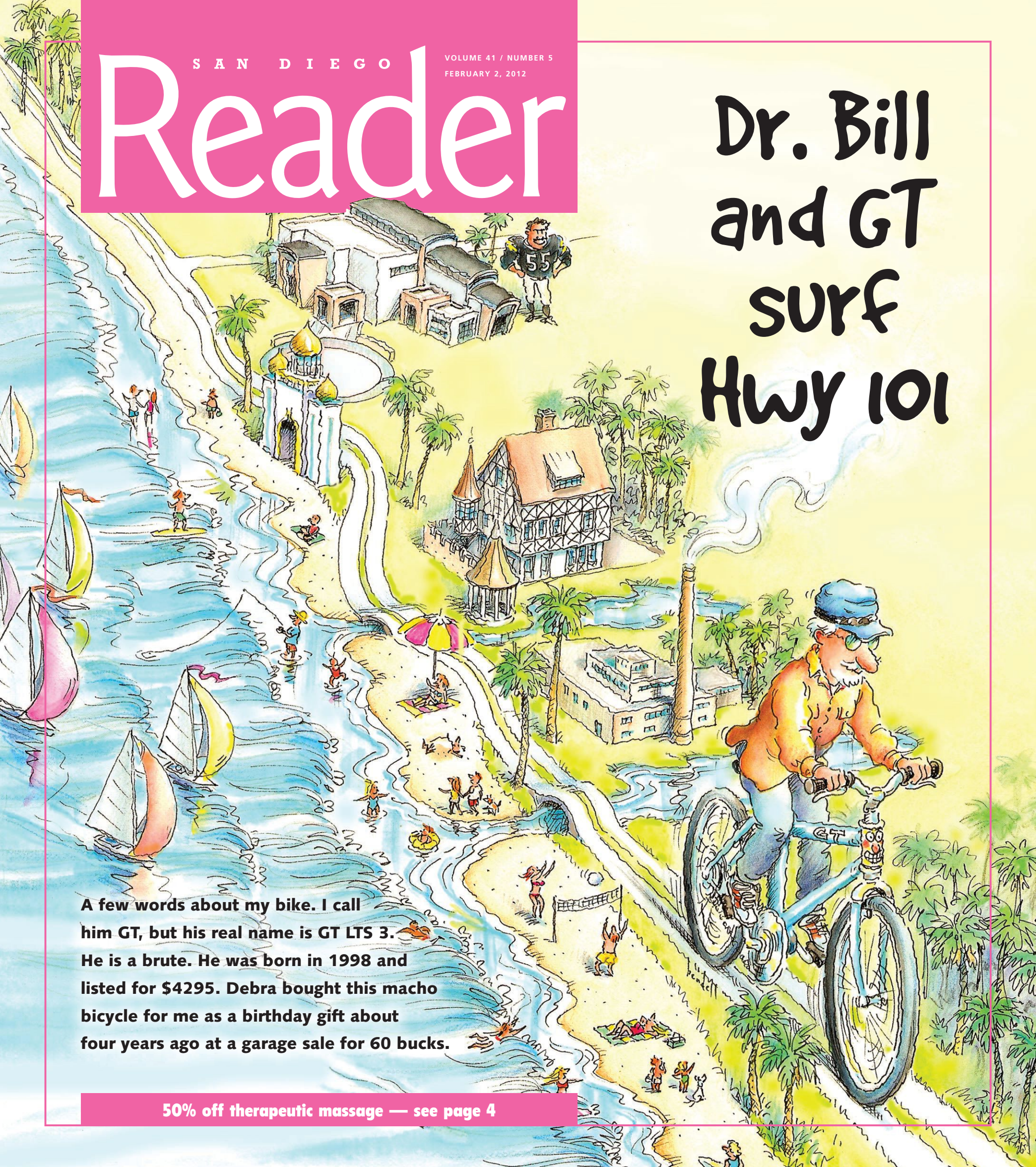


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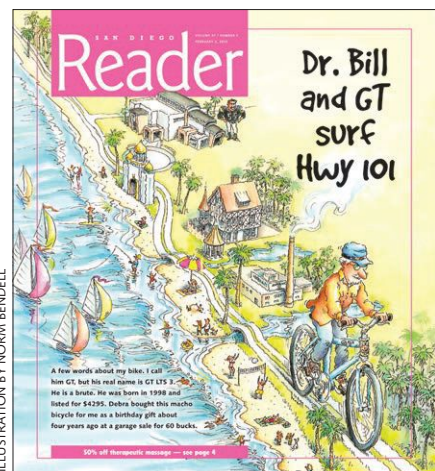
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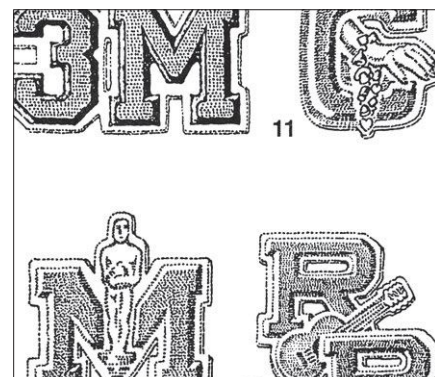
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Buyouts Didn't Help U-T and Petco

By Don Bauder

Go, Newt! In your donnybrook with Mitt, please keep informing the citizenry about the rapacity of private equity groups (essentially leveraged buyout firms). I'm neutral on the nomination but feel strongly about private equity groups: they're predators.

San Diegans have seen what's happened to the *Union-Tribune* since being taken over and quickly flipped by Platinum Equity, a private equity firm. Petco Animal Supplies has gone through two dubious buyouts; some say the company has slipped noticeably, but Petco claims it is as healthy as ever.

Private equity firms buy undervalued companies, claim they have turned them around (often through accounting changes), and then take them public or dump them on a sucker. Most of the buyout money

comes from debt piled on the supposedly sick company's back. Then, the buyout bandits are likely to put the company in even more debt to pay themselves fat dividends. Worst scenario: the buyout gunslingsers may put the ailing, leverage-laden company into bankruptcy to shed the debt and pension obligations.

Mitt claims that his former firm, Bain Capital, creates jobs. Nonsense. Whacking employment is a major tool used by private equity firms to fatten profits of companies they have purchased. The only objective of the private equity firm is to rake in money for its insiders and investors.

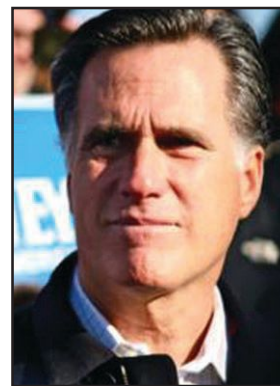
Today, the public is correctly focused on the tax



Doug Manchester bought the U-T for twice what the sellers paid.



Rancho Santa Fe's Gerald Parsky runs the equity firm Aurora.



Mitt Romney claims his former firm, Bain Capital, created jobs.



Newt Gingrich believes equity groups are capitalism gone bad.



Platinum Equity held the U-T for less than three years.



Petco has been bought and sold twice by equity firms.

breaks that Mitt and his business associates enjoy. He pays about 15 percent on \$20 million-plus annual income. Financial engineers in his racket claim their income comes from capital gains, which have a lower rate. Sorry. The Bain Capitals of the world manage

other people's money; little of their own capital is at risk in these takeovers. The principals should pay ordinary income rates.

Takeover rustlers benefit because their investments are often domiciled in the offshore tax and secrecy haven of the Cayman Islands. Mitt's handlers insist that he doesn't benefit tax-wise from this arrangement. Tax experts say he does and that the U.S. Treasury suffers from the loot parked offshore. (In 2010, he had money in Switzerland.)

The utilization of tax and secrecy havens around the world, including the Caymans, is all too common. There are not only tax advantages. Also, there are few disclosure requirements. Moves can be kept hush-hush longer. Gerald (Gerry) Parsky, Republican powerhouse, flies every day from his Rancho Santa Fe estate to Aurora Capital Group in Westwood, a private equity firm he founded. Aurora put together a company named Aftermarket Technology. Caymans-based entities had 4.5 million shares; Parsky

had a slug of them. Similarly, Aurora took an aerospace company named K&F public; some of the shares were domiciled in the Caymans. Parsky had some of them.

The public must understand that private equity groups are fast-buck operations. Josh Kosman is the author of *The Buyout of America: How Private Equity Is Destroying Jobs and Killing the American Economy*. Says Kosman, "Because the strategy of private equity firms is to sell their businesses within several years, they focus on quick, short-term gains and give little consideration to long-term performance."

When Platinum Equity finalized its purchase of the *Union-Tribune* in May of 2009, it pledged it would make changes designed for the long term. But Platinum normally holds a purchase three to five years. Platinum sold the newspaper to local hotelier "Papa" Doug Manchester in November of last year — not even holding it three years. Platinum had continued the oft-justifiable head-chopping started by

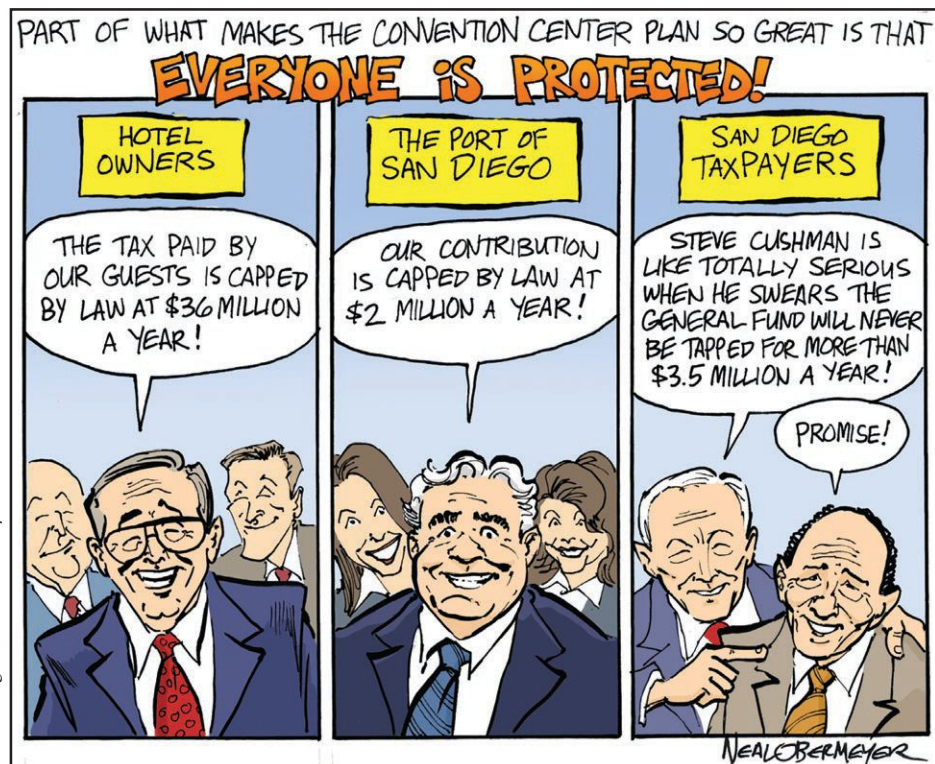
the Copley organization but cut too deeply, as the product shows. Platinum may have doubled its money or more in the deal, but San Diegans would appear to be the losers, given Manchester's revelations about his editorial aims.

Petco Animal Supplies, the second-largest pet retail chain in the nation, has had problems through the years from excessively rapid expansion, among many things. Two private equity firms jointly bought out the company — twice. Petco's stock was doing poorly when the buyout firms first purchased the company in 2000 for \$600 million, most of which was debt plunked on Petco's balance sheet. Two years later, Petco went public for the second time as the buyout firms amassed 600 percent profits.

Just a few years later, the largest pet retailer, PetSmart, wanted to buy Petco, but it didn't want Petco's top management. So Petco brass turned again to those two buyout firms. In 2006, Petco agreed to a second leveraged

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Neal Obermeyer



Let's Build an Even Bigger Nuisance

By Dorian Hargrove

Christi Nail has spent thousands of dollars on double-pane windows to keep out the noise and wooden shutters to block out the headlights. She is thinking of building a concrete retaining wall to ward off runaway vehicles. Nail is boxing in her family to drown out disturbances created by the Jack in the Box at the T-intersection of 30th and Upas streets in North Park.

the kids. Many community residents say that despite having conversations with management and the corporate office, carpet cleaners and grease-trap crews continue to arrive after 2:00 a.m.

Now residents worry that a plan to tear down the restaurant and build a new one



North Park's Christi Nail has spent thousands trying to soundproof her home against late-night noise coming from Jack in the Box.

extends the length of the drive-through, and adds an outdoor dining area. It reconfigures the site, moving the main entrance from Upas Street to Dale, which residents say will increase noise and pose risks for pedestrians and kids playing in their front yards. In October, the North Park Planning Committee unanimously rejected the proposal.

Neighbors are frustrated

their homes and leaving the neighborhood.

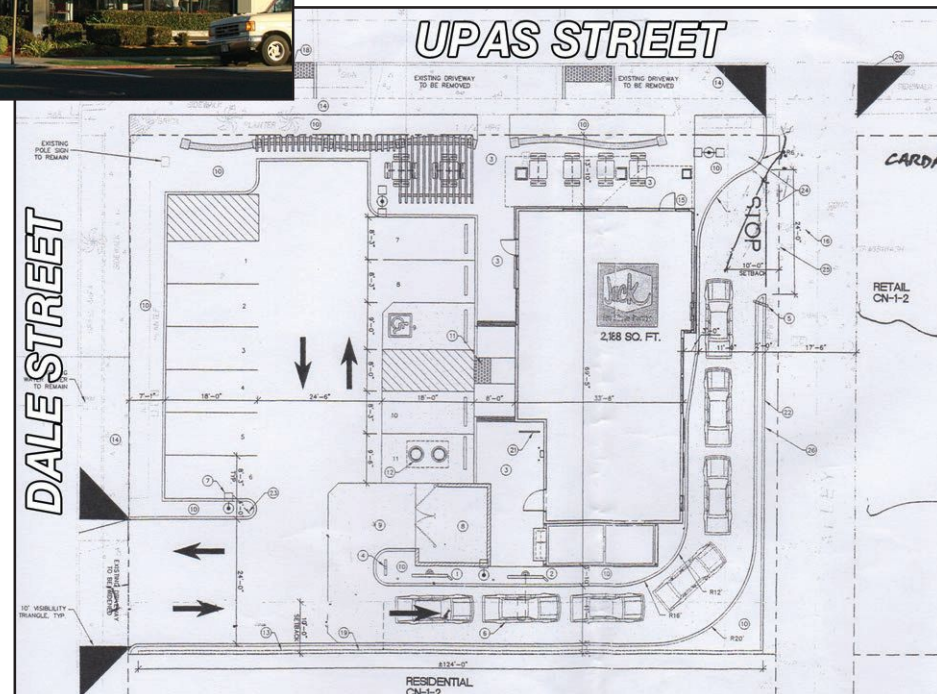
"If the current restaurant redesign is permitted to go forward, we will probably not stay," writes Nail.

At the intersection of 30th and Upas, the commercial area abuts the residential neighborhood. To mitigate impacts on residents, 12 years ago the City approved commercial regulations for businesses within



Nearby residents have long complained that this North Park Jack in the Box disturbs the peace of the neighborhood.

Nearby residents claim the fast-food restaurant has been a nuisance for years. They have complained about litter, traffic, and noise, not only from customers using the drive-through but also from 18-wheelers making late-night deliveries. The Nails have dealt with the problems since 2000, when they purchased their home on Dale Street, across from the restaurant's side entrance. In 2004, while trying to negotiate the restaurant's driveway, a driver smacked into Nail's truck, bending the frame. The Nails renovated their house so car stereos wouldn't rattle the windows and late-night deliveries wouldn't wake up



This drawing details corporate plans to expand the restaurant. Neighbors bitterly oppose the expansion.

will further diminish their quality of life. The proposal, currently under review by the City's Development Services Department, adds 500 square feet to the building,

with the City's apparent support of the project, despite zoning that prohibits drive-through restaurants. If the plan is approved, some residents contemplate selling

a one-block radius of the intersection. The CN-1-2 zone prohibits "drive-in and drive through restaurants." (Only two other blocks on

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Future Fires

SDGE Refuses to Testify on Insurance Scam
San Diego — San Diego Gas & Electric said yesterday (Jan. 27) that it would not submit responses under oath to questions posed by attorney Mike Aguirre in the long-running hearings on whether the utility can make customers — not shareholders — pick up insurance costs from the 2007 wildfires, which regulators said were started by the company's negligence.

Aguirre had asked the administrative law judge if he could submit additional questions. She agreed (on a limited basis) but SDG&E, in objecting, claimed attorney-client privilege, among other things.

Originally, the California Public Utilities Commission hearings were supposed to be on SDG&E's desire to shift certain insurance costs to customers in future fires. But at the last minute, in a one-sentence statement, SDG&E also said it wanted ratepayers to pick up the tab for certain 2007 insurance costs.

"Shareholders take the risk of mismanagement," says Aguirre. Under the law, ratepayers should only pick up the tab for "prudently incurred costs." He believes criminal and civil agencies should investigate the matter, particularly since SDG&E's parent, Sempra Energy, has already chalked up \$463.9 million in regulatory assets because it expects it will get the CPUC's permission. Aguirre wants to know who told Sempra that SDG&E will be able to pass these costs to consumers.

By Don Bauder
Saturday, January 28

No Race for Peace

Independent Candidate for Congress?

North County — Could a well-known independent candidate be preparing to enter North County's already hotly contested race for the 52nd District congressional seat?

That's one intriguing possibility suggested to political insiders by poll results posted yesterday on IVN.us, a website operated by the San Diego-based U.S. Independent Voter Network.

The 52nd is already the scene of a fierce two-party brawl between two Democrats, liberal ex-assemblywoman Lori Saldaña and middle-of-the-road ex-San Diego city councilman Scott Peters, along with GOP incumbent Brian Bilbray and fellow Republicans Wayne Iverson and John Stahl.

"This district has one of the highest Independent registrations in the state," according to IVN's account.

"Voters...agree with candidates that argue that the best way to shake up Washington would be to elect candidates not connected to political parties, 59 percent to 33 percent.

"When Bilbray was matched against the Democrats, the race was knotted up in identical 38 percent to 39 percent statistical ties. But, when pitted head to head against Steve Peace running as an Independent, Bilbray trailed 33 percent to 40 percent with Peace dominating the Independent vote 55 percent to 12 percent."

Reached last night (Jan. 26) by phone, Peace denied he had any interest in making the race and said he used his name in the voter survey only to demonstrate that in San

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Short, Sweet

Deanna Fridley is disgusting ("The Long and Dangerous Day," Feature Story, January 26). That is all I have to say.
Laurie
via email

Pagans Popular

I felt that I must write in response to the haughty and presumptuous arrogance of Ted Rodosovich, whose unsubstantiated tirade presumes an aura of moral and intellectual superiority, in his attack upon the College Republicans ("Progressive Sit-Down," Letters, January 26).

First, he offers no proof concerning his first allegation, that the students are intruding into the private residences of anyone. Secondly, on what evidence is he basing his assertion that they are "forcing religion into schools," "putting up crosses and Ten Commandments on public property," and taking upon themselves the powers of the United States Congress in "replacing 'E Pluribus Unum' on our currency with 'In God We Trust'?"

If you honestly believe the erroneous claim that church and state are separate in this

nation, I suggest that you take a long, hard look at the Greco-Roman gods and goddesses evident throughout the culture of government, Liberty, Justice etc. The true emphasis is not, as commonly believed, antireligious as it is anti-Judeo/Christian/Islamic. That is, any advocating the revealed deity of the Bible are suppressed while those promoting the virtues and culture of paganism are widely accepted!

Many will rage against such a viewpoint, claiming that there is no evidence of an obviously satanic force at work in America. Consider these simple facts; the Messiah, Himself, teaches us (Matt 7:16) that "Ye shall know them by their fruits." This clearly means the product of their efforts. The fruits of the "Spirit" are defined for us in Galatians 5:22,23, "The fruit of the (Holy) spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, self-control." It is glaringly apparent that these are not the fruits of our political/economic/religious system! Now, let us examine the fruits of the "flesh" (ungodliness) which are found in Galatians 5:19-21. "Now the works of the flesh are manifest (made evident), and they are fornication, uncleanness, immoral behavior, idolatry, occultism, hatreds, strife, fits of anger, contentions, divisions, sects, envies, drunkenness, orgies, and such things of this nature."

I would venture a wild guess that the product of Ted's way is certainly not one which could be cast in any positive light. Is it any wonder the people are stressed

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by Barbarella

My Ask of You

I am usually able to tune out my sister when she's yapping away on her phone in the office we sometimes share — her words burble behind me as I type and click about my own business. But every so often there is a distinct phrase that breaks through the sound bubble and jerks me to attention.

I was toggling between Twitter and Facebook the other day when one such cluster of sounds formed a jagged rock that hit me in the back of the head, causing me to turn around and stare in disbelief at the woman who threw it. "Really?" I said in a loud whisper, not wanting to disrupt Jane's business discussion but unable to stifle my irritation. Eyes wide, I mouthed the offending phrase with exaggerated enunciation so my sister would know the source of my sudden ire.

"MY ASK OF YOU?"

Jane suppressed a giggle, made some spastic movement between shrugging and waving me off, and returned her attention to the guy on the other end of the line. But she knew I wouldn't let it go. I never do.

As soon as I heard the telltale sound of Jane's conversation coming to a close — a drop in the energy of her voice

— I turned around and stared at her until she put down her phone. "What?" she said in an overly defensive way that told me she knew exactly what.

"What the freak is 'My ask of you' supposed to mean?"

"It's, like, when you're requesting something from someone," Jane said.

"It sounds moronic."

"I didn't make it up — everyone says it," Jane countered.

"Well, then everyone's a moron. If you have a request of someone, why not simply say, 'Would you?' Please, Jane, promise me you won't ever say that again. I can't have a sister going around saying stupid shit like that."

"You think that's bad, you should hear the new one that's going around — I almost texted you from my meeting yesterday," Jane said. I braced myself and waited. Jane dragged out the silence for maximum effect. When she saw she was losing me, she finally said, "Servant leadership." I raised my brows. "I know," she said, "I didn't understand it. They kept saying it throughout the meeting; it was even highlighted on the board. It means, like, you have to lead by serving, so, 'servant leadership.'"

David, who'd been down the hallway sorting laundry, poked his head through the door and said, "That makes absolutely no sense."

"It's what people say," Jane argued.

"People in middle management make up terms for things they want to say, but it would be so much better if they would just say what

they want to say. Corporate-speak drives me crazy. You'll never hear an executive bloviating bullshit like that. They're too busy making decisions and getting shit done. That's why you're so successful in everything you do," I said to my sister. "You don't pirouette around a point in some awkward toe-step — you pin it down with a spike heel."

From what I witness and hear (not only from Jane, but also from friends who work for major corporations or smaller hifalutin offices), I'm positive I couldn't survive in the corporate world. I had a friend in middle management at a major IT company. When I learned he insisted on having daily progress meetings with his staff, I was baffled. "Isn't that a waste of time?" I asked. "To take an hour out of each day to micromanage what everyone did the day before?"

He insisted it was helpful and necessary, but I couldn't help wondering if that was how he justified his position. On his conference calls, he used terms such as "skin in the game" and "bubble it up." In emails that he asked me to help edit for both his team and upper management, I flinched at the words "synergy" and "incentivize" and phrases such as "circle back" and "mission critical."

The term "stakeholder management" came up enough times that I went to look it up online and found this: "The art of acquiring enough opinions from people, groups, or leaders within a company to deflect blame if a project doesn't meet expectations and/or outright fails."

When I'm helping a friend in the corporate world write an email or prepare for a presentation (something I am often called

upon to do), I don't have much patience for all the buzzwords and jargon. All those expressions with distorted verbs and made-up nouns make for an uncrackable code. But perhaps that's the point. How better to appear smart and seem like you know shit than to baffle your coworkers with verbiage that they are embarrassed to admit they don't understand for fear that they will come off looking unknowledgeable.

I'll look to the muddled gibberish on the screen, then turn to my friend and ask, "What is it you want to say?" Then I spend half an hour trying to convince him that the clear explanation he just gave to me verbally is way better than the imbroglia he created in an email containing all those empty phrases.

I'm not immune to business jargon — some words leak out of tall buildings and onto the street, where they get picked up and carried into coffee shops and tattoo parlors. I've heard myself say things such as "touch base" and "reach out" when what I really meant was, "contact." But I see this as a minor infringement on straight-talk.

The next time I overhear my sister saying something asinine along the lines of "matrix partners," I am going to bring her to the table, where I can demonstrate my best practices and showcase my centers of excellence so that she'll realize how critical is the path she's on and recognize her core competencies so that going forward she can reassess her metrics and monetize her minutes. In other words, I'll tell her to knock it off. ■

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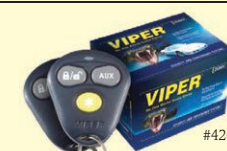
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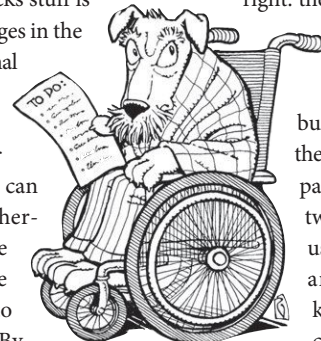
I don't understand the expression, "You can't teach old dogs new tricks." Why? Too lazy?

— Man's Best Friend, via email

not mutually exclusive diagnoses — but they've got much bigger problems than that.

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Dogs have gotten this bad rap since the 1530s. Really. This old-dogs-new-tricks stuff is considered one of the first adages in the English world. From some animal husbandry expert expounding on the mynde of ye olde dogge on yer olde grande estayte. After a long list of clever stuff dogs can do, our old expert, John Fitzherbert, sez, "The dogge must lerne it when he is a whelp, or else it will not be: for it is harde to make an old dog to stoupe." By "stoupe," everyone understood he



meant to teach an old dog to follow a scent, as a hunting dog would. Either dogs have a very effective lobbying group or much of the world wonders the same thing you do, because there's a bushel of evidence to show that an old dog can learn a trick just as well as a young one can. Dogs are shameless pleasers. Learning a new trick to make you happy is what they're all about. I can only assume that Fitzherbert's statement struck some sort of chord with the population — not in reference to dogs but to people. The word spread, and pretty soon we've got ourselves a bit of country knowledge that because it's short, sharp, and true of stubborn old codgers (not dogs), it enters the popular lexicon. Even our TV friends the *MythBusters* taught an old dog a new trick right before our videotic eyes. Old dogs, new tricks? No problem. With a brief nod to Fitzherbert, perhaps old dogs are slower to learn bird or animal tracking, if their noses are like ours and lose their edge in old age. Anyway, you don't understand the expression because it's not true.

Matt:

I am a licensed psychologist and wanted to offer a quick correction regarding your psycho boss column. You mentioned a few times the word "psychotics" while actually describing psychopaths/sociopaths (more properly, individuals with antisocial personality disorder), as a distinction psychosis involves such symptoms as hallucinations, delusions, or tangential thinking.

— Dr. Dan, via email

Hi:

In case hundreds of other people haven't told you by now, I'd like to point out that the personality you described in [the January 19] column is one of a sociopath, not a psychotic. Sociopaths have sympathy/empathy problems and are egocentric. Psychopaths may also be sociopaths — these are

Names and descriptions of these disorders have been morphing for about 200 years. Absolutely right: these days, a sociopath is different from a psychopath, and depending on which definition you use, these toxic businessmen might better fit in the sociopath slot. I used "psychopaths" because that's the term the two investigating psychologists use. They're Drs. Robert Hare and Paul Babiak, Hare well known for his work with what he calls "psychopaths" in a criminal environment. He developed

Hares's Psychopathy Checklist (1980), testing for "psychopathic offenders" among inmates. Through work with Babiak (an industrial psychologist), he expanded his test populations into the business world. Perhaps, since their work was an extension of earlier studies using this checklist, they carried on the same terminology, though you'd think they'd be more careful if they didn't really mean "psychopaths." Given their description of the bad guys they found in various corporations, Hare obviously was not talking about senior VPs walking the halls talking to large imaginary bunnies. But I did, in error, twice refer to "psychotics." Entirely my bad. I meant H&B's "psychopaths."

Hare and Babiak both have been interviewed by many respected news outlets over the years, and they use the word "psychopaths" repeatedly. Hare: "The corporate psychopath's record is most often something along the lines of 'looked good, performed badly.'" Babiak calls the corporate worms "successful psychopaths." Their coauthored book is titled *Snakes in Suits: When Psychopaths Go to Work*.

In the current edition of the *DSM*, the diagnostic bible of the psychiatric world, a psychopath is defined as a very specific type of disordered person, part of a broader category that includes people suffering delusions and hallucinations. That's the *DSM*'s Psychotic Disorders category, which includes schizophrenics.

Antisocial Personality Disorder is in the less-severe Personality Disorders category, lacking the delusions and hallucinations. APD folks are egocentric, nonempathic, nonremorseful, deceitful people. But a note in the *DSM* write-up on Antisocial Personality Disorder says that APD was formerly called both Psychopathic Personality Disorder and Sociopathic Personality Disorder. So perhaps Hare and Babiak just need a new edition of the *DSM* to catch up with ever-changing definitions.

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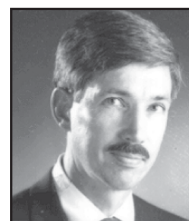


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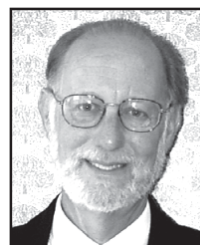
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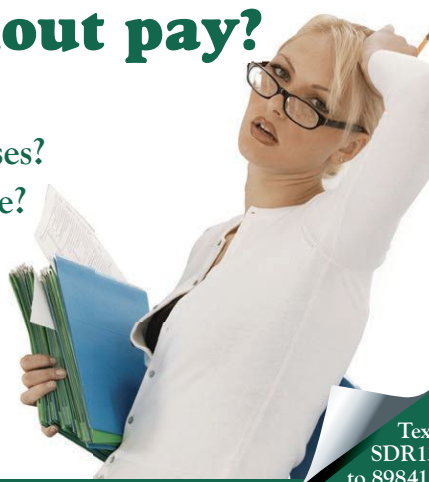
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Almost factual news

Dalai Lama Announces Pilgrimage to East County's "Buddha McDonald"

Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, the supreme religious head of Tibet, has announced his intention to visit San Diego this April. Publicly, he is journeying to America's Finest City to drink lots of beer in order to give a series of talks sponsored by UCSD, SDSU,

Buddha in Lakeside.

The Buddha sits serenely atop the Los Coches Road exit McDonald's PlayPlace, cheerfully welcoming all who long to meld Western habits of passionate consumption with Eastern habits of detachment. "The Lama is fascinated," says *SD on the QT's* source.

"Ronald McDonald is the kid-friendly face of a worldwide force for mass consumerism and self-gratification at the expense of the environment, local culture, and even one's physical health. And yet, here he is, untroubled, rejoicing in his status as clown. It is as if he is in on some grand, cosmic joke that we have not yet been able to

fathom. What is the Buddha McDonald's secret wisdom? The Lama is eager to pay a visit to this mysteriously holy shrine."

"He better get here quick," says store manager Earl Mingus. "I don't know how much longer corporate is going to let us keep selling the McRib, and it'd be a shame if he missed out on that."



USD, Cal State San Marcos, San Diego City College, the University of Phoenix, Coleman College, Great News! Cooking School, and the National Bartending Academy in La Mesa. But privately, according to sources inside the Nobel laureate's inner circle, his real interest in the region is the huge Ronald McDonald

La Jolla: Sun, Surf, Sand, and Sh*t

"Look at them," says La Jolla matron Eloise McKinley-Braeburton with disgust as she gazes down at the seals basking on the sand at La Jolla Cove. "Lying there on the beach like...well, like fat pieces of shit."

The profanity is more than a little surprising to hear from the lips of such an august and refined personage as McKinley-Braeburton. But not any more surprising, perhaps, than strolling along one of California's most striking stretches of coastline, only to find yourself gagging on the smell of seal poop. Which explains why McKinley-Braeburton and her coterie of bluebloods from the La Jolla Women's Club have launched a campaign to have the La Jolla Children's Pool formally renamed Sealshit Cove.

"This farce has gone on long enough," says McKinley-Braeburton. "My great-grand-nephew Warwick Throckmorton IV is ten months old, and he doesn't smell this bad even after soiling himself in the ball-pit at the McDonald's restaurant play-land. Calling it a Children's Pool is, at this point, an insult to children everywhere. It is our fond hope that the new name will prove alarming enough to rouse this



community into something approximating action."

Critics of the measure claim that "something approximating action" is already taking place, in the form of an odor-stopping chemical mist being wafted over the area every night. McKinley-Braeburton, grants that the mist — an entirely organic blend of probiotic agents and positive thoughts that help to break down the enormous mounds of excrement produced by the seals each day — is effective, but notes that it runs the

city about \$5000 a day "for materials alone. That's money that could be more effectively spent on *literally anything else*. And besides, by four o'clock the following day, when we at the Women's Club like to take our post-afternoon tea constitutional, the seals have done yeoman work in *repopulating* their nesting grounds."

Pacific Beach resident Andy Ferkis, visiting La Jolla for the day, said he supports the measure, but adds, "Well, they *are* La Jolla seals. Perhaps they think their shit doesn't stink."

Balboa Park's House of Iran Implicated in Scheme to Funnel Gold to Ron Paul Presidential Campaign Coffers

Candidate's Campaign Staffer Seen Entering Building in Park's International Village Empty-Handed, Leaving with Briefcase He Can Barely Carry

Paul: "Foreign entanglements' are one thing; 'foreign investments' are another."

HIDING BEHIND ONE OF THOSE GLITTERY ANIMAL STATUETHINGS, BALBOA PARK — Everyone remembers Chinagate, the alleged attempt by the Chinese government to influence American policy by donating huge amounts of cash to various key elected officials during the 1996 elections. Now, *SD on the QT* has uncovered evidence that Iran is following China's lead by donating bars of solid gold to Ron Paul's presidential campaign. (Paul, who hates the federal reserve and doesn't trust this newfangled

notion of unbacked currency, would allegedly not accept paper dollars or even wire transfers.)

The reasoning, according to our anonymous source inside Balboa Park's House of Iran, is simple. "Paul wants the United States to start worrying about the United States, and to stop worrying about Iran, especially when Iran is doing only what any other sovereign Middle East nation would do if it could: arm itself as well as possible against the manifest threat to its existence and security posed by Israel. And

while Paul might not be in agreement with his Republican predecessor about the manifest wisdom and justice of a 'pre-emptive' strike, well, at least he knows enough to let us make our own decisions in that regard.

"Our only concern now is that America's Jewish media will twist our efforts into some ludicrous charge that we are attempting to 'buy influence.' We are in no way influencing Ron Paul. We are merely paying him to do what he would do anyway."



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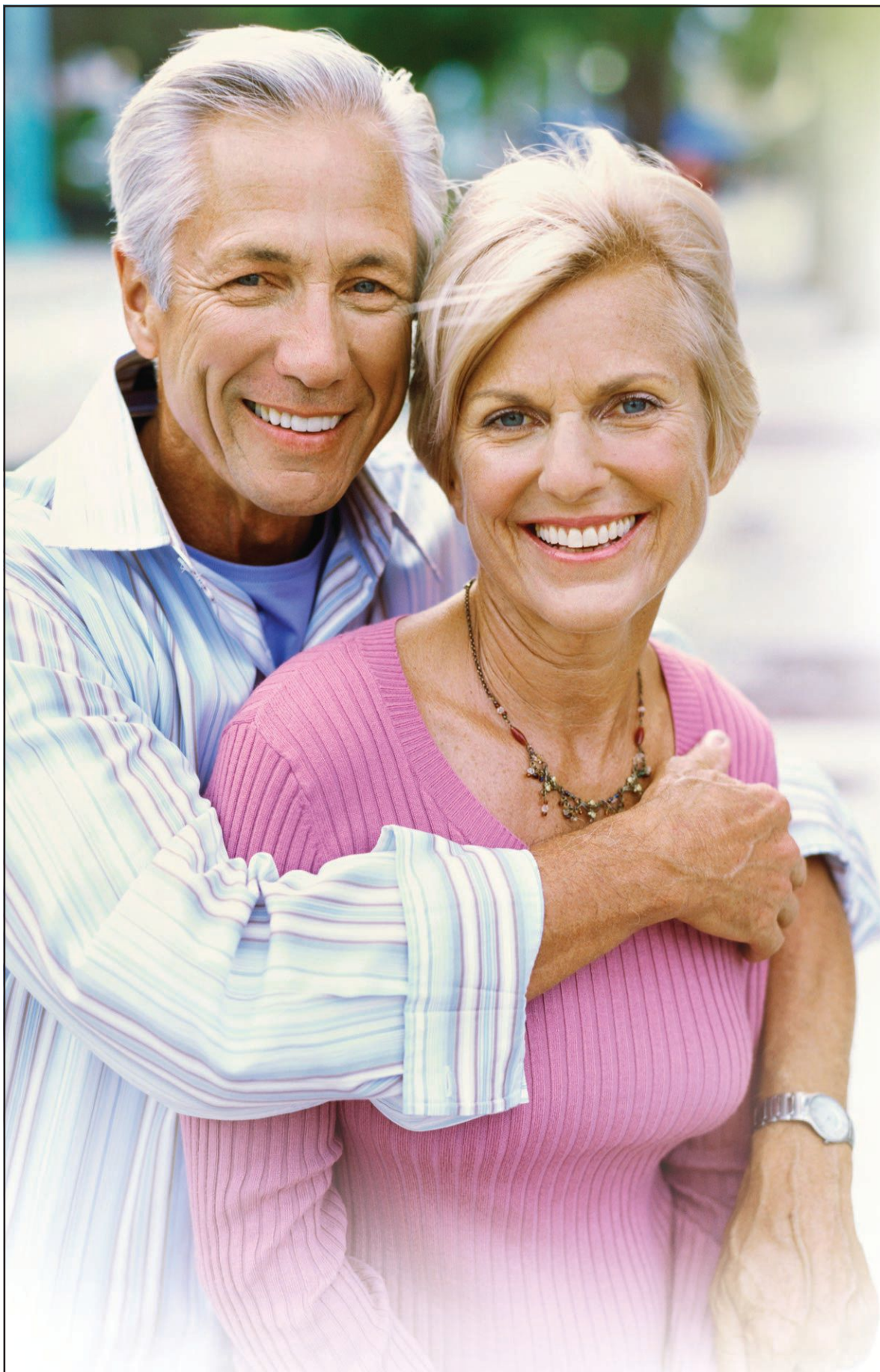


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POST TITLE: **Diaper toss.**
POST DATE: **January 22, 2012**
Events normally don't work out like this:
I have a balcony.
I have this balcony I call my perch, on account of how I can see things people don't think I can see. It's like being in a tree no one cares to look up at.
I have one bag of adult diapers next to my outdoor refrigerator on this perch, my balcony.
Ask me why and I'll have an answer to that question.
Check the hour.
Three-fifteen a.m.
...It's late, yeah?
I heard several coughs, like contaminated convulsions, thirty feet below me. I looked down and saw a man urinating on a fence in the drive of my way. He was clearing a throat that needed some air.
How can you get upset at a thing like that? A man needs air after all...and if there's no station for said urination, well...find a quiet corner...or my fence.
A person cannot get upset at that sort of thing, though that same person can get even.
I've no specific answer as to why I still have adult diapers on that perch of mine, but I'll tell you one thing.
...that guy hadn't a clue what was what when he was bombed by three clean "Depends for Men" diapers in the left shoulder, head, and back of the right knee, respectively.
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Which means I have fifteen more.
So I'm cleaning things up.
I'm happily hunting.



lighting UP.
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The view from "My Perch"

...but I won't name them here.
I miss those seasons again and again, and finally, when I found myself visiting family UP there, I got the wish I was begging for:
A real deal thunderstorm.
The rain came down in sheets, while the wind swept and scattered the sheets in no certain direction, and the steady crack and boom of distant thunder crawled closer and closer until I swore the heart of those claps would creep into my backyard...
The rain stopped abruptly and an eerie purple hue met my eyes. I clawed at my kid sister's collar, dragging her and her friend along with me to the back porch.
CRACK went the lightning bolts.
We started counting:
One one-thousand, two one-thousand, three one-thousand, four one-thousand, five one...BOOM!

POST TITLE: **I've been meaning to do that...**
POST DATE: **January 18, 2012**
My roommate's Irish girlfriend, skunked and sipping cider, stepped into my room the other evening. Helen is the kind of sweet you don't often meet. She was blessed with the smarts and a clever tongue but she's harmless, unless provoked.
"It's soo cyoot," she says about my space in our condo.
The room might remind you of a tree fort; I call it my perch.
She's been in here before, I thought. I've moved a thing here...some things there, but it's no doubt the same since.
"Didn't ja say you were gunna change the walls?" she asks.
The paint on those walls is blue, like royal blue. Dull and flat blue, like make you feel blue, blue.
"Yes ma'am, I've been meaning to get to that," was my reply, and I knew something was about to be...
"All ye American boys are tha same!" she rips, "You tahlk and tahlk, but nunayah eveer do nothin about'it!"
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POST TITLE: **Lighting UP.**
POST DATE: **January 21, 2012**
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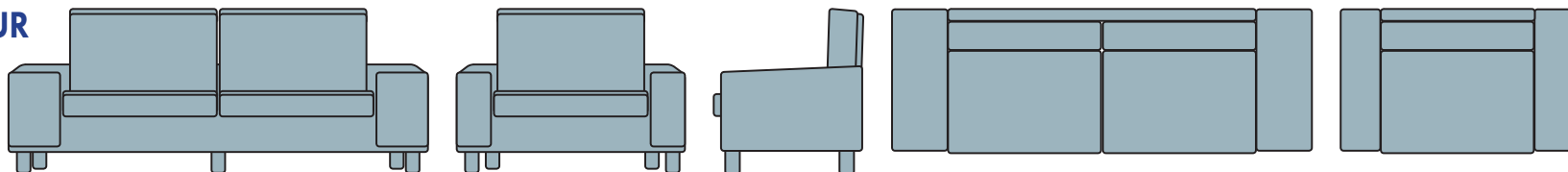
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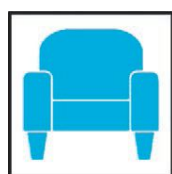
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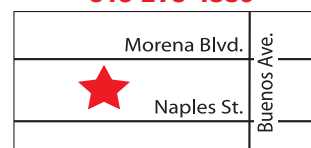


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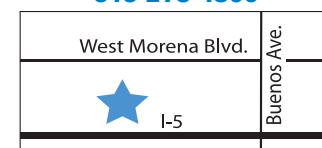
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Cathedral Catholic's student section makes noise for the Dons against rival St. Augustine.

No. 3 Cathedral Catholic Downs No. 5 St. Augustine

Carmel Valley — For the first time in four seasons, Cathedral Catholic has definitive bragging rights over rival St. Augustine on the hardwood. The third-ranked Dons completed the sweep on Friday night with a decisive 69-49 victory over the fifth-ranked Saints before a capacity crowd at the Claver Center.

"It's always good to beat Saints, especially in a packed house in front of your home crowd," said Cathedral Catholic junior forward Nick Prunty. "It's just a great feeling to come out here, execute, and get the win."

After an emotion-filled back-and-forth start, Cathedral Catholic (21-1, 7-0 Western) used pressure defense to take over the game. Midway through the second quarter, the Dons broke open a tied game with an 11-0 run sparked by five straight points from junior guard Michael Rosenberg.

"We forced them into some turnovers — our guards got some steals and we just turned those into easy buckets," Prunty said.

Cathedral Catholic led 36-24 at halftime and had a 14-point advantage headed into the fourth quarter. The Dons held St. Augustine (17-5, 3-4) to eight points in both the second and third quarters.

"We tried to keep up our pressure the whole game and keep our zone working," Prunty said. "It was mostly the zone that kept them in check."

Cathedral Catholic opened up a 57-36 lead midway through the fourth quarter before St. Augustine rallied to pull within 10 points with 2:50 left. Instead of a close finish, the Dons answered with the final 12 points to beat their rival in comfortable fashion.



Cathedral Catholic guard Brandon Michel goes up to the basket between St. Augustine forward Juan Moreno (left) and guard Trey Kell (right).

Prunty said anticipation was high for this game. "People were talking about it at school, and you know there's going to be a big crowd, but you don't actually know how big that crowd is and how much energy there is until you walk out on that floor," he said. "Running out for warm-ups you get the blood pumping and the juices flowing and it's just exhilarating."

Cathedral Catholic is enjoying one of its finest seasons in program history and hasn't showed signs of slowing down in the difficult Western League.

Though forward Brendan Reh is the lone senior on a roster that features ten juniors, Cathedral Catholic has blossomed into one of the best teams in San Diego in the 2011-'12 season. Early on, the Dons' success even caught head coach Will Cunningham by surprise.

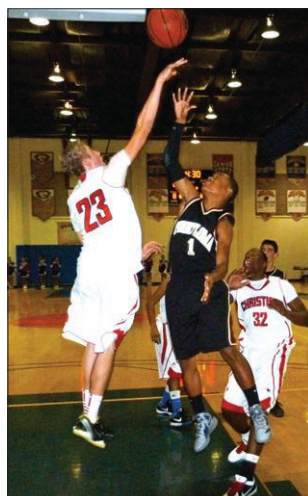
"It's certainly unexpected," Cunningham said. "We knew we had a group that was capable of some things, but I don't know that I saw this kind of start."

Cathedral Catholic — 69 (17-19-10-23)
Starters: Prunty 18, Williams 10, Rosenberg 9, Michel 7, Reh 5; Bench: Federico 13, Holland 7
St. Augustine — 49 (16-8-8-17)

Starters: Kell 13, Peterson 10, Moreno 10, Lemar 7, Madsen 2; Bench: Jones 5, Ryan 2

Week 10 Top 10

1. La Costa Canyon (21-2)
2. Hoover (21-3)
3. Cathedral Catholic (21-1)
4. Lincoln (13-8)
5. San Ysidro (19-3)
6. El Camino (16-6)
7. St. Augustine (17-5)
8. Army-Navy (17-4)
9. Morse (18-6)
10. Mount Miguel (17-3)



Point Loma guard Jamal Agnew floats a shot over Christian forward Shane Dillon.

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The Over/Under on Mid-Riff



Will we see Ms. Clarkson's midriff when she sings the National Anthem at Sunday's Super Bowl?

Super Bowl Sunday is upon us. It's the one time every year when gamblers come out of their closets, fling open their bedroom windows, and shout out, "Yes, neighbor. Yes, Mr. Policeman. Yes, Mr. Employer. I gamble and I'M PROUD OF IT!"

Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest sports gambling day on the calendar. According to RJ Bell, CEO of *Pregame.com*, \$10 billion will be laid down on this year's Super Bowl. Of that, a paltry \$90 million will be wagered in legal Nevada sportsbooks.

You there, Reader, look up and take note of all the people in your office, as frightening as that may be. Or, if you've got the stomach, watch citizens promenade along public sidewalks. More than half of all the life forms you see — one-half of adult Americans, to be precise — will bet money on the Super Bowl.

We are a nation of lawbreakers and degenerates. There's no getting around that, but since we're here, the Box might as well offer assistance. I propose to take you inside a nest, a cell, a safe house, if you will, of big-time, big-money Super Bowl gamblers, live, as they weigh their bets. I don't think this has ever been done before.

Michael in Florida is a mature man with a hard-bitten attitude toward life, dames, and the NFL. He likes to roll his own cigars, likes his bourbon neat, and has a thirst for danger. Audrey is a Northern California woman, races motorcars, motorcycles, plays drums in a Brazilian marching band, and will kick your ass, Pilgrim, for no reason at all. Richard is at an undisclosed location, runs the internet with one hand, and can take your money in six languages. Here's what's weird: most of this is true.

I've arranged a conference call so the four of us can go over our bets, brainstorm, crowd source,

and multitask with pizza. After everyone grunts a greeting, we begin.

Will Kelly Clarkson's bare belly be showing when she sings the National Anthem?

A: I'm saying no.

P: I'm saying no. The NFL loves America, they wouldn't show a woman's naked midriff on the back of our public airwaves.

A: She's been losing weight, so maybe she wants to show.

P: Last call.

MinF: I'm saying, yeah, there's going to be some midriff.

R: I'm persuaded, no midriff.

Will Madonna be wearing fishnet stockings at any point during the Super Bowl halftime show?

R: I say no, I don't think she's going to show any leg.

A: The girl's going to show leg. But, I don't know if it's going to be fishnet leg. I mean, that girl is probably going to show *crotch*, for God's sake.

MinF: Yes on crotch.

P: So, she'll be showing crotch with fishnet stockings?

A: You know what? They are kind of popular again, so I'm going to say yes.

R: I'm going to take a no on that.

MinF: I'm no on the bet, yes on the crotch.

How many times will Giselle Bundchen be shown on TV during the game? Who in the hell is Giselle Bundchen?

A: She's a Brazilian model and apparently she's dating one of the football players.

R: She dates Brady.

A: Oh, my God.

MinF: Is there an over/under?

A: Is this his wife? Richard...

R: She might be his wife.

A: This is crucial. Is Giselle Tom Brady's freaking wife?

R: I think so, yeah.

MinF: She has his babies?

P: Stop the madness. I'll have staff research wife and babies.

A: All right, back to the bet. It's the Super Bowl, so the girl is gonna get shown a lot.

P: The over/under is, get this, ½. I'll take the over.

MinF: Over, over, over, over.

How many times will Andrew Luck be mentioned on TV during the game. The over/under is 1.

All hands: Over, over, over, over.

Who will the Super Bowl MVP thank first — teammates, 7 to 4; coach, 12 to 1; family, 7 to 1; God, 4 to 1; owner, 4 to 1; does not thank anyone, 11 to 4?

A: Teammates.

MinF: Teammates.

R: Teammates.

P: My heart says, *Does not thank anyone*, but my head says, *Teammates*.

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One (horrifying) word: lice.

Claudia Alvarez, manager at Hair Fairies in La Jolla (858-459-5423; hairfairies.com) told me that the best treatment was careful removal by hand and comb.

“Lice need the scalp to live. They feed every four to five hours, and they usually can’t survive past 48 hours outside their environment. And nits [lice eggs] can’t survive without the warmth of the scalp.”

But even if you know what you’re looking for, you may not see all of it.

Ideally, said Alvarez, “Parents would be able to remove every single thing out of their child’s hair,” lice and nits both. “But usually they can’t because they don’t have the experience.” She offered

two solutions: a home kit and salon treatments. Both involve Hair Fairies’ line of products, “which are natural and nontoxic.”

The home kit (\$60–\$80, depending on what is needed) usually consists of a cream and a shampoo. The cream loosens the gluey grip of the nit on the individual strand of hair while the shampoo “disrupts the louses’ nervous system so that it doesn’t lay as many eggs. Usually, it lays about four to five per day. The plan involves 14 days, shampooing every day to keep the life cycle from starting up again. Usually, the parent will spend three or four days extracting.”

If that proves overwhelming, you can let the salon handle things. “First, we encourage everybody in the household to come in and get checked, to reduce the risk of reinfesting one another.” Infested family members then get treatments (\$95/hour), which “can take two to four hours, depending on the level of infestation and the thickness of hair. We’ll use the cream to loosen the nits, and then we use a nit comb.” Alvarez noted that because Hair Fairies is a clinical salon, clients can often get partial reimbursement through their health insurance and they can use their healthcare savings account to pay for products and services.

Wendy Beck at Lice Doctors (858-939-9202; licedoctors.com) will come to you. “You don’t have to bag things or worry about stuffed animals,” she counseled. “It’s really the hair that is the concern. I tell everybody to wash the sheets once. Also, get a good lint brush and pick up

“We use olive oil. It suffocates the lice. It always works, it’s natural, and it’s a good conditioner for your hair.”

loose hairs on the couch.

“If one person has lice,” she explained, “generally, someone else will — and it’s usually the mom. So we go to people’s homes and remove all the nits and bugs from the whole family. We don’t use any pesticides or special products. The over-the-counter shampoos such as Nix and Rid don’t kill all the bugs. We use olive oil. It suffocates the lice. It always works, it’s natural, and it’s a good conditioner for your hair.”

To start, she said, “We’ll put it in your hair and then go through your hair with a nit comb to get the dead bugs out. After that, the hair is washed and dried — you can use a little Dawn to cut the grease — and we pick through the hair by hand to get the nits. The comb won’t get all of them; we grab them with our nails and slide them up and off the hair. Finally, we give you a follow-up treatment plan, which basically entails sleeping with olive oil in your hair.”

For how long? “It depends on the particular case. What we’re trying to do is cover the whole life cycle of the lice. We try to get all the nits when we comb through, but if there’s just one left and it hatches, the cycle can start over again.”

Beck said, “It usually takes about two hours to do a whole family. We charge \$100 an hour. We guarantee our work. We’ll come back if there is a problem, but that’s never happened.”

Elizabeth Cook of Headlice Patrol (760-613-1858; headlicepatrol.com) also makes housecalls.

“When we arrive, we check the whole family. Once we’ve figured out who doesn’t have lice, we start in on the ones who do. We use an essential oil, and we manually comb through the hair and remove all the bugs and nits. After that initial visit comes the patrol phase. I come back three times to recheck. I want to reassure the family: ‘By the third visit, you’re good.’ We charge \$95 for the first hour, \$30 for each 15 minutes after.”

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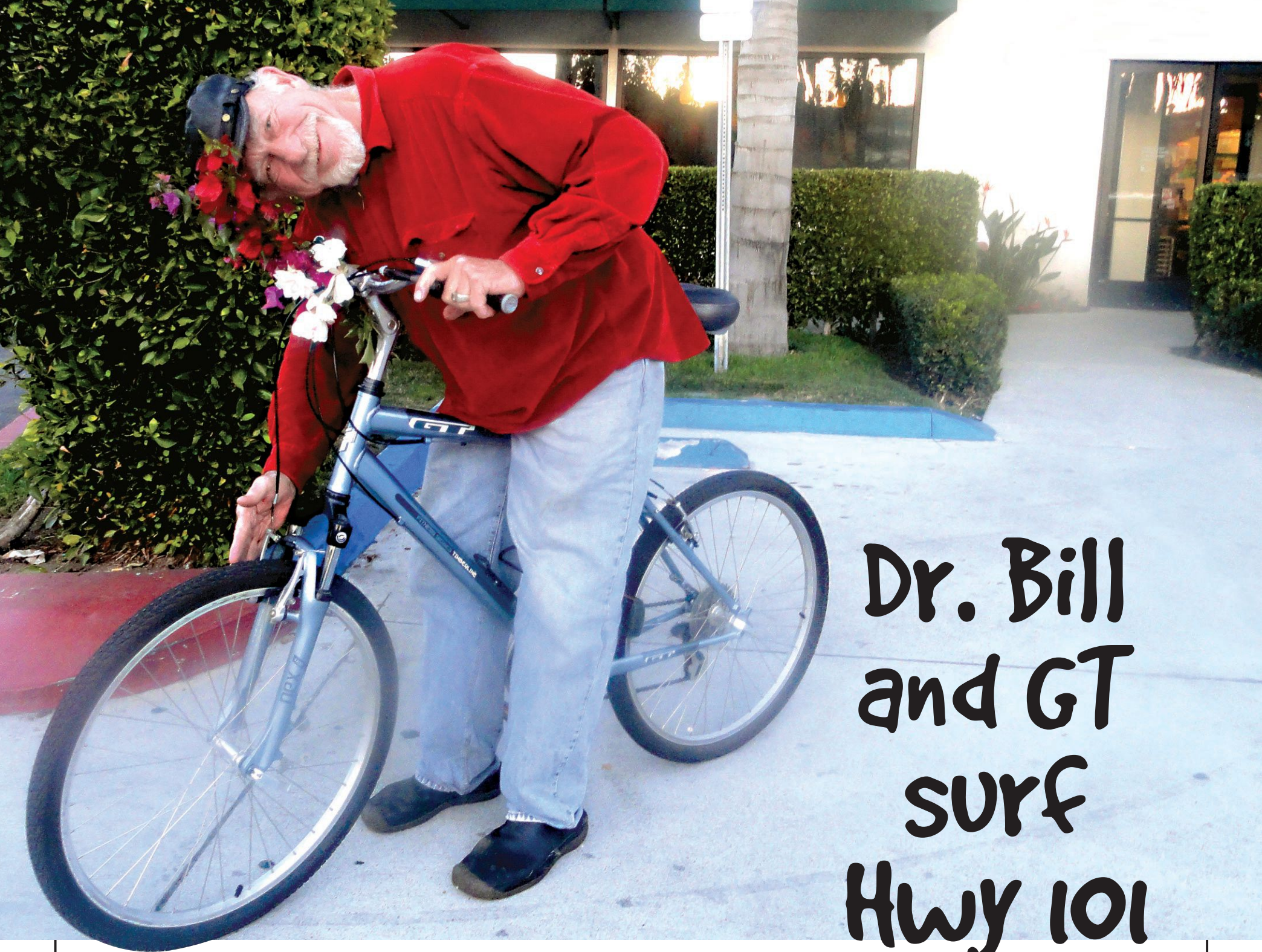
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Dr. Bill and GT surf Hwy 101

A few words about my bike. I call him GT, but his real name is GT LTS 3. He is a brute. He was born in 1998 and listed for \$4295. My wife Debra bought this macho bicycle for me as a birthday gift four years ago at a garage sale. She paid 60 bucks.

Dr. Bill: GT, some folks are going to join our ride down Historic 101 today. Okay with you?

GT: Bring them on... Hello, I'm GT. And welcome.

Departure: Oceanside, 12:10 p.m.

Today's surf down the coast begins at the intersection of Canyon and Mission in Oceanside. Debra, our 20-year-old-daughter, GT, and I moved from Encinitas to Oceanside in 2008, and we figure we saved about \$20,000 per mile for the 14-mile distance. Plus, we are close to the beach, the pier, and frozen yogurt.

Next door to our home is the Friendly Church of God in Christ, where James E. Hammond serves as the Elder Pastor. A fashion show takes place each Sunday, when elegantly dressed folks attend services. One morning, Debra and I were sitting on the curb, dressed in dirty gardening clothes and eavesdropping on the beautiful live gospel music coming from inside the church. A man in a purple tux approached us. He invited us into the church and introduced us to Elder Hammond — quite a lovely human being. Elder Hammond led us to his office and cordially invited us to attend his church anytime.

Debra asked, "Are you one of those people my auntie called 'holy rollers'?"

The pastor chuckled. "Yes, I guess you might

call us that..."

Before GT and I roll out, we need air in our

rules. It's a now-versus-then thing. In the Athens of Socrates, Greek

"Are you one of those people my auntie called 'holy rollers'?"

tires. We hoof it down Dixie Street to the nearest gas station on Mission. I begin to sing.

Dr. Bill: I wish I were in Dixie. Away, away, away down south in Dixie.

GT: That's a song about a slave being nostalgic for the south. It was Abe Lincoln's favorite song, yet it's now considered "politically incorrect."

Dr. Bill: How do you figure?

GT: Current culture

men enjoyed boys. It was acceptable. Today, someone who indulges in those pleasures ends up in prison.

Now we are ready to roll. I sing GT's favorite song, "Back in the Saddle," by Aerosmith.

Ridin' into town alone by the light of the moon,

I'm lookin' for ol' Sukie Jones she crazy horse saloon.

Barkeep gimme a drink, that's when she caught my eye.

She turned to give me a wink, that'd make a grown man cry.

I'm back in the saddle again.

GT: Yes! It is so good to have you back in my saddle. Aerosmith's song rages over Gene Autry's "Back in the Saddle." Aero talks about love, not all this "where a friend is a friend" stuff.

Dr. Bill: Sorry, but your favorite song is about sex, not love, and it reached number 38 on *Billboard's* top 100 in 1974. Gene's version was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1997 and was ranked to be the 98th best song of the 20th Century. Time will prove Gene's to be the more enduring.

GT (irritated): I like it, just because I like it. Get it, Dr. Bill?

We follow Barnes



Junior Seau felt unconditional love at Oceanside High School

to Division and traverse the Interstate 5 overpass. There is a deafening roar of traffic below.

Dr. Bill: GT, will my one good ear be damaged by all this noise?

GT (reassuring): This overpass will quickly pass.

The Barrio

It does. Coasting down into the barrio, we are met by brown faces, iron

reinforced windows, and barking *perros*. On the left is a *verde* community *jardín*. We pass a food truck, surrounded by *señoras y niños*. The truck has everything from *tomates* to *dulces* that will *derriten sus dientes* (ruin your teeth) *pero* provide *al instante* sugar high to the *jóvenes*.

Oceanside High School

Imagine having a week like this! On Saturday, October 17, 2010, Tiaina Baul Seau, Jr. was inducted into the Oceanside High School Hall of Fame. He talked about the *unconditional love* he'd felt at Oceanside High.

Next day, police were called to his house, and he was accused of domestic violence. On Monday, at 12:20 a.m., he was arrested for domestic abuse. Seven hours after being released on \$25,000 bail, he air-surfed his 2004 Cadillac Escalade over a 30-foot embankment onto a Carlsbad beach near Solamar Drive. Blood tests showed no alcohol or drugs were involved. Junior had apparently fallen asleep. The district attorney's office decided not to press charges for physi-

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cal abuse due to insufficient evidence, though Junior was cited for an illegal left turn.

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The sun shined again on Junior on November 27, 2011, when he was inducted into the Chargers' hall of fame. Before 71,000 fans he declared: "All I can say is I'm honored. My family is honored and we're happy to be here."

The Junior Seau Foundation has raised four million big ones to finance programs aimed at inspiring young people. He has done so many good things for the Asian Pacific and Oceanside communities.

Highway 101: 12:17 p.m.

We glide down one of

that is being reflected on both sides of the 101.

Dr. Bill: Yes, I feel

"Which is being honored most, the military or the dollar?"

the many Oceanside streets that are named after states. From Michigan, we hang a left onto 101. This is the starting line of our surf down Historic 101. I share my excitement with GT.

Dr. Bill: Gosh, here we are on 101. We are starting our journey.

GT: Cut the chatter. Feel the force.

Dr. Bill: I think I feel it.

GT: Don't think, *feel*. There is a presence of a strong force nearby

it. The force is racing through my arms, like an arms race.

GT: Shush. I'm catching a mind-wave that says the force appeared here in 1942.

Dr. Bill (free associating): Arms of me. Army. Marines. That's it! Camp Pendleton!

GT: You got it, brother. Notice the wave of warm invitations extended to our military personnel, to freely spend their money in nearby establishments.

An enormous red, white, and blue sign reads "Freedom." Another states "We proudly honor our military." The Camp Pendleton Marine presence is shouted about, with flags waving, used car lots offering "approved military loans," military dry-cleaning and pawnshops trying to lure those short-haired military folks to "Come on down. Trade your Gold for Silver."

Dr. Bill: Which is being honored most, the military or the dollar?

GT: Each in its own way.

GT: Well, I feel an even more powerful force pervading the atmosphere of coastal towns from Malibu to San Diego.

Dr. Bill: Fear of the great white shark!

GT: Pshaw. The vibrations come from Hawaii, Baja, and Southern California. Look at the stores.

Dr. Bill: Ah-ha. I get it. Southern California Beach subculture?

GT: Right! Hawaii gave us surfing culture and an acceptance of bare skin. Baja taught us to ply ourselves into a relaxed state with margaritas, marijuana, a *mañana* attitude, and maybe a morning Corona. SoCal has contributed woodies, fast food, board shorts, and bikinis. The eats gobbled by the beach tribe reflect these cultures: sushi and teriyaki via Hawaii, burritos and tacos direct from Baja, and good old American hamburgers, with fries and a Coke or a milkshake. You can identify the tribe by their casual dress, \$60-plus board shorts, \$100 bikinis, flip flops, and tank tops. Name-brand sunglasses are a must, as is a tattoo or two.

We surf past the 101 Cafe. Opened in 1928, it's a comfortable place that serves crispy hash browns, chili, and overall tasty breakfasts. GT wants to stop and critique an antique bicycle for two that's out front.

GT: Antique! That piece of junkyard pipe isn't even a replica of a bicycle for two.

I notice the Beach Break Café has enlarged into the Beach Break

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Plaza. Nice place, but too pricey, too crowded, and too trendy for me.

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We approach our first bike shop, "Allen's Bike Shop." Inside is a nice gentleman.

Dr. Bill (to nice gentleman): GT complains of a squeaky wheel and chain. Can you help me?

Nice Gentleman: Sure, I'll oil your squeaky wheel. Your chain, too.

GT: Ohh. That feels so good.

At Vista Way, in front of Pacific Coast Cycle, stands a real antique bicycle. To avoid a jealous rage, I leave GT outside while I converse with the Maybe Owner.

Dr. Bill: How about letting me ride that relic to La Jolla a few times? It'll be a good advertisement for you.

Maybe Owner: No deal. It's solely for display. Anyhow, you wouldn't want to.

Dr. Bill: I would, I would.

Maybe Owner: Forget it. No is no.

Dr. Bill: Can I rent it for eight hours for one million dollars?

Maybe Owner: Sure. Show me the dough.

Dr. Bill: So, we're just quibbling about price. How about ten dollars?


Maybe Owner: Get out of here.

I come out of the bike shop to face an accusation.

GT: I thought we were monogamous.

Onward. We pass Angelo's, which serves the biggest, cheapest breakfast around: 3 eggs, 2 pancakes, 2 strips of bacon, and 2 sausages for \$5.29. I did once encounter a cockroach on the floor, but the price beats Vigiliucci's in Encinitas!

Wheeee, we sea-gull-swoop down into Buena Vista Lagoon, the state ecological reserve that separates Oceanside from Carlsbad. On our left is a nature center built, owned, operated, and staffed by volunteers



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GT: I don't like it when you think about

her.

Dr. Bill: Then don't listen in on my thoughts.

GT: Why not? You listen to mine.

Carlsbad: 12:30 p.m.
Puffing up the second hill of our adventure, we move from the military/beach style of Oceanside into the touristy, resort-like retirement community of Carlsbad. Carlsbad is one of the country's highest-income cities (average family income over 100,000 clams), with a highly

educated populace, an award-winning school district, and the world's first skateboard park, built in 1976 on the grounds of the Carlsbad Raceway. GT will give us a glimpse of the town's history.

GT: Known history of Carlsbad begins with a settlement of Native Americans, Luiseño tribe, who had a village, Palamai. Does this sound similar to Palomar Airport Road? Yep. The former location of the village was alongside Agua Hedionda Lagoon,



GT stops for a drink at Magee Park

which in Spanish means "Smelly Water Lagoon." The lagoon is in South Carlsbad, close to the I-5

and Cannon Road exit.

Dr. Bill: The Luiseño tribe is still around. I read in the *North County*

Times (June 13, 2011) that the San Luis Rey band of Luiseño Indians hosted the 15th annual Intertribal Pow Wow at San Luis Rey Mission. Robert John Knapp, the Pow Wow's spiritual advisor, stated: "Today we honor the people here and speak to the Earth from this happy place. We must love our Mother Earth, and we must express that love and actively practice it. Talk to her, sing to her, tell her how much you love her."

GT: I love you,

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Momma Earth.

Dr. Bill: I love you, Momma Earth.

We cross the bridge over the railway tracks. On our right is the well-manicured Army and Naval Academy, which has an enrollment of about 300 students on a beautiful, 16-acre, oceanfront campus. The walls proclaim "Leadership, Excellence, Honor, Responsibility, Loyalty and Compassion." Those words were an important part of the academy's reputation, but a boil burst on the academy in 2003. A few students were involved in a hazing incident with an unwilling cadet. The cadet was forced to drink alcohol, beaten up, and sodomized with a broomstick. The suit charged the academy with not properly protecting the students. The suit was reported as settled in August 2009. The cadets that I have encountered have seemed like other high school students, though I'm sure a broomstick will never be just a broomstick to them.

We are now at Magee Park, site of the historical Magee House.

Note the patriotic garden composed of red and white roses and blue lavender, created to commemorate the 1976 Centennial celebration. This is the home of the Carlsbad Historical Society and Carlsbad's only historical museum.

I do 20 push-ups and 40 sit-ups. In my youthful 40s, I managed 100 push-ups. Now, I lie exhausted on the grass, indulge in a few minutes of self-hypnosis, rise without using my hands, get a drink of water from the fountain, and wearily proceed.

There is wonderful food in this little city. El Norte Mexican Restaurant is charming, with above-average fare (aside from the too-thick egg coating on the *chiles relenos*). The \$2 Taco

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GT: The history of Carlsbad has always been tied up with water.

Dr. Bill: Yipes. Here comes one of GT's monologues.

GT: In 1882, Captain Frazier drilled a well for his farm about a block from the beach.

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the world, including two U.S. presidents. Alas, the fancy spa burned down in 1897. In 1907, Frazier's Station became the newly built Old Santa Fe Depot. This landmark is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is currently the visitors' information center for the city.

In 1930, the old hotel site was resurrected as Carlsbad Mineral Springs Hotel, but the Great Depression hit and the financial well ran dry. Finally, in 1996, after having the water turned off for 60 years, Ludvik Grigoras, a native of Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia, paid the water bill.

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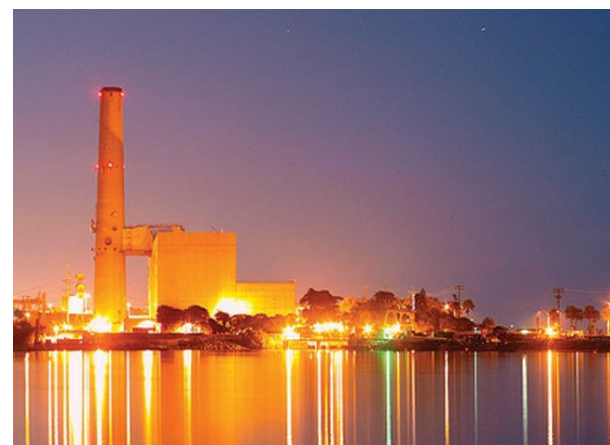
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Dr. Bill: Remember



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that time we bought a gallon of the water? It was tasty, but I still can't hear out of my deaf ear.

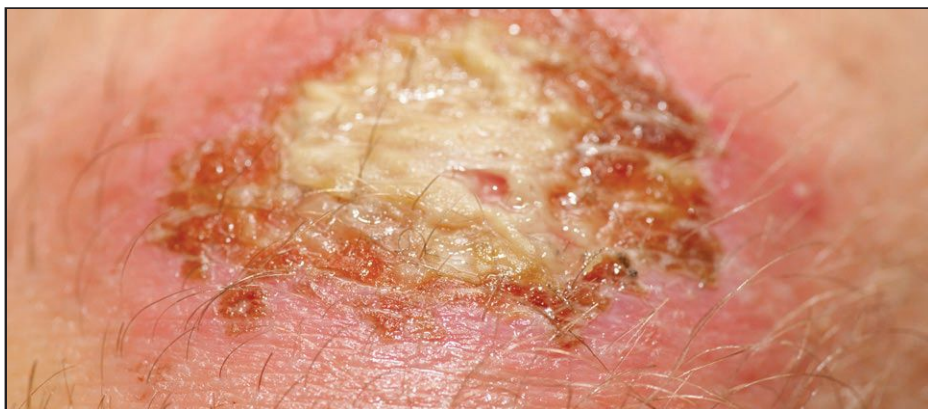
GT: You're still bald and have bunions, too.

GT and I breathe in the aromas around us. We are almost knocked to the asphalt by Knockout Pizza and Knockout Burgers. Yummy! They knock out a B/B+ pizza,

compared to the offerings from the wood-burning oven at Mario Batali's Pizzeria Mozzo on Melrose in L.A. However, with this pizza you get two slices and a drink for \$6. On Mondays, you can get grilled onion sliders for \$1 each at the burger joint.

The atmosphere at the Mediterranean

RESEARCH STUDIES



Skin Infection?

Are you suffering from a possible skin infection?

Do you have:

- pain
- swelling
- warmth
- tenderness and/or
- pus or oozing?

Associated with:

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- needle stick
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There is no cost for participation

Study participants receive study-related medical care

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1-877-500-3788

Se Habla Español:
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Break the Habit!



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For some people, quitting smoking is as easy as having the determination to do it. For many others, breaking the addiction to cigarettes requires additional help.

If you're ready to quit smoking, you may be interested in a research study which is being conducted to evaluate the use of the drugs varenicline and bupropion as aids to smoking cessation. To help you quit, smoking cessation counseling sessions will be included as part of the study.

We are looking for people who are:

- Between the ages of 18-75.
- Current smokers who smoke ten or more cigarettes per day.
- Motivated to quit smoking.

Qualified individuals will receive varenicline, bupropion, transdermal nicotine patch or placebo (an inactive substance that looks like the study drug). After 12 weeks of treatment, there is an additional 12 week non-treatment follow-up phase. Smoking cessation counseling and all study-related medical care will be provided at no cost. You may also be reimbursed for time and travel.

For more information or to see if you qualify for this study, please contact:

North County Clinical Research
3230 Waring Court, Suite P,
Oceanside, CA 92056

Contact: Hillary Bender
Email: hbender@nccresearch.com

Phone: 760.639.4378
Web: www.nccresearch.com

EAGLES

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Does Chronic Constipation worry you?

Digestive Disease Associates is conducting a research study of an investigational medication for chronic constipation

Potential study candidates:

- Are at least 18 years old
- Have been diagnosed with chronic constipation
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- Are willing to take study medication or a placebo

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For more information, or to schedule a screening, contact us at:

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Enter by Wednesday, February 8th at 1PM.

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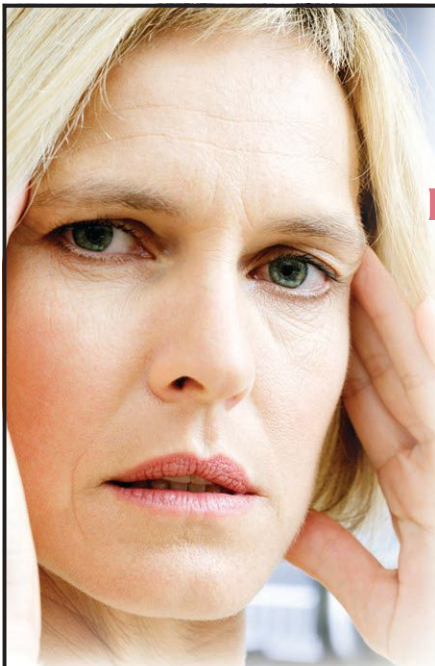
In order to qualify you must be:

- Between 18 and 65 years old
- Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- Treated with diet and exercise or Metformin alone
- If female, postmenopausal or surgically sterile

If you qualify you may be compensated up to \$2677.00 for time and travel. 11 overnights and 2 outpatient visits are required.

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HOT FLASHES AND NIGHT SWEATS IN THE MENOPAUSE

HOW ABOUT AN HERBAL SOLUTION

A 3-month research study is underway for women with menopausal hot flashes and night sweats, tired of hormonal options and over-the-counter products that don't work....

HOW ABOUT AN INVESTIGATIONAL HERBAL COMBINATION?

POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS MUST BE:

- 1) Women, surgically or naturally menopausal, age 40-65
- 2) Have moderate to severe hot flashes
- 3) Not presently taking medication for hot flashes or are willing to go off present medication for the study

POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS MAY RECEIVE STUDY-RELATED:

- 1) Study-related exam and consultation with a board-certified physician
- 2) Study-related labs, ekg, pap smears, mammograms and study medication, all at no cost
- 3) Compensation to \$375.00 for time and travel interested

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Cafe is authentic and intimate, due to Mazen Afghani and his son, Alex. They have a way of making every guest feel like visiting royalty. The kebabs, hummus, lamb, tabbouleh — along with the rest of the fare — are all delicious. Pancetta-wrapped dates stuffed with gorgonzola cheese are “da bomb.” Most nights, a classical guitarist is present, to soothe your savage beast. Mazen imports moderately priced artworks and jewelry from around the world and displays them in a room adjoining the restaurant.

GT (teasing): You are so in love with this place only because your son and his bride were married at Moonlight Beach and had their wedding reception here.

Dr. Bill: Leave me alone. I know quality food, drink, and people when I encounter them.

And now we are surfing next to the Carlsbad Seawall, a concrete walkway that stretches about a mile from the south end of Carlsbad Village to Carlsbad State Beach. Above is Carlsbad Boulevard, with an upper boardwalk that runs parallel to the seawall and the ocean.

Here you will find big, bad, ugly, and beautiful dogs, men, women, and babies. All sizes, colors, and cultures of *Homo sapiens americana* run, walk, strut, stroll, and soak in the glory of sun and sea. A dog pulls a skateboarder, following another dog that draws a rollerblade jockey. It is a parade,

and we are all part of the show.

The Tower of Power: 12:50 a.m.

Ah, we can see the smokestack of the Carlsbad electric power station. It towers over all but the seagulls and pelicans, is visible for miles in either direction, and allows a somewhat senile individual, such as myself, to know where I am. This is an important landmark because it is the halfway point to Encinitas. GT makes me set little goals like that.

We approach the tower.

Dr. Bill: Puff, puff, puff.

GT (advising): Go down a gear.

Dr. Bill (defensively): Puff — I'm doing just

RESEARCH STUDIES

Would you be interested in taking part in a diabetes research study?

• Do you have Type 2 Diabetes?

- Are you 18 or older?
 - Are you currently on insulin alone?
 - Are you currently on insulin plus metformin?
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• If you are interested in getting more information please contact:

TriWest Research Associates
888-582-9626

- Eligible participants will be compensated for time and travel.

GOUT & CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

DOES THIS DESCRIBE YOU?

Consider the following criteria for possible participation in a local clinical research study:

- Men 50 years of age or older
- Women 55 years of age or older
- Diagnosed with gout
- History of major cardiovascular disease (includes stroke, blocked arteries, diabetes)

Qualified participants will receive study medication and study-related medical care at no cost. Compensation for time and travel may also be available for those who qualify. **Learn more by calling the study center in your area.**

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Have High Blood Pressure?

High blood pressure, or hypertension, is a leading cause of serious health issues.

eStudySite is conducting a research study of an investigational medication for patients diagnosed with high blood pressure.

You may qualify for this study if you:

Are 18 years or older • Have been diagnosed with hypertension

If you qualify, you will receive study related care and study medication at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may be provided.



To learn more about this study, please call eStudySite Toll Free:

1-877-500-3788

Se Habla Español:

1-619-955-5246 en Chula Vista

1-760-631-3056 en Oceanside

Are you a Female with Trouble Getting Aroused or with Low Sexual Desire?

If so, you may be eligible for a clinical research study using an investigational medication for women with female sexual arousal disorder and/or hypoactive sexual desire disorder.

This study has 12 clinic visits and lasts approximately 6 months.

If you are a female at least 21 years of age you may qualify.

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS MAY RECEIVE:

- Study related health assessments
- Laboratory evaluations, and
- Compensation for your time and travel expense



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Consti**PAIN**tion From Prescription Pain Medication?

We're conducting a clinical research study evaluating an investigational drug designed to specifically target and block the effects of opioids at the opioid receptors in the bowel responsible for causing constipation. Utilizing an intensive approval that does not require any changes to your current pain medication, this research study aims to determine the safety and effectiveness of the investigational drug to see if it provides relief for constipation caused by prescription pain medication.

ALL STUDY PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE AT NO COSTS:

- An intensive and in-depth review of their condition conducted by dedicated research professionals.
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- Study drugs (either the investigational drug or a placebo).
- Compensation for time and travel.



To learn more about this clinical research study, and to see if you may be eligible to participate contact:

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760.758.2222

Do you have Schizophrenia?

If so, and you are 18 to 65 years of age, you may be eligible to participate in a research study of an investigational medication for schizophrenia.

Qualified participants will receive:

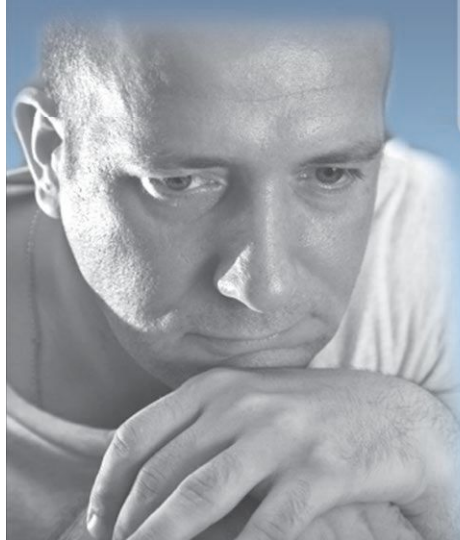
- No-cost study-related medication and study related medical care
- No-cost study-related medical evaluations
- Compensation for your time in the study

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fine, thank you. I know my body. If I want advice, I'll ask for it.

GT: Sorry. Just trying to help.

Dr. Bill: Sorry I was a jerk.

The conversation stalls as I stubbornly huff and puff over the little incline in high gear. Unfortunately, I am too exhausted to gloat. We peddle on toward a second hill. A tribe of identically outfitted cyclists in click-on shoes sails past. Then, more elegantly trim individuals on sleek, thin-skinned tires also pass.

Dr. Bill: You know, Debra says I don't have a mean bone, but I'm not

fond of those skinny-tire riders who have youth, sleekness, and

"I'm not fond of those skinny-tire riders, who have youth, sleekness, and conditioning."

conditioning.

GT: You're an old fart. You envy them.

Dr. Bill: Yep, I do.

Right before the next major climb, GT notes discord in the air waves, and they're not of our origin. We see fighting ahead — a

war, remote-controlled planes in air-to-air combat. Dives, spins, loops,

free-falls, each trying to outdo the other's razor-sharp control. A red plane executes a pelican swoop and taps a blue plane from above. The blue plane spins, like a WWII Japanese Zero shot down in the movies, and crashes halfway

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If you or someone you know:

- is 18 years of age or older and
- has been diagnosed with SLE

then participation in this clinical research program could be an option for you. To determine if you may qualify to take part, our doctors and nurses will perform additional tests and health assessments.

Individuals who qualify will receive study medication and all study-related care at no charge. Reimbursement for study-related travel and time will be provided. Some standard lupus medications will also be permitted during study participation.

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for Athlete's Foot

To qualify for this study you must be:
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Hepatitis C Research Studies

eStudySite is conducting a research study on an investigational medication in patients with Hepatitis C.

Please contact eStudySite if you or a loved one have been diagnosed with Hepatitis C to see if our study is right for you.

Qualifying patients may receive:

- Study-related medical examinations
- Study-related medications
- lab tests. and
- Compensation for time and travel.

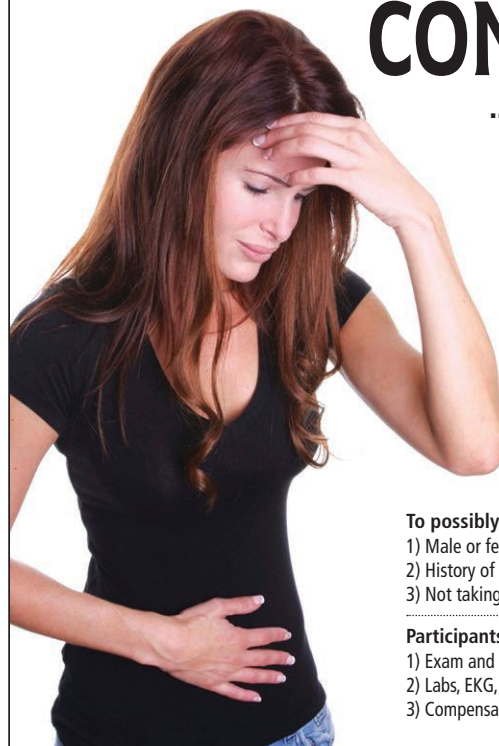


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... ARE YOU TIRED OF STRAINING?
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A 12-week Medical Research study is underway to evaluate an oral investigational medication for chronic constipation. If you have infrequent bowel movements, straining, and inadequate sense of feeling empty when you do have a bowel movement, you may be suffering from chronic constipation and you may want to consider this study.

To possibly qualify for this study:

- 1) Male or female, 18-75 years of age
- 2) History of infrequent bowel movements, straining, and hard stool
- 3) Not taking medications which may cause constipation

Participants may receive all study-related:

- 1) Exam and consultation with a board-certified physician
- 2) Labs, EKG, colonoscopy (if necessary), and study medication at no cost
- 3) Compensation to \$450.00 for time and travel

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Distracted?

You may have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or ADHD.

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Participants will receive study medication at no cost.

Insurance not needed

Difficulty Concentrating?

Disorganized?

Absent Minded or Forgetful?

Irritable or Impatient?

Trouble with relationships or work?



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Do you suffer from Low Back Pain?

Did you know almost **10% of** the US population suffers from moderate to severe pain?

You may be eligible to participate in a research study if you:

- Are 18 years of age or older.
- Suffer from moderate to severe low back pain.
- Currently taking a narcotic for your low back pain.



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down the cliff.

We ride on into Leucadia. Now I begin obsessing over the Best Apple Fritter on Earth, aka BAFE.

Dr. Bill: I need nourishment. Let's stop for a BAFE. My blood sugar level is low. It's affecting my performance.

GT: At 220, you're too bulky to be competitive.

Dr. Bill: Okay, I'll buy a BAFE and only eat half.

GT: Don't lie to yourself, cowboy. You just admitted your envy of the sleek.

Dr. Bill: I'll leave the other half for the homeless. It's a benevolent act.

GT: What you really want is an Asian pear from Just Peachy.

Dr. Bill: I do not. What I really want is the Best Apple Fritter on Earth.

GT: Well, how about a nonfat vanilla frozen yogurt with a squeeze of pomegranate? You can top it with shreds of coconut, slices of mango, and those yummy bursts of fruit juice inside tapioca kernels.

Dr. Bill: Wow! You convinced me.

Encinitas: 1:09 p.m.

GT: And now...I think I should share the little I know about Encinitas.

Dr. Bill: Go for it, big guy. My one ear is open.

GT: Let's begin with the where of it. Encinitas is defined by Batiquitos Lagoon to the north and the San Elijo Lagoon to the south.

Dr. Bill: Who came here first?

GT: Native Americans, of course, were the first people to leave their mark on the area. Early tribes were the San Dieguitos, the La Jollans,

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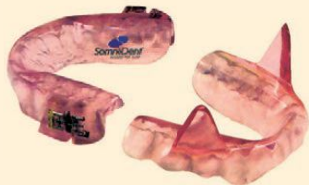


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Uncontrolled DIABETES & HEART DISEASE are a tricky combination.

Special medical attention is important when it comes to uncontrolled type 2 diabetes and heart disease. Learn more about this medical research study for adults struggling with both of these medical issues.

Managing type 2 diabetes, along with heart disease, can be challenging. Watching what you eat, monitoring your blood sugar, getting some exercise, and taking your medication are all important. But for some people, these aren't enough to effectively control their diabetes, which can place them at a greater risk for a heart disease-related episode, like a heart attack or stroke.

Local doctors are currently conducting the CAROLINA research study for individuals diagnosed with uncontrolled type 2 diabetes, who have also had, or are at risk for, a heart disease-related episode. They want to compare an investigational type 2 diabetes medication to another anti-diabetic medication.

If you have uncontrolled type 2 diabetes, plus a history of heart disease, we hope that you will consider learning more about this study.



TYPE 2 DIABETES MEDICAL RESEARCH STUDY

Local doctors are looking for individuals to help evaluate an investigational type 2 diabetes medication.

To pre-qualify for the CAROLINA trial, you must:

- Be between 40 and 85 years of age
- Have a medical diagnosis of type 2 diabetes
- Be unable to control blood sugar levels, even if you are taking an anti-diabetic medication
- Have experienced, or are at risk for, a heart disease-related episode, such as a heart attack or stroke

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and the Diegueños. The Diegueños became converts to Catholicism and helped build nearby missions. In 1669, the governor of Baja California, Gaspar de Portolá, was traveling by horseback down El Camino Boulevard on a mission to build schools and spread religion. After observing the many small oak trees on the surrounding hills, he named the area Encinitas, the Spanish word for small oaks. In 1821, possession of the area switched from Spain to Mexico.

Polking Mexico

President Polk tried to buy California and the land north of the Rio Grande River. Mexico wanted no part of this. So President Polk decided that, to purchase the land, Mexico would need a bit of poking. He started a war, invaded and attacked Mexico City. The fighting there lasted one week, and Santa Ana was deposed as president. Hearing its bones crunch, Mexico succumbed to the arm-twisting. A peace treaty was signed on February 2, 1848. The United States was given the desired land for \$15 million.

The Leucadia Personality

Dr. Bill: Would you say that Encinitas has multiple personalities, or perhaps a dissociative disorder?

GT: The Historic 101 has at least three radically different personalities: Leucadia, Old Encinitas, and Cardiff. Each has fought to maintain separate identities. We are now at the northern border of Encinitas, which is Leucadia.

Dr. Bill: How did this place get named Leucadia?

GT: Leucadia was named after a Greek island, by a group of Greek mentalists.

Leucadia means "Isle of Paradise" or "Place of Shelter" in Greek. The tracts of Leucadia and the street names were named after Greek gods and mythical figures.

The city is a little poorer, more artsy-craftsy, more non-conforming, rowdy, and free-spirited than Carlsbad. Leucadia is famous for the droopy Eucalyptus trees which

line 101, and for the shops that sell local art. On Sunday mornings, Encinitas/Leucadia hosts one of the best farmers' markets in the area. Debra and I go for

the handmade sausage and worm castings — not in the same bun.

GT and I stop to inspect the colorful mural on the back wall of a Mobil gas station.

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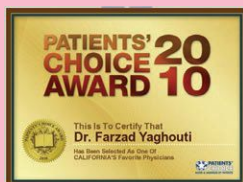
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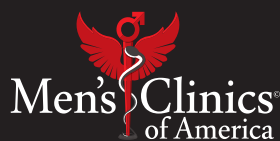
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It portrays the Southern California beach in summertime, the centerpiece the Self-Realization Fellowship down the road.

It feels like *summertime and the living is easy*. In my head I hear Sam Cooke kicking it out. Sam Cooke and I are close. We went to L.A.'s Belmont High School together...at different times...we never met.

Summertime, and the livin' is easy

Fish are jumping and the cotton is high

Oh, your daddy's rich and your mamma's good-lookin'

So hush, little baby, don't you cry

Dr. Bill (singing): Southern Cal, and the living is easy. The beaches are jumping and the pelicans fly.

GT: George Gershwin composed "Summertime" as an aria for his 1935 opera *Porgy and Bess*. Twenty-six-hundred versions have been recorded. Billie Holiday (#12 on U.S. pop charts) was the first, in 1936. Then came Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Sam Cooke, and Janis Joplin, etc.

The Leucadia Bar is a local gathering place for those who like to hang out, play pool, and get slightly rowdy. A friend of mine got drunk here on Christmas Day, called the wrong woman fat, and three Marines took offense. The next morning he awoke badly beaten, with no shoes and dressed only in his pants. My friend is more discreet now about using this "f" word.

We near the Best Apple Fritter on Earth — the Leucadia Donut Shop. Oh...I'm having second thoughts.

Dr. Bill: It's sucking me in. What shall I do?

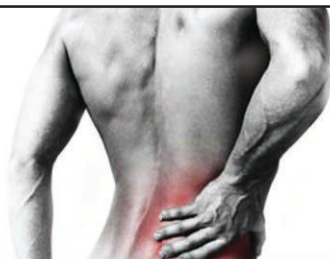
GT: Hold your nose as we surf by.

Dr. Bill: Thanks. It worked! I fought the BAFE and won.

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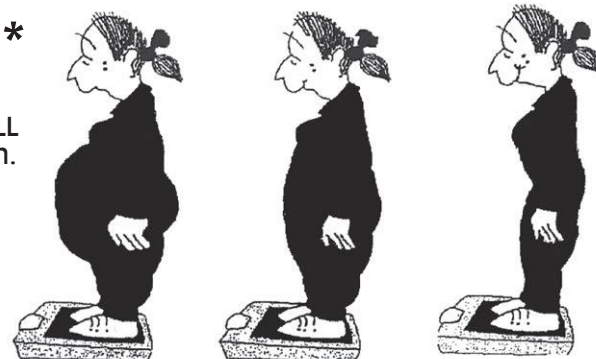
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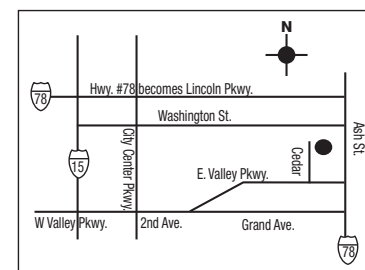
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As is our custom, GT and I pull in through the back of the Pannikin to steal a branch from the orange, candy-red, or regal-purple bougainvillea. Then, depending on how obvious we are being, as we pass the white roses in front, I bend over to smell them just before stripping off a bloom or three. I attach the bouquet to

GT's handlebars.

Dr. Bill: The white roses add a nice contrast to your bouquet.

GT (gushing): You brought me flowers! You're my sweetie.

We proceed as almost one.

Then my stomach grumbles, and I have a hissy fit at having passed all the goodies.

Dr. Bill (pouting): Why live, if you have to live without the BAFE or a cinnamon roll?

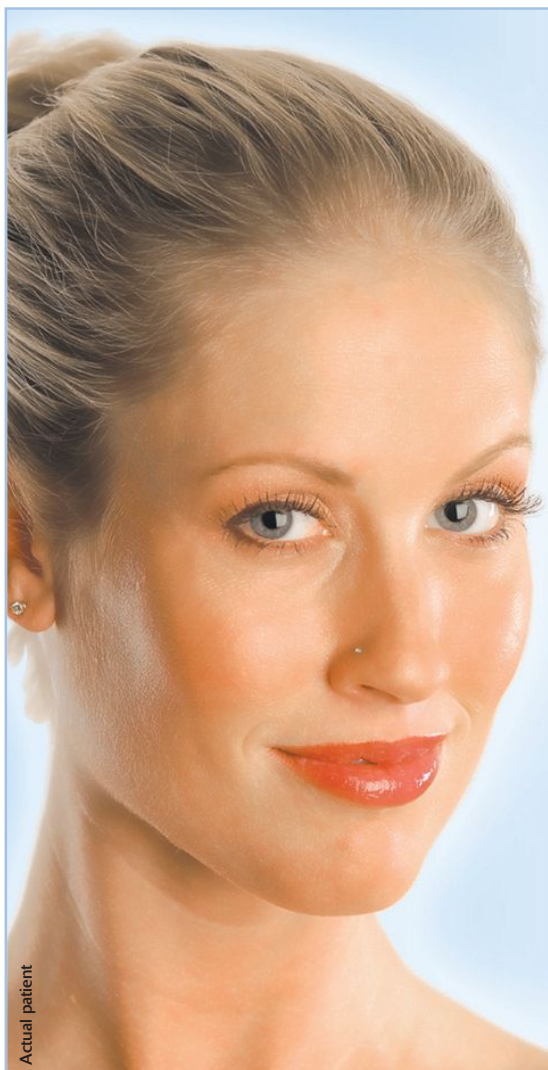
GT: The BAFE and cinnamon roll would be a done deal, and all you'd have left is a heavy gut. This way, you can look forward to...

Dr. Bill: Gotcha. There's a plain vanilla yogurt with coconut and mango on top waiting for me.

I pedal faster. Just

ahead on our right is the famous Captain Keno's, home of some of the cheapest mixed drinks on 101. The Bloody Marys are good, but the Margaritas are made with a cheap bottled lime mix that tastes like battery acid. Happy hour starts with breakfast at 6:00 a.m. and lasts until 12:00 p.m. This is the place to drink straight shots. I personally like the alcoholic, lower-class nature of Keno's. It has an odd kind of charm, even the bathrooms. The restaurant is totally 1950s. I was at a graduation party at Captain Keno's once, and the star of the show was this singer/guitarist, who was drunk on his ass, sucking intermittently on a bottle of Jack Daniels and trying to sing.

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the upscale joints up and down the street charging two or three times that. The salad is chilled iceberg, palatable with the chunky blue-cheese dressing (ask for extra). The rest of the menu is ample, basic, and leaves me with an okay feeling.

Surfing Madonna Chick

Usually, I wait to catch the top of the wave that will greenlight us past Encinitas Boulevard into Old Encinitas. The signal below turns green, and GT and I go for it. If we can get going on the downslope, momentum will carry us up the next hill, past D Street and into the 7-Eleven for a Big Gulp and a dog. Today, however, GT

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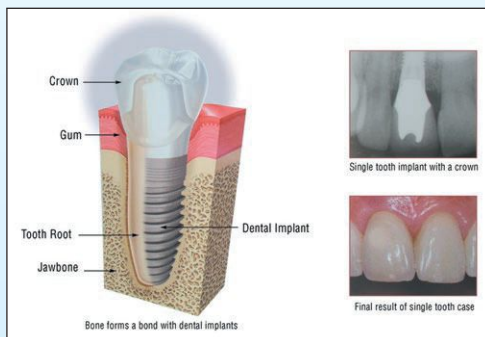
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and I decide to check out the *Surfing Madonna* chick, before they blow her up or injure her in the process of moving her. She is/was a ten-by-ten-foot mosaic made from thousands of pieces of Italian tile. She's the Virgin of Guadalupe... surfing.

She resides at the Highway 5 underpass and Encinitas Boulevard. Apparently, she moved into her present home in full daylight, assisted by construction workers who were mistaken for city workers. Thousands of cars must have passed by that day.

GT (swooning): Wow! There she is. She

sure is beautiful. I look into her eyes and feel inner peace and love, more religious that I have ever felt in my life. She looks alive, beam-ing energy, and is a true sacred surfer. Words down her right side urge us to "Save the Ocean." Does that offend any-one? If I were to label her, I'd call her non-ego community art.

Dr. Bill: The Enci-nitas City Council is an embarrassment. They voted unanimously to provide \$2000 to inves-tigate how to remove one of the best artworks in a public setting on our coast. Now they've found that she can't be

moved from her home without destruction. The downtown guys want to kidnap her. Why not preserve our Madonna? She was a gift to the community.

GT: Those who get a worm up their nose over the religious con-notations of this artwork should blow their nose and breathe in a fresh spirit. This outside art piece will become a clas-sic, if allowed to remain.

Dr. Bill: What can we do to keep her? You could make a spir-ited appeal to the city council.

GT: Oh, city fathers and mothers, act with compassion and allow

this lady of many thou-sand glass tiles to live in the home in which she was raised. Please don't destroy our Vir-gin of Guadalupe. This is the people's art. She was created for us. We are the people. Please don't send our beauti-ful Surfing Virgin to a foster home. I beg you to allow our Virgin to surf these shores and claim her birthplace as home.

Breaking Headline: *North County Times*, Friday, June 10, 2011, "Mark Patterson Claims Rogue Art Piece"

Mark Patterson, a long-time Leucadia resident, publicly claimed to be the artist of this treasure. Mark said he felt driven to do a surfing Virgin of Guadalupe and went to Italy to study mosaics. The Virgin's face was completed in Italy. Mark quit his software job in order to work full time on the piece. It took him nine months to finish. Mark's message was to present the idea of pro-

tecting the ocean with a potent image.

GT (to Mark, as if he were present): Your Virgin has had a role on the world stage, Mark.

Dr. Bill (ditto): I can't wait for the next chapter. Thank you, Mark.

Next Chapter: *North County Times*, June 22, 2011, "Mosaic Artist to Remove Piece"

Mark Patterson's art show earned him a \$500 fine and a \$2000 bill for city expenses for a report on removing his artwork. Mark was also responsible for remov-ing his art piece. He did. It took nine months to construct her and two hours to remove our Virgin. All that is left are screw holes, glue, and a few scratches. Can you believe our city consid-ers this superior to our beautiful Virgin? My, how the city of Enci-nitas encourages creative works. Glad we moved to Oceanside.

Old Encinitas' Personality

Dr. Bill: I know that you're eager to give us a history lesson.

GT: You and history are my two passions. Jabez Pitcher, considered the father of Encinitas, bought 160 acres near the railroad track around the present location of the Encinitas Civic center in 1881. He never regretted that purchase.

Old Encinitas began in 1881, when the South-ern California Railroad built a water tower by the tracks to supply their steam engines with water from Cottonwood Creek. With no laundromats, and without running water or electricity, the women would wash clothes com-munally at Cottonwood Creek, drape the wet clothing on bushes, and picnic at Moonlight Beach while it dried. Moonlight Beach may have derived its name from the round white rocks that glowed like small moons in the moonlight. Another the-ory is that during Prohi-bition, the moonlighters used this spot to import illegal booze by boat at

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night. The schoolhouse, built in 1883 to accommodate eight students, is now the home of the Encinitas Historical Society.

Encinitas thrived while 101 was the main road south to San Diego. Then, in the 1960s came Interstate 5, and visitors were diverted from Old Encinitas. The charming little community was on the verge of drowning. In 1988, business owners formed a merchant association and designed a plan to breathe new life into Old Encinitas. They applied to California Main Street for a grant to revitalize the downtown area. Their lifesaving efforts paid off. In 2004, Encinitas earned the Great American Main Street Award for resuscitating the downtown area

through authentic historic preservation. The city retained its historical identity.

I quickly puff up the small hill to D Street. I've had my \$3.50 dose of ecstasy from Berry Happy, nonfat vanilla frozen yogurt with a topper of shredded coconut, mango, and those tapioca thingies filled with passion-fruit bits. It was everything I'd fantasized. I do a silent meditation, thanking the earth, sun, air, and ocean for their contributions. I thank Thich Nhat Hahn, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, for making me aware of how our food came to be.

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lanes, avoiding pedestrians and pedophiles. There is no bike lane in Old Encinitas and cars park diagonally. To exit, cars back into traffic. This is the most dangerous part of our ride.

Swami's is an interesting, not-too-expensive café that everyone should try. The outside breakfast and lunch dining has a young, hip feel to it. A shot of wheat grass is a buck. The air reeks of fascinating psychoanalytic tales being told, sophisticated discussion on whether Obama is more warlike than Bush II, and what the newest adornments on the Cardiff Kook are. The Açai Fruit Plate with Yogurt will knock your socks off. The other night I awoke from a dream of eating their Açai Fruit plate. I had no socks.

GT: The Virgin of Guadalupe left me feeling that I should pursue a more spiritual course. How about taking a few minutes to tour the Self-Realization Fellowship? We can pay due respect to the Swami.

The Self-Realization Fellowship

We cruise by and appreciate the beauty of brilliant red bougainvillea against the white pillars and golden domes of the Self-Realization Fellowship. It's hustle and bustle on city streets, but riding under the arched entrance, serenity engulfs us. Nestled in this landscape is a tranquil pond.

GT: Dip your thumb into that pond and leave it there for a few seconds.

I place my thumb in the water. A two-foot koi with beautiful markings of gold, orange, and black approaches and heads for my finger. I



Swami Yogananda's spiritual home

start to withdraw, but a force tells me to relax and ohmmm.

Dr. Bill (delighted): He's sucking on my thumb. It tickles.

GT: That fish

it a miracle that humans can approximate what Jesus did sans board. Swami Yogananda, I'd guess that you're pleased to see the two worlds in harmony.

"That fish might be Paramahansa Yogananda. I think he believed in reincarnation."

might be Paramahansa Yogananda. I think he believed in reincarnation.

There is no sign that says *Quiet*, but silence and muffled voices prevail. People quietly wander in awe. The solemnity and austerity of the setting leaves us on a spiritual high. The view from the highest point stuns GT and I into silence. The setting is based on a philosophy that we can share beauty, honor, and love in a generous way, and more beauty, honor, and love will result.

There is another spiritual experience going on below us. The waves are choppy, and there's a bit of wind. About 15 surfers are getting their highs from riding Swami's waves. I find

GT: A few more words are warranted about the teacher behind this temple. This guy is big-time in the spiritual world. Mukunda Lal Ghosh was born in 1893, in Gorakhpur, India, into a rich Bengali family. While a baby in his mother's arms, a renowned master of Kriya yoga blessed Mukunda and forecast his future, saying, "Little mother, thy son will be a yogi. As a spiritual engine, he will carry many souls to God's kingdom." People were aware that there was something special and different about this child.

At 17, Mukunda proved to be a real-life Siddhartha. On the first meeting with a revered Swami, who was to become his teacher for ten years, he

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was told that he had been chosen to disseminate the ancient science of Kriya yoga to the world. In this philosophy, meditation is seen as the way to gain oneness with God.

In 1925, he arrived in California and established the international center for Self-Fulfillment Fellowship. He moved among the elite. His talks filled Carnegie Hall and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium with folks interested in spiritual travels. *The Los Angeles Times* stated: "The Philharmonic Auditorium presents the extraordinary spectacle of thousands...being turned away an hour before the advertised opening of a lecture with the 3000-seat hall filled to its utmost capacity."

Dr. Bill: His teach-

ings make sense to my barely spiritual soul. It impresses me that a rotund brown man with an orange robe was a spiritual teacher in a city with a majority of middle-class Caucasians.

GT: The distinguished Swami appeals to a rainbow of colors, cultures, and religion. Yogananda believed that all religions are equal and essentially have the same message: love and service to God. His message is as beautiful as this temple and the grounds that surround us.

So, I will chew on all this for a while and maintain my spiritual high. For now, our journey ends at the halfway point to La Jolla.

GT: Thank you for joining us. See you on the next adventure. ■

— Bill Lombardo

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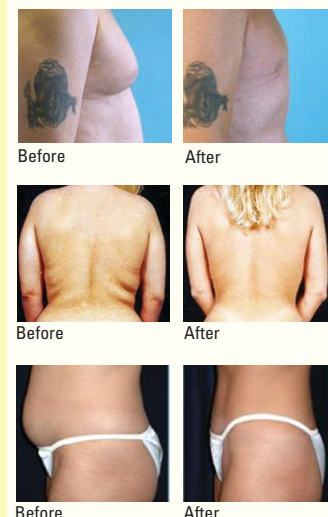
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U-T and Petco

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buyout by the predator pair at \$29 a share. But PetSmart was offering \$33. Nonetheless, the shareholders approved the buyout, even though Petco would be saddled with even more debt. The deal stunk, as plaintiff lawyers said in a class action suit that was settled in 2010, with Petco paying \$16 million.

More than five years later, Petco has not gone public for the third time. Market research firm IBIS-World notes that since 2006, PetSmart has increased its market share to an estimated 41.8 percent from 39.2 percent. In those five years, PetSmart's sales have grown by 7.4 percent annually while Petco's have risen an estimated 5.9 percent. PetSmart stock has zoomed in the period, along with earnings. Because Petco is privately held, most of its numbers are a mystery.

An investment banker named Bryan, using the handle "I'm not that kind of banker," writes knowledgeably on the web about the pet retailing business. Asking, "Has Petco lost its mojo?" he estimated last June that in the 2006–2011 period, PetSmart's operating cash flow zoomed 45 percent while Petco's went nowhere. As of mid-2011, Petco's stock, if it were trading, would be 16 percent lower than the 2006 takeover price, he calculated.

Mike Foss, Petco's chief financial officer, disputes the operating cash flow estimates on which Bryan's estimates are based. "By virtually every single metric — sales, profit, cash — we're better off" than in 2006, he claims. The company just hit \$3 billion in annual sales.

The investment banker pointed out that Petco a year ago took out a \$1.225 million loan, partly to pay a dividend to its investors (the takeover crew). The divi-

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dend: almost \$700 million. Foss doesn't argue the point but says Petco has saved \$18 million yearly by rejiggering its bonds in a period of lower interest rates.

"Net net, it is clear that all is not going according to plan at Petco," said the investment banker.

Mitt bitches that Newt attacks capitalism. But Mitt's form of capitalism is strictly greed-obsessed — not the kind that made America great. Keep pointing that out, Newt. ■

Bigger nuisance

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30th Street in North Park are zoned CN-1-2.)

However, those regulations do not apply to businesses that operated with their current land-use permit before 2000, when the zoning designation was established. That is the case with Jack in the Box, which opened in 1961. The regulations do not apply, that is, unless the restaurant closes for an extended period or the building is torn down and rebuilt. In that case, the permit expires and the company is subject to current zoning regulations.

"I'm absolutely disgusted to find out that the City is willing to ignore its own rules about zoning and grant Jack in the Box variances for the hours of operation, the drive-through, required parking spaces, and building-to-lot-size requirements, among others," says Nail. "I purchased my home in good faith that the City would follow its own rules."

The proposal appears to have support from the City's Development Services Department. In a November 4 email, development project manager Michelle Sokolowski informed residents that staff supported extending drive-through hours until 2:30 a.m. "Staff supports the hours of opera-

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tion with conditions to mitigate potential noise impacts from drive-through operations, including message board confirmation and courtesy signs."

A Jack in the Box spokesperson says the renovation will only enhance the neighborhood and promises that the restaurant will not extend its hours. The restaurant is currently open from 6:00 a.m. to midnight and the drive-through from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

"We have 30 years remaining on our lease and would like to replace the 50-year-old building with a new one," says spokesperson Brian Luscombe. "The proposed design will significantly improve the area. There will be more landscape, and [it] will be more pedestrian friendly."

"Our options are, continuing to operate the restaurant in its current condition for many more years or enhance the entire property with a new restaurant. We've met with neighbors and modified our original plans as a result of those discussions. For example, we initially submitted plans for a 24-hour drive-through, but after concerns from residents we will maintain current hours of operation."

Nail denies the rebuild will enhance the neighborhood. "As much as everybody would like to see a pretty new building there, it boils down to quality of life, allowing exceptions, and opening doors to issues that are already regulated. Those regulations were enacted for a reason and weren't meant as suggestions. They need to be upheld. By tearing down the existing building, they are starting at square one, just like they had never been there."

Rick Pyles lives near the restaurant and serves on the North Park Planning Committee. Pyles says he hopes that the zoning codes will prod the City and Jack in the Box to come up with a plan that complements this

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neighborhood of Craftsman homes, near the edge of Balboa Park. "The [zoning] designation provides nearby residents protections against allowing commercial emphasis in this residential neighborhood," he says. "Many current residents purchased their properties with this zoning in mind and fully believed that these laws would be upheld."

"And I still hold fast to the idea," Pyle continues, "that Jack in the Box could do something incredible there that would be fully embraced and supported by the community, but it won't be the typical stucco box with drive-through operation as its main goal."

"But I guess Jack is just too stuck in the box to think outside of it." ■

NEWS TICKER

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Diego County, unlike Los Angeles, the right independent could actually beat major party contenders.

By Matt Potter
Friday, January 27

Anti-Trust Fund

Attorney Admits Taking Clients' Funds

Carlsbad — A former Carlsbad attorney admitted that she took money from two clients' accounts and used those funds "for personal use," according to a plea deal read in court by the judge on January 24.

Patricia Ann Gregory, 61, admitted to one felony count of misappropriation of funds by trustee when she took funds from the account of a client for whom she had handled a divorce. The money from the sale of a house owned by the client and her soon-to-be-ex husband was put into a trust fund controlled by the disgraced attorney.

According to prosecutor Sherry Thompson, "Originally the complaint charged losses of over \$100,000. It was subsequently deter-

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mined that the defendant had paid in excess of \$30,000 back and the combined loss suffered between the remaining victims is over \$85,000."

Gregory also admitted to two misdemeanors in the plea deal. The first was another fraudulent taking of funds from a different client's account; the other misdemeanor was for illegally advertising her services as an attorney after she was ineligible to practice law.

By Eva Knott
Wednesday, Jan. 25

Gall Is Not a Crime

Occupy San Diego's Complaints Against SDPD San Diego — Members of Occupy San Diego will be attending tonight's Citizens Review Board of Police Practices to voice complaints regarding the way the San Diego Police Department has handled the ongoing protest that began in early October.

"I want to address the number of people arrested whose charges have not been filed," says Occupy San Diego media liaison Ray Lutz. "You should not just be able to arrest a whole bunch of people for nothing and not ever have anybody say that's wrong.... Some Occupy participants who have been following the figures say that 80 percent have not resulted in charges being filed."

Lutz cites cases such as the arrest of four for felony conspiracy after "mic checking" mayor Jerry Sanders during his State of the City address.

"These people may be considered rude, but it's a public meeting," says Lutz. "You have a right to speak in there. San Diego City Council meetings win my award for the worst public participation rules in the States. I mean, three minutes per subject? It makes no common sense at all....

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So, if someone finally has the gall to say something to the mayor, they cite them for a felony."

By Chad Deal
Tuesday, January 24

Grading Manchester

Resort Cited for Environmental Violations

Carmel Valley — While a public controversy rages around Sunday's waterfront stadium proposal by the *U-T San Diego*, another major project by the paper's owner has been facing difficulties with city planners.

According to a September 20, 2011, "Notice of Violation" provided by the mayor's office this month in response to a November request made under the state public records act, the Grand Del Mar resort, developed by *U-T* owner Douglas Manchester, has allegedly run afoul of the city's Resource Protection Ordinance.

Alleged violations include "unauthorized grading, including removal of sensitive biological resources, to create and construct equestrian trails and construct an equestrian center at and around the Grand Del Mar Resort."

The notice says that the grading and construction was done "without required building or grading permits. This unauthorized grading and construction activity impacted a total area approximately 1.68 acres in size."

None of the records produced by the mayor so far document the current state of the review process.

By Matt Potter
Tuesday, January 24

Driving Pollution

Attorney General Intervenes in SANDAG Lawsuit

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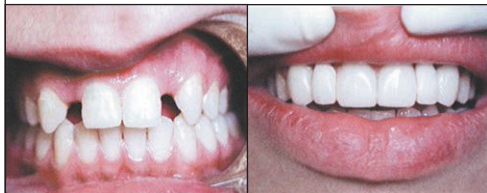
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the Regional Transit Plan drafted by the San Diego Association of Governments to additional review.

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Harris agrees with the lawsuit's assertion that the environmental impact report that accompanied the plan does not adequately address air pollution and climate concerns.

Among her objections are that while greenhouse gas emissions are initially forecast to decrease, projections show them rising

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again after 2020 and overall driving-related pollution continuing to increase through at least 2050.

By Dave Rice
Monday, January 23

Bypass Blockage

Save Our Heritage Wins Battle Over Plaza de Panama

Balboa Park — Preservation group Save Our Heritage Organisation has been granted a petition for writ of mandate filed last summer over the city of San Diego's adoption of a memorandum of understanding lending support to a proposal to revamp Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama.

The plan, pushed by mayor Jerry Sanders and Qualcomm founder/philanthropist Irwin Jacobs, would eliminate vehicle access by creating a bypass bridge that would loop around the heart of the plaza and lead

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to a paid parking garage.

Per a release from the preservation group, superior court judge Judith Hayes concludes that the memorandum "constitutes an approval of the proposed project without prior environmental review as required.... The [memorandum] constitutes action that effectively forecloses due consideration of project alternatives or mitigation measures that are essential parts of [California Environmental Quality Act] review."

By Dave Rice
Monday, January 23

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and confused when the system is designed to lead them away from that which is beneficial and leave us hopeless and helpless?

You may vainly imagine yourself as a “progressive” intellectual light shining high above mere mortals, Ted, but I see you as just one more dimwitted fool!

John Wise
via email

Maybe Matt's Psycho

While there are certainly dangerously unhinged bosses out there — and it helps to be able to recognize when you've got one — Matthew Alice does readers a disservice by calling such bosses “psychotic” (“Straight From the Hip,” January 19). There are some big differences between a genuine psychopath and a person who is psychotic — that is, experiencing a break with reality due to drug use or an illness like schizophrenia, mania, or depression.

I think the confusion comes from our colloquial use of “psycho” as “crazy person of any kind” — maybe you'll do better to think of manipulative bosses as “sociopaths” and people with tinfoil hats as “psychotic.”

While sociopaths are believed to be largely incapable of developing empathy and becoming loving members of the community, people can and do recover from psychotic episodes all the time.

A person who *is* in the grips of psychosis rarely has the wherewithal to be genuinely manipulative — that's pretty high-order stuff. And psychotic people may be quite full of empathy. The range of psychotic experience is quite fascinating, actually, but doesn't have much to do with the boss behavior described in the original letter.

Deirdre Lonergan
via email

Down The Isle

Ever work at North Island (“Straight From the Hip,” Jan-

uary 19)? Place is a breeding ground for them! I've been a victim too many times. Caused me to retire, work the VA system, and they gave me my 100 percent mental-disabled! I grieve for my old slave-mates who still suffer on the “Island of Sand and Sodomy.”

David Rushton
via email

Keep Digging

Susan Luzzaro needs to keep digging into Ed Brand. Her recent article on the 12th was very factual but not completely (“Funds for Educa- No, Funds for Us,” “City Lights,” January 12).

He did not retire from Sweetwater in 2005. Instead, he took the superintendent's position in San Marcos. The leopard didn't change his spots, and he began the same questionable ethics. The San Marcos board was very wise in getting rid of him as quickly as possible, although it cost them to do so. He lived on San Marcos' dime for several years, all the while continuing to search for a new position in education. When San Marcos' money ran out, he retired through the State Teachers' Retirement System and began an unsuccessful attempt to start his own bank, probably with some of the same investors that are or have been involved with Sweetwater. When he took the interim superintendent's job with Sweetwater, he was not only drawing \$20,000 a month from them but also his retirement money.

When he took that interim job, he fully intended to get the superintendent's job back. Think about it. This man shows back up in Sweetwater, and all of the same ethical and questionable monetary issues surface. During his six-year absence from Sweetwater, that staff continued to operate in the manner that he taught them to. Mr. Gandara simply followed the lead of his predecessor, Ed Brand. Keep digging, guys. It's all there.

Name Withheld
via voice mail

Truth Or Consequences

I don't like the “Sheep and Goats” article on the subject of the Hindu gods and the Atharva Veda (December 22). It has nothing to offer but emptiness, and yet the article speaks of a few gods. The truth is that there are no gods but the Lord God who made us, and we must only worship Him, and by following these so-called other gods of Asiatic religions and the religions of India, it can have very bad consequences for all. Know Jesus Know Peace, No Jesus No Peace!

Name Withheld
By Request
via email

Comments from Reader website

City Lights, by Don Bauder Published January 25

I would like to play at the local casinos but cannot stand the smoke. Having to walk through it to the “non-smoking area” is nauseating. The non-smoking section also does not offer the breadth and depth of games the smoker enjoys. So I am a potential customer that never patronizes casinos due to smoke.

I recall when people could smoke on airplanes, the office or in restaurants and it reminded me of this line; “Having a smoking section in a restaurant is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.”

By Ponzi 11:15 a.m., Jan 25, 2012

Cover Story Published January 25

Donna Frye is one of the only politicians I respect. Remember when she WON the Mayoral race? Only to have it stolen due to some obscure technicality? That was San Diego at its worst.

By x76 12:42 p.m., Jan 25, 2012

Technically, it was before 1989 (not 1990) that “candidates for city council were nominated in the districts they hoped to serve but elected by the entire city.”

The first district-only elections were in 1989. In those days, the city council elections were held in odd-numbered years.

By barryjantz 3:46 p.m., Jan 25, 2012

Nice interview by Joe Deegan with former City Council-member Donna Frye.

Frye remains intelligent, thoughtful and principled. During her years in office, she took a lot of guff from people with half her qualifications at City Hall. Until we get Bob Filner for Mayor or return to a city manager form of government, Donna is better off paddling her longboard around the OB pier because this city has been sold to the highest bidder(s) by our termed-out “strong” Mayor Jerry Sanders.

By monaghan 9:09 p.m., Jan 25, 2012

I have admired Joe's writing for some time.

By Mindy1114 9:49 p.m., Jan 25, 2012

She will always be “Mayor Frye” to me.

By bohemianopus 8:03 a.m., Jan 26, 2012

Thank you for your service, Donna Frye. You were the one politician that kept things real.

By Ponzi 8:12 a.m., Jan 26, 2012

Nice job, Joe. Donna is a classy lady and we owe her a lot.

I wish somebody would hire her as a columnist or commission her to write a book.

By patflannery 10:29 a.m., Jan 26, 2012

Frye represented the best of what we consider public service to be. Too many politicians are interested more in their own careers and how much money they can make (legally or illegally) down the line. When she spoke up at Council meetings, you always knew she had something very worthwhile to offer. She is the “watchdog” that we need now at the Council, but no longer have.

By dwbat 11:13 a.m., Jan 26, 2012

Yeah, Donna stuck her lovely head into that nasty meat grinder called San Diego politics, and never got the appreciation she deserved. She found that she couldn't kiss all the boys, and had to cut some things off that she found counterintuitive, but

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A LOT lonely, eh Donna?

In that business, enemies look like friends and friends look like enemies--it's SO confusing . . . A well-crafted lie is still a lie, eh?

Me, I'm an anarchist in the original sense, and a fan of the Occupy Movement.

By Twister 2:04 p.m., Jan 26, 2012

I have to laugh when people sit in the comfort and safety of their American homes and type on their \$1500 laptops, "I'm an anarchist."

No, you're not.

You think you want anarchy? Go to Mogadishu, Somalia. Go to Haiti. Anarchy reigns in those places. You won't like it.

Your comfort, your safety, your laptop are all made possible by the non-anarchy (read: order, rule of law) of the first world.

By Joaquin_de_la_Mesa 3:23 p.m., Jan 27, 2012

Movies

Published January 25

No Oscar for Oskar! Thanks for this!

By Scott_Marks 7:16 p.m., Jan 25, 2012

Let's be honest: anyone who looks at Glen Close for one minute and thinks she is a man must be on drugs. That film presumes the audience

is willing to go along with the charade for the sake of the movie, but I just felt like I was participating in some childish nonsense the whole way through. What a farce.

As for "Separation," I told my friend Parviz, an Iranian immigrant not to go see the film as it will only make him feel embarrassed for his countrymen.

While I found the subject matter of the film interesting enough, the peculiar behavior of the characters, between phoning mullahs to see if it was a sin to cleanse a dirty man, and slapping oneself because of the shame brought on by the wife's behavior, caused me to feel I was watching a travelogue film about some bizarre, primitive people, disconnected from the modern world, and far removed from any education or science.

Some may want to raise Hoo-Ha's for such a film even being produced by an Iranian company, but I suspect the filmmaker knew part of the success of the film would be due to the rest of the world being given a glimpse of what life is really like in a culture that adheres to 7th century beliefs. It is unique; but is it really good?

By Javajoe25 7:07 a.m., Jan 26, 2012

I've got to disagree, JavaJoe. Glenn Close is near the top of the list of Famous Actresses with Man Faces.

FAMF's foundress and

Immortal Icon, of course, is Joan Crawford. That woman had the manliest mug on her.

Just last night, I caught a bit of Fatal Attraction, and boy did Glenn look like a dude with teased 80s hair.

Katherine Hepburn was a card-carrying FAMF member.

By Joaquin_de_la_Mesa 12:44 p.m., Jan 26, 2012

Sarah Jessica Parker and Hillary Swank are man-faced, too.

By Joaquin_de_la_Mesa 1 p.m., Jan 26, 2012

Scott: you're welcome.

Javajoe: In picking apart A Separation, you somehow missed the movie. It is grounded closely on real Iranian life, though with some credible short-cuts for dramatic effect. The movie is not unique. It carries forward a great modern tradition of factually rooted but inspired, low-budget Iranian films, some brave enough to make the director (notably Jafar Panahi) a victim of official repression. Go to Kensington Video and ask Guy to rent you some of the fine Iranian works (I'd recommend Offside, The Apple, Taste of Cherry, to name only a few).

Joaquin: Man-faced? Is that in the exalted hip tradition of "man whore" and "manimal"? At this rate of progress, we may soon be back to referring to gay men as nancy boys.

By DavidElliot 1:17 p.m., Jan 26, 2012

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Your Week

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Thursday | 2

CONFLICT

San Francisco Zen Buddhist priest and poet Norman Fischer reads from his new book-length poem, "an exploration of conflict within the self — conflict between friends, lovers, communities, nations, war, and torture."

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-1800; dgwillsbooks.com



Saturday | 4

EXPLORE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Curious about sign language? The garden's education specialist and alter-ego, Ms. Smarty-Plants, plan a "fun-filled class" that will include many basic signs. You'll be signing to music before you go and receive handouts to help you practice at home.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to noon

WHERE: Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon. 619-660-0614; thegarden.org

Friday | 3

ELECTRIC LOVE

Live music, belly dancing, AcroYoga, love potions, local art (including Adelaide, Jon Sprague, and Duckman), and food and drink are brought together by Danyavaad & the Shimmy Sisters for a "heart-warming" evening suited for February. Also, tarot-card readings and "sweet bites from the Plant Powered Peeps."

WHEN: 7 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: Electric Ladyland, 4944 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-523-5239; danyavaad.com



Sunday | 5

CREATE A FABULOUS FASCINATOR

Learn how to make your own "charming cocktail hat" in this class with artist-instructor Jill Courtemanche. You'll learn basic millinery techniques and the art of hand-stitching to craft a cocktail hat or fascinator (head piece) using felt, feathers, netting, and gros-grain. No sewing experience required.

WHEN: 1 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Road, Point Loma. 619-223-0058; bravoschoolofart.com



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8: *DIVIDING THE ESTATE* AT THE OLD GLOBE

Monday | 6

TRASH: ART + SCIENCE INTERSECT

The New Children's Museum and Birch Aquarium invite you to explore trash "both scientifically and through an artistic lens." Enjoy current aquarium exhibits, wine and hors d'oeuvres, and a panel discussion with refuse-experts Margaret Wertheim, Miriam Goldstein, and Nigella Hillgarth. Reservation required.

WHEN: 6 to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla. 619-795-1721; aquarium.ucsd.edu

WHERE: Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 619-400-9777; sdsa.org

Wednesday | 8

DIVIDING THE ESTATE

It's 1987, and aging matriarch Stella Gordon wants to keep her estate intact. But her children, like King Lear's, want to tear apart both land and tradition. The *Reader's* Jeff Smith says, "Elizabeth Ashley gives a bravura performance as Stella."

WHEN: 7 p.m. (and through Sunday, check for times)

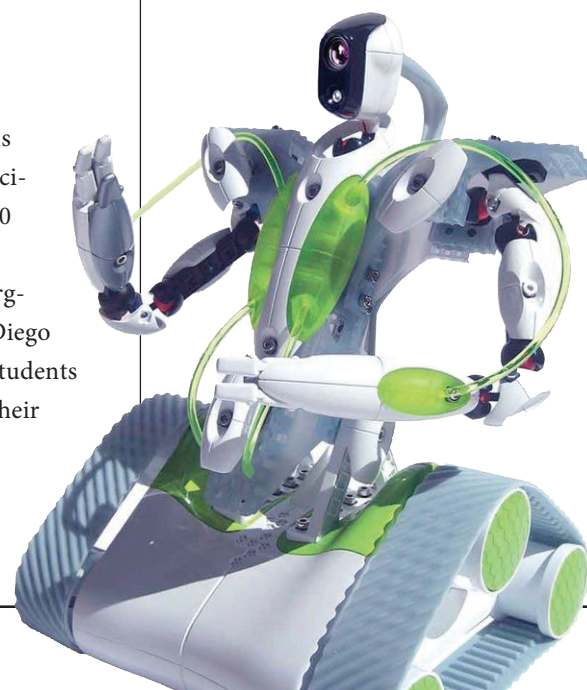
WHERE: Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park. 619-234-5623; theoldglobe.org

Tuesday | 7

HIGH TECH FAIR

See hands-on demonstrations of the latest applications of science and technology. Over 50 industry leaders will demonstrate their current and emerging technologies at the San Diego County High Tech Fair for students in grades 6 through 12 and their parents.

WHEN: 5 to 8 p.m.



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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



Belén market sold several local products — herbal aphrodisiacs, baby monkeys, sloths, and other jungle “pets.”

Iquitos, Peru

By Kayla Washko

“Can you carry the backpack on your chest instead?” Gino asked me as we were about to enter the Belén market in Iquitos, Peru.

I nodded, turning it around. He winked. “That’s a *gringa inteligente*,” he said. “Oh, and one last thing: if you plan to take pictures, make sure to wrap the cord around your wrist.”

As we ventured inside, I realized it wasn’t just the camera or backpack that made me look out of place: Iquitos’ unrelenting heat had caught me unprepared, and to cope I had traded my stylish jeans

and flats for gym shorts and sandals. No one else in the market seemed affected by the humidity: they were still in tennis shoes and denim, a few women were clad in long-sleeved shirts.

Gino tried to show me all of the local products — herbal aphrodisiacs and baby monkeys, sloths and other jungle “pets” sold illegally in the market.

Meanwhile, the locals stared at me with my purple backpack hanging awkwardly over my breasts, the frontal load making it impossible to follow Gino closely or squeeze through narrow openings without knocking against passersby.

I passed a stand of slaughtered chickens, their heads dangling over the edge of the counter. I gulped, more flushed than ever.

“This way, this way,” said Gino, waiting for me to catch up. “The boat’s waiting.”

We darted through the last alleyway, where men were selling banana trees. Finally, the dock was in view. After Gino helped me onto the boat, I flung down my backpack beside me, the front of my blue T-shirt now covered in perspiration.

Waiting for the motor to start, Gino began his tour again. “Everything floats

around here,” he explained, motioning in the direction from which we’d just come. “We got floating houses, floating markets...”

He nodded in my direction. “We even got a floating *gringa*.”

Havana, Cuba

By Julien Farinas

As usual, my father disappeared while I was sleeping. For a second, I wondered what a 65-year-old tourist would be doing alone in the middle of Havana at 8 in the morning. Then I figured he just



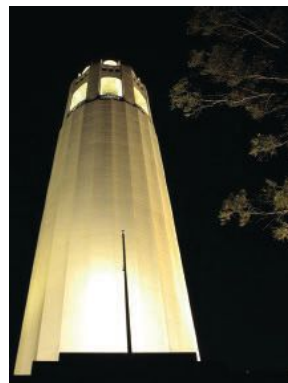
Havana street artist

wanted some alone time with his motherland and went back to sleep.

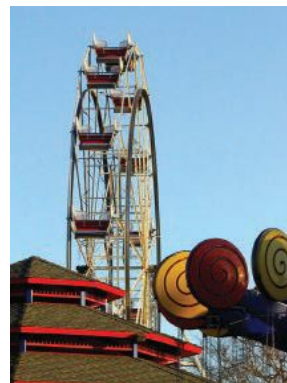
An hour later, he was back with eggs, bread, espresso, and milk. Over the

continued on page 56.

Other Adventures



Gian Ghio: Coit Tower in San Francisco



Canon1804: Ferris wheel ride at Boomers, Clairemont Mesa



kdaigle9: In Edinburgh, Scotland, a beautiful park down the hill from my brother’s flat



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This 3.8-mile looping trail is just off I-15 on the south side of Lake Hodges.

The aptly named Piedras Pintadas (“painted rocks”) trail in Escondido explores a small part of the rich San Diego County Kumeyaay Indian culture and habitat by following a well-marked trail with interpretive plaques. The trail wraps around Ber-

nardo Bay on Lake Hodges, which is an important habitat refuge for many native and migratory animal species, especially birds.

Walking through the boulder-strewn hills that circle Lake Hodges, it’s easy to see why the native

Kumeyaay peoples were inspired to use these natural canvases for the ceremonial rock art that this area is well known for today. Although the purpose of these pictographs is not entirely known, they were likely important for the spiritual or

religious practices of the Kumeyaay. The Kumeyaay were a people that were deeply in tune with the land they inhabited, both spiritually and physically. Although things have changed in the 500–1000 years since the rock art was created, including the creation of Lake Hodges itself, it is still possible to explore this area and picture a much different time.

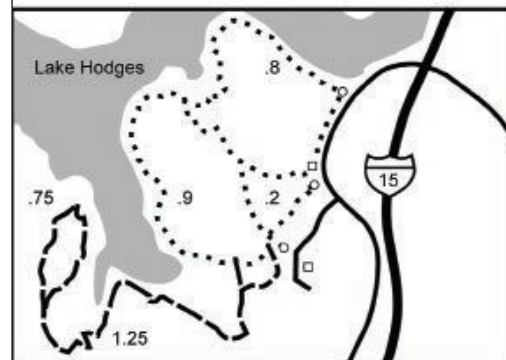
Although one can sample several of the habitat types important to the Kumeyaay on this hike, the actual pictograph site is now off limits to the public due to vandalism. However, interpretive signs along the trail provide fascinating insights into Kumeyaay culture and daily life, including information about edible and medicinal plants, use of natural resources, and the technologies they developed to survive in this harsh environment.

A large boulder that was used as a food processing center still contains depressions, or “mortars,” in which acorns and other grains were ground by a hand-held pestle. Many of the most important Kumeyaay plant species are still abundant along the trail as well.

Lake Hodges was not originally

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part of this Kumeyaay landscape. There was once a river before it was impounded by Lake Hodges Dam to the west. The lake has since become a crucial habitat for the endangered California gnatcatcher in addition to supporting raptors, wetland birds, and many other species. A visit in the winter months should provide great birding opportunities, as many winter residents and stop-over migrating species may be seen. A summer hike may afford more reptile sightings. Hikers should be wary of rattlesnakes that might be in the vicinity.

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Tree Talk New leaves on coast live oaks and arroyo willows are beginning to unfurl. Join trail guide-led walk, learn about these plants and more. Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Wildlife Tracking Trek Join tracking team guide to identify tracks, scat, bedlays, other evidence of critters living in underbrush and trees. Saturday, February 4, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

"All You Need Is Love...and Art" Friday Night Liberty promises open artist studios, galleries, performances. View display of quilts inspired by Beatles songs and art, greeting cards and gifts for Valentine's Day in eight galleries. Friday, February 3, 5pm; **free**. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)



San Diego Miniature Crafters hosts its 38th annual event at Al Bahr Shrine Center in Kearny Mesa, with exhibits, sales, and workshops for crafters.

"Electric Love" Danyavaad and the Shimmy Sisters host show boasting love potions by Hugh T. Alchemy, tarot card readings, "sweet bites from the Plant Powered Peeps," "the Love Blaster," Tammy Firefly, art by Adelaide, Jon Sprague, Duckman, more. Open jam: 8:45pm. "Create your own character or wear reds, whites, and pinks." Reservations: info@artbyadelaide.com Friday, February 3, 7pm; \$15-\$20. Electric Ladyland, 4944 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Feast for the Eyes" Self-proclaimed "Painter of Chefs" Christopher M. hosts "food and wine pairing that recreates the artist's images course by course with culinary tastings catered by Mandy Braidic of the Inspired Gourmet." RSVP: 619-238-0320. Saturday, February 4, 6pm; Sunday, February 5, 12pm; **free**. 21 and up. Exclusive Collections Seaport Village, 835 West Harbor Drive, Suite AB. (DOWNTOWN)

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Arts Alive Banner Unveiling The 101 Arts Alive Banners will be revealed, followed by reception for the artists. The 100 banners may be seen on lamp posts along Highway 101 (Leucadia to Cardiff) until final auction Sunday, May 20, at Cardiff Town Center. 760-944-6027. Saturday, February 4, 2pm; Arts Alive banner party, 1950 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

Chinese New Year Celebration Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with traditional lion dancers and a martial arts demonstration by the Three Treasures Cultural Arts Society. Saturday, February 4, 12:30pm; \$9. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

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Dharma Bums in Concert Free event to support The Dharma Bums Temple. The Dharma Bums' songs reflect their strong belief in freedom and the eternal quest for enlightenment by the human spirit. Sponsored by Buddha For You. www.thedharmabums.org or www.buddha-for-you.com for more information. Saturday, February 4, 7pm. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore American Sign Language Curious about sign lan-

guage? Garden's education specialist (and her alter ego) Ms. Smarty-Plants plan "fun-filled class" including many basic signs. Participants will be signing to music by departure time, and receive handouts for practice at home. Saturday, February 4, 10am; \$20-\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Explore Watercolor and Collage San Dieguito Art Guild hosts love-themed demonstration by artist Kathy Harvey. Expect "a few minutes of relaxation techniques," warm-ups, watercolor practice with specific instructions, creation of a design with inspiration from quotations, poems, writings. Supplies provided. Thursday, February 2, 1pm; **free**. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Festival of Local Authors 2012 Mingle with local authors who work in a variety of literary genres. Author Taffy Cannon leads panel discussion (11am-noon), followed by refreshments and book sales, signings (noon-1pm). 760-602-2012. Saturday, February 4, 11am; **free**. City of Carlsbad Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Miniature Show and Sale San Diego Miniature Crafters host 38th annual event with exhibits, sales, workshops, classes for crafters, artists, collectors of dollhouse-size miniatures. Saturday, February 4, 10am; Sunday, February 5, 11am; \$2-\$7. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

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Havana continued from page 54.

previous two days and several horrendous meals, we had learned to stay away from Havana's state-run restaurants. Unfortunately, there wasn't much else available at 8 a.m. The private, family-run establishments that operated out of converted living rooms weren't open this early.

"So, today," he said, "breakfast will be home-cooking." The eggs and the bread were from one of the nearly empty state-run stores nearby. The espresso and milk came from the old lady next door. She didn't have any sugar. Her rations, like most Cubans', were insufficient, and she was too old to make ends meet. She had been aged out of the black market.

Technically, of course, there was no age limit for buying and selling outside the government system of supervision, taxation, and corruption. But the old lady couldn't do it, and, apparently, didn't have any family or friends to help her out. As a result, she was slowly starv-

ing to death in the apartment next door.

But my father could. That's how we got the apartment for \$80 a week. Some guy approached him as we walked down the street. Then we were all getting on a horse-drawn carriage. Sitting together, I could finally hear what they were talking about. The guy knew a guy who knew a guy who managed one of the state-run apartment buildings and might be able to rent us a place.

Twenty minutes and two stops later, the guy comes out of a building with a small brown man. There's an apartment available — two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath. Furnished. One hundred dollars per week. My father talks him down to \$80. The apartment is ours. The driver gets paid, a few dollars get tucked into the first guy's palm, and they drive off. We move in.

Yes, my father could move. And for the starving old lady's convenience, he'd moved the black market to her doorstep. She sold us *café con leche* every morning for the rest of the week. It was bitter, but it was good.

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Conversation forum. 858-231-6209. Thursday, February 2, 7pm; **free**. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Pugs n' Kisses Dress your pug up in its "cutest outfit," join the fashion show, walk the red carpet during fundraising party hosted by Pug Rescue of San Diego County (\$5 entry fee per pug includes professional photograph). Tickets include four glasses of wine, cheese and crackers, "sweets galore." Saturday, February 4, 2pm; \$22-\$25. 21 and up. Fido & Company Canine Country Club, 1228 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Put a Bird on it! See art making firsthand, register for adult and children's art classes when Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Valentine's Day Pet Portraits Have your pet's photograph taken in front of a festive backdrop. The \$10 donation includes one 4" x 6" photo; pay an additional \$10 for CD with digital files. 760-888-2235. Saturday, February 4, 10am; Escondido Humane Society, 3450 East Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Whale Watching Adventures Hornblower Cruises leads 3.5-hour outings in search of migrat-



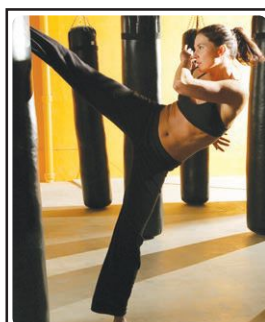
The Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade in Liberty Station hosts "Put a Bird on it!" adult and children art classes, where you will create "quick and easy" paintings.

ing 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)

Winter's Hottest Fashion Accessory? The Hat! Learn essential millinery techniques with instructor Jill Courtemanche. Cut and sew a six-piece pattern to create a custom cap in winter fabrics such as wools and tweeds. Bring a sewing machine, some sewing experience. Class concludes February 18. Materials list, registration: 619-223-0058. Saturday, February 4, 2pm; \$88-\$98. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

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Valentine's "Sweetheart Ball" Ages 40+. Simply The Best Singles, an upscale organization for singles looking for relationships, marriage and more, presents this dance/mixer with music by Mar Del Boys, prizes, chocolate tasting, "sexy" word game, free appetizers (7:30 till gone), free parking, "dressy" dress. \$30 online or credit card/cash at door. Sign up at www.SimplyTheBestSingles.com or call 818-577-6877. Saturday, February 11, at 7:30pm. Doubletree, 14455 Peñasquitos Drive. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Kneeling Day February 29 All Christians are invited to give this extra Leap Day to the Lord. One person invites friends to meet at a certain public place and time and on the Cue all kneel and pray to Jesus. After this Spiritual Flash Gathering is completed, all stand and share the peace of Christ with those in the area. Do this every Leap Year. Put your efforts on the Internet! Holy Spirit Parish San Diego, California. www.holyspiritsd.org. Wednesday, February 29. (SAN DIEGO)

ART MUSEUMS

"John Baldessari: A Print Retrospective" National City native John Baldessari, who has been making art for decades, is one of the most influential artists

working today. This retrospective including more than 100 works made between 1973 and 2010 in media as diverse as lithography, etching, photogravure, aquatint, photo intaglio, embossing, silkscreen, and more, is drawn from the collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and his family foundation. View this exhibition, representing "the largest offering of Baldessari's graphic oeuvre ever assembled" from Sunday, February 5 to Sunday, May 13.

Spencer Finch's "light-based installations bridge an actual locale with a recalled memory." *Rome (Pantheon, noon, June 14, 2011)*, on view through Wednesday, May 30, "evokes the moment and mood of a place by controlling the quality of light, color, or other sensory information." **Free-\$10.** Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Mexican Modern Painting" Exhibition features selection of 80 paintings dated 1907-1956 from the renowned Andrés Balaen Collection. View work by artists including Maria 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.

"Vochol: Huichol Art on Wheels" promises "a captivating display of more than 2,277,000 glass beads arranged on a classic Volkswagon Bug." View this "true testament to Mexican popular art," with its "patterns and designs displayed on the car to create a bright, colorful image embodying the ethos of the Huichol culture," through Saturday, March 10.

"Walk from the Sun: Photographs of Southern California by scott b. davis" continues through

Rhyme & Verse

Love Is Its Own Proof

A poem by Rumi

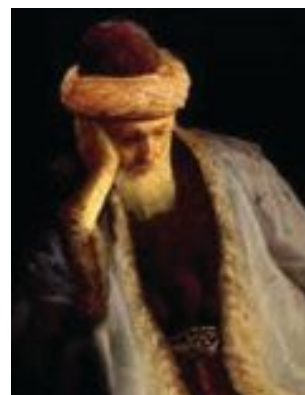
How long will you keep on crying,
"Where's my remedy?
Where's my cure?"
Whoever it is that's making you search for a remedy,
go look for him.

How long will you stay mired in sadness, complaining,
"Sorrow has taken my soul away?"
What is the soul?
Why don't you try to find it?

Did you smell a loaf of bread?
Go toward that smell.
That smell will tell you everything
you need to know about bread.

If you fall in love,
your love is your proof
and that's enough.
If you're not in love,
what good is proof?

—Translated by Nevit O. Ergin and Will Johnson



Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi was a 13th-century Islamic mystic who was born in Persia but spent much of his life in what is now Konya, Turkey. He was a student of a younger but equally enigmatic spiritual teacher, the wandering Dervish Shams of Tabriz, and it was under the influence of Shams that Rumi became an ecstatic Sufi teacher and poet, arguably the most popular and widely read poet in the United States. The spontaneous

utterances that are Rumi's poems are almost all addressed to his beloved Shams, whom he sees as God's representative. In the Islamic world, Rumi is revered by many as the founder of the Mevlevi Order of whirling dervishes. "Love Is Its Own Proof" is taken from *The Forbidden Rumi*, translated by Nevit O. Ergin and Will Johnson, and published by Inner Traditions, InnerTraditions.com. The poem is reprinted by permission.

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

"Phenomenal: California Light, Space, Surface" Enjoy in-depth look at 13 artists whose work with light as a medium in the 1960s and '70s defined an era of art making in California. Featured artists: Peter Alexander, Larry Bell, Ron Cooper, Mary Corse, Robert Irwin, Craig Kauffman,

John McCracken, Bruce Nauman, Eric Orr, Helen Pashgian, James Turrell, De Wain Valentine, Doug Wheeler. "Combining key works from the museum's collection" with major loans from public and private collections, exhibit "includes immersive light installations together with rare, ephemeral, and site-conditioned works, some seen in California for the first time in decades." Through Sunday, March 4.

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 Con-

temporary 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. **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.

Members of the OMA Artist Alliance present juried exhibit showcasing approximately 30 works of art in media from paintings and sculptures to photography and mixed media. View "OMA Artist Alliance I" Satur-

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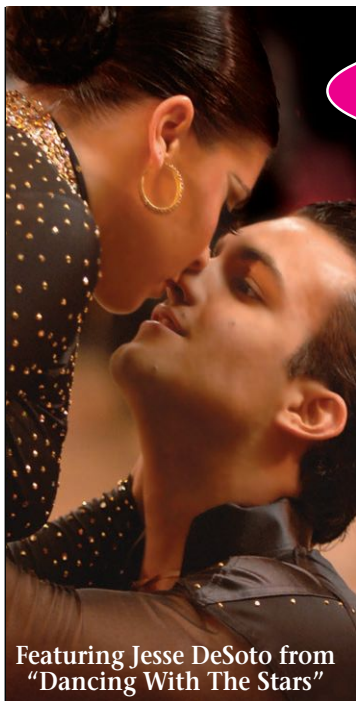
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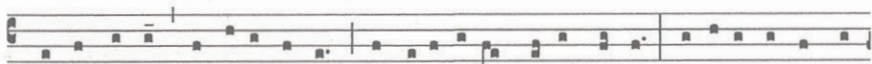
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"Signs and Symbols: African American Quilts from the Collection of Dr. Maude Southwell Wahlman," on view through Sunday, March 18, features ten quilts "characterized by strips, bold colors, large designs, asymmetry, multiple patterns, and improvisation," showing "a combination or creolization of African textile ideas and symbols with American traditions."

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)

"Unusual Suspects" Exhibition of paintings and photographs by Holly Roberts, opening Saturday, February 4, "invites viewers to explore new approaches and expression in photography" through innovative work combining painting and collage. View the pieces, in which perception "of the photographic medium is challenged," through Sunday, May 6.

"Infinite Balance: Artists and the Environment" offers "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 Balaji, Edward Burtynsky, Thomas Joshua Cooper, Susan Derges, Naoya Hatakeyama, Chris Jordan, Michael Wolf. **Free**-\$6. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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

BOOK SIGNINGS

Conflict San Francisco Zen Buddhist priest and poet Norman Fischer reads from his new book-length poem, "an exploration of conflict within the self; conflict between friends, lovers, communities, nations, war, and torture." 858-456-1800. Thursday, February 2, 7pm; **free**. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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"Russian Romance" Camarada chamber music ensemble presents music from Eastern Europe. Reception precedes concert. 619-231-3702. Saturday, February 4,

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"The Art of Fugue" Bach Collegium San Diego explores J.S. Bach's fugues "as an exemplification of the nature of life, culminating with arias...addressing the human passions of joy, temptation, grief, and hope." Music will be accompanied by dancers choreographed by Yolande Snaith, in UCSD's Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Building. 619-341-1726. Friday and Saturday, February 3 and 4, 7:30pm; \$20-\$40. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Salome San Diego Opera opens season with the Richard Strauss opera based on Oscar Wilde's "chillingly erotic" adaptation of the biblical story of Salome and her lecherous stepfather. Cast includes soprano Lise Lindstrom, bass-baritone Greer Grimsley, tenor Allan Glassman. Conductor is Stuart Bedford; Seán Curran directs. Performed in German with English translations above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Friday, February 3, 8pm; Sunday, February 5, 2pm; \$50-\$210. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Faculty Recital Violinist Alyce Dreiling, pianist Linda Scott, guitarist Eric Foster perform music of film composer Howard Blake, Maximo Pujol, and original compositions by Eric Foster in French Parlor, Founders Hall. Friday, February 3, 7:30pm; \$5-\$10. Uni-



Karl Strauss Brewing Company in P.B. will host the Changing of the Barrel, its "emptying of the 23rd Anniversary Ale... and the filling of the 24th Anniversary Ale."

versity of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Hungarian Pianist Endre Hegedus returns to perform works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, along with Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." Stick

around for reception boasting Hungarian pastries. 858-538-8158. Saturday, February 4, 7pm; **free**-\$10. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Winter Ovation Concert San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory's flagship orchestras, Symphony, and Philharmonia in recital. 619-233-3232 x115. Saturday, February 4, 7pm; \$10-\$35. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Winter Showcase Concert San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory's Concert Winds, Wind Symphony, Concert Orchestra, Sinfonia in recital. 619-233-3232 x115. Saturday, February 4, 2pm; \$10-\$35. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

COMEDY

Comedy Night at Doc's Saloon Headliner Danny Villalpando joined by Michael O'Brien, Charlie Ayers, Rich Flores, host Lamont Ferguson. Recommended reservations: 562-786-3111. Friday, February 3, 8:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

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Get into Square Dance Alpine Squares host square dance open house for singles, couples, families. Dancing takes place in hall

found in church's back parking lot. 619-463-0543. Fridays, 6:30pm; through Friday, February 3, **free**-\$5. Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church, 9908 Channel Road. (LAKESIDE)

Nicholas Andre Dance Company New York company intertwines "athletic concepts with modern dance movements." 858-362-1348. Saturday, February 4, 8pm; \$12-\$15. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

FOOD & DRINK

"Cooking Together Thursday" Deborah Shubert helps participants with cooking class "menu that is easy to prepare when two of you are working side by side." Thursday, February 2, 6:30pm; \$50. Williams-Sonoma, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Changing of the Barrels In honor of barrel-aged anniversary series, brewery marks "the emptying of the 23rd Anniversary Ale from...bourbon barrels and the filling of...24th Anniversary Ale." Tickets include beverages, food, music, commemorative glass, unblended barrel tasting of 23rd Anniversary Ale. 858-273-2739. Thursday, February 2, 6pm; \$50. 21 and up. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 5985 Santa Fe Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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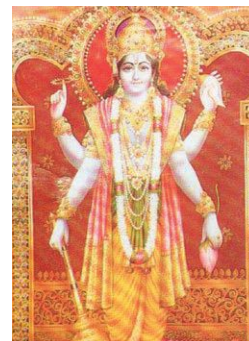
is unknown, the middle of their career is known, and the end again unknown; what reason then for you to complain? As the body of mortals undergoes the vicissitudes of infancy, youth, and old age, even so will it be transformed into another body hereaf-

ter; a sensible man is not mistaken about that. As a man puts on new clothes in this world, throwing aside those which he formerly wore, even so the self of man puts on new bodies, which are in accordance with his acts in a former life.

The Vishnu Smriti is one of the latest books of the Dharmaśāstra tradition in Hinduism. It does not directly address the means of knowing "dharma" — that is, one's responsibilities and duties to others. This anonymous text is notorious for advocating

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Tidepooling Adventures at Dike Rock Aquarium naturalists guide participants into fragile tide-pool communities and highlight the inhabitants. RSVP: 858-534-7336. Saturday, February 4, 12:30pm; \$10-\$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

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Cheese Heads, Unite

Cheese-lover, cheese-maker, Jedi cheese-master — most of the world's population falls into one of these categories. Few foods have such a broad range of appeal. I'm so smitten, I've considered lobbying to make cheese its own food group.

Recently, I encountered some like-minded folks who'd gladly grant such a campaign serious grassroots support. The group is called Queso Diego, an assemblage of locals brought together by their affinity for and fascination with *fromage*. They call themselves a club, but with a membership swelling over the 100 mark, they're more like a small army. Their current base of operations is Curds and Wine (7194 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, curdsandwine.com), a cheese- and wine-making supply store in Kearny Mesa that is both the site of monthly meetings and a shopping mecca. That's where I caught up with them to partake in their first-anniversary festivities.

In light of that milestone, a champagne- and cheese-tasting was chosen as the proper mode of celebration. Six sparkling wines, from cava to rosé to blanc de blancs, were paired with a mountainous, drool-inspiring cheese platter comprised of triple crème brie, Tallegio, Humboldt Fog, a truffled cow's-milk variety, and more from Venissimo Cheese's downtown shop (which donated half of the night's bounty).

There were also a number of cheeses on hand that had been crafted by Queso Diego members. Many, if set down in a grocery store or deli, would be indiscernible from commercially produced versions of the same style, and it's unlikely a taste test would do much to help dispel such confusion. The homemade cheeses I sampled (bleu de chèvre, havarti, a smoked cheddar, and a vegetable ash-coated goat cheese) were delicious and exhibited the trademark nuances of traditional styles — tang, herb, sweetness, and spice.

It's clear the members of this club harbor

the utmost respect for the art of cheese-making. That said, craftspeople make up only a percentage of Queso Diego's membership. Anybody is welcome to join up and attend the club's monthly meetings, which consist of everything from pairings where taste profiles, compatibility, and the histories of the night's cheeses and beverages are explained in detail, to educational events exploring cheese-making techniques, ingredients, tools, and machinery.

It's that open and accepting nature that's allowed Queso Diego to grow to such large numbers so quickly. Originally, it was a Google group called the San Diego Cheese-making Group, which consisted of founder Chris Banker and a handful of fellow enthusiasts. Soon, they were receiving inquiries from droves of people looking to get in on the action. Some were far more interested in consuming than creating, but that was fine with Banker, whose mission from the start was to avoid the pretension that so often accompanies artisanal delicacies like cheese and wine.

Happily, it's evolved into every bit the casual, jovial, communal, everyman entity Banker envisioned. So, if you're looking for a place where you can sip cocktails with your pinky up and do your best monocle-wearing aristocrat impression — while dignifiedly arguing the proper temperature at which to allow a nice gouda to age with some equally stuffy know-it-all — Queso Diego is not for you.

Members come from all walks of life with varying knowledge of cheese. Some only know they like it and want to know more...and that's perfectly fine. Meetings are casual, allowing Queso Diegans to

DINING REVIEW

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Members of Queso Diego toast the glories of cheese during a meeting at Curds and Wine in Kearny Mesa.



Members sample cheese from around the world, as well as homemade offerings.

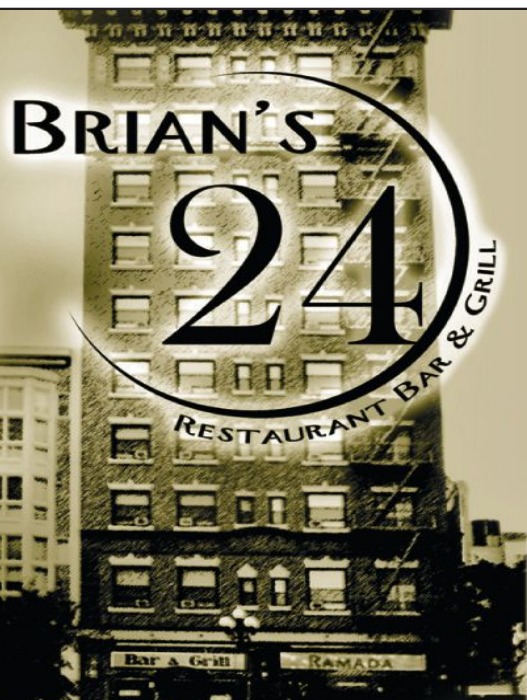
take as much or as little knowledge from them as wanted or needed. Lessons learned might come from the evening's lecturers or from someone sitting across the table during the pre-event social hour.

There's also a chance that those lessons will be about making something other than cheese. Turns out, these folks are not only into, but really good at crafting other things, from mustards to olives to wine and beer. A notable percentage of Queso Diego's members also belong to the popular San Diego homebrew club QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity, quaff.org) and bring in their brews to share with the club — just like the group's cheese- and wine-makers. Others bring in store-bought beverages or hors d'oeuvres to bolster the selection and tasting experience. Such donations are voluntary, and, as of now, there is zero

cost associated with Queso Diego membership, though, this may change as rising membership will likely necessitate increased structure.

Future meeting topics will include themed tastings, including Irish cheeses with Irish-style red ales and stouts near St. Patrick's Day, and pumpkin homebrew and cheese tastings in autumn. They're also working on bringing in a vendor with a mobile pizza oven so they can use their homemade cheeses to create on-the-spot pies. The group is also planning a field trip to downtown's Bice, home of the city's only restaurant cheese bar. Another big initiative is a push to get a cheese-making competition added to the calendar of events at the 2012 edition of the San Diego County Fair.

They're ambitious, yet the overriding philosophy is simple: come one, come all, eat, drink, and be merry. That's my kind of club. If it sounds up your alley, too, check out Queso Diego on Facebook or at their website, quesodiego.org. ■



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“We’re not into coffeehouses like you. But you’d probably ask for a soup.”

Anastasia from Vladivostok brings my waffle.

Melissa — her family is from Guam — hands me my coffee.

The coffee’s Kona, from Hawaii.

The waffle is from... heaven.

Sigh. Love a surprise. Here I was, ambling along Market. Biggest care in the world was a slightly grumbling gut.

It’s around 2:00 in the afternoon. Looking for first food of the day. Heading east. I pass that mini-canyon, an actual earthquake fault line right where Market Street and First Avenue meet. It looks pretty wild down there. They’ve turned it into a rock-garden affair.

The first shop east of the fault gully has a banner in the window. It says, “Hawaii’s Lion Coffee.” There’s a menu up in the window, too: “Lion EATS.”

Aha. Prices are good, \$5–\$7. And I have this thing about Kona coffee. It tastes chocolaty, earthy, round, and smooth. Love it. ‘Course, it costs more, and I see a Starbucks farther on, but what the heck?

I head in.

First thing is the big welcome from Melissa.

“Hi there!” Full of gusto, like she really means it. “Practice Aloha,” reads a sign taped to the cash register.

The small 100 percent Kona coffee costs \$2.50. They have the ordinary stuff, too (small, \$1; medium, \$1.85; large, \$2), but I figure I’ll save on the food.

“Still serving breakfast?” I ask.

“All day,” Melissa says.

“Well, it’s ten o’clock somewhere,” I say.

The choice is between breakfast burritos

(bacon, ham, chicken, sausage, or veggies), with eggs, potatoes, and cheddar. Or ham or turkey breakfast sandwiches. Everything’s

\$4.95. For lunch, they have \$5.95 sandwiches; you pick your own meat, cheese, bread, and extras.

I’m almost tempted by the lunch combo: half a sandwich and a cup of soup (\$5.95).

But then I spot the waffles.

Lordy. There’s a basic Belgian (\$5.95), a macadamia, a chocolate-chip, a coconut, a chocolate-coconut (\$6.95). You get a choice of maple, coconut, or guava syrup.

I go for the chocolate-coconut waffle. Ask for the maple syrup, then straight away wish I’d gone for the guava, but Melissa’s already on her way. So, no biggie.

I could go sit outside, except the good talkin’s happen-ing here, in the warmth. Place looks kinda like a Starbucks, with blond wood tables. One big difference: they have a lion painted into the concrete floor, another looking down from the ceiling. The shelves are stacked with red and yellow and black bags of Hawaii’s Lion Kona coffee beans.

Anastasia makes my waffle on a waffle iron right there behind the counter.

She’s studying international business.

Student exchange. “You think this is cold?” she says. “Right now, in Vladivostok, it’s 20 degrees below, *Celsius*.”

I ask what I’d eat if I went into a Vladivostok restaurant. “We’re not into coffeehouses like you,” she says. “But you’d probably ask for a soup. A vegetable soup or a borscht [the beet-root soup Russia is famous for]. You’d probably get a *kompot*, made from dried fruit, to drink. You’d pay about \$5.”

So, hey, not so different.



Anastasia: “You think this is cold? Right now, in Vladivostok, it’s 20 degrees below.”

But the coffee... IMHO, Kona coffee’s in a class all its own. For sure, my brew is velvety smooth. Also: the waffle is a sticky, crunchy, chocolaty mess.

So, guess what? Next day, I’m passing up Market again, and I can’t resist coming back in to try the lunch sandwich/soup combo. This time, Anastasia is doing the greeting.

I ask for another of those delicious coffees and the half a sandwich and soup combo. Anastasia brings over a big royal-blue bowl of steam-ing chicken-vegetable soup, plus a chunk or two of French bread. This is filling enough in itself — hot, briny, chunks of chicken... Then I start on the sandwich. You get your pick of turkey or ham (I chose ham) on a bread or bagel or croissant (I chose the wheat bread), cheese (I chose pepper jack), and free “ex-tras,” like, lettuce, tomato, red-onion slices, and pesto.

She toasts it all up and brings it over. It’s a wild little pile of ham and cheese and all that fresh stuff. For \$5.95, it’s a good deal. Even with the \$2.50 Kona coffee, I’m out under \$10.

Larry, the boss who’s just come in, says the Lion company started in Toledo, Ohio, in 1864. Which makes it the oldest major American coffee company. They became important players in the U.S. coffee-roasting scene back when Teddy Roosevelt ruled the roost. But by about 1980, when everything had fallen apart but the name, a Hawaii-based fellow named Jim Delano bought the rights to the name for his company — and took it over to Hawaii. Now Lion roasts and



The waffle is a sticky, crunchy, chocolaty mess.

sells beans that grow on the Big Island’s volcanic slopes. And Larry here is trying to re-launch the Lion brand on the mainland. This Market Street location is where he’s stuck his flag in the sand, the first of what he hopes will be a, uh, Hawaiian chain in the continental U.S.

“We’re definitely number one in Hawaii,” he says. But here he’s only just begun.

I’m thinking...so this is supposed to be the first of many locations...

Anastasia comes over.

I have an idea.

“Larry, Anastasia! How’s about this: Vladivostok’s not big on coffee places, Kona, whatever — not *yet*. Right, Anastasia? So how’s about we launch a Siberian chain of Lions. Could break that market wide open.”

“And you’d go over and open it up for us?” Larry asks

“Oh, sure, no problem,” I say.

Anastasia says, “Even though it’s 20 degrees below, Celsius, in Vladivostok right now?”

“Oh. Right.” I think about the lovely Carla, happy in the warm San Diego sun.

“Can I confirm tomorrow?” ■

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Food, the Cashless Economy, and Local Business

The next time you're planning on making an appearance at your favorite bar or club, bring along some cookies. Maybe even some you made yourself, which goes even further with discerning local workers. Regardless of the cookies' provenance, dropping them down in front of your favorite bartender is guaranteed to raise your standing in the bar, at least for the short term.

It doesn't have to be cookies. Brownies, caramel corn, Red Vines, pickled eggs, pizza — all these things will grease the wheels of commerce in your favor.

When I used to work at the now-defunct Pizza Fusion in Hillcrest, we would take the occasional pie over to the after-work bar next door. Judging by the praise that came from the bartenders, it was as if we'd paid off their mortgages. A little bit goes a long way. Really, try it and see how quickly the next "on the house" round comes along.

The best part is, this works for any kind of local small business you might be in the habit of patronizing. Bringing beer or chocolate to the bike shop, for instance, is a great way to catapult yourself to favored-customer status. Don't try this at the Trek Superstore, but a local small business is a different matter. In the past I've traded a carnitas burrito for a set of vintage shifters and tipped for a tune-up with a couple of fish tacos.

This is a versatile practice. Your hairstylist, auto

mechanic, dry cleaner, and the guy at the music store who fixes your guitar all have one thing in common: 50 dollars' worth of free stuff in the future in return for 5 dollars' worth of treats today.

Cash is still king, however, so don't get carried away. Beer and tacos won't pay the rent or keep the lights on. This isn't just a quick way to get something for free. The reality of the tightly knit communities in which we live is that a little bit of friendliness goes a long way toward fostering better relationships in the future. Food is the realest of the real, as far as material goods are concerned, and exchanging food can make the tenuous bond between worker and customer a more meaningful thing.

Posted Jan. 20 by Ian Pike

FEAST!

Good Food at the Airport?

"Well, it's better than airplane food," says Ken. "And Surly Jim here makes a good vodka."

Okay, so damned with feint praise on the food front. But even though this is the airport, I'm chewing on some pretty nice pot stickers.

I'm here waiting for Jan's plane to arrive. Carla's friend from Florida. Coming for a week.

Eating at the airport?

For the first time in my life, I'm early. Disturbing feeling. I wandered the hallways looking for something to eat, but all I see are Starbucks standups and the usual franchises.

Then I spot this dragon, on the floor. Its long tail leads you into a Chinese fast-food place, and it's owned by — hey, that Chinese TV chef. Martin Yan. *Yan Can Cook*. I recognize his face in a big picture on the wall.



The dragon's long tail leads you into a Chinese fast-food place.



Breakfast pot pie: The puff pastry shattered at the touch of my fork.

I don't want to go crazy here, moneywise. Three big menu boards above the dragon's head have traditional dishes such as kung pao chicken (\$8.99) and Mongolian beef (\$9.49). I decide to go for an appetizer: veggie spring rolls (two for \$4.29; four for \$5.49). Fine, but then I get tempted by the pot stickers (\$4.29 for four; eight for \$6.49). "This is not your ordinary chicken pot sticker," it says. "It's light and crunchy, served with a spicy soy sauce."

What the heck. I go for that, too. I get the four. Now I'm paying what I would have for the kung pao chicken. Still, it looks pretty good. I follow the dragon tail deep into the bowels of the place, kinda walking parallel to folks heading for their planes. I end up sitting at the bar.

"You could have ordered it here," says Surly Jim. "What can I get you?"

I gotta work after I get Jan home, so I order a St. Pauli N.A. Oh wow, \$6.79. Plus tax, \$7.32.

I get talking with Ken, a guy sitting next to me. Ken's from El Cajon. Meeting someone from Seattle delayed by the weather up north.

Some guy named Joe heading up to snowboard in the mountains says he knows the all-time champ of airport-food places.

"Best airport food?" he says. "Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Place that serves only bratwurst and beer cheese soup and Pabst Blue Ribbon. That soup... people fly to Milwaukee just to have it."

My pot stickers have chicken and veggies inside. The spring rolls are cabbage and carrot, tastes like.

"Actually," says Surly Jim, who's really quite a merry fella, "what I like best is that coleslaw salad

on your plate. It's not coleslaw. It's a vinegar-based mix. Really quite delicious."

He's right. It's like kim chee.

It's hard to leave this little group of guys, instant *compañeros*. But, there's Jan's plane announcement.

Posted Jan. 20
by Ed Bedford

Don't Sleep In, Snooze

Snooze, the latest addition to the block of Fifth Avenue between University and Washington in Hillcrest, calls itself "an AM eatery." And, yes, they are open at the ungodly hour of 6:30 a.m. on weekdays, which I rarely see willingly. The things I do for food...

I wasn't disappointed. From the funky '50s retro look to the classic-rock soundtrack to the friendly, energetic staff, Snooze provides a wake-up call for even the grumpiest of early risers.

The menu features Niman Ranch eggs and meat and organic Guatemalan coffee. I usually don't have much of a problem choosing what I want to eat, but I did pause to consider getting a Pancake Flight (\$8.50, three different pancakes, your choice).

Instead, I opted for the breakfast pot pie (\$8.50) and coffee (\$2.50). The pie's a raft of flaky, light puff pastry topped with a ladle of rosemary sausage gravy and an egg, your choice (I got mine sunny side up). On the side are hash browns, griddled crispy and molded into a tower, then browned again on one side. Nice job on those.

The puff pastry shattered into flakes at the touch of my fork, just the way it should. The gravy wasn't that gloppy, greasy stuff you often get. It looked and tasted just like good pot pie filling, with lots of rosemary and black pepper, along with carrots, celery, scallions, and bits of sausage. The egg was great, a beautiful orange runny yolk and a firm, tender white.

I have to mention my server, Justin. It was busy, the place was full, but he managed to keep track of

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everyone and everything with incredible good cheer. I know that should always happen, but he did an exceptional job, and it really added to the experience.

Snooze has five locations in Colorado. This is their first California spot, 3940 Fifth Avenue.

Posted Jan. 20
by Mary Beth Abate

Two Ways to Find Foodie Solace

Now that chef and restaurateur Matt Gordon has gotten through the first several months at his newest eatery, Solace and the Moonlight Lounge in Encinitas, the spot's running well enough for him to take a breath and have some fun. For him, that means special events highlighting two of his favorite things: local ingredients and wine. Both will be the subjects of events he'll be putting on this month.

On Sunday, January 29, Gordon and his sous chef, Ginny Vacarro, will head out for a special sunset barbecue at Greely Garden, a plot being developed in Logan Heights to supply Solace with produce and serve as an educational site for students at Laura Rodriguez Elementary School.

Vacarro has been putting in plenty of time conditioning the soil, helping to erect a greenhouse and get the garden ready for the public. The barbecue will be its debut and will include live music, an art show, and some other fun surprises. Greely Garden, 3254 Greely Avenue.

Prefer a wine soiree to a garden party? Pencil in January 31 to visit Solace and the Moonlight Lounge for the Solace Family Wine Tasting. Gordon and his co-owner and beverage director, Young-Mi, will have six of their vendors in to pour 40 of their favorite bottles. Artisanal cheeses and special food pairings from the restaurant's kitchen will be served.

Solace and the Moonlight

Lounge, 25 East E Street.

Posted Jan. 20
by Brandon Hernández

Van Gogh and the Three Candles

The three candles burn bright in their candelabra. It sits on the console in the middle of this ol' horseshoe bar. It's the kind butlers hold to light the way through the *hacienda* in movies such as, say, *Zorro*. Wax from many an evening piles up below each candle.

I'm sitting up at the "U" part of the horseshoe bar. Over by the window, Juan Moro is playing incredible flamenco riffs on his guitar.

Couples canoodle at tables. Two are sharing a pan of paella. Black mussel shells and red shrimp tails stick up out of the yellow rice.

Here at the bar, Van is pouring me a zin, and the other bar guy, Aaron, is setting up glasses for Rachel and Matt. Rachel is a



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law student who lives in a city commune. She helps defend Occupy people who've been arrested. He's into, uh, compassionate reality. Who knew you could put those two words together and not make them explode?

Whatever, they're both interesting as bejeebers to talk to. And they're the kind of edgy people you'd expect in here, La Gran Tapa, at 611 B Street, downtown. Kinda on the wrong side of the tracks for the bland-leading-the-bland Gaslamp-conventioner crowd. For me, that's its saving grace.

Natch, I'm here for happy hour. It's 5 to 6:30 every evening. That means \$3 tapas, such as tortilla española (a kind of quiche), cheese plate, bread and dipping sauces, mixed olives, that kind of thing. They have \$4 tapas going, too. The real sophisticated regular-price ones cost \$4-\$12. The most expensive I see is the 8-ounce steak tapa grande at \$16.

I get a \$4 prosciutto and olive plate with French bread, plus a glass of zin (\$4). Perfect for conversation. You're not stuffing your face, worrying about it cooling down.

Plus, I'm glad I got the zin. Been losing the beer fever recently. Even though I still love what's happening in San Diego on that front.

But absinthe? Boy. Always wanted to try that. Except, doesn't the wormwood make you crazy? (Although crazy like van Gogh wouldn't be all bad.)

Rachel opens the tap and pours a little water into her glass of clear greeny liquid. Poof! It turns into an opaque biscuit color. Magic!

"What does it taste of?" I ask.

"Licorice," says Matt. "You have to like licorice to like this."

"But what about going crazy, like van Gogh?"

"Doesn't have the amount of wormwood, like in Van Gogh's time," says Rachel. "There are legal limits now. I think we're safe."

I pay up. That's \$4 for the olives and prosciutto, \$4 for the zin, \$1.40 for the service charge. Yes, they include that in your bill. But the good news is they don't accept tips. Then 73 cents tax. Total, \$10.13.

I think I like this tip policy, because you don't have to worry about anything at the end. Just take your change and run. And they spell it out clearly on the menu, not hiding it in tiny print.

Posted Jan. 18 by Ed Bedford

More Than Just Salads: Casa de Luz

"I don't like using the word 'macrobiotic' to describe our food," says Eduardo (Wayo) Longoria III. "It sounds too science-y. Macrobiotic actually means 'great life' and that includes food, but it's so much more. It means to live every part of your life consciously."

Wayo should know. His new dining room, Casa de Luz on University Avenue in North Park, is scheduled to open in three weeks. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis nine years ago, and after following conventional medical protocols for four years he decided that it wasn't working for him.

"MS is an autoimmune disease. My body was trying to kill itself. I kept asking, *Why is my body doing this?* My body was telling me something, and I needed to listen to it."

Wayo's father (also Wayo), founded the first Casa de Luz 20 years ago in Austin, Texas, where it has become a highly regarded favorite. But Wayo III had his own destiny, working at the family's Burger King and Papa John's franchises, opening his own seafood restaurant, and "being young, doing what young men do."

When he began suffering from vertigo and received his diagnosis of MS, everything changed. He traveled to Amsterdam, Italy, and France, where he studied at Cuisine

et Santé in Saint-Gaudens, France. It was there he learned about using food to help heal his body and control his MS symptoms. He still has the disease, of course, but the number of flare-ups has dramatically decreased.

So what does Casa de Luz offer, beyond the usual "local, organic"? For starters, it is affiliated with the UCSD Center for Integrative Medicine's cooking school. The menu changes daily and is all plant-based, vegan, and macrobiotic.

There will be raw menu items when possible. Tables, which hold eight, are communal, though there will be a few smaller ones, too. The upstairs area houses a full demo and teaching kitchen.

Executive chef Denise Girard, whose prior positions included a stint at the Raw Kitchen in West Palm Beach, is committed to maintaining a "high taste profile. You have to create delicious food if you want it to be sustainable. Otherwise, people will just continue to eat as they did before."

Both Girard and Longoria emphasize that eating healthfully is no quick fix. "Give us a month [of consistent adherence to the lifestyle]," says Wayo. "We'll change your mind, and you'll love it."

Casa de Luz will be at 2920 University Avenue.

Posted Jan. 18 by Mary Beth Abate

Soup & Sandwiches (in That Order) at Bolillo Tortas

Gringos are familiar with the taco, burrito, enchilada, and nacho sections of Mexican to-go joints. They're the unofficial signature cuisine of America's Finest City. Yet there's one prominent, well-stocked portion of the standard taco shop bill of fare that gets consistently overlooked: the column headed by the word *torta*.

For those who've been scared off by an unfamiliar term and never tried one, it's basically a sandwich. In the best cases, they're made using bolillo rolls, a slightly sweet style of bread with a sturdy exterior crust and a doughy center. All too often on this side of the border, blander types of bread tasting more like a cross between standard white and sourdough are substituted, making for an inferior product.

I was encouraged when I happened upon a new spot in



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the Gaslamp that “gets” this sandwich: Bolillo Tortas offers 17 different tortas, ranging from the kind you can find just about anywhere in San Diego (carne asada, shrimp) to *americano*-geared types (turkey and cranberry, ham and cheese) and traditional numbers that are harder to come by.

As a test, I went for the *tradicional* category, selecting their *torta ahogada*, a roll stuffed with carnitas and thin rings of raw red onions lying in a shallow red pepper broth. A saucy bathing in a *chile de árbol*-based condiment is standard for this type of torta, though the level of spice with BT’s leads me to believe they use a much milder type of chili. The meat was superb, but the sauce could have benefitted from a touch more salt. Overall, it was an enjoyable detour from American tourist fare.

I also sampled a carne asada torta, and it tasted good, as I’d expected. The marinade they use is almost Asian BBQ in flavor and composition, coming across as a sticky sweet and smoky glaze. It was served on a wheat roll, which added a nice supplementary taste element that worked well with the earthy avocados sandwiched in with the meat.

I was pleased to have found good tortas, but the show was stolen by two non-sandwich offerings. The first was their *crema de chile poblano y elote*, a creamy cheese and white-corn soup sporting a good amount

of diced poblano chilies. Those peppers are mild by nature, but this soup is extremely spicy (rather unapologetically so)... and extremely delicious. A real diamond in the Gaslamp rough.

Also impressive was their corn on the cob, which is served on a wooden skewer. Such handling devices are necessary. The corn is slathered in a mix of butter, cheese, chili powder, and lime. That combo makes for an in-your-face burst of flavor that hits just as strong on the last bite as the first. Never has a better case been made for efficient typewriter-style cob clearing.

Whether it’s for the tortas or their supporting cast (which includes bacon-wrapped, mozzarella-stuffed jalapeños), I’ll be back to this place for sure.

Bolillo Torta, 417 Fourth Avenue.

Posted Jan. 18
by Brandon Hernández

Mama’s Grill

Mama’s Grill in Kearny Mesa is sandwiched between several restaurants in a strip plaza at Clairemont Mesa and Ruffner. It’s pretty no-frills. Just walk up to the counter, order, enjoy the free Wi-Fi, and before you know it, you’ve got a Ma’s Mufuletta (\$7.55) in front of you.

I love the dark grill marks and the crunchy crust on the bread. Not too thick, though. The meats and cheeses stay put when you bite into it. Layers of capicola, prosciutto, mortadella, provolone, mozzarella

(although emmentaler would be more authentic), and Sicilian olive mix (on both crusts, yay!). It’s warm and juicy, crunchy and soft, salty and smooth. And big. I have to take half home with me.

Other sandwich options are the Achilles Meal (\$6.55, gyro meat, feta, and toppings in a pita), the Wise Guy (\$8.55, meatballs, mozzarella, Genoa salami, parm, marinara on garlic sourdough), and the Boulevard (\$7.55, roast beef, bacon, lemon dill cream cheese, pepperoncini, sprouts on sourdough). Veggie options are available, too.

If sandwiches don’t appeal, Mama’s Grill has breakfast (7 to 10 a.m.), salads, and a pickle barrel. For \$.99 you can pick up a huge dill to go with your meal. Or, for a snack later, as I did.

Mama’s Grill, 7420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

Posted Jan. 25
by Mary Beth Abate

Buena Onda at Lotus Cafe Hillcrest

For any hip Uptown denizen who’s ever coveted the good vibrations and the mellow ways of the deeply tanned and yogalimber North County swamis, Lotus Cafe in Hillcrest is a great way to soak up a little Encinitas style (the original Lotus is there along the 101) without leaving the urban safety of home.

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facade looks out on the block of Fifth between Washington and University, which has seen a lot of development recently.

The interior is resplendent in guru-chic. The overall effect is not exactly in line with the pantheistic decor of an Indian restaurant or the tropical Buddhist trappings of some Thai places. It's more reflective of the kind of transcendental fusion culture that evokes images of mid-century yogis and gurus leading the burgeoning spiritual revolution in American counter-culture. The net effect is peaceful and serene, and the perfect surroundings to become one with some vegetarian cuisine.

That's correct. The specialty of the house is vegetarian and vegan food. And Lotus Cafe does a good job of presenting vegetarian food as the main event rather than a quirky sideshow. The majority of their menu items are vegetarian, and most can be made vegan with a few small substitutions. Good karma abounds.

The vegetarian chili dog (\$6.45) comes on a whole-

wheat bun and is smothered in veggie chili. Melted cheese and sliced red onions make an appearance on top, and blue corn chips and salsa are on the side. Like any veggie dog, the texture is just a little too soft to be a perfect substitute, but the flavor is basically identical to any other hotdog. There's enough chili that it requires a fork and, at the end of the day, it's quite good.

In order to totally undo any possible health benefits of a vegetarian diet, Lotus Cafe blends up killer shakes. Yes, not juices — though they offer those, too — we're talking shakes, with ice cream. A pineapple-coconut shake (\$3.95) is an ideal chaser for the chili dog. A little bit tropical sweet but plenty rich and creamy at the same time.

They also make plenty of less-indulgent, all-fruit smoothies (\$3.95) if ice cream for lunch seems inappropriate.

As veggie-centric as Lotus Cafe is, they do a good job at cooking meat. Chicken tacos (\$7.95) feature nicely cooked chicken in a rich sauce that would pass muster at most taco shops. Maybe it's because the cheese is melted onto the tacos first, thus forming a

protective barrier against the sauce, but the tacos exhibit a surprising degree of stability and refuse to fall apart, which is a nice touch. Topping them with lettuce and sprouts helps keep things swami approved.

Lotus Cafe, 3955 Fifth Avenue.

Posted Jan. 24 by Ian Pike

Two-Buck Sliders

Whoo-hoo! What a deal!

I popped in to Stout Public House (1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown) during happy hour (which are long and easy to remember: 4 to 8 p.m., every day) to grab a bite and a pint before I jumped aboard the Blue Line trolley half a block away (Fifth Avenue stop).

This was about six. The guy next to me was having chicken tenders. So, what the heck. I ordered a happy hour plate of them (\$3.50 for four with honey mustard dip) and a pint of Guinness, seeing as how this was an Irish pub and the guy pouring them was an Irishman, Mark, one of the owners. And seeing they didn't have a Stone Arrogant Bastard.

You have to pour Guinness slow, of course, and while Mark's pouring, I'm poring over the happy hour menu. I see that sliders, which normally go for the great price of \$3, are now \$2. This I gotta try. So I

order one, and when it comes, hands down, it beats the tenders by a mile.

One, it's big for its size, two, it's Angus beef, and three, I take on a slab of cheese for 25 cents more. Talk about Two Buck Chuck! It's a heckuva bite. Mark says the ultra-tender bun is Hawaiian bread.

If you've got two bucks to rub together and you're hungry, for my money, the bucks stop here.

Warning: It's hockey season, and trust me, Stout is Hockey Central. Don't expect to see anything but flying pucks and monster ice collisions on the TV screens.

Posted Jan. 24 by Ed Bedford

First Look: Prepkitchen Little Italy

Before comfort food and reclaimed chic were the trends in America's Finest, there was Whisknadle.

The product of young restaurateur Arturo Kassel and partner-in-crime executive-chef Ryan Johnston, WNL took La Jolla and then the entire county by storm with simple dishes prepared with care and just the right amount of outside-the-menu thinking.

They were offering bone marrow and chili pepper cocktails using house-steeped

spirits back in 2008 (the latter was the work of Ian Ward, who has gone on to become a mixology mogul as a partner and founder of Snake Oil Cocktail Company).

At the same time as they were pushing the envelope, Kassel and Johnston felt the urge to simplify. In 2009 they opened Prepkitchen, a small space on La Jolla's Fay Avenue built to be a place to get quality, classic dishes (roast chicken, porchetta, pastas, sandwiches and salads), primarily to-go.

It was a hit among denizens of the Jewel, so Kassel took the show on the road, opening a second location in Del Mar. It's been a success, but if there's one complaint about the Prepkitchen spots it's that they're not quite big enough to accommodate the droves of customers.

This will not be the case with the third Prepkitchen, which will debut on January 30 in Little Italy.

Situated on the second story at the southwest corner of India Street and Date Street, the new "PKLI" is more like Whisknadle than its namesake predecessors. A full-fledged dine-in restaurant, complete with a large bar area, this is a place to sit down and take your time with your food. Best of all, it can seat 65 diners at a time.

A lot of thought has been put

into creating the perfect atmosphere for lounging, including the main dining room, featuring wide-angle views of India Street to an off-to-the-side dining space referred to as "The Study" that's furnished to feel as if you just walked into somebody's relaxed home.

The design, which seamlessly meshes together elements of home, carpenter-treated and lumberjack-hacked woods, and relics Americana, was inspired by a trip Kassel took to a Little Italy antique shop shortly after securing the space. He ended up spending thousands of dollars on a hodgepodge of outlandish bric-a-brac, all of which have found their way into PKLI. It's worth a trip to the restroom to check out the custom-painted human-imal plates from a local artist lining the walkway to the loo.

There's a lot more to discover, including a shared sink meant to be every bit as communal as the trio of tables by the bar, whimsical animal and skull bottle openers on the wall, and sketches of the preliminary designs for PKLI pasted up as wallpaper inside the restroom. Go forth, eat, and explore.

PKLI will offer food until midnight and will be located at 1660 India Street.

Posted Jan. 24 by Brandon Hernández



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Showcase Shame. “Jolt ’N’ Joe’s downtown canceled all entertainment, which included every band night and a comedy night,” says Lenny Morris of his now-defunct residency at that venue every other Wednesday. “It was a real surprise.

showcase, stating the owner is canceling all entertainment.... His reason was he didn’t have any money to pay the bands. It was a shame, as I had to cancel over 15 acts for my showcases. I can’t imagine what their overhead must be with

the inside track blurt

I was working with them to get music, comedy, and other events up and running. The first show we did there had a great turnout. The two in December were

a 15,000-square-foot space on Fourth Avenue. I just wish it was being utilized properly.” Venue operators have not responded to a request for further informa-



La Mesa troubadour Lenny Morris left hanging by Jolt ’N’ Joe’s.

a little lighter.” According to Morris, “I didn’t get to have a direct conversation with the owner. Rather, I just received a call from the entertainment director the night before my

tion. In addition to band showcases Morris has been running at the Salty Frog in Imperial Beach for the past eight months, he will launch a free weekly Saturday night

event at downtown’s Hard Rock Cafe — Lenny Morris and Friends, set to debut February 4 with local acoustic guitarist/songwriter Ben Varela and pianist John Intrabartolo.

The La Mesa-based troubadour and promoter says the Hard Rock restaurant, wearing its rock ’n’ roll pedigree all over the walls, doesn’t host enough concerts. “I’m just trying to start a new concept, whereas people will get me serenading them for three hours, for free, as well as a couple of talented guests playing sets, in a family-restaurant setting. I’m not trying to compete [with other live music venues], but there aren’t many places downtown with delicious food, great drinks, a wonderful staff, a variety of live music, and no cover charge.”

“No cover” being key. “Just spend your money on satisfying your appetites. [The Hard Rock], honestly, seriously has the best chicken strips ever.” Starting in March, themed nights will feature music from a particular decade or a specific artist, with contenders to include Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Michael Jackson, the Beatles, and Van Morrison.

Morris is currently recording his sophomore album *No Secret*. Upcoming

Lenny Morris and Friends events will include Jeffrey Joe Morin with Jo James Lewis (February 11), and Celia St Croix with Katie Dwyer (February 18). — Jay Allen Sanford

Suburban Standards. While drilling holes into records, Colin Tappe talks about Standards, a record store he is preparing to open in Vista.

“I just wanna do something for North County. That’s where I am, and I like it here. I’m just a suburban kind of guy, you know?” he tells me as we chat in the half-prepared shop.

Tappe, who commuted to his job at Radiation Records in Anaheim for a year, plans to enrich the cultural landscape of Vista, instead of abandon it the way he’s seen so many do over the years.

“There’s a tendency for interesting people to get the fuck out of North County as soon as they possibly can.” In contrast, Tappe is investing in a spot that he sees as an interesting hub of sorts — near a restaurant called the Yellow Deli, where he’s seen “Ren-fair people, to tea-partiers, to band nerds. All kinds of folks.”

While a record by a metal band called Darkxom plays over the newly installed stereo system, Tappe explains his record store’s name.

“The idea is to stock the standards. If we’re talking punk music, then were talking Sex Pistols, Discharge...



You’ll find everything “you would expect” at Colin Tappe’s Standards.

If we’re talking jazz music, we’re talking Ornette Coleman, Miles Davis... If we’re talking reggae, we’re talking, you know, Peter Tosh, Bob Marley — stuff you would expect to find.”

Among other acquisitions, Tappe purchased the record collection owned by Joe Denunzio, vocalist of the hardcore band Infest, which disbanded in the ’90s. Tappe says he isn’t taking pre-orders or listing the collection online, so if you want a good crack at those records, you have to physically come in opening day.

In addition to new and used records, the store will be selling new shirts of old bands, and as the recently painted sandwich-board reads, they are “Always buying records, CDs, video games, DVDs, turntables...”

Standards is located at 216 East Broadway in Vista. Opening day is February 4 at noon. Live performances

by Waco Fuck and Adult Crash begin at 8 p.m. There is no cover.

— Bobby Bray

Certain Girl Situations. “I think Hemingway and maybe Bukowski are the only writers who I’ve read all of their books,” says keyboard crooner Sean Davenport, whose new Hills Like Elephants (the name is a Hemingway reference) project is preparing to release their debut album while Gun Runner goes on a “long-term break-up” — an expression consistent with the heart-on-sleeve mood of Davenport’s pending *Endless Charade*, a concept album “about certain girl situations.”

“A girl kind of messed me up. I was dealing with that

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for a while and the music became therapeutic,” says Davenport. “Lyrically, I felt like I made breakthroughs because I was having such a rough time and things were just coming out. A lot of honesty.”

Davenport’s forthcoming “Motown album with drum machines” includes live drums by Matt Lynott of the White Buffalo and engineering by Gun Runner’s go-to engineer, Christopher Hoffee at Chaos



Davenport’s latest is a “Motown album with drum machines.”

Recorders in Escondido. “The idea was to make a keyboard album where the guitar is textural rather than the main drive of the song,” Davenport says. “I didn’t want to do a *Sea Change*

or Bon Iver thing, where the music matches the mood, which is sad. I wanted to keep it dancier. So the album is, like, a remix of the songs I started with. None

of them sound like how they started.”

With Hoffee’s help and taking cues from the likes of Twin Shadow, Peter Wolf Crier, and Destroyer, Hills

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Like Elephants has been doing the “beat-oriented lo-fi dance thing” since October, echoing equally of Dinosaur Jr., LCD Soundsystem, and Sam Cooke. The live lineup includes Andrew Armerding (River City) emulating synths with guitar and effects, former Gun Runner trapsman Carlos Ortiz, and guitar/bassist Danny Gallo.

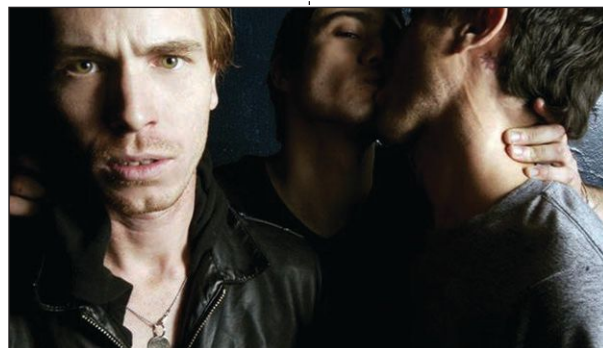
“The album’s called *The Endless Charade*, and from one end of the album to the other it shows you that as bad as it gets, it’s going to be okay, and you learn along the way. The games never stop — you have to learn how to play. It’s not spiteful; it’s more just if you can relate.”

The Endless Charade features art by Jon Kruger (River City) and is set to be released late February followed by a nationwide tour in May.

— Chad Deal

Hanging Up the Hide.

“All Leather is no longer a band. No last show, no reunions, no final record,” decrees Nathan Joyner, guitarist of the now disbanded All Leather.



All Leather’s Joyner says, “No last show, no reunion, no final record.”

With drummer Jung Sing living in Mexicali and synthesizer player Eric Livingstone bouncing between San Francisco and Los Angeles, the logistics of simply being in the same room in order to write and rehearse became a financial

burden.

“There’s no bad blood,” says Joyner during our phone conversation. “We did have a whole album’s worth of material, we just decided not to record it.

It’s a waste of time and money to not tour on it or play a show with it.... We just decided to move on with other projects, ‘cause everybody has something else going on.”

The production collaboration known as Leg

Lifters, which consists of Joyner and All Leather’s vocalist Justin Pearson, recently finished a remix of a band called Warsaw Wasraw, to be released as a seven-inch on Pearson’s 31G label. Pearson also sings for the band Retox, which is about to go on a West Coast tour beginning at the Casbah February 16. Sing also plays drums in Maniqui Lazer, while Joyner plays drums and sings in Hot Nerds. Joyner’s other production/DJ duo, Ese’ & Zain, recently solidified a bimonthly residency in Mexico, playing Yourevolution Bar in Tijuana on February 25.

— Bobby Bray

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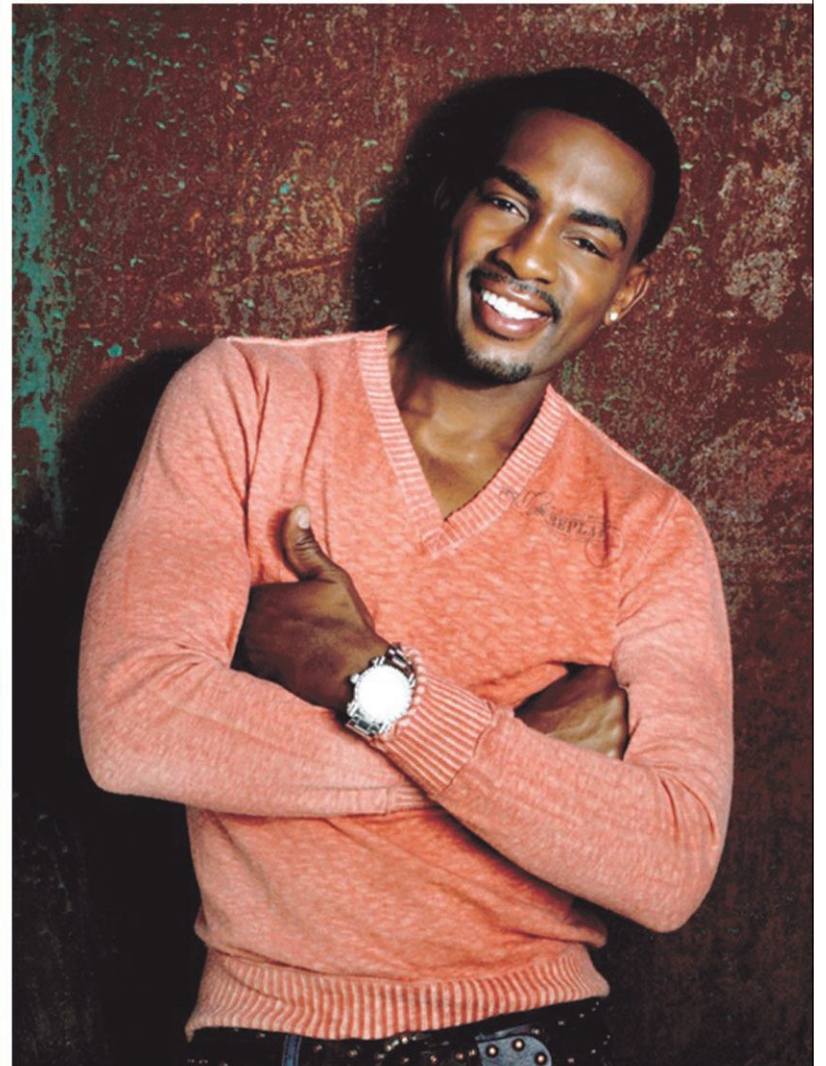
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I Love the Cookies

"I'm huge in Japan. Isn't everybody, though?"

I have a new covers album called *1957* that's mixed and done," says busy Blizzard frontman Chris Leyva, who plans to release a new solo CD on Valentine's Day. His 2008 solo debut, *Singled Out*, produced by Lee Coulter, was nominated Best Local Recording at the San Diego Music Awards, while his 2009 release, *27*, was nominated for two SDMAs. The latter is more electronic-based than his previous projects, having been mastered and coproduced by Chris Reynolds, whose local techno act Red Flag made the *Billboard* top-ten charts back in 1988 with their song "Russian Radio."

Leyva, who grew up in Mexico City, also books bands at venues around town and co-manages the Black Cherry Group that he founded in 2006 with Reliable Records main man Jerry Segal. "We wanted to offer something positive in the midst of the slow demise of the music industry," says Leyva of the downtown San Diego company. "We handle artist relations, concert promotion, and we do a lot of brand marketing. [Black Cherry Group] was envisioned as a company that could help artists with the nuts and bolts of the music industry."

Chris Leyva is currently playing around Southern California with his band Leyva & the Dead 67's.

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1. Noel Gallagher, *Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds*. "I feel this is his most expressive work to date. The Oasis albums were almost always

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2. The Rembrandts, *Choice Picks*. "This is a collection of tracks featuring two friends re-recording their greatest hits. Their playing is like aged whiskey — it just keeps getting better with time."

3. *Best of Sun Records Volume 1*. "It's a simple rock collection with the men who made Sun a trademark: Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis."

4. Kesha, *Cannibal*. "This really excites me and makes me want to do a new electro-dance album. I prefer her over other peeps such as Lady Gaga and Katy Perry, who I dig but who are losing their organic simplicity."

FAVORITE SURPRISE?

"The invitation I got through my email to the 2010 Grammy Awards, via Black Cherry Group. It was my first time at the Grammys, and it was as awkward as a high school prom. I was overdressed, and in all the pictures I look totally dazed. I got invited again [to the 2011 ceremony], and I kept it cooler, less dressy. I think I'm getting the hang of it, but I'm still not used to the red carpet."

SEEN ANY GOOD SHOWS LATELY?

"I very recently enjoyed watching some cool local bands: Dante's Boneyard, Isaiah Blas, and Dying to Wake. They were all impressive in their own genre, especially for local bands."

BIGGEST LIE YOU EVER TOLD?

"That I'm huge in Japan. Isn't everybody, though?"

FIRST TIME DRUNK?

"Oh, man. I was, like, 16, in Mexico City at a cabaret. And yet I still managed to keep my virginity."

MOST AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL LYRICS?

"I have a song called 'New Life' where I sing about being a rock-and-roll troubadour, always looking for adventures, romance, and inspiration: 'I went searching for some fun last night/ Got so drunk almost got into a fight/ But I wouldn't want a new life/ Or be stuck at home with new wife/ I'll just take my throne and write a song for me.'"

MOST MONEY YOU EVER WASTED?

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PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT?

"That I can finally make my living, thank God, on music alone." ■

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Leyva found his first Grammy's experience "as awkward as a high school prom. I was overdressed."

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OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Brother-sister act Fiery Furnaces has spent the past ten years earning a reputation as one of the most prolific and confounding acts in indie rock. Their songs, written mostly by Matthew Friedberger, pair classic-rock instrumentation with deliberately irritating sounds — weird synths, voiceovers from Friedberger's grandmother, basically anything. The music changes directions constantly, reluctant to provide anything like a groove or a hook. In the middle of all this is the voice of Matthew's sister, Eleanor Friedberger, who has a conversational, girl-next-door way of singing in even the most nonsensical arrangements.

So when Fiery Furnaces took a break last

year and the siblings produced solo work, few were surprised when Matthew took the opportunity to put out six vinyl-only full-length records of experimental music while Eleanor released something closer to a 1970s-style singer-songwriter record. That's speaking relatively, of course. You could easily sing along with the lovely piano-driven chorus to "I Won't Fall Apart on You Tonight," but just try that with the psychedelic morass that is "Inn of the Seventh Ray."

And then there are the in-between songs such as "Owl's Head Park," which pairs synthpop with lyrics such as, "I heard they got used bicycle parts out on Coney Island." Not even Cole Porter could have fit those words to a pretty melody, but Eleanor's cooing voice cushions the jagged syllables. She sounds like she's just talking to you but can't help but make everything she says sound like a song.

Or maybe not. The Friedbergers are not for



ELEANOR FRIEDBERGER

everyone. But Eleanor almost makes it seem like they could be.

Dominant Legs also performs.

ELEANOR FRIEDBERGER: The Casbah, Thursday, February 2, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12.

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The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl.,
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BY DAVE GOOD

If you played electric guitar in high school during the 1970s, you probably had your Steppenwolf and Bad Company and Deep Purple and Neil Young licks down, but you also knew some James Gang. Their guitar player was a guy named Joe Walsh. His power chords were hormonal and sizzled with voltage, largely because he was said to have hot-wired his guitar's pickups. There wasn't a self-respecting prom band in San Diego (and possibly throughout the rest of the country) that didn't have "Funk #49" or "Walk Away" on their setlist. But learning Joe Walsh presented a problem: one could master the chords, but there was no way you could sing like

him. How to describe his voice? In the high range, ragged, adenoidal, sounding as if his sole mission was to shout down a stack of amplifiers.

In 1968, Walsh was in fact the replacement guitarist in the James Gang, a power trio that may have defined, as Mike Watt once pointed out, the bare minimum of what a rock band requires: guitar, bass, and drums. In 1971 Walsh left and started Barnstorm, which was really a front for him to emerge as a solo artist: Barnstorm would give us "Rocky Mountain Way," his first breakout single.

By 1975 Walsh was an Eagle, a sweet gig he holds to this day. A past resident of Encinitas, Walsh is finishing up a solo album called *Analog Man* — his first in 20 years — which he says by phone from L.A. is not really an analog recording. "I just decided I'd better get with it. After all, it is the digital age. Back



JOE WALSH

when it was all analog, we used to go in the studio, and studios had knobs. We used to turn knobs and say, 'Let's see what this does.' Now we have a mouse."

JOE WALSH: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 2, 8 p.m. Sold out.

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EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Undercover Blues Boo Boo Davis

By Andrew Hamlin

Boo Boo Davis wishes you a "Xmas Blues," and you should marvel at his organic melding of the blues as an outlet for pain and that prolonged pain known as suffering; and the benediction of the holiday spirit.

Spirit, indeed, concerns many Boo Boo musings, though his animus punches straight through to animal. Urging the listener to his "Turkey Walk," he's got his own turkey walk down bowlegged,

festooned with a "gobble gobble gobble gobble" obligato.

John Gerritse picks up the trance-inducing Mississippi style of drumming, pounding 'til the sound takes you up and around. Boo Boo's boss, Jan Mittendorp, busts guitar and bass lines simultaneously on one six-string, a talent he isn't even especially proud of. Boo Boo, who got his musical initiation banging a lard can for the family, brings lard can lessons to his voice and harmonica. He wastes nothing. Each piece reinforces.

So, "Xmas Blues" reinforces suffering against a plea to the almighty for the end of suffering, for best wishes to manifest themselves. Boo Boo finishes with an honest-to-God gospel song, except that he calls God "Dave." "Thank you, Dave!" he says at the end of many songs, thanking Him. And, frankly, I hate (the idea of) God just a little less, being honest-to-Dave.



He calls God "Dave."

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Seinfeld Slays 'Em at the Civic

By Nancy Lane

Jerry Seinfeld had been a favorite in my mother's household ever since his hit TV show first aired in the late '80s. Our favorite part was always the stand-up routine that opened and closed the show, so when I saw that Seinfeld was appearing live in San Diego on the night of Mom's 82nd birthday, I jumped to get tickets.

From the moment Seinfeld walked on

stage to his very humble bow at our standing ovation in the end, he had us in stitches. I laughed so hard I cried. He has not lost any of his wit; indeed, he has only improved upon it. His show gives the audience more than its money's worth.

In spite of his celebrity, all of Seinfeld's comedy routines speak of the day-to-day exasperation we all deal with in life. His opening rendition of the difficulties of getting "out of the house" to any event — such as the one we were attending — had us roaring with laughter.



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February 11 — Devin the Dude.

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February 26 — McAuley-Schenker Group.

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February 10 — Euphoria.

February 11 — David Patrone.

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February 10 — Chuck Pyle.

February 18 — Cris Williamson.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 877-828-0891.

February 10, 11 — Eddie Palmieri and Brian Lynch.

February 15 — Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra.

February 17 — Goapele.

February 18 — Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

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February 11 — Natural Selection.

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 5/20 - Spiritualized - on sale Friday! • 6/3 - Mogwai - on sale Friday!

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 2/2 Joe Walsh w/guest
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 2/17 91x Presents An Evening
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 2/18 Atomic Punks
 2/19 Steve Poltz 3rd Annual
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 The Rugburns, Bob
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 AJ Croce and Sara Petite
 2/21 Gomez
 2/22 BoomBox w/III-Esha
 and Chris B
 2/23 Ra Ra Riot
 2/24 Tommy Castro
 2/25 Johnny Cash B-Day Party
 feat Cash'd Out
 2/26 America

2/28 Los Lonely Boys
 Acoustic Show
 2/29 Boz Scaggs
 3/2 The Ultimate Stones,
 A Tribute to the Rolling
 Stones with Classic Cream
 featuring Kofi Baker
 3/3 Jackie Greene
 3/7 The Coast Keeper
 3/8 The Silent Comedy, Dead
 Feather Moon, The Howls
 3/9 The Green - Polynesian
 Underground pres
 3/10 Who's Bad
 (Michael Jackson Trib)
 3/11 O2 for Life Event
 3/14 Drive By Truckers
 3/16 & 17 English Beat
 3/17 MONIQUE: Not Skinny,
 Not Blonde - Matinee
 3/18 Sage Francis
 3/20 Lucero

3/21 Cults
 3/22 Conspirator w/Marc and
 Aron from Disco Biscuits
 3/26 Kathleen Edwards
 3/28 Galactic feat Corey Glover
 of Living Colour and Corey
 Henry w/The Soul Rebels
 3/29 Todd Snider
 3/30 Michael Rose
 3/31 Super Diamond
 4/2 Heartless Bastards
 4/12 Dark Star Orchestra
 4/14 Pine Mountain Logs
 4/15 Taj Mahal
 4/16 M. Ward w/ FIREHOSE
 4/18 Buzzcocks
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February 15 — Jake Shimabukuro.

February 26 — Lila Downs.

March 1 — Merle Haggard.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
February 10 — Pocket.
February 11 — The Milkcrate DJs.

Belly Up: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
February 12 — Abbey Road.
February 16 — Dan Hicks & the Hot Licks.
February 18 — Atomic Punks.
February 19 — Steve Poltz Third-Annual Birthday Bash.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
March 2 — Girls and Unknown Mortal Orchestra.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
February 9 — Evolve, Matt Toka, Blamshift.
February 10 — Sabbath Judas Sabbath and Ultimate Sin.
February 11 — Hell on Heels Burlesque Revue.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
February 10 — Class Actress and Superhumanoids.
February 11 — Goodbye Blue Monday and Via Satellite.
February 13 — Drag the River.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
February 10 — Bill Magee.
February 11 — Mystique Element of Soul.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
March 24 — Lady Antebellum, Darius Rucker, Thompson Square.
July 28 — Brad Paisley.
August 9 — Toby Keith.

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February 12 — Mike Garson.
February 19 — Mundell Lowe, Gary Scott, Bob Magnusson.

Eleven: 3519 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-450-4292.
February 10 — The Bloody Hollies and Heavy Glow.

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February 10 — Off Track.
February 11 — Terra Firma.

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February 11 — Dweezil Zappa Plays Zappa.
February 16 — The Fray.
February 17 — The Expendables.
February 22 — Iced Earth and Symphony X.
February 23 — Hot Chelle Rae.
February 25 — Mat Kearney.
February 29 — The Kooks.

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February 10 — Abe West, High
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February 19 — The Cat-illacs.

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February 9 — Nous Non Plus
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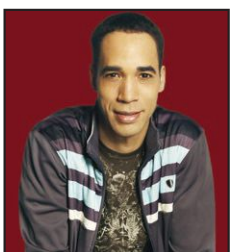
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Rose Wine Pub in South Park caught my attention when it opened about 16 months ago. It was a holiday walkabout night and the cozy bar, which seats about 30, was standing-room only. Wanting to get acquainted beyond the pint of IPA I had on my first visit, I returned last month and took bartender Joel's suggested tour of the menu.

"It's a nice, quiet place," says owner Susan Prise, who named the pub after the location's "historic 1927 Rose Grocery" and her grandmother Rose Miranda.

Void of any sommelier snoot, Rose Wine Pub is a laid-back environment in which to explore boutique wines from around the world to be paired with a menu that adapts monthly to the local market and the ingenuity of Rose's close-knit staff.

The house specializes in flatbread pizzas, panini, cheeses, and salads, and is as-much-as-possible organic and locally sourced (Rose recently hosted a benefit for the Seeds@City organic garden at City College).

Joel recommended the spicy beef and cauliflower/potato/cheese empanadas with the house chimichurri sauce as an appetizer before bringing out a Polish pesto flatbread (sausage, sundried tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and feta) and the seasonal winter squash flatbread (sauceless, kabocha squash, pancetta, caramelized red onion, goat cheese, rosemary, sage, olive oil, garlic).

For dessert, Joel brought out the last of a prickly pear sorbet with dollops of marshmallow cream and chocolate popcorn.

"The cactus apples were wild-harvested by one of the cooks," he said. "She has the scars to prove it. It's a definite labor of love."

In addition to their collection of wines (\$6 to \$18/glass), Rose offers bottled beers and six drafts, generally including a selection



Void of sommelier snoot, Rose Wine Pub is a laid-back environment.

from the neighboring Stone outlet.

At \$9 for a six-inch flatbread and \$14 for a foot-long, prices are geared toward South Park's professional crowd without being prohibitive to the neighborhood's quasi-employed artist and musician community.

Happy hour runs until 6:30 daily with a \$5 menu of select wines by the glass and house staples, including bleu chips, mushroom crostinis, margherita flatbread, and "feta-ishes" (grilled pita, feta, honey, and tzatziki sauce).

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ALLIED GARDENS

San Diego Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE

Alpine Inn: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.75 wells, house wine, \$4.75 calls.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

BANKERS HILL

Avenue 5: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$2 off wines by the glass; \$3 drafts, wells. \$2 off bar food.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Daily, 5-7pm: \$5 big glass of select wine. \$2 small bites.

BAY PARK

Bay Park Fish Company: Daily, 3-5pm: \$2 fish tacos, 20% off sushi rolls, 25% off draft beers, wines by the glass, and appetizers.

BONITA

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Tuesday-Saturday, all night: Cheap drinks. Cheap eats. 1/2-off hookahs Tuesday-Thursday 7-10pm.

CARDIFF

Besta-Wan Pizza House: Daily, 11am-6pm: \$1 off pint, glass of house wine. \$3 off pitcher.

CARLSBAD

Board & Brew: Daily, 4pm-close: All beers two-for-one. \$1 tacos.

PAID! Mr. Peabody's: Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. \$3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$2.75 wells (short). \$3.25 wells (tall).

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm, 9-11pm: \$1 beer, mixed drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

CARMEL VALLEY

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

CHULA VISTA

Achiote Restaurant: Daily, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks.

BJ's Brewhouse: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$1 off beer, cocktails, 1/2-off mini pizza, \$2 off appetizers.

Blue Haven: Daily, 2pm-close: \$2 domestic beer bottles & wells.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 beer, margaritas. \$1.50 tacos.

Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

CITY HEIGHTS

Black Cat Bar: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3.50 import drafts, \$2 PBR cans, \$5 martinis.

PAID! The Tower Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells and import drafts.

CLAIREMONT

Cucina Italiana: Wednesday, 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Joe's Pizza: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

California Kebab: Daily, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$6 sangria carafes.

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday, 3-6 pm, \$2.50 margaritas, \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3.50 imports.

PAID! Pal Joey's: Daily, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

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Danny's Palm Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 wells.

Grumpy Dan's Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$3 domestic bottles, wells, house wine.

DEL MAR

Crêpes and Corks Restaurant and Wine Bar: Tuesday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$2 off select wines by the glass, \$1 off drafts. 15% off appetizers.

DOWNTOWN

Asti Ristorante: Daily, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Athens Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$4 shots: Jameson, Jack Daniel's, Jäger, José Cuervo Gold.

PAID! House of Blues: Daily, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wines, \$3 wells, \$4 martinis. Killer happy hour menu.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

PAID! The Stage Rock Bar & Grill: Daily, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

PAID! Yard House: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 domestic pints, \$4 craft/import pints, \$4.50 goblets, \$4.25 wells, \$5.75 house martinis, \$2 off wine by the glass. \$6.50 sliders, 1/2-off select appetizers & pizzas.

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PAID! Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: Daily, 5-7pm: \$6 wine, tapas; \$4.50 wells, \$3 doggie bites.

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Aqua Terra: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; 1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

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Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

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PAID! JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: Monday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints. 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings. Tuesday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestic pints.

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Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

HARBOR ISLAND

The Boathouse: Daily, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 margaritas, \$3 Cuervo margaritas, \$3 Karl Strauss, \$4 mojitos.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: Daily, all day: \$3 dipper, wells.

Nami: Daily, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-off sake, beer, \$3 house wine. 1/2-off sushi rolls, appetizers.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Club Bananas at Lydia's Café: Daily, open-10pm: \$3 wells & domestics.

KEARNY MESA

Rayo Grill: Daily, 4:30-7pm: \$4 drafts, wines; \$3 domestic bottles.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/drafts.

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Kensington Cafe: Daily, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

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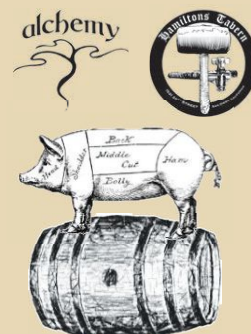
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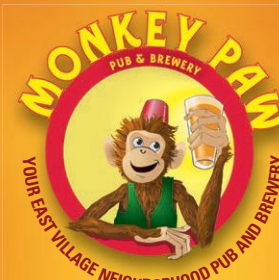
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LA JOLLA

PAID! 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.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

The Melting Pot: *Daily*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

PAID! Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

LA MESA

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off drinks and cocktails.

San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room and Gallery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off wine by the glass.

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off all drinks \$4.50 or less. *Sunday*, 6am-2pm: \$1 off bloody marys.

LEUCADIA

PAID! Bar Leucadian: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: *Daily*, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

PAID! Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic & Mexican pints, \$4 house margaritas & well drinks.

LITTLE ITALY

PAID! Fat City Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

PAID! Puerto la Boca: *Daily*, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

MIRA MESA

Bamboo Hut: *Daily*, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine.

MIRAMAR

PAID! The Filling Station: *Monday*, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$2.50 wells, domestic beers; \$7.50 domestic pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: \$3 bloody marys.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Daily*, 2pm-2am: \$.50 off beer and wells.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

MISSION VALLEY

Ruby's Diner: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.99 shakes/malts.

NATIONAL CITY

Lai Thai Restaurant: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

PAID! 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.

NESTOR

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Live Wire: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off drafts and cocktails.

NORTH PARK

PAID! Bar Pink: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$1 off drafts and calls.

PAID! Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

OCEAN BEACH

PAID! Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: All drinks and appetizers 1/2-price (all day Monday).

The Vine: *Daily*, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.

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Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

OLD TOWN

PAID! Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant: *Monday-Thursday*, *Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$3 wells, house wine, and drafts.

PAID! Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. \$2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); \$2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

PAID! Moray's Lounge: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

PAID! Sinbad Café: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

PAID! Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 1-4pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$3 off appetizers.

POINT LOMA

PAID! Sail Ho Golf Club: *Monday, Thursday*, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3 glass of wine, \$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: \$2 beer and wells, \$3 glass of wine. *Wednesday*, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3 glass of wine, \$4 wells. \$1 tacos. *Friday*, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3 glass of wine, \$3 Pacificos, \$4 wells. *Saturday*, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3 glass of wine, \$4 wells. \$10.95 burger/fries/draft. *Sunday*, 4pm-close: \$2 beer, \$3 glass of wine, \$4 wells; all day: \$3 bloody marys and mimosas.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RAMONA

PAID! Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all beer; \$3 Corona or glass of wine. \$1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 2-6pm, 9pm-close: \$2 draft, \$3 glass select wine. (\$1.50 draft all day Monday.)

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Cowshed Bar and Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: \$3 domestic. \$3.50-\$4 wells.

SANTEE

Landre's Sports Bar & Grill: *Daily*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 appetizers: potato skins, garlic/bacon fries, shrimp cocktail, more.

SCRIPPS RANCH

Stone Flats: *Daily*, 3-5pm, 7-9pm: \$1 Bud/Bud Light; 1/2-off all other beer/wine.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, bloody marys.

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

PAID! Hamilton's Tavern and Café: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Michael's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$4 drafts and well cocktails.

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Man's Defender

"Baby, I ain't chained to a radiator in a room full of chopped-off hands."

Aaron Feldman's so connected that when he sits by the pool and the beer runs out, he whines: "No one has texted me in, like, AN HOUR!"

He lives in Brentwood, his father's a big-time lawyer. As his college roommate Iskinder says, Aaron's "smart, privileged, and white as the sky when you die." He's so entitled, he's exempt. He'll never have to worry about anything, ever, world without end.

Iskinder will. He's every bit as smart as Aaron (and more cagy, funding his education at Brown University by dealing ganja). But his father's an immigrant from Ethiopia who married a white woman. And Iskinder finds himself caught between his father's sturdy ethics and the slippery economic ladder he longs to climb. His name means "man's defender," but the doors to his future won't open without help — without, as the title of Jonathan Caren's play suggests, a *Recommendation*.

So, where could Aaron go that he wouldn't be connected? As in David Mamet's *Edmund*, the playwright flips Aaron. He winds up in a holding cell. Cut off from all lifelines, including his father, who refuses to bail him out, Aaron has no social network. He shares the cell with Dwight Barnes,

an African-American as hooked-up behind bars as Aaron is outside.

Aaron got a birthday call from hockey hall-of-famer Wayne Gretzky. Dwight claims to know basketball star Dwayne Wade.

When moved to county jail, they make a pact. Dwight will protect Aaron from harm. In turn, Aaron will work to have Dwight released. Once outside, however,

Aaron forgets the entire affair. Or tries to.

The Recommendation has a schematic feel. Convenient things have to happen to sharpen the dilemmas (Aaron's incarceration for a modest traffic violation, Iskinder's choosing Barnes for pro bono defense, the trio meeting up in a sports club, naked to the waist). But while the seams in the plot still show, Caren has a terrific comic touch, and his ear for accurate, blistering dialogue is undeniable. His characters have an extra gear: when connection devolves into confrontation, they kick into overdrive.

The Old Globe has given *The Recommendation* the kind of tight, jazzy production often used to conceal a bad script. Director Jonathan Munby's stage is in near-constant motion (even the scene changes are an athletic dance). Munby uses film techniques — blackouts, jump cuts — but

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Evan Todd as Aaron and Brandon Gill as Iskinder in the Old Globe's *Recommendation*

The Recommendation, by Jonathan Caren

Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by Jonathan Munby; cast: Brandon Gill, Evan Todd, Jimonn Cole; scenic design, Alexander Dodge, costumes, Linda Cho, lighting, Philip S. Rosenberg, sound, Lindsay Jones

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A Behanding in Spokane, by Martin McDonagh

Cygnnet Theatre, 4040 Twigg Street, Old Town

Directed by Lisa Berger; cast: Jeffrey Jones, Kelly Iverson, Vimel, Mike Sears; set, Christopher Ward, scenic artist/props, Bonnie L. Durben, lighting, Michelle Caron, costumes, Jessica John Gercke, sound, Matt Lescault-Wood

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nal music and sound (including the repeated slam of a prison door), Lindsay Jones.

The performances are of a piece as well. Evan Todd's Aaron moves from carefree-glib to dark night of the soul in inexorable stages. Jimonn Cole's so on the mark as Dwight, he almost convinces you he knows D. Wade and that he didn't shatter that convenience-store window.

Brandon Gill has the most difficult task. Iskinder narrates the story and is the least well-drawn character (often defined more by what he is not). Gill

relates well to the audience and makes Iskinder believable anyway.

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Martin McDonagh's *A Behanding in Spokane* bullies the audience as much as the characters. Don't like gunfire, the N-word, homophobia, cigarette smoke, an F-bomb in almost every sentence? McDonagh gives you 90 minutes of same. It's as if the play craves extreme reactions. Whether they're revulsion or laughter doesn't matter. At some point — or quite often — *Behanding* will jolt you.

Problem is: McDonagh has written a very funny script. He sets up a bizarre situation and then plays "Can I top this?" And does, then does again.

Carmichael lost his left hand 27 years ago. He's been on a quest ever since: to find it and do grave bodily harm to the six idiots who lopped it off. The hand should be easy to spot: it has "H.A.T.E." tattooed across the knuckles.

Flash forward: when Marilyn tells Mervin, receptionist at a fleabag hotel, there's something funny about him wearing boxer shorts, he replies, "About me? Baby, I ain't chained to a radiator in a room full of chopped-off hands with a gas can about to explode in it, insulting a guy's boxer shorts."

Toby, an African-American male also chained to the radiator, has a brief moment of admiration for his abuser. If Carmichael turned his fierce determination to cleaning up the environment, "m-f-ing environment's gonna end up clean."

Cygnnet Theatre's advertising, signs in the lobby, and preshow announcement warn patrons about what's to come. If frontal, funhouse-warped theater — imagine Sam Shepard on 55-Hour Energy — is not your cup of tea, stay away! You will miss Jeffrey Jones's riveting performance as Carmichael, Kelly Iverson and Vimel, as Marilyn and Toby (though both could speak a hair slower), and Mike Sears's gem as quirky Mervyn, who has the adventure of his dreams.

Stay away if you don't like being jolted. And, maybe the biggest one of all: this is McDonagh's first play set in America. Audiences have squirmed and laughed at his Irish plays — *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, *The Cripple of Inishmaan*. So, this is what he thinks of us? ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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42nd Street

Coronado Playhouse presents the musical celebration of Broadway (hard work, being in the right place at the right time). Songs include "You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me," "We're in the Money," and "Lullaby of Broadway." CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 4.

A Behanding in Spokane

Cygnnet Theatre presents Martin McDonagh's drama about Carmichael. He's been looking for his missing hand for 25 years. Lisa Berger directed. Cygnnet warns patrons: "contains strong language and violence." CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19.

A Raisin in the Sun

Moxie Theatre presents Lorraine Hansberry's American classic about

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American Night: The Ballad of Juan José

La Jolla Playhouse presents Culture Clash's latest work, written by Richard Montoya. As Juan studies for his U.S. citizenship exam, he goes on a journey through American history. Jo Bonney directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26.

Big Daddy Returns

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Dividing the Estate

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Dead Meat

The men, like the wolves, virtually disappear into their overgrown hair.

Another buzz-kill week at the movies: wolves, cancer, thoughts of Oscar. Oy vey (yes, let us prepare for the Jewish film festival).

The Grey

Joe Carnahan's *The Grey*, about men pursued by Alaskan wolves, will not be confused with Sarah Palin's *Alaska*. No Tea Party truisms, no chipper chatter, no tiny Trig or piping Piper. If Sarah showed up in Joe Carnahan's film she would be, like her presidential hopes, dead meat.

Liam Neeson stars as a veteran lone-wolf type who shoots wolves near oil-rig sites. He feels suicidal, having lost the love of his life. After he goes down in a plane crash, car-

rying men leaving the North Slope rigs during frigid winter, survival instincts kick in. Lacking his gun, he improvises desperately, as big canines pick off survivors (one guy has eyes that say "kill me quickly").

The men, like the wolves, virtually disappear into their overgrown hair. Dallas Roberts is the sensitive, religious fellow; Frank Grillo the ex-con preener whose butt Neeson kicks hard; and Dermot Mulroney is intelligently fatalistic. The beasts come, eyes glowing at night, and we can imagine their alpha-male thoughts: *If we eat all these people, we might evolve into werewolves*. Written by Ian Mackenzie Jeffers from his short story, the movie is like

MOVIE REVIEW

DAVID ELLIOTT



In *The Grey*, Liam Neeson plays a veteran, lone-wolf type who shoots wolves near Alaskan oil rigs.

Jack London abducted by TV's *Ice Road Truckers* and forced to eat a vile stew of bloody fur and axle grease.

Not that anyone was expect-

ing Noel Coward's *Design for Living* from Carnahan, who began his manly movie career with *Blood, Guts, Bullets and Octane* and then

flexed his auteur pecs on *Narc*, *The A-Team*, and *Smokin' Aces*. Not untalented (which is not exactly the same as "talented"), he uses the weather strongly, does not make the wolves hokey, and gets sagging, stoical poignancy from Neeson. A star who faced the Holocaust (*Schindler's List*) can definitely face wolves and mortality.

The film undermines itself.

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Neeson's grim ordeal is intercut by dewy flashbacks of him in bed with his lover, who keeps saying "Don't be afraid" (she's a mommy-nanny sex dream). A man falls down a huge tree, cracking branches and his bones, fatally, then imagines his little girl as an angel. *The Grey* has some visceral feel for men finding their nature amid cruel nature, but the ending, both evasive and foreshadowed, goes to the dogs.

★★

Declaration of War

It is okay for the young lovers in *Declaration of War* to be named Romeo and Juliette. Shakespeare is fair game in any language. And we can abide Valérie Donzelli, an actor making her second feature as director, exploiting elements of *Jules et Jim*: zip-snap editing, iris shots, briskly objective narration, and romantic runs through Paris. It must be engraved in French law that any director can steal from François Truffaut (as he stole from Renoir, Hitchcock, etc.) and Louis Malle (*Zazie dans le Métro*).

But then boyish Romeo (Jérémié Elkaim) and his fresh Juliette (Donzelli) don't die — they endure their baby Adam developing cancer. The process of long medical treatment is sketched, the supportive friends and relatives are many, and Frédéric Pierrot is touchingly real as a surgeon who has seen too much. But while quite a convincing mother,



Man on a Ledge — A fish-eye distortion effect cannot help the contrived, fishy plot

Donzelli as director and writer cannot resist providing a shock sequence empowered by Vivaldi, a tender episode awash in Luis Bonfá's *Manhã de Carnaval*, soulful closeups of the parents as almost ageless lovers, and distraught Juliette doing a *Run Lola Run* through the hospital.

Donzelli is not about to show us this sweet kid really suffering. She winks an early clue to Adam's fate and has the narrator blithely outline the late innings of the marriage. This soaper could be *A Man and a Woman* and a *Cancer Kid*. Seldom before has facile compassion seemed

so much like a commercial for universal health care.

★

Oscar Thoughts

I turn to the Oscar nominations with a jaded lack of surprise. In the top race there was no chance for *Blackthorn*, *Le Quattro Volte*, or *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*. They had too little buzz, box office, and other awards. The new voting rules led to nine choices (some worthy), and if you know Academy history it is easy to spot the enabling factors.

The Artist is elegant, funny, and

foreign but also hometown. How could Hollywood folk resist a valentine to their fabled past, scented with the aroma of French roses?

The Descendants makes a family crisis warm, huggy, and Hawaiian. The biz loves shadows gilded with sunshine, plus profits and the silver smile of its reigning favorite, George Clooney.

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close stinks as a credible story about a child facing the aftershock of 9/11. But the WTC tragedy sanctifies ambition, and as New York is the real star, rejection would have

seemed disdainful.

The Help is formulaic but savvy entertainment. Prestige factors are the history lesson rendered by a great female cast and a racial divide bridged by humor.

Hugo strains for glory and needs some wins. When Martin Scorsese spends \$170 million to consecrate the roots of cinema, what self-respecting Academy would deny attention?

Midnight in Paris is the supreme hit of Hollywood's favorite New Yorker, Woody Allen, even though he disdains the Oscars. The public's love crowned an endearing comedy.

Moneyball shows that a sports movie doesn't have to be a sweaty clod. Brad Pitt has grown as an actor, and the biz begins to see that Bennett Miller is a great director.

The Tree of Life is inately pompous. The industry had to endorse an auteur's Hallmark card to the universe, stated in such American (and *National Geographic*) terms.

War Horse turns World War I into a popcorn bag full of oats (and corn). The publicity is endless, and the biz is committed to Steven Spielberg as a genius. I say: *neigh*.

San Diego Jewish Film Festival

"22! 22! 22!" pleaded Julie Hagerty at the roulette table in Albert Brooks's *Lost in America*. Now preparing the 22nd spin of its wheel, the San Diego Jewish Film Festival is a sure bet.

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Only Human 2004. "A mismatched couple discovers that whatever can go wrong will go wrong during a family visit" in this screwball comedy. In Spanish with English subtitles. **Monday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Age of Consent 1969. Michael Powell's film stars James Mason as an Australian artist and Helen Mirren, in her first major film role, as his wild muse. **Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.**

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Shaolin 2011. Benny Chan's martial arts film is an updated version of Jet Li's film debut *Shaolin Temple*. In Chinese with English subtitles. **Friday, February 3, 7 p.m.**

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Real Women Have Curves 2002. Ana Garcia is a Mexican-American teenager in East Los Angeles who is an accomplished student at Beverly Hills High School and a worker in her sister's dress factory. Will she fulfill her dreams? Author, playwright Josefina Lopez on hand for screening. **Friday, February 3, 6 p.m.**

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Midnight in Paris 2011. Woody Allen explores nostalgia and modernism in the tale of a writer (Owen Wilson) who enjoys "magical experiences in the city beginning each night at midnight." **Friday, February 3, 7 p.m.**

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The Waterboy 1998. A football team water boy (Adam Sandler) "discovers he has a unique tackling ability and becomes a member of the team." **Wednesday, February 8, 8 p.m.**

The Notebook 2004. This romance stars Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams as a young couple who fall in love during the early 1940s. **Wednesday, February 15, 8 p.m.**

FILM & DISCUSSION

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Guy Nattiv's Israeli drama about a bar mitzvah boy, *Mabul (The Flood)*, opens the spree on Thursday night, February 9. The closing feature comes ten days later with Wolfgang Murnberger's tale of an Austrian Jew and his Nazi "friend," *My Best Enemy*.

Scanning just the documentaries, I am drawn to Vikram Jayanti's *The Agony and the Ecstasy of Phil Spector*; Ruedi Gerber's work on dancer Anna Halprin, *Breath Made Visible*; Raymond Ley's *Eichmann's End: Love, Betrayal, Death*; Peter Rosen's *God's Fiddler: Jascha Heifetz*; Duki Dror's film on Eric Mendelsohn and his wife, *Incessant Visions — Letter from an Architect*; Britta Wauer's *In Heaven, Underground* about a Jewish cemetery in Berlin; Andy Sommer's *Mahler, Autopsy of a Genius*; and Ronit Kerstner's view of a Catholic priest delving into Judaism, *Torn*. Sure to entertain is Ian Ayres's *Tony Curtis: Driven to Stardom* (Curtis's wife Jill will appear).

Also a Tel Aviv salsa comedy, the Polish political thriller *Little Rose*,

and even *Jews in Toons*. The schmear of options is at sdjff.org.

Reviewed in the movie capsules: *Big Miracle* and *One for the Money*.

— David Elliott

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.

Albert Nobbs — Glenn Close, looking quite small, revives a role she did to off-Broadway acclaim 30 years earlier. Albert, a parched, remote, miserly, desexed "male" butler, is really a woman. His life at a Dublin hotel is mediocre, but Close achieves a sad, stricken pathos. She almost loses the film to Janet McTeer as another female in butcher drag, sexily macho and in love with his/her pretty wife. Rodrigo García directed this oddity with care and sensuality. Brendan Gleeson is good as a boozing but decent doctor. 2012. — D.E.

★★ (HILLCREST; LA JOLLA 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 iffier (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.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HILLCREST; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; POWAY 10; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Big Miracle — Aside from Drew Barrymore's Greenpeace activist, there's not an unselfish, trustworthy character to be found in this well-intentioned "save the whales" tale. It's a kid pic, so the screenwriters wisely (unknowingly?) never allow personality and emotion to get in the way of the overriding message. A cast of familiar faces keeps it moving along, and director Ken Kwapis, cinematographer John Bailey, and the effects crew always provide something worth looking at. You and the family could do worse. 2012. — S.M.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; 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; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/03)

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)

Chronicle — Teen buddies luck into super powers that unleash, of course, their dark side. Josh Trank's thriller, filmed in Canada and South Africa, stars Alex Russell, Michael Kelly, Michael B. Jordan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; 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; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/03)

Contraband — The camera looks for extremes in this action caper about transport ship smugglers. We are jolted between oppressive closeups and panoramic helicopter shots. Mark Wahlberg plays the reformed smuggler who is compelled back into crime to protect his family. Giovanni Ribisi, as the villain, rehashes his addled weasel performance from *The Rum Diary*. The "gone straight, drawn crooked" storyline has

become a cliché. There is a tense heist sequence in Panama that manages to keep the thrills consistent and well paced, but overall the film lacks ingenuity. 2012. — J.R.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Declaration of War — Reviewed this issue.

★ (KEN; FROM 2/03)

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; LA PALOMA; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close — Extremely ambitious and incredibly pretentious. Also false. A brainy, yappy New York boy (Thomas Horn) feels guilty about

not answering the WTC calls of his doomed dad (Tom Hanks) on 9/11/01. He walks around New York looking for fishy clues, and a mute, grizzled man (Max von Sydow) tags along cluelessly. Von Sydow looks more burdened by fate than when he faced Death in *The Seventh Seal*. Stephen Daldry directed, loading the kid with so much symbolic weight that he is like a toy carrying the World Trade Center. Though well shot, it makes seriousness seem a labored game for children. With Sandra Bullock, Zoe Caldwell, Viola Davis, John Goodman, Jeffrey Wright — all working below their ability (Hanks, ditto). 2012. — D.E.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Grey — Reviewed this issue.

★★ (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Haywire — Steven Soderbergh's latest attempt to subvert popular genre expectations results in an adequate 007 action/adventure picture. Mixed martial arts champion Gina Carano has the tough, tight

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San Diego Natural History Museum Kaplan Theater

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-0248)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 12:00p.m.;
Sea Rex: Journey To A Prehistoric World 3D (Not Rated) Fri-Sun 1:00, 3:00;
Shark Night 3D (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:00, 2:00, 4:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Reading Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
The Artist (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10 Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:45, 7:55; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri,-Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:25 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15; **The Descendants** (R) Fri,-Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20, 9:45 Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:55, 1:45) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15 Sun. (10:55, 1:45) 4:40, 7:25; **The Grey** (R) Fri,-Sat. (11:05, 1:50) 4:20, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:20, 7:05; **Hugo** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:45a.m.); **The Iron Lady** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:25, 1:55) 4:15, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:15, 7:10; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:30; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00 Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:40; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri,-Sat. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:50 Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:00, 1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 8:00

CLAIREMONT

Reading Town Square
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
The Artist (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:35; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:25; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **Contraband** (R) Fri,-Sun. 7:30, 10:15; **The Descendants** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:40, 1:20) 4:20, 7:05, 10:05; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:50, 1:45) 4:35, 7:35, 10:30; **The Grey** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:05, 1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:45, 1:25) 4:25, 7:10; **The Iron Lady** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 9:55p.m.; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:25, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 9:50; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 7:55, 10:45; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun.: **To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun.; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:55, 1:05) 5:25, 10:00; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri,-Sun. (3:15) 7:45; **War Horse** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:30, 12:50, 3:05) 5:20, 8:00, 10:20

CORONADO

Vintage Village Theatre
820 Orange Avenue (619-437-6161)
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DOWNTOWN

Reading Gaslamp
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Big Miracle (PG) Fri. (1:00) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45 Sat,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:10, 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:20) 4:20, 5:25, 6:25, 7:30, 8:30, 9:35, 10:35; **Contraband** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:30; **Funny Face** (NR) Fri. Sat. 7:00p.m. Sun.; **Haywire** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:05, 7:25, 9:50; **The Help** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:05, 2:05) 5:10; **Hugo** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (1:40) 9:55;

Hugo 3D (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:00) 4:25, 7:10; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; **Midnight in Paris** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (3:15) 5:30, 7:50; **Moneyball** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:30) 10:00; **My Week with Marilyn** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 1:25, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20 Sat. (11:20, 1:25, 3:35) 10:20 Sun. (11:20, 1:25, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun.; **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R) Fri,-Sun. (1:100, 1:50) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; **War Horse** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:10; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Young Adult** (R) Fri,-Sun. 8:10, 10:30

Regal Horton Plaza
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri. (4:35) 9:55 Sat,-Sun. 4:35, 9:55; **Agneepath** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (2:25) 6:00, 9:35; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) Fri. (2:05, 4:25) 6:45, 9:20 Sat,-Sun. (2:05) 4:25, 6:45, 9:20; **The Grey** (R) Fri. (1:30, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25 Sat,-Sun. (1:30, 2:15) 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25; **The Iron Lady** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:10, 9:50 Sat,-Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:10, 9:50; **Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15 Sat,-Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:25) 7:25, 10:20 Sat,-Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:20; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (1:50) 7:05; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15 Sat,-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **Shame** (NC-17) Fri. (2:20, 4:45) 7:15, 10:05 Sat,-Sun. (2:20) 4:45, 7:15, 10:05; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:50) 7:40, 10:30 Sat,-Sun. (1:55) 4:50, 7:40, 10:30; **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) Fri,-Sun. (2:35) 6:05, 9:40; **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:20) 7:20, 10:00 Sat,-Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri. (1:25, 5:45) 10:10 Sat,-Sun. (1:25) 5:45, 10:10; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri,-Sun. (3:35) 7:55

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Declaration Of War (NR) Fri: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30, Sat & Sun: (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon - Thu: (4:30), 7:00, 9:30; **The Theatre Bizarre** (NR) Fri & Sat: 12:00 **Midnight; The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2012: Animated** (NR) Opens Friday, February 10; **The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2012: Live Action** (NR) Opens Friday, February 10; **Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Animation 2012** (NR) Plays Friday, February 10 & Saturday, February 11

LA JOLLA

AMC La Jolla
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Big Miracle (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:15) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:20; **Contraband; The Descendants; Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close; The Grey; Haywire; Hugo; The Iron Lady; Man on a Ledge; One for the Money; Red Tails; The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:40) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30

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AMC Fashion Valley
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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri. 2:05p.m.; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 11:00) 12:20, 1:20, 2:40, 3:40, 5:00, 6:00, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. (10:00) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; **Contraband** (R) Fri. (10:40) 1:25, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05; **The Grey** (R) Fri. (10:50) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; **Haywire** (R) Fri. (11:30) 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **The Iron Lady** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30) 1:05, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20; **Joyful Noise** (PG-13) Fri. 1:20p.m.; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25) 2:10, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55) 1:55, 4:50, 7:55, 10:55; **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:25; **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) Fri. (11:05) 2:45, 6:20, 9:55; **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R) Fri. (10:15) 1:15, 4:30, 7:25, 10:30; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri. (10:25) 3:15, 8:10; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri. 12:50, 5:40, 10:35; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:10) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:50

AMC Mission Valley
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Big Miracle (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:00) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Contraband The Devil Inside; Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close; The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo; The Grey; Haywire; Hugo; Man on a Ledge; Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol; One for the Money; Red Tails; Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; Underworld: Awakening; The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:45) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15

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I Am Bruce Lee (NR) Thu: 8:00 PM; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00, Sun - Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, Thu: 10:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30; **The Grey** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sat: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Mon - Wed: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 7:00; **Contraband** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Wed: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00; BABY'S NIGHT OUT: "EXTREMELY LOUD & INCREDIBLY CLOSE" THURSDAY, 2/9 @ 7PM. BRING THE BABY! PARENT MOVIE MORNING: "CHRONICLE" THURSDAY, 2/9 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

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The Artist (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:50), (4:35), 7:15, 9:50, Sat & Sun: (11:20), 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50; **The Descendants** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:20), (5:15), 8:15, Sat & Sun: (11:30), 2:20, 5:15, 8:15; **A Separation** (PG-13) Fri, Mon - Thu: (2:05), (5:00), 8:00, Sat & Sun: (11:10), 2:05, 5:00, 8:00; **Albert Nobbs** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu: (1:40), (4:20) 7:00, 9:40, Sat & Sun: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Carnage** (R) Fri, Mon - Thu*: (2:25), (4:45) 7:30*, 9:35, Sat & Sun: (11:40), 2:25, 4:45, 7:30, 9:35; *No 7:30 PM Show Thursday, 02/09/12, Discount Shows at Landmark's Hillcrest Cinemas Indicated in Brackets "()"; **The Flowers Of War** (R) Tentatively Opens Friday, February 10; **W.E.** (R) Opens Friday, February 10

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Black Holes (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00p.m. Sat,-Sun. 3:00, 6:00; **Born To Be Wild IMAX** (G) Fri. 1:00, 5:00 Sat,-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00; **Dolphins (Giant Screen Format)** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Rescue** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat,-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Under the Sea** (G) Fri. 3:00, 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Regal Parkway Plaza
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Reading Grossmont
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
The Artist (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:45, 1:10, 3:35) 6:00, 8:25, 10:50; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:25) 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; **The Grey** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:05, 1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:25, 1:35, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55, 10:00; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun.; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 1:55) 4:10, 6:20, 10:40; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri,-Sun. 8:30p.m.; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Regal Rancho San Diego
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) Fri,-Sun. (12:50p.m.); **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:10, 3:00) 7:15, 10:05; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:30 Sat,-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50) 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:30; **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 Descendants** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:20, 3:15) 6:50, 9:45; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:40; **The Grey** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 7:35, 10:45; **Haywire** (R) Fri,-Sun. 10:10p.m.; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:25, 3:25) 6:45; **The Iron Lady** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35 Sat,-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:55, 3:30) 7:10, 9:55; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (3:20) 7:05, 10:15; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00 Sat,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 3:10) 7:25, 10:25; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri. (2:30, 4:50) 10:20 Sat,-Sun. (2:30) 4:50, 10:20; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:05) 7:55; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 8:00, 10:40 Sat,-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 8:00, 10:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Call theater for program information.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

AMC Palm Promenade
770 Dennerly Road (888-262-4386)
Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) Fri,-Sun. (10:45) 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:20, 10:30; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:05) 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:10, 11:45) 12:25, 2:00, 3:00, 4:10, 5:20, 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10:05, 11:05 Sun. (10:10, 11:45) 12:25, 2:00, 3:00, 4:10, 5:20, 6:30, 7:30, 8:50, 10:05, 11:00; **Contraband** (R) Fri,-Sat. (11:35) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:00) 12:55, 3:50, 6:50, 9:55; **The Grey** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:20) 1:25,

4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **Haywire** (R) Fri,-Sat. (10:05) 12:35, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. (10:05) 12:35, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50; **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 1:05, 6:40; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:00) 1:20, 3:40, 6:10, 8:30, 10:55 Sun. (11:00) 1:20, 3:40, 6:10, 8:30, 10:50; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:50) 1:55, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. (10:50) 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:35) 4:15, 9:40; **Underworld: Awakening: An IMAX 3D Experience** (R) Fri,-Sat. (11:15) 1:35, 4:00, 6:20, 8:40, 11:00 Sun. (11:15) 1:35, 4:00, 6:20, 8:40, 10:55; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:25) 12:45, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:45

Regal Rancho Del Rey
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
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UltraStar Chula Vista
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2 (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **The Darkest Hour** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45, Sun: 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, Mon - Thu: 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **New Year's Eve** (PG-13) Fri - Sun: 2:30, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 8:00 PM; **The Sitter** (R) Fri - Sun: 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, Mon - Thu: 4:15, 6:30; **The Muppets** (PG) Fri & Sat:

1:00 Sun. (10:00, 11:45) 12:30, 2:30, 3:15, 5:00,
5:45, 7:45, 8:30, 10:15, 11:00; **Contraband**
(R) Fri., Sat. (11:30) 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 11:15 Sun.
(11:30) 2:20, 5:20, 8:10, 10:50; **Extremely
Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri.,
Sun. 7:10, 10:20; **The Grey** (R) Fri. (10:30)
1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 11:10 Sat. (10:30) 1:35, 4:45,
8:00, 11:10 Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 11:00;
Hawkeye (R) Fri. (10:30) 12:35, 3:10, 5:55,
8:35, 11:05 Sun. (10:10) 12:35, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15,
10:40; **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20)
2:25, 5:10, 8:05, 10:55 Sat. (11:20) 2:25, 5:15,
8:05, 10:55 Sun. (11:20) 2:25, 5:10, 8:05, 10:55;
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol
(PG-13) Fri., Sun. (10:00) 1:15, 4:25, 7:40,
10:50; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri.,
Sun. (11:00) 1:25, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; **Red Tails**
(PG-13) Fri. (10:15) 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:30 Sat.
(10:15) 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30 Sun. (10:15) 1:10,
4:15, 7:20, 10:30; **Underworld: Awakening:**
An IMAX 3D Experience (R) Fri. (11:35)
2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00 Sat. (11:50) 2:15, 4:50,
7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00;
The Woman in Black (PG-13) Fri. (11:50)
2:40, 5:15, 8:10, 9:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sat. (10:00)
12:30, 3:30, 5:40, 8:10, 9:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sun.
(11:50) 2:40, 5:15, 8:10, 9:15, 10:45

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Regal Escondido

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

UltraStar River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2 (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:30, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:30, Sun: 12:30, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, Mon - Thu: 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00, Sun: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, Mon - Thu: 5:30, 8:15; **The Grey** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45, Sun: 11:15 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, Mon - Thu: 5:15, 8:00; **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15, Sun: 11:30 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, Mon - Thu: 5:00, 7:30; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:45, Sun: 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, Mon - Thu: 4:45, 7:00; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, Sun: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, Mon - Thu: 4:30, 7:15

POWAY

UltraStar Poway

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

I Am Bruce Lee (NR) Thu: 8:00 PM; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **The Grey** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:35, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40, Sun - Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:35, 4:40, 7:40; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:35 AM, 1:25, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50, Sun - Tue: 10:35 AM, 1:25, 4:20, 7:05, Wed: 1:25, 4:20, 7:05, Thu: 10:35 AM, 1:25, 4:20; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 12:35, 3:10, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35, Sun - Thu: 10:05 AM, 12:35, 3:10, 5:35, 8:05; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:50 AM, 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10, Sun - Wed: 10:50 AM, 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, Thu: 10:50 AM, 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 7:20; **Haywire** (R) Fri & Sat: 7:35, 10:05, Sun - Thu: 7:35 PM; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20, Sun - Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) Fri - Thu: 10:05 AM, 12:20, 5:10; **The Artist** (PG-13) Fri: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30, Sat: 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30, Sun: 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, Mon - Wed: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, Thu: 10:10 AM, 12:40, 3:05, 5:35; **Beauty and the Beast** (G) Fri - Thu: 2:40 PM; **BABY'S NIGHT OUT: "EXTREMELY LOUD & INCREDIBLY CLOSE"** THURSDAY, 2/9 @ 7PM. BRING THE BABY! PARENT MOVIE MORNING: **"BIG MIRACLE"** WEDNESDAY, 2/8 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!

SAN MARCOS

Regal San Marcos

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

TEMECULA

Ultrastar Temecula Tower Cinemas

27531 Ynez Road (951-699-2205)

I Am Bruce Lee (NR) Thu: 8:00 PM; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, Sun - Tue: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Wed: 10:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Thu: 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 5:50, 8:00, 10:30, 12:45

Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 5:50, 8:00; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:50, Sun: 10:35 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, Mon - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; **The Descendants** (R) Fri - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, Sun - Tue: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Wed: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45, Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri: 10:15 AM, 4:15, 10:00, Sat: 4:15, 10:00, Sun: 4:15 PM, Mon - Thu: 10:15 AM, 4:15; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:15, Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM,

1:00, 4:00, 7:30; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 2:30, 7:00, 11:00, Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 2:30, 7:00; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri - Thu: 12:15, 4:45, 9:00; **Contraband** (R) Fri - Wed: 1:15, 7:15, Thu: 1:15 PM; **The Artist** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:45, 11:00, Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:45, Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00

VISTA

Krikorian Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive
(760-945-7469)

The Artist (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:40; **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:10,

9:40; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:10, 2:30, 5:00, 5:45) 7:20, 9:30, 10:25; **Contraband** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00; **The Descendants** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:20, 4:55) 7:40, 10:20; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35, 4:25) 7:15, 10:10; **The Grey** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:30; **Haywire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (5:00) 7:35, 10:00; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:55); **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:40, 4:35) 7:35, 10:25; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:05, 5:30) 7:55; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:10p.m.; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20, 3:20, 4:50) 7:20, 8:00, 9:15, 9:55

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD**Moviemax Plaza Camino Real**

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Call theater for program information.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

The Descendants (R) Fri. 6:30, 9:00 Sat., Sun. (4:00) 6:30, 9:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00a.m.

OCEANSIDE

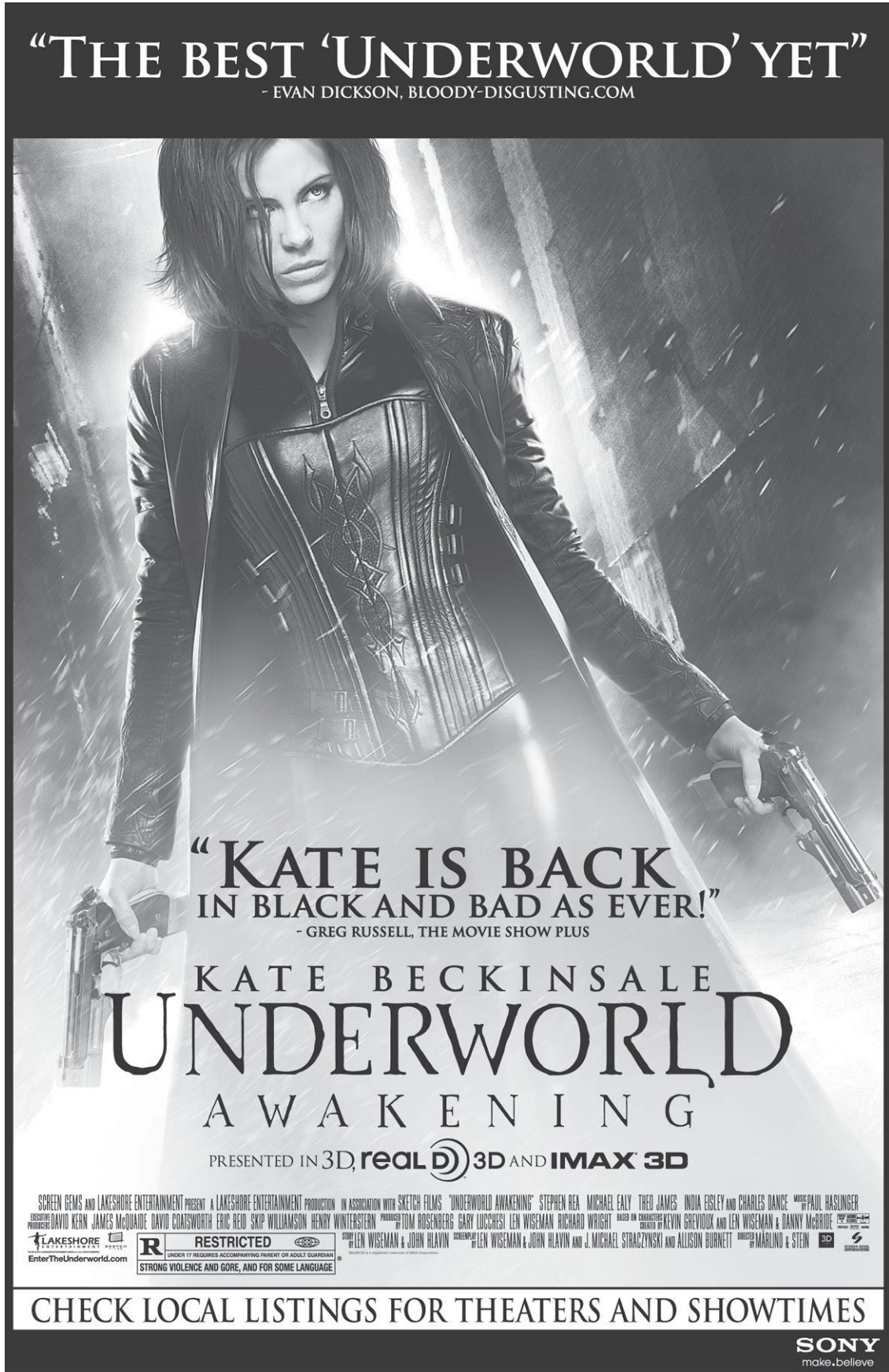
Regal Oceanside

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Call theater for program information.

UltraStar Oceanside Mission Marketplace

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue
(760-806-1790)

Am Bruce Lee (NR) Thu: 8:00 PM; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale 2** (NR) Sat & Sun: 10:30 AM; **Big Miracle** (PG) Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00, Sun & Mon: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, Tue: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00, Wed: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15; **Chronicle** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Sun & Mon: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, Tue: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, Wed & Thu: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30; **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, Tue: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30, Wed & Thu: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00; **The Descendants** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:05 AM, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20, Sun & Mon: 11:05 AM, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, Tue: 11:05 AM, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20, Wed: 11:05 AM, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20, Thu: 11:05 AM, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20; **The Grey** (R) Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Sun & Mon: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, Tue: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, Wed & Thu: 11:15 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45; **Man on a Ledge** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:40 AM, 2:15, 5:05, 7:35, 10:45, Sun & Mon: 11:40 AM, 2:15, 5:05, 7:35, Tue: 11:40 AM, 2:15, 5:05, 7:35, 10:45, Wed & Thu: 11:40 AM, 2:15, 5:05, 7:35; **One for the Money** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:45 AM, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 10:00, Sun & Mon: 11:45 AM, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, Tue: 11:45 AM, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 10:00, Wed & Thu: 11:45 AM, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10; **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) Fri - Thu: 11:20 AM, 5:10; **Haywire** (R) Fri & Sat: 9:30 PM, Tue: 9:30 PM; **Red Tails** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:20 AM, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25, Sun & Mon: 11:20 AM, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, Tue: 11:20 AM, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25, Wed & Thu: 11:20 AM, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40; **Underworld: Awakening** (R) Fri & Sat: 1:35, 6:00, 10:20, Sun & Mon: 1:35, 6:00, Tue: 1:35, 6:00, 10:20, Wed & Thu: 1:35, 6:00; **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) Fri - Wed: 11:25 AM, 3:50, 8:10, Thu: 11:25 AM, 3:50; **Contraband** (R) Fri & Sat: 2:10, 8:05, 10:50, Sun & Mon: 2:10, 8:05, Tue: 2:10, 8:05, 10:50, Wed & Thu: 2:10, 8:05; **The Artist** (PG-13) Fri & Sat: 11:10 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10, Sun & Mon: 11:10 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, Tue: 11:10 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10, Wed & Thu: 11:10 AM, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00; **We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Fri - Wed: 12:10, 3:00, 6:30, Thu: 12:10, 3:00; **Hugo** (PG) Fri - Thu: 3:30, 6:15; **Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri - Thu: 12:30 PM; **BABY'S NIGHT OUT: "THE DESCENDANTS"** THURSDAY, 2/9 @ 7PM. BRING THE BABY! PARENT MOVIE MORNING: **"BIG MIRACLE"** WEDNESDAY, 2/8 @ 10AM. BRING THE BABY!



Calendar MOVIES

look and smoldering dispassion the genre demands, but not even Meryl Streep could add depth to this. It’s easier to swallow than the average Angelina Jolie “female empowerment” outing, due to the expertly staged fight sequences and a brisk running time. With Ewan McGregor, Michael Fassbender, Antonio Banderas, Michael Angarano. 2012. — S.M.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; 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)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Man on a Ledge — Wrongly sent to prison, a cop (Sam Worthington) breaks out, then pretends to risk suicide on a skyscraper ledge as a media and police distraction so that his kid brother and the bro’s Latina hottie can complete a nearby (and highly implausible) heist. This makes him a folk hero to voyeurs yet never seems quite necessary as a robbery decoy. There is rigged suspense, a big diamond, and a born-to-be-hated billionaire (a gaunt Ed Harris). Asger Leth’s increasingly idiotic

thriller is a stink bomb. With Elizabeth Banks, Jamie Bell, Edward Burns, Kyra Sedgwick. 2012. — D.E.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; MISSION VALLEY HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16; OCEANSIDE MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OTAY RANCH 12; 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)

My Week with Marilyn — A gossip peekaboo based on Colin Clark’s memoir as an assistant on the English set of 1957’s *The Prince and the Showgirl*. He has a crush on Marilyn Monroe, who reciprocates voluptuously (this may be mostly imagined), while costar and director Laurence Olivier fumes. Eddie Redmayne is appealing as coltish Colin, and Kenneth Branagh impersonates Olivier rather well. But Simon Curtis’s slight, engaging movie belongs to Michelle Williams. As Marilyn Monroe, she mixes the famous sizzle with catty, canny vulnerability as a natural star who doesn’t believe in her talent but can manipulate males. She rescues Marilyn from her image as a controlled dummy. With Zoë Wanamaker as Paula Strasberg, as cuddly as a blowtorch. 2011. — D.E.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

One for the Money — An out-of-work lingerie clerk is hired as a bounty hunter to track down her ex. Katherine Heigl’s idea of a bold departure is changing her hair color. Were it not for men stepping in to save the day, our heroine wouldn’t have survived the first reel, let alone the entire feature. If this formula failed to score for Jennifer Aniston, did Hollywood really think it would work for another TV actress trying desperately to crack the big time? Julie Anne Robinson directed. 2012. — S.M.

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18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Red Tails — Producer George Lucas’s passion project about the Tuskegee airmen is competent but not ambitious. It ought to be ambitious. The dogfights, exciting as they are, take up half the screen time and nearly all of the drama. But it’s the battle on the ground — against a military that accepted African-Americans’ service while still rejecting their essential equality — that makes the story so significant. And *that* battle gets shoddy treatment: exposition, speeches, and emotional fizzle. Winning in the air is supposed to prove the airmen’s point. But here, it feels like it is the point. 2012. — M.L.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; 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)

A Separation — Another Iranian movie steeped in humanity, with nuances that accentuate the virtues of a tight budget. A teen girl doesn’t want her parents to split, but Islamic and sexist issues intervene, as does grandfatherly Alzheimer’s. The cast is splendid (Sareh Bayat especially, as a scared caregiver), the direction deft and lucid. Without rhetorical hammers, creator Asghar Farhadi makes us see, intimately, how the Islamic Republic has entrenched the war between men and women. 2012. — D.E.

★★★ (HILLCREST)

The Theater Bizarre — Six tales of the horrible and supernatural set in an abandoned theater rich in Grand Guignol vibes. It has several directors and stars Udo Kier, Catriona MacColl, Tom Savini, Shane Woodward.

(KEN; FROM 2/03)

Underworld: Awakening — Kate Beckinsale slithers into Selene’s vinyl catsuit once again for another round of Vampires vs. Werewolves...er, Lycans. Happily, much of the grandiose mythology has given way to scientific scheming and old-fashioned monster-movie fun. Specifically, the old-fashioned monster movies of Hammer Films, complete with glowering Brits (Charles Dance, channeling both Peter Cushing and Basil Rathbone), sardonic Irish (Stephen Rea!), and ungainly yet menacing werewolves. It’s almost enough to make you forgive the heavy blue filter, turgid opening, and muddy storytelling. 2012. — M.L.

★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TEMECULA TOWER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Woman in Black — The poster is terrific, but the movie? Daniel Radcliffe is a young lawyer who goes to a village terrorized by a female ghost. With Ciarán Hinds, Janet McTeer. Reviewed next issue.

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history into what looks like a conventional how-to-slice-the-family-pie comedy-drama. The Old Globe’s production, however, is all surface. And can’t find a tone to accommodate the drama and the histrionics. The actors perform as if in isolation. Even their reaction times vary. As anticipated, Elizabeth Ashley gives a bravura performance as Stella (having Ashley in San Diego is the sole recommendation for the production, but it’s a compelling one). The rest of the cast ranges from over-the-top to bland. Jeff Cowie’s richly detailed set, lit too brightly, is so wide that the actors at each end must make a toll call.

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Golden Child

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Metamorphoses

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Spring Awakening

UCSD Theatre presents the play that inspired the musical: Frank Wedekind’s tragic story of adolescents coming of age in a repressive society. Anthony Luciano directed.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-2230. 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11.

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.

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The Lion in Winter

When King Henry II, estranged wife Eleanor, and their sons bicker, the dysfunction that results can cost the lives of thousands. “It’s 1183,” shouts Eleanor, “and we’re all barbarians!” James Goldman’s historical comedy-drama has been staged nutty as a soap-opera and as solemn as *Hamlet*. The North Coast Rep’s opening night steered a middle course. Kandis Chappell heads a strong cast with a grounded, deeply felt portrayal of Eleanor. *Worth a try*. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 5.

The Mousetrap

Agatha Christie’s whodunit has run consecutively since 1952, over 25,000 performances. Judging from Moonlight at the Avo’s well-performed production, *Mousetrap*’s a mite long in the tooth. The pace is leisurely, the action spare. But instead of jazzing things up, director Jason Heil accepts the script as a period piece and has it unfold on its terms. This allows a fine cast to play two people at once: their character and their character as a suspect (which puts the action in the audience, their eyes darting, frisking the various characters for clues). The design work is of a piece, and so realistic when someone opens the snow-draped glass doors, you can feel the cold rush in. *Worth a try*. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 5.

The Recommendation

The Old Globe Theatre stages the world premiere of Jonathan Caren’s drama about college roommates forced to “rethink the meaning of friendship.” Jonathan Munby directed.

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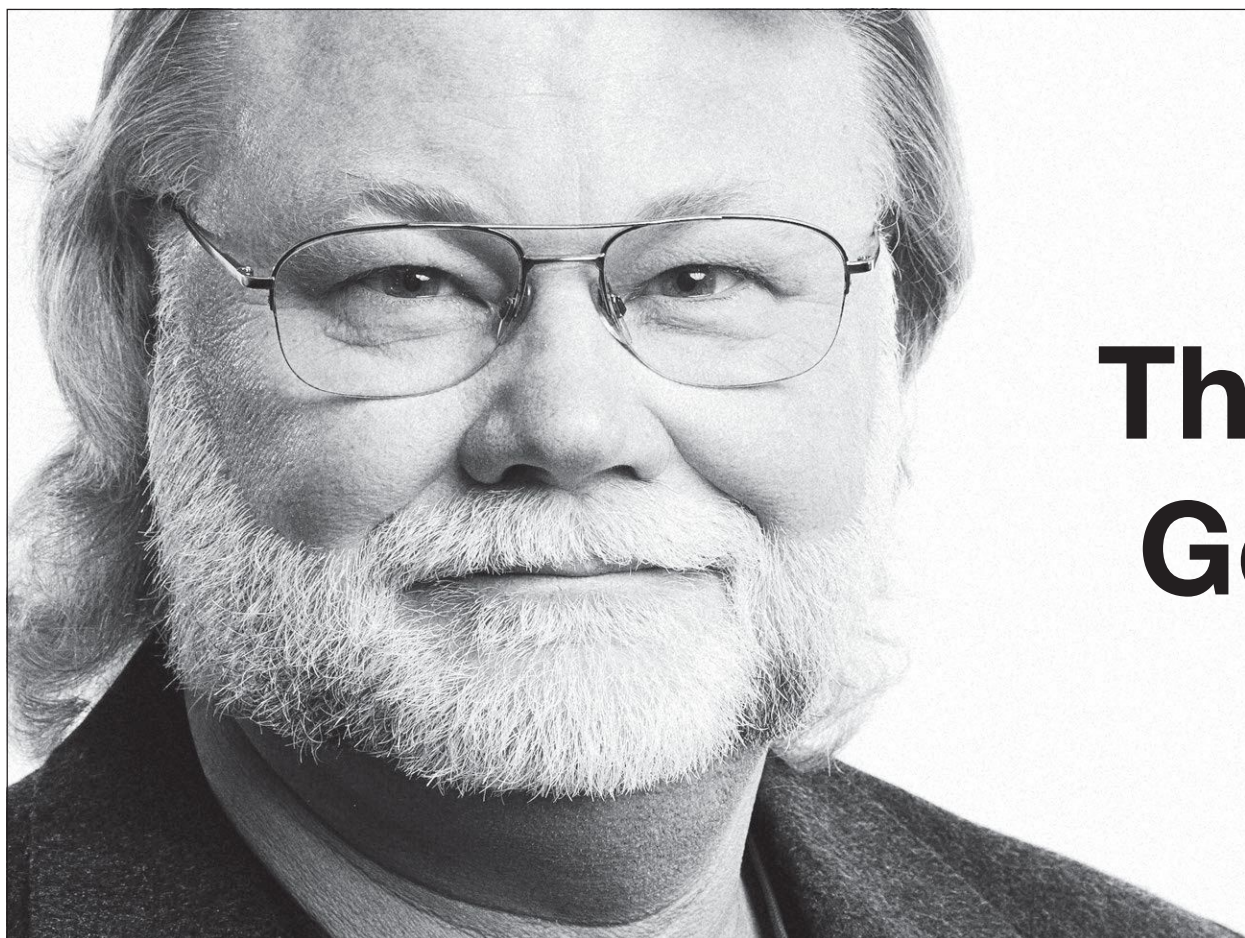
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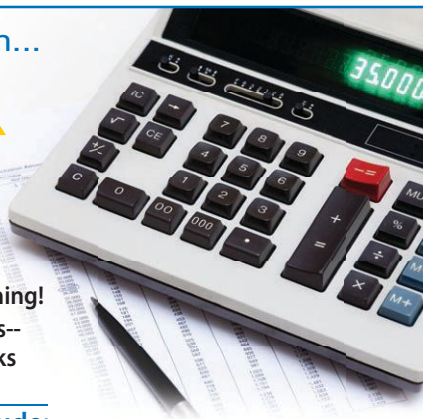
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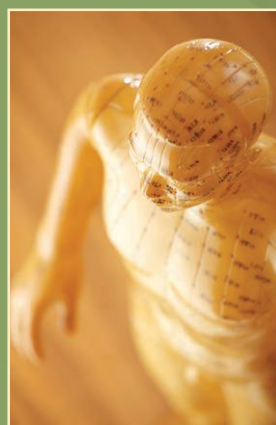
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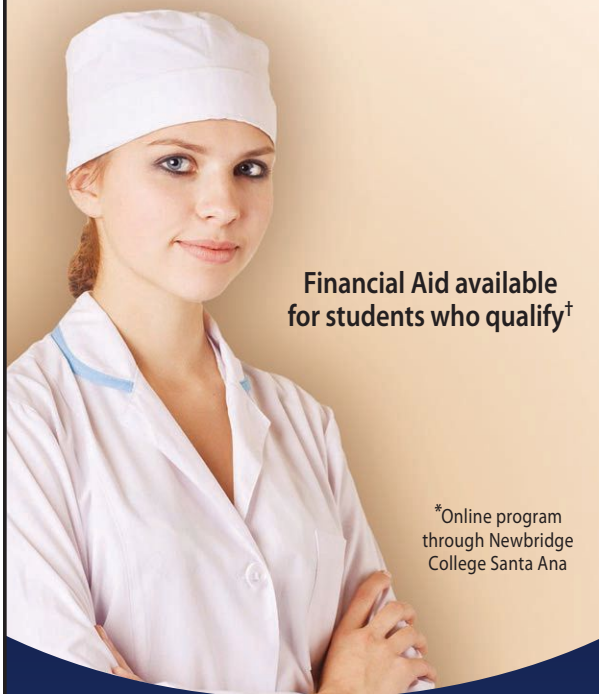
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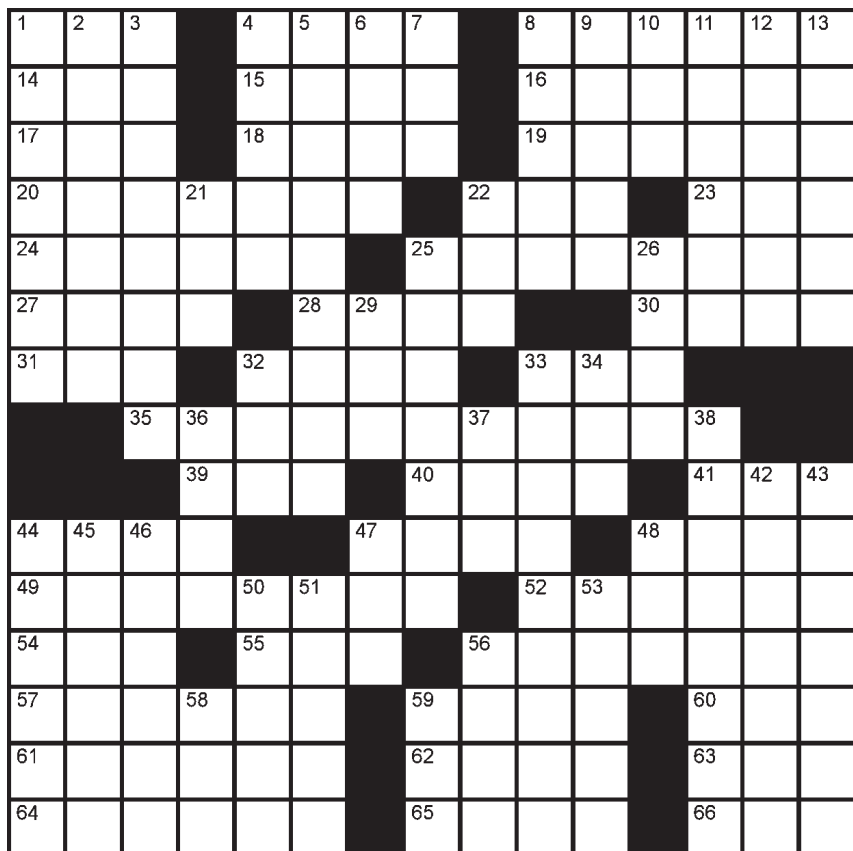
1. "____ Poetica"
4. Hushed "Hey!"
8. Chew out
14. Rock's ____ Speedwagon
15. Apt. features
16. Run out

17. ____ vez (Mexican's "maybe")
18. Captured
19. Singer Warwick
20. "Agreed"
22. Prefix with hazard
23. Capture
24. U.S. Cellular Field team, informally
25. Blabber's feature
27. "Mona ____"
28. James of "The Godfather"
30. Hourly wage, e.g.
31. Med. specialty
32. A baker might have a hand in it
33. ____ Beta Kappa
35. Explore carefully
39. Vote to kill a bill
40. Be in a funk
41. Drop the ball
44. "____ that cute?!"
47. Haagen-____
48. Cookie with creme
49. "Relax"
52. It may have an antenna
54. Dada figure
55. "That hit the spot!"
56. On trial
57. Turns red, perhaps
59. "Young Frankenstein" lab assistant
60. "There's ____ in 'team'"
61. Dissimilar
62. State with a panhandle: Abbr.
63. Whole lot
64. Perceived to be
65. Puts to work
66. Texter's "Holy smokes!"

Down

1. Time piece?
2. Try to steal the basketball, say
3. Recital stars
4. Retailer with a dog and cat in its logo

5. Site of an 1804 Lewis and Clark stop
6. Hershey toffee bar
7. "For shame!"
8. Excavate again
9. Accepted principle
10. Wall St. debut
11. ____ franca
12. Will of "Arrested Development"
13. Raise canines?
21. Subj. of the book "The Puzzle Palace"
22. Recycling receptacle
25. It may get wet while you dry
26. Not a copy: Abbr.
29. Fig. at the bar
32. Poet's deg.
33. Top 40 climber
34. Shade
36. The "I" of IHOP: Abbr.
37. Cartoonist Chast
38. Legalese adverb
42. Place for a party
43. Going bad
44. Wax-winged flier of myth
45. Holy place
46. Bottle cap?
47. "Ya think?!"
48. Barcelona bear
50. Sri ____
51. Relief providers
53. University competitions, briefly
56. Tattooist's supply
58. Freud's one
59. Letters of debt ... or letters in 20-, 25-, 35-, 49- and 56-Across



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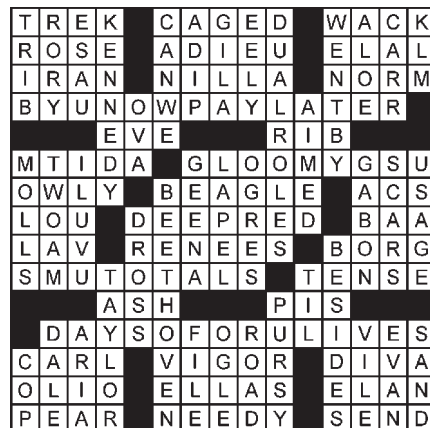
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☛ **Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 8.** *I'm putting primer on my new arbor. Does that make me on arboreal primate?*

☛ **Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 8.** *The next time opportunity knocks, I'm pretending I'm not home.*

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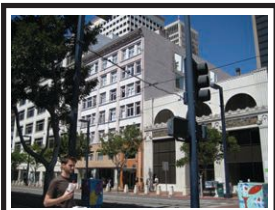
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2) Submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles along with your name and a brief message (20 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are

cut into pieces will be disqualified. Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) 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: Sudoku@sdreader.com.

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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.

EASY:

2		6	9				5	4
5				7		1	9	
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MEDIUM:

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HARD:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

8	5	1	4	9	2	7	6	3
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MEDIUM:

3	8	6	5	7	1	4	2	9
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9	4	7	2	8	6	5	3	1
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HARD:

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EVIL:

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4	7	8	1	9	5	6	3	2
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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

Kit Flom, Ventura, 3. Give others a chance even if they don't deserve it.

Normon Lewis, San Diego, 3. Good cooking doesn't need preservatives because it doesn't last that long.

Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 8. A right angle must have gone to school because it has 90 degrees.

Esther Hays, La Mesa, 3. You know how much your time is worth when you're standing in line at the post office to buy a one-cent stamp.

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 7. Does bated breath smell like fish?

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$2500.
3BD+3BA townhouse with 3- car garage. Fireplace, washer/ dryer, patio, deck. Clean, fresh paint. No pets. 1835 Grand Avenue. 858-270-4492x203 or CDunphyPacwest@san.rr.com.

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by Don Rubin

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How many others can you identify?

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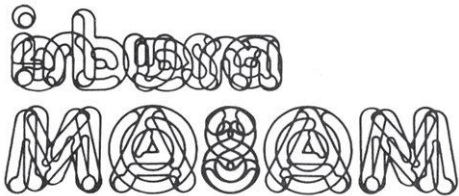
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- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete, and the results and ranking are posted online at SDReader.com/puzzle. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
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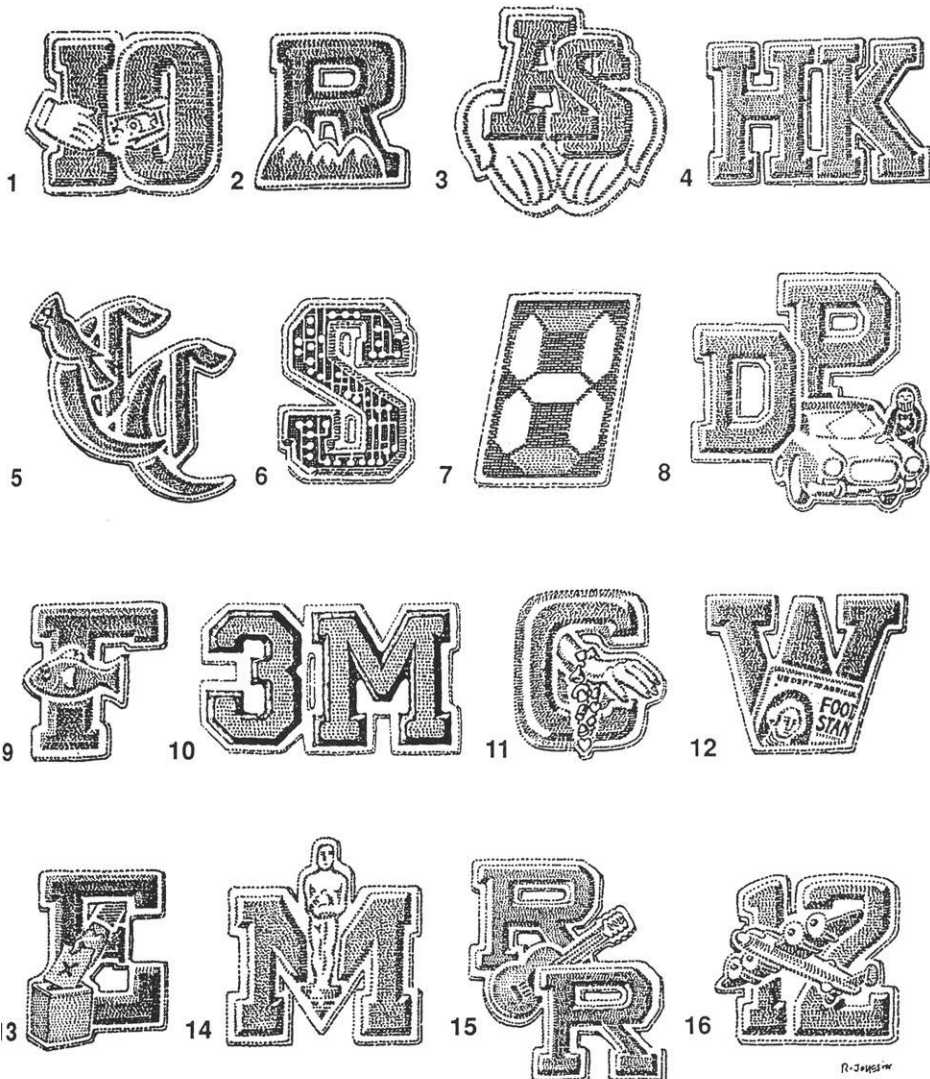
THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

(All winning entries will be screened for plagiarism.)

☛ **Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 7.** Help me—I am trapped in a glass factory.

☛ **Jonathan Gerard, Downtown, 4.** How do you get people to use dollar coins? Quit printing the \$1 dollar bills. Seriously.

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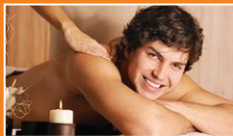
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shortcuts

by **ANDY BOYD**

NAME: Chris Hultsch

CAR: 1997 Nissan Sentra

PREVIOUS CARS: 2001 Pontiac Grand Am with 20" rims.

WHAT'S YOUR COMMUTE LIKE?: I drive from my crib in Al-lied Gardens to my work [Target] in Mission Valley. Beyond work, I just dip and dab from here to there.

CHEAPEST GAS? I use unlead-ed...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR CAR? The check-engine light is wrong, which is fairly unspecific. The nice thing about Nissans and Hondas is they don't break a lot.

WHAT DO YOU LISTEN TO WHEN YOU DRIVE? Mainly hip-hop, like Tech9, but also some

of myself. I perform and post on *noceoimob.com*, where people can share their music with each other... I go under the title of 2-Viciouz, so look me up!

TICKETS? I've got a clean driving record. I only speed when the cops aren't around.

ACCIDENTS? In the Pontiac, I was making a left on a yellow arrow and some dude hit me. Insurance company pins that on me, obviously, and I got hit up for mad money.

WORST TRAFFIC? Oh, man, that exit on 8 West for Mission Valley is just awful. The 805 merges right there and traffic comes to a stop while people are trying to merge. I see about an accident per day there.

FAVORITE DRIVE? To be honest,

I like these back streets around Waring Road. Where it's sorta quiet and kind of secluded. I like Navajo Road all the way into La Mesa...just cruising and quiet.

LEAST FAVORITE DRIVE? Any drive where I'm not gonna like what I see when I get there.

SHORTCUT? You can take Mission Gorge all the way into Santee to avoid the traffic on the 8.

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM CAR? '90, '93 Mustang 5.0 convertible or maybe a Lancer Evolution. I like all Evos, even the old ones, pimped out of course.

FAVORITE RACING SERIES? Definitely drifting. It's not re-ally racing, but I like the show-off aspect.



Chris Hultsch, aka 2-Viciouz

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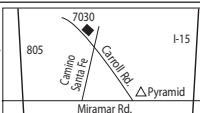
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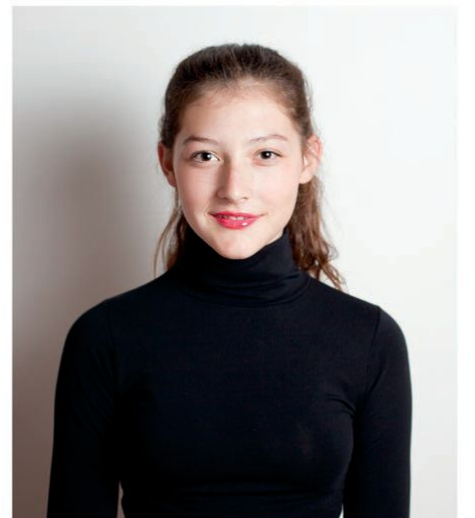
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