage-rock dance bands the **Widows**, **Woolly Mammoth**, and **DJ Mikey Ratt** spinning 'round sets.... Else: top-shelf indie-rockers **Everest** join our own bar-brand **Midnight Rivals** at Casbah. Everest has a newish roots-pop release in *On Approach* that got lost in the Dawes last year. Check out 2008's *Ghost Notes* for Everest's groovy peaks.... You can flip or click to Dave's "Of Note" on the **Dirt Daubers** show at Soda Bar. They're playing



with the **Two Man Gentleman Band** and **Restavrant**.... Latin-jazz percussionist **Pete Escovedo y Familia** will entertain Anthology for two nights this weekend.... The guitarists' guitarist **Allan Holdsworth** and his band will stack 'em up at Brick by Brick as they kick off a string of SoCal dates. Zappa said Holdsworth was/is "one of the most interesting guys on guitar on the planet".... Soma stages O.B. ragga punks **Slightly Stoopid** with L.A. ska band the **Aggrolites**.... **Pocket** will turn out the funk 'n' jazz jams at Bar Pink.... Synth-punk **Stalins of Sound** and **Uzi Rash** infect Tower Bar.... And up in the Loft at UCSD, it'll be local folkies **Trouble in the Wind** and the **Wheeler Brothers**.

Saturday 14

Them primal-urge poking **Bloody Hollies** will celebrate the release of their new CD, *Yours Until the Bitter End*, at Soda Bar with fellow garage punks **Los Hollywood** and the **Lyon Crowns**. If you missed Mary's recent piece on the Hollies Down Under, dig through this for "If You Want Blood": sandiegoreader.com/news/blurt/.... Couple of kewl cover bands at Casbah Saturday night as the **Sweet and Tender Hooligans** do you-know-who after them old Weezer teasers **Geezer**.... Down Kettner a bit, at 98 Bottles, jazzy pianoman **Paul Keeling** plays from his latest, *The Farthest Reach*, with local lions **Rob Thorsen** on bass and **Duncan Moore** at the traps.... SoCal ska punks the **Voodoo Glow Skulls** light up Soma with **Authority Zero**.... Big beats DJ duo **Nadastrom** plugz in at the Loft at UCSD.... And it'll be all **Piss N' Blood** at Midway punk club the Shakedown. "You call us punk rock. We don't care about labels, catagories [sic] or classifications. We just play fucking rock 'n' roll." The frontman calls himself Ron Anger...



PUBLIC ENEMY AT 4TH&B

Sunday 15

For 30(!) years, Roosevelt, NY's **Public Enemy** number one, Chuck D, has been rocking the mic with his crew Flava Flav, Professor Griff, DJ Lord, and the S1W. Public Enemy's a permanent fixture on the critics' lists of "greatest," "most recommended," and "most influential" artists of all time and is always the highest-ranked hip-hop group, topping the D.M.C. and Beasties, both of whom



HANDSOME FURS AT BELLY UP

claim Public Enemy as a top-hop influence on their style of scratch, hype, and sociopolitical platforming. Flava may have diluted his cachet running his mouth all over TV and mugging over his big bling clock, but he's still the wackest hypeman rolling. Public Enemy appears at 4th&B fronting this year's *Most of Our Heroes Don't Appear on a Stamp*, so, Yo! Bum Rush the Show.... And American funk and soul jazz saxophonist **Maceo Parker**, best known for his work with James Brown in the 1960s and Parliament-Funkadelic in the 1970s, will be at Anthology behind his Ray Charles tribute, *Roots and Grooves*.... Utter mentionables: Belly Up puts on electro-rock duo the **Handsome Furs** and **Snake-suit**. Like-minded locals **D/Wolves** open that show...DC diy punx, the mysterious **Max Levine Ensemble**, gather at Ché Café with **Summer Vacation**, **Tiny Lungs**, and **Sledding with Tigers**...while soul sister **Tori Roze** spills her *Hot Mess* all over Bar Pink after **Heavy Guilt** and SanFran band **Con Brio**.



THE MELISMATICS AT SODA BAR

up a long weekend at the Middletown mainstay. For you laggards who couldn't make it out, this'd be a fine night to catch these San Diego stand-outs. The rising **Dead Feather Moon** up first.

Tuesday 17

Soda Bar puts on **Sundress**, a five-piece psych-pop act from Denton, Texas. According to advance press, "Sundress' brand of ethereal dream-pop marries many influences, ranging from Pink Floyd and the Beatles to Slowdive and Sparklehorse." Reading along the popular tags: shoegaze, deep bass, squalling guitars, Grizzly Bear, *Bloody Valentine*, and especially pretty *sundress*. The band's out to tout its new self-titled, self-released EP. **Dancing Strangers** and **Pilots** land first.

Wednesday 18

American minimalist composer **Steve Reich** celebrates his 75th birthday at the Conrad Prebys Concert Hall at UCSD with New York's eclectic **Bang on a Can All-Stars**, **red fish blue fish**, **Steven Schick**, with



STEVE REICH AT CONRAD PREBYS CONCERT HALL AT UCSD

a rare appearance by Reich. The ensemble will perform an evening of Reich's work, including *Music for 18 Musicians*, one of "a handful of late-20th-century works that can rightly claim to have altered the course of Western music," says the press release. According to my office-mate, C-dub, "[Reich] is one of the kingpins of minimalism and 20th-century avant-garde. It's one of a few things that really excites me these days. I know that sounds pathetic." No, Chris. Not too.... I'm going to check out the **Melismatics** show at Soda Bar. They're a nu-wave band from Minneapolis that garnered their chops from the same college-radio gaga (New Order, JAMC, Big Star, Bowie, Cars) as yours truly. Fun stuff, and with **Sundrop Electric** and **Misspent Warhead Premise** setting it up, that's a pretty tasty triple bill of fare.... Else: indie folkies **Olin & the Moon** continue their month of humpnights at Casbah...while garage-rock trio the **Schizophonics** play Bar Pink, and they will, too.

— Barnaby Monk

Monday 16

There will be an Anti-Monday extraordinaire as local faves **Silent Comedy** and **Transfer** wrap

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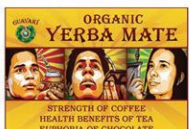
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“You can’t get much better than mixing a theremin and a cello.”

San Diego native Gary Ra’chac spent several years working at Tasha’s Music downtown before becoming a singer-songwriter and radio personality. His songs have been recorded by Ray Brandes and Nick Castro & the Young Elders.

“Lyrically, I’d say my songs are half Gershwin and half gospel.

Musically, call it proto-country folk punk or R&B psych. I think that covers it.”

Ra’chac produces the *Vince Martell Rocks America* radio show from his home in Bankers Hill, though the program hosted by the Vanilla Fudge guitarist airs on WNBC in New York City. He’s also dabbled in record production, music marketing, and journalism — having been an associate of local-bred rock-critic Lester Bangs. The list of local performers he’s worked with includes Chris Hillman (the Byrds, Flying Burrito Brothers), to whom Ra’chac presented a Lifetime Achievement award at the 2004 San Diego Music Awards.

He’s accumulated a lot of celebrity tales, and one of his favorites is that of June 13, 1970, the night Who drummer Keith Moon trashed a room at the Mission Bay Hilton Hotel.

“I had hooked up with the band on their first trip through San Diego about a year prior — and especially hit it off with Keith, with whom I shared a love of early surf music — so it was no problem for me to gain access. The band had rented out the entire fifth floor of the Hilton for an after-show party. And party we did, with Keith leading the grand march through the evening festivities.

Yes, I did help Keith Moon drop a sofa, albeit a small sofa, from his hotel room balcony five floors up, to land on top of one of the Who’s equipment trucks.”

And that wasn’t the night’s capper. “At about 3 a.m., me, Keith Moon, bassist John Entwistle, their road manager John Wolff,

and a few girls poured into a rented station wagon and went to the all-night drive-through of the Jack in the Box on Morena Boulevard. Entwistle and his girl were in the backseat with Moonie, who was shouting out our order to the clown head at the menu stop. I’ll never forget Keith’s jabbering at the poor nighttime employee trying to take the order, who to this day probably doesn’t realize his brief brush with rock-and-roll greatness.”

Ra’chac is currently in Big Bear with Strawberry Alarm Clock drummer/singer Randy Seol and bassist George Bunnell, editing and mixing an upcoming band album produced by longtime Alarm Clock collaborator Steve Bartek (Oingo Boingo, Danny Elfman).

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. *Billy Ward & His Dominoes, featuring Clyde McPhatter and Jackie Wilson*. “Billy, Jackie, and Clyde. Need I say any more?”
2. Faron Young, *The Classic Years, 1952 to 1962*. “The crying voice of country’s golden punk.”
3. *Nicey Nice World*, self-titled. “San Diego’s new sensation. You can’t get much better than mixing a theremin and a cello.”
4. The Music Machine, *(Turn On) the Music Machine*.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JEAN UECKERT

“Yes, I did help Keith Moon drop a sofa from his hotel room balcony five floors up.”

chine. “Some of the best album cuts of its time.”

SOMETHING YOU MISS?

“Well, the pre-renovated Gaslamp District in the late ’70s was my cultural Eden at the time, especially along Fifth Avenue from Broadway to Island. I used to hunker down at the Zebra Club, with its great jukebox and two pool tables, long before we made it into the punk hangout and venue it was later remembered for.”

GUILTY MUSICAL PLEASURE?

“Shalamar’s ‘Second Time Around.’ I don’t know why, but I like that tune.”

TELL US ABOUT PARTYING WITH LESTER BANGS?

“I was all of 15 or 16, and Lester was in college. We

had been banging around on the guitar and spinning some records at his place when we decided to roll down in his old Triumph to the Mayfair market at the intersection of First and Main in El Cajon, where we picked up a bottle of Spanish Rose wine and headed over to a mutual friend’s house. I remember waking up a few hours later and noticing Lester sprawled out on a couch, clutching the empty bottle of wine in his hands. Without waking him, I tiptoed out the door and stumbled home in the dark.”

WHAT REMAINS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

1. “Surfing the big-wave breaks at Mavericks.”
2. “Slow dance with Christina Hendricks from *Mad Men*.”
3. “Party with Amanda Knox.” ■

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Friday, 7pm — Allan Holdsworth Band. Allan Holdsworth guitar,

NOTE
BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The garage rock bands of the '60s weren't meant to last. Typically, they played a bunch of shows, cut a single or two, and then the members went off to college, marriage, or Vietnam. Modern garage bands don't have to worry about the draft, but they have most of the old pressures and a few new ones. Those that do survive have to figure out if they are going to be revivalists their whole lives or if they're going to evolve. Even the White Stripes couldn't figure these things out and decided to break up.

The Bloody Hollies have been some of San Diego's foremost garage rockers since singer-guitarist Wesley Doyle moved the

band here from Buffalo, New York, eight years ago. The band's punk-blues-fueled *If Footmen Tire You...* won Rock Album of the Year at the San Diego Music Awards in 2007 and sent them touring the world. But last fall's *Yours Until the Bitter End* found the Bloody Hollies supplementing their sound with much more elaborate arrangements and song-writing — not to mention occasional touches of organ, violin, and xylophone. There's even a little interlude at the end of the song "Dead Letter" that I swear must be a musical reference to the legendary psychedelic folk-rock band Love.

This could be a tricky transition, but I think the Bloody Hollies will have an easier time than some of their peers. For one thing, they never did seem particularly purist about their garage rock. There has always been as much Stooges in their sound as there has been Nuggets. For



BLOODY HOLLIES

another, they've still got Doyle's ragged scream. With that voice, he could sing lullabies and still sound like garage punk.

Los Hollywood and Lyon Crowns also perform.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The Dirt Daubers came to be because the organizers of the Raindance film festival in London couldn't afford airfare for the Legendary Shack Shakers. Colonel J.D. Wilkes is a member of both bands. "It started off as a side project with me and my wife [Jessica] singing around the house," Wilkes says of the Dirt Daubers. He is in Rochester, NY, with his wife's family for the holidays. Wilkes says he was headed to Raindance anyway to premiere a documentary he'd made, titled *Seven Signs*, and decided to take the booking as the Dirt Daubers, Southern slang for a type of wasp. The new band went over. "Les Claypool, the bass player in Primus, he said he liked it." After which Wilkes made the Daubers (now a trio

with bassist Mark Robertson) a permanent side project. "It's 50/50. That way, I'm able to do everything I always wanted."

Joshua "J.D." Wilkes is a true Kentucky colonel, an honor that was bestowed on him by that state's governor. Wilkes was raised in the holly-roller backwoods of Texas and Kentucky, and that's the vigor he brings to both the Shakers and the Daubers — but in different wattages. His main thing is blues harmonica, but Wilkes can punch it out like a tattooed-up Cab Calloway or reel it back for the acoustic trio. Either way, it's quite the show.

Half of the Daubers' material is covers. Chestnuts, Wilkes calls them, old things such as backwoods rags and hillbilly hollers, Harlem jazz, cowboy music, and honky-tonk. "My wife and I, we write the rest. And Jessica's songs, the ones she sings, are getting popular." He laughs. "I guess I created a monster." The Daubers sometimes open for the Shakers. It's a nice pay



THE DIRT DAUBERS

day, but even the Colonel admits that having both bands on the same bill is heavy lifting. "It's one of those things. I gotta pace myself." Two Man Gentleman Band and Restavrant also perform.

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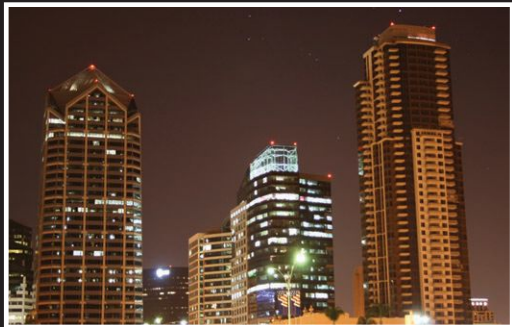
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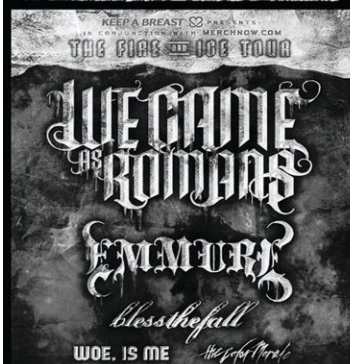
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January 28 — The Muffs.
January 29 — Dengue Fever.
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Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD: Russell Lane at Gilman Dr., La Jolla.
January 29 — Cecil Lytle and Gilbert Castellanos.

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January 20 — Friends & Enablers.
January 21 — Sound Vault.
January 27 — Smokestaxx.
January 28 — Shelle Blue.
January 29 — Missy Andersen.

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January 20, 21 — Serious Guise.
January 27 — Ramshackle.
January 28 — Studio 8.

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January 21 — Darwin.

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January 19 — Klogr.
January 20 — Jet Kill Radio and the Killing Bees.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Knife Man **Andrew Jackson Jihad**

By Brett Uddenberg

While peddling fare such as the burdens of loneliness and self-loathing, Andrew Jackson Jihad also explores the plight of the homeless en route to one of last year's most human releases. Through 16 folk-punk constructions, front-man Sean Bonnette dissects all the pain in the world from a variety of nuanced avenues. He speaks of creating music in lieu of therapy, and with all the cynical misery

tucked into the notes, one would hope it's working.

The duo's gritty Americana-infused ramblings are equal parts inspiring and humorous, as evidenced by lead-off track "The Michael Jordan of Drunk Driving." Any preachiness is leveled out by self-deprecation, such as Bonnette's tale of drinking himself to sleep in the wake of a devastating breakup.

Familiar chord progressions let the message rise above a well-produced stew of distorted guitars, kazooos, and organs. "I'm a straight white male in America, I've got all the luck I need," Bonnette wails on the anti-pity party of "American Tune." The singer is clearly aware of his quasi-selfish existential predicament in the context of global suffering. With a heavy heart, he employs witty narratives to rail against the apathy he sees surrounding him in a refreshing, unpretentious manner.



Equal parts inspiring and humorous

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Los Lobos — 40 Years' Strong

By Gail Powell

Los Lobos will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2013, and though the L.A. band has a couple of elder statesmen among them, the music is anything but geriatric. The band opened with "Burn It Down" and dedicated the show to the memory of recently deceased blues great and Howlin' Wolf guitarist Hubert Sumlin.

There was plenty of accordion and

squeezebox action for the Spanish-language songs, which made for liveliness on the dance floor. Many of their songs dissolved into jam sessions, such as the cover of Fats Domino's "The Fat Man," while Ritchie Valens's "C'mon, Let's Go" had a meaty middle full of intricacies.

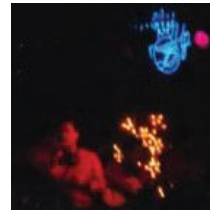
The crowd (myself included) seemed perplexed by the absence of the biggies from the set list, such as "La Bamba" and "Will the Wolf Survive," but a Los Lobos show is always so musically rich, no one complained.

Concert: Los Lobos

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Los Lobos dedicated this one to recently deceased blues great Hubert Sumlin.

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January 21 — Mexico City Rollers.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
January 20 — Oversoul.

Flying Elephant: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.
January 20 — Fleetwood MAX.
January 21 — Stoney B. Blues Band.

The Griffin: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista.
January 20 — Skyline Union, East of Sweden, the Yawmen.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
January 20 — Dashboard Confessional.
January 22 — Eric Johnson.
January 27 — Allstar Weekend.
January 29 — The Adicts.
February 3 — August Burns Red.
February 4 — Where's the Band Tour.
February 11 — Dweezil Zappa
Plays Zappa.

February 17 — The Expendables.
February 22 — Iced Earth and Symphony X.
February 23 — Hot Chelle Rae.
February 25 — Mat Kearney.
March 6 — Flogging Molly.
March 10 — Gungor.
March 11 — SOJA.
March 20 — Ani DiFranco.
March 23 — The Ting Tings.
April 11 — Katchafire.
May 26 — Tyrone Wells.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island, 619-224-3577.
January 20 — Betamaxx.
January 21 — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire.
January 25 — Frank Vignola.
January 27 — Makai.
January 28 — Laura Roppe & CoolBandLuke.

Ki's Restaurant: 2591 S. Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-5544.
January 20, 21 — Fred Benedetti.
January 27 — Bodie Mountain.

January 28 — Nathan James Trio.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
January 20 — The Tighten Ups.

La Paloma: 471 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-7469.
January 19 — Jon Foreman, Sara & Sean Watkins, Jack Tempchin.
January 21, 22 — George Winston.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
January 20 — Gregory Page.
January 21 — Allison Lonsdale.
January 27 — John Torres.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
January 20 — Mexican Institute of Sound.
February 4 — Talkdemonic.
February 8 — Ben Russell.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
January 20 — Natural Selection.
January 27 — Outta Line.
January 28 — Stone the Giant.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.
January 23 — International Guitar Night.
January 27 — Muriel Anderson.
February 11 — Roots of Reeds: Tales of the Reed.

Old Town Temecula Community Theater: 42051 Main St., Temecula, 866-653-8696.
January 27, 28 — Songwriter's Showcase with the Brewer Boys.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.
January 20 — Engelbert Humperdinck.
January 21 — Rio.
February 2 — Colbie Caillat.
February 4 — Dog & Butterfly.

February 11 — Queen Nation.
February 16 — Tony Bennett.
February 17 — Glen Campbell.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077.
January 19 — Stoney B. Blues Band.
January 20 — Missy Andersen.
January 21 — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
January 21 — Aaron Lewis.
January 27 — Styx.
February 11 — Brian McKnight.
February 24, February 25 — Roger Hodgson.
March 9 — Peter Frampton.

Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier: 1000 North Harbor Dr., Downtown.
February 18, February 19 — Tribute to the Reggae Legends.

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Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147.
January 27 — Zoe Boekbinder.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
January 19 — Russ Hewitt.
January 21 — The Miles Schon Band.
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January 28 — Leatherwolf.
February 24 — Drama Club.
March 2 — Sophie B. Hawkins.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777.
January 27 — Billy Joe & the Roosters.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
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January 27 — The Dickies, Shattered Badge, Tim Raldo & the Filthy Fuks.

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: 25575 Highway 79, Santa Ysabel, 760-787-0909.
January 21 — Soul Gravity.
January 28 — Natural Selection.

Shakedown Bar: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-487-0373.
January 20 — Stopping Power.
January 21 — Revenge Death Ball, D.P.I., Downspell.
January 27 — Surrounded by Thieves, Battle Born, Coastal Gris.
January 28 — Ruines Ov Abaddon, Metatonic, Damcyan.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
January 19 — Irradio, Standing Shadows, Legacy Pack.
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January 21 — SD Experimental Guitar Show.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
January 20 — Silencer.
January 21 — Colossal.
January 29 — The Toasters.
February 3 — Maylene & the Sons of Disaster.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002.
January 28 — Bronco.
February 10 — Unwritten Law.
February 11 — Terri Clark.
February 12 — Oak Ridge Boys.
February 19 — Juice Newton.
February 25, 26 — Air Supply.
March 3, 4 — Lorrie Morgan and Pam Tillis.

Til-Two: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington, 619-516-4746.
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Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, 619-955-8525.
January 20 — Bill Cardinal & the Canyon Band.
January 21 — Gloomspan.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
January 20 — The Red Elvives.
January 21 — Rising Star.

Toma Sol Cafe: 301 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-291-1159.
January 20 — Joe Rathburn.
February 2 — Erin Bower.

Valley View Casino Center: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
February 18 — Art Laboe's Valentines Super Love Jam.
February 29 — Red Hot Chili Peppers.
March 24 — Romeo Santos.
April 10 — Kelly Clarkson.
April 28 — So Cal Reggae Festival 2012.
May 13 — Roger Waters.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
April 15 — Rise Against, A Day to Remember, Title Fight.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
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January 21 — Cubensis.

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the HERE'S DEAL

Tobacco Rhoda's, 2591 University Ave.

The term “dive bar” is thrown around pretty loosely these days and, not unlike “dude,” “epic,” and “excessive force,” the essential meaning has been all but lost. Enter **Tobacco Rhoda's**.

Famous for its Filipina bartenders whose hospitality has been likened to that of a long-lost auntie's, the North Park hole-in-the-wall (at one point literally, when a cabbie plowed his Crown Victoria through the front door five years ago) sits on the decadent nexus of Villa and University, a Bud bottle's toss away from a smoke/porn shop, a marijuana collective, a liquor store, and the über-indulgent Carnitas' Snack Shack.

“People used to come here to smoke cigars,” says bartender Roel. “And the original owner's name was Rhoda, so they just put the two together.”

This is lowlife territory. Bukowski's turf. The ambiance lies somewhere between the *Star Wars* cantina and purgatory, and it will make you question your dedication to intoxicating beverages.

An abject stranger to the natural light of day,

Rhoda's cultivates a tell-tale stink of stale suds, old smoke, and urine. The door-man looks as unkempt as the clientele, and your dentally impaired, Ed Hardy-clad bar mate will likely be muttering nonsense to himself as you order a beer (never more than \$2.50) from the cash-only bar, which seats about 15.

There's no liquor, but four taps, 18 bottled beers (mostly domestics), and a selection of sake magnums and bottom-shelf wines are on hand to fuel the budget drinker's swagger. Twelve-ounce frosted mugs of Bud/Light and Shocktop go for \$1.50 every day (effectively voiding Thursday's \$2 Bud bottle special), and Redhook Long Hammer IPA goes for \$2.50.

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A jukebox prone toward outdated gangster rap, a television seemingly stuck on the *Wipeout* obstacle-course game show, and a claw machine brimming with adult DVDs and sex toys attached to stuffed animals solidify Tobacco Rhoda's place

among the last remaining true dives in San Diego. That fact alone merits the place a visit. Just be sure to bring a buddy.

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Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

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Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

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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.

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Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. *Friday*, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

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Pier 32 Waterfront Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic beer, \$3 import & local beer, \$4 house wine. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$4 mimosas, bloody marys.

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Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Bourbon Street: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$3 domestic pitchers, \$4 well drinks, \$5 imported pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

Toronado: *Daily*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

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OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

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P's & Q's Sports Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$3 premium pints. \$3 chicken wings.

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Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

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Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

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Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

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Blue Wave Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks; \$3-\$5 appetizers, including jumbo shrimp cocktail and crispy fried calamari.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Daily*, 3-7pm: 22-oz. beer \$4 (including tax). \$12 hookahs, \$5 refills.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

SOUTH PARK

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

South Park Abbey: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, beer specials.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Apollonia Greek Bistro: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 ouzo apéritif, \$2 bottled beers, \$3 wine by the glass.

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Cheers: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$3 single wells. \$3.50 domestic drafts.

Small Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$2 domestic. \$3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexican Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: \$1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.



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Cats

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, based on poems from T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, comes to the Civic Theatre for eight performances.

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Hamlet

Vanguard Theatre Company presents Shakespeare's tragedy of dilatory revenge. Tom Haine directed. WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT

ST., POINT LOMA. 619-224-6263. 7PM FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, THROUGH JANUARY 15.

In Review: A Living Newspaper

Sixteen comedy sketches review "some of the most entertaining, inspiring, and overlooked events from the past year (in one, a banker wrestles with an Occupy Wall Street protestor).

DESI'S BAR AND GRILL, 2734 LYTTON ST., MIDWAY DISTRICT. 619-224-6409. 8:30PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 1:30PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JANUARY 15.

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The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences."

NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

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Peggy Sue Productions presents a dinner-theater show set in 1853. "When a new mine and a dead lawyer are discovered, everyone becomes a suspect."

MIKKI'S CAFE, 1639 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 7:30PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Panache

PowPAC staged Don Gordon's comedy about a fry cook/artist and an upper class married woman who shows up at his shabby apartment. Why? She wants his personalized license plate.

POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATRE, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS AND

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The Elephant Man

OnStage Playhouse presents Bernard Pomerance's drama about John Merrick. Though deformed and often beaten, Merrick has "a head full of dreams." Steve Murdock directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 4.

The Facts of Life: The Lost Episode

Diversions Theatre offers Jamie Morris's twisted take on one of the most beloved sitcoms of the 1980s. *The Facts of Life: The Lost Episode*. Christopher Kenney directed.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 22.

The Lion in Winter

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents James Goldman's historical comedy-drama about one of the most dysfunctional families of the Middle Ages.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 29.

The Servant of Two Masters

Lamb's Players has turned Carlo Goldoni's *commedia*-like farce into a musical comedy. The intermissionless piece makes for an always lively, often funny entertainment. The ensemble cast (four married

couples in real life) does admirable work. But the headliner is Geno Carr. He plays the harried servant, Truffaldino, in an exaggerated style and deftly shows that the most burdened character in the *commedia* is the freest actor on stage. *Worth a try*. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JANUARY 15.

The Toughest Girl Alive

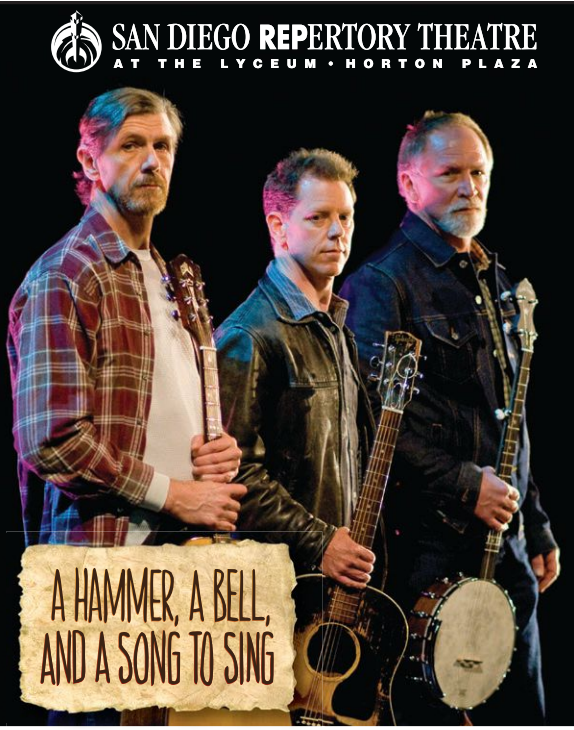
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"I'm a Ferrari!" he exclaims. "You open the hood with white gloves."

Director Xavier Durringer imagines the political ascent of French president Nicolas Sarkozy. There is a touch of vulgar whimsy in the way the politicians phrase their frustration: "First the press licks you, then tricks you, then dicks you." The response: "You're a poet."

MOVIE REVIEW

JOHN RUBIO

The film privies us to a control-room view of the campaign trail. The behind-closed-doors proceedings are diverting enough to generate interest but not engaging enough to sustain



from the camera's eye as they are from the politicians' minds. The message of the film (nothing too revolutionary) is that citizens are to be manipulated for their votes, nothing more. The actual concern of the characters (and most likely their

The carnival-band score undercuts the seriousness of the film, suggesting that the life of a presidential candidate is

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Beneath the Darkness

Boogeyman drivels from director Martin Guigui about a mortician (Dennis Quaid) who likes to stock his caskets with his own kills. And he would have gotten away with it too, if it weren't for those meddlin' kids.

The film goes for a semblance of theme by drawing loose parallels in a high-school classroom between the murders and the ghoulish deaths from classics such as *The Tell-Tale Heart* and *Macbeth*. Looking at the students, one might wonder where the acne is. Where are the overweight students? The unattractive? The poorly dressed? The poor?

The script aims for juvenile banality and falls short of even that mark. The acting is a roundup of static delivery and clichéd expressions. I've always found Dennis Quaid to be a capable performer, but he never finds his stride with "crazy." He's too stiff in his movements, too overreaching in his lines. He never appears comfortable in the role (see *Pandorum*).

The photography doesn't so much achieve a style as it suggests a haphazard mix-match of textbook cinematography. The camera moves like the syllabus for an "Intro to Film Production" class — all derivative techniques, no substance.

The greatest problem is that the film is devoid of suspense. Every camera angle misses the scene's intention; every music cue falls flat. The pacing is a mess. Sloppy, uninspired filmmaking.

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Tomboy

Writer/director Céline Sciamma brings us a French meditation on the complexities of life for a gender-questioning youth. High marks go to the opening: a freckle-lit tracking shot, trailing the head of the young protagonist in an open convertible. The light flickers through the overhead trees as we are flooded with the sound of passing wind. The color has a near-impressionistic hue that adds vibrancy to the objects. It achieves a kind of visual paradox, demonstrating dim tones in the wake of rich texture.

It takes only a few minutes of running time to reveal that this initial shot is no fluke. We are in the hands of a masterful director, a craftsman of intriguing images and adroit angles. Note the double-frame shot through a doorway leading into a moment of family bonding, flanked with a vanishing effect of doorknob holes — visual genius, reminiscent of Yasujiro Ozu. There are too many impressive shots to mention.

The title suggests a twist that is revealed to be more of an establishing feature than an eventuality. Once our



The Iron Lady — Margaret Thatcher, in retirement, fades sadly into senility

seemingly male protagonist, Michaël, is shown to be a female (Laure) in a startling but tender bathing scene, the revelation takes on even greater resonance, namely the struggle to reconcile social acceptance with transgender identification.

The struggle is revealed in subtle degrees: Laure introducing herself with a male name to impress a female crush or substituting a white shoelace for the pink one that holds her house keys. These details are woven into the brilliant script — no need to hammer home a social agenda. The dialogue is sparse, leaving room for the discerning viewer.

The film is remarkably patient (almost trancelike) in its depiction of childhood play and banter. This is most apparent in the scenes with Laure's younger sister, the darling Malonn Lévana. She possesses an intrinsic tolerance — too young to question why her big sister dresses like a boy. She simply loves her sister as her sister loves her.

Zoé Héran in the lead role has striking features that fit the part, softly boyish and brusquely feminine. Her hawk-like eyes and high cheekbones angle sharply under her short hair. She is in almost every scene of the movie, and the camera follows her with a documentary-style objectivity.

An eventual crisis of understanding does come, and it does well to highlight the hardship and isolation that gender-questioning children must face, even within their own families. The film unfolds as a sort of a *Boys Don't Cry* for the grade-school age. There is no rape or murder, but the climax is no less agonizing.

Tomboy opens Friday, 1/20, at Landmark's Ken Cinema.

★★★★

Reviewed in the movie capsules:
Carnage, *The Devil Inside*, *El Bulli*:
Cooking in Progress, *The Iron Lady*,
Joyful Noise.

— *John Rubio*

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by David Elliott, Matthew Lickona, John Rubio, Scott Marks, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release, and by rating are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

The Adventures of Tintin — Three of the Franco-Belgian comic-book yarns by Hergé are smoothly poured into a pretty, motion-capture animation by Steven Spielberg. Short on real cartooning, long on quaintness, short on story, long on hectic action, it is for unimaginative boys 7 to 12. For the rest of us, it is a kind of projectile doldrum. Emotions are never captured. There is a fine plane crash and a dog in yappy debt to the *Thin Man*'s famous Asta of the 1930s. 2011. — D.E.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked — It's possible that the eight-to-ten-year-old cast has not been sufficiently exposed to Lady Gaga. This should fix that. It's also possible that comedian David Cross was not yet bereft of human dignity. This should fix that, too. And in case you'd forgotten how much you loved Tom Hanks in *Cast Away*, here's a tale of animated chipmunks stranded on a desert island and learning a little bit about responsibility to remind you. 2011. — M.L.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Artist — A comedy of unreserved movie love, shot in Hollywood by French director Michel Hazanavicius. Big silent star George (like a merger of Douglas Fairbanks, John Gilbert, and Warren William) falls when sound arrives. The casting of brash, funny, hugely likeable Jean Dujardin as George gives heart to the charm. Bérénice Bejo (the director's partner) as Peppy, an emerging star of talkies, is iifery (female stars of the era had more flesh), but she sure is "swell." Beautiful

design, period touches, and black-and-white tonalities sustain the simple story's odd, witty dreaminess. Words are only heard at the end, and the lift of some *Vertigo* music is impudent but effective. This Chaplinesque nostalgia bubble has a tender, endearing fondness for its sources. 2011. — D.E.

★★★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Beneath the Darkness — Reviewed this issue.

- (GASLAMP 15)

Carnage — A crafty, good-looking Roman Polanski film of a facile but entertainingly bitchy play by Yasmina Reza, sort of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* funneling into *Who's Afraid of Neil Simon?* Two married couples (Kate Winslet and Christoph Waltz, Jodie Foster and John C. Reilly) fume, spar, and rip apart their civilized facades in a classy Brooklyn apartment, proving that they are more childish than the teen offspring that caused them to get together. Nothing new here, but plenty of tasty ensemble acting — superbly paced, blocked, and nuanced. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Conquest — Reviewed this issue.

★★ (KEN; FROM 1/13)

Contraband — Drug smuggling, counterfeit money, and violence in Panama set the urgent tone of Baltasar Kormákur's thriller. With Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale, Ben Foster, Giovanni Ribisi, Diego Luna. (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; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/13)

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MOVIES

A Dangerous Method — Freud may be out of fashion, but he shouldn't be boring. Freud (Viggo Mortensen) and Jung (Michael Fassbender) and their patient who became a brainy disciple and colleague, Sabina Spielrein (Keira Knightley), trade analytic ideas and furtive, sado-masochistic feelings. Knightley bravely uses her beauty, even jutting out her jaw a few times like Billy Bob Thornton in *Sling Blade*. But she never finds dramatic leverage, and the film seems more like a footnoted thesis than a triangle of destiny. John Huston made the once-bold therapies more risky and challenging in *Freud*, partly by tormenting Montgomery Clift. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Darkest Hour — Two American businessmen (Emile Hirsch, Max Minghella) meet two nifty girls (Olivia Thirlby, Rachael Taylor) in a Moscow dance bar. Then the aliens arrive, looking like falling Christmas décor as they land but invisible as they track and kill. Chris Gorak's generic film falls into clichés and isn't very scary, but the effects are vivid and Moscow, deserted, has a massive beauty. The weak script tops with a WWII slogan: "I can't go any further. Moscow is at my back." 2011. — D.E.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 12; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Devil Inside — *The Devil Inside* is a midget racer in the exorcism derby. Requisite amounts of profanity spewing hoodoos, demons dancing on the ceiling, bodies with more twists than a Bavarian pretzel factory, and a Dolby-juiced house pet leaping from out of nowhere to remind viewers that it's a scary movie we're watching — all captured in the hand-held cinematographic splendor of *Blair Witch/Paranormal* palsy-cam. Be afraid. Be very afraid. Directed by William Brent Bell. 2012. — S.M.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

El Bulli: Cooking in Progress — A year in the life of the world's most celebrated restaurant, chef Ferran Adrià's now-closed temple of molecular gastronomy, El Bulli. After only a single sentence of introduction, the viewer is plunged into the restaurant's Barcelona food lab, where ordinary foodstuffs (sweet potatoes, mushrooms) are subjected to extraordinary trials (vacuuming, juicing) under surgically precise conditions. If the viewer is bewildered as well as fascinated, well, so much the better. This

SEEN ON DVD



Ugly Americans

KATHERINE HARROFF

Artistic director of theater company Circle Circle dot dot, circle2dot2.com

The Royal Tenenbaums is an old favorite of mine that I'm continuously fascinated with and drawn to. I love Wes Anderson as a cinematic artist for his unique take on telling a story. The cast is fantastic. I could watch Gene Hackman and Anjelica Huston read a telephone book. I have also revisited the wonderful soundtrack repeatedly. The film is strangely appropriate for a twisted holiday party vibe.

Ugly Americans is a relatively new adult cartoon on Comedy Central set in a world where zombies, demons, vampires, wizards, trolls, or any type of fantasy creature you can imagine all live in modern New York. The main character is a social worker in the city and it's his job to help all of these creatures exist together peacefully. The details in the animation are amazing and the stories are hilarious. Worth checking out!

THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS

(USA) 2001, Criterion
List price: \$19.99

UGLY AMERICANS (USA)

2001, Comedy Central
List Price: \$19.99

is food alchemy, science in the service of magic. From there, it's on to the exalted and expansive menu itself, fashioned by the clash of skill and chance, intellect and sense, and staff and chef. 2012. — M.L.

★★★ (KEN)

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo — Not bad, for an unnecessary remake. I'll gladly make do with a shortening of the misogyny-



Louie

PATRICK KELLY

Technical director, Circle Circle dot dot

In theme with our company, I picked DVDs created by amazing do-it-all performers. Louie C.K. is my favorite comic writer and stand-up performer right now. He delivers weekly on his FX TV series. The autobiographical show depicts his life as a divorced father of two living the life of a New York City stand-up comic poking fun at the dark side of life. He produces, writes, directs, edits, and stars. It's one of the most artistic, truthful, and funny shows around.

As a theater geek, I will always have a soft spot in my heart for the brilliant mockumentary *Waiting for Guffman*. Created by Christopher Guest, it is the story of a small-town community theater director who creates a show to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Blaine, Missouri. Between the great improvised interviews and the ridiculous musical numbers, it keeps you laughing all the way through.

LOUIE: SEASON ONE (USA)

2010, FX Network
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(USA) 1997, Turner Home Entertainment
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Community

BRENDAN CAVALIER

Company member, Circle Circle dot dot

The first season of *Community* manages a perfect mix of comedy and heartfelt moments that expose the characters' darker, weirder sides. It's a great show that takes shots at the tropes of modern formulaic sitcoms while finding a way to make you laugh out loud every 30 seconds. Personal favorites are Troy and Abed: their relationship grows as their comedic genius becomes more apparent. The credits always have short skits by the duo.

Swingers is one of my rainy-day movies and fits just about any mood. Essentially a romantic/buddy comedy between Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau, it centers on a man whose heart has just been broken and his best friend pulling him out of the gutter. Vaughn drags Favreau from Vegas to L.A.'s swing-dance scene, where he finally succeeds in getting a girl's number. It's a comedy filled with humiliation and triumph, which all can relate to.

COMMUNITY (USA) 2009,

Sony
List price: \$39.99 (4 discs)

SWINGERS (USA) 1996,

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FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16;

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.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Iron Lady — Britain's greatest prime minister since Churchill is seen through a glass, darkly — the darkness of dementia closing in. Her bouffant crown of hair is gone, but flickering memories turn into brisk flashbacks of the glory years. Meryl Streep is quite touching as Margaret Thatcher in retirement and is a brilliant poser in her prime of bulldozing power. In the political segments, Thatcher is surrounded by file footage and cartoonish men in suits. The decision of director Phyllida Lloyd and writer Abi Morgan to frame this fierce, game-changing leader as a sad has-been is diminishing, almost demeaning. With Jim Broadbent, Richard E. Grant, and (young Maggie) Alexandra Roach. 2012. — D.E.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/13)

J. Edgar — Under the stone-slab "classical" direction of Clint Eastwood, Leonardo DiCaprio dutifully plays J. Edgar Hoover as an anal-retentive power freak and mama's boy (Judi Dench is mom). Building the FBI, he strikes fierce poses but remains a weak, petty neurotic. Writer Dustin Lance Black (*Milk*) never digs very far, and Edgar's dithering, germ-phobic crush on wry, slightly swish agent Tolson (Armie Hammer) is stuck in an empty closet where they fuss and feud, becoming old maids bound by sexless devotion. This blend of history and gossip is well photographed, seems official in a vaguely insolent way, and lingers over the Lindbergh kidnapping case. The small gasps of life are from old Cagney clips. Eastwood has added this new wing to his sprawling movie museum, and Hoover might as well be a statue. 2011. — D.E.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Joyful Noise — The gospel offspring of *Sister Act* and *Burlesque*, involving a choir rivalry between the church's two top vocalists (Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah). Parton's charm is masked by her cosmetic work — she has one expression, no matter the emotion. Latifah's maternal dignity is the film's saving grace, but the story too often meanders into loose subplots and canned themes. The climactic choir championship has some rousing musical numbers, but by then we've been beaten down by the small-town schmaltz, the one-note comedy, and the hallelujahs. 2012. — J.R.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18;

TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/13)

Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol — Tom Cruise returns, and reliably so, to his role as gadget-happy superspy Ethan Hunt, but the real star is director Brad Bird, trying his hand at live action after a successful stint in the animated world. Happily, he brings the best parts of his cartoony past with him, creating wild set pieces on a par with anything Goofy & Co. ever imagined. Alas, the villain here is cartoony as well — a Russian version of Dr. Strangelove. Jeremy Renner and various architectural marvels costar. 2011. — M.L.

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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 colt-ish 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.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

New Year’s Eve — Another holiday slaughtered, processed, shrink wrapped, and shipped to market by director Garry Marshall (*Valentine’s Day*). Another massive cast (Ashton Kutcher as the world’s prettiest grubby hipster, Katherine Heigl as a jilted caterer, etc.), another whirlwind of plotlines and significances: birth, death, first kisses, dreams come true, marriage, romance. Was anything left out? If so, it wasn’t for lack of trying. Why, there’s even a horny grandpa! Michelle Pfeiffer provides perhaps the film’s only honest moments as a disappointed doormat with a list of resolutions. 2011. — M.L.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Pariah — Slightly boyish, sweetly smiling Alike (Adepero Oduye) suspects she may be gay, and a bold new friend (Aasha Davis) leads her to a lesbian dance club that Alike’s cop father (Charles Parnell) sees as a cesspool. His macho anxiety tries to stifle her coming out, as does her devout, hovering mom (Kim Wayans). The feature debut of gifted writer and director Dee Rees pushes some obvious buttons yet has excellent ensemble acting and fully occupies the intimate pressure cooker of Alike’s world. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST)

Shame — Less a film than an attractively illustrated chronicle of sexual pathology. Brandon (Michael Fassbender) needs sex and lots of it — with whores, with pickups, with his hand. Pretty much anything, really, as long as the encounter is impersonal. The pathology does not tolerate humanity. But humanity arrives in the form of Brandon’s sister (Carey Mulligan, who has her own issues written right into her wrists), and things begin to get



Joyful Noise — The gospel offspring of Sister Act and Burlesque

complicated. Director Steve McQueen keeps a controlled eye on the proceedings, with a moody, muted feeling almost to the end. 2011. — M.L.

★★★ (HILLCREST)

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows — More a tournament of effects. In this franchise, the great sleuth has become a 19th-century Bond empowered by 21st-century pyrotechnics and whiz-by editing. The clues come so fast we’d need a computer to grasp them, as Guy Ritchie puts Sherlock (“Sherley” to his brother) through hectic paces including mad chases, dress-up humor, grand guns, the destruction of a forest, Stephen Fry in the nude, gypsies, classy snatches of music (Mozart, Schubert, Johann Strauss), and absurd recoveries. Robert Downey Jr. (Holmes), Jude Law (Dr. Watson), and Jared Harris (Professor Moriarty) wink through a lot of rather bitchy dialogue and seem fully committed to the dynamic nonsense. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10;

HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Sitter — Jonah Hill pays a slob assigned the task of overseeing a trio of ill-behaved neighborhood kids. When pseudo-girlfriend Ari Graynor calls, offering intercourse in exchange for coke, Hill takes the children on a wild ride through the urban ghetto. If it wasn’t for plot coincidence, there would be no plot at all in this cheap reimagining of *Uncle Buck’s Adventures in Babysitting*. Indie darling turned Hollywood harlot David Gordon Green directs. 2011. — S.M.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy — An intricate condensation of John le Carré’s novel, previously a BBC sprawler starring Alec Guinness. As the very dry, very British spy master

Smiley, Gary Oldman is nearly at Sir Alec’s level. Tomas Alfredson’s film is all micro-plot observation, with expert details that link, fester, and spin webs. Sad, brainy, desperate lives carry on as if the games really matter, and there is wit in the folly. Impeccably used are Tom Hardy, John Hurt, Benedict Cumberbatch, Colin Firth, Ciarán Hinds, Toby Jones and, well, everyone. Not a movie for lazy viewing. 2011. — D.E.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Tomboy — Reviewed this issue.

★★★★ (KEN; OPENS 1/20)

War Horse — Heroic stallion Joey survives over three years of horrific World War I but finally panics and gets wrapped in barbed wire like a trussed turkey. That awful scene is not for kids (or anyone), but Steven Spielberg’s film is amazingly short on blood. It’s lost in a No Man’s Land between storybook fantasy for the young and what Spielberg knows about the hell of war. Lush

and pictorial, with a dashing cavalry charge and gummy scenes of people bonding with horses, it asks us to imagine an epic nightmare through equine eyes. Joey is swell, but the story is shallow, mawkish, and insanely improbable. With Jeremy Irvine, David Thewlis, Emily Watson, Peter Mullen, Tom Hiddleston. 2011. — D.E.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

We Bought a Zoo — Ben Mee (Matt Damon) leaves print journalism to buy and run a small zoo. Scarlett Johansson, looking safari bronzed, is the main animal keeper. The critters are delightful, and the winsome cast includes infallibly funny Thomas Haden Church, delightful teen Elle Fanning, and adorable mascot Maggie Elizabeth Jones. Drawn from Mees’s British memoir but shot around L.A., Cameron Crowe’s movie is like vintage Disney newly glazed, but it’s still engaging. The endless mourning for Ben’s late wife (filmed like a heavenly Breck girl) is a weak reach for substance. 2011. — D.E.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Young Adult — Diablo Cody, staking her claim as the Voice of Generation X, brings us the story of a young-adult author (well, a ghostwriter named Mavis, gamely played by Charlize Theron) who tries to go home again. You’d think — cynical, savvy X-er that Mavis is — she would know better. But maybe her cynicism is only a mask? Maybe, inside, she’s just a lost little girl in need of love? Maybe she’s just damaged goods, finally seeing herself in the twisted mirror that is maimed geek Patton Oswalt? Maybe, maybe not. Ivan Reitman directed. 2011. — M.L.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Summer of Sam 1999. In Spike Lee’s film set in 1977, the residents of a South Bronx neighborhood live in fear and distrust amidst the “Son of Sam” murders. **Friday, January 13, 2:30 p.m.**

Clockers 1995. “Young drug pushers in the projects of Brooklyn live hard dangerous lives, trapped between their drug bosses and the detectives out to stop them” in Lee’s 1995 thriller. **Friday, January 20, 2:30 p.m.**

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

FILM FESTIVAL

Museum of Photographic Arts

Balboa Park • 619-238-7559

Love Crimes of Kabul 2011. Consider the power of film to make a difference with screenings of **Granito: How to Nail a Dictator**, **When the Mountains Tremble**, **The Price of Sex**, **If a Tree Falls, You Don’t Like the Truth - 4 Days Inside Guantanamo**, and **Youth Producing Change**. Discussions will ensue! **Friday, January 20-Monday, January 23.**

ARTPOWER! FOOVIES

UCSD Loft

9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla • 858-534-8497

Lezioni Di Cioccolato (Lessons in Chocolate) 2007. A ruthless Perugian businessman gets his comeuppance in this romantic comedy. In Italian with English subtitles. **Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m.**

SUNDAY MATINEE

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Detour 1945. The low-budget noir delivers a “pulp tale of woe that leaves us questioning the cruelty of fate.” **Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m.**

EPIC MOVIES

98 Bottles

2400 Kettner Boulevard suite 110, Little Italy 619-255-7885

Better Off Dead 1985. The teen romantic comedy starring John Cusack screens, along with **Weird Science** (1985). **Wednesday, January 18, 6 p.m.**

Heathers 1989. In this black comedy, “four girls in a trend-setting clique at a fictional Ohio high school...rule the school through

intimidation, contempt, and sex appeal.”

Bill includes **Lost Boys** (1987). **Wednesday, January 25, 6 p.m.**

DIVE-IN THEATRE

Pearl Hotel

1410 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma 619-226-6100

Old School 2003. Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn, and Will Ferrell star as 30-somethings “who seek to re-live their college days by starting a fraternity.” **Wednesday, January 18, 8 p.m.**

Borat 2006. In comedian Sacha Baron Cohen’s mockumentary, he plays a fictitious Kazakh journalist traveling through the U.S., “recording real-life interactions with Americans.” **Wednesday, January 25, 8 p.m.**

FILM FORUM

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Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock 2010. Bates became a household name when she fought for the right of nine black students to attend the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. **Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.**

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

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)

The Adventures of Tintin (PG); **Contraband** (R); **The Descendants** (R); **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (R); **The Iron Lady** (PG-13); **Joyful Noise** (PG-13); **Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG-13); **My Week with Marilyn** (R); **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13); **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R); **War Horse** (PG-13); **We Bought a Zoo** (PG)

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)

The Adventures of Tintin (PG); **Carnage** (R); **Contraband** (R); **The Descendants** (R); **The Devil Inside** (PG-13); **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (R); **The Iron Lady** (PG-13); **Joyful Noise** (PG-13); **Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG-13); **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R); **War Horse** (PG-13); **We Bought a Zoo** (PG); **Young Adult** (R)

CORONADO

Vintage La Costa
820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
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DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Beneath the Darkness (R); **Contraband** (R); **A Dangerous Method** (R); **The Darkest Hour** (PG-13); **The Devil Inside** (PG-13); **Hugo** (PG); **J. Edgar** (R); **Midnight in Paris** (PG-13); **Moneyball** (PG-13); **My Week with Marilyn** (R); **New Year's Eve** (PG-13); **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R); **War Horse** (PG-13); **The Way** (PG-13); **We Bought a Zoo** (PG); **Young Adult** (R)

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
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KENSINGTON

Landmark Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Conquest (NR) Fri - Thu: 7:00, 9:30; **El Bulli: Cooking In Progress** (NR) Fri: (2:30), (4:45), Sat - Mon: (2:30), 4:45, Tue - Thu: (4:45); **Tomboy** (NR) Opens Friday, January 20; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) With "Crazed Imaginations" Shadow Cast, Plays Saturday, January 21

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
The Adventures of Tintin; Beauty and the Beast (G) Fri. 2:20p.m.; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) Fri. (9:45) 12:05, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30 Sat., Sun. (9:45) 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30; **Contraband; The Descendants; The Devil Inside; The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo; Hugo; The Iron Lady; Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30)

1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20 Sat., Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol; Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; War Horse; We Bought a Zoo**

Landmark La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (R) Fri, Tue - Thu: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00, Sat - Mon: (1:00), 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **The Artist** (PG-13) Fri, Tue - Thu: (1:20), (4:10), 7:10, 9:45, Sat - Mon: (10:50), 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45; **A Dangerous Method** (R) Fri, Tue - Thu: (1:30), (4:20), 7:20, 9:55, Sat - Mon: (11:00), 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55; **My Week With Marilyn** (R) Fri, Tue - Thu: (1:40), (4:30), 7:30, 9:50, Sat - Mon: (11:10), 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50, Discount Shows at Landmark's La Jolla Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; **A Separation** (PG-13) Opens Friday, January 20

MIRA MESA

Regal Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
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MISSION VALLEY

AMC Fashion Valley
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
The Adventures of Tintin; Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked; Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) Fri., Sun. (10:00) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; **Contraband; The Darkest Hour; The Devil Inside; The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo; Hugo; The Iron Lady; Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (10:20) 1:30, 4:30, 7:35, 10:35; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol; New Year's Eve; Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; The Sitter; Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy; War Horse; We Bought a Zoo; Young Adult**

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
The Adventures of Tintin; Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked; Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) Fri., Sun. (11:45) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Contraband; The Darkest Hour; The Devil Inside; The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo; Hugo; The Iron Lady; Joyful Noise; Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol; New Year's Eve; Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; The Sitter; Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy; War Horse; We Bought a Zoo Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30

Ultrastar Mission Valley Hazard Center

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



16-Love (PG) Mon: 8:30 PM; **Ayn Rand & The Prophecy of Atlas Shrugged** (NR) Tue: 8:00 PM; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) 3D Upcharge Applies, Fri - Sun: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, Mon - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Contraband** (R) D-BOX Seats Available; D-Box Upcharge Applies, Fri - Sun: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Mon - Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Special Engagement; No Passes Allowed, Fri - Sun: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00, Mon - Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15; **We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Discounted UNTIL 4PM Tue & Thu,

Fri - Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30, Mon & Tue: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, Wed & Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) Fri - Sun: 11:30 AM, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15, Mon - Thu: 11:30 AM, 3:30, 7:00; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, Mon - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13) Fri: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45, Sat & Sun: 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45, Mon & Tue: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, Wed: 11:15 AM, 2:00, Thu: 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; PARENT MOVIE MORNING: **"JOYFUL NOISE"** THURSDAY, 1/19 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY! **Kidtoons: Dino Dan & Mighty Machines** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

UPTOWN

Landmark Hillcrest
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Artist (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:40) 7:20, 9:45 Sat., Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45; **Carnage** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 9:35 Sat., Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:35; **The Descendants** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat., Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Pariah** (R) Fri. (2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 9:50 Sat., Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 9:50; **Shame** (NC-17) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:30 Sat., Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri,-Sun. (2:30) 10:35; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri. (12:45, 4:05) 6:35, 9:35 Sat,-Sun. (12:45) 4:05, 6:35, 9:35; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) Fri. (11:55, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:50 Sat,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:50; **Contraband** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:35, 5:20) 8:05, 10:50 Sat,-Sun. (11:50, 2:35) 5:20, 8:05, 10:50; **The Devil Inside** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 8:00, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 8:00, 10:40; **The Iron Lady** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:05, 2:55) 6:50, 10:00; **Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 4:30) 7:25, 10:25 Sat,-Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 7:25, 10:25; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 12:50, 4:20) 7:00, 7:35, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. (12:10, 12:50) 4:20, 7:00, 7:35, 10:40; **My Week with Marilyn** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25 Sat,-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri. (4:10) 10:10 Sat,-Sun. 4:10, 10:10; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:40) 7:45, 10:45 Sat,-Sun. (1:00) 4:40, 7:45, 10:45; **The Adventures of Tintin 3D** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 5:10) 7:55 Sat,-Sun. (11:50) 5:10, 7:55; **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:20, 3:50) 7:20, 10:50; **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:40) 3:40, 6:45, 9:55; **War Horse** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:35, 3:55) 7:10, 10:30; **We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:55, 3:45) 6:40, 9:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

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SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade

770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)

The Adventures of Tintin; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked**; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat,-Sun. (10:00) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Contraband**; **The Darkest Hour**; **The Devil Inside**; **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**; **Joyful Noise**; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol**; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows**; **The Sitter**; **War Horse**; **We Bought a Zoo**

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3:00, 5:45, 8:15; **A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas** (R) Fri - Mon: 2:15, 7:00, Tue - Thu: 7:00 PM; **In Time** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45, Sun: 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, Mon: 11:45 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, Tue - Thu: 5:15, 8:00; **Puss in Boots** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM , 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, Tue - Thu: 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Paranormal Activity 3** (R) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 4:45, 9:30, Sun: 4:45 PM, Mon: 12:00, 4:45, Tue - Thu: 4:45 PM; **The Ides of March** (R) Fri & Sat: 2:30, 7:45, 10:15, Sun & Mon: 2:30, 7:45, Tue - Thu: 7:45 PM; **Real Steel** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 1:45, 7:30, 10:30, Sun: (1:45), 7:30, Mon: 1:45, 7:30, Tue - Thu: 7:30 PM; **Courageous** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 4:30 PM; **Dolphin Tale** (PG) Fri - Mon: 11:00 AM, 4:45, Tue - Thu: 4:45 PM; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri - Mon: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 5:30, 8:30, Tue - Thu: 5:30, 8:30; **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri - Mon: 12:00, 5:00, Tue - Thu: 5:00 PM; **Kidtoons: Dino Dan & Mighty Machines** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

EASTLAKE

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Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:30) 2:10; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri,-Sun. (10:00) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20; **Beauty and the Beast** (G) Fri,-Sun. 12:40p.m.; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) Fri,-Sun. (10:20) 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; **Contraband** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:45) 2:25, 5:05, 8:00, 10:40; **The Devil Inside** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:05) 1:20, 3:35, 5:55, 8:20, 10:35; **Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:05) 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:00) 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:20, 7:20, 9:25, 10:25 Sun. (10:00) 1:00, 3:25, 4:15, 6:20, 7:20, 9:25, 10:25; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. 12:10p.m. Sun. 12:45p.m.; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:15) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 Sun. 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; **The Adventures of Tintin 3D** (PG) Fri,-Sun. 4:45, 7:25, 9:55; **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:00) 2:35, 6:00, 9:35; **War Horse** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. 12:05, 3:25, 6:40, 9:55 Sun. 3:00, 6:40, 9:55; **We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:05) 12:55, 3:55, 6:50, 9:45

IMPERIAL BEACH

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Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) Fri. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Sat,-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; **Contraband** (R) Fri. (10:15, 11:00) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00, 11:45; **The Darkest Hour** (PG-13) Fri. 12:55p.m.; **Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:00) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:20; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 10:50; **The Sitter** (R) Fri. 12:25, 3:00, 5:45, 8:20, 10:45; **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) Fri. (11:15) 3:00, 6:50, 10:30

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Ayn Rand & The Prophecy of Atlas Shrugged (NR) Tue: 8:00 PM; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) 3D Upcharge Applies, Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 5:00, 7:15; **Contraband** (R) D-BOX Seats Available; D-Box Upcharge Applies, Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15, Sat: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45; **Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Special Engagement; No Passes Allowed, Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun - Tue: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, Wed: 10:00 AM, 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, Thu: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; **The Devil Inside** (R) Fri: 10:10 AM, 12:05, 2:05, 4:05, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30, Sat: 2:05, 4:05, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30, Sun: 2:05, 4:05, 6:10, 8:20, Mon: 10:10 AM, 12:05, 2:05, 4:05, 6:10, 8:20 , Tue: 10:10 AM, 12:05, 2:05, 4:05, Wed: 2:05, 4:05, 6:10, 8:20, Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:05, 2:05, 4:05, 6:10, 8:20; **War Horse** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Discounted UNTIL 4PM Tue & Thu, Fri & Sat: 11:20 AM, 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35, Sun - Thu: 11:20 AM, 2:25, 5:10, 7:55; **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:10 AM, 2:55, 7:00, 10:10, Sun - Thu: 11:10 AM, 2:55, 7:00; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:05, 4:10, 7:20; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Discounted UNTIL 4PM Tue & Thu. Fri - Thu: 10:25 AM, 12:40, 2:45, 4:55, 7:00; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:35 AM, 1:30, 4:25, 7:35, 10:30, Sun - Thu: 10:35 AM, 1:30, 4:25, 7:35, PARENT MOVIE MORNING: “**JOYFUL NOISE**” WEDNESDAY, 1/18 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY! **Kidtoons: Dino Dan & Mighty Machines** (G) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM

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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri. (4:05) 9:45 Sat,-Sun. 4:05, 9:45; **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri. (11:20, 1:40, 4:25) 7:20, 10:00 Sat,-Sun. (11:20, 1:40) 4:25, 7:20, 10:00; **The Artist** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:40) 7:35, 10:15 Sat,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:40, 7:35, 10:15; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) Fri. (10:50, 11:25, 1:20, 1:50, 3:55, 4:20) 7:10, 9:40 Sat,-Sun. (10:50, 11:25, 1:20, 1:50, 3:55) 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; **Carnage** (R) Fri. (11:15, 1:35, 4:20) 7:15, 9:35 Sat,-Sun. (11:15, 1:35) 4:20, 7:15, 9:35; **Contraband** (R) Fri. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:45, 10:35 Sat,-Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:55, 7:45, 10:35; **The Descendants** (R) Fri. (10:55, 1:45, 4:30) 7:25, 10:15 Sat,-Sun. (10:55, 1:45) 4:30, 7:25, 10:15; **The Devil Inside** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:40, 5:05)

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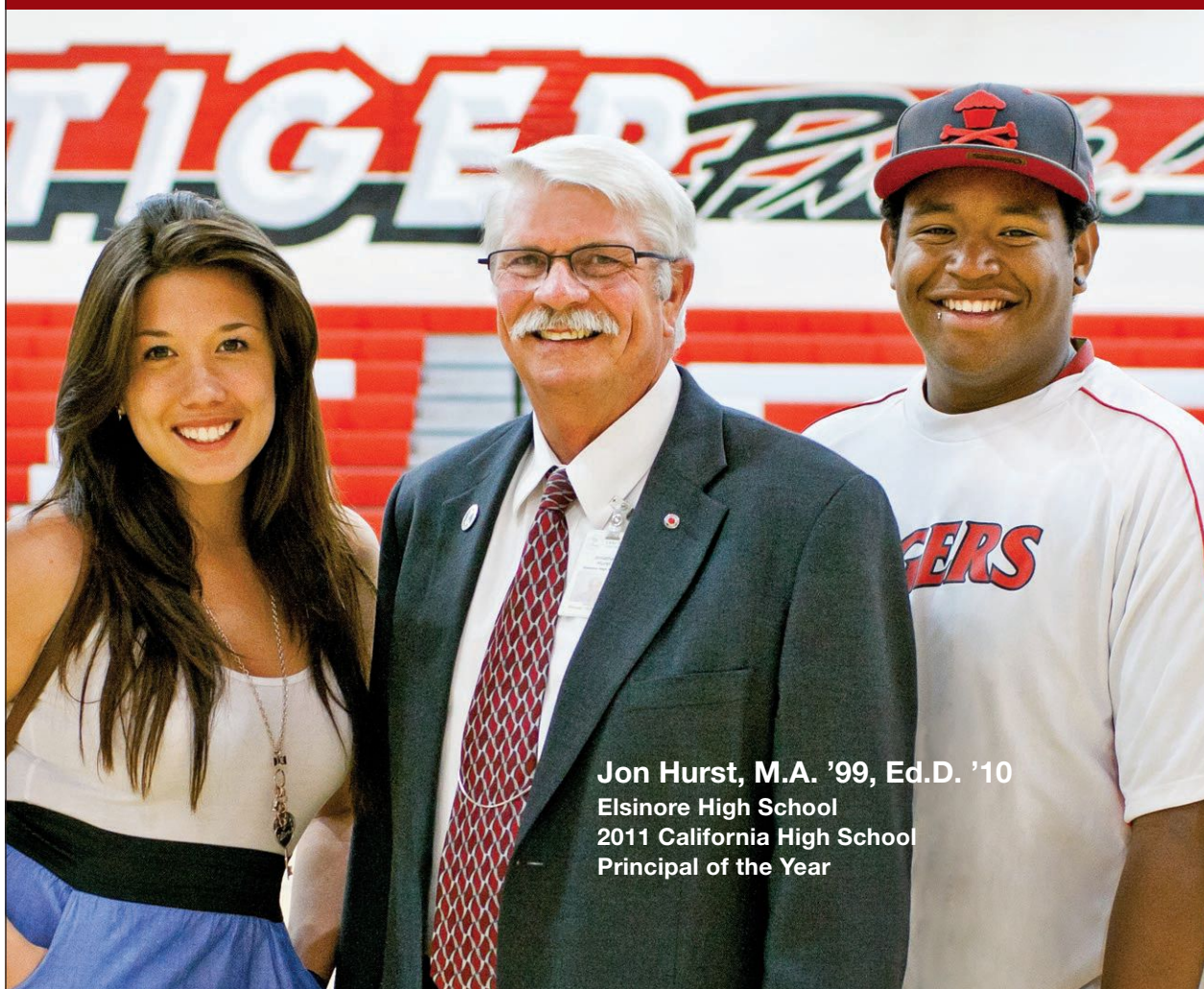
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Across

1. Mammoth trio?
4. Letters on old rubles
8. O'Neill's "The Iceman ____"
14. Sine ____ non
15. Accomplishes

16. One writing an Op-Ed piece

17. People rival

19. Eva of "Hitch"

20. X ____ xylophone

21. Artistic impression?

23. Country singer Shelby

25. Witchy women

29. 2003 Will Ferrell movie

31. Coastal California region

32. Yoga class need

35. "Are you calling me ____?"

38. Salinger heroine et al.

39. Fridge problem

41. Show the way ... or an otherwise common word that happens to contain each of the pronouns at the starts of 17-, 25-, 53- and 66-Across

43. Apiece

44. "Check," in poker

46. Ethan of "Training Day"

48. Doo-wop syllable

49. 1948 Literature Nobel

51. "Mighty" tree

53. 1998 Spike Lee movie

56. Some pinball targets

60. Tired toddler's plea

62. Lean

63. Versace rival

66. Title for Judge Judy

68. "Just like you said"

69. Singer India. ____

70. Work ____ sweat

71. Like state-of-the-art gadgetry

72. Daly of "Judging Amy"

73. Opposite NNE

Down

1. Splenda rival
2. Disheveled
3. Admitted politely
4. Alphabet trio
5. Rum's partner
6. Boston NBAers
7. College maj.

8. Felipe's food

9. What a scared person might sleep with

10. Prized Chinese collectible

11. Draw to a close

12. With 67-Down, a little laugh

13. Four-baggers: Abbr.

18. Kin of -ess or -trix

22. Like the letters on a dreidel

24. Portuguese "she"

26. Food writer Rombauer and others

27. Bloodsucker

28. One of the Obama daughters

30. Winter woe

32. Calendar division

33. Get ____ of one's own medicine

34. "Ain't Too Proud ____"

36. Film flop of 1987

37. "Of course!"

40. Have a moving experience?

42. "King Kong" studio

45. It went down in history

47. You might play something by this

50. Monstrous

52. Green Hornet's sidekick

54. "Nonsense!," to a Brit

55. Manicurist's board

57. Arithmetic sign

58. Sits heavily

59. Juice box go-with

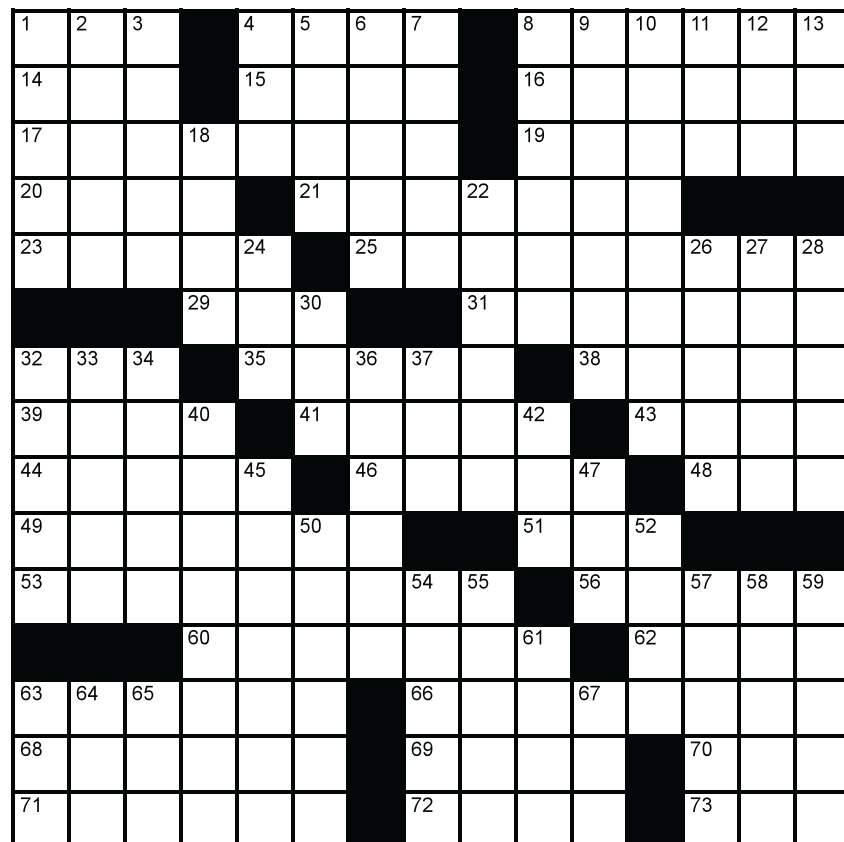
61. 2000 role for Julia

63. Fireplace remnant

64. "Vive le ____!"

65. Cambridge sch.

67. See 12-Down



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Please check one:

Cap: _____

T-shirt: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 5.**
I ate at a South American steakhouse, and it cost me a Brazilian dollars.

☛ **Jane M. Reilly, University City, 5.**
Comfort is valet parking without screwing up the mirrors.

☛ **George Jackson, Oceanside, 4.**
The best time to eat crow or humble pie is when they are warm.

☛ **John L. Drehner, North Park, 3.**
Medium is a good word for TV – nothing on TV is ever well done.

☛ **Alexandra Barrett, Spring Valley, 1.**
Roses are red; they grow in the dirt. Does this puzzle warrant a T-shirt?



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EASY:

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MEDIUM:

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EVIL:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Don Bowman, Santee, 4.** *Why did the Indians go to the POW-WOW? Reservations not needed.*

☛ **Dushanti Patterson, San Diego, 1.** *What do you get when a camel eats a banana? A banana spit!*

☛ **Richard Hutchings, Santee, 5.** *I'm working on making my second million dollars. I gave up trying for the first.*

☛ **George Elam, Vista, 4.** *I toast a toast to toast the host.*

☛ **Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 1.** *Being a Navy Raidoman didn't drive me crazy, did it did it did it!*



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OCEAN BEACH, \$1745.
3BD apartment. Across street from beach. Parking. Large private patio area. Laundry facilities. 5183 West Point Loma Blvd. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1850.
2BD+1BA, newly remodeled apartment. Ocean view deck. All appliances. Garage parking. Yard, dog OK. 5067 Niagara, at the Ocean Beach Pier. 619-224-4215.

OCEAN BEACH, \$1900.
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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1100.
1BD+1BA. Large apartment. New carpeting and new bath floor. Parking, laundry. Near bay. Near beach. No pets. Call Von, 619-846-2117.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1100.
1BD+1BA apartment. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. No pets. Available now! 4451 Haines Street. Chris, 858-270-4492 x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1125.
1BD+1BA, The Plaza. Private patio, garage, tennis, controlled access 24-hour security. gym. No pets. 4600 Lamont. 619-279-0031, akarnazes@yahoo.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1145.
1BD+1BA in pristine, perfectly located property. Two blocks to bay, the bay front boardwalk, Rocky's, and Crest Deli. On-site laundry, parking. Rent today! 3803 Jewell Street. TPPM, 619-933-7400, www.villalaplaza.com.

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2BD+1.5BA townhome. 4 blocks to ocean. Excellent condition. Dishwasher, stove, refrigerator. Security gates. 2 parking spaces. Laundry. 1150 Grand Ave. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1400.
2BD+1BA downstairs apartment. Laundry, parking. Available now. 1536 Moorland Drive #1. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1495.
2BD+1.5BA townhome. Small yard, storage. Fresh paint, gas appliances, parking, no pets. Dawes St. Shore Management. 858-274-3500. shoremgmt.com.

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2BD+2BA apartment. *Open house Saturday, 1/14, 11:30-12:30.* One block to bay and bay front boardwalk. Pool, parking. Rent today! 3850-M Haines Street. TPPM, 858-272-9635 or 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1550.
2BD+2BA large apartment in very nice property with pool. One block to Sail Bay. Parking. Available early February. 3773 Haines Street. TPPM, 858-333-1318 or email casariviera3777@gmail.com, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1595.
2BD+1.5BA, townhouse. Off- street parking. Laundry facilities. Good credit. One- year lease. 4790 Academy Place. Cross street Chalcedony. Agent, 619-223-3107. Leave a message.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1645.
2BD+1BA. Large front downstairs unit in North PB. Remodeled kitchen with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, all new cabinets, new carpet, coin laundry, garage space, cat OK with extra deposit. 2.5 blocks to ocean, available 1/20/12. 959 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1650.
2BD+2BA upper level apartment. Hardwood floors and carpet. Shared roof deck/ patio. Off- street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1455 Garnet St. 858-270-4492.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1650.
2BD+2BA apartment. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. No pets. Available January! 4451 Haines Street. Chris, 858-270-4492 x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1650.
2BD+1BA upper-level apartment. 3 blocks to beach. Assigned off- street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1050 Hornblend. Available now! 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1745.
2BD+2BA huge upstairs end unit. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry, garage space, 2.5 blocks to ocean, cat OK with extra deposit, available 1/25/12. 959 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1745.
2BD+2BA large condo, 2 garage. No pets. Fireplace. Appliances Laundry hook-up. Balcony. Skylight. Nice. Clean. 1552 Chalcedony St. 619-275-3455

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1795.
3BD+1BA house. Appliances, parking, laundry on site. Fenced-in patio. Tile and carpeted floors. 2055 Garnet Ave. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1875.
2BD+2.5BA townhome in North Pacific Beach. All appliances plus laundry hookups, large private patio, attached garage plus parking space, fireplace, one block to ocean, no pets. Available 1/19/12. 831 Chalcedony. 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 now. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1975.
2BD+1BA house in Crown Point area. All utilities paid. New carpet. Stove, refrigerator, laundry hookups, shared yard area, gardener paid, new, garage plus driveway parking and covered patio. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available now. 1934 Reed Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2150.
2BD+2.5BA townhome. Quiet end unit in triplex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, two private balconies, small fenced patio/yard area, garage with opener plus two parking spaces. Fireplace, skylights, laundry hookups, Available 2/10/12. 4228 Fanuel. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2200.
3BD+1-1/2BA house in heart of Pacific Beach. Refurbished, clean, hardwood floor, laundry, garage, parking. No pets. Open Saturday, 10am-2pm. 1244 Felspar. 858-717-3626.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2220.
2BD+1BA house. All appliances. Garage, fenced patio, laundry hookups. Hardwood floors, fireplace, blocks to bay. 3961 Haines St. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2350.
3BD+2.5BA large townhouse. *Open house Saturday, 1/14, 10:00-11:00.* Fireplace, washer/dryer, patio, and more. Excellent location. 1736 Hornblend Street #2. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2475.
3BD+2BA house in Crown Point area. Stove, refrigerator, laundry hookups. 2- car garage. No pets. Water, trash, gardener paid. Available now. 3970 Honeycutt. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2650.
3BD+3BA townhouse. Clean, airy. 2- car garage. Fireplace. Washer/dryer, patio, deck. No pets. 1523 Hornblend. Available January. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

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4BD+3.5BA townhome in North Pacific Beach. 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 1/20/12. 856 Felspar. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$4500.
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Studio, large upstairs front unit in North PB. Full kitchen with stove, refrigerator, walk-in closet, parking, 1 block to ocean. Cat OK with extra deposit, available 2/10/12. 959 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$925.
1BD+1BA apartment. *Ask about move-in special!* Garden setting, easy access location. Pool, recreation room, no pets. 2710 Grand Avenue. TPPM, 858-273-8657, www.bayinnapps.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$945.
Large studio. 4 blocks to ocean. Full kitchen, gas appliances, laundry facilities, garage, no pets. 1122 Felspar St. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$950 & UP.
Studio+1BA, 700 sqft apartment. Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$950.
Studio. A must see in beautiful Crown Point. Walk to bay, 1926 Fortuna Avenue. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$975.
1BD+1BA, upstairs west- facing apartment in Crown Point. New carpet, stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry, garage space. No pets. Available now. 1768 Thomas. Del Sol Property Management, broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$995.
1BD+1BA apartment. *Open house Saturday, 1/14, 1:00-2:00.* A freshly updated apartment in beautiful North Pacific Beach. Parking included. On-site laundry. 939-E Turquoise St. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

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2BD+1BA at Sunset Cliffs. Steps to the ocean. Ocean view. New paint. Hardwood floors. Garage included. Pets OK. 4831 Orchard Avenue. 619-222-6020.

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by Don Rubin

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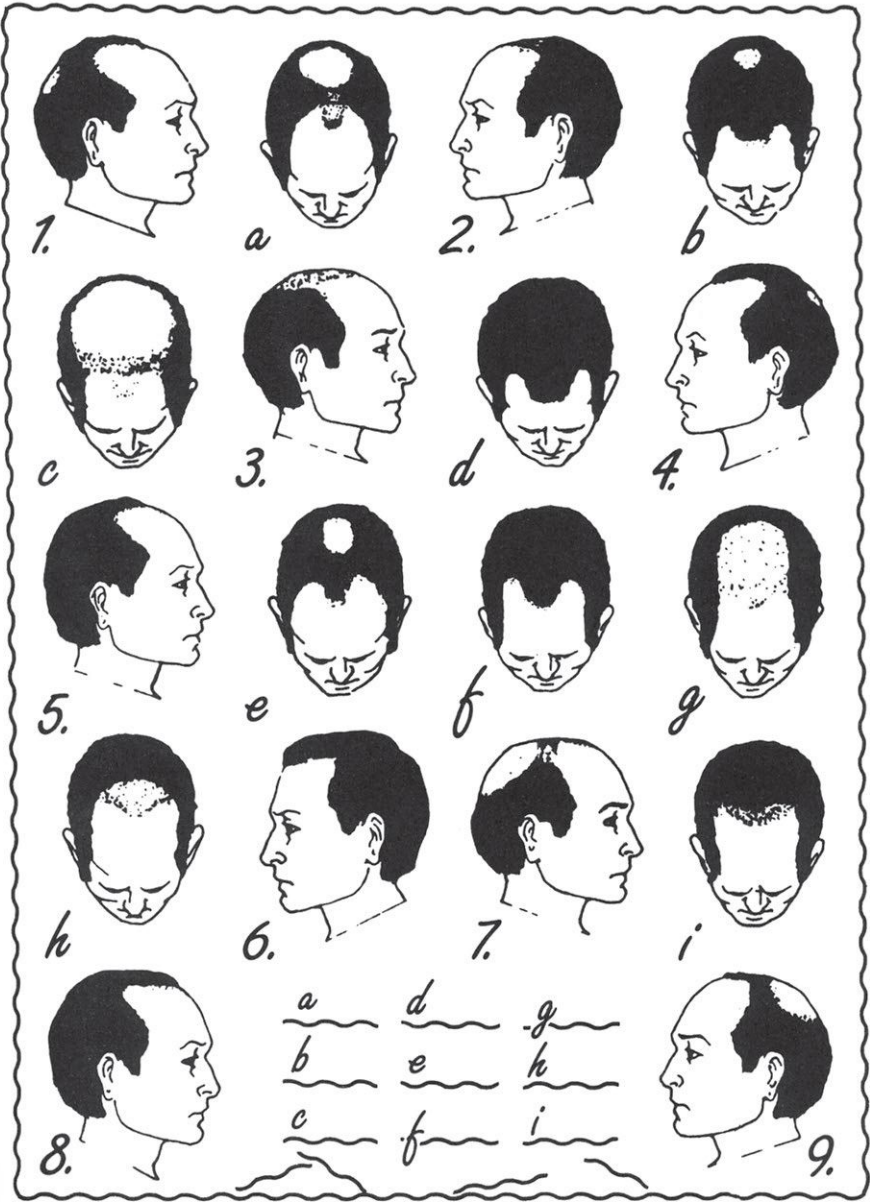
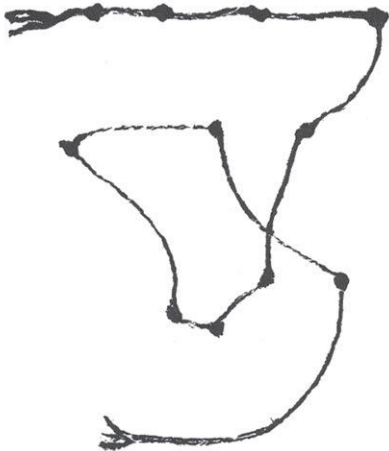
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BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

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 and ranking are posted online at SDReader.com/puzzle. 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) 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 and online.

4) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

5) 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

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- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 5.** Before they occupied were they pre-occupied?

☛ **Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 4.** What did the fish say when it swam into a wall at Lake Hodges? Answer – Dam.

☛ **L. Barling, El Cajon, 3.** If you weren't allowed to sit to take those high school SAT exams, would they be called something else?

☛ **Ed Barno, San Diego, 2.** If no one cares, then no one should care that no one cares.

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2BD+2BA apartment. Move-in special! Fireplace. Central heat/ air. Microwave, dishwasher. Balcony. Gated. 4828 Art Street. 619-298-7724.

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COLLEGE AREA, \$1450.
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COLLEGE AREA, \$1650.
3BD+1.5BA house. 1008 sqft. Backyard. Open house, Saturday 11am-2pm. \$1650 deposit. Nonsmoking. 6843 Rockland Street. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

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1BD+1BA apartment. Near bus, shops, SDSU. Laundry room. No pets. \$150 security deposit. 6769 El Cajon Boulevard. Apartments in rear courtyard. 619-464-0901.

COLLEGE AREA, \$950.
2BD+1BA. New paint and carpet. On-site laundry. Close to all. Clean, quiet, secure. If you can find one better... rent it! 7240 El Cajon Boulevard. Call Lynette at 619-602-0959, or Rachael, 619-804-1044.

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LINDA VISTA, \$1350.
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LINDA VISTA, \$705-1500.
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MISSION VALLEY, \$1000 & UP.
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, \$1150.
2BD+2BA apartment in Fashion Valley, \$800 deposit, parking, laundry, walk to USD, no pets, at 1340 Eureka Street #22 or #37. Agent, 619-298-5820.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1425.
2BD+2BA condo, 1037 sqft. Available 1/17. Light, airy, with balcony view of rolling lawns, on 13 acres. Newly updated, all appliances. Pool, gym, racquetball, tennis. On-site laundry. 2 parking spots. Caminito Cuervo, Mission Ridge. 619-423-0123.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1495.
2BD+1.5BA townhouse with parking. Laundry in unit. Pool, no pets. Available now. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

MISSION VALLEY, \$900.
1BD+1BA, 800 sqft. Condo. Near SDSU. 6665 Mission Gorge Rd. Available now. Call 619-469-0031.

SAN CARLOS, \$1425-1695.
2BD+1.5BA townhouses, \$1425. 3BD+1.5BA, \$1695. Super special! Stove, dishwasher, garage, large patio, pools, laundry facilities. Lakewood Villa Townhomes, 8492 San Carlos Drive. Available now. Call 619-469-3585; 619-944-0671.

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UTC, \$1500.
2BD+2BA large condo. 1st month free with lease! Downstairs, washer/ dryer, patio, pool, rec room, 2- car garage. Small pet OK with deposit. 4444 Eastgate Mall. 619-298-7724.

UTC, \$1995.
2BD+2.5BA townhouse in Cape La Jolla Gardens. Over 1600 sqft. 2- car garage. Patio. No pets. Available now. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

North County Coastal

CARDIFF, \$2550.
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CARLSBAD, \$1375.
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DEL MAR, \$1555-2395.
1BD+1BA, \$1555. 2BD+2BA units, some ocean views, \$1925-\$2355. 3BD+2BA, \$2395. Some with washer/ dryer. Pool, spa. 201 Fourth Street. Los Arboles, 858-481-9585; mikeatla@aol.com. www.summerpacific.com.

DEL MAR, \$1700.
1BD+1BA. Top floor with ocean view and garage. Available now. Ask about Move-In Special. Heated pool, spa, fitness center, close to beach. Call 858-755-4721.

ENCINITAS, \$1095.
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OCEANSIDE, \$1775.
2BD+2.5BA condo. Balcony, garage, central air/ heat. Community pool, spa, basketball, clubhouse. Nonsmoking. Year lease, \$1775 deposit. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

North County Inland

RANCHO PENASQUITOS, \$1250.
2BD+1BA condo, 2- story. Garage, pool. No pets. Near school. Near freeway 15 and 56. 760-747-4455. 760-715-9017.

VISTA, \$730.
Studios. Ask about Move-In Special! 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, \$1200.
2BD+1BA house. Off- street parking. Section 8 OK. Small pet on approval. 4117 41st Street, www.sdforrent.com, 619-640-7530.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$1550.
2BD+1BA, 830 sqft. house. Hardwood floors. Recently remodeled kitchen with laundry room. All appliances. Remodeled bathroom. Garage. Deck with fenced yard. 619-885-0377.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$1625.
2BD+1BA house. Granite counters, stainless steel appliances, hardwood and tile floors, gardening service included. 3625 Chamoune Avenue. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-540. peoplehelpingothers.com.

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, \$925.
2BD+1BA. Large open layout. Laundry and parking on site. Gated property with on-site manager. Available now. 3555 42nd St. innoreventerprises.com. 858-568-5081.

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HILLCREST, \$1095.
1BD+1BA lower, gated, washer/ dryer, patio, walk-in closet, dishwasher, parking. 4155 Georgia Street #103. 619-297-7662.

HILLCREST, \$1195.
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HILLCREST, \$1300.
2BD+1BA, remodeled downstairs condo with patio! New carpet and tile flooring. Newly remodeled bathroom. Attached garage and additional parking space. AC and central heat. Coin laundry. **No pets.** Agent, 619-980-6823.

HILLCREST, \$1600.
2BD+2BA, upstairs apartment with cathedral ceilings. Garage plus additional parking space. Prego flooring. Air conditioning. Coin laundry. Balcony with view! No pets. 619-980-6823.

HILLCREST, \$1900.
Loft+2BA. 990 sqft. Balcony, air/ heat, high ceilings. Hardwood floors through out. Nonsmoking. Year lease. \$1900 deposit. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

HILLCREST, \$850 & UP.
Studio, 1BD+1BA and 2BD+1BA. \$850-\$1450. Pool, recreation room, laundry, parking. Cats OK. 4201 6th Avenue. 619-298-1059. www.centrecity.net.

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1BD+1BA extremely large apartment. Dishwasher, self- cleaning oven, courtyard, parking, laundry. Near all. 1037 Essex Street. No pets, no smoking. 619-692-0364.

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, 619-298-7724.

HILLCREST, \$950.
1BD+1BA 2- level apartment. Dishwasher, intercom entry, free cable, laundry room, underground parking. Near UCSD Medical Center, shuttle to La Jolla. No pets. 4131 Front Street. 619-574-6731.

HILLCREST.
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KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$1125.
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Jessica Ballow
Normal Heights, Bartender

Aw, hell yeah! Because *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* is an awesome freaking book. And I really want a Babel fish in my ear so I can understand all languages from the weird creatures I meet.



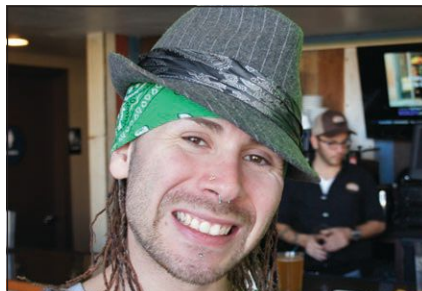
Jonathan Orozco
Hillcrest, Server/Bartender

I would only if it was the Tenth Doctor who came to get me because he is really hot and I really want to have sex with him. I'm not sure if he's gay — that was never explained in the show — but he's also fictional, so I'll believe what I want to, dammit!



Christen Brown
North Park, Bartender

I would do it for sure just to see if there are any hot alien dudes out there. There has got to be! I mean, all of space and time? At least I could go back to historical Earth and find some for sure.



Aaron Palmer
Downtown, Bartender

I would go because you only have one life to live. So, f--- it — live for adventure. "Go big or go home" has always been my motto.

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, \$2325. 3BD+2BA home. Heart of Kensington, available immediately. Gardener included. 2-car garage. Cats OK. No smoking. Includes washer/dryer. Call Juliee, 619-750-6994.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$775. 1BD+1BA downstairs unit. Gated property. Coin-operated laundry. 4533 Contour Blvd #3. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$825. 1BD+1BA downstairs. Gated complex. Stove, refrigerator, carpets. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. Water/trash paid. No pets. Available now. 619-971-1145; 619-579-8027.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$895-1035. 1BD+1BA and 2BD+2BA. Airy, spacious, clean, well kept. Quiet, 31-unit community. Gated, parking, laundry, trees, BBQ. Must see! 4544 Winona Avenue. 92115. 619-229-1406.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$895. 1BD+1BA upstairs apartment. Laundry. Parking. Available now. 4118 Adams Ave. #3. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$900. 1BD+1BA private, upstairs studio apartment on small property. Private balcony and great shared yard space. Laundry and storage on site. Large open-living studio. 4510 48th St. Available 2/1/2012. innoreventerprises.com. 858-568-5081.

MISSION HILLS, \$1200. 1BD+1BA detached cottage, \$1000 deposit, garage with remote, hardwood floors, no pets, at 4045 Front Street. Agent, 619-299-8515.

MISSION HILLS, \$1395. 2BD+1BA apartment. First unit. Tiled throughout, crown molding, custom paint, recessed lighting. \$1000 deposit. Black appliances. Pets OK. 3778 Keating. 858-229-8049.

MISSION HILLS, \$1395. 2BD+2BA. 1000 sqft. Incredible remodel in great location. Upgraded with soundproof windows. www.cal-prop.com. 3737 Keating Street #10. 858-768-4322.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS, \$1425. 2BD+1BA upper. 1/2 off 1st! New paint, carpet, blinds, vinyl, A/C, private deck with view, parking. Pet OK. 3176.5 Adams Ave. 619-804-3325.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, \$750. 1BD+1BA upstairs apartment. Parking. Available January 13. 4575 Idaho St. #8. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, \$795. Studio+1BA. 1 Month Free! Lower, new laminate floors, built-in Murphy bed/desk/ computer area, on-site laundry. Cat OK. Section 8 OK. 4733 Utah Street #3. 619-804-3325.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, \$825. 1BD+1BA downstairs apartment. Laundry, parking. Available January 13. 4515 35th Street #4. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, \$895. 1BD+1BA 1/2 off 1st! Gated, new paint, carpet, vinyl, electric stove, on-site laundry, walk-in closet, parking. Cat OK, Section 8 OK. 4368 Wilson Avenue #3, #5. 619-804-3325.

NORTH PARK, \$1000. 2BD+1BA apartment. Street parking, laundry on site. Sorry, no pets. Section 8 OK. 3827 35th Street #6. www.sdforrent.com. 619-640-7530.

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NORTH PARK, \$1195. 1BD+1BA detached cottage. Wood floors, stackable washer/dryer. Single-car garage. 3943 Mississippi St. www.stevenleproperties.com. 619-295-5525.

NORTH PARK, \$1200. 2BD+1BA upstairs condo. Water, sewage, trash paid. Fireplace. No pets. Nonsmoking. 4252 35th Street #6. People Helping Others Property Management. 619-282-5400.

NORTH PARK, \$1250. 2BD+1.75BA downstairs apartment. Near park. Large patio and living room. Dishwasher, parking. Cats OK. 2805 Polk Ave. 619-296-6699. www.centrecity.net.

NORTH PARK, \$1450. 2BD+2BA apartment with fireplace in gated complex. Street parking, laundry on site, new appliances. 4067 Florida Street #3. www.sdforrent.com. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK, \$1500. 2BD+1BA triplex. Hardwood floors, large eat-in kitchen, washer and dryer in the unit, small pet on approval, carport. 4505 Illinois Street. www.sdforrent.com. 619-640-7530.

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NORTH PARK, \$825. 1BD+1BA upstairs apartment. 700 sqft. Stove, oven, refrigerator. No pets. Nonsmoking. 4171 33rd Street. People Helping Others Property Management. 619-282-5400.

NORTH PARK, \$825. 1BD+1BA 1/2 off 1st! Lower, built-ins, mirrored closet doors, on-site laundry, parking. Pet OK. Section 8 OK. 4325 Texas Street #2. 619-804-3325.

NORTH PARK, \$925. 1BD+1BA. 1/2 off 1st! Upper, gated, wood floors, built-in microwave/ DVD player, on-site laundry. Pet OK. Section 8 OK. 4168 Arizona Street #8. 619-804-3325.

OLD TOWN, \$725-775. Studio+1BA. Low \$150 deposit. Fully furnished studios, alcoves, in excellent hillside location. Free basic cable. 1616 Guy Street. 619-298-6242.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, \$1195. 2BD+1BA upper, gated, built-ins, mirrored closet doors, on-site laundry, parking. Pet OK. 4452 Louisiana Street #5. 619-804-3325.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, \$1275. 2BD+1BA. Gated, built-ins, dishwasher, on-site laundry, garage available, patio. 4550 Louisiana Street #6. 619-804-3325.

South Bay

CHULA VISTA, \$1100. 2BD+1BA apartments: \$1100 rent, \$900 deposit. Available now! No pets. Georgian Apartments, 433 D Street. 619-757-8975.

CHULA VISTA, \$1200. 2BD+2BA large apartment. First floor. Move-in Discount! New carpet. Dishwasher, patios. Gated, laundry, off-street parking. Near Navy Base. No pets. 619-425-6511.

CHULA VISTA, \$1595. 2BD+2.5BA townhome. Upgraded end unit with nice tile flooring and attached 2-car garage. www.cal-prop.com. 858-768-4355.

CHULA VISTA, \$1750. 3BD+2BA house. Deposit \$1750. Garage attached. Upgraded. 1380 sqft. Available to move in now. 599 Manzanita Street. 619-663-5369. sr@sdcpm.net.

CHULA VISTA, \$775. 1BD+1BA fully furnished or unfurnished apartment. Low \$150 deposit. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center and trolley. Off-street parking. Laundry room. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). Call 619-420-5084.

CHULA VISTA, \$820. 1BD+1BA. All utilities included! Clean, quiet, secure. New carpet and paint. On-site laundry, parking and pool. If you can find one better... rent it! 540 Flower Street. Call Krista, 619-733-6928, or Rachael, 619-804-1044.

CHULA VISTA, \$895. 1BD+1BA apartment in upscale property with central vacuum and air conditioning. Beautiful garden setting, controlled access parking, no pets. 144 Garrett Avenue. TPPM, 619-585-1959, www.torreypinespm.com.

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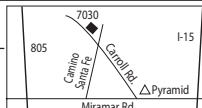
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— “You eat meat, so why not blood?” asked *The Globe and Mail*, which sampled several Toronto restaurants’ sanguinary haute cuisines, including the Italian eatery Buca’s spaghetti with blood-blackened noodles and torta di sanguinaccio (figs, almonds, buffalo-milk creme, on a base custard of dark chocolate and slow-cooked pigs’ blood). Patrons “thought we were crazy,” said chef Rob Gentile, but now “can’t seem to get enough.” The Black Hoof restaurant uses ten liters of fresh blood a week for dishes like its own blood custard, seasoned with rosemary and pickled pears. Montreal’s DNA kitchen sometimes highlights blood soup and blood pasta. (The Noma in Copenhagen, Denmark — which some believe to be the best restaurant in the world — marinates cauliflower in pig’s blood.)

Family Values

— An 11-year-old California boy and a 7-year-old Georgia girl have recently decided — with parental support — to come out as the other gender. The boy, Tommy, wants more time to think about it, said his lesbian parents, and has begun taking hormone blockers to make his transition easier should he follow through with

plans (first disclosed at age 3) to become “Tammy.” The McIntosh County, Ga., girl has been living as a boy for a year, said father Tommy Theollyn, a transgendered man who is actually the one who gave birth. Theollyn petitioned the school board in September (unsuccessfully) to allow the child to use the boys’ bathroom. Theollyn said the girl first noticed she was a boy at age 18 months.

— Italian men are notorious *bamboccionis* (“big babies”) who exploit doting mothers by remaining in their family homes well into adulthood, sometimes into their 30s or later, expecting meals and laundry service. Many mothers are tolerant, but in September an elderly couple in the town of Mestre announced (through a consumer association) that if their 41-year-old, gainfully employed son did not meet a deadline for leaving, the association would file a lawsuit to evict him. (A news update has not been found, perhaps indicating that the son moved out.)

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The Continuing Crisis

— “I don’t get it. I just don’t get it. And you’re not going to get me to get it,” warned Marine squadron commander Lt. Col. Jerry Turner (to a *Wall Street Journal* Afghanistan reporter writing in October), when learning that a few of his troops were sporting artistically shaped eyebrows sculpted by a barber in the town of Shinwar. “Stylist” Gulam Farooq can’t practice on Muslims (forbidden) but said “one or two”

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— The Military Times news service, reporting from Afghanistan in August, disclosed a U.S. Marines command directive ordering troops to restrain their audible flatus because, apparently, Afghan soldiers and civilians complained of being offended. The reporter doubted the directive could be effective, in that passing gas by front-line troops is “practically a sport.”

— A vendor at a street market in Leipzig, Germany, was revealed in September to be selling tailored coats and vests made with fur from housecats. A first report, in the sensationalist tabloid *Bild*, was doubted, but a follow-up by Germany’s premier news source, *Spiegel*, confirmed the story. The vendor said he needed eight cats to make a vest (priced at the equivalent of \$685) and 18 for a coat. However, such sales are illegal under German and European Union laws, and the vendor subsequently denied that he sold such things.

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